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Council OKs Los Conchos development

Unanimous vote paves way for plans in northwest Midland

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

After several contentious meetings and more than one tweaking of its design, developers of the Los Conchos Greathouse 7 neighborhood are ready to proceed.

The Midland City Council voted in two 6-0 decisions on Tuesday to grant a zone change and preliminary plat request for a 155-acre area near Holiday Hill Road and Mockingbird Lane. The development — which is planned for completion in four or more phases over the next five to seven years — eventually will include more than 275 single family lots, 76 town home lots and space for the addition of office and retail facilities.

"Obviously, we're very gratified," said Richard Dunham, developer with Los Conchos LLC. "It's gratifying to me that we were able to win over some of those (who were against it)."

More developments

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Dunham and his team met with neighbors in several public meetings and also heard feedback from concerned residents during two public hearings at City Hall. With the information that was received, Los Conchos made changes to the initial plans. The group hopes these changes address the major issues raised by residents, he said.

The final proposal didn't please everyone. But, neighbors said it covered most of their concerns and demonstrated that the developer did care about how they would be impacted.

"I'm really pleased with Los Conchos, with the developer," said Karen McNealy, who at the earlier meetings expressed concern about traffic on Oriole Drive. "I think they've gone above and beyond what was needed. He really listened to what we were saying."

Allen Bennett said many of those who live on the north side of the development would have preferred the office zoning be moved from Mockingbird Lane onto Holiday Hill Road. But they were glad to see some of the things the developer had added, he said.

"We have a unique area out there," Bennett said. "It's

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SNOWEDENDMIDLAND

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Crews remove a large tree limb that fell on to the road at Cuthbert Avenue and Broadway on Tuesday morning after heavy snow downed the limb overnight.

Snowfall outpaces several northern cities used to wintry weather

From staff reports

Midland recieved record-amounts of snow Monday, outpacing several other cities further north more accustomed to winter snowstorms.

The National Weather Service said 19.5 inches of snow have fallen in Midland since Dec. 1, with 10.6 inches coming Monday after a strong weather system moved in from New Mexico. The number of traffic accidents was fairly comparable to the Dec. 23 snowstorm, but Oncor has reported drastically lower levels of power outages because of the unseasonable West Texas weather.

Meteorologist Ryan Barnes said the total is more than three times than the 5.5 inches in Buffalo, N.Y. Duluth, Minn., has seen only 8.3 inches. Additionally, just 3.1 inches have fallen in Fargo, N.D. The total is even lower in Chicago at 1.9 inches.

The snow might not help the drought-ravaged region much as the weather service reported Monday's total translates to less than an inch of rain.

Despite the record-breaking snowfall totals, the city reported a relatively low accident total. There were 33 minor and six major accidents Tuesday between 8 am and 3:30 p.m. and 15 minor accidents and a major one with injuries from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday, said Tasa Watts, Midland's public information officer.

According to Reporter-Telegram records, there were at least 55 major and minor accidents during the Dec. 23 storm.

Oncor also reported only minor problems compared with the previous snow storm, said Sue Mercer, Oncor electric delivery area manager.

She said most of the outages were because of downed tree limbs and only affected a couple of dozen subscribers at a time.

19.5
Inches of snowfall in Midland since Dec. 1, with 10.6 inches on Monday

55
Number of minor and major accidents with 16 total reported Monday and 33 minor and six major accidents Tuesday

Murder suspects to be held without bond

From staff reports

Three men charged for killing a man on Dec. 23 have been detained without bond after seeing a judge Tuesday morning in federal court.

Anders

A detention hearing and preliminary examination was held at 9:30 a.m.Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts for Reginald Omar Anders, 21, of Midland.

Fowler

Co-defendants Grant Fowler, 18, and Edwin Ledell Smith, 20, waived their rights to appear in court.

Counts ordered that all three be detained with no bond.

The trio is accused of attempting to rob a former Midland High football player at his home Dec. 23 and killing him in the process.

Smith

Fowler, Smith and Anders were charged for discharging a firearm during the commission of a violent crime and for committing a Hobbs Act robbery — the attempt to obtain U.S. currency and controlled substances by force under threat of violence in the incident that led to the death of Torvorian Carter.

A criminal complaint filed by Drug Enforcement Agency officials states that Smith and Fowler allegedly planned to rob Carter of money and marijuana at his apartment and when they kicked the front door in, Carter had pointed a handgun at them and Smith shot him in return.

No additional trial dates have been set for the three.

A fourth suspect, 17-year-old Ashton Patrice Brazell, also has been arrested by Midland police for capital murder and is being held at the Midland County Detention Center on a $250,000 bond. She currently is not facing any federal charges.

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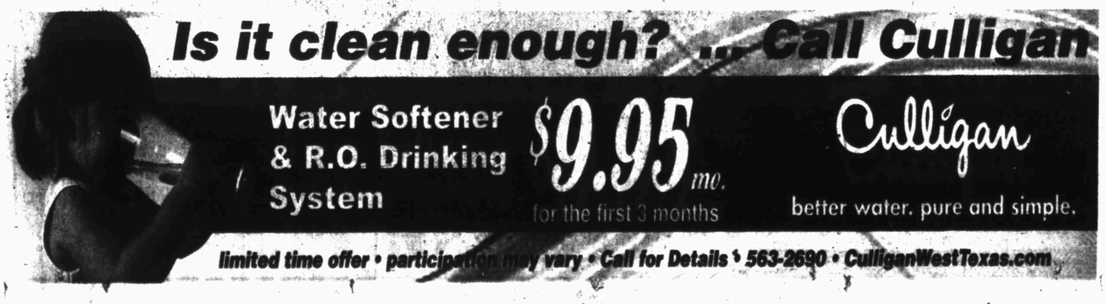

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6 arrested in suspected fuel theft ring

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Cardenas Chavez Cordova Corrales Delbosque Dominguez

A suspected criminal organization responsible for altering credit card machines on fuel pumps was brought down Friday night by the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Adam R. Cardenas, 38, of Midland; Carlos M. Chavez, 38, of Bertrum; Alfonso Z. Cordova, 38, of El Paso; Jose M. Delebosque, 36, of Odessa; Jose A. Dominguez, 55, of Odessa; and Blanca Ronquillo-Corrales, 41, of Odessa, were arrested Friday by deputies on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity. All were given a $25,000 bond and all but Ronquillo-Corrales has been released on bail.

Investigators were monitoring Delebosque Friday because he was a "suspect in a large fuel theft from West Texas Gas" located near the intersection of West County Road 125 and South County Road 1293. He is suspected of "opening a control panel at a gas card location in Midland County and placing a switch on the electronics of the gas pumps that make the gas pumps work without a credit card," according to the group's arrest warrants filed in the 2nd Justice of Peace precinct.

Investigators began following Delebosque and his wife, Ronquillo-Corrales, from a location in Odessa to the gas station in Midland County. The suspects, county investigators wrote in the arrest warrant, parked across the street from the gas station and Delebosque excited his vehicle and walked toward the altered pump at the rear of the station.

Investigators said Delebosque broke a riveted piece of metal from the inside of the machine and worked on the credit card machine for about 10 minutes. Shortly after the alterations, a truck pulled up to the pump and two men, Chavez and Cardenas, spoke with Delebosque. The two men then allegedly filled the truck up with diesel fuel, the warrants stated.

During the course of the stakeout, Chavez and Cardenas came back to the altered pump in two separate trucks to fill up. Two other individuals, Dominguez and Cordova, also allegedly filled up vehicles with the stolen fuel.

Five tractor-trailers and one suburban were seized by county deputies, Sheriff Gary Painter said.

All of the suspects were taken to the Midland County Central Detention Center on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity, theft over $1,500 but less than $20,000, a second-degree felony punishable by not less than two years and no more than 20 years in prison.

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Online
Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com

Library director, board to request policy change

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Patrons at the Midland County Public Library could face steeper punishment in the future if caught viewing inappropriate materials on a computer.

The Library Advisory Board voted Tuesday to support a revision of the library's policies so those who pull up "inappropriate" material online are suspended from computer use for a longer period of time than the policy currently allows.

"I'm not interested in suspending anyone's First Amendment rights," Director John Trischitti said. "We have to work to protect our younger patrons, as well, from those kinds of things."

Trischitti brought the matter to the board after a man was caught at the Centennial Branch in recent weeks looking at inappropriate material on the Internet. Trischitti said staff believed the user had been viewing such material before, and they would have liked to ban him from computer use for an extended period of time after he was caught.

However, the library's policy allows for Trischitti to suspend someone from usage for only two weeks.

Board member Emily Goodfellow, as well as others, said they agreed with staff members. They recommended the library institute a minimum three-month suspension with the provision that it be up to the library director's discretion to extend the suspension period further.

Trischitti said the library computers do have filters, but they're not set to be too restrictive because staff doesn't want legitimate information — such as statistics and medical research on breast cancer — to inadvertently be blocked.

Board member Alathea Blischke said with Midland's conservative atmosphere it's important inappropriate material not be accessible at the library.

"In this hyper-conservative community, the library is in danger of being attacked for what you can get," she said. "I don't want people attacking the library."

Any policy change that is formulated will have to be approved by the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

In other business, the library board:

■ Heard from County Judge Mike Bradford about plans for the Alldredge Home Building. Bradford said a specific budget has not been set yet and that the architecture firm, Dewberry, will bring a contract to the commissions court by February.

He told the board commissioners expect the building to be anything but a run-of-the-mill library. The court is focusing on ways to make it welcoming to the community to a point where users will "call up their friend and say, 'You've got to come see this.'"

The Alldredge Home building will not be converted into a library by this summer as was originally hoped. Bradford said it likely will be at least the fall before the building is ready for use.

■ Heard a report from Elizabeth Lopez, law librarian. The board met in the Law Library, which is located on the first floor of the Midland County Courthouse, and learned about ways it can be used by judges, lawyers and other citizens. Public notaries are available at the Law Library and public library, she told the board.

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Appeals court restores sonogram rule

By Gary Scharrer
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN — An federal appeals court has reversed a lower court's injunction that prevented the Texas sonogram law — aimed at discouraging abortions — from taking effect.

Tuesday's ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit blesses state policy requiring doctors to give pregnant women "truthful, non-misleading, and relevant disclosures" before they choose an abortion.

The state's sonogram law was supposed to cover all abortions starting Oct. 1 of last year, but U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks (of Austin) granted a preliminary restraining order, concluding the law probably violated First Amendment provisions and was overly vague.

A three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based appeals overruled Sparks, saying that H.B. 15 requirements for pre-abortion disclosures and consent "are within the state's power to regulate the practice of medicine, and therefore do not violate the First Amendment."

The appellate court sent the case back to the trial judge with instructions to proceed under its guidelines, emphasizing that parties suing the state have not demonstrated "a likelihood of success on the merits justifying the preliminary injunction."

The Republican-controlled Legislature approved the restrictive bill last year requiring physicians to provide a sonogram before performing an abortion. A woman seeking an abortion has options to view the sonogram images and to hear the fetal heartbeat. She also is required to hear the medical explanation of the sonogram.

Supporters of the sonogram law believe it will help reduce abortions in Texas, which currently number nearly 80,000 per year.

"The state's interest in respect for life is advanced by the dialogue that better informs the political and legal systems, the medical profession, expectant mothers, and society as a whole of the consequences that follow from a decision to elect a late-term abortion," the appellate court said in its ruling.

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New airfare rules remove some fine print

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — It comes as no surprise for experienced travelers, but novices are sometimes shocked to find that the final cost of airline trip can be much higher than the price touted on the airline's website or advertising.

Recently, Southwest's website quoted prices starting at $99 to fly from Dallas to Los Angeles. Come Jan. 26, Southwest could have to show a fare of $120.60.

New rules from the U.S. Transportation Department will require that advertised prices include taxes and mandatory fees. Currently, airlines just have to note that other charges apply, and provide a link or footnote to the details.

The new rules will make fares easier to understand. Government and airport charges can add 20 percent or more to the price of an airline ticket.

"It's truth in advertising, right?" said Angie Toriggino of Austin, who travels frequently in her job training salespeople for a pharmaceutical company. "Some people probably budget a certain amount for their trip and then spend more than they expected."

Airlines protest that other industries don't have to include taxes in advertised prices. And they worry about the effect on ticket sales.

"We're not raising our fares, but it will look to the consumer like we've had a big price increase," said Robert Kneisley, Southwest's associate general counsel.

David Berg, the general counsel of Airlines for America, a trade group of the biggest carriers, said the change will depress travel.

"It's basic economics," he said. "History tells us (that consumers) will see higher prices and buy less."

Southwest, Spirit Airlines and Allegiant Air are fighting the government in court, hoping to roll back the rule, but a decision in that case isn't expected until after the rule takes effect.

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Transportation Department officials have been cracking down on airlines that, in their view, failed to make it clear enough that extra taxes and fees would be added to the advertised price.

In 2011, airlines and travel agencies admitted violating price-advertising rules in more than 20 cases and agreed to fines totaling more than $1 million. In the biggest case, Continental, which has since been acquired by United, agreed to a $120,000 fine after it was found to have touted some international flights at $240 less than the final cost by failing to include fuel surcharges in the advertised fare.

Penalties, however, are routinely cut in half if the airline avoids violating the rules for a year. And they pale in comparison to airline profits — about $850 million in just the first nine months of 2011 — and could be seen as a minor cost of doing business. That's one reason that some consumer advocates wanted the Transportation Department to go even farther than it did in regulating how airlines describe prices.

The new rules will only require disclosure of government levies for things such as security and airport improvements. They won't include the proliferating airline fees for checking bags, getting an assigned seat and other items. Those must be listed somewhere on an airline's website, but the Transportation Department this week delayed whether to require more prominent disclosure.

Still, the inclusion of taxes in advertised fares "eliminates a lot of the skulduggery from airline pricing," said Charlie Leocha of the Consumer Travel Alliance. "We're moving forward."

The advertising change is the latest of many passenger-service regulations imposed by the Transportation Department since 2010. The most notable was a limit on how long airlines can hold planes on the ground before giving passengers a chance to return to the terminal.

Just two days before the advertising changes kick in, several other new rules delayed from last year will also take effect, including a ban on airlines raising fares for tickets already sold. Allegiant Air raised the possibility of selling discounted seats that could go higher — even after the customers paid — if oil prices rose.

Another new rule will give customers 24 hours to cancel a reservation without penalty if it's at least a week before their flight. Some airlines already allow that.

Leslie Araiza of San Antonio, who works for a nursing-home company, thinks free cancelations are a good idea.

"I travel every week for business," she said, "and there are times when something comes up and I'll have to change where I'm going."

Texas Senate mulls drought impact on power supply

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Senate Democrats worried Tuesday that continued drought could lead to brownouts and keep major firms from expanding statewide because of fears about an unreliable power grid.

A growing population has left state planners rushing to approve coal-fired power plants, expand nuclear facilities, create more wind power, build transmission lines and extract natural gas to meet rising demand. But vast amounts of water are often necessary to generate electricity — an increasingly complicated prospect for a state still struggling through what has already been the worst single-year drought in its history.

Trip Doggett, president of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, told a meeting of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce that the lack of rainfall is already impacting electricity generation but that it's not likely to cause significant power shortfalls through the end of this year. Should the drought continue into 2013, however, its impact on energy generation could be more severe, he said.

While power plants require a lot of water to generate electricity, most of it is simply heated up and then returned to the environment. John Fainter, president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas, said facilities that generate electricity only account for about 3 percent of the state's water use. Still, they have to enough water on-hand to keep production going.

"We were in pretty good shape making it through this last summer," Fainter said.

But senators heard testimony from state utility authorities who said part of the problem is that energy is currently so inexpensive to produce in Texas that there is little incentive to improve infrastructure and make energy generation more efficient to guard against shortfalls sparked by water shortages.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, said the continued lack of rainfall poses serious concerns "about the ability to keep the lights on" in the short term and that things will only get more complicated in the future. He said Texas should have a contingency plan for coping with future energy needs similar to the $16 million it spends on a long-term water plan it produces every five years.

San Antonio Democratic Sen. Leticia Van de Putte said, "we are advertising that if you're a major company, in the United States or foreign, and you want to come to Texas to expand, 'well watch out because they don't have any water' or 'look, they're having problems with their electricity grid.'"

"That's not the message we need to send," she said, "so the electricity grid has to match and align itself to reality."

2 boys, 10, accused of sex assault of boy on Houston school bus

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston police say two 10-year-old boys have been charged with sexually assaulting an 8-year-old boy on a school bus.

The boys were arrested last week after authorities reviewed a security videotape from the bus.

The alleged incident happened in August but the investigation took several months. Houston police spokesman Kese Smith said Tuesday it is not unusual for investigations involving juveniles to take that long.

Houston school district spokesman Jason Spencer said officials were first made aware of the alleged assault when the district's transportation department was asked by a parent on Aug. 30 to review conditions on a bus that transports special needs students to an elementary school.

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O.H. Ivie	32.42	17.72
Lake Thomas	5.80	1.38
Lake Spence	0.42	0.42

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 9.151 million
Midland: daily average last week 10.122 million
Odessa: daily average this week 13.168 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild will meet at 1 p.m. today at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Cynthia England is to give a presentation on making pictorial quilts.

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. today at the Petroleum Club. Guest speakers are candidates for Senate.

Lunch tickets are $16. For more information or to make a reservation, call 697-1313.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at George Hancock's shop, 1709 Clark St.

Tom Farrell will demonstrate metal spinning on the lathe. For more information, call 682-1700.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home's monthly reading event for children is 4:30 p.m. Jan. 19.

This month's featured book will be "Snow." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ The January meeting of the Midland Association of Churches is set for noon on Jan. 17 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. The program will be presented by Barbara Yarborough on her parent and student mentoring efforts.

■ Aphasia Center of West Texas' annual fundraiser, Chocolate Decadence, is 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at Midland Center. This year's theme is "A Night of Mystery, Intrigue and Glamour."

To make a reservation, call the center at 699-1261 or visit www.AphasiaWTx.org and click CHOCOLATE.

Midland developers forum

The city of Midland will host the Midland Developers Forum on Jan. 26-27 at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

The event will consist of expert speakers along with featured speaker, Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade. Andrade is one of six state officials to form the state's executive department.

Workshop topics include a trade analysis, local/regional economic analysis, possible incentives and an in-depth tour of Midland. It will provide attendees with all the necessary information and resources to consider and evaluate the many development opportunities that exist throughout Midland.

For more information or to register for the free event, please visit www.midlanddevelopers.eventbrite.com.

Evans to speak at Chamber luncheon

Former Commerce Secretary Don Evans will be the guest speaker at the State of Economy Luncheon hosted by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and Midland Development Corp.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at Midland Center.

Evans will give his expert opinion regarding the present state of our economy and his outlook for the future of our nation, our state and our community. Evans will field questions directly from the audience. Tickets are $30 for chamber members and $45 for non-members. Tickets and sponsorships are available on the chamber's website: www.midlandtxchamber.com.

Note: A full preview will run in Thursday's edition.

This date in Midland

Jan. 11, 2003: After 34 years in the House, state Rep. Tom Craddick became the first Republican speaker in more than 130 years.

It's your birthday

■ Juan Carlos Garcia is 20.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the newspaper

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

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

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday.

■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, and anniversary date.

This will not replace the longer, more detailed announcements that run in Sunday's West Texas Living section.

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

Note: Because we cannot research and verify all information, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information submitted to us.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 3-0-4
Pick 3 night: 5-9-4
Daily 4 day: 1-9-0-9
Daily 4 night: 1-8-6-0
Cash Five: 6-7-11-32-35
Mega Millions: 4-10-16-38-48 MB: 34 Megaplier: 3

Today in history

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu, to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

Second retail zone approved for Mockingbird Lane and Holiday Hill Road

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

After some compromising between a developer and residents, a retail zone was approved Tuesday for the corner of Holiday Hill Road and Mockingbird Lane.

In a unanimous vote, Rodney Roberts was given approval for a zone change, with special provisions, that will allow for the northeast corner lot that currently is an agricultural estate district to become a local retail district.

The decision, however, didn't come without some debate.

The council initially passed the request on second reading without any discussion. Citizens then spoke up from the audience and asked if their concerns could be heard.

Saying they wanted the zone change to pass with the approval of the neighborhood, the council agreed to defer the item until later in the morning and bring it back up when the developer could return. Roberts left the Council Chambers after the initial vote was taken.

"We want to make sure the neighborhood is happy," Mayor Wes Perry said.

After returning, Roberts said he agreed and asked what residents were proposing. He already had amended his plans twice, including a recent addition of a fence to block the neighborhood and a nearby pool from businesses that are developed at the plot.

Neighbors, though, wanted the property to be completely blocked so traffic from the businesses that develop won't be able to frequent Pimlico Drive.

"It creates an opening on to Pimlico," said resident John Sullivan, pointing toward the plan being discussed Tuesday. "The street is not designed for (heavy) traffic."

Sullivan said if the design could be shifted 90 degrees and a fence extended to only allow for access onto Pimlico by service vehicles that would solve the issue.

Roberts said those changes can be made.

The zone change was passed with the provision that fencing and other concessions be included in the final development.

Sullivan and others said they were glad the developer was willing to work so well with the neighbors.

"We've been able to gather and sort of protect what we've got out here," Sullivan said.

The zone change will be across the street from the Los Conchos development that also was approved Tuesday for that area.

In other business, the council:

■ Gave approval for the purchase and installation of a new video board at Grande Stadium at a cost of $293,076. Funds are appropriated from the 4B sales tax fund. Mayor Wes Perry said plans have not been made for how capital expenditures at the sports complex will be paid once the tax has expired. If specific plans are not made, expenditures would come from the general fund.

■ Voted in favor of control room upgrades at Grande Communications Stadium and Citibank Ballpark. The cost for Grande is $105,202 and for Citibank is $80,754.

■ Approved the installation of rail pads at Citibank Ballpark at a cost of $72,000.

■ Approved six drilling permits for Bluestem Energy for an area just north of Mockingbird Lane and Midkiff Road.

■ Appropriated a $112,250 fund balance from the Hotel/Motel Fund toward improvements at the Midland Center.

■ Approved purchasing $381,014 worth of vehicles from Rogers Ford of Midland. Rogers Ford's bid was slightly higher than another but the lowest bid was rejected in favor of making a local purchase. The ability to reject the lower bid was possible because of a law filed by Rep. Tom Craddick and passed during the most recent Legislative session.

■ Authorized zone changes that will allow for the construction of a new Midland Bible Church near Whitman Drive and Mockingbird Lane and for additions to Mid-Cities Church on Highway 191 and North County Road 1275.

■ Authorized a commercial hangar lease between Empire Airlines, Inc. and Midland International Airport.

■ Allocated funds for the design and construction of drainage and paving improvements on Mockingbird Lane from Mayfield Place to Whitman Drive at a cost of $19,478.

■ Voted to terminate an agreement between Sentry Pumping and the Midland Development Corp. Sentry Pumping fell short of its required job creation total and has already repaid the MDC.

■ Approved a permit to allow for the sale of alcohol in a bar/restaurant planned for near the southwest corner of North Colorado and Ohio streets.

■ Gave approval to a cell tower near "A" Street and Scharbauer Drive that will be operated by InSite Tower LLC.

■ Voted in favor of an amended planned district for a 4.68-acre area near Champions Drive and Tradewinds Boulevard. The request was brought forward by SBC, L.P.

■ Gave final approval to the updated energy code that will bring the city's energy requirements for construction in line with the state and national requirements.

■ Established a temporary construction speed zone of 60 mph on Interstate 20.

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Los Conchos

From 1A

country living in the city. If you put offices behind stables, it's no longer country living in the city."

Eric West, engineer with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, who is working on the development, on Tuesday outlined changes that were made after each meeting with residents in northwest Midland.

The corner of Mockingbird Lane and Holiday Hill Road initially was slated for multi-family zoning that would allow for apartments. The Greathouse Homeowners Association opposed that zone so a retail zone was added instead.

A screening fence will be added on Oriole Drive as was requested. Streets and alleyways near Oriole Drive also were reconfigured to leave fewer openings and prevent all traffic from the new neighborhood from flowing onto Oriole Drive.

After last week's meeting, a cul-de-sac was reconfigured and added to Robin Lane to further reduce traffic.

In the office zoning along the frontage of Mockingbird Lane, the developers requested and were granted a requirement to double the typical setback for office facilities. The change will mean any office space added has to be set back 40 feet.

Developers also agreed to underwrite the cost of an engineering study to design Greathouse Park, which is planned for the area.

"We know that we probably haven't made everyone happy," West said. "We really have made changes that allow this developer to be viable while still being sensitive to the concerns."

Council members said they were grateful to see neighbors and developers working together. After the first 6-0 vote was finished, a few residents even clapped for the decision.

"That doesn't happen very often that we get claps when working with a neighborhood," Mayor Wes Perry said.

Jerry Morales, councilman at large, said the development will meet a need so it was great that could be accomplished while accommodating existing residents.

"They've done a heck of a job working together," Morales said. "The big thing is, we really need houses."

The first phase of development will include town homes, single-family homes, a fence along Holiday Hill Road and two exits from the neighborhood onto Holiday Hill Road.

A separate mineral developer also has four drilling sites planned within the neighborhood. Dunham said they won't begin the first phase until after that initial well is drilled.

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Enrollment grows; MISD seeks more teachers

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

With student enrollment growing to 22,420 and class sizes getting larger, Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren has decided to create three new elementary school classes.

Overall, Warren has called for the hiring of 23 additional teachers and the creation of classes since Sept. 14, meant to help maintain sizes of the 22 students to 1 teacher state mandate for kindergarten through fourth grade.

"We do feel very strongly that the numbers are too high, primarily at the grade school level," Warren told the board of trustees at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Warren said six additional classes also will be watched for high enrollment and hiring of additional teachers may continue if enrollment peaks in those areas.

In October, MISD closed enrollment at Bonham Elementary and began sending additional enrollments to Henderson, Jones and Long elementaries. Now that some of the grades at those schools are full, Parker has also started accepting Bonham students, Warren said.

"The growth at these campuses is tremendous, and we're trying to do our best at getting class sizes down," Warren said.

Lee High Principal Stephanie Howard and Midland High Principal Jeff Horner gave a presentation on potential changes to the way high school grade point averages are calculated.

Currently, all classes except dance, fine arts, physical education and JROTC are included in a student's GPA. Under the proposed plan, only those classes required on the state's recommended high school plan would be counted in the grade point average.

As a result, students would have the opportunity to select elective courses based on interest, not the amount of grade points a course receives, Howard said.

"With the amount of choices we're taking away from students and parents with the (state-mandated) four-by-four plan (for math and science), we're trying to give them more classes to choose from," Warren said.

Board members have mixed feelings about the proposed changes and board President Jay Isaacs encouraged trustees to share their thoughts with Warren before it comes before the board seeking approval.

Also at the meeting, the board:

■ Recognized Washington Math & Science Institute Partner in Education Sid Smith with the "Hero for Kids" Award. Smith works at West Texas National Bank and has contributed to Washington for years.

■ Heard from State Board of Education candidate Anette Carlisle, who serves as Amarillo ISD school board president. "If anybody is planning for the future, it needs to be us. We need to figure out what kids are doing, what skills (kids) need to have and what they're going to do in the future. ...We've got to work as a team and focus on what's right for the kids. That's why I'm doing what I'm doing."

■ Heard from Elise Kail, executive director of accountability, about the district's performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System and Adequate Yearly Progress' annual ratings.

■ Approved the hiring of 15 teachers and accepted six resignations and retirements.

■ Approved changes to Texas Association of School Boards policies

■ Approved the 2010-11 audited financials as prepared by CPA Christi Brown of Weaver LLP.

■ Approved additional Head Start program documents and discussed this week's federal review of the program

■ Held an executive session on district personnel matters. There were no public actions taken as a result.

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Internet address expansion set despite '.worries'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bidding will begin this week for words and brand names such as ".sport," ".NYC" and ".bank" to join ".com" as online monikers.

Up to 1,000 domain name suffixes — the ".com" in an Internet address — could be added each year in the most sweeping change to the domain name system since its creation in the 1980s.

To some, the system will lead to ".cash." To others, it will mean ".confusion."

The idea is to let Las Vegas hotels, casinos and other attractions congregate around ".Vegas," or a company such as Canon Inc. to draw customers to "cameras.Canon" or "printers.Canon." The new system also will make Chinese, Japanese and Swahili versions of ".com" possible.

Some companies and entrepreneurs already have expressed interest in applying for a suffix and possibly earning millions of dollars a year from people and groups wanting a website that ends in that name.

Others are skeptical, though. They worry that an expansion will mean more addresses available to scams that use similar-sounding names such as "Amazom" rather than "Amazon" to trick people into giving passwords and credit card information. Others worry that new suffixes could create additional platforms for hate groups or lead to addresses ending in obscenities.

The oversight agency for Internet addresses, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, spent years crafting guidelines meant to curtail nefarious activities. Still, critics say ICANN is rushing to expand the naming system without putting enough safeguards in place.

"You don't want a ship to have holes... and ask everybody to come on board," said Dan Jaffe, the chief lobbyist at the Association of National Advertisers, which represents 400 companies and 10,000 brand names. "You should close the holes, then run a pilot project to see if the systems you put in place are actually effective."

There's also a question of how useful the new names will be, at least among English speakers. Alternatives to ".com" introduced over the past decade have had mixed success. These days, Internet users are more likely to type "new Muppet movie" into their browser's search box than to know the official site is at "Disney.go.com/muppets."

ICANN will start taking bids for new suffixes Wednesday at 8:01 p.m.

That doesn't mean people will be able to type in "Caribbean.vacation" or "iPad.Apple" right away. Initial bidding will stay open until April. After that, ICANN will accept challenges for trademark conflicts and other reasons. Auctions would be held should multiple bidders seek the same suffix. It could take months more for winning bidders to set up.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Deven O. Bomar, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of assault.

Dorothy A. Tijerina, 45, of Arlington, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Estaban Villa, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Shooting at Houston high school injures student

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An 18-year-old student brought a gun inside a Houston high school and shot a classmate in the leg Tuesday despite metal detectors that are supposed to keep weapons off campus, school officials said.

The other student, a 16-year-old freshman who was apparently a bystander to a dispute involving the shooter and others in an upstairs hallway, was taken to a hospital in stable condition, said Sue Davis, a spokeswoman for the North Forest Independent School District.

A government teacher who happens to also work as a deputy constable wrapped up the alleged shooter without a struggle, Davis said. That student, North Forest High School senior Warren Eugene Lewis, was taken to a Houston jail for booking on an aggravated assault charge, Davis said.

Jail records did not yet list Lewis or his attorney as of Tuesday night.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES — NEW HAMPSHIRE RESULTS

ELECTION 2012

GOP critics will get more heat

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney's back-to-back victories in Iowa and New Hampshire will force his weak-but-still-standing GOP rivals to make a crucial decision: Keep eviscerating the man that many see as the inevitable nominee or temper their criticisms and dampen whatever hopes they have of overtaking him.

"President Obama wants to put free enterprise on trial. In the last few days, we have seen some desperate Republicans join forces with him. This is such a mistake for our party and for our nation," Romney said in his victory speech Tuesday night, chastising his critics while acting as though he is already the nominee.

The former Massachusetts governor's easy win in the New Hampshire primary comes just as two of his opponents have opened the most scathing line of attack yet in the Republican contest. Seizing on Romney's record at the venture capital firm Bain Capital, they are painting him as a heartless profit-seeker who shuttered dozens of workplaces in the 1980s and '90s, laying off thousands of workers.

The attacks have delighted President Barack Obama's backers as they brace for an election focused on jobs. They planned all along to bash Romney with the Bain legacy and are happy to see Republicans get it started.

But the events have alarmed a cross section of establishment Republicans and conservative leaders who feel Romney can beat Obama next fall if he's not badly bloodied in a nominating process he has led from the start.

With New Hampshire over, the campaigning now moves to South Carolina, which has a history of brutal, even nasty campaigning in GOP primaries. It also has a much higher unemployment rate than Iowa and New Hampshire. Both factors might make the state fertile ground for claims that a millionaire politician vacuumed money out of companies and tossed them aside.

"We are quickly approaching the moment when GOP leaders will announce or reaffirm their support for the front-runner and call for a civil tone in the debate so the focus can be directed toward the current officeholder," said Republican consultant Danny Diaz.

A group backing former House Speaker Newt Gingrich plans to air TV ads showing distraught people who say they lost their jobs to Bain's restructuring practices during Romney's tenure years ago. Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday likened Bain to vultures that ruin people's lives.

And former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who finished third in New Hampshire, has taken a similar line of attack, berating Romney for telling a breakfast group Monday: "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me."

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, was talking about underperforming insurance companies. But his ill-timed remark played into the Bain narrative of a tycoon who doesn't mind killing jobs in the name of efficiency and profits.

The exchange has triggered an intraparty debate about free enterprise, with some noting that job losses are an inevitable outgrowth of competition and efficiency. But a number of Republican figures say that debate does not justify all-out attacks on the man who won Iowa and New Hampshire and leads in South Carolina polls.

Another consultant, Terry Holt, said, "The last 48 hours have been about skinning Romney. But he comes out of New Hampshire stronger and looking more like the nominee, not less."

New Hampshire voters, Holt said, "might have helped inoculate Romney from future Bain Capital attacks."

Gingrich may be the central player in the drama. Friends say he has every right to fume over hard-hitting attack ads that seriously damaged him in Iowa. A group backing Romney aired the ads, and Romney refused Gingrich's pleas to denounce them.

Campaigning in New Hampshire, Gingrich seemed eager to fire back. He said Bain "apparently looted the companies, left people totally unemployed and walked off with millions of dollars."

Among those condemning Gingrich's attacks were conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, a frequent Romney critic.

"Newt is parroting what The New York Times is writing about Romney," Limbaugh said on a recent broadcast. "This is payback time. It drove him nuts, that series of ads that Romney's super PAC ran in Iowa, and this is the result of it."

Romney cruises to victory in NH, Ron Paul runs second

By David Espo and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Mitt Romney cruised to a solid victory in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night, picking up steam from his first-place finish in the lead-off Iowa caucuses and firmly establishing himself as the man to beat for the Republican presidential nomination.

"Tonight we made history," Romney told cheering supporters before pivoting to a stinging denunciation of President Barack Obama. "The middle class has been crushed ... our debt is too high and our opportunities too few," he declared — ignoring the rivals who had been assailing him for weeks and making clear he intends to be viewed as the party's nominee in waiting after only two contests.

His Republican rivals said otherwise, looking ahead to South Carolina on Jan. 21 as the place to stop the former Massachusetts governor. Already, several contenders and committees supporting them had put down heavy money to reserve time for television advertising there.

Even so, the order of finish — Ron Paul second, followed by Jon Huntsman, with Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum trailing — scrambled the field and prolonged the increasingly desperate competition to emerge as the true conservative rival to Romney.

With his victory, Romney became the first Republican to sweep the first two contests in competitive races since Iowa gained the lead-off spot in presidential campaigns in 1976. Based on partial returns, the Associated Press estimated that turnout would exceed the 2008 record by about 4 percent.

Romney fashioned his victory despite a sustained assault by rivals eager to undermine his claim as the contender best situated to beat Obama and help reduce the nation's painfully high unemployment. Gingrich led the way, suggesting at one point that Romney, a venture capitalist, was a corporate raider. The front-runner's defenders said the rhetoric was more suitable to a Democratic opponent than a conservative Republican.

Returns from 69 percent of New Hampshire precincts showed Romney with 38 percent of the vote, followed by Texas Rep Paul with 24 percent, former Utah Gov. Huntsman with 17 percent and former House Speaker Gingrich and former Pennsylvania Sen. Santorum with 10 percent each.

In interviews as they left their polling places, New Hampshire voters said the economy was the issue that mattered most to them, and a candidate's ability to defeat Obama outranked other qualities.

Romney had won in Iowa by a scant eight votes over Santorum, and gained barely a quarter of the vote there.

On Tuesday, he battled not only his rivals but also high expectations as the ballots were counted, particularly since his pursuers had virtually conceded New Hampshire, next-door to the state Romney governed for four years.

Seeking to undercut Romney's victory, Gingrich and others suggested in advance that anything below 40 percent or so would indicate weakness by the nomination front-runner.

They didn't mention that Sen. John McCain's winning percentage in the 2008 primary was 37 percent.

Romney's win was worth at least four delegates to the Republican National Convention next summer. Paul earned at least two delegates and Huntsman at least one. Another four remained to be awarded, based on final vote totals.

"Tonight we celebrate," Romney told his supporters. "Tomorrow we go back to work."

Unlike Iowa and New Hampshire, where unemployment is well below the national average, joblessness is far higher in South Carolina. That creates a different political environment for the race.

The state also has a reputation for primaries turning nasty, and it appeared that all of Romney's pursuers read the new Hampshire returns as reason enough to remain in the race.

Gov. Rick Perry, who skipped New Hampshire to get a head start in South Carolina, said Tuesday's results showed "the race for a conservative alternative to Mitt Romney remains wide open."

"We're nibbling at his heels," Paul said of Romney.

Huntsman had staked his candidacy on a strong showing in New Hampshire, and he announced after the polls closed that he had passed his own test. "Where we stand is a solid position and we go south from here," he said.

Despite struggling to gain 10 percent in New Hampshire, Gingrich and Santorum also said they were in.

About one-third of Republican voters interviewed as they left their polling places said the most important factor in choosing a candidate was finding someone who could defeat Obama in the fall. Romney won their support overwhelmingly.

He ran about even with Huntsman among the one-quarter of the voters who cited experience as the most important factor in selecting a candidate to support.

Paul ran first among voters who cited moral character or true conservatism.

As was the case last week in Iowa, the economy was the issue that mattered most to voters, 61 percent of those surveyed. Another 24 percent cited record federal deficits.

Romney carried the first group and split the second with Paul.

The survey results came from interviews conducted for the Associated Press and the television networks with 2,670 voters across the state. It had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Opinion

Romney is flawless, businesslike, unsatisfying

■ The former governor is a machine on the stump and during campaigns. He's old school but not inspirational.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Mitt Romney has one advantage over his rivals above all others: He is running a presidential campaign. None of his competitors has been able to manage it in quite the same way.

A Romney rally in Exeter, N.H., the other day was a textbook exercise in traditional presidential politics. The venue was big, a high-school gym. The advance work was flawless. The American flag backdrop was enormous. The three generations of the Romney family arrayed in front of it were so picturesque that they might have arrived straight from a photo shoot for a Tommy Hilfiger advertisement.

When so many commentators have said that, with anti-establishment sentiment running so high, everything is different in Republican presidential politics, Romney has been the old-school candidate. He hews to the familiar instruction manual with a pharisaical devotion. Raise scads of money and build a national organization. Always stay on message and evaluate every move with an eye to the general election. Win endorsements. Take apart opponents precisely to the extent necessary, no more, no less.

As Philip Klein of The Washington Examiner has observed, Romney has been the only guy to show up for the job interview wearing a suit. He hasn't been on a book tour masquerading as a presidential campaign (Herman Cain). He hasn't banked everything on the debates (Newt Gingrich), or showed up unprepared (Rick Perry). He hasn't bet on his performance in just one state (Rick Santorum, Jon Huntsman). Anyone who has won a presidential nomination during the past 30 years would recognize what Romney is doing and why.

After Santorum tied Romney in Iowa and landed in New Hampshire, he immediately began engaging hostile college students in long Socratic dialogues on hot-button social issues. A few months ago, Romney had a New Hampshire town hall where he, too, was asked repeatedly by kids about gay marriage. He refused to say anything beyond that he believes marriage is between a man and a woman and that he had already answered the question. Santorum's approach is more sincere and intellectually laudable; Romney's approach is more studied and likely to achieve his larger aim.

And less satisfying. Romney's campaign is all technique and no music. His speech in Exeter was schmaltz piled on top of saccharin in a perfect storm of substanceless sentimentality. First, he said he believed in America. Then, he said he loved America. And in conclusion, he quoted verses from "America the Beautiful." In Romney's case, patriotism is the first refuge of a politician who doesn't dare say anything new or interesting. It wasn't until New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Romney supporter, took the stage and slapped down a heckler that it felt like someone had thrown open a window in the tidy structure created by Team Romney to let in a gust of spontaneity and irrepressibly joyful combativeness.

Neither of those will ever be a quality associated with Romney. He continues to excel in debates by routinely coming up with answers that feel as though they were produced by a crack marketing team for maximum unassailability. His stumbles are so rare that they become as noticeable as the tiny wobbles of an Olympic skater trying to nail a triple Lutz. Challenged over the weekend on why he didn't run for re-election as Massachusetts governor in 2006, he said he "went back into business," even though he was already running for president when he left the governor's mansion. Romney wanted to hang on to the scripted presentation of himself as a businessman above all else — plausibility be damned. It was a small falsity that stood for larger worries about his genuineness.

Very few politicians have what it takes to follow the old rules with the proficiency of a Mitt Romney. It takes brains, discipline and managerial skill. But people have trouble warming up to the (almost) flawlessly executing candidate from a flawlessly executing machine. The Romney campaign notwithstanding, there's no rule against inspiring people.

OUR VIEW

Pushing back primary date isn't good for Texas

At one time we were joking that Texans never may get a chance to vote in a primary this spring since the Supreme Court is involved in trying to issue a fair redistricting voter map for the state.

Well, we aren't laughing at our own jokes any longer after the Supreme Court has asked Texas to push the primary date back even farther, perhaps as far back as June. This announcement comes when most of us were expecting an answer from the court by Feb. 1. To say the justices don't like to be rushed is an understatement.

To us that request is ridiculous. We do understand this is not a life-and-death situation where the court might act within a reasonable time frame, but it is nonetheless important to the citizens of this state.

The whole idea of having voter districts is to provide fair and equitable elections. Yet, delaying the Texas primary likely puts the voter in a position of having far less say in the presidential election. In fact a June date means Texas probably will not matter at all in the primary battles. We expect this very fact would lower overall turnout as voters begin to understand they won't have much of a say in the presidential race until November.

Some will say a June primary date is a horrendous prospect for those seeking local, state and federal offices for which they must fund longer campaigns. They also fear candidates run the risk of committing some political blunder under the extra scrutiny. We believe that is part of the game. A little extra vetting of candidates doesn't hurt the process.

An electorate that is disinterested because presidential primaries were decided months ago? That's a different story.

If we are to be forced into later primaries for national and state offices, we would prefer that it be done as quickly as possible. Texas officials already had pushed back the primary date because they assumed a new map would be in place by Feb. 1.

We once again remain in the corner of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. His position is that the Supreme Court should allow the use of the Texas Legislature's map for 2012 because time is running out.

"No court has, at any time, found anything unlawful about the redistricting maps passed by the Texas Legislature," Abbott said.

That is the stance we wish the Supreme Court would adopt for the good of all Texans.

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Former governor in 'wealth of trouble'

■ It's hard to see how Romney can relate to the worker threatened by a possible pink slip.

DANA MILBANK
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NASHUA, N.H. —

Mitt Romney is fast becoming the Scrooge McDuck of the 2012 presidential race. In Disney's version, McDuck is Donald Duck's rich uncle, fond of diving into his money bin and swimming through his pile of coins. Romney achieved much the same effect years ago when he posed with fellow Bain Capital executives for a photo showing paper money pouring from their pockets and mouths.

But as he stumped through New Hampshire Monday, his riches were bringing him a wealth of trouble.

Speaking at a Chamber of Commerce event at a Radisson hotel here, he was discussing the value of shopping around for health insurance when he turned to the camera and said, with perverse pleasure, "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me."

Thus did the likely Republican nominee film, pro bono, one of President Obama's first re-election ads.

If this weren't enough evidence that Romney represented the Plutocrat Progress Party, the first questioner confirmed it.

"In this historic election, we need to convince the masses that our vision as conservatives benefits them," she said. "So my question is: How will you as the nominee get the minds of America behind you?"

At least she didn't say "unwashed masses."

Romney didn't show any concern that the woman had spoken aloud from the plutocrats' playbook. "That is the question of my campaign, of course," he said.

Of course.

The candidate worried aloud on Sunday that "there were a couple of times I wondered if I was going to get a pink slip" when he worked in the consulting business — an enterprise that helped build his personal wealth to as much as $250 million.

Perhaps realizing the pink-slip pronouncement was problematic, the owner of multiple homes and horses asserted on Monday that "I started off, actually, at the entry level, coming out of graduate school."

Newly minted MBAs from Romney's Harvard can count on making well into the six figures in their "entry-level" jobs at consulting firms.

The entry-level explanation didn't advance far with Romney's rivals.

Rick Perry, whose net worth is rather south of Romney's, responded while touring a restaurant in South Carolina: "Now, I have no doubt that Mitt Romney was worried about pink slips — whether he was going to have enough of them to hand out because his company, Bain Capital, with all the jobs that they killed, I'm sure he was worried that he'd run out of pink slips."

And Newt Gingrich described Bain Capital as a "small group of rich people manipulating the lives of thousands of people and taking all the money."

Gingrich, however, lives in a glass mansion on this one. He boasts about his $60,000-a-pop speeches and has taken to complaining about food-stamp recipients in his speeches in New Hampshire.

By the time Romney arrived at his next event on Monday, he was clearly out of sorts. He mixed up his own offspring in making introductions: "My third son is Ben, who has been missing. He's a doctor from Utah. He came in last night. Special applause." After the applause, Romney revised: "What did I say? My third son is coming tonight. Ben is my fourth."

Romney went on to attempt to explain the value of shopping around for health insurance — this time without mentioning the pleasure he gets from firing people. He likened it to auto insurance. "If you watch on TV, the little animal, little gecko? You see these guys competing hard for your business."

In the audience, many of the 150 reporters looked at one another and smiled.

The candidate already had treated them to a wealth of blue-blooded phrases during the day, seasoning his speech to the Chamber of Commerce with phrases such as "net-net" and "if you're in a C-corporation" and "get a pro forma together."

Romney was not done with his "firing" line, however. After his event, held in a metal fabricating plant, he returned to take questions from the unwashed masses of the news corps, including 35 TV cameras.

He said that his fondness for firing was limited to health-insurance providers, and that "people are going to take things out of context and make it something it is not."

This from a man who recently released an ad appearing to show President Obama saying that "if we keep talking about the economy, we're going to lose." In fact, Obama, in the 2008 passage, was quoting an aide to John McCain.

And now Romney is complaining about being taken out of context? That's rich.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Panel: Sterilization victims should get $50K

RALEIGH — As many as 2,000 people forcibly sterilized decades ago in North Carolina should get $50,000 each, a task force said Tuesday, marking the first time a state has moved to compensate victims of eugenics programs that weeded out the "feeble-minded" and others deemed undesirable.

The payout, which could amount to as much as $100 million, still needs approval from the Legislature. But the prospects for passage of some sort of compensation are promising, because the governor immediately embraced the recommendation, and the House speaker has come out in favor of payments.

While dozens of states had programs in the 20th century that allowed people to be sterilized against their will in the name of improving the human race, none of the others has offered anything more than apologies.

Compensation "sends a clear message that we in North Carolina are people who pay for our mistakes and that we do not tolerate bureaucracies that trample on basic human rights," said panel chairwoman Dr. Laura Gerald, a pediatrician.

From 1929 to 1974, more than 7,600 people in North Carolina were surgically rendered unable to reproduce under state laws and practices that singled out epileptics and others considered mentally defective. Many were poor, black women deemed unfit to be parents.

PHOENIX

Police arrest convicted felon with gun in her bra

A convicted felon has been arrested by police in a Phoenix suburb after telling officers she was hiding a handgun in her bra.

Angela Lynn Milhoan is not allowed to possess a firearm. But police in Mesa, Ariz., said the 20-year-old admitted to concealing a .22-caliber semi-automatic handgun in her undergarments when a car she was riding in was stopped by officers early Tuesday.

The Arizona Republic reported that police had stopped the car while looking for a suspect on a weapons violation warrant.

They seized the gun and arrested Milhoan on charges of being a prohibited possessor of a firearm and concealing a deadly weapon while under 21 years of age.

MASSACHUSETTS

TSA defends confiscation of woman's cupcake

PEABODY — The federal Transportation Security Administration is defending its decision to confiscate a frosted cupcake from a Massachusetts woman flying from Las Vegas.

The TSA said in a blog comment posted Monday the cupcake was packed in a jar filled with icing, which is considered a gel under a policy designed to secure travelers from terrorists seeking to evade detection by using explosives made of plastics, liquids or gels.

Peabody resident Rebecca Hains was barred from taking her cupcake onto a plane last month when a TSA agent said icing in the jar exceeded amounts of gels allowed in carry-on luggage. Hains has called that "terrible logic."

The TSA said travelers can take cakes, pies and cupcakes through security checkpoints but should expect they might get additional screening.

Online:
TSA blog post about cupcake:
http://blog.tsa.gov/2012/01/cupcakegate.html

Can you say that on TV? Supreme Court debates

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In colorful give and take, the Supreme Court debated whether policing curse words and nudity on broadcast television makes sense in the cable era, one justice suggesting the policy is fast becoming moot as broadcast TV heads the way of "vinyl records and 8-track tapes."

The case involves programing that is available to all viewers free over the air — even though many now receive it through paid cable connections — during hours when children are likely to be watching.

Some justices said they were troubled by inconsistent standards that allowed certain words and displays in some contexts but not in others.

One example frequently cited by the networks was the Federal Communications Commission's decision not to punish ABC for airing "Saving Private Ryan," with its strong language, while objecting to the same words when uttered by celebrities on live awards shows.

Justice Elena Kagan said the FCC policy was, "Nobody can use dirty words or nudity except Steven Spielberg," director of the World War II movie. Other justices seemed more open to maintaining the current rules because they allow parents to put their children in front of the television without having to worry they will be bombarded by vulgarity.

Chief Justice John Roberts, the only member of the court with young children, hammered away at that point. Robert wondered why broadcasters would oppose FCC regulation, especially when cable and satellite service can offer hundreds of channels with few restrictions.

"All we are asking for, what the government is asking for, is a few channels where ... they are not going to hear the S-word, the F-word, they are not going to see nudity."

Justice Antonin Scalia placed himself on the side of the government. "These are public airwaves. The government is entitled to insist upon a certain modicum of decency. I'm not sure it even has to relate to juveniles, to tell you the truth."

But at least one justice, Samuel Alito, talked about how rapidly technological change has effectively consigned vinyl records and 8-tracks to the scrap heap, suggesting that in a rapidly changing universe, time will take care of the dispute. Already nearly nine of 10 households subscribe to cable or satellite television and viewers can switch among broadcast and other channels with a button on their remote controls.

"I'm sure your clients will continue to make billions of dollars on their programs which are transmitted by cable and by satellite and by Internet. But to the extent they are making money from people who are using rabbit ears, that is disappearing," Alito said.

The First Amendment case involves programing received by antennas on top of a television set, a house or building. Much of that programing now also is available through cable and satellite connections, but only the over-the-air transmissions are at issue.

The case pits the Obama administration against the nation's television networks. The material at issue includes the isolated use of expletives as well as fines against broadcasters who showed a woman's nude buttocks on a 2003 episode of ABC's "NYPD Blue."

The broadcasters want the court to overturn a 1978 decision that upheld the FCC's authority to regulate radio and television content, at least during the hours when children are likely to be watching or listening. That includes the prime-time hours before 10 p.m.

At the very least, the networks say the FCC's current policy is too hard to figure out and penalizes the use of particular words in some instances but not in others.

The administration said that even with the explosion of entertainment options, broadcast programing remains dominant. It also needs to be kept as a dependable "safe haven" of milder programing, the administration said.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. said that if the court were to overrule its 33-year-old decision, "the risk of a race to the bottom is real."

But Carter Phillips, representing the networks in connection with the awards shows, said that little would change because broadcasters would remain sensitive to advertisers and viewers who don't want the airwaves filled with dirty words and nudity.

Phillips and former Solicitor General Seth Waxman, arguing on behalf of ABC, noted that broadcasters could face fines from thousands of pending complaints, including some relating to the broadcast of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. The opening ceremonies "included a statue very much like some of the statues that are here in this courtroom, that had bare breasts and buttocks," Waxman said.

As some justices turned their gaze toward the sculpted marble panels at the top of the courtroom, Waxman pointed to the one above the bench and said, "Right over here, Justice Scalia."

No one mentioned that those sculptures don't appear on television, because the high court does not allow cameras.

The FCC policy under attack flowed from the court's 1978 Pacifica decision, which upheld the FCC's reprimand of a New York radio station for its mid-afternoon airing of a George Carlin monologue containing a 12-minute string of expletives.

For many years, the FCC did not take action against broadcasters for one-time uses of curse words. But, following several awards shows with cursing celebrities in 2002 and 2003, the FCC toughened its policy. It concluded that a one-free-expletive rule did not make sense as a way of keeping the airwaves free of indecency when children are likely to be watching television.

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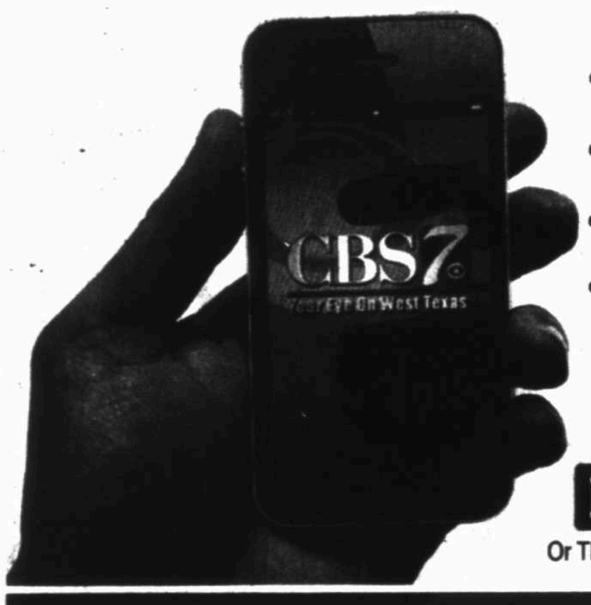

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a DREAM bigger than life

Ebonique Butler, 5, above, follows the lead of Sue Roseberry as she sings "To Make This World a Better Place," Saturday during rehearsals for the upcoming Negro Business & Professional Women's Club Martin Luther King Jr. Day presentation. RIGHT Sue Roseberry demonstrates the energy and grace she wants to see and hear when members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir sing "To Make This World a Better Place," Saturday at Faith Temple Church of God. The youth choir will perform during the MLK Day presentation.

Midland to celebrate contributions of King

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

It all started with a dream.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy will be celebrated in Midland Monday at the "A Dream Bigger Than Life" event hosted by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. The celebration will be 7 p.m. at the newly renovated MLK Jr. Community Center (2300 Butternut Lane). Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the public to view displays and exhibits by civic organizations.

"I think the contributions that Dr. King made were, of course, relevant to the time he lived, but today we still need to remember that and work on practicing the ideals that he championed so well," said Sue Roseberry, the event's committee chairwoman.

The program will include performances by the Alexander Temple Expressions of Praise and the MLK Community Youth Choir, which was comprised of more than 100 youth between the ages of 5 and 20 last year.

"We've had participation by a growing number of youth in our community, which is very important," Roseberry said.

Youth also were encouraged to submit an original poem based on the celebration's theme, and winners will read their works at the celebration.

"I hope that they will be made aware of the contributions of Dr. King on a grander scale," Roseberry said. "Most of us beyond the turbulent '60s remember some of his speeches a little bit or we've heard the 'I have a dream speech,' his most prolific. We need to understand that he was an individual that didn't feel particularly special but he felt like he should do what he could to help humanity. There's a hero living inside of each one of us if we all take the responsibility."

The Rev. Debra Green, co-pastor of the Greater St. Luke AME Church with her husband James, said she is honored to be the event's keynote speaker. Last year was her first time attending the celebrations in Midland, and she was especially touched by the variety of ages there to honor the legacy and works of King.

"I'm glad that they're not just including my age group or older who actually lived through those times when Dr. King was around, but to bring the young peo-

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Photos by Cindeka Nealy

Helping people help themselves

Casa de Amigos starts new semester

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

The year ahead is full of new beginnings for 18-year-old Vivian Sanchez.

After almost five months of preparation, she'll find out if her work has paid off when she tries to pass the GED test Jan. 20. She's studied every day since August to ensure she passes the test before her daughter is born in February.

Sanchez has prepared for the test through classes at Casa de Amigos, which offers a variety of free educational and life skills programs to the public.

Sanchez had dropped out of high school after falling behind in her studies, and the programs have been a path to her dream of attending college to be a veterinary technician. She also currently works at Casa de Amigos through Texas Workforce Solutions, which helps individuals seeking employment find and keep jobs while allowing employers from businesses, education providers, and other state agencies find skilled workers.

Teaching students like Sanchez is Buddy Rush, who has been a GED instructor at the organization for three years. Instead of standing in front of the class, he works with students one-on-one to monitor their progress as they study different subjects. The students range in age, background and goals, as well as ambition, Rush said. For some, it's about being able to earn an extra $2 per hour

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Odessan to compete at rodeo tonight

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

ODESSA — When Brody Bolton gets on the horse tonight for the saddle bronc riding competition, he'll be in front of his neighbors, family and friends.

The Odessa native has traveled the world and competed in rodeos as far away as France and Australia and across the United States and Canada.

But it was at the SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo in Ector County where he sat in a box seat and watched the sport as he grew up.

"My whole life I watched my dad compete there. It was always really exciting and I built up a little anticipation. I decided when I got older, I wanted to compete here," he said.

The 26-year-old has been around rodeos and bullriding his whole life, watching as his father, Toya, competed as a bullrider and then as his younger brother, Bonner, took on the sport. Over the years, though, Bolton has focused more on bronc riding because he always was drawn more to that sport.

The first time he competed

Please see **RODEO**/6B

Dietitian improves others' eating habits for healthier lifestyle

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Cooking is what changed everything for Cynthia Spurgat as a student at Texas Christian University.

After trading her music minor out for nutrition and transferring from a small school in Michigan to Texas Christian University, the biology major found she could combine her studies with a passion for food. The hands-on classes allowed her to cook a variety of foods while learning about meal management, cooking on a budget and food preparation and handling.

"It allowed you to know that you can have fun with food," she said. "And now it helps me pass that onto my patients."

Spurgat works as a clinical dietitian at Midland Memorial Hospital, providing nutrition education to patients required to make dietary changes.

Spurgat, who is registered and licensed as a dietitian, is taking online classes for her master's in nutrition at Texas Tech University, and is due to graduate in May.

Though she didn't graduate with an undergraduate degree in nutrition, Spurgat said it would

Please see **DIETITIAN**/3B

Clinical dietitian Cynthia Spurgat, center, talks to heart attack patient Ruben Oliva, with the assistance of certified medical interpreter and registered nurse Mirella Valenzuela Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital. Spurgat was discussing the types of foods Oliva can eat while on his cardiac diet Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Cindeka Nealy Reporter-Telegram

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C. L. Stephenson

C.L. Stephenson was born on May 13, 1916, to Leon Collin Stephenson and Denie Wreford Stephenson in Rodchester, Texas. The family moved to Midland in 1927. He graduated from Midland High School in 1934 and served in the US Army during World War II and in the South Pacific. C.L. returned to Midland and shortly after, went into the construction business. He was in the building and storage unit business for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Lela Stephenson; three sons, Donald K. Stephenson and wife, Doris of Caldwell, Texas, Gerald R. Stephenson and wife, Nita and Ronald L. Stephenson, all of Midland; a step-son, Randy Barr and wife, Jana of Victoria, Texas; two step daughters, Karen Oliver of Midland, and Teressa Martin and husband, Bob of Colorado City; thirteen grandchildren; and thirteen great grandchildren.

C.L. was a member of the Midland Masonic Lodge # 623, York Rite, Scottish Rites, and Suez Shrine Temple. He also was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Eagles, and Moose Lodges.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Texas Scottish Rites Children Hospital of Dallas, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, TX 75219-3993; the Shriners Crippled Children Hospital of Houston, 6621 Fannin St # A165, Houston, TX; or to the Shriners Burn Hospital, 815 Market St., Galveston, TX 77550.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 13, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, with Rev. Terry Easley, pastor of Gardendale Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Masonic Rites.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Glen Stephenson, Chris Stephenson, Mike Stephenson, Mick Martin, and Brandon Barr, and great grandson, Justin Stephenson.

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

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Helen Elizabeth Fletcher

Helen Elizabeth Fletcher passed in her sleep early Monday morning, January 9, 2012, at the Family Care Center in Kingston, Oklahoma. She was 97 years old. Helen was born to William and Bertha Sloan on December 11, 1914, in Waterman, Texas. She was raised in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and eventually made her way to West Texas, where she met JE Wootton. They were married and had two children, Mary Frances and Thomas Sloan. They lived their lives together while Jay worked the oil fields of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Helen became a successful realtor when they eventually settled in Midland, Texas, and her first Real Estate Convention in the Orient turned her into a world traveler. Helen visited many places around the world more than one time, including Western Europe, Russia, China, and Africa. After Jay's passing in 1971, Helen eventually married John Fletcher of Hobbs, New Mexico, in 1979, where they lived together until 1989, when John passed. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Hobbs and she loved golf, interior decorating, playing the organ, violin, and accordion. She was a great artist and had her pilot's license and loved to fly. Helen moved to Buncombe Creek in 1999 to be near her son, Tom, and daughter-in-law Karen Wootton.

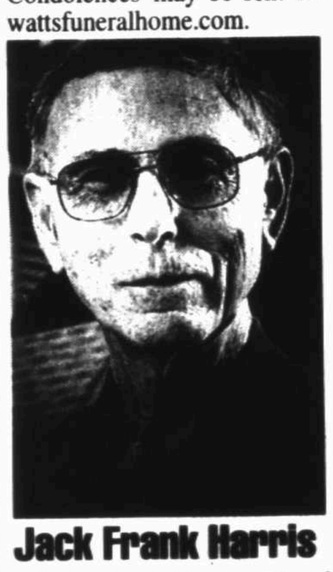
Helen is preceded in death by her parents; one sister and three brothers; her husbands, JE Wootton and John Fletcher; and her daughter, Mary Frances Zittel.

She is survived by her son, Thomas Sloan Wootton, and his wife, Karen, of Buncombe Creek; her granddaughter, Terri Weir, and her husband, Skip, of Durant, Oklahoma; grandsons, Wayne Van Buren and his wife, Marsha, and Dace Van Buren of Buncombe Creek. Also, son-in-law Harold Zittel, of Wheatland, Missouri, and granddaughters, Tina and Rita Tripp of Kansas City, Missouri. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Carissa, and her husband Jacob, Taylor, Jessica, Gilbert, Brent, Charles, Nathan, and Dale, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sherry Howard, Activity Director, at the Family Care Center in Kingston, or the Buncombe Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at the Watts Funeral Home, Kingston, Oklahoma, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a family hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Graveside services will be Friday, January 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Resthaven Memoriai Park, Midland, Texas. Harold Armstrong will officiate the service. Services will be under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to: wattsfuneralhome.com.



Jack Frank Harris

Jack Frank Harris, 76, of Mineral, Virginia, died Saturday, January 7, 2012, at Mary Washington Hospital.

Mr. Harris graduated from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas. He loved water skiing with his family and was an avid builder and woodworker. He had an interest in genealogy, especially the Revolutionary War Patriots.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Creswell Harris; his children, Deborah Kay Jones of Brisbane, Australia, Jack F. Harris, Jr. of Long Island, New York, and William R. Harris of Harrisonburg, Virginia; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dehlia Ann Kroner.

A service will be held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, January 14 at Covenant Funeral Service, Fredericksburg Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851.

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James W. "Jim" Jordan

James W. "Jim" Jordan, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2012. He passed away peacefully at his home, with his son, daughter, and son-in-law by his side, after a yearlong battle with cancer. Jim was born October 14, 1937, in St. Louis, Oklahoma, to Tom and Edith Jordan. The family moved to the West Texas oil fields in 1949.

Jim graduated from high school in Jal, New Mexico, in 1955. He then attended Sul Ross University, Eastern New Mexico University, and Oklahoma Central State.

Jim joined the U. S. Navy in 1958 and served aboard the U. S. S. Hancock C. V. A. - 19, where he advanced to FT - PO2 in electronics. He was honorably discharged in September 1962. He enjoyed his naval service and was very proud and patriotic. He believed it was his duty to serve and protect the greatest country in the world. During his service, he visited many places including Hawaii, Guam, the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, and many Japanese ports. After his service, he was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone, out of Oklahoma City, until 1965, when he moved to Midland. He was then employed by Mobil Oil Corporation.

He married Doris Wallace on July 2, 1965. They had two children.

Jim took early retirement in 1990 to care for his ailing wife. He had always enjoyed woodworking and started up a small business selling items at craft shows in West Texas and New Mexico. He then expanded to sterling silver jewelry and framed prints. He especially enjoyed participating in the Seminole Trade Days in Seminole, Texas, and Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton, Texas, and visiting with the many friends he made there. He truly loved West Texas.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Edith Jordan; his wife, Doris Jordan; sister, Laveta Tiffin; nephew, Gary Tiffin.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey Jordan of Midland; his daughter, Leslie Sorrel and son-in-law, Phillip Sorrel of Midland; and his beloved dog, Sam.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Jim's Seminole Trade Days family for all the prayers, love, and support.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 13, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home. The graveside service is planned for Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Mary Wallace officiating. Pallbearers will be: Mike Murray, Carl Curtis, Butch Ragsdale, Joe Garcia, Mickey Sorrel, and Mike Patton.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Joshua Todd Brooks

Joshua Todd Brooks, 27, passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2012. He was born December 4, 1984, to James Todd Brooks and Nancy Lynn Lamb. He grew up in Midland and was a loving brother, son, and friend. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 2003. He loved soccer and was an outstanding player throughout his youth and was also a loyal fan to the Dallas Cowboys. He was down to earth, witty, smart and had a fondness for old things like trucks and country music. Most of all, he loved his family and was very proud of his brothers and sister.

He knew more than any of the adults in his life and would argue his point until the end. Josh would bet on "anything", even if it was a bad bet. He feared nothing and often would take up for the underdog. His heart was extremely big and he had the kind of conscience that made him tell on himself, even if it landed him in deep trouble. He was a sensitive and honest man, who never forgot to say "I'm sorry", and make things right again. Josh was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church.

Joshua is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James Russell Brooks and his maternal grandmother, Eula Marie Gann.

Survivors include his father, James Todd Brooks and his step-mom, Dianne Brooks; and his mother, Nancy Lynn Brooks and her fiancé, Charlie Ausley; his brothers: Aaron Scott Brooks, Cody Lane Brooks, and Cheyne Ausley and wife, Charmaine; his sister, Bailey Anne Brooks; his grandmother, Linda Brooks, grandfather, William Lamb of Shelbyville, IL; and Bobby Gann of Midland, TX; grandparents Lane and Beth Fletcher of Hamlin, TX; uncles and aunts: Bill and Rhonda Lamb, Tina and Danny Hobbs, and Tom Lamb and Wayne Lamb, Russell and Cindy Brooks, Mike and Denise Zachary, Amy Fletcher and Scott Dean, Mike Fletcher and Lanie Kulbeth, Mitch Fletcher, and Traci Whatley; numerous cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, a love offering account has been set up at Community National Bank under Joshua Brooks, c/o Todd Brooks, Attention Lyndia.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service is planned for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Greenwood Baptist Church, with interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be placed at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Louise Thames Culver

Louise Thames Culver went to her heavenly home and family on January 9, 2012. Louise was born on December 8, 1928, to Aubrey Beaumont Thames and wife, Mattie. She grew up in Coleman, Texas, and was blessed to be guided and loved by her grandmother, Effie L. Thames.

Louise married Roy Conner Culver January 23, 1947. Conner went to his heavenly home in 1992. There will be a great and grand reunion.

She is survived by three children, Lee Conner Culver and wife, Patsy, Paul David Culver, and Deborah Louise Culver and husband, David Whiles. She is a grandmother of six, Jason Paul Whiles and wife, Molly, Jared Whiles and wife, Michelle, Bethany Whiles Jones and husband, Josh, Timothy Lee Culver and fiancée, Cyndy Kersh, and sons, Mason and Kristian, Kimberly Culver, and Paul's daughter, Kristin. She is doubly blessed with eight great grandchildren, Wilson, Dexter, Clara, and Everett, (Jason's children), Conner and Belyn (Jared's son and daughter), and Cooper and Whitten (sons of Bethany and Josh Jones). In addition, there are four nephews and their families, Judge T.R. Culver III, Richard Culver, Charles Culver, and John Culver, all from the Houston area. Louise's sister, Vivian McCabe and daughter, Jan Ferrier and her daughters, Lacy and Heather Ferrier; and son, Bruce McCabe and family; and her cousin, Eleanor Rogers and husband Boyd.

Louise enjoyed her life, her church, her family, and friends. She sold Real Estate for over forty years, having owned Carriage Company Realtors, that was started in 1971, with four partners, and later became the owner. The company merged with Langston Realtors in 1999. She was a certified Real Estate Broker, a Certified Residential Specialist, and a graduate of the Real Estate Institute. She was dedicated to finding the best solution for all her clients in Real Estate transactions. She retired in 2005.

She enjoyed her church, but especially her Naomi Sunday School Class, James Department. Louise was a member of the First Baptist Church for forty five years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 13, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 12, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

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

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May Bell Copeland

May Bell Copeland passed away on Saturday, January 7, 2012, in Midland, Texas. She was born on September 21, 1927, to Joe and Mittie Cowart in Abilene, Texas. She married J. C. Copeland on May 8, 1943. May Bell always thought that her greatest accomplishments in life were her children, grandchildren, and great-grand children. She devoted her life to her family and always opened her door to many friends, and always to any family members. She was a faithful, long-time member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church of Midland. She was a room mother and a PTA president for many years at West Elementary in Midland. She was very involved in any type of sports or activities that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren participated in. She was head score keeper and in charge of concessions when her sons played Little League Baseball in Midland.

May Bell was preceded in death by her beloved husband, J.C. Copeland; both of her parents; one sister; two brothers; and a son-in-law.

She is survived by her children: daughter, Linda and husband, Bill Owen of Miller Grove, Texas; son, Jackie and wife, Pam Copeland of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Karen Hendrix; son, Terry and wife, Carolyn Copeland; son, Roger and wife, Shelly Copeland; son, Coyet and wife Julie Copeland, all of Midland, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Jeff and wife, Melanie Copeland of Grand Prairie, Texas, Todd and wife, Phyliss Swaim of Arlington, Texas, Ami and husband, Adam Jones of Dallas, Texas, Chris and wife, Calley Copeland of San Antonio, Texas, Sarah and husband, Dusty Burger of Midland, Texas, Laura Copeland of Dallas, Texas, Paige, Kyle, and Ryan Copeland all of Midland, Texas; and great-grandchildren: Curt and Hayley Copeland of Grand Prairie, Texas, Mason and Mallory Burger of Midland, Texas; and one brother, Donnie and wife, Thelma Cowart of Milton, Florida; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be May Bell's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Bobby Lee of Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to Home Hospice, The American Cancer Society, or to a charity of your choice.

Special thanks to Paula Telford and the staff at Hospice Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital for all their kindness during our mother's illness.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, January 12, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A graveside service is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Michael Jeffrey "Mikey" Hamm

Michael Jeffrey "Mikey" Hamm, of New York, passed away on January 7, 2012, in Fort Worth, surrounded by many friends and his family.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Crestview Baptist Church, with Dr. John Gerlach and Dr. Larry Ashlock, officiating. The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Mikey was born on June 24, 1983, in Midland, to Richard and Jamie Hamm. Mike attended Robert E. Lee High School, where he was a member of the student council and the cheerleading team. During his high school years, Mike was also a member of the Midland Community Theatre Pickwick Players. Mike's family loved watching him as lead in several plays at Midland Community Theatre. Upon graduation from Robert E. Lee High School in 2002, Mike attended Texas State University. Mike met many friends and made many memories during his time at Texas State and while living and working in Austin, Texas. Two years ago, Mike's dream of moving to New York City came true. He and one of his best friends took the plunge together and have enjoyed every minute of it. Mike worked as a freelance illustrator as well as in a retail shop selling knick-knacks as eclectic as he was. Mike enjoyed "doodling" and designing shirts and postcards for all of his family and friends. His unique creative design was popular with everyone who was lucky enough to receive a drawing, shirt, or card from him. Most recently, Mike designed shirts that were worn by pop music star Rhianna's backup dancers. Mike will forever be remembered as the man with the red mustache who had the biggest heart in the world. Mike will not only dance on in the hearts of all his family and friends, but also in the lives of the many people he touched through the life gift organ donor program.

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Mike is survived by his parents, Jamie and Rick Hamm; his sisters, Halee Hamm and Jennifer Hamm-Henshaw, Jennifer's fiancé, Bryan Bishop and his children, Kellee and Brayden Bishop; his niece, Addison Grace Henshaw; his Mimi and Grandaddy, Jody and Merv Hale. Mike is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express their sincerest appreciation for all of the love and support received over the past two weeks. Your unconditional love for Mike and his family continues to carry them through this difficult time.

The family requests all donations in honor of Mike be made to the charity of your choice.

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

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Romell Pringle

Funeral services for Romell Pringle, 93, will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Church of Christ in Lamesa, with Mark Hackett, officiating. Burial will be on Thursday, at 2:00 p.m., at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2012, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., at Branon Funeral Home.

Romell passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in Lamesa. She was born on July 16, 1918, in Streeter, Texas, to M.T. and Lela (Reese) Pike. She married W.R. "Bob" Pringle on January 23, 1937, in Midland. He preceded her in death on February 19, 1976. They were married for 39 years.

She is survived by 3 sons, R.R. "Runt" Pringle and wife, Linda of Lamesa, Raymond Pringle and wife, Judy of Lubbock, and Rubin Pringle and wife, Sheryl of Lott; 7 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Romell was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob Pringle; 3 brothers, C.J. "Jay" Pike, Bill Pike, and Leonard Pike; 1 sister, Loraine Chatham; and daughter-in-law, Ruby Pringle.

The family suggests memorials to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408.

The family would also like to say a special thank you to the wonderful staff at Sage Nursing Home and the nurses of Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa.

Olive Carolyn Vick Cowden

Olive Carolyn Vick Cowden, 101, of Midland, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Olive was born on September 2, 1910, in Valentine, Texas, to Dr. Benjamin and Emma Smith Vick. Olive was formally trained as a concert pianist, in El Paso, during her school years, before attending the University of Texas at Austin. In lieu of pursuing a professional music career in New York, Olive eloped with Allen Cowden on December 28, 1929, to become a rancher's wife. She and Allen had their first child, Emma Sue Cowden Hightower, in El Paso in June 1931. After ranching all over West Texas, the family settled in Midland and on the Dollarhide Ranch. Their son, James Coley Cowden, was born in Midland in September 1941. Their marriage lasted for 60 wonderful years.

Olive was an active prominent citizen of Midland, who was involved in many clubs and organizations. She and Allen were longstanding members of First Baptist Church Midland, Midland Country Club, Midland Racquet Club, and Midland Petroleum Club.

Olive was a strong rancher's wife, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A woman with a zest for life, she loved to cook, entertain family and friends, work in her rose gardens, and travel the world. The light in her beautiful blue eyes was so palpable and welcoming that she never met a stranger!

Olive was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Cowden; her sister, Opal Vick Abshire; her daughter, Emma Sue Cowden Hightower; and her son in law, H. Wayne Hightower.

Survivors include: son, James Coley Cowden and wife, Jeanie Tunstill Cowden of Austin; grandchildren, Martha Hightower Reyes and husband, Richard Reyes of Tarpley; H. Wayne "Buddy" Hightower, Jr. and wife, Alisa Turley Hightower of Houston; Christy Cowden Little of Houston; James Coley "Duke" Cowden, Jr. and wife, Heidi Tobleman Cowden, and Allen Tunstill Cowden, and wife, Kristin Wenning Cowden, all of Austin; and thirteen great grand children.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Hon. Thomas R. Craddick, F. Ferrell Davis, Tevis H. Herd, James Locklar, Joseph I. O'Neill III, Judge Rodney W. Satterwhite, Robert M. Speed, James R. Tom, Jack B. Wilkinson, Jr. and Dr. Charles M. Younger.

The family gratefully thanks and highly praises her loving caretakers: Janie Roberts, Marsha Dunson, Grace Cobos, Maria Jurado, Loretta McLaughlin, Pamela Polly and Daisy Segovia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Dr. Gregory Bartha Scholarship at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705; West Kentucky Baptist Church, 1507 W. Kentucky Ave. Midland, Texas 79701; Charles M. Younger, M.D. Endowment Fund at Midland Memorial Foundation, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701; and The Springboard Center, 200 Corporate Drive, Midland, Texas 79705.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m.

Sophie Galindo

Sophie Galindo, 90, long time Lamesa, Texas resident, passed away on January 9, 2012, in College Station, while visiting family. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, with Father Edwardo Teo, officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Rosary will be said on Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m., at Branon Funeral Home Chapel.

Sophie was born on August 20, 1921, in Monterey, Mexico, and later proudly became a United States citizen. Her husband, Jesus R. Galindo, preceded Sophie in death in 1983. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Tillie and Lupe Ortiz, Sr., of Lamesa, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Polly and Ruben Vargas, Sr. of Midland, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Kandi and Jim Bryan of College Station, TX; grandchildren, Cynthia, Lupe Jr., Jesse, Sandra, Michael, Victor, Ruben, Jr. and Wayde; 16 great-grand children and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Sophie was the eldest of nine children. She is preceded in death by parents, Ignacio and Josepha Gonzales; sisters, Connie Rodriguez and Esperanza Hernandez. She is survived by brothers, Ignacio Gonzales of Lamesa, Frank Gonzales of Lamesa, and Felix Gonzales of Lamesa; sisters Cleo Bailon of Phoenix, AZ, Gloria Barron of Lamesa and Mary Menjares of Lamesa.

Sophie was a loving, caring, and giving person, and for many years she and Jesse were foster parents to more than 30 children. She was a member of the Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lamesa.

Angel Lopez

Angel Lopez passed away January 6, 2012 in Midland, Texas. He was born January 6, 2012 in Midland, Texas to Valerie Moreno and Mickey Lopez of Stanton, Texas.

Angel is survived by his parents, Valerie Moreno and Mickey Lopez of Stanton, Texas; a sister, Ashlin Lopez of Stanton, Texas; 3 brothers, Jaime Montour, Javier Lopez and Nicholas Lopez all of Stanton, Texas; his maternal grandparents, Rita Deathridge and Robert Moreno, Sr. of Stanton, Texas; paternal grandparents, Mickey, Sr. and Lupe Lopez of Stanton, Texas.

Graveside services will be help Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Stanton, Texas. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Death Notices

Jonathan L. Smith

Funeral service for Jonathan L. Smith, 60, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Jonathan L. Smith died December 25, 2011, at a local hospital.

Patricia Lee Hunter

Funeral service for Patricia Lee Hunter, 58, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Patricia Lee Hunter died December 31, 2011, in Denver, Colorado.

Tammy Lynn Torres

Tammy Lynn Torres, 47, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012.

Memorial services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son, Jesus Naidas; one daughter, Tiffany Torres; father, Memo Torres; three sisters, Nancy Torres, Nicky Torres, and Tarrina Zambrono; two brothers, Butch Torres and Eddie Torres; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Peanut farmer's son never loved picking cotton

When Bob Caffey of Sidney was growing up, his daddy was a peanut farmer. Bob made fun of all the kids who had to help their families pick cotton. Word got back to Caffey's dad about his son's smart remarks and one day when Caffey came home from school he saw a brand new cotton sack on the front porch. He ignored it and walked on in the house. His daddy asked, "Did you see your new cotton sack out on the porch?" Caffey said he didn't own a cotton sack. His dad said, "You do now. And you're going to the cotton fields tomorrow when you get out of school."

Caffey said one of the most embarrassing moments in his life was when he got on that school bus with his cotton sack. The kids made fun of Caffey and said things like, "Look who's got a new cotton sack. Peanut boy."

After school, the kids went to the cotton patch, Caffey among them. His fellow students said bad things to him all the way to the field. He started trying to put his cotton sack over his shoulder.

"It's hard to get it where it's comfortable," said Caffey. "They told me which two rows to pick on and I went to work. It didn't take me long to realize I wasn't doing too good 'cause everybody else was way ahead of me. I decided right then that if I was going to have to spend some time in the cotton fields doing hard labor, something good ought to come from it," he said.

Caffey racked his brain and came up with a plan.

Perry's Five and Dime Store was on the south side of the square in Comanche. The store sold BB guns, and Caffey wanted one real bad. It cost $6.95. He looked at those guns every time he went to town.

He worked all that week picking cotton and Friday afternoon he was paid $6.65, 30 cents short of his goal. He asked his boss if he could stay and pick until dark. The man said it would be OK, that Caffey would get the $6.95 now and when he had weighed out 30 cents' worth of cotton he could just leave his sack on the scales. So Caffey went back to the field and worked into the night. He weighed his sack and still didn't have enough cotton. He went back the next morning and picked until he had the required amount. He went home just as his parents were leaving for town. He climbed in the car with them.

Caffey went right over to Perry's and pointed to the gun he wanted. The clerk handed over the display model. Caffey said, "Oh, no. I don't want that one. It has fingerprints on it. I want a brand new one in a box. He put his $6.95 down and walked out the door with his purchase under his arm and suddenly had a sick feeling. No BB's and no more money. Caffey didn't go to his daddy. He went to his mother.

"Boys can work mothers and I told her my sad story and really poured it on that I had worked extra hard all week to earn enough to pay for the gun, but needed some ammo. She felt sorry for me and handed over a dime. That bought two boxes of BB's. I was one happy boy."

Caffey never did learn to love picking cotton.

Puerto Rico pioneer singer dies at 92

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Ruth Fernandez, a pioneer Puerto Rican singer who broke racial and gender barriers and was later elected a senator for the U.S. territory, has died. She was 92.

Fernandez died late Monday of septic shock and pneumonia, producer Vicky Hernandez told reporters.

Many Puerto Ricans on Tuesday mourned the passing of the woman with a deep voice known as the "soul of Puerto Rican song." The government declared three days of official mourning with Puerto Rican and U.S. flags flown at half staff.

"A true glory of Puerto Rico has died," former Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon said. "Ruth Fernandez was a pioneer in several artistic fields, and she blazed a trail so that other Puerto Rican artists could gain prominence on the island and project themselves at an international level."

"Arriba, corazones!" ("Lift up your hearts!") was the trademark exhortation of Fernandez, who was the first woman singer to perform in a Puerto Rican orchestra.

She also broke barriers off the Caribbean island, performing as the first popular music interpreter booked by the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, according to Puerto Rico's nonprofit National Foundation for Popular Culture.

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help one's chances of being accepted to graduate school for the same subject. Having a master's degree was not necessary for her to take the job at Midland Memorial, but Spurgat said she does see the field making that shift in the future. Currently, students must complete an internship before graduating with a master's degree from Texas Tech.

During Spurgat's own internship through the university, she did rotations in community nutrition, clinical nutrition and food service. She participated in mock food inspections, budgeting and menu planning.

"I had the most fun in my clinical rotation," she said.

The clinical dietary field requires critical thinking, Spurgat said, and provides the chance to change someone's life in a short period of time. Some patients may have multiple conditions to consider when creating a diet plan, and Spurgat must include any lab results or current prescriptions in her decision-making process.

"We work closely with nurses since they have a lot of inside info," she said. "It's a team-based approach to help patients."

Spurgat begins her day doing consultations with patients and family members, which are classified at different levels of nutritional needs that will determine how often she meets with them.

The hospital's staff includes four full-time dietitians, one PRN and a dietitian specializing in outpatients and diabetes.

"When you're in the clinical setting, your knowledge has to be broad," Spurgat said. "Every day is different; that's what I love about it."

Continuing education is important within the field of nutrition, and Spurgat said the director of nutrition at the hospital provides the team with books and courses on subjects they choose to explore.

For those considering a career in nutrition, Spurgat encouraged individuals to find out what kinds interest them from the wide variety of study areas available — sports, pediatric, clinical or other. Other helpful passions are cooking and helping others.

"I love being able to share my knowledge with people to improve their lifestyle," she said. "It's OK to have your cake and eat it too; just not every day."

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at their current jobs; for others, it's a pathway to college.

"It gives them a step up, a start, in whatever it is they want to do," he said.

Other programs offered by Casa de Amigos include a computer class, sewing and English Language Development. Youth education activities are also available, such as homework help and tutoring. Monday marked a new semester for students in the classes, which aim to mirror Casa de Amigos' mission of "helping people help themselves."

"It's a good time of year to think about future goals," said Lynn Rogers, Casa de Amigos director of public relations. "We hope we can be a good resource for people."

Rufina Gomez has been working with students in the English Language Development program for almost three years. Gomez, who has low vision impairment, started as a volunteer through the Texas Commission for the Blind. What began as a way to get out of the house now has become a passion to help others gain life skills. Many adult students take the class as a way to communicate with their children's teachers and other day-to-day interactions with English speakers, Gomez said.

"My students are my life," she said. "They keep coming day after day after day. Where there's a will, there's a way."

To learn more about the programs offered by Casa de Amigos, contact the office at 682-9701.

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MLK

From 1B

ple and get them involved so that they will have the pride to carry this on when we're gone," she said. "To have a black president, they're in a time they see what Dr. King was talking about — they're actually living it. When they grow older they'll be able to inform their children and keep this program going."

The teachings of Dr. King continue to be relevant in today's society, Green and Roseberry said, and apply to a variety of demographics.

"No matter what age you are, continue to dream," Green said. "Dreams do come true. And when we dream, we ought to not have selfish dreams — when my dream comes true, that dream should open a path for somebody. It ought to be inclusive."

"We shall overcome" goes the protest song made famous during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, but Green reminds that the lyric ends with "some day." Still, she sees that day on the horizon.

"I hear people say, 'We've come a long way and still have a long way to go,'" she said. "But I believe that because we've come so far, I don't think the way is that much farther to go."

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ALL THE DETAILS

What: "A Dream Bigger Than Life" event hosted by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

When: 7 p.m. Monday

Where: MLK Jr. Community Center (2300 Butternut Lane).

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the public to view displays and exhibits by civic organizations.

COMFORT FOOD

Comfort foods are perfect for cold weather

Comfort foods are those that may have nostalgic or sentimental feelings attached to them. Cooking these dishes might bring back memories of times spent in the kitchen with your family or they might make you think of something you used to eat as a child. A peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich may remind you of your mom who packed your lunch each day for school. No recipe is needed, but it is hard to copy the love I am sure was one of the ingredients.

Most of these foods are simple and quick to prepare. Remember the tuna casserole with potato chips sprinkled on the top? How about the meatloaf covered with tomato sauce or the banana pudding with the vanilla wafers? A pot roast is always on my list of comfort foods, and after you have eaten a meal or two from it, you can chop it up and make shepherd's pie with mashed potatoes on top.

Weather changes also can make people crave comfort foods. Cold weather brings out the stew, pot pie, soup and chili lovers. The recent snow has encouraged me to pull out some of our favorite comfort dishes. Hopefully some of these recipes are at the top of your list as well.

Hash Brown Casserole

From "Texas Bed and Breakfast Cookbook"

1 (30-ounce) bag frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
1 small yellow onion, chopped
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, melted
8 ounces Velveeta cheese, melted
1 cup sour cream
1 (10-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
Topping:
1 1/2 cups crushed corn flakes
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, melted

Preheat oven to 325. Put frozen potatoes and chopped onions in an ungreased 9x13-inch baking dish. Pour 1/2 cup melted butter over the potatoes and onions. In a separate bowl, combine melted Velveeta, sour cream, and soup; pour over the ingredients in the baking dish. Top with crushed corn flakes. Drizzle remaining 1/2 cup melted butter over the corn flakes. Bake uncovered for 45-60 minutes (the longer it bakes, the crispier the top).

Note: This dish can be prepared a day ahead (except for the corn flakes and butter topping); covered and refrigerated. Top with the corn flakes and 1/2 stick of melted butter just before baking.

Good Ol' Tuna Casserole

From "More Kitchen Keepsakes"

1 (7-ounce) can flaked tuna
1 can cream of mushroom soup
3 cups cooked noodles
1 (5-ounce) package frozen peas or 1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup American processed cheese, grated
1/2 cup crushed potato chips

In a buttered casserole, combine all ingredients except potato chips, and mix well. Top with crushed potato chips. Bake at 325 for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

From "The Ski House Cookbook"

4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, plus more for the baking dish
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1 quart whole milk
3 cups (12 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar
2 cups (8-ounces) shredded Monterey Jack
1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 pound dried pasta, such as macaroni or penne

Preheat oven to 375. Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish and set aside. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Melt the 4 tablespoons butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring frequently. Slowly pour in the milk, whisking constantly until smooth. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 3 minutes, or until the sauce is thickened.

Remove from the heat and add 2 cups of the Cheddar and 1 cup of the Monterey Jack; stir until melted. Add the mustard, cayenne and salt and pepper to taste. Meanwhile, add the pasta to the boiling water and cook for 10 to 12 minutes, or until al dente. Drain the pasta thoroughly and return it to the pot. Add the cheese sauce and stir until combined. Spread the pasta mixture in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle the remaining 1 cup Cheddar and 1 cup Monterey Jack evenly over the top. Bake for 30 minutes, or until bubbling and golden on top. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

FOOD ETC.

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Bush's Best Three Bean Chili

From "All Recipes All-Time Best Brand Recipes"

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 Tablespoon chili powder
1 small yellow onion, chopped
1 small green bell pepper, chopped
2 (16-ounce) cans Bush's Best Dark Red Kidney Beans
2 (16-ounce) cans Bush's Best Pinto Beans
2 (15-ounce) cans Bush's Best Black Beans
1 (14.5-ounce) can tomatoes
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Cinnamon to taste
Sour cream (optional)

Brown ground beef in a heavy Dutch oven or soup pot. Add chili powder and mix well. Add onion and bell pepper to meat and cook for 2 minutes. Drain excess grease. Stir in remaining ingredients except sour cream. Simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. Top each serving with a dollop of sour cream, if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

Best Ever Pot Roast

From "Kitchen Keepsakes"

3-4 pound arm roast
2 cups water
Lawry's seasoned salt
Pepper
1 bay leaf (optional)
6 potatoes, pared and cut in pieces
6-8 carrots, peeled and cut in pieces
2 onions, quartered
Gravy:
3-4 Tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Kitchen Bouquet

Set pot roast in roasting pan, sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper. Add 2 cups water and bay leaf; cover and cook in 250 oven for 5-6 hours. About an hour before supper, add vegetables and turn up oven to 325. (You can put the roast in frozen, only do it an hour or so earlier.) Remove meat and vegetables from roaster and set pan on stove top to make gravy. While stirring constantly over medium high heat, add enough cornstarch, dissolved in cold water to drippings to make desired consistency. Season with salt, pepper and Kitchen Bouquet.

Meat Loaf

From "Lariue Country Kitchens"

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup cracker crumbs
2 stalks celery, chopped
1/2 cup cubed American or Cheddar cheese
1 large onion, chopped
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 egg
1/2 (10 1/2 -ounce) can condensed tomato soup
1/2 medium green pepper, chopped
1/2 teaspoon pepper
American cheese slices
1/2 cup water
1/2 (10 1/2 -ounce) can condensed tomato soup

Combine first 10 ingredients. Mix well and form into one large or two small meat loaves. Freeze, if desired, and bake without thawing. Just unwrap, place in greased baking dish and top with cheese slices. Combine water and tomato soup and pour over cheese slices. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Old Fashioned Chicken and Dumplings

From "Lone Star Legacy"

4 chicken breasts or 1 whole chicken
6 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon minced onion
1 Tablespoon instant chicken bouillon
1 Tablespoon dried parsley
2 Tablespoons margarine
1/2 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon pepper
1 cup milk
Dumplings:
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk

In a large pot, combine chicken, water, salt and onion, and boil until done. Remove chicken, cool and debone. Cut into bite-size pieces. Save broth for cooking.

Mix dumpling ingredients to form a very stiff dough and drop by teaspoons into boiling chicken broth. Add deboned chicken, and remaining ingredients; boil 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Keep warm until serving. If broth is not thick enough, add flour and water. If broth is too thick, add more milk. Serves 6.

Traditional Southern Fried Chicken

From "Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House Cookbook"

1 (2 to 2 1/2 -pound) chicken
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
3 cups lard (or shortening)

Cut chicken into frying pieces. In a shallow bowl, beat eggs, then stir in milk, salt, and pepper. Soak chicken in milk mixture 5-10 minutes. Roll chicken in flour, being sure to completely cover each piece. Set aside to dry.

In a large cast-iron skillet, melt lard over medium high heat. When fat is very hot, add thighs and legs and cook for several minutes. Add other pieces,being careful not to over crowd the skillet. Continue cooking until chicken is golden brown on one side, about 5 minutes. Turn and brown on other side. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cover pan and cook 15 minutes. Turn pieces, cover, and continue to cook 15 minutes longer. Uncover during last 5-10 minutes so the crust will be crisp. Yield: 4-5 servings.

Lentil-Tomato Soup

From Taste of Home, November 2011

4 1/2 cups water
4 medium carrots, sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
2/3 cup dried lentils, rinsed
1 can (6-ounces) tomato paste
2 Tablespoons minced fresh parsley
1 Tablespoon brown sugar
1 Tablespoon white vinegar
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon dill weed
1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a large saucepan, combine the water, carrots, onion and lentils; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20-25 minutes or until vegetables and lentils are tender. Stir in the remaining ingredients; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes to allow flavors to blend.

Banana Pudding

From "Keepers"

2 (3.4-ounce) packages French vanilla pudding
3 1/2 cups milk
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 (12-ounce) carton Cool Whip
4-5 large bananas
1 box vanilla wafers

Beat pudding and milk together until thick. Stir in Eagle Brand milk and Cool Whip. Layer pudding mixture with bananas and vanilla wafers in large bowl or trifle dish.

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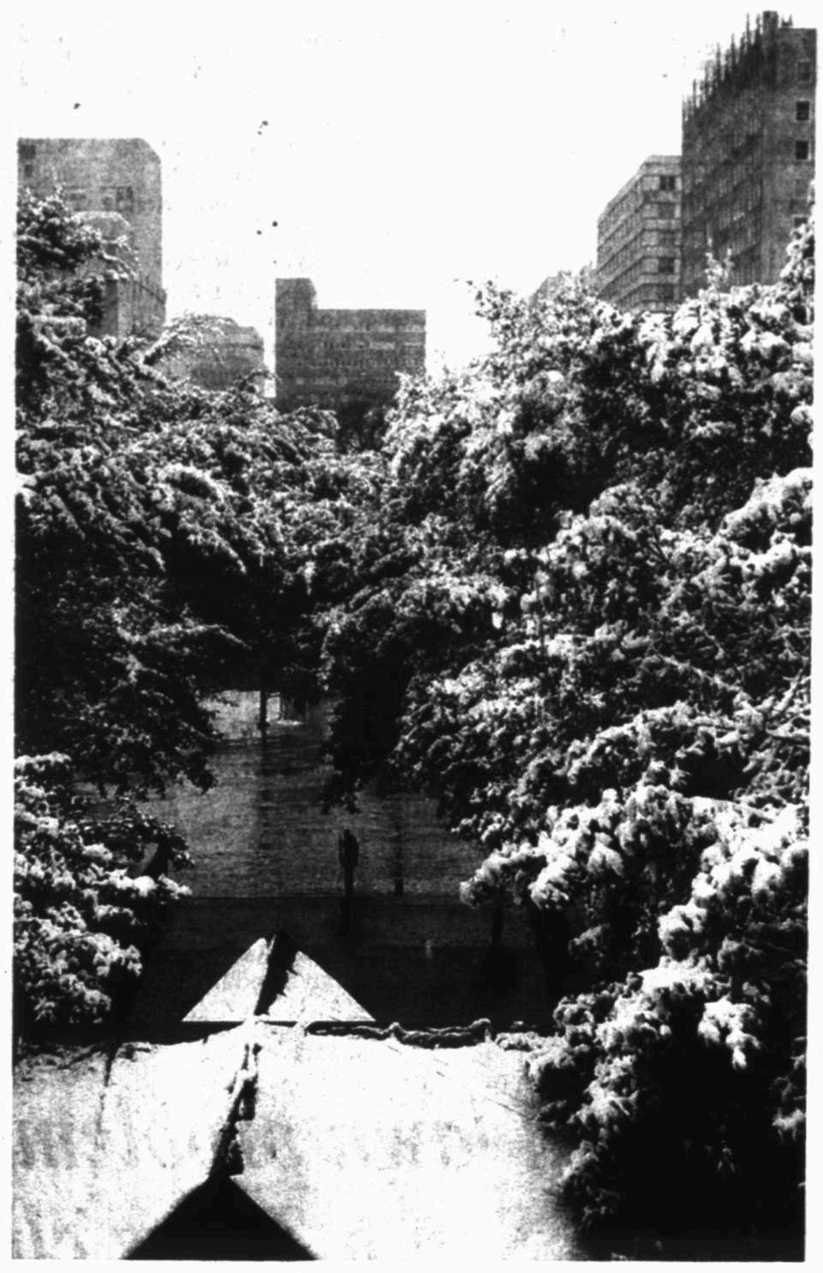

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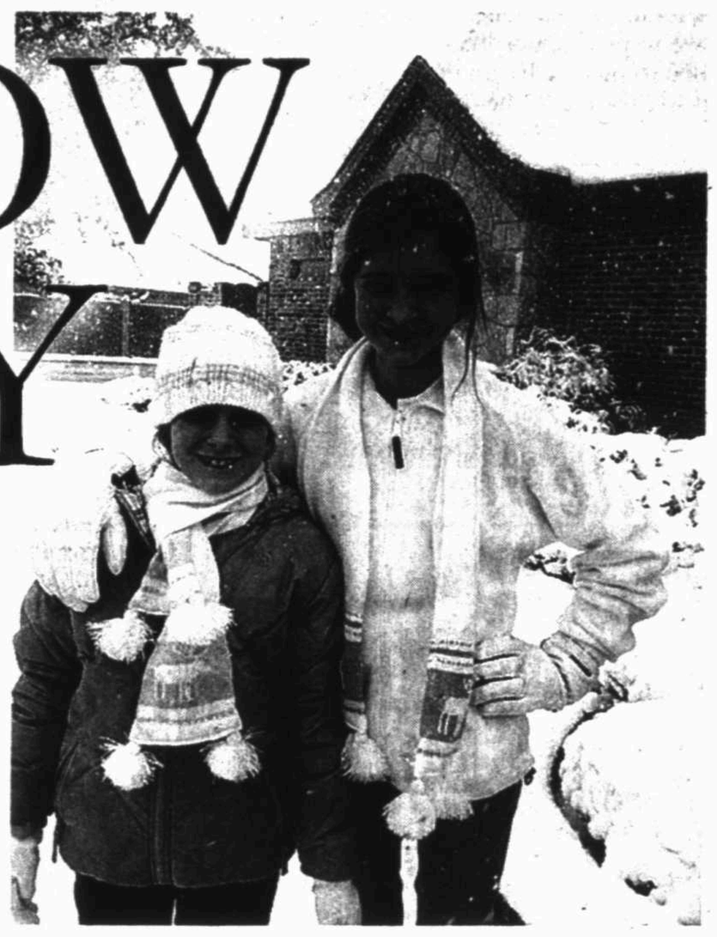
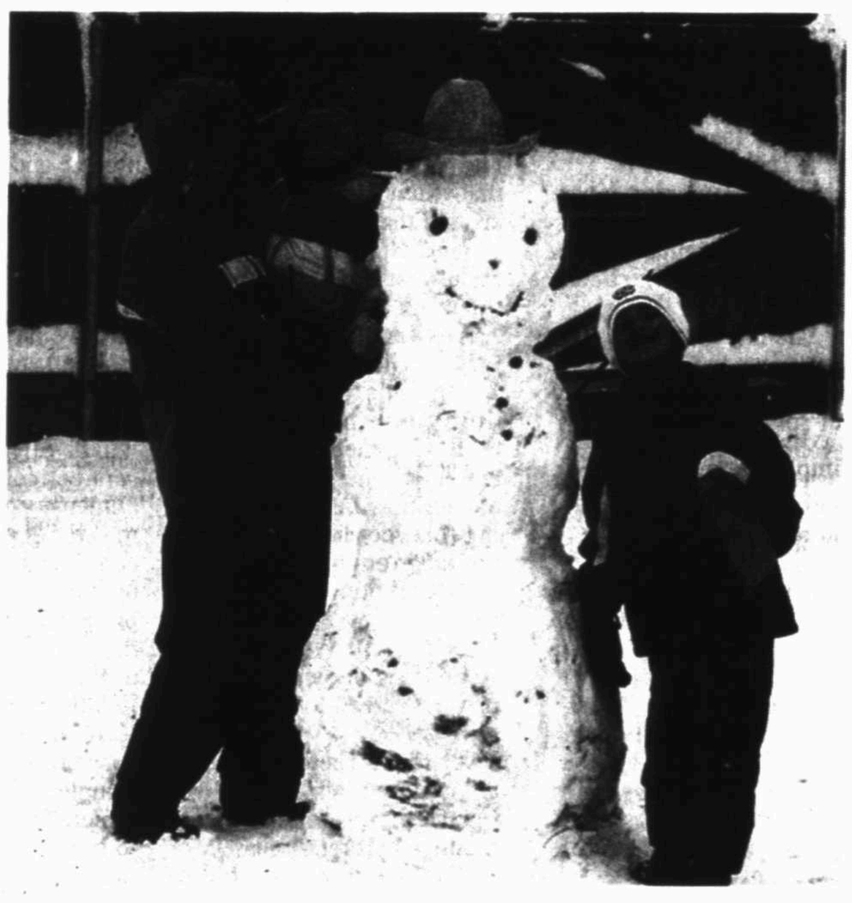


Several Reporter-Telegram readers submitted photos they took as the snow was falling Monday. AT LEFT Maddie and Ashlyn Hansen. ABOVE LEFT Photo submitted by Jana Hinkley. ABOVE Downtown Midland, submitted by Sarah Marston. BELOW RIGHT Marci Fox and her children Selah and Andrew. BELOW LEFT Kiera Miller.



Galveston's seawall gets new glitz

By Harvey Rice
Houston Chronicle

GALVESTON — The naked concrete expanse of the Galveston seawall, battered by Hurricane Ike four years ago, slowly is transforming and should look remarkably different by the time tourists flock to the seashore next summer.

The most glaring change so far is an oasis blooming just west of 45th Street on what was once a wide opening where a single straggly palm tree stood. Known as the Hampton Battery at Fort Crockett Park, the former gun emplacement now sports 28 palm trees in two groves, a fabric shade structure, benches overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and a sheltered bus stop.

A similar transformation is planned for the larger Izard Battery, about 100 yards west of the Hampton Battery, where the famed monument to the 1900 storm sits, city Facilities Director David Smith said.

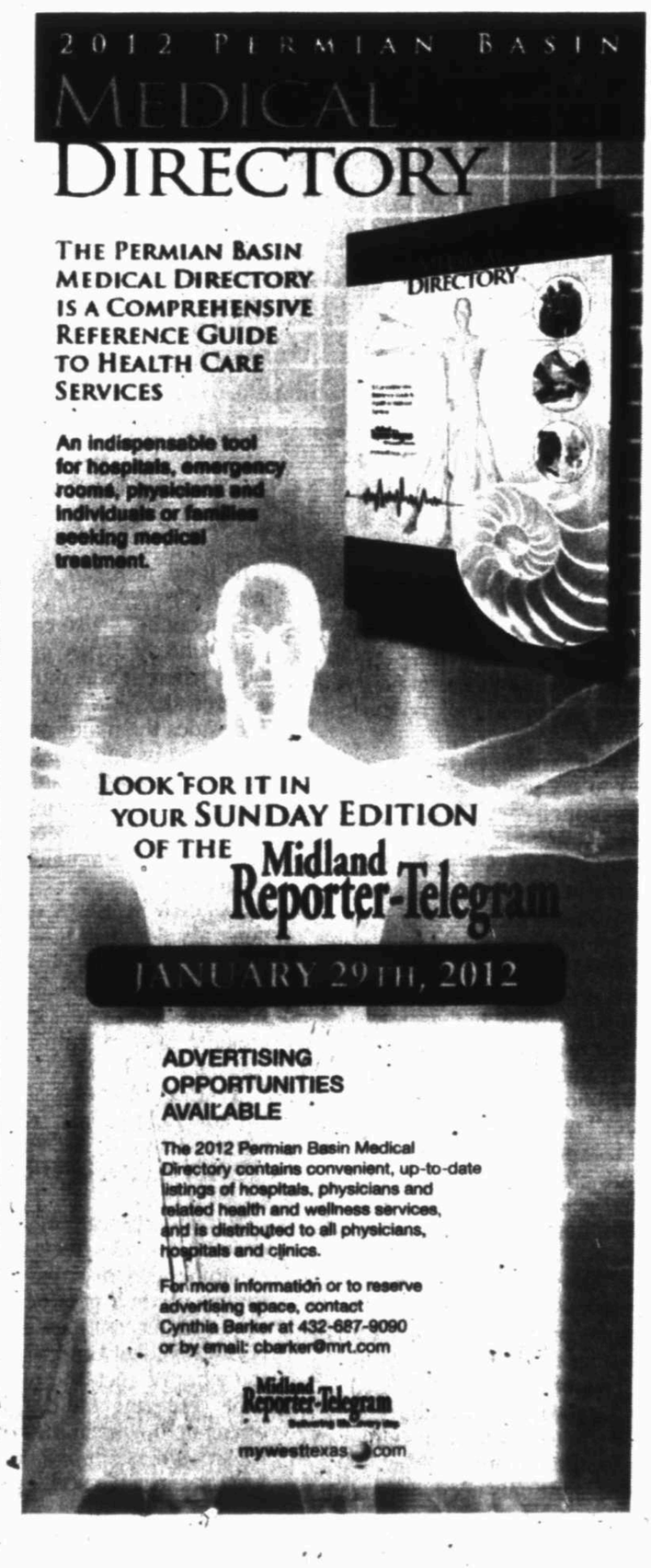
"We are hoping this is a catalyst for more changes," city spokeswoman Alicia Cahill said.

The spot of green on an otherwise bleak expanse will be multiplied if a plan to install parking meters along the seawall this year brings in the hoped for revenue, Galveston Park Board Chairman Craig Brown said. Seventy-five percent of seawall parking revenue is reserved for seawall improvements and Brown hopes it will help realize city plans for green areas along the length of the seawall. But there won't be a wait for cleaner beaches and improved security. Brown said both will go into effect this year. A four-man bike unit under the direction of Beach Patrol Chief Peter Davis will patrol the seawall and offer information and assistance to beachgoers, he said.

The Park Board added an additional beach cleaning shift, putting cleaning crews on the job from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, he said.

Perhaps the most dramatic visual change will be the pleasure pier being built by Landry's Inc. when it is completed this summer. An amusement park will replace the Flagship Hotel that once sat on the 1,000-foot pier jutting into the Gulf of Mexico at 25th Street and the seawall.

Hurricane Ike chewed up the seven-story hotel that had been a Galveston fixture since 1965. Landry's purchased the Flagship in 2004, but was forced to demolish it after the storm damaged it in 2008. Exactly what the new pleasure pier will look like is a closely held secret that the company plans to reveal in the coming months, said Kris Guthrie, Landry's vice president of marketing.



RODEO

From 1B

was in the bull riding competition at SandHills in 2004 when he was 19. He's since switched to riding saddle bronc.

The competition is a judged event, he said, where one rides on a saddle built specifically for the event and the horses buck. Riders then have to try to get in time with the horse and are judged by how well one rides the horse and how well it bucks, Bolton said.

He's been competing professionally for the past five to six years and still gets nervous competing in his hometown.

"There's a bit of anticipation as there is in competing in anything and wanting to win. I'm nervous about doing well and all that," he said.

This past year, Bolton said he didn't go as hard as the previous year when he traveled to 100 rodeos to compete. Now the father of a 2-year-old son, Bolton said he's going to try to stay a little closer to home and probably not attend as many events.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association season is year-round. The SandHills rodeo is the first event of the new year; the national finals are in Las Vegas in December.

His son, Trigger, already is obsessed with the cowboy way of life.

"He always wants to wear his boots," said Bolton, who owns 3B Leather and does custom leather work when he's not competing.

If Trigger decides to follow in his father's and grandfather's paths, Bolton said he'll support his son but at the same time, knows how dangerous the sport can be and does not want to see him do it.

"My dad felt the same way. He discouraged us from wanting to ride bulls but we just did it anyway. And he did the same thing — he supported us," Bolton said.

Bullriding is a fairly dangerous sport and a lot of people get hurt or severely injured when riding, Bolton said. Riding broncs is still as dangerous, but a little less at times, he said.

Bolton said he's excited to be back in Odessa. He said last week the horse he drew for the competition is one he saw last year and knows that it can be really good.

Bolton said he and other competitors appreciate the support of local audiences.

"It's one of the last things that's good family entertainment and a good quality show. A lot of people don't realize we're putting our lives on the line to make a living and perform for them," he said.

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Seasonal lawn problems may vary in South Texas climate

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: We have property in the Brownsville area, and we have had significant dying out of the St. Augustine in our yard. I've checked for grub worms and I have applied a fertilizer and fungicide, but nothing has helped. I vaguely remember your responding to something similar a few months ago, but I don't remember the suggestions. Any advice?

Answer: In chronological order, the problems you're likely to encounter with St. Augustine turf in Texas would be Take All Root Rot in the spring (grass is lethargic in greening up as temperatures warm. This appears in irregular sweeps across entire lawn); chinch bugs in summer (lawn appears dry in hottest, sunniest spots, but does not respond to irrigation); gray leaf spot in summer (grass is yellowed in irregular washes and gets worse after applications of nitrogen); and brown patch in fall (regular round, brown patches that are initially 18 to 24 inches in diameter. Blades pull loose from runners). Grub damage may show up in the fall. Grass will pull loose easily from the soil, and grubs will be present. Grub damage is more commonly observed in early spring, when grass fails to green up. Take All Root Rot gives those same symptoms, but without the presence of grubs. Of course, drought and excessive shade also can cause St. Augustine to die out. Adding in your property is in Brownsville, where the season is almost year-round, and where St. Augustine doesn't really go dormant and turn brown, the timings of these issues could be quite different. I've given you a shotgun approach to St. Augustine issues, but hopefully it will help get you started. You might send photos and plant tissue samples to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab at Texas A&M for analysis. Once the problem is identified, we can determine the best solution.

Dear Neil: We have a lovely large red oak tree in our back yard. It has a root that extends about halfway around the trunk, flat on the ground. Should we worry about that root damaging the trunk over time?

Answer: Definitely. In fact, it will start to girdle its way into the wood of the trunk as the tree grows larger. Before the tree invests any more energy, water, nutrition and effort in making that root larger, you probably ought to remove it and get it out of harm's way.

Dear Neil: What are some good choices for a privacy screen to 6 to 8 feet tall?

Answer: There are several good options. You need to take photos to your local independent retail nursery and ask for advice from one of their professionals. Let them show you the options, including Willowleaf holly, standard abelia, elaeagnus, standard nandina and Sea Green juniper. I favor the first three, but I have all of them in my landscape. Your nurseryman may have more suggestions.

Dear Neil: Enclosed are samples of four weeds I have growing in my yard. Is there a generic weedkiller that will control them, or do I need different types? Any advice will be appreciated.

Answer: Three of your weeds are classified as broadleafed weeds (not grasses), and therefore, a product containing 2,4-D and labeled for control of poison ivy, clover and dandelions, would control all of them. You must have warm temperatures (70 degrees or higher) and no rain for 48 hours for that spray to be effective. Your fourth weed is a winter grass. As such, the broadleafed weedkiller spray wouldn't faze it. In fact, we have no product that will stop that weed once it has germinated and started growing. Your only control will be to apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Dimension, Balan or Halts in early September. You also could make a second pass over the lawn with a Gallery pre-emergent at the same time to prevent germination of the broadleafed weeds. Finally, as a suggestion that really doesn't apply to my answer to your specific plant samples and question, remember you'll also want to make two spring applications of Dimension, Balan or Halts to prevent germination of summer grassy weeds, including crabgrass and grassburs.

Dear Neil: What are some good small to mid-sized trees that can handle the weather extremes here in Texas?

Answer: Your local nurseryman can fine-tune from this list, depending on your specific needs and soils: Little Gem and Teddy Bear dwarf magnolias, redbuds, Mexican plums, golden raintree and the tallest tree-form crape myrtle varieties.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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Variety of shrubs, use in landscape dictate how to prune

Pruning is one of those topics you could spend quite a bit of time on and still just scratch the surface. So, here's another pruning scratch — pruning shrubs.

The science and art behind pruning shrubs may be a bigger mystery than trees. The variety of shrub species is the reason for the mystery. Add to that the use of the shrub in the landscape and the style of landscape and confusion can increase.

Pruning should take place only if it is needed. If the right plant has been used in the right place, pruning may be unnecessary or minimal. If the natural shape of the shrub is used as a guideline, pruning know-how can be simplified. The speed at which shrubs grow is another characteristic to watch.

Dwarf shrubs don't grow much each year, so not much pruning is needed. Heavy or incorrect pruning could weaken them or cause damage that takes years to recover.

If small-, medium- and large-size category shrubs have been used correctly in the landscape, they too, may not need much pruning. Shrubs that grow rapidly may need annual pruning to keep their form dense and maintain flowering and fruiting. Formal hedges and topiaries may need frequent pruning depending on how fast they grow.

Flowering shrubs should be pruned based on when they bloom. Spring-blooming shrubs should be pruned lightly when their flowers begin to fade. Spring bloomers form their flower buds on previous season's growth, so dormant-season pruning reduces flower buds. Waiting until after peak flowering to prune Indian hawthorn, Texas mountain laurel and spirea can maximize the flower show.

Summer- and fall-blooming shrubs should be pruned in late dormancy, such as late winter or early spring. Summer and fall bloomers flower on current season's growth. Examples include Texas sage, crepe myrtle and rose of Sharon. These shrubs should never be kept sheared through the growing season because it removes flower buds before they bloom.

Evergreen and deciduous shrubs grown for their leaves are best pruned in late winter and early spring just before new growth. Evergreen shrubs generally need very little pruning depending on the speed at which they grow. Narrow leaf evergreens should not be pruned back to bare wood; instead, make cuts in fresh leafy growth. Rosemary is the same way — pruning back to bare, woody branches usually results in a bare stub.

Shrubs grown as informal hedges require minimal pruning if there is adequate space to allow them to grow to their natural mature size. Heavenly bamboo, evergreen sumac, Texas mountain laurel and Nellie R. Stevens holly are examples of good plants for this purpose.

Shrubs grown as a formal hedge need regular pruning to maintain their sheared shape. The frequency of pruning will be dictated by the speed of growth. Be sure to grow formal hedges by beginning to train them into a formal shape shortly after planting. Shear the shrubs so the top is narrower than the base. Hedges are commonly and mistakenly pruned so the top is wider than the base, which shades out the lower branches and results in bare gaps in the lower portion of the shrubs.

Topiary shrubs are best suited for formal landscape designs and settings. They usually require frequent pruning to maintain their form. Round, spiral, conical, square and other geometric shapes often are used. Animals, characters and letters also are used as patterns. Topiary-style pruning requires a high level of commitment and skill.

Best equipment for pruning include a sharp scissor-action hand pruner or lopper. Hedge trimmers are essential for formal hedges.

If you have any questions, call Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service at 498-4071 or email garden.frost@gmail.com.

Spreading rock on your garden can help feed soil

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

If you feel like getting out in the garden, now is as good a time as any to spread rock on the ground.

Or not (more on that later).

You say your ground already has enough rocks in it? True enough, but the rock I'm talking about is a powder, and is likely a different kind of rock from what you already have.

But why put down more rock of any kind? The reason is that rock powders sold for garden use are particularly high in minerals.

For example, rock phosphate is, as the name implies, rich in phosphorous, one of the "big three" nutrients needed by plants. In fact, rock phosphate is the stuff, after being treated with sulfuric acid, that becomes the phosphorous in synthetic fertilizers.

Colloidal phosphate, also known as soft phosphate, is a similar product, this one ground up finer than rock phosphate.

Two other commonly used rock powders — granite and glauconite — are rich sources of potassium, another of the "big three" nutrients needed by plants. (The third, nitrogen, is not found in rocks.)

Glauconite is also called greensand, or Jersey greensand if that's where it was mined. And it is greenish.

Besides the major nutrients phosphorous and potassium, these rock powders are also sources of micronutrients. Micronutrients are needed in only minuscule amounts by plants, but nonetheless are essential to their health. A soil can be naturally deficient in micronutrients: For example, pockets of molybdenum deficiency exist in Nevada soils; natural cobalt deficiencies exist over much of Iowa and parts of the Northeast.

Synthetic ("chemical") fertilizers generally supply no micronutrients at all.

APPLICATION FOR THE LONG HAUL

Because they are merely ground-up rocks, rock powders do not readily dissolve in water to give up their goodness to plant roots. Release of their nutritional goodness takes time, as well as the work of bacteria, fungi and roots. Freezing and thawing opens up cracks in the soil so rock powders applied now at least get into the soil, even if they don't yet dissolve.

There's no rush, though, to run outside and start spreading. What rock powders lack in quick action they make up for in long-term effect; they release their goodness over a decade or so.

A typical application would be about 10 pounds per 100 square feet.

ARE GROUND ROCKS REALLY NEEDED?

There's also no rush because you might have no reason to apply them in the first place. Rock powders are relatively expensive for the amount of phosphorous or potassium they offer. And unless some local garden store has rock powders for sale, you could pay as much or more for shipping as for the material itself.

More to the point is whether rock powders are superfluous. If you constantly feed your soil an abundance and variety of compost, leaves and other organic materials — as any good gardener does — your soil already is rich in phosphorous, potassium, and micronutrients.

This is especially true if you use plenty of compost made from all sorts of materials, including kitchen scraps. Orange rinds from Florida, old bread from Kansas-grown wheat, and banana skins from Costa Rica each contribute to the smorgasbord of micro- and macronutrients contained in homemade compost.

So, do I ever use rock powders? Yes, about every decade or two, mostly as insurance and to supply micronutrients around trees and shrubs that don't get annual dressings of compost. But I'm not saying that using these rock powders is really necessary.

Lee Reich/AP

This undated photo shows Jersey greensand fertilizer, left, and rock phosphate in New Paltz, N.Y. Rock powders sold for garden use are particularly high in minerals.

Sports

McColloch ends 21-year career as coach

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

After a 21-year coaching career that has featured nine district volleyball titles — including six at Midland High — coach Terri McColloch has decided to retire at the end of her contract this year, which she announced Tuesday by phone.

McColloch, who has coached the Lady Bulldogs since 1994, said she seriously had been considering retirement since November, but it was the opportunity to spend time with her family that spurred her decision.

"After 31 years of coaching and putting players and my career in front of my family — and it's worked out great to this point — I've got two baby twin granddaughters that I want to spend time with," McColloch said Tuesday by phone.

McColloch's son, Blake, a Greenwood product, is a sophomore defensive lineman at Texas State, and she said a big part of her decision was her desire to see all of his games in person next season. With the Bobcats playing conference foes San Jose State and Utah State on the road next season, McColloch said catching all of her son's out-of-state games while coaching wasn't feasible.

Of course, McColloch leaves behind a close family at Midland High, including what she called "the most cohesive coaching staff of anyone I know."

But, what McColloch said she'll miss the most is her players.

"I have an awesome group of kids — an awesome group returning and an awesome group coming up," McColloch said.

Likewise, McColloch will be missed, said Midland ISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey by phone Tuesday.

"I just hate it because she's so good at what she does," Howey said.

McColloch began her coaching career 31 years ago at Ozona, where she was the head coach in girl's basketball and track and field. She went on to coach the two sports and volleyball at the sub-varsity level at Seminole before landing her first job as a varsity head volleyball coach at Alpine in 1991.

In three years at Alpine, McColloch led the Lady Bucks to three district titles and three appearances in the regional round of the playoffs before taking the same position at Midland High in 1994.

McColloch has coached Midland High six district championship teams and lead the Lady Bulldogs to the playoffs 16 of the past 18 years.

Howey said he expects MISD to post the newly open position by the end of the week and that the search for McColloch's replacement will begin immediately. He didn't, however, give a date for when he expects the position to be filled.

"It's a huge job," Howey said,

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Midland High volleyball coach Terri McColloch talks with Channing Burleson during a match last season against Odessa Permian.

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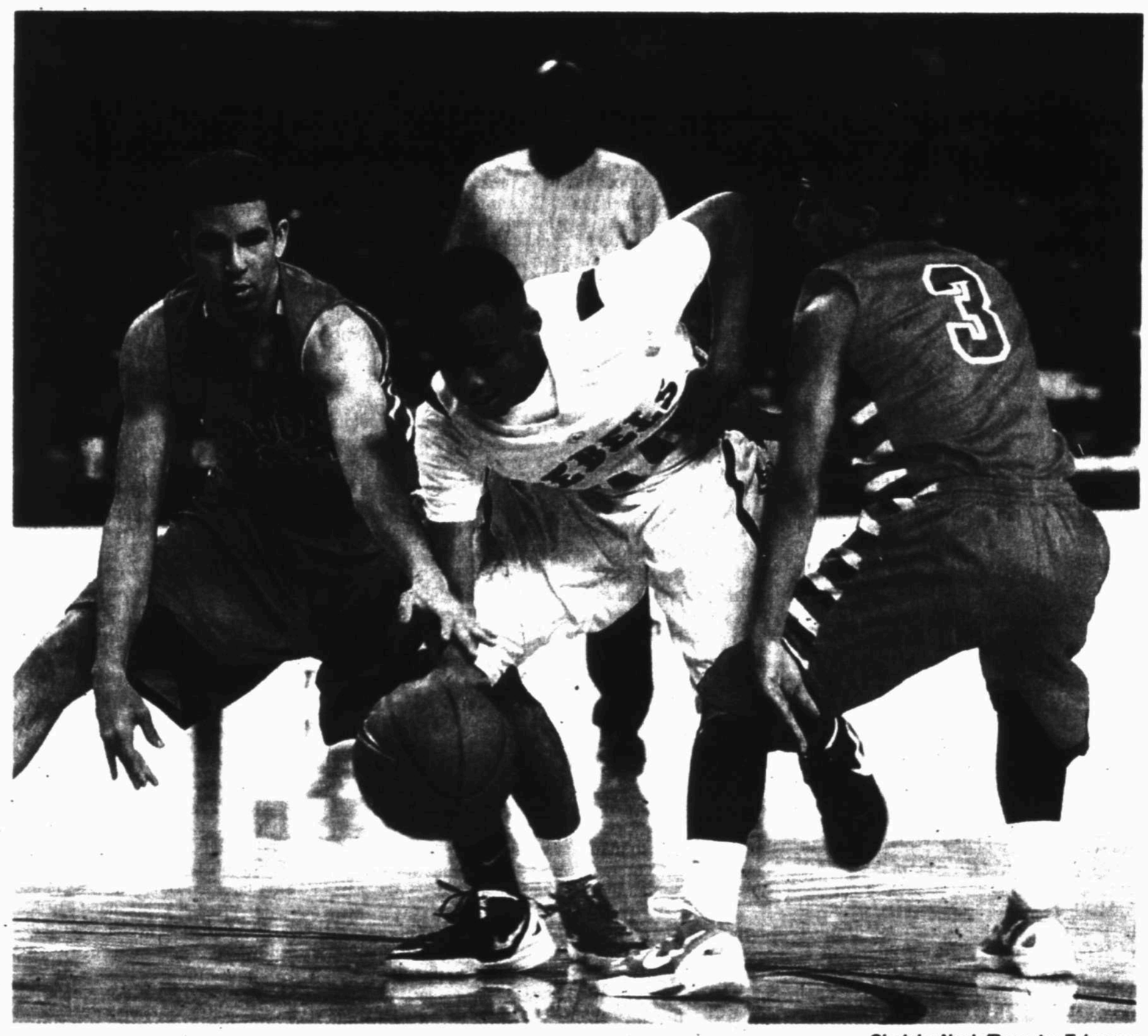
Let their guard down



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

San Angelo's Ray Pederson (24) and KeeVann Coney (3) attempt to steal the ball from Lee's Anthony McCoy (00) Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

Despite sinking most of their shots, Rebels lose to Bobcats

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Bobcats 76
Rebels 62

In a game where Lee hit the most 3-pointers, grabbed the most rebounds and hit the most free throws — none of which it was able to do in its last home loss against Odessa Permian — it all didn't matter in the end.

San Angelo Central shot 61 percent from the field as a strong first half and 21 points from Justin Saddler propelled Bobcats to a 76-62 win Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Saddler and Rey Pederson combined for 34 points off the bench as Central took a 13-point lead into halftime and pushed it to 19 with a 6-0 run to start the third quarter, putting Lee in a hole it was never able to dig out of.

"We just didn't guard very well in the second half," Lee coach Mark Coffman said. "I don't know if it was because we got tired or what. The pace definitely was theirs."

Central (21-4, 3-0 in District 3-5A) built its halftime lead thanks to a first quarter where Lee shot just 1 for 8 from the field and turned the ball over seven times against Central's suffocating zone defense.

Lee, trailing 15-8 to start the second quarter, almost immediately closed the lead to three when Jordan Williams got a bucket and a foul, then Tavi Hubbard put in his miss from the free throw line for a four-point possession.

But Lee (7-16, 2-2) continued to have a hard time capitalizing on the good looks it

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Lady Rebels pick up 2nd victory in district play

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Lady Rebels 67
Lady Bobcats.....48

It wasn't but a few days ago the Lee girls basketball team didn't have a single win in District 3-5A play. Now, the Lady Rebels have two.

Lee picked up its second 3-5A victory in five days Tuesday, and did so in impressive fashion, routing San Angelo Central, 67-48 at Chaparral Center, in what was the most prolific offensive showing of the season by the Lady Rebels.

"I swear we shoot more in practice than any other team in the state of Texas," Lee coach Rosalind Lawrence. "Those shots finally starting going in (Tuesday). It's the most consistent we've played offense for four quarters. We were making shots."

And, it was a balanced scoring effort for the Lady Rebels (8-15, 2-3 in District 3-5A) with guards and posts providing points. Lee made five 3-pointers in the game, including three by junior guard Cindy Benavides, who had a team-high 21 points. But, the

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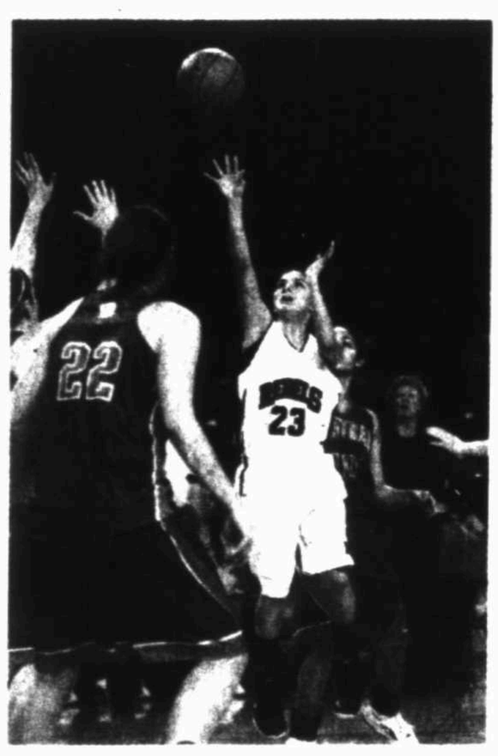

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Cindy Benavides (23) takes the shot Tuesday during the Lady Rebels game against San Angelo Central at Chaparral Center.

No doubt about 'Bama: Tide is No. 1 in AP poll

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Alabama split the games and swept the titles.

The Crimson Tide was voted No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll for the eighth time, tying Notre Dame for the most of any team in college football, after winning a rematch with LSU in the BCS championship on Monday night.

Alabama's 21-0 victory easily offset the Tigers' 9-6 win on Nov. 5 in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and gave it the top spot in the AP ranking to go along with the No. 1 ranking in the USA Today coaches' poll.

The Tide received 55 first-place votes and No. 2 LSU got one. Big 12 champion Oklahoma State (12-1) was No. 3 and received four first-place votes.

Oregon finished fourth and Arkansas was fifth, giving the SEC three of the top five teams in the country.

Before the ballots were cast early Tuesday morning, most voters said they would at least consider voting LSU No. 1 in the final AP poll even with a loss because of its stronger overall resume, which included a road victory against the Tide. Oklahoma State would get consideration, too, depending on how things went in Tide-Tigers II.

Alabama dominated LSU in the Superdome, holding the Tigers to 92 yards and recording the first shutout in BCS championship game history.

Coach Nick Saban led Alabama to its second AP title in the last three years and joined Bear Bryant (five) as Crimson Tide coaches with multiple championships.

"The goal was control your destiny," Saban said, referring to his team's approach to the game.

He might as well have been talking about the rankings, too. Alabama made it simple for most voters to pick a No. 1.

"I set the bar high for Alabama in order to earn the top spot on my ballot," said Jon Wilner of the Mercury News in San Jose, Calif. "The Crimson Tide needed to offset both the regular-season loss to LSU and the Tigers' superior regular season. And Alabama did just that."

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Alabama football coach Nick Saban talks with reporters in New Orleans on Tuesday. Alabama blew out LSU 21-0 in the BCS championship game Monday night, and it headed back to Tuscaloosa with its second national championship in three years. The Associated Press college football championship trophy is in the foreground.

Associated Press

MC women beat SCC

From staff reports

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Nety Sousa scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Midland College women's basketball team to an 87-55 victory over Scottsdale Community College on Tuesday.

Alexis Kelley added 17 points for the Lady Chaparrals (12-4) who were playing their first game since Dec. 7.

"It was a good first game back," MC coach Ron Jones said. "I was especially happy with our execution. We simplified some things and we executed much better than we did at times during the first semester. We didn't look so confused out there."

The Lady Chaps took a 51-26 at the half and Jones said his team only had 14 turnovers for the game.

Midland College continues its Arizona road trip at 6:30 p.m. when it faces Phoenix College.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 87, SCOTTSDALE CC 55

Midland College (12-4) — Bernadette Sanchez 1 0-0 2; Dametta Jackson 1 0-0 2; Curtiesha Woods 3 0-0 9; Alexis Kelley 6 5-8 17; Lindsay Ansley 1 3-4 6; Shola Adebayo 2 0-0 6; Morgan Schwartz 1 2-4 4; Danesha Long 3 0-0 7; Ornella Bacchini 4 1-1 9; Achire Ade 3 1-1 7; Nety Sousa 7 4-4 18. Totals 32 16-22 87

Scottsdale CC — Foster 1 0-0 3; Lupe 3 2-2 9; Hawk 1 0-0 3; Selaya 2 0-0 6; Brown 0 3-3 3; Crow 2 3-4 7; Paluso 3 0-0 6; Dent 7 4-4 18. Totals 19 12-13 55

Halftime — MC 51, SCC 26. 3-point goals — MC 7 (Woods 3; Adebayo 2; Ansley, Long). SCC 5 (Selaya, Foster, Lupe, Hawk). Total fouls — MC 9. SCC 13. Fouled out — None

Next: Midland College at Phoenix College. 6:30 p.m. today

Rangers raise most ticket prices

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers have raised ticket prices for all but the cheapest seats at Rangers Ballpark after their second consecutive World Series.

While most increases are $1 to $4 per ticket, corner box seats increased 23 percent. Those seats will be $53 for non-premier games and $59 for 26 games classified as premier, such as most Friday and Saturday home dates. Those seats were $43 and $48 last season.

Individual ticket prices were announced Tuesday.

Club-level box seats and those in the all-you-can-eat section increased significantly for the second year in a row.

LOCAL SPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

INGRAM, ROSE PLACE 1ST AT MONAHANS

Midland Walkabout Volkssporting Club members Teresa Ingram and Alex Rose each win first place medals in their respective age groups after participating in the Monahans Sandhills 10K Run and Health Walk over the weekend.

Placing second from the club in his respective age group was Jack Rogers. Also participating from the club were Brenada Jones and Glenda Kelly. This was the third year for the club to participate in the walk.

To learn more about the walking club, check out its website www.midlandwalkabout.org.

Coach

From 1C

"We're going to take our time."

McColloch leaves Midland High with a 466-210 record as volleyball coach, including a 30-17 record, a district championship and a trip to the Class 5A bi-district round of the playoffs this past season. She has an overall record of 537-237.

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MIDLAND HIGH 69, LUBBOCK HIGH 55

LUBBOCK — The Midland High girls basketball team hit seven 3-pointers to defeat Lubbock High in non-district action on Tuesday night.

Tana Driver hit four 3-pointers on the way to a team-high 23 points, while Krystal Valdez added three 3s as part of her 18 points. Sabrina Banks chipped in with 11.

The Lady Dawgs (14-12) jumped out to a 19-9 lead in the first quarter and took a 39-20 lead into the locker room.

MHS also won despite Lubbock High shooting 13 more free throws.

The Lady Dawgs resume District 3-5A action Friday with a trip to Abilene Cooper.

MIDLAND HIGH 69, LUBBOCK HIGH 55

Midland High (14-12) — Tana Driver 23, Krystal Valdez 18, Megan Heppel 3, Andrea Sadler 2, Elaine Herrera 2, Desare Allen 8, Catanna Rendon 2, Sabrina Banks 11.

Lubbock (4-21) — Amanda Metzler 24, Amanda Phitts 2, Breanna Duran 6, Amanda Patillo 9, August Thompson 2, Janice Stokes 3, Crystal Applegate 1, Jessie Nunez 11

Midland High	19	20	15	15—69
Lubbock High	9	11	20	15—55

Free throws — MHS 8-14, LHS 16-27. 3-point goals — MHS 7 (Driver 4, Valdez 3), LHS 3 (Metzler 3). Total fouls — MHS 24, LHS 16. Fouled out — None

Next game: Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m. Friday

NO. 7 LUBBOCK TRINITY 68, NO. 25 MID. CHRISTIAN 51

Midland Christian struggled from the free-throw line and No. 7-ranked Lubbock Trinity took advantage for a key TAPPS 1-4A victory at the McGraw Special Events Center.

The No. 25 Lady Mustangs (17-5 2-1) were just 11 of 29 from the line, while Trinity was 20 of 28.

Emma Thompson led MCS with 19 points, while Whitney Rogers added 18.

Midland Christian heads to the Metroplex this weekend and will play Fort Worth Christian on Friday.

NO. 7 LUBBOCK TRINITY 68, NO. 25 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 51

Lubbock Trinity (3-0 in TAPPS 1A) — Thorne 2, Meeks 14, Arnesa 8, Hagood 2, Boren 20, Wentz 14, Turner 1, Wesley 7

Midland Christian (17-5, 2-1) — Bethany Roach 5, Whitney Riggers 18, Lindzey Roach 3, Miranda Galindo 6, Emma Thompson 19.

Trinity	15	19	14	20—68
Midland Christian	12	12	14	14—51

Free throws — LT 20-28, MCS 11-29. 3-point goals — LT 4 (Boren 2, Wentz, Wesley). Total fouls — LT 20, MCS 21. Fouled out — Wesley, MCS: Morgan Ashton.

Next game: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 8 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 66, FORT STOCKTON 43

FORT STOCKTON — Peyton Pyle scored a game-high 23 points to lead Greenwood to an impressive District 4-3A road victory over Fort Stockton.

Alyssa Anthony added 14 points for the Rangerettes, who improved to 10-14 overall and 2-0 in district.

Fort Stockton (0-2 in district) had an 11-8 lead after the opening quarter but Greenwood's 22-11 run in the second gave the Rangerettes the momentum.

The Prowlers had opportunities to trim into Greenwood's lead but was just 19 of 39 at the free-throw line.

GREENWOOD 66, FORT STOCKTON 43

Greenwood (10-14, 2-0 in District 4-3A) — Ashton Hannsz 4, Alyssa Anthony 14, Savannah Cain 2, Kali Zimmerman 2, Peyton Pyle 23, Amanda Bell 2, Morgan McKee 9, Courtney Waters 2, Ashley Sullivan 4, Becca Campbell 4

Fort Stockton (0-2 in district) — Tavarez 3, Trevino 7, K. Rodriguez 2, Morales 4, Fuentez 10, Furman 10, Singh 2, T. Rodriguez 2, Durate 1, Gonzales 2

Greenwood	8	22	13	23—66
Fort Stockton	11	11	4	16—43

Free throws — GHS 11-18, FSHS 19-39. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (Anthony, Pyle, McKee 3). Total fouls — GHS 30, FSHS 21. Fouled out — GHS: Hannsz, Waters, Emily Dye; FSHS: Trevino, Singh

Next game: Andrews at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GRADY 47, LOOP 21

LENORAH — Grady had little trouble in a blowout victory over Loop in District 8-A, Division II action at Grady High School.

The teams were tied at 6 after the opening quarter but Grady (12-10, 5-1) went on a 15-2 run in the second to take control of the game.

Sarah Clay had a game-high 18 points to lead the Lady Wildcats.

GRADY 47, LOOP 21

Loop (2-3 in District 8-A, Division II) — D. Estrada 4, Hand 1, Conde 8, Turner 4, B. Estrada 4

Grady (12-10, 5-1) — Kristen Blocker 2, Ariel Arnold 2, Sarah Clay 18, Lupita Jimenez 8, Charmyree Arnold 9, MJ Price 4, Faith Hunt 2, Laura Ramirez 2

Loop	6	2	10	3—21
Grady	6	15	11	15—47

Free throws — Loop 8-11, Grady 7-14. 3-point goals — Loop 1 (Conde), Grady 2 (Clay, Price). Total fouls — Loop 15, Grady 18. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Gray at Borden County, 6:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 9 GARDEN CITY 46, BRONTE 38

BRONTE — In a battle for the District 12-A, Division II lead, Hannah Halfmann and Lexie Schaefer each had 14 points to lead No 9-ranked Garden City to a victory over Bronte.

Garden City hit six 3-pointers in the first half as the Lady Kats took a 22-11 lead into the locker room.

The Lady Kats (19-4, 6-0) then iced the game in the fourth quarter by going 8 of 9 at the free-throw line.

NO. 9 GARDEN CITY 46, BRONTE 38

Garden City (19-4, 6-0 in District 11-A, Division II) — Hannah Halfmann 14, Lexie Schaefer 14, Holly Halfmann 7, Taylor Hughes 7, Cassie Hirt 4

Bronte (13-9, 5-1) — Kimber Lee 21, Carlie Walles 9, Jill Scott 5, D. Perez 3

Garden City	8	14	10	14—46
Bronte	7	4	10	17—38

Free throws — GC 8-12, BHS 7-8. 3-point goals — GC 6 (Hia. Halfmann 4, Schaefer 3,Hughes). BHS 3 (Lee, Wallis, Scott). Total fouls — GC 11, BHS 15. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Water Valley at Garden City, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LUBBOCK MONTEREY 50, MIDLAND HIGH 42

Midland High (4-17) fell in a non-district game against Lubbock Monterey on Tuesday, snapping a two-game win streak. No other information was made available from this game.

The Bulldogs resume District 3-5A play at 7:30 p.m. Friday with a visit to Abilene Cooper.

GREENWOOD 52, LAMESA 46

Greenwood's strong start helped the Rangers defeat Lamesa in non-district action at Greenwood High School.

The Rangers (16-7) jumped out to a 15-7 lead in the opening period and had a 30-25 halftime lead.

Edgar Urias had 14 points and Kam Williams added 11 for Greenwood.

GREENWOOD 52, LAMESA 46

Lamesa — Contreras 4, Hunter 1, Alexander 4, Garza 18, Rendon 9, Enriquez 2, Cox 8

Greenwood (16-7) — Jody Lively 7, Edgar Urias 14, Grant Franklin 3, Hugo Arenas 5, Dustin Mayers 3, Timmy Murphy 4, Kam Williams 11, Jacob Armitage 5

Lamesa	7	18	12	9—46
Greenwood	15	15	8	14—52

Free throws — LHS 4-11, GHS 13-27. 3-point goals — LHS 2 (Rendon, Garza), GHS 3 (Williams, Mayers, Urias). Total fouls — LHS 24, GHS 13. Fouled out — None

Next game: Andrews at Greenwood, 8 p.m. Friday

NO. 3 LUBBOCK TRINITY 94, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 48

Midland Christian couldn't quite keep pace with third-ranked Lubbock Trinity on Tuesday as the Lions remained undefeated this season.

The Mustangs trailed just 17-11 after the first period, but were outscored 28-4 in the second period for a 45-15 halftime deficit. Parker Wentz, an Abilene Christian University commit, led Trinity with 27 points, while Ben Wheeler added 20.

MCS got 23 out of Devin Stricklin, who was the team's only double-digit scorer.

The Mustangs continue their tough trek through TAPPS 1-4A play with a road game against Fort Worth Christian at 8 p.m. Friday. They'll play No. 2 Arlington Grace Prep at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

NO. 3 LUBBOCK TRINITY 94, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 48

Trinity (27-0 3-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Parker Wentz 27, Tanner Gregory 6, Luke Stephenson 5, Dave Miller 12, Zebby Wilson 2, Tucker Wentz 2, Ben Wheeler 20, Beau Durham 14, Myles Leonard 6

MCS (13-5, 2-1) — Zach Gilbert 8, Devin Stricklin 23, Mason McClendon 6, Jacob Longbotham 2, David Parkhurst 2, Jerry Garcia 7

Trinity	17	28	33	26—94
MCS	11	4	21	12—48

Free throws — LT 9-10, MCS 9-18. 3-point goals — LT 11 (P.Wentz 5, Gregory 2, Stephenson, Miller 2, Leonard), MCS 3 (Gilbert, McClendon 2). Total fouls — LT 20, MCS 16. Fouled out — MCS, Longbotham.

Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 8 p.m. Friday

No. 6 GRADY 81, LOOP 28

LENORAH — No. 6 Grady made quick work of Loop on Tuesday, picking up its fifth district victory.

The Wildcats were led by Zeke Clay's 24 points, while Branson Richards scored 19 and Taylor Polson added 13. They led 26-9 after the first period and 46-12 by halftime.

Grady (17-3, 5-1 in District 8-A, Division II) takes on Borden County in Gail at 8 p.m. Friday.

NO. 6 GRADY 81, LOOP 28

Loop (0-4) — Ontiveros 5, Ayala 9, Bain 7, Burrola 2, Tupin 4, Perez 1

Grady (17-3, 5-1) — Brett Glaze 4, Zeke Clay 24, Branson Richards 19, Michael Jimenez 8, Taylor Polson 13, Joseph Briseno 1, E.J. Rodriguez 9, Ivan Sanjuan 3

Loop	9	3	5	11—28
Grady	26	20	27	8—81

Free throws — Loop 2-10, Grady 19-26. 3-point goals — Loop 2 (Ontiveros, Bain); Grady 4 (Clay 2, Richards 2). Total fouls — Loop 20, Grady 15. Fouled out — Loop, Ontiveros.

Next: Grady at Borden County, 8 p.m. Friday

NO. 10 RANKIN 52, WINK 33

RANKIN — Rankin remained undefeated in District 10-A, Division II play following a decisive victory against Wink on Tuesday.

Tanner Thompson had six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 24 points to lead Rankin, which used a 24-point seocnd period to pull out to a 32-8 advantage.

Rankin hosts a non-district game against Trinity at 8 p.m. Friday.

NO. 10 RANKIN 52, WINK 33

Wink (0-1 in District 10-A, Division II) — Abbott 12, D.Williams 7, C. Funderburg 5, Richardson 5, Avila 4

Ranking (16-3, 2-0) — Tanner Thompson 24, Nathan Braden 9, Dalton Mitchum 7, Josh Post 4, Taylor Thompson 2, Tate Teague 2, Ty Self 2, Cameron Holcomb 1, Aaron Castillo 1

Wink	5	3	11	14—33
Rankin	8	24	13	7—52

Free throws — Wink 7-9, Rankin 17-26. 3-point goals — Wink 0, Rankin 7 (Tan. Thompson 6, Mitchum). Total fouls — Wink 16, Rankin 14. Fouled out — Wink, Richardson.

Next: Trinity at Rankin, 8 p.m. Friday

LEE

From 1C

Lady Rebels also got good offense out of starting posts Jackie Rivas and Landry Johnson, who had 14 and 11 points, respectively.

"We just all clicked and played as a team," Benavides said. "(On Tuesday,) the shots dropped for us. It was a case where everybody was on. We were determined to go play our best and go play as a team."

After closing the first period on a 7-2 run for a 16-10 advantage, the Lady Rebels continued their hot shooting to open the second period. Following a pair of free throws by Central's Atiba Bethea, who had a game-high 23 points, Lee ripped off an 8-0 run for a 24-12 lead.

3-5A Girls Standings

	Dist.	Overall
Midland High	6-0	14-12
Odessa Permian	4-1	14-7
San Angelo Central	2-3	11-10
Lee	2-3	8-15
Odessa High	1-3	11-12
Abilene High	1-3	7-14
Abilene Cooper	1-4	0-13

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 67, San Angelo Central 48; Midland High 69, Lubbock High 55.

Today's Games

Abilene Cooper at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Abilene High; All games at 6 p.m.

Benavides started the run after Kristen Galindo found her cutting to the basket for an easy layup. Senior guard Kortni Edwards then drained a 3-pointer after Landry Johnson fought for an offensive rebound and found Edwards open behind the arc. Benavides capped the rally with a 3-pointer, putting Lee up by 12 with 6:19 left in the first half.

Central answered with a 6-0 run of its own, which included back-to-back 15-foot jumpers by Caitlin Conway, pulling the Lady Bobcats within 24-18 with 3:53 left in the second.

Midland High answered with an 8-0 run, with Landry Johnson igniting it with a three-point play after driving in for a layup and a foul. After Rivas made a free throw, Benavides hit her third 3-pointer of the night. Johnson capped the rally with a free throw, putting Lee up 32-18 with 2:01 left in the half.

The Lady Rebels went into halftime with a 32-20 lead, but it took Central a mere minute into the third period to cut the deficit back to single digits. Conway started a 6-0 run with a floater in the lane. Katie Wohleking then hit an 18-foot jumper, which was followed by another jumper by Conway, cutting Lee's lead to 32-26 with 6:04 remaining in the third.

But, Central wouldn't get any closer than that as the Lady Rebels continued to consistently put the ball in the goal, moving Lee into a tie for third place with the Lady Bobcats (11-10, 2-3) in 3-5A.

The win was a minor breakthrough for the Lady Rebels who have struggled to secure leads in the second half of several games this season.

"We know we're better than what our record says," Lawrence said. "It's just a matter of playing like that and putting a whole game together. Something we've been talking about consistently is finishing the game. Not just finishing by the hair on your chinny chin chin, but finish to where you leave no doubt."

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LEE 67, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 48

Central (11-10, 2-3 in District 3-5A) — Atiba Bethea 23, Caitlin Conway 10, Katie Wohleking 8, Briana Torres 4, Mikial Russell 2, Jennifer Torres 1

Lee (8-15, 2-3) — Cindy Benavides 21, Jackie Rivas 14, Landry Johnson 11, Kortni Edwards 6, Daija Stanford 4, Kristen Galindo 4, Jaylaan Lee 4, Shauna Stanford 3

Central	10	10	15	13—48
Lee	16	16	13	22—67

Free throws — SAC 10-14, Lee 18-25. 3-point goals — SAC 0, Lee 5 (Benavides 3, Edwards 2). Total fouls — SAC 21, Lee 18. Fouled out — SAC: Conway, Wohleking; Lee: Stanford. Rebounds — SAC 23 (Wohleking 6), Lee 18 (Rivas 5). Assists — SAC 8 (Russell 3), Lee 6 (Benavides 2). Turnovers — SAC 24, Lee 18

Next: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

REBELS

From 1C

was able to get the rest of the quarter, as Central pulled away.

"I thought that we just didn't finish plays," Coffman said. "Offensively, we had some opportunities early."

Central outscored Lee 16-6 in the last 5:54 of the quarter, capping the run with a Saddler 3-pointer from the corner with three seconds remaining in the first half to make it 34-21.

Lee did a good job against Central's leading scorer, Reggie Sutton, holding the 6-foot-3 guard to 10 points on 2 of 7 shooting. Yet Saddler, who said he tried to be aggressive when he saw Lee in "loose" man to man defense, picked up the slack, hitting 9 of his 12 shots for his game-high 21 points.

"I just try to play hard, keep up the tempo, follow what my teammates put on the floor — try to match that," Saddler said.

"I thought we did okay early on guarding them — Sutton didn't really get off," Coffman said. "Saddler just killed us."

After Central went up 40-21 on two Sutton free throws 2 minutes, 22 seconds into the second half, Lee began chipping away at the lead, eventually pulling within 10 on a Jarrod Johnson step-back jumper with 4:16 remaining in the fourth quarter.

But in a play that was symbolic of the entire game, Pederson got behind the Lee press on the very next possession and layed it in uncontested for a 60-48 lead.

The lead ballooned to 27 in the final minute as Saddler and his teammates continued to push the tempo.

For Lee, led by 15 points from Hubbard and Grant Coffman, it was a missed opportunity to score a big win over the top team in the district.

"We scored 62 points," Mark Coffman said. "That should've been a winning number for us and it wasn't."

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3-5A Boys Standings

	Dist.	Overall
San Angelo Central	3-0	21-4
Permian	2-1	15-4
Midland High	2-1	4-17
Lee	2-2	7-16
Abilene High	1-1	9-11
Odessa High	0-2	9-1
Abilene Cooper	0-3	6-11

Tuesday's Scores

Lubbock Monterey 50, Midland High 42; San Angelo Central 76, Lee 60.

Today's Games

Abilene Cooper at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Abilene High. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 76, LEE 62

Central (21-4, 3-0 in District 3-5A) — Hunter Kinyon 6; Adrian Nieto 6; Sterling Smith 4; Zach Whitlock 10; Ray Holland 2; Justin Sadler 21; Reggie Sutton 10; Rey Pederson 13; Deon Morgan 4

Lee (7-16, 2-2) — Anthony McCoy 2; Grant Coffman 15; Jarrod Johnson 12; Chi Hubbard 7; Taivi Hubbard 15; Byron Oliver 4; Talor Nunez 3; Jordan Williams 4.

Central	15	19	16	26—76
Lee	8	13	17	24—62

Free throws — Central 16-27; Lee 19-32. 3-point goals — Central 4 (Kinyon, Nieto, Sadzler, Pederson); Lee 5 (Coffman 3, T.Hubbard, Oliver). Total fouls — Central 26; Lee 22. Fouled out — Lee, Coffman. C.Hubbard. Technical fouls — none. Assists — Central 6 (Pederson 3); Lee 5 (T.Hubbard). Rebounds — Central 27 (Whitlock 9), Lee 31 (Johnson 8). Turnovers — Central 16, Lee 17

Next: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday

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College Football

The AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with the last-place votes in parentheses, first records, total 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. Alabama (54)	12-1	1,475	2
2. LSU (1)	12-1	1,401	1
3. Oklahoma St. (4)	12-1	1,376	3
4. Oregon	12-1	1,292	5
5. Arkansas	11-2	1,178	7
6. Southern Cal	10-2	1,167	6
7. Stanford	11-2	1,148	4
8. Boise St.	12-1	1,108	8
9. South Carolina	11-2	995	10
10. Wisconsin	11-3	890	9
11. Michigan St.	11-2	853	12
12. Michigan	11-2	822	13
13. Baylor	10-3	766	16
14. TCU	11-2	758	15
15. Kansas St.	10-3	608	11
16. Oklahoma	10-3	582	19
17. West Virginia	10-3	539	23
18. Houston	13-1	509	20
19. Georgia	10-4	433	18
20. Southern Miss.	12-2	402	22
21. Virginia Tech	11-3	322	17
22. Clemson	10-4	188	14
23. Florida St.	9-4	150	25
24. Nebraska	9-4	143	21
25. Cincinnati	10-3	100	NR

Others receiving votes: BYU 49, Auburn 40, N. Illinois 33, Missouri 22, Texas 16, Rutgers 3, N. Dakota St. 2, Penn St. 2, Virginia 1.

USA Today Top 25 Poll

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, first records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (59)	12-1	1,475	2
2. LSU	13-1	1,404	1
3. Oklahoma State	12-1	1,290	3
4. Oregon	12-2	1,290	5
5. Arkansas	11-2	1,188	7
6. Boise State	12-1	1,162	6
7. Stanford	11-2	1,106	4
8. South Carolina	11-2	1,084	9
9. Michigan	11-2	925	12
10. Michigan State	11-3	912	13
11. Wisconsin	11-3	911	8
12. Baylor	10-3	775	16
13. TCU	11-2	710	15
14. Houston	13-1	673	17
15. Oklahoma	10-3	610	19
16. Kansas State	10-3	602	10
17. Virginia Tech	11-3	574	11
18. West Virginia	10-3	554	22
19. Southern Mississippi	12-2	429	21
20. Georgia	*10-4	345	18
21. Cincinnati	10-3	248	24
22. Clemson	*10-4	247	14
23. Florida State	9-4	205	25
24. Nebraska	9-4	144	20
25. Brigham Young	10-3	79	NR

Others receiving votes: Northern Illinois 36; Missouri 33; Texas 29; Auburn 28; Rutgers 11; Penn State 10; Texas A&M 5; Virginia 4; Temple 2; Washington 2; Arkansas State 1; Florida 1; Louisiana-Lafayette 1; Mississippi State 1; Notre Dame 1; Ohio 1

NFL Playoffs

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday

New Orleans at San Francisco, 3:30 p.m.
Denver at New England, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15

Houston at Baltimore, noon
N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 3:30 p.m.

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 22

TBD

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 29

At Honolulu

NFC vs. AFC, 6 p.m.

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 5

At Indianapolis

NFC vs. AFC, 5:20 p.m.

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	12	4	.750	—
Canton	8	8	.500	4
Dakota	7	7	.500	4
Springfield	8	9	.471	4 1/2
Erie	8	11	.421	5 1/2
Fort Wayne	7	11	.389	6
Maine	6	12	.333	7
Sioux Falls	5	13	.278	8

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Austin	13	3	.813	—
Los Angeles	14	6	.700	1
Rio Grande Valley	11	8	.579	3 1/2
Bakersfield	9	8	.529	4 1/2
Tulsa	9	8	.529	4 1/2
Reno	9	9	.500	5
Idaho	7	10	.412	6 1/2
Texas	1	12	.333	8

Yesterday's Scores

Maine 98, Sioux Falls 92
Austin 111, Erie 88
Texas 94, Tulsa 86
Dakota at Canton, late

Today's Games

Los Angeles at Maine, noon
Bakersfield at Idaho, 2:45 p.m.
Sioux Falls at Texas, 5:30 p.m.
Iowa at Reno, 9 p.m.

Ski Report

New Mexico

Angel Fire — 31-56 cm packed powder machine groomed 31-31 base 63 of 75 trails 92% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 1/13 packed powder machine groomed 30-40 base 34 of 44 trails 4 of 7 lifts. Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open Fri-Sun.

Red River — Tue 8-27 cm packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base 53 of 57+trails 89% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Mon Reopen 1/11 packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base 34 of 35 trails 99% open, 5 of 5 lifts. Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun.

Sipapu — Mon 6-43 cm packed powder machine groomed 21-29 base 31 of 41 trails, 76% open 5 of 5 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Tue 8-21 am powder machine groomed 32-32 base 55 of 55 trails 100% open, 27 miles, 750 acres, 9 of 10 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 4:00 pm packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base 74 of 77 trails 98% open, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Taos — Tue 5-46 am packed powder machine groomed 41-60 base 91 of 110 trails, 90% open 13 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Enchanted Forest XC — Sun 10:38 am packed powder machine groomed 29-36 base 30 of 40 trails, 32 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5-41 am loose granular machine groomed 8-30 base 13 of 105 trails 17% open. 157 acres, 4 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Tue 4:00 am packed powder machine groomed 25-36 base 74 of 124 trails 76% open, 729 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Tue 3:58 am packed powder machine groomed 17-24 base 42 of 76 trails 98% open, 661 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Rangers	40	27	.597	—
Philadelphia	41	25	.621	1
New Jersey	41	23	.16	2
Boston	41	21	.16	4
N.Y. Islanders	40	15	.19	6

Northeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	27	.11	1/2
Ottawa	44	23	.16	2
Toronto	42	22	.15	5
Buffalo	42	18	.19	7
Montreal	42	16	.19	7

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	42	21	.13	8
Winnipeg	42	20	.17	5
Washington	40	21	.17	6
Tampa Bay	41	17	.20	4
Carolina	44	14	.23	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	42	25	.12	5
Chicago	43	25	.13	5
Detroit	42	26	.15	1
Nashville	42	23	.15	4
Columbus	41	26	.15	2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Vancouver	44	27	.14	3
Minnesota	43	22	.16	6
Colorado	44	23	.20	1
Calgary	41	19	.19	5
Edmonton	41	16	.22	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Jose	39	23	.15	6
Los Angeles	43	21	.15	7
Dallas	40	23	.16	1
Phoenix	43	20	.17	6
Anaheim	40	12	.22	6

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

Tuesday's Scores

N.Y. Rangers 2, Phoenix 1, SO
Vancouver 3, Tampa Bay 1, SO
Minnesota 5, San Jose 4, SO
Boston 5, Winnipeg 3
Toronto 2, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Detroit 1
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 2, Carolina 1
St. Louis 3, Anaheim 1
Chicago 5, Columbus 2
Nashville 4, Colorado 1
New Jersey at Calgary, late
Dallas at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES

ISLANDERS 5, RED WINGS 1

Detroit	0	0	1	— 1
N.Y. Islanders	1	2	2	— 5

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 19 (Parenteau, Streit), 19:07 (pp).

Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 14 (Okposo), 7:31. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 9 (Tavares, Moulson), 11:10. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Grabovski 11 (Martin, Streit), 18:32.

Third Period—5, Detroit, Abdelkader 5 (Kindl, Holmstrom), 2:36. 6, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 20 (Streit, Tavares), 13:57.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 8-10-6—24. N.Y. Islanders 17-4-9—30.

Goalies—Detroit, Conklin. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—12,864 (16,234) T—2:14.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, SABRES 0

Buffalo	0	0	0	— 0
Toronto	1	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Toronto, Kulemin 5 (Frattin, Gunnarsson), 8:22 (pp). 2, Toronto, Grabovski 13 (Kulemin, Crabb), 17:55.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 10-8-14—32. Toronto 14-6-8—28.

Goalies—Buffalo, Millar. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,431 (18,819) T—2:19

SENATORS 5, PENGUINS 1

Ottawa	2	2	1	— 5
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—1, Ottawa, Neil 7 (Turris, Foligno), 11:13. 2, Ottawa, Butler 5 (Folignio), 14:03.

Second Period—3, Ottawa, Spezza 16 (Greening, Phillips), 1:15. 4, Ottawa, M.Michalek 21 (Greening, Spezza), 5:43 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Malkin 7, 11:14.

Third Period—6, Ottawa, M.Michalek 22 (Greening, Kuba), 12:36.

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 7-6-10—23 Pittsburgh 9-13-8—30.

Goalies—Ottawa Anderson Pittsburgh, Johnson, Fleury. A—18,603 (18,387) T—2:26

FLYERS 2, HURRICANES 1

Philadelphia	0	1	1	— 2
Carolina	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Schenn 2 (Simmonds, Carter). 2, Carolina, Samson 1 (Faulk, E.Staal), 12:37 (pp).

Third Period—3, Philadelphia, Coutourier 7 (Zohnerzyk), 12:16.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 9-18-10—37. Carolina 11-11-14—36.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bobrovsky Carolina, Ward. A—14,517(18,680) T—2:27.

BLUES 3, CANADIENS 0

St. Louis	0	2	1	— 3
Montreal	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, St. Louis, Arnott 10 (Reaves, Sobotka), 9:51. 2, St Louis, Backes 14 (Stewart, Pietrangelo), 14:58.

Third Period—3, St. Louis, Stewart 10 (Backes), 12:56.

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 9-5-11—25 Montreal 4-8-7—19.

Goalies—St Louis, Halak Montreal. Price A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:16

BRUINS 5, JETS 3

Winnipeg	1	2	0	— 3
Boston	1	1	3	— 5

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Ladd 14,(Bogosian, Enstrom), 16:53. 2, Boston, Horton 13 (Lucic, Krejci), 19:20.

Second Period—3, Winnipeg, Wheeler 6 (Enstrom, Bogosian), 31. 4, Boston, Thornton 4 (penalty shot), 5:16 (sh). 5, Winnipeg, Fehr 1 (Slapleton), 11:11.

Third Period—6, Boston, Horton 14 (Krejci, Lucic), 08 7. Boston, Seguin 17 (Bergeron), 15:42. 8, Boston, Poulliot 8 (Bergeron, Peverley), 6:41 (pp)

Missed Penalty Shot—Thorburn, Wpg, 5:51 first

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 14-10-8—32 Boston 13-7-22—42

Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec Boston, Rask A—17,565 (17,565) T—2:27

WILD 5, SHARKS 4, SO

San Jose	1	0	3	0 — 4
Minnesota	1	1	2	0 — 5

Minnesota won shootout 3-0

First Period—1, Minnesota, Clutterbuck 11 (Wellman, Zidlicky), 7:04. 2, San Jose, Boyle 3 (Marleau, Thornton), 16:08 (pp)

Second Period—3, Minnesota, M.Peters 1 (Falk, McIntyre), 13:26.

Third Period—4, Minnesota, Johnson 5 (Heatley, Falk), 7:42. 5, San Jose, Ferriero 5 (Vlasic, Boyle), 9:47. 6, Minnesota, Cullen 11 (Wellman, Clutterbuck), 13:40. 7, San Jose, Couture 17 (Burns, Boyle), 16:54. 8, San Jose, Marleau 16 (Thornton, Pavelski), 17:16.

Overtime—None

Shootout—San Jose 0 (Handzus NG, Clowe NG), Minnesota 2 (Cullen G, Koivu G)

Shots on Goal—San Jose 8-7-18-5—38 Minnesota 11-11-8-2—32

Goalies—San Jose, Niemi Minnesota, Harding. A—18,986 (18,064) T—2:47

CANUCKS 5, LIGHTNING 4, SO

Vancouver	1	2	0	0 — 5*
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0 — 4

Vancouver won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Vancouver, Edler 7 (Sulter H.Sedin) 2:06 2, Vancouver, Hansen 13 (Hamhuis), 8:16 (sh)

Second Period—3 Tampa Bay, Stamkos 29 (Malone, Bergeron) 10:12 4, Vancouver, Malhotra 4 (Duco, Ballard), 12:27. 5, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 16 (Stamkos, Gilroy), 19:28. 6, Vancouver, Kesler 12 (Raymond, Hodgson) 19:50.

Third Period—7, Tampa Bay, Downie 7 (Kubina, St Louis) 6 14. 8 Tampa Bay, Malone 8 (St Louis, Lecavalier) 18:59

Overtime—None

Shootout—Vancouver-1 (Bieksa NG, Raymond G), Tampa Bay 0 (Malone NG, Moore NG, Stamkos NG)

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 9-14-4-1—28 Tampa Bay 7-14-4-1—26

Goalies—Vancouver C Schneider Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—17,630'(19,204) T—2:47

RANGERS 2, COYOTES 1, SO

Phoenix	0	0	1	0 — 1
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	1	0 — 2

N.Y. Rangers won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.

Second Period—None

Third Period—1 N.Y Rangers: Fedotenko 6 (Boyle, Hagelin), 2:27 2. Phoenix. Vrbata 20 (Poulot, Rozsival), 11:37

Overtime—None

Shootout—Phoenix 1 (Ekman-Larsson NG, Vrbata G, Boedker NG; Aucoin NG, Whitney NG, Doan NG) N Y Rangers 2 (Michal NG, Richards NG, Gaborik G; Anisimov NG Callahan NG, Stegan G)

Missed Penalty Shot—Gaborik. NYR: 3:10 overtime

Shots on Goal—Phoenix 5-5-6-3—19 N Y Rangers 12-9-10-1—32

Goalies—Phoenix, Smith N Y Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200) T—2:32

BLACKHAWKS 5, BLUE JACKETS 2

Columbus	1	0	1	— 2
Chicago	2	0	3	— 5

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Chicago, Bolland 10 (Hossa), 4:12 (sh) 2. Columbus, Umberger 7 (Savard, Johnson) 7:54 3 7. Chicago, Stalberg 10 (Kane, J Toews), 15:29

Third Period—4 Chicago, Stalberg 11 (Hjalmarsson, Sharp, Versteeg), 6:32. 5 Chicago, B.Smith 2 (Bickell O'Donell) 6 59 6, Columbus, Vermette 6 (Johansen, Johnson), 8:32 7. Chicago, Stalberg 12 (Rundblad) 18 20 (en)

Shots on Goal, Columbus 11-13-10—34 Chicago 5-13-7—25,

Goalies—Columbus, Sanford, Chicago, Crawford. A—21,229 (19,717) T—2:17

PREDATORS 4, AVALANCHE 1

Nashville	1	3	0	1 — 4
Colorado	1	0	0	0 — 1

First Period—1, Nashville, Spaling 6 (Tootoo, Bourque) 4 31 2. Nashville, Ellis 2 (Erat, Joss) 7 41 (pp) 3. Nashville, Erat 9 (Fisher, Suter), 15 05

Second Period—4, Colorado, O'Reilly 11 (Stastny) 19.24 (pp)

Third Period—5, Nashville, Hornqvist 12 (Ellis) 15 34

Shots on Goal—Nashville 13-6-7—26 Colorado 6-18-9—33

Goalies—Nashville, Rinne Colorado, Varlamov. A—14,417 (18,007) T—2:20

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	40	27	9	4	58	135	103
Philadelphia	41	25	12	4	54	137	120
New Jersey	41	23	16	2	48	114	117
Boston	41	21	16	4	46	124	111
N.Y. Islanders	40	15	19	6	36	96	121

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	27	11	1	55	146	76
Ottawa	44	23	15	6	52	140	144
Toronto	42	22	15	5	49	135	131
Buffalo	42	18	19	5	41	107	123
Montreal	42	16	19	7	39	109	117

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	42	21	13	8	50	109	116
Winnipeg	42	20	17	5	45	112	124
Washington	40	21	17	6	48	109	111
Tampa Bay	41	17	20	4	38	113	141
Carolina	44	14	23	7	35	113	148

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	25	12	5	55	110	89
Chicago	43	25	13	5	55	139	125
Detroit	42	26	15	1	53	135	99
Nashville	42	23	15	4	50	115	115
Columbus	41	26	15	2	57	101	142

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	44	27	14	3	57	144	108
Minnesota	43	22	15	6	50	101	105
Colorado	44	23	20	1	47	115	124
Calgary	41	19	19	5	43	103	124
Edmonton	41	16	22	3	35	111	149

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	39	23	15	6	51	116	94
Los Angeles	43	21	15	7	49	93	95
Dallas	40	23	16	1	47	112	114
Phoenix	43	20	17	6	46	109	111
Anaheim	40	12	22	6	30	99	133

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

Tuesday's Scores

N.Y. Rangers 2, Phoenix 1, SO
Vancouver 3, Tampa Bay 1, SO
Minnesota 5, San Jose 4, SO
Boston 5, Winnipeg 3
Toronto 2, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 5, Detroit 1
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 2, Carolina 1
St. Louis 3, Anaheim 1
Chicago 5, Columbus 2
Nashville 4, Colorado 1
New Jersey at Calgary, late
Dallas at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES

ISLANDERS 5, RED WINGS 1

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N.Y. Islanders	1	2	2	— 5

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Third Period—5, Detroit, Abdelkader 5 (Kindl, Holmstrom), 2:36. 6, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 20 (Streit, Tavares), 13:57.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 8-10-6—24. N.Y. Islanders 17-4-9—30.

Goalies—Detroit, Conklin. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—12,864 (16,234) T—2:14.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, SABRES 0

Buffalo	0	0	0	— 0
Toronto	1	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Toronto, Kulemin 5 (Frattin, Gunnarsson), 8:22 (pp). 2, Toronto, Grabovski 13 (Kulemin, Crabb), 17:55.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 10-8-14—32. Toronto 14-6-8—28.

Goalies—Buffalo, Millar. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,431 (18,819) T—2:19

SENATORS 5, PENGUINS 1

Ottawa	2	2	1	— 5
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—1, Ottawa, Neil 7 (Turris, Folignio). 11:13. 2, Ottawa, Butler 5 (Folignio), 14:03

Second Period—3, Ottawa, Spezza 16 (Greening, Phillips), 1:15. 4, Ottawa, M.Michalek 21 (Greening, Spezza), 5:43 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Malkin 7, 11:14

Third Period—6, Ottawa, M.Michalek 22 (Greening, Kuba), 12:36.

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 7-6-10—23 Pittsburgh 9-13-8—30.

Goalies—Ottawa Anderson Pittsburgh, Johnson, Fleury. A—18,603 (18,387) T—2:26

FLYERS 2, HURRICANES 1

Philadelphia	0	1	1	— 2
Carolina	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Schenn 2 (Simmonds, Carter). 2, Carolina, Samson 1 (Faulk, E.Staal), 12:37 (pp)

Third Period—3, Philadelphia, Coutourier 7 (Zohnerzyk), 12:16.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 9-18-10—37. Carolina 11-11-14—36.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bobrovsky Carolina, Ward. A—14,517(18,680) T—2:27.

BLUES 3, CANADIENS 0

St. Louis	0	2	1	— 3
Montreal	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, St Louis, Arnott 10 (Reaves, Sobotka), 9:51. 2. St Louis, Backes 14 (Stewart, Pietrangelo), 14:58.

Third Period—3, St. Louis, Stewart 10 (Backes), 12:56.

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 9-5-11—25 Montreal 4-8-7—19.

Goalies—St Louis, Halak Montreal. Price A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:16

BRUINS 5, JETS 3

Winnipeg	1	2	0	— 3
Boston	1	1	3	— 5

First Period—1. Winnipeg, Ladd 14,(Bogosian, Enstrom), 16:53. 2, Boston, Horton 13 (Lucic, Krejci), 19:20.

Second Period—3, Winnipeg, Wheeler 6 (Enstrom, Bogosian). 31. 4, Boston, Thornton 4 (penalty shot), 5:16 (sh). 5, Winnipeg, Fehr 1 (Slapleton), 11:11.

Third Period—6, Boston, Horton 14 (Krejci, Lucic), 08 7. Boston, Seguin 17 (Bergeron), 15:42. 8, Boston, Poulliot 8 (Bergeron, Peverley), 6:41 (pp)

Missed Penalty Shot—Thorburn, Wpg, 5:51 first

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 14-10-8—32 Boston 13-7-22—42

Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec Boston, Rask A—17,565 (17,565) T—2:27

WILD 5, SHARKS 4, SO

San Jose	1	0	3	0 — 4
Minnesota	1	1	2	0 — 5

Minnesota won shootout 3-0

First Period—1, Minnesota, Clutterbuck 11 (Wellman, Zidlicky), 7:04. 2, San Jose, Boyle 3 (Marleau, Thornton), 16:08 (pp)

Second Period—3, Minnesota, M.Peters 1 (Falk, McIntyre), 13:26.

Third Period—4, Minnesota, Johnson 5 (Heatley, Falk), 7:42. 5, San Jose, Ferriero 5 (Vlasic, Boyle), 9:47. 6, Minnesota, Cullen 11 (Wellman, Clutterbuck), 13:40. 7, San Jose, Couture 17 (Burns, Boyle), 16:54. 8, San Jose, Marleau 16 (Thornton, Pavelski), 17:16.

Overtime—None

Shootout—San Jose 0 (Handzus NG, Clowe NG), Minnesota 2 (Cullen G, Koivu G)

Shots on Goal—San Jose 8-7-18-5—38 Minnesota 11-11-8-2—32

Goalies—San Jose, Niemi Minnesota, Harding. A—18,986 (18,064) T—2:47

CANUCKS 5, LIGHTNING 4, SO

Vancouver	1	2	0	0 — 5*
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0 — 4

Vancouver won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Vancouver, Edler 7 (Sulter H.Sedin) 2:06 2, Vancouver, Hansen 13 (Hamhuis), 8:16 (sh)

Second Period—3 Tampa Bay, Stamkos 29 (Malone, Bergeron) 10:12 4, Vancouver, Malhotra 4 (Duco, Ballard), 12:27. 5, Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 16 (Stamkos, Gilroy), 19:28. 6, Vancouver, Kesler 12 (Raymond, Hodgson) 19:50.

Third Period—7, Tampa Bay, Downie 7 (Kubina, St Louis) 6 14. 8 Tampa Bay, Malone 8 (St Louis, Lecavalier) 18:59

Overtime—None

Shootout—Vancouver-1 (Bieksa NG, Raymond G), Tampa Bay 0 (Malone NG, Moore NG, Stamkos NG)

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 9-14-4-1—28 Tampa Bay 7-14-4-1—26

Goalies—Vancouver C Schneider Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—17,630'(19,204) T—2:47

RANGERS 2, COYOTES 1, SO

Phoenix	0	0	1	0 — 1
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	1	0 — 2

N.Y. Rangers won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.

Second Period—None

Third Period—1 N.Y Rangers: Fedotenko 6 (Boyle, Hagelin), 2:27 2. Phoenix. Vrbata 20 (Poulot, Rozsival), 11:37

Overtime—None

Shootout—Phoenix 1 (Ekman-Larsson NG, Vrbata G, Boedker NG; Aucoin NG, Whitney NG, Doan NG) N Y Rangers 2 (Michal NG, Richards NG, Gaborik G; Anisimov NG Callahan NG, Stegan G)

Missed Penalty Shot—Gaborik. NYR: 3:10 overtime

Shots on Goal—Phoenix 5-5-6-3—19 N Y Rangers 12-9-10-1—32

Goalies—Phoenix, Smith N Y Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200) T—2:32

BLACKHAWKS 5, BLUE JACKETS 2

Columbus	1	0	1	— 2
Chicago	2	0	3	— 5

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Chicago, Bolland 10 (Hossa), 4:12 (sh) 2. Columbus, Umberger 7 (Savard, Johnson) 7:54 3 7. Chicago, Stalberg 10 (Kane, J Toews), 15:29

Third Period—4 Chicago, Stalberg 11 (Hjalmarsson, Sharp, Versteeg), 6:32. 5 Chicago, B.Smith 2 (Bickell O'Donell) 6 59 6, Columbus, Vermette 6 (Johansen, Johnson), 8:32 7. Chicago, Stalberg 12 (Rundblad) 18 20 (en)

Shots on Goal, Columbus 11-13-10—34 Chicago 5-13-7—25,

Goalies—Columbus, Sanford, Chicago, Crawford. A—21,229 (19,717) T—2:17

PREDATORS 4, AVALANCHE 1

Nashville	1	3	0	1 — 4
Colorado	1	0	0	0 — 1

First Period—1, Nashville, Spaling 6 (Tootoo, Bourque) 4 31 2. Nashville, Ellis 2 (Erat, Joss) 7 41 (pp) 3. Nashville, Erat 9 (Fisher, Suter), 15 05

Second Period—4, Colorado, O'Reilly 11 (Stastny) 19.24 (pp)

Third Period—5, Nashville, Hornqvist 12 (Ellis) 15 34

Shots on Goal—Nashville 13-6-7—26 Colorado 6-18-9—33

Goalies—Nashville, Rinne Colorado, Varlamov. A—14,417 (18,007) T—2:20

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Free Agent Signings

NEW YORK — The 76 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter grades refer to major league contracts and in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

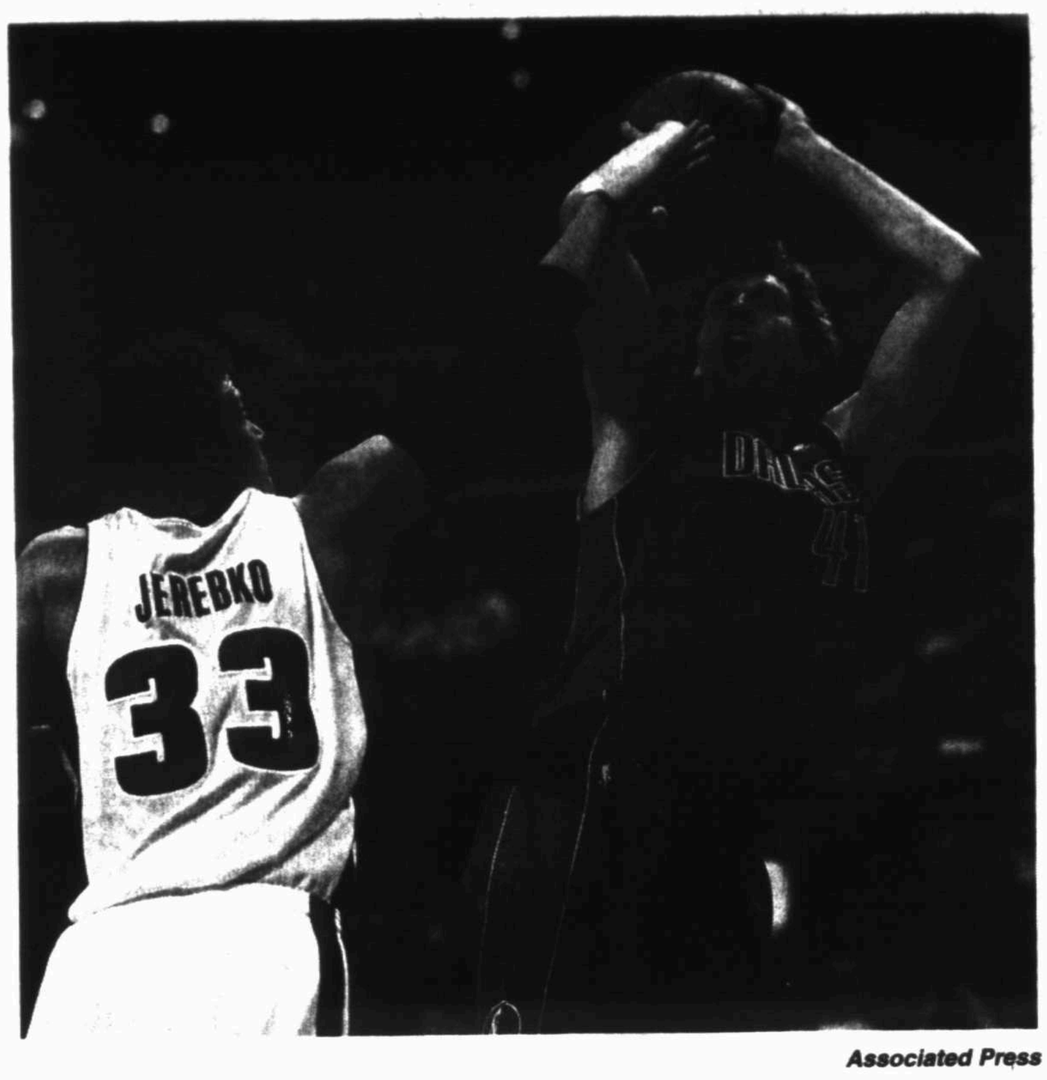
BALTIMORE (1) — Signed Endy Chavez, of, Texas, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

BOSTON (3) — Announced David Ortiz, dh, has accepted salary arbitration; signed Kelly Shoppach, c, Tampa Bay, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Nick Punto, inf, St. Louis, to a $3 million, two-year contract.

CLEVELAND (2) — Re-signed Grady Sizemore, of, to a $5 million, one-year contract; signed Jose Lopez, 3b, Miami, to a minor league contract.

DETROIT (3) — Signed Gerald Laird, c, St. Louis, to a $1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ramon Santiago, ss, to a $4.2 million, two-year contract; signed Octavio Dotel, rhp, St. Louis, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Bruce Chen, lhp, to a $9 million, two-year contract; signed Jonathan Broxton



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Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) takes a shot over Detroit Pistons' Jonas Jerebko (33) in the first half of a game Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Mavericks at .500 after they rout Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 points, and the Dallas Mavericks reached the .500 mark by routing the Detroit Pistons 100-86 on Tuesday night.

Mavericks 100
Pistons.....86

The defending champion Mavericks (5-5) started their NBA title defense slowly, losing four of their first five games, but they've bounced back. Tuesday's win was their first on the road. Shawn Marion scored 14 points and Vince Carter added 11 for Dallas, which led by as many as 28 in the second half.

Will Bynum scored 20 points for Detroit. The Pistons (2-8) have lost five straight games, and this was actually the least lopsided of the bunch thanks to a late run.

The Mavericks, playing without injured point guard Jason Kidd, went on runs of 13-0 in the first quarter and 16-0 in the third.

Nowitzki shot 5 of 22 over his previous two games, but he broke out of that slump against the Pistons, going 9 of 10. He made all six attempts from the field in the first half, and Dallas shot 55 percent for the game.

Baylor owns crunch time in Big 12 win

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Perry Jones scored 17 points and fourth-ranked Baylor held No. 18 Kansas State to one basket over the final 5 minutes for a 75-73 win on Tuesday night.

Baylor 75
KSU.....73

Quincy Acy and Brady Heslip added 13 points apiece for the Bears (16-0, 3-0 Big 12). Jones and Acy combined to go 14 of 18 from the floor. Pierre Jackson chipped in with 10 points for Baylor, which surged ahead with a 20-4 run over a 5 1/2-minute stretch midway through the second half.

Rodney McGruder scored 30 points on 10-of-14 shooting to lead Kansas State (12-2, 1-1). Jordan Henriquez added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Henriquez hit two free throws to give K-State a 71-69 lead with 4:13 to play, but Acy scored five straight points to put Baylor up 74-71 with 2:22 remaining.

Associated Press

Kansas State center Jordan Henriquez, back, and Baylor's Perry Jones III, center, and guard A.J. Walton (22) compete for a rebound during the first half of a game Tuesday in Manhattan, Kan.

The Wildcats had the ball down two with 20.9 seconds to go but failed to get off a shot and turned it over as time expired.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BUCKS 106, SPURS 103

MINNEAPOLIS — Derrick Rose scored a season-high 31 points and had 11 assists to outlast Ricky Rubio in a thrilling duel, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 111-100 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

Luol Deng had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Kyle Korver scored 13 points off the bench for the Bulls, who appeared to be on their way to a blowout early before Rubio led the Wolves back.

76ERS 112, KINGS 85

PHILADELPHIA — Elton Brand had a season-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Philadelphia routed Sacramento for its sixth straight victory.

The Sixers are 7-2 and lead the Atlantic Division. It's their best start since Allen Iverson helped them open 10-0 on their way to the NBA finals in 2000-01.

Rookie Jimmer Fredette scored seven points in his first start for Sacramento. Filling in for injured leading scorer Marcus Thornton shot 2 for 7. DeMarcus Cousins led the struggling Kings with 17 points.

THUNDER 100, GRIZZLIES 95

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Russell Westbrook scored 30 points, Kevin Durant added 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Oklahoma City won its fourth straight.

Thabo Sefolosha added 12 for Oklahoma City, hitting all four of his shots, including three outside the arc. James Harden finished with 10 points.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Rudy Gay contributed 16 points, but was 7 of 21 from the field. Mike Conley had 15 points and 10 assists for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight.

WIZARDS 93, RAPTORS 78

WASHINGTON — Rashard Lewis and Nick Young each had 15 points to lead Washington to its first win after eight straight losses.

Andray Blatche had nine points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes. John Wall tied his season high with nine assists, but missed nine of 12 shots. In his past two games, Wall is 6 for 21 from the field.

Toronto, which was playing its second of three games in three nights, was led by Andrea Bargnani with 22 points.

ROCKETS 82, BOBCATS 70

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rookie Chandler Parsons scored 20 points and Kevin Martin added 17 points and Houston defeated Charlotte to snap a four-game losing streak.

Jordan Hill had a double-double for the Rockets off the bench with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 95, IOWA 61

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Draymond Green had 22 points and 10 rebounds to help Michigan State beat Iowa for its 15th straight win.

The victory gives the Spartans (15-2, 4-0 Big Ten) their longest win streak since the 1998-99 season, when they won 22 in a row before losing to Duke in the national championship game.

The Hawkeyes (10-8, 2-3) have been routed in two straight games — they also lost to Ohio State, by 29 points — after beating Wisconsin and Minnesota on the road.

Reserve Aaron White scored 15 points and Devyn Marble had 12 for Iowa.

Michigan State went on a 16-0 run late in the first half and a 14-0 spurt in the second.

PROVIDENCE 90, NO. 14 LOUISVILLE 59

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Bryce Cotton and Kadeem Batts each scored 27 points and Providence gave Louisville coach Rick Pitino a tough loss on a day the school honored his 1987 squad.

Vincent Council added 15 points and LaDontae Henton 14 for the Friars (12-6, 1-4 Big East), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Chris Smith led the Cardinals with 16 points. Louisville (13-4, 1-3) has lost four of its last five, including a 67-65 setback in double-overtime at home against Notre Dame on Saturday.

At halftime, Providence held a ceremony honoring the 25th anniversary of its Pitino-coached team that made a run to the Final Four.

NO. 19 FLORIDA 70, GEORGIA 48

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Bradley Beal broke out of his shooting slump with 17 points to lead Florida over Georgia for its 15th straight home win.

Beal was 4 of 6 from 3-poing range, making more shots from behind the arc than he did in the last four games combined, and added 10 rebounds for his third double-double of the season.

Kenny Boynton also scored 17 points for the Gators (13-4, 1-1 Southeastern Conference).

Georgia (9-7, 0-2) lost to Florida for the 15th time in the last 17 meetings. The Bulldogs have dropped 10 in a row in Gainesville. Nemanja Djurisic led Georgia with 14 points. Gerald Robinson Jr. added eight points, six rebounds and five assists.

NO. 24 SETON HALL 94, DEPAUL 73

NEWARK, N.J. — Fuquan Edwin scored 24 of his career-high 28 points in the first half and No. 24 Seton Hall rolled over DePaul in its first game as a ranked team since 2001.

Jordan Theodore matched his career bests with 26 points and 11 assists as the Pirates (15-2, 4-1 Big East) won their fourth straight game — all in league play.

Herb Pope had 11 points and 13 rebounds, and Aaron Cosby added a career-high 15 points for Seton Hall, which shot 58.7 percent from the field.

Brandon Young had 16 points, and Cleveland Melvin and Worrel Clahar added 14 apiece for DePaul (10-6, 1-3).

NO. 23 CREIGHTON 63, NORTHERN IOWA 60

OMAHA, Neb. — Antoine Young scored a season-high 21 points, Doug McDermott added 14 and No. 23 Creighton beat Northern Iowa 63-60 Tuesday night.

Young made 9 of 14 shots, with his only 3-pointer giving the Bluejays a five-point lead with 2 minutes left.

The Bluejays (14-2, 4-1 Missouri Valley Conference) held the Panthers (12-5, 2-3) without a field goal for 11 1/2 minutes over the first and second halves but could never build a safe lead.

UNI had a chance to tie it in the last minute after Josh Jones was called for over-and-back against the Panthers' press.

Jake Koch hit a short jumper to pull UNI to 61-60 with 19 seconds to play, but Creighton's Grant Gibbs made two free throws for the final margin.

Trio of rookies shines for Texans

Associated Press

HOUSTON — When the Texans opened training camp, right tackle Eric Winston wasn't expecting much from the incoming rookie class.

It wasn't that Winston lacked confidence in the choices coach Gary Kubiak and general manager Rick Smith made in the draft. Winston just hadn't seen many first-year players mature quickly enough to make dramatic impacts.

J.J. Watt, Brooks Reed and T.J. Yates turned out to be exceptions.

The three have played pivotal roles in helping the Texans (11-6) survive a myriad injuries to reach the post-season and advance to the second round. Houston plays at Baltimore (12-4) on Sunday for a berth in the AFC championship game.

"Any time you have this many injuries and you have contributions not from vets, but from rookies stepping up and making big plays in big games," Winston said, "that's why a team goes as far as it does."

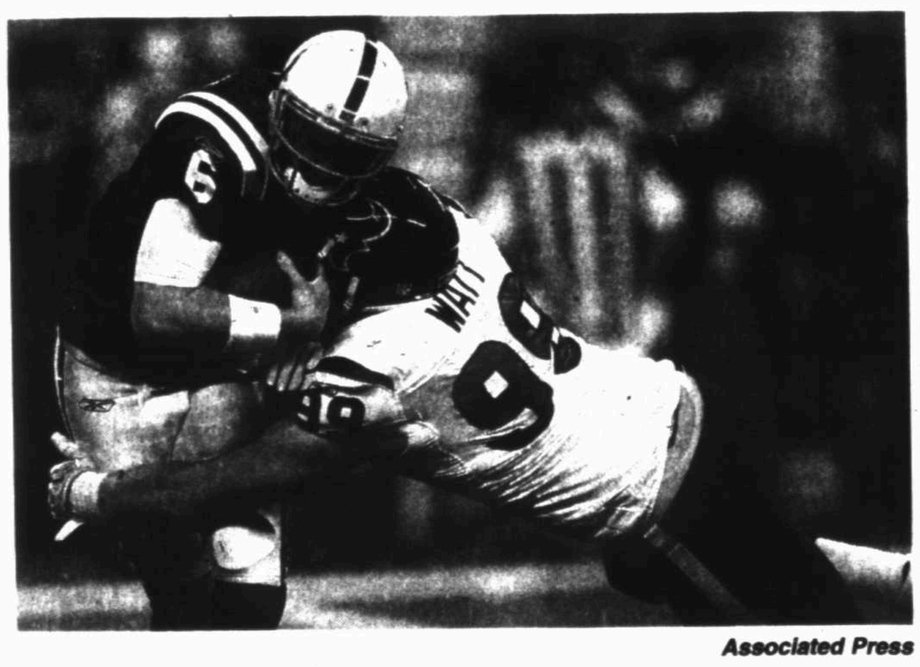
Watt, who's started all 17 games at defensive end, leads the Texans in tackles for loss and made the defensive play of the season, returning an unlikely interception for a touchdown in last week's 31-10 win over Cincinnati.

Yates kept Houston afloat after season-ending injuries to quarterbacks Matt Schaub (right foot, Lisfranc) and Matt Leinart (broken left collarbone).

Reed ably moved into a starting role at outside linebacker and made sure the defense didn't miss a beat when star Mario Williams went down.

"You never know how a season's going to go," Winston said. "You never know if you're going to be blessed from an injury standpoint, or you're going to have to have guys that have got to go (play).

"We've definitely had one of those years that we've had guys who've had to go."



Associated Press

In this Dec. 22 photo, Houston Texans' J.J. Watt tackles Indianapolis Colts' Dan Orlovsky during the first half of a game in Indianapolis. Watt leads the Texans in tackles for loss and made the defensive play of their season in last week's win over Cincinnati. Houston takes on the Baltimore Ravens in an NFL Divisional playoff game on Sunday.

The 6-foot-5, 288-pound Watt was pegged as a starter from the moment Houston took him with the 11th overall pick. Texans fans were initially turned off by the selection, with more recognizable names still on the board, and Watt took notice.

"I remember a lot of people in Houston's reaction on draft day and obviously, I don't have any problem with it," he said. "It was warranted at the time. But it was always my goal from Day 1 to prove to them that I was the football player that the city of Houston would hopefully come to love and I'll always continue to work to make the city proud."

And Watt proved to be NFL-ready, manhandling linemen and swatting away passes from early on in August workouts. He recovered a fumble in the opener, got his first sack in the third game and won over fans with his relentless energy.

Then came Saturday's playoff game. Watt timed his jump just like he's done in practice all season, snatched Andy Dalton's pass with both hands and sprinted 29 yards for a score that put the Texans ahead to stay.

"You want your top picks to be a good player, but they usually don't develop that quickly," defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said.

The 6-3, 250-pound Reed was a second-round pick out of Arizona. He moved into the starting role after Williams tore a chest muscle in Week 5. He played defensive end in college, and has made a seamless adjustment to outside linebacker, with six sacks, three pass deflections and two fumble recoveries this season.

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Source says Griffin to go to the NFL

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III has decided to enter the NFL draft.

The exciting dual-threat quarterback is bypassing his senior season at Baylor and is projected to be one of the top picks in April.

The news came Tuesday, exactly a month after Griffin became the first Baylor player to win college football's highest individual honor.

ESPN, citing an anonymous family source, first reported that Griffin was going pro and in the final stages of picking an agent.

A person familiar with the decision told the Associated Press that Griffin opted to declare for the draft. The person spoke Tuesday night on condition of anonymity because the quarterback had not yet made an official announcement.

Baylor officials had indicated this week the possibility of a news conference on campus as early as Wednesday. There was still nothing officially scheduled Tuesday night.

Griffin played 41 games during his record-setting career at Baylor. He completed 800 of 1,192 passes (67 percent) for 10,366 yards with 78 touchdowns and 17 interceptions, along with 2,254 yards and 33 TDs rushing.

He was the nation's most efficient passer this season, when he completed 291 of 402 passes (72 percent) for 4,293 yards and 37 TDs with only six interceptions. He also ran for 699 yards and 10 more touchdowns.

The Bears matched a school record with 10 wins and closed the season with a six-game winning streak, including a record-breaking 67-56 victory over Washington in the Alamo Bowl for their first bowl victory since 1992. They were 13th in The Associated Press Top 25 released Tuesday, the first time they were ranked in the final poll since 1986.

Griffin played this season as a fourth-year junior. He had another season of eligibility remaining at Baylor because he got a medical redshirt after he tore the ACL in his right knee in the third game of the 2009 season.

During an interview with the AP last month, Griffin said he wouldn't be facing a decision on whether to stay for another season had he not gotten hurt two years ago.

"If I come back, people would be like why. If I leave, people at Baylor will be like why," Griffin said then. "So it's a tough decision."

But Griffin's draft stock rose dramatically this season, especially during the Bears' last six wins. Griffin and Stanford's Andrew Luck, the Heisman runner-up, are likely to be the first two quarterbacks selected.

Baylor swept their four November games, including overcoming its biggest fourth-quarter deficit ever with Griffin throwing three TDs before winning in overtime at Kansas. The Bears also beat Oklahoma for the first time, with Griffin throwing for 479 yards and four touchdowns.

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	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
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	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Boston Celtics Site: TD Garden -- Boston, Mass. (L)				Mavs Post (L)		UFC "142: Aldo vs. Mendes"		Rangers Insider	Cowboys Insider
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	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		L. House "Survival"		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	HouseH	Income	Income	Cousins	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers		Income	Cousins
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Only in America		Restore	Restore	Only in America		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "McCaslin/ Deekens"		Wife Swap "Schroeder/ Wardle"		24 Hour Catwalk "Active Wear"		Dance Moms		Wife Swap "Melton/ Dufrene"		Wife Swap "Schroeder/ Wardle"	
	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	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC "Liddell vs. Silva"		MANswer	MANswer
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost (SP) (N)		Face Off (N)		(:15) Ghost Hunters		(:15) Face Off	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Finale"	Seinf. "The Finale"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	The Office
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Great Cathe...		★★★ State of the Union Spencer Tracy.				(:15) ★★ Three and a Half Musketeers Luis Aldas.				Movie	
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Brother's Keeper"		Law & Order "Challenged"		Law & Order "DR 1-102"		Leverage "The Radio Job"		CSI: NY "Hammer Down"		CSI: NY "Cuckoo's Nest"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	The Exes	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Chinatown"		NCIS "Road Kill"		NCIS "Love & War"		NCIS "Bounce"		Out of Character With Krista Smith (N)		NCIS "Capitol Offense"	
	VERSUS	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Washington Capitals (L)					NHL Live!	NBC Sports Talk (L)		Overtime	NBC Sports Talk	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

Oakland Raiders fire first-year coach Hue Jackson

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders fired coach Hue Jackson on Tuesday after just one season at the helm in the first major move since Reggie McKenzie was hired as general manager.

The decision to get rid of Jackson came four days after the team announced the hiring of McKenzie as the team's first general manager since the death of longtime owner Al Davis in October. McKenzie was formally introduced later Tuesday.

The move marks a rapid fall for Jackson, who was in charge of personnel decisions and coaching after Davis died of heart failure on Oct. 8.

Jackson made the trade for quarterback Carson Palmer after

Jackson

starter Jason Campbell broke his collarbone, costing the Raiders a 2012 first-round draft pick and a conditional 2013 second-rounder.

While Palmer showed signs of giving the Raiders a big-time quarterback, he was unable to get Oakland to the playoffs for the first time since 2002, raising questions about how effective that trade was.

After starting the season 7-4, the Raiders lost four of their final five games to mark their ninth straight season without a winning record or a playoff berth. A late-game collapse at home to Detroit on Dec. 18 and a 38-26 loss to San Diego at home in the season finale did in the Raiders and ultimately Jackson.

Owner Mark Davis, Al's son, made the decision to bring in McKenzie last week and gave him the authority over the coaching staff. McKenzie will now get to pick a new head coach, providing the Raiders a fresh start in their first full season without Al Davis involved since 1962.

Jackson talked at the end of the season about having more involvement in 2012, but instead he will have none.

"I'm going take a stronger hand in this whole team, this whole organization," he said after the season finale. "There's no way that I'm going to feel like I feel today a year from now. I promise you that. There's no question. Defensively, offensively and special teams. I'm not feeling like this no more. This is a joke."

Jackson joined the Raiders as offensive coordinator in 2010 under head coach Tom Cable and engineered a dramatic improvement as Oakland more than doubled its point total and improved to 8-8. That helped him get the job when Davis decided not to retain Cable.

The offense wasn't quite as effective with Jackson as head coach as injuries to star running back Darren McFadden, receiver Jacoby Ford and Campbell played a part.

But the biggest problems this past season were an inability to curb the team's propensity for penalties and on the defensive side of the ball. The team committed 163 penalties for 1,358 yards, setting records in both categories, as Jackson was unable to instill the discipline he promised.

The Raiders also had franchise worsts in touchdown passes allowed (31), yards per carry (5.1), yards passing (4,262) and total yards (6,201), while giving up the third-most points (433) in team history.

Oakland joined this season's Tampa Bay team as two of the four teams to allow at least 30 TD passes and 5.0 yards per carry in a season, a distinction achieved previously by only the 1950 Baltimore Colts and 1952 Dallas Texans. The Raiders also became the sixth team since the 1970 merger to allow at least 2,000 yards rushing and 4,000 yards passing in a season.

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And so, the potential controversy of a split national title was avoided.

As voter Chad Cripe of The Idaho Statesman put it: "Alabama left zero doubt."

LSU can claim the SEC championship and victories against Pac-12 champion Oregon and Big East champion and No. 17 West Virginia. LSU coach Les Miles praised his team when asked if it deserved to be voted national champions, though he stopped short of lobbying.

"This football team has as quality a run as there is in this country," he said. "Played eight nationally ranked teams. Played in six stadiums before the SEC championship game, which we won as well. I think this team accomplished a lot. I think that's for the voters to figure."

Southern California, which sat out the postseason because of NCAA sanctions, was No. 6 and Pac-12 rival Stanford was seventh.

Boise State finished No. 8. No. 9 South Carolina made it four SEC schools in the Top 10.

The Big Ten had the next three teams: No. 10 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan State and No. 12 Michigan.

Baylor and Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III finished No. 13, ahead of future Big 12 rival TCU, and current Big 12 rivals Kansas State and Oklahoma, and another future Big 12 program, West Virginia.

Conference USA had Houston at No. 18 and Southern Mississippi at No. 20.

In between was Georgia at 19.

The Atlantic Coast Conference had Virginia Tech at No. 21, Clemson at No. 22 and Florida State at 23.

No. 24 Nebraska gave the Big Ten four teams in the final rankings and No. 25 Cincinnati made it two from the Big East.

BSC TV ratings down from 2011

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A field goal-filled shutout couldn't compete with a thrilling finish for television viewers.

TV ratings dipped for this year's BCS title game, Alabama's 21-0 win in a rematch against Southeastern Conference rival LSU. The Crimson Tide went up 15-0 late in the third quarter on five field goals while the Tigers offense struggled to even cross midfield.

A year ago, Auburn drove for a winning field goal on the final play to beat Oregon 22-19.

Monday's game on ESPN earned a 14.0 rating, down 8 percent from last year.

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Yesterday's Answer: WAVE, ANEW, MEAN, MENU
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TODAY Mostly sunny high 58 low 25

THURSDAY Partly cloudy high 42 low 23

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 52 low 27

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 58 and north winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 25 and north winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 42, a low around 23 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 52 and a low around 27.

The high on Tuesday reached 43 while the low dropped to 25. The record high for Jan. 10 is 76 set in 1935. The record low is 5 set in 1962.

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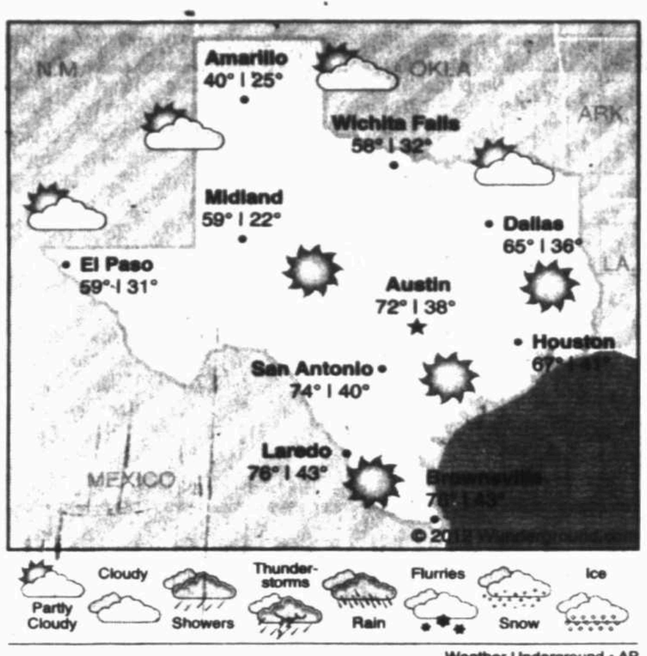
In the eastern third of the nation, a storm moving up from the Gulf Coast will spread heavy rain north, leading to areas of urban flooding today. There will be locally gusty thunderstorms in parts of the South, ahead of the storm system's cold front. As the storm runs into colder air farther north, a wintry mix will fall over part of the central Appalachians. Dry weather will hold during the day in New England. However, rain will arrive on the southern coast at night, with snow and a wintry mix breaking out farther north.



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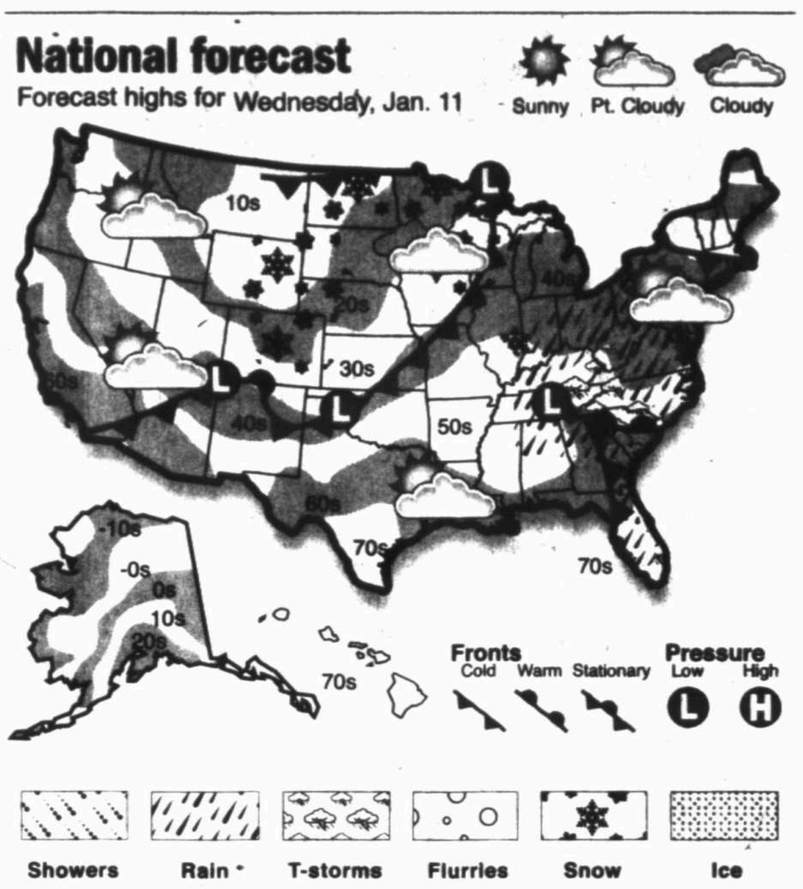
Precipitation

Monday	0.70 in.
Tuesday	0.03 in.
Total for month	0.73 in.
Total for year	0.73 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.15 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	43
Low	25
Normal high	57
Normal low	30

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:03 p.m.



Addiction to porn is dangerous for teen, girlfriend

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Kyle" for more than six months, but I have loved him for more than two years. I always thought we had a wonderful relationship and that Kyle was a sweet, innocent guy. Well, he just confided to me that he has an Internet porn addiction! I'm hurt by this and don't want to lose him. What should I do? (By the way, we're both 14.) — INNOCENT TEEN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR INNOCENT TEEN: You should urge Kyle to get help for his addiction. Addiction, by definition, is behavior that is compulsive and out of control.

The problem with teenage boys getting involved with Internet porn is it gives them an unrealistic expectation of how regular, normal women look and act. Although you don't want to lose him, becoming more involved could lead to his wanting to try out his sexual fantasies with you — and if you go along with it, it will land you in a world of trouble. The smart thing to do is end this relationship NOW.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Denise's" fiancé is 12 years older than she is and still lives with his parents. "Leo" is turning Denise into his mother.

I first noticed it when she cut her beautiful long hair short and in the same style as his mother. Now her lipstick shade is the same as Leo's mother's as well as her glasses and clothing.

At a recent gathering I remarked to Leo, "Wow, Denise looks more like YOUR mother than she does me." After that, our relationship soured. Apparently, he didn't like my observation. Was I wrong? — CREEPED OUT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CREEPED OUT: No. But, you may have said it to the wrong person. You should have said it to your daughter, who may be doing it because she thinks Leo's mother has great taste. Denise also could be consciously or unconsciously doing this to please him.

There's an old song, "I-Want a Girl Just Like the Girl That Married Dear Old Dad." Many men idealize their mothers, and it may be a reason why Leo still lives with his parents.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are empty nesters. We both work and live far from our kids and grandkids. I have wanted to move closer to them, but I also understand we need to meet our goals for a secure retirement.

The problem is, I'm lonely and I think my husband is, too. We work long hours and spend our weekends doing chores. My solution to help myself feel better is to get a dog. My husband, however, doesn't want one. He wants to wait until "later" — whenever that is. I think a pet would make me leave work earlier and force both of us to get out of the house. I know there are expenses involved, but I'm willing to make sacrifices.

Am I being unreasonable or silly? I want my husband to be a part of raising a pet and, perhaps, participate in some obedience training. I'm trying my best to persuade him without being a nag, but I'm beginning to feel like a little kid who's begging "Daddy" for a puppy. I'd appreciate some advice. — PINING FOR A PUPPY IN TEXAS

DEAR PINING: Before embarking on a "pet" project, don't you think you should first find out what may be causing your husband's behavior? While a dog could work wonders and help you both be more active, between his job and the weekend chores, taking a puppy to obedience training may be too much for him. If he's not up to it, would YOU be willing to shoulder that task — and the walking, feeding, grooming and cleaning up?

An energetic puppy can be a lot to handle. Would you consider adopting an older dog, or fostering one that needs a temporary home? I don't recommend bringing a dog into your lives unless your husband agrees. And if he doesn't, please consider volunteering a few days a month at an animal shelter or pet rescue kennel.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Trapped in the end

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ 8 4 3
♢ Q J 4 3
♣ 8 4 2

WEST
♠ 7 6 4 3
♡ 10 7 6 2
♢ K 9 7 6
♣ Q

EAST
♠ 9 8 5
♡ 9
♢ 10 8 5 2
♣ A J 10 9 7

SOUTH
♠ A K J
♡ A K Q J 5
♢ A
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
2♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♢	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Barring a 5-0 heart split, there are nine easy tricks at three no-trump. However, we would be prepared to wager that 99 percent of bridge players would reach four hearts. After all, at rubber bridge you get 100 honors!

West attacked with the queen of clubs. East rose with the ace and returned the jack, covered by the king and ruffed by West, who got off lead with a trump.

Declarer had lost two tricks and was looking at two club losers. He found an ingenious way to get rid of one of them which could succeed if West held the king of diamonds.

Declarer drew all the trumps, cashed the aces of diamonds and spades and continued with the jack of spades, overtaking with the queen in dummy. Next, declarer led dummy's queen of diamonds, discarding the king of spades from hand.

Down to nothing but spades and diamonds, West had to put dummy on lead. No matter which suit West leads, dummy scores the top spade and diamond and declarer has 10 tricks.

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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 Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012:

You could find this year rewarding, especially your dealings with one specific person. Trust and closeness will walk hand in hand. You won't have time for the superficial, as you demand more authenticity from yourself. If you are single, you could have one friend who becomes very close. This person also could become a romantic tie. Do be careful not to become sloppy in other areas of your life, as you might be consumed by relating. With diligence, your work life will become more fulfilling close to your next birthday. LEO can be helpful with money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You understand passion and extremes better than many people. Your ability to flex emerges, even with a difficult person. It seems as if you are always the source for a solution, or at least today. Others seem to perk up when they are around you. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might want to check out an investment or handle a matter that is personal. Accomplish or handle only what you must. You can feel someone else coming toward you. Remain upbeat and direct with a loved one. Tonight: Anchor in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep conversations flowing, and worry less about others' responses. Don't lose yourself; remain your own person. You tend to see situations quite differently. Remember, that is normal. Stay centered, knowing what is going on and where you are heading. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be willing to change directions. If you don't try or explore this opportunity, you could be sorry at a later date. Stay centered in your dealings. You know what is workable. Say "yes" to possibility. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You beam, and another person cannot help but come toward you. A serious matter needs to be dealt with, no matter what else might be going on. With you at the steering wheel, the outcome can only be excellent. Don't be surprised at how reticent the other party might be. Tonight: As you like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be sensitive to others. At present, your ability to feel seems to be enhanced. Be willing to pull back and consider how it might feel to be in another's shoes. Could you be holding back or judging yourself more strongly than usual? Tonight: Make it quiet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A meeting or conversation reminds you to get rid of negativity. In the same spirit of optimism, you could go way overboard. Give up either/or thinking, and let a little self-discipline emerge. Now, isn't that better? Tonight: Celebration feels right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Take a stand, yet know that someone else might be right too. Your instincts point to how to deal with a boss or someone instrumental to your life. Check out an investment that could make your personal life far more comfortable. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You might want to investigate an option that involves travel, dealing with someone very different and/or taking a course. A friend could be a bit dour or stern; let it go. Tonight: Try something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. He or she will appreciate the direct contact from you. Envision more of what you desire from this person. At times it might be worthwhile to verbalize your desires. Pressure builds from what you perceive to be an obligation. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to others. You want to investigate the potential that lies between you and another person. Sometimes walking in another person's shoes enhances your understanding. Right now, bone up on your listening skills. You will learn much more this way. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Sometimes your routine dominates — much like today! You are able to sneak in a very rewarding conversation. You will find time to have a lengthier discussion later, should you want it. Curb any financial risks in the evening. Tonight: But make sure you take a small risk.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Naomi Judd (1946), Founding Father Alexander Hamilton (1755), actress, comedian Kim Coles (1962)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Seller's caveat
5 Whistle blower
8 Fight
14 Congeniality
16 Edit
17 Online data movement
19 Extinguish
20 Clinch a deal, in slang
21 Thing to do on the cautious side?
22 "Man in Black" singer
27 Tempt with, as a carrot
30 "Typee" sequel
31 Highfalutin
35 Steak order
36 Symphony or sonata
38 High-tech party notice
40 Jungle queen
41 Enjoy a 10-course Chinese meal
42 Categorize
46 Pending
52 VCR button
53 Big name in transmission repair
54 Cardio-boxing workout regimen
56 Conforms, or what each last word of 17-, 22-, 36- and 46-Across literally does
61 Intensely devoted
62 Shanghai setting
63 Woody's wife
64 Mar.-to-Nov. setting
65 Count (on)

DOWN
1 Put up with
2 Arizona neighbor
3 How board game players play
4 Ladies
5 First pres. to visit China while in office
6 Farm song refrain
7 Sell for
8 Hatch on the Hill
9 Boglike
10 Adobe file format
11 Bungler
12 Lab subj.
13 And so forth: Abbr.
15 Valuable rock
18 Top rating
22 Yoda, notably
23 Venomous snakes
24 Wild way to run
25 Numbered Chan relative
26 Groundbreaking tool
28 Protein in wheat products
29 Zap
32 Suffix with tact
33 Code word
34 Draft choice
35 A whole bunch
36 Former iPod model
37 Sport
38 Academic Web letters
39 Bigwig
43 End of a threat
44 Heat again, as water for tea
45 Like most streets
47 Lion-colored
48 French-speaking republic
49 CPR expert
50 Was sore
51 Smidgens
54 First day of spring, to Vietnamese
55 Miles away
56 Total blast
57 Au, on a Spanish periodic table
58 Tokyo, once
59 Bigwig on the Hill: Abbr.
60 Post-WWII pres.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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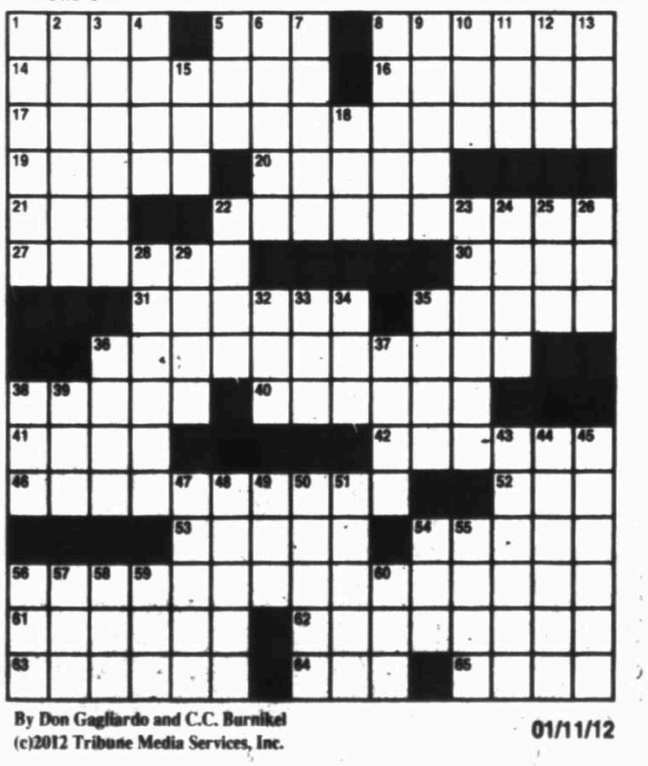

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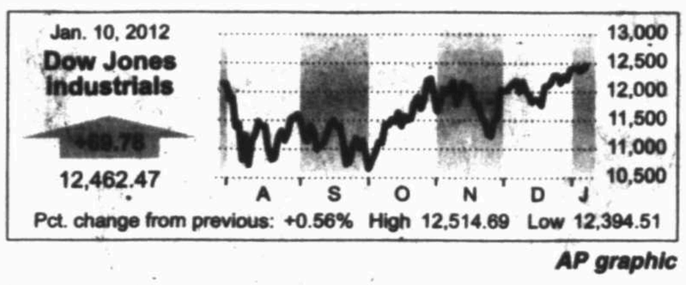

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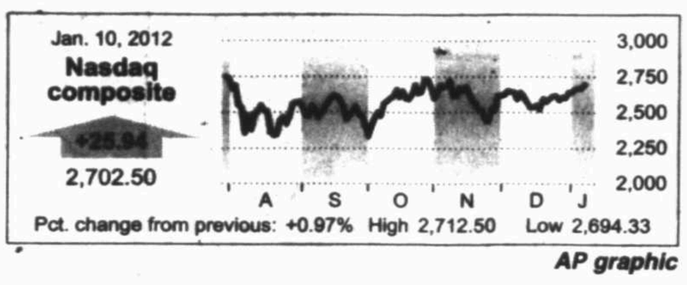

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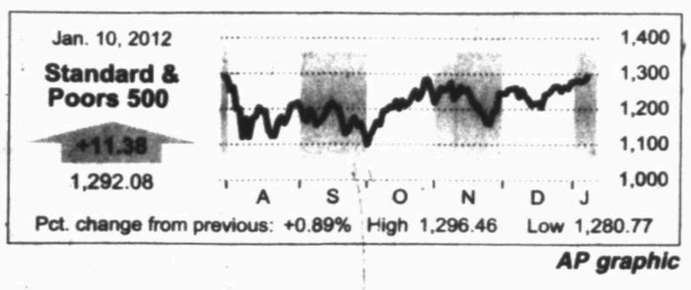

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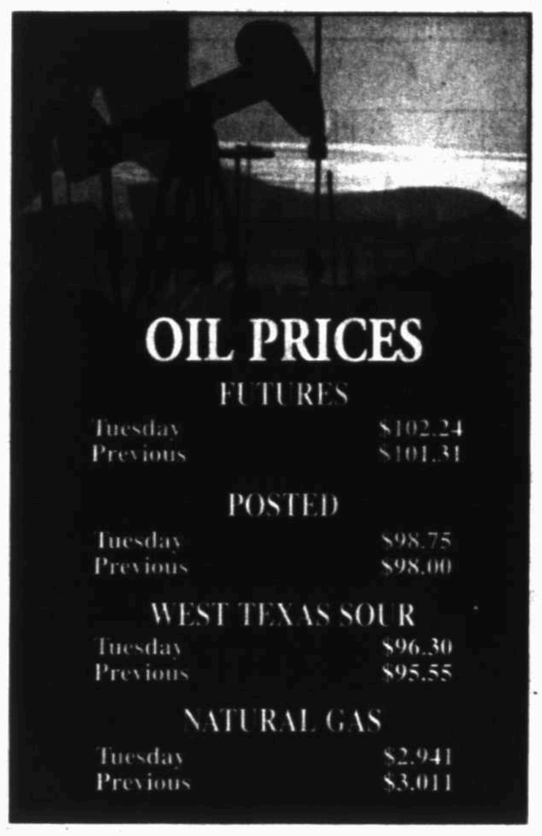

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Robert Jones, TransCanada Corp.'s vice president for Keystone Pipelines, listens to his introduction before his speech to the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City on Tuesday. Jones said Canadian oil producers certainly will look to Asian markets if the Obama administration fails to approve the Keystone XL pipeline project.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	3311231	6.63	+.36
FordM	1197939	11.80	...
S&P500ETF	1047655	129.13	+1.11
SPDR Fncl	679561	13.71	+.25
HltMgmt	659525	6.05	-.91

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChRivLab	32.47	+4.79	+17.3
CobaltEn	18.05	+2.19	+13.8
Emulex	8.37	+.98	+13.3
DSW Inc	48.11	+5.47	+12.8
DndndlaBl	20.88	+2.31	+12.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSMdtNeut	19.88	-5.84	-22.7
hhgregg	11.08	-2.05	-15.6
ChiMM rs	3.82	-.60	-13.5
HltMgmt	6.05	-.91	-13.1
LizClaib	8.64	-1.29	-13.0

Diary

Advanced	2,334
Declined	703
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,139
New Highs	150
New Lows	14
Volume	4,070,348,577

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RareEle g	77718	6.13	-.65
ChesnevEn	41331	8.70	-.99
AvainRare	20466	2.90	-.15
Rentech	18597	1.58	+.02
GoldStr g	17703	1.75	+.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoldenMin	7.33	+1.16	+18.8
Aeroantry	7.45	+.93	+14.3
ImCapHld	4.24	+.37	+9.4
Taseko	3.00	+.20	+7.1
Quepasa	3.25	+.20	+6.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RareEle g	6.13	-.65	-9.6
Arrhythm	3.51	-.30	-7.9
PktAptC n	5.80	-.40	-6.5
Geoknetics	2.21	-.13	-5.6
AvainRare	2.90	-.15	-4.9

Diary

Advanced	286
Declined	158
Unchanged	47
Total issues	491
New Highs	25
New Lows	4
Volume	82,502,262

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	587547	2.05	+.01
Microsoft	575129	27.84	+.10
Oracle	479147	26.97	-.06
Cisco	441917	18.83	-.14
Intel	396123	25.59	+.13

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IcahnEnt rt	3.03	+1.13	+59.5
IdenixPh	12.00	+2.34	+24.2
Omeros	5.49	+1.02	+22.8
Achillion	11.90	+2.18	+22.4
VOXX Intl	10.89	+1.86	+20.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WebMD	26.25	-10.48	-28.5
CmplGnom	2.94	-.95	-24.4
Ameritns pf	3.25	-.75	-18.8
HiTchPhm	35.31	-6.53	-15.6
CarverB rs	8.17	-1.35	-14.2

Diary

Advanced	1,841
Declined	702
Unchanged	121
Total issues	2,664
New Highs	102
New Lows	27
Volume	1,799,344,836

Deadline looms on Keystone XL dilemma

By Puneet Kollipara
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A looming decision on the controversial Keystone XL pipeline is ratcheting up political pressure on President Barack Obama, with one or more components of his political base likely to be upset no matter which way his administration goes.

Calgary-based TransCanada Corp.'s proposed 1,700-mile pipeline, which would carry tar-sands crude from Alberta, Canada, to Texas refineries in Port Arthur and Houston, had long posed a dilemma for Obama. But, the pipeline's Republican supporters raised the stakes by negotiating inclusion of a 60-day decision deadline as part of the two-month payroll tax cut extension enacted Dec. 23.

The Feb. 21 deadline falls well before the 2012 election, something the administration had hoped to avoid.

The State Department had given Obama some political running room last year when it delayed the pipeline decision until after the 2012 election, citing the need to study alternative routes that avoid a drinking-water aquifer in Nebraska. By imposing the deadline for permitting the pipeline or rejecting it, Congress defied the State Department's previous warning that such a deadline wouldn't provide enough time for the environmental study required by law.

"It's a win-win for Republicans because no matter what the Obama administration picks, they alienate him from some portion of his constituency," said Amy Myers Jaffe of Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, referring to the environmentalists and Democratic fundraisers who oppose it, or some labor unions that support it.

Some environmental groups have threatened to sue if it's approved.

The deadline provision gives Nebraska and TransCanada time to find an alternative route in the state if Keystone XL is approved. TransCanada could start building the pipeline everywhere but Nebraska until the route there is determined, said Terry Cunha, a company spokesman.

The U.S. would break the law by approving the pipeline without knowing and studying the final Nebraska route, said Anthony Swift, staff lawyer with the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group opposing Keystone XL.

"Trying to rush a pipeline before a route has even been decided upon is really a matter of poor governance," Swift said. By approving it, Swift said, the administration would have to "rubber-stamp" Nebraska's chosen route, even if it's still environmentally risky.

Swift added that he still expects the State Department, given its warning on the deadline, to reject it. The department has authority because the proposed pipeline would cross the U.S.-Canada border.

Although Obama said last year he might make the final decision, it officially rests with the State Department. The department "will make an appropriate decision consistent with relevant law," Victoria Nuland, department spokeswoman, told a news briefing Jan. 3. The department declined to comment for this story.

Cunha declined to comment on what the company would do if Keystone XL is rejected. But, Republicans say they won't let the issue go away.

Judge halts pit rule appeals

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A state district judge has sided with New Mexico's oil and gas industry, putting on hold legal appeals related to efforts by the industry to revamp rules for handling drilling and production wastes.

The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association had asked for the appeals process to be halted so the state Oil Conservation Commission could tackle the so-called pit rule administratively.

The rule is aimed at preventing drilling operation wastes from contaminating groundwater supplies.

The commission has scheduled a weeklong hearing later this month to address industry's proposed changes to the rule, but attorneys for environmentalists are seeking to stop the proceeding.

The New Mexico Environmental Law Center said Tuesday's ruling opens the door for an endless cycle of rulemakings and appeals without any chance for a resolution.

Oil rises above $102

Oil prices climbed Tuesday on expectations that China's economy — and its appetite for petroleum — will continue to grow in 2012.

Benchmark crude rose by 93 cents to finish at $102.24 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price foreign oil varieties that are imported by U.S. refineries, rose 83 cents to end at $113.28 per barrel in London.

Prices rose after China said oil imports grew 6 percent in December, when compared to a year earlier. China is the world's second biggest oil consumer behind the U.S. Strong demand for oil in China will likely help support higher global crude prices in 2012.

EIA predicted that oil prices will rise to an average of $100.25 per barrel this year and to $103.75 in 2013. Gasoline prices will fall slightly to an average of $3.48 per gallon, from last year's $3.52 average.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $21.86 Up 0.97

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $76.98 Up 1.11

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $102.41 Up 1.44

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $39.56 Up 1.10

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.74 Down 0.61

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.42 Up 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.54 Up 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	15	29.76	+.10	-1.6
Abraxas	...	13	3.42	+.09	+3.6
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.11	+.14	+4.9
Alcoa	.12	13	9.44	+.01	+9.1
AlonUSA	.16	21	8.82	+.16	+1.3
Amgen	1.44f	16	65.67	+1.47	+2.3
Anadarko	.36	...	80.88	+1.11	+6.0
Apache	.60	10	98.09	-.75	+8.3
ApldMatl	.32	8	11.60	+.26	+8.3
ATMOS	1.38f	14	32.27	-.11	-3.2
AutoData	1.58f	21	54.66	-.01	+1.2
BP PLC	1.68	7	44.39	+.32	+3.9
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	16.87	+.52	-6.2
BakrHu	.60	14	51.95	+.37	+6.8
BkofAm	.04	...	6.63	+.36	+19.2
BasicEnSv	...	40	21.86	+.97	+11.0
BerkHa A	...	17	115900.00	+1400.00	+1.0
BerryPet	.32	17	44.93	+.58	+6.9
BillHillsCp	1.46	24	34.26	+.43	+2.0
BostonSci	...	15	5.53	+.18	+3.6
BrklySq	1.38f	17	34.62	+.71	-1.8
BrownFA	1.40f	20	79.11	+1.94	-.2
BrownFB	1.40f	20	80.30	+1.25	-.3
CVS Care	.65f	17	41.95	+.16	+2.9
Cameron	...	21	52.26	+1.72	+6.2
Caterpillar	1.84	15	99.96	+2.86	+10.3
Celestic g	...	8	7.92	-.12	+8.0
CntryLink	2.90	17	36.98	+.15	-.6
ChesEng	.35	7	23.28	-.28	+4.4
Chevron	3.24f	8	109.06	-.43	+2.5
Chicos	.20	13	10.72	+.05	-3.8
Cimarex	.40	10	61.19	+.16	-1.1
Cisco	.24	16	18.83	-.14	+4.5
Citigrp rs	.04	8	30.00	+.92	+14.0
ClayEng	...	9	76.98	+1.11	+1.4
CocaCola	1.88	13	69.34	+.41	-.9
ColgPal	2.32	18	89.45	-.33	-3.2
Comcast	.45	18	25.40	+.19	+7.1
CompPrdS	...	15	35.96	+.96	+7.2
ConAgra	.96	16	26.97	+.45	+2.2
ConchoRes	...	...	102.41	+1.44	+9.2
ConocPhil	2.64	10	73.28	+.34	+.6
Corning	.30f	7	13.99	+.25	+7.8
CrackerB	1.00	14	51.96	+.41	+3.1
CrosTim	2.92e	17	49.64	+.04	+1.6
DCP Mid	2.56f	37	47.06	-1.34	-.9
DTE	2.35	13	53.76	+.24	-1.3
Dataram h	...	...	.91	+.04	+12.3
Dawson	...	...	39.56	+1.10	+.1
Dell Inc	...	8	15.82	+.25	+8.1
Dndreon	...	...	12.83	-.48	+68.8
DevonE	.68	6	65.70	-.14	+6.0
DxFnBull rs	...	...	74.12	+3.73	+14.3
DrSCBr rs	...	...	23.96	-1.10	-9.5
DirFnBr rs	...	...	32.33	-1.78	-13.4
DirxSCBull	...	...	49.26	+2.05	+9.9
Disney	.60f	16	39.63	-.12	+5.7
DowChm	1.00	13	30.98	+.57	+7.7
EMC Cp	...	22	21.88	-.11	+1.6
EOG Res	.64	26	105.52	+3.35	+7.1
EKodak	...	...	.60	+.20	-7.7
EmpDist	...	17	20.89	+.09	-.9
Energen	.54	13	52.39	+.14	+4.8
EngyTsfr	3.58	35	47.38	-.09	+3.3
EnPro	...	15	34.24	+.14	+3.8
EntPrPt	2.45f	37	47.00	-.16	+1.3
EricsnTel	.37e	...	9.78	+.06	-3.5
ExterranH	...	...	9.36	+.39	+2.9
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	85.72	+.22	+1.1
FifthThird	.32	12	13.85	+.44	+8.9
FordM	.20	7	11.80	...	+9.7
ForestOil s	...	14	14.80	+.17	+9.2
FMCG s	1.00	7	40.60	+1.56	+10.4
FrozenFd	...	...	1.30	-.07	+.8
GATX	1.16	23	44.35	+.73	+1.6
GabGlobl	1.08f	...	6.62	+.06	+6.3
GAInv	.50e	...	25.78	+.18	+3.5
GenElec	.68f	15	18.72	-.14	+4.5
GileadSci	...	13	44.25	+1.52	+8.1
Golfsmith	...	...	3.29	-.02	+2.8
Goodrich	1.16	26	124.15	+.36	+.4
Goodyear	...	31	14.01	-1.27	-1.1
GtPlainEn	.86f	17	21.80	+.24	-.8
Hallibrtn	.36	13	36.33	+.95	+5.3
HltMgmt	...	8	6.05	-.91	-17.9
Heinz	1.92	17	53.11	-.13	-1.7
Hitachi	...	...	54.53	+.21	+4.8
HudsCity	.32	...	7.24	+.26	+15.8
iShBraz	1.50e	...	60.98	+1.23	+6.3
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.21	+.11	+1.1
iShSilver	...	...	29.05	+.92	+7.8
iShChina25	.77e	...	36.73	+.81	+5.3
iShEMkts	.81e	...	39.46	+.84	+4.0
iShR2K	1.02e	...	76.27	+1.10	+3.4
IntegrysE	2.72	16	52.93	-.18	-2.3
Intel	.84	11	25.59	+.13	+5.5
InterDig	.40	20	43.28	+.75	-.7
JPMorgCh	1.00	8	36.05	+.75	+8.4
JetBlue	...	26	5.92	+.39	+13.8
JohnJn	2.28	16	65.20	+.27	-.6
JnprNtwk	...	22	21.34	-.19	+4.6
Keycorp	.12	8	8.14	+.15	+5.9
KimbClk	2.80	17	72.88	+.17	-.9
KindME	4.64f	...	82.72	+.31	-2.6
KindMM	4.64f	...	77.20	-.41	-1.7
LegacyRes	2.18f	11	27.74	-.61	-1.8
Lubys	...	25	5.00	...	+10.9
MarvelT	...	13	15.62	-.23	+12.8
McDnlds	2.80f	20	99.70	+.06	-.6
Merck	1.68f	14	38.52	+.13	+2.2
MeritMed s	...	21	12.56	-.23	-6.1
MexcoEn	...	62	7.42	+.27	+6.0
MicronT	...	...	7.25	-.04	+15.3
Microsoft	.80	10	27.84	+.10	+7.2
MorgStan	.20	10	16.89	+.69	+11.6
Nabors	...	14	19.70	+.47	+13.6
NatGrid	3.00e	...	48.77	+.26	+.6
NOVArco	.48f	17	73.89	+2.34	+8.7
Netflix	...	22	95.83	-2.35	+38.3
NewsCpA	.19f	17	18.65	+.30	+4.5
NokiaCp	.55e	...	5.39	+.16	+11.8
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NvPMI	.94	...	14.79	+.05	-.1
NuvPI	.92	...	14.29	...	-1.2
NSTPI3	.66e	...	14.23	-.04	-.6
NTXQI	.86	...	16.63	+.08	+1.8
Nvidia	...	14	14.48	-.06	+4.5
OcciPet	1.84	13	97.88	+.95	+4.5
Oracle	.24	15	26.97	-.06	+5.1
ParTech	...	16	4.18	+.01	+8.1
ParkDrl	...	34	7.55	+.28	+5.4
PattUTI	.20	12	21.93	+.75	+9.8
PenRE	.60	...	11.29	+.25	+8.1
Prmian	1.36e	15	20.29	-.12	-.4
Petrobras	1.28e	...	27.45	+.57	+10.5
Pfizer	.88f	14	21.94	+.12	+1.4
PioNtrl	.08	11	97.66	+2.65	+9.1
PlainsAA	3.98f	18	73.27	+.39	-.2
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	58.04	+.42	+4.0
Praxair	2.00	24	107.58	+.66	+.6
PrmEgy	...	...	21.86	-.10	-3.2
ProctGam	2.10	17	66.33	-.31	-.6
RAM En h	...	41	3.25	+.10	+3.8
RangeRs	.16	...	58.02	-.63	-6.3
RegionsFn	.04	28	4.70	+.17	+9.3
Rowan	...	26	31.78	+.59	+4.8
RoyDShllA	3.36	15	74.34	+.36	+1.7
SpdrDJIA	3.26e	...	124.38	+.72	+2.1
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	129.13	+1.11	+2.9
SabnR	4.02e	16	64.66	+.42	+2.6
SanderFm	.68	...	49.08	...	-2.1
SandRdge	...	13	8.73	+.23	+7.0
Sapient	.35e	29	12.73	+.04	+1.0
Schlmbrg	1.00	21	70.75	+1.93	+3.6
SigmaAld	.72	18	63.42	+1.57	+1.5
SiriusXM	...	51	2.05	+.01	+12.6
Smucker	1.92	20	78.80	+.84	+.8
SprintNex	...	...	2.23	+.03	-4.7
SPDR Fncl	.22d	...	13.71	+.25	+5.5
SP Inds	.73e	...	35.35	+.51	+4.7
SunocoL s	1.65f	15	36.58	-.70	-7.2
TaiwSemi	.52e	...	13.77	+.39	+6.7
TeleflEsp s	2.14e	...	17.10	+.41	-.5
Tesoro	...	5	22.86	+.38	-2.1
3M Co	2.20	14	84.30	+.43	+3.1
Tiffany	1.16	17	59.94	-7.00	-9.5
Trchmrk s	.48	9	43.89	+.53	+1.2
TrlContl	.39e	...	14.70	+.15	+3.3
TylerTech	...	41	31.86	+.30	+5.8
UBWV	1.24f	18	29.21	-.15	+3.3
US Bancrp	.50	13	28.26	+.02	+4.5
US NGs rs	...	...	6.33	-.20	-2.0
ValeroE	.60f	7	20.08	+.47	-4.6
VangEmg	.91e	...	39.75	+.87	+4.0
VerizonCm	2.00	15	38.57	+.20	-3.9
VulcanM	.04m	...	39.70	+.20	+.9
Walgrn	.90	12	34.40	+.90	+4.1
WellsFargo	.48	11	29.41	+.11	+6.7
WstnRefin	.04e	8	14.63	-.04	+10.1
WhitngPt s	...	12	51.50	-.60	+10.3
WmsCos	1.00f	18	28.33	+.55	+5.1
XcelEngy	1.01	16	27.44	+.22	-.7
Xerox	.17	14	8.11	+.02	+1.9
Yahoo	...	19	15.51	+.05	-3.8

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12,876.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,462.47	+69.78	+.56	+2.00	+6.77
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,172.65	+72.64	+1.42	+3.05	+.01
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	453.20	+.62	+.14	-2.47	+11.60
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,668.90	+84.24	+1.11	+2.57	-4.36
2,480.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,318.21	+20.56	+.89	+1.75	+5.96
2,887.75	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,702.50	+25.94	+.97	+3.74	-.53
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,292.08	+11.38	+.89	+2.74	+1.38
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,561.67	+129.92	+.97	+2.82	+.09
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	764.75	+11.24	+1.49	+3.22	-3.78

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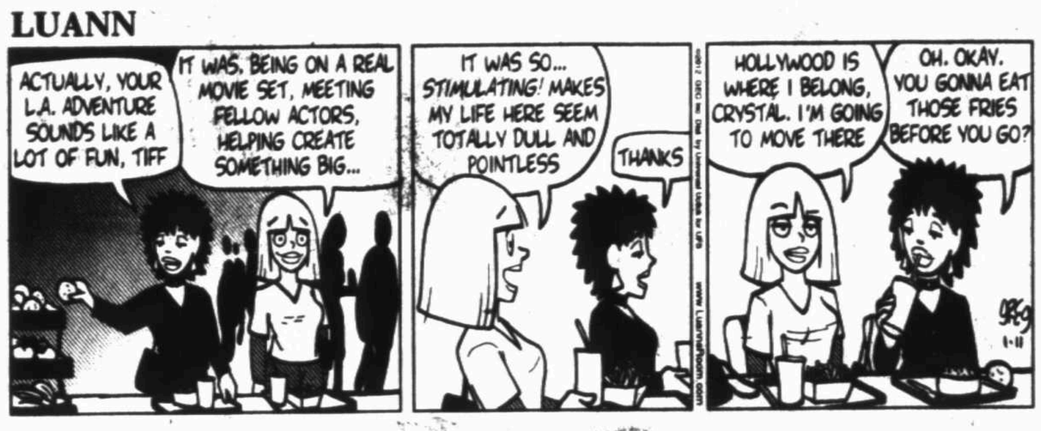

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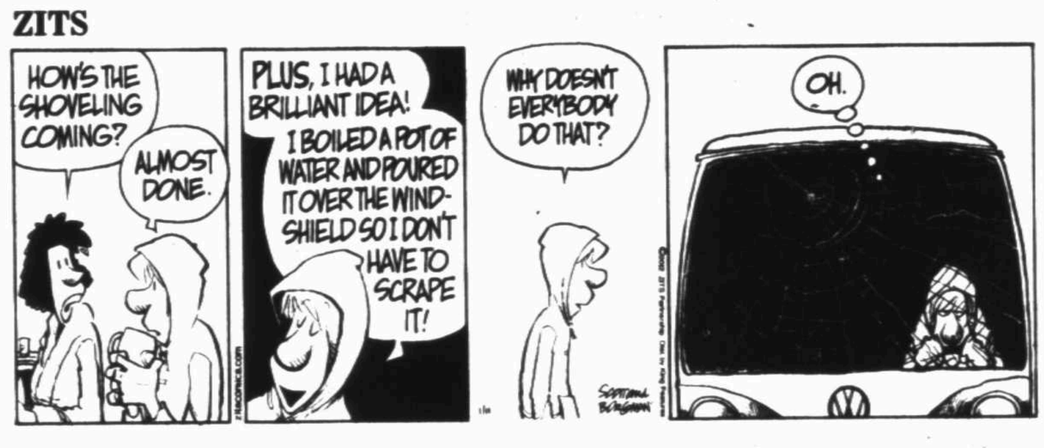


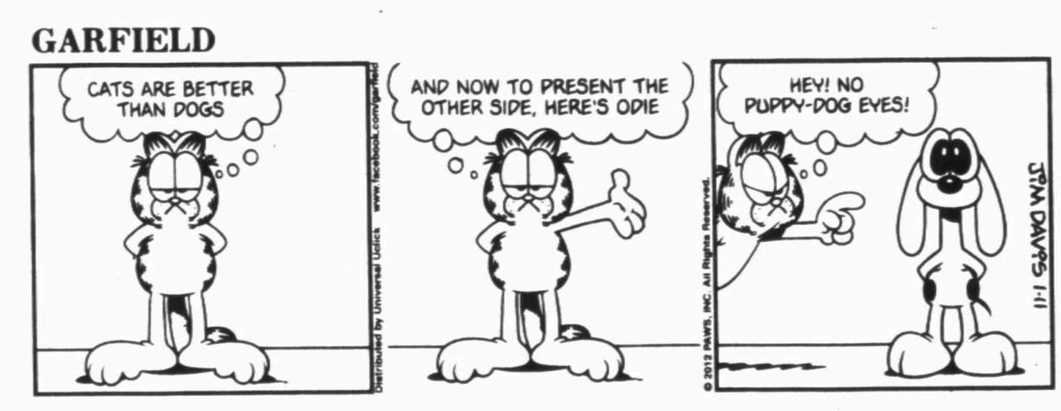
CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

SHOE

MUTTS

GARFIELD



CLOSE TO HOME

BALL	NAME	BALL	NAME
1	Clark	9	Jonah
2	Rufus	10	Conrad
3	Kyle	11	Trevor
4	Dwight	12	Brent
5	Lance	13	Ryan
6	Zach	14	Zane
7	Eldon	15	Evan
8	Devon		

"So there's the chart. We just have a shoot-out and the last ball on the table is the name we go with for the baby."

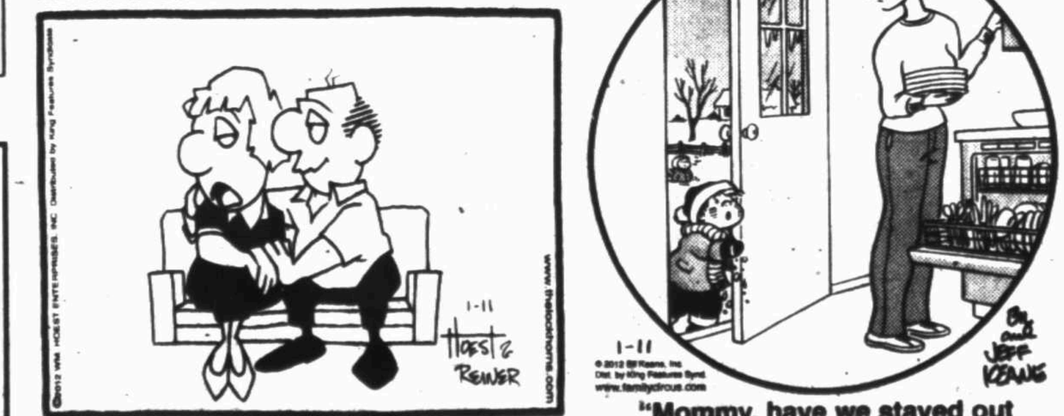
DENNIS THE MENACE

"DON'T CUT 'EM TOO SHORT, MOM. I WON'T BE ABLE TO SCRATCH MY ITCHES."

DUSTIN

WIZARD OF ID

LOCKHORNS



"YES, I FORGOT WHAT WE WERE FIGHTING ABOUT, BUT I HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU FOR ARGUING WITH ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, have we stayed out long enough to get some hot chocolate now?"

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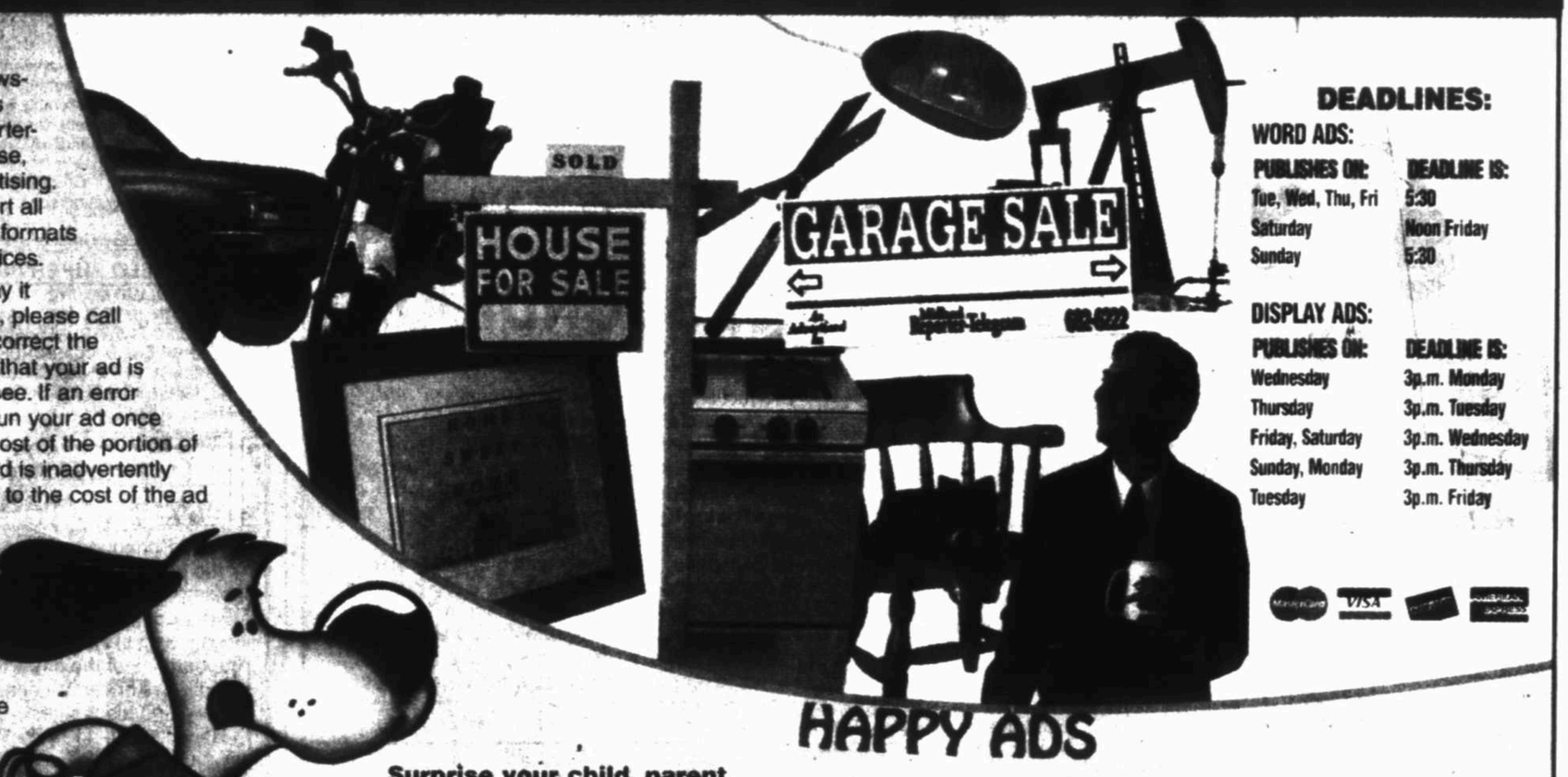

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Events and Notices

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FOUND 2 Terrier Mix dogs, 1 male & 1 female, near Midland Dr & HWY 80. 636-1637.

FOUND LARGE Chihuahua male on 01/8/12 near Mark Ln. Call 575-706-2772

FOUND male Shih Tzu on Rankin Hwy. Friday Jan. 6th, 2012. Call 352-4753 to identify.

LOST 1/06/12 from West Louisiana St. female tan Shih Tzu - Poodle mix. Answers to Emma. Reward. Call 432-967-5396.

LOST 15 year old black female Dachshund. No collar. Call 432-889-3734.

LOST 1-6-12, 3lb. toy yorkie, male - tan, black, grey, brown, cropped tail. Answers to "Pappy". Please call 230-9667 or 697-2724 LARGE REWARD!

LOST A dog brown w/ black highlights. Long, low body, short & folded ears, answers to Bandit, w/ red collar. Reward offered. Call 432-260-4232.

LOST BLACK, short haired cat on 1/1/12 Briarwood & Northcrest, 214-228-3959.

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Notice of SALE of personal property to satisfy landlords lien, per chapter 59, Texas property code. Contents of storage units:

#62 Steven B Morgan
#104 Luther Williams
Misc. and household goods.

At ABC Secured Storage, 3105 Industrial Ave., Midland, Texas will be sold as a closed bid at 9 A.M. - 2/23/12.

Notice of SALE of personal property to satisfy landlords lien, per chapter 59, Texas property code. Contents of storage untis:

#880 Shawnna A Zachary
#856 James Reid
Misc. and household goods.

At Homeport 3806 and 3810 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, Texas will be sold as a closed bid at 11:30 AM on 02/23/12.

Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (HMO Blue® Texas) is a gatekeeper model individual practice association health maintenance organization that arranges for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to its members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in HMO Blue Texas, at 4242 Sunset Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76904 or fax to 432-620-1431 from January 10, 2012, until January 29, 2012.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0274042
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 23, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 729910
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 39 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-322, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6.6 miles S direction from **MIDLAND, Texas**.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	HOLZGRAF 'A'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2	
Lease/Unit Acres :	81.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1285.0	
Lease Lines :	710.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	710.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L

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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

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BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

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CHEVY 2008 COLORADO Crew Cab. Must sell, $15,500 OBO, 556-6947.

DODGE 2006 2500, 5.9 Cummings diesel, 86k miles, asking $22,900. 664-0760.

DODGE 2008 Ram 1500 Quad Cab SLT, Lone Star, 51,000 miles, $21,000 obo. Call 432-230-7810.

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FORD 1995 F350 crew cab, long bed, automatic, great work truck $1500. 432-664-4690.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 23, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 729837
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Lease/Unit Well No. :	3	
Lease/Unit Acres :	161.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	657.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1293.0	
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Bookkeeper
Wagner & Brown, Ltd. FT

Oil & Gas company currently has position available for a full charge bookkeeper with experience in investment accounting and reconciliations. Candidate must be detail oriented and have strong organizational skills. Experience with trust and individual record keeping would be helpful. Must have excellent computer skills including being proficient in Excel.

Company offers excellent benefit package. Please foward confidential resume and salary history to:

Wagner & Brown, Ltd. Attn: Human Resources Manager,
P.O. Box 1714, Midland Texas 79702,
432-686-5906, 432-686-1503 (fax)

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Accepting applications for the position of STAFF ACCOUNTANT. Position performs entry-level accounting work, which involves maintaining, preparing, posting, and reconciling accounts. Position also maintains asset management and property inventory accounting functions.

Minimum qualifications includes: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in accounting; familiarity with accounting principles, specifically fund based accounting. Basic understanding of GAAP, EASB, GASS and/or fund accounting a plus. Two - three years of experience preferred.

Please submit resume to:
info@workforcepb.org OR
Permian Basin Workforce Board
P0 Box 61947 Midland, TX 79711 OR
Fax: 432-561-8785

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Part Time Teller
American State Bank is accepting applications for a Part Time Teller. Must have excellent customer service, sales and cash experience. Please apply in person at 509 W. Wall St. EOE.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant
Universal Valve FT

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AR, Shipping & Receiving Clerk
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Well established full service pipe yard seeking shipping and receiving clerk. Must have computer experience, some knowledge of oil field tubular goods. Also Account Receivable needed. Bring resume to 4206 South Farm Market 715, 79706 in person or call 432-682-3569.

Bookkeeper
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Full-Time Receptionist
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Alderson European Motors is growing and we've recently moved into our new dealership. We are now hiring for a full-time receptionist. Must have great phone etiquette, be organized, and have a neat appearance. Experience preferred. Come by 5801 Andrews Highway to apply.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Administrative Assistant
Brooks Financial Group FT

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Customer Service
Dollar Thrifty Car Rental FT/PT

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

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- Assist in technical accounting research
- Assures compliance with internal controls
- Ensures that all financial data is recorded in accordance with GAAP and Federal and State regulations, and is consistent with established company policy and procedures

Requirements:

- Candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree in Accounting (or similar), MBA preferred with CPA or CPA candidacy
- Minimum of three years related experience to include strong audit, public accounting, technical accounting, SOX and SEC compliance experience
- Experience with acquisition accounting and stock compensation preferred
- Proficient in MS Office applications, SAP experience preferred
- Candidate must be able to work under pressure and with tight deadlines; overtime may also be required at times

We offer competitive pay; 401(k) with company match; affordable medical, dental, and life insurance; paid time off based on length of service and paid holidays.

Email resumes to: staffing@basicenergyservices.com
Fax to: 432.620.5501 or mail to:
Basic Energy Services
PO Box 10460
Midland, TX 79702
Attn: HR Representative

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

H2S Safety Technicians
Secorp Industries FT

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Journeyman Electrician
Confidential FT

Looking for career minded Journeyman electricians. Oilfield experience is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must have valid Texas Journeyman Electrician License and hold a valid driver license with a clean record. Full drug screening and background check will be required. We are a strong, well established Company with an excellent benefit package and competitive compensation. Benefits include paid vacation and holidays. Health, dental, vision and life insurance packages as well as 401k plan. We are looking for individuals that are team oriented and self motivated, ready to learn and teach. Send resume to jwaltrip@eeronline.com or call 432/563-5000.

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Midland, TX 79701

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Pump Technician
Quinn Pumps Inc. FT
Midland, Tx.

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Well Planner
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HEALTHCARE

Agency Director
Caring Senior Service (EOE) is a trusted home-care choice for seniors and their families. We have an immediate opening for an Agency Director. Applicants will posses 2 years of management experience in the health care field, have marketing/sales skills, and a passion for elder care. Apply at http://www.caringseniorservice.com/applicationpage.

Attendants
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. PT

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CNA or MA
Seeking a full time **CNA** or **MA** for busy family practice clinic. Experience preferred in drawing blood, vitals, insurance, injections, etc. Non-smoking environment. Please fax resume to **432-699-6012** or bring to **MMH West Campus, 4214 Andrews Hwy. Ste. 306.**

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Reports directly to the CEO, and provides administrative support to other executives in support of MCHS' community focused mission. Duties include scheduling, minutes, record keeping, secretarial, as well as establishing a professional presence for administrative office visitors and callers. Superior office, organization, communication skills, competency in Microsoft Office, adaptability to new technologies, and prior experience dealing with Board of Directors and Chief Executives are REQUIRED. An experienced professional accustomed to a fast but focused pace while executing daily duties as well as special projects is sought. This is a challenging and highly rewarding position for the right person to join us in making a difference in healthcare services here in Midland! Complete Benefits Package Offered. Interested applicants can print an application at **www.midlandchs.org** and fax it to **432-699-3815**, or come by our office at **600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 1090, Midland**.

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
Interviewing now for **Family Nurse Practitioner** in Christian rural established practice. Nurse Practitioner owned and operated clinic in a medically underserved area. Please send CV to **careinhealthcare@gmail.com**. 32 hours per week, no on call, no weekends & no benefits. Per patient pay depending on experience.

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- Mileage Reimbursement
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Midland, TX 79701
Fax: (432)570-1303 www.rwaters@inhome-care.org

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Competitive Wages and Benefits
Apply in person at 3203 Sage Street, Midland, TX
EOE/AA/Vets

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Please submit resumes to:
The Springboard Center 200 Corporate Drive,
Midland, TX 79705;
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Now Hiring
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New Year; New job! We are looking for enthusiastic associates with a positive attitude to join our team. Must possess outstanding customer service skills and excellent attendance record and can work any shift. Experience preferred. We have openings in our Front Desk, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping Supervisor & Room Attendants, and Night Security Departments. Please apply in person at the Residence Inn 5509 Deauville Blvd.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Payroll/HR Professional
Endura Products, Corp. FT

Payroll/HR Professional Duties include: Recruiting, screening applicants, training on best practices, updating procedures and job descriptions. Must have experience, be flexible, detail oriented, and able to maintain confidentiality. Competitive salary and benefits package including 401(k) retirement plan with 100% matching. Forward resume including references and salary experience to: Endura Products Corp, P.O. BOX 3394, Midland, TX 79702 or epcadmin@enduraproductscorp.com. EOE.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Needed
Dakota Apartments is now hiring a Painter. GREAT BENEFITS/PAY. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or in person at 5101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX 79705 EOE

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

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Glass County Sheriff's Office FT

The Glasscock County Sheriff's has an immediate opening for a Deputy. Must be a licensed Peace Office in the State of Texas and TCLOSE certified and must have a minimum of 3 years' experience. Please submit resumes to the Glasscock County Sheriffs Office at P0 BOX 239 Garden City, TX 79739, fax to 432-354-2325 or email to kayla.roberts@co.glasscock.tx.us

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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 $8.25 hourly.

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Boomerang Trucking looking for **Owner Operators** and **Sales Person**. Please apply at 7606 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706.

Positions Available
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Preschool Teacher
The Cottage of Mama Bears is looking for FT and PT Preschool Teacher, M-F 7am-5:30pm . Must be able to pass background check and have HS Diploma. Apply in person at 1904 W. Illinois.

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Warehouse/ Delivery Driver, good driving record and driver's license required. Apply in person at: 2700 W. Front, Midland, TX 79701

Warehouse Person
Gina Lucchi Interiors Full time
5400 N. Big Spring Midland, TX 79705
Interior Designer needs a warehouse person to work Monday-Friday 8-5pm. Some out of town jobs are required. Job includes but is not limited to: Checking & receiving all trucks, running errands, keeping warehouse/office clean & neat, heavy lifting & installation. Background & drug testing will be required. Apply In person Monday-Friday 1:30-4:30pm.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Midland, TX To fill out application.
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Midland, TX 79706
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Iron Horse Tools, LLC now hiring Hydraulic Drilling Choke technician/ BOP Tester experienced preferred. Benefits available. Oil field experience preferred. Clean driving record a must. Send resume to Scott Baily at s.bailey@ironhorsetools.com or fax to 432-366-0080

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LAND ASSISTANT / DIVISION ORDER ANALYST
Small established independent seeks **Land Assistant/Division Order Analyst** for its Midland office. Applicants should have a minimum of 5 years of land experience in the oil and gas industry, preferably in West Texas and New Mexico. This person will be responsible for maintaining lease records and all divisions of interests on an IBM AS400 automated system as well as physical files related thereto. This individual will assist the land manager with the analysis of leases, farmout agreements, title opinions, operating agreements, and other contracts and legal documents to determine record title ownership divisions of interest. Additional computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook required. Candidates should have a high school diploma and be a highly motivated self-starter. Competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resume to: **P-130 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.**

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- Request an application by email hr@coopernatural.com

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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.

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Requirements: HS grad & 2 yrs related mechanical experience in the oil & gas industry; OR an equivalent combination of closely related education, training & work experience. Candidate must possess & maintain a valid driver's license. Some travel & overtime will be required.

Qualified candidates submit resume to hr@atlaspipeline.com or fax to (918) 925-3990. Reference job #48-121311

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Drivers
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Need experienced hot oil truck driver with current Class A CDL and haz mat endorsement and clean driving record. 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.

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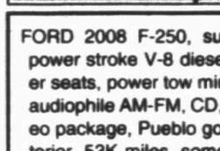

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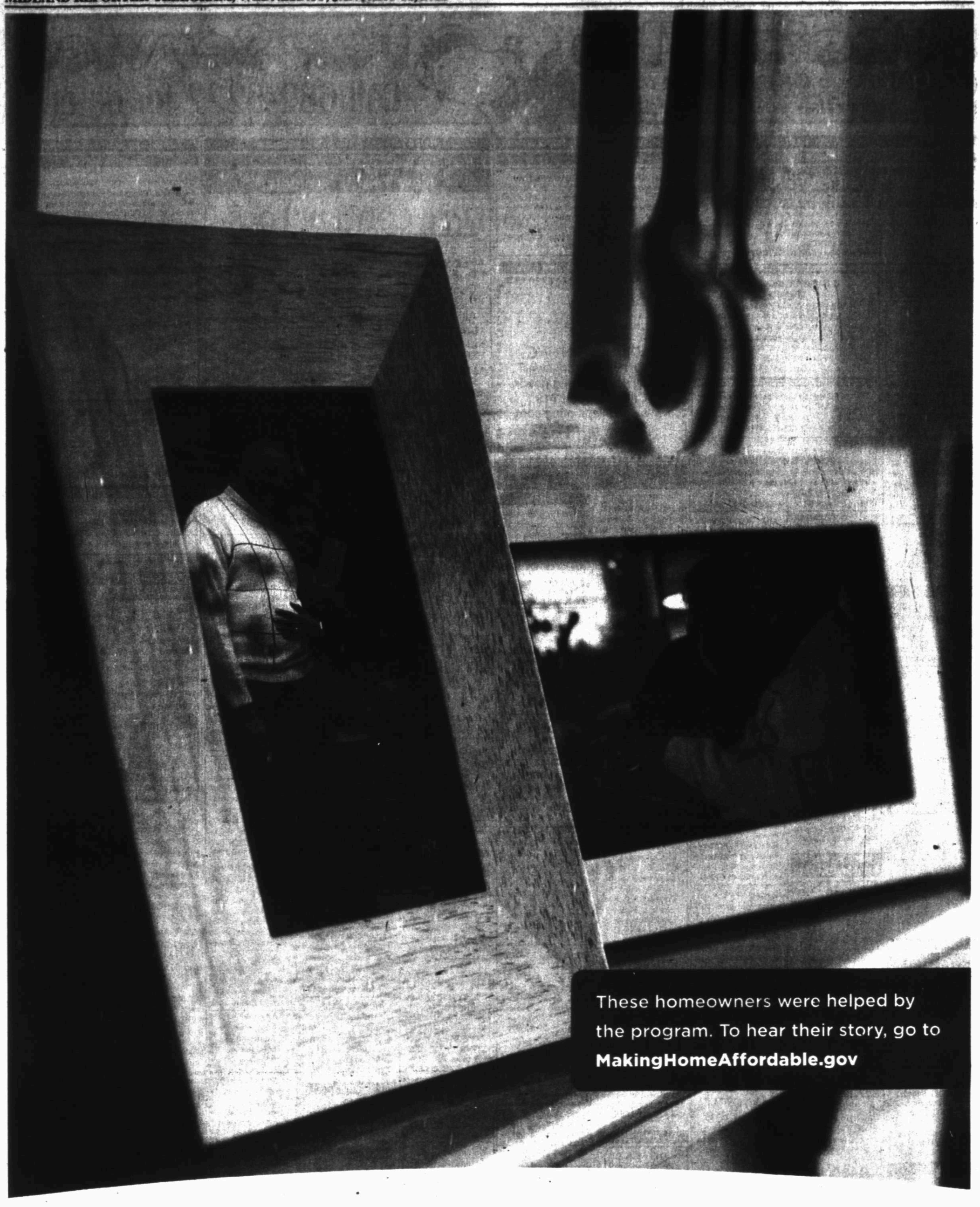

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