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Tax plan spares big oil industry deduction

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

When Sen. Max Baucus launched his opening volley against oil and gas industry tax breaks, he proposed eliminating a host of their long-cherished deductions.

The Montana Democrat offered a plan to bar companies from immediately writing off intangible drilling costs, block taxpayers from claiming a percentage depletion for oil and natural gas wells and force U.S. firms to abandon using the "last in first out" accounting technique to value stockpiles.

But Baucus left one big deduction out of the mix. Spared from the Finance Committee chairman's plans is the Sec. 199 domestic manufacturing deduction, which is broadly claimed by a range of industries, from automakers and movie producers to newspaper publishers and, yes, oil companies. It was created in 2004 to encourage domestic job creation.

Most manufacturers can claim a deduction of up to 9 percent, applied to net income from domestic manufacturing activities. The oil and gas industry, which is categorized as a manufacturing industry for tax purposes, is limited to 6 percent.

But President Barack Obama has repeatedly called on Congress to do away with the deduction altogether for oil and gas firms. And a Sec. 199 repeal has been included in some Democrats' plans to axe tax breaks for the biggest U.S. oil companies.

It is unclear why Baucus decided not to target the deduction — at least for oil and gas firms — even as he proposed doing away with so many others.

Singled out?

The National Taxpayers Union has run print advertisements warning against "singling out America's energy companies" by denying them the Sec. 199 deduction. Such a move "would penalize a major industry that is contributing strongly to America's economic recovery and creating thousands of new jobs," the NTU said.

The oil industry's leading trade group, the American Petroleum Institute, says eliminating the manufacturing deduction for the oil and natural gas industry "will have the harmful effect of hurting American energy workers and their contributions to our economic recovery" and make it more difficult for companies to finance expensive domestic products.

But critics said the provision is rightly limited to companies who could easily move their manufacturing facilities outside U.S. borders, since the goal is fostering U.S. jobs.

Daniel Weiss, with the Center for American Progress, has argued that unlike other manufacturers, oil and gas companies working in the United

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Sen. Max Baucus: Montana Democrat targeted a number of oil industry deductions but spared one shared by other industries that focuses on domestic manufacturing.

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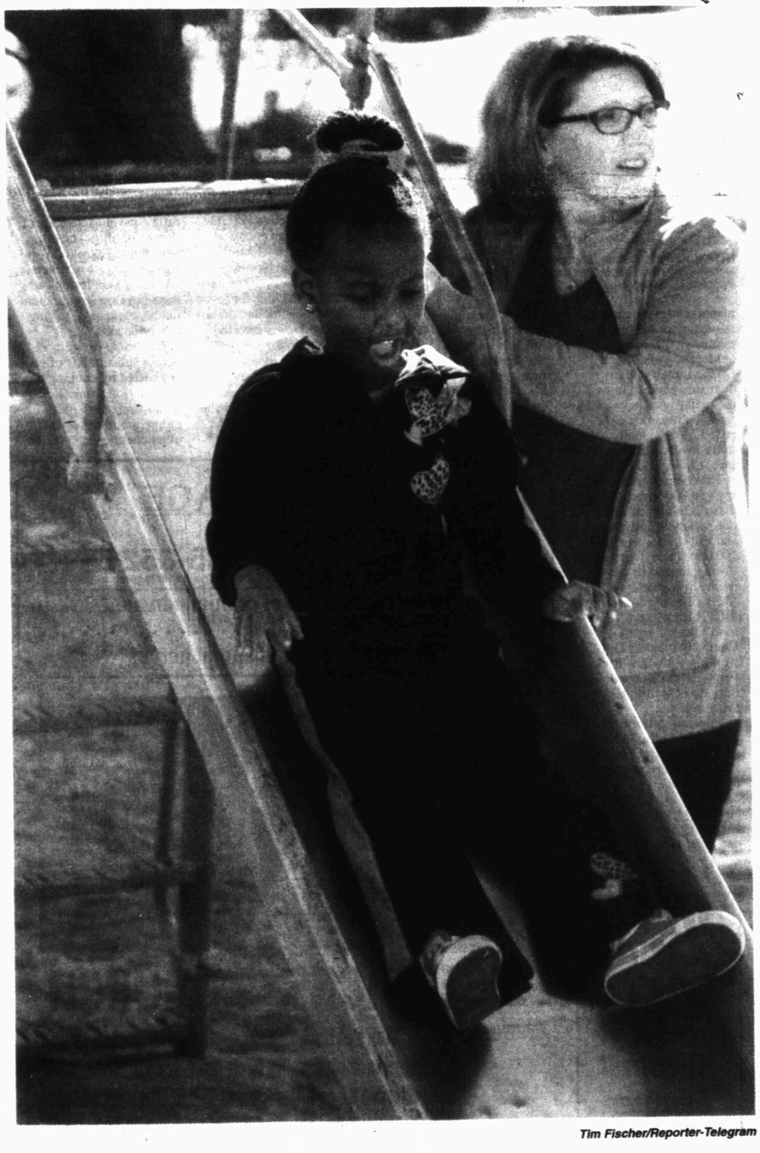

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Julia Ivy, 5, and her mother take advantage of the sunny weather Thursday to play outside at Cowden Park.

MPD: Suspect arrested for role in shooting

From staff reports

Midland police arrested a Midland man Thursday in connection with an early Wednesday shooting that injured two people, according to the city's public information officer.

Nathaniel Lewis, 21, was arrested on two second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond information has not been yet been released.

Lewis

MPD officers found Lewis during a traffic stop after he was identified as the suspect in the shooting of two men, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

The shooting occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday in the 1200 block of East Maple Avenue. Officers found the two men lying in front of a residence with gunshot wounds, Higgins said.

Both men were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. One man was shot in the leg and has been discharged. His cousin had multiple gunshot wounds to his torso area and is in stable condition, Higgins said.

Detectives believe the men were shot inside their vehicle, a Dodge Charger.

If convicted, Lewis faces up to 20 years in prison for each felony charge.

United Way kicks off training program

By Meredith Moriak
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To encourage a healthier lifestyle and prepare runners of all abilities for the organization's annual 5K and 10K races on April 12, the United Way of Midland will begin a 12-week training program through USA Fit Midland on Saturday.

The 12-week USA Fit program provides participants with support from trained coaches, daily training schedules and weekly group runs that promote accountability and include educational components, said Alison King, United Way's assistant director of community impact and one of USA Fit Midland's coaches.

USA Fit Midland will kick off at 8 a.m. Saturday at the United Way of Midland's office, 1209 W. Wall St. Participants will complete a timed mile that will be used to evaluate each runner's stamina and place them in an appropriate training group, King said.

"The training is geared toward the April 12 Run A K for United Way race but is applicable for anyone looking to begin running," King said. "Some participants may be brand new to running, and others may be looking for new friends or accountability partners."

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City hires new finance director from Kansas

By Joseph Basco
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The city of Midland has hired a new finance director to replace its longtime and retired director Bob McNaughton.

Pam Simecka, from Topeka, Kan., began her new role as the city's finance director on Dec. 9 on a $125,000 salary. She will oversee the accounting, investments, tax, customer service and meter shop divisions. Simecka also will be in charge of preparing and presenting the annual city budget to City Council before the start of each fiscal year.

For 9 1/2 years, Simecka worked for the city of Topeka in various positions including finance and budget director.

She has a master's degree in Public Administration and is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Governmental Finance Manager.

"I grew up in northeast Kansas, so I was looking for a change, to be in a new part of the country," Simecka said about her move from Kansas to Texas, noting how she and her husband agreed to "go south" to get away from snow.

But as a reminder of what trees look like, her former coworkers in Topeka gave Simecka a photo of Kansas vegetation and flora.

Booming development of Midland also allured Simecka to the Tall City. She said she is interested in experiencing Midland's growth as projects, such as Energy Tower at City Center, come along.

Furthering her comparison, Simecka said Topeka's population persists at 128,000, and thus, the budgets of both cities are similar. She said Topeka does not have a city-owned airport or sports complex like in Midland.

Having been on the job for less than a month, Simecka said she can't predict too much about the city's budget for the next fiscal year, but she assumed the city will see continued growth in sales tax revenue and the property tax base. The city recently announced it issued 700 new housing permits in 2013, the most it has ever issued in a single calendar year.

"This will be something different for me," Simecka said. "Projections were easier in Topeka."

McNaughton will remain in the city's finance department part time to assist Simecka, she said. McNaughton has worked for the city in some capacity or another since 1983 and became finance director in 2003.

AP file photo

A worker assembles 30-round capacity ammunition magazines for high-velocity rifles on Feb. 28 inside the Magpul Industries plant in Erie, Colo. Magpul, one of the country's largest producers of ammunition magazines for guns, is leaving Colorado and moving operations to Wyoming and Texas because of new state laws that include restrictions on how many cartridges a magazine can hold.

Company makes good on leaving Colo. over gun laws

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — One of the country's largest producers of ammunition magazines for guns is leaving Colorado and moving operations to Wyoming and Texas because of new state laws that include restrictions on how many cartridges a magazine can hold.

Erie, Colo.-based Magpul Industries Corp. announced Thursday that it was moving its production, distribution and shipping operations to Cheyenne and its headquarters to Texas, making good on a vow it made to leave Colorado during last year's gun control debate.

"Moving operations to locations that support our culture of individual liberties and personal responsibility is important," Magpul CEO Richard Fitzpatrick said in a statement. "Moving to a true multi-state operation will also allow Magpul to utilize the strengths of both Texas and Wyoming as we continue to expand."

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said in a statement that Wyoming offers Magpul "a firm commitment to uphold the Second Amendment."

The Democrat-led Colorado Legislature and Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper enacted a new law last year prohibiting the sale of gun magazines that hold more than 15 rounds. It was part of a package of legislation in response to mass shootings at a suburban Denver movie theater and a Connecticut elementary school.

Randy Bruns, CEO of Cheyenne's economic development organization, said it is working with Magpul on a financial package that could include up to $13 million in state grants and loans to help the company move to Cheyenne.

"It's very significant for Cheyenne and for Wyoming," Bruns said. "They bring a manufacturing capability that's not otherwise present here in Wyoming."

He hopes Magpul's move will cause other manufacturers to consider relocating or opening facilities in Wyoming.

Magpul spokesman Duane Liptak said the company plans to move the majority of its workers from Colorado over the next 12 to 16 months. The move involves about 200 jobs, Liptak said.

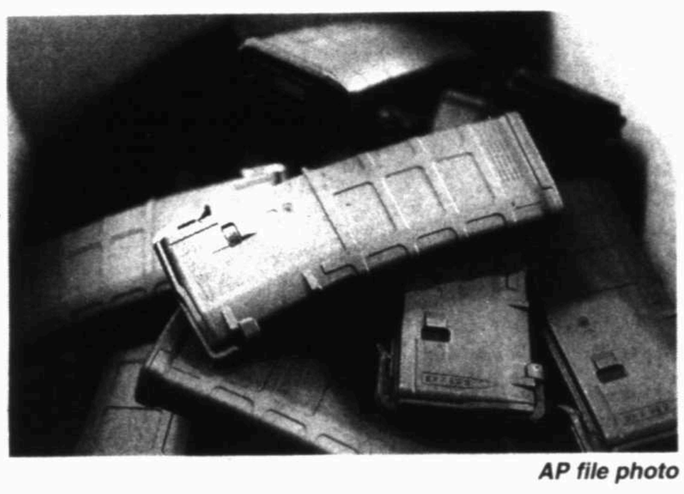
The company is leasing a 58,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution facility in Cheyenne and will build a permanent 100,000-square-foot facility.

Magpul said its corporate headquarters will likely be in north-central Texas but an exact location hasn't been determined. Company officials are working with Gov. Rick Perry and state economic development officials on the move.

Founded in 1999, Magpul products also include grips, slings, stocks and sights for guns, according to its website.

It is the second Colorado company involved in making gun accessories to relocate operations to Wyoming since Colorado's new gun laws were enacted.

HiViz Shooting Systems, a company based in Fort Collins, Colo., that makes gun sights and other accessories, announced earlier that it was moving its core operations to Laramie, about 50 miles west of Cheyenne.



AP file photo

Newly packaged 30-round capacity ammunition magazines for high-velocity rifles are stacked awaiting shipment or storage Feb. 28 inside the Magpul Industries plant, in Erie, Colo.

Christmas light shows yield record donations

From staff reports

Two Midlanders who used elaborate displays of Christmas lights to raise funds and canned items for good causes raised record amounts by the end of December.

Ricky Thames, who converted his Grassland Estates home into a 57,851 Christmas light display, collected 2,253 pounds of canned goods for the Midland Soup Kitchen. It was the largest amount of food that Midlanders had ever donated during the 11 years the family has hosted the donation drive, Thames said.

In central Midland, Joel Buckingham's LED lights and Christmas song show raised $1,506 for the Midland Humane Coalition. Buckingham said this wasn't the most that he had ever collected — one donor contributed $1,000 three years ago — but the amount he collected in 2013 was more than the previous year.

Both men said they enjoy making their grand light displays for a good cause and spend the weekend taking down all their lights, a process that could take them more than 30 hours.

"It's sad to take them down, but now I can start planning for the next one," Buckingham said.

Mexico confirms Krokodil drug case in American patient

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Health authorities in western Mexico said Thursday they have detected a probable case of flesh lesions because of the drug Krokodil, often referred to as "the poor man's heroin."

Dr. Enrico Sotelo, head of the council on addictions in the western state of Jalisco, said the patient is a 17-year-old Houston woman. She came to Mexico to visit the Pacific coast resort city of Puerto Vallarta, where she has relatives, in November. Soon after, she checked into a local health clinic for digestive problems, and it was there that doctors detected the flesh lesions.

Sotelo, who in accordance with privacy guidelines did not reveal the patient's name, said she told authorities she used the drug in Houston. Her current condition is unknown because she did not return to the health clinic for any further treatment.

"She acquired this problem with Krokodil in Houston, not here in Puerto Vallarta," said Sotelo, who in any case has implemented an educational program to warn about the drug's ill effects.

Diagnosis is usually based on the tell-tale lesions, because the body quickly metabolizes the drug's psychoactive agent, desomorphine. The drug was dubbed "krokodil" in Russia because of greenish, scaly skin lesions addicts develop, giving them the appearance of having crocodile skin.

The home-brewed heroin substitute is often concocted by cooking the prescription painkiller codeine along with gasoline, iodine, phosphorus and other chemicals.

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CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man assaults police officer following bar fight

A Midland man assaulted a police officer Wednesday after a fight broke out at Rockin Rodeo, according to court documents.

Joshua K. Foley, 27, was being held Thursday on a $25,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant and a class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

Foley

Midland police officers were working security at about 1 a.m. Wednesday at Rockin Rodeo, where a fight broke out inside the bar. Those involved were taken outside.

Foley arrived on the scene and attempted to contact a friend who was involved in the incident. An officer told him to leave, but he refused, and the officer put his hand on Foley's shoulder to escort him out of the bar. Foley pushed his arm away and started yelling obscenities at the officer and punched him in the chest, according to the arrest affidavit.

Foley tried again to hit the officer, who fended him off with several knee strikes. Other officers intervened, and Foley tried choking the first police officer, according to the affidavit.

The officer said Foley continually flailed his arms and kicked at officers before he was detained and transported to Midland County jail.

If convicted, Foley faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

DPS: Man arrested for meth possession

An Odessa man was arrested Tuesday after methamphetamine was found in his vehicle, according to court documents.

Jerry J. Savoy Jr., 29, was being held Thursday on a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Savoy

A DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop at about 11:50 p.m. Tuesday near South Highway 349 and West County Road 125.

The trooper smelled marijuana coming from within Savoy's vehicle, and after conducting a search found meth in a black metal container. Savoy told the trooper it was his drug, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Savoy faces up to 10 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joshua K. Foley, 27, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with assault on a public servant.

Christopher L. Woods, 26, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

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West Texas man sentenced in child porn case

Federal authorities say a West Texas man has been sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for filming a young child while she showered.

Jose Francisco Madrigal Jr., of Plainview, was sentenced after he pleaded guilty in August to production of child pornography. Authorities announced the outcome Thursday after he was sentenced last week in federal court in Lubbock.

Prosecutors said the Madrigal, 43, in October 2012 filmed the girl through a hole in the wall of the shower at his home in Plainview. He then produced two explicit videos showing images of the girl.

AUSTIN

Some cities outside Austin shun 'suburb' label

Communities around Austin are thrilled to see the Texas capital's economy and population boom, but many are far less fond of being labeled suburbs.

As Austin-area cities and towns grapple with how to define themselves in relation to their larger, more-famous neighbor, some have turned to branding to solidify their identities.

The Austin American Statesman reported that branding also provides a new marketing tool that can spur economic development tailored to a particular city, rather than just to a region close to Austin.

But they have their work cut out. The Movoto Real Estate blog in October released its ranking of the top 10 suburbs in America. Austin was the only community to land three: Georgetown, Round Rock and Cedar Park.

Except, of course, those places don't like to be called suburbs.

"We were here in 1848. We are not an Austin suburb," said Shelly Hargrove, Georgetown's Main Street manager.

Making the list meant Georgetown, the Williamson County seat north of Austin, had to earn high scores on positive measurements such as student-to-teacher ratio and the number of local businesses. Still, officials elsewhere also weren't thrilled.

"I would say it's our role to educate everybody and let them know that we are not a suburb of Austin," said Ben White, vice president of economic development at the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce.

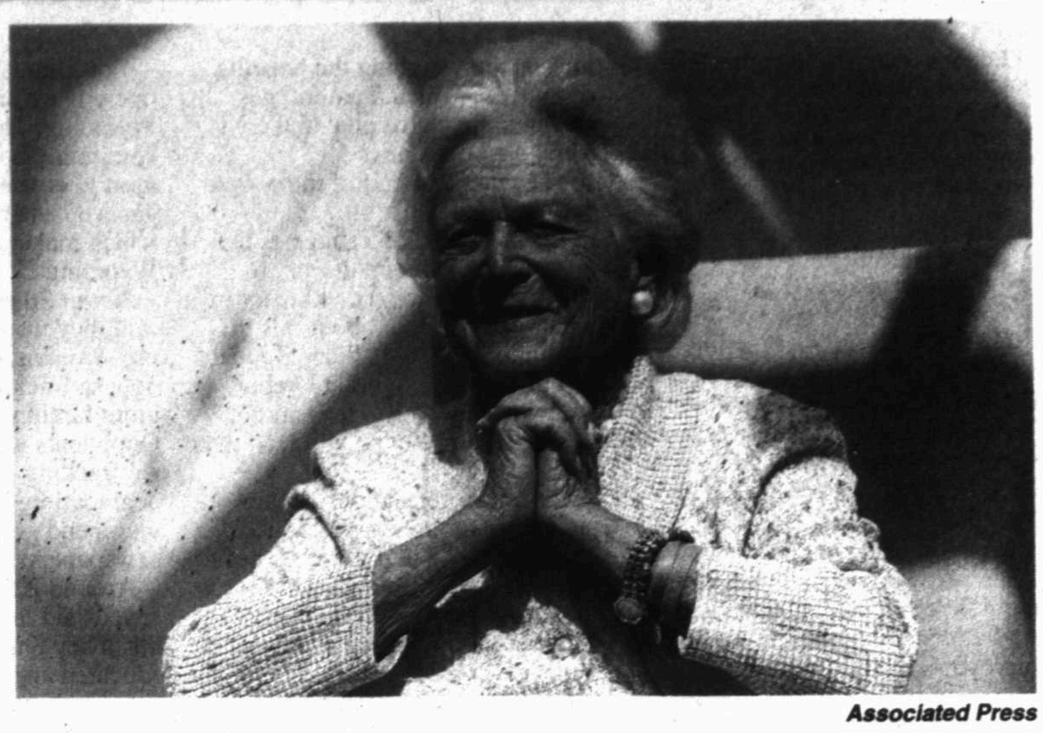
Georgetown even tried a "Keep Georgetown Normal" slogan, in response to Austin's famous moniker "Keep Austin Weird."

The city has also tried to spark tourism by saying it has "The Most Beautiful Town Square in Texas." The community has long touted its historic square, but it paid a marketing firm $17,500 for a 2011 study that recommended scrapping the adjective "historic" because it is too broad.

In December, Cedar Park Mayor Matt Powell challenged citizens to think about the community's core essence during his State of the City address. The same month, another community near Austin, Leander, hired a firm to brand the development district around its Capital Metro station.

As part of its image campaign featuring the slogan "Game on!" Round Rock developed a Texas flag folding chair, then purchased 100 such chairs and planted them in some residents' yards along with an invitation to be a city ambassador.

Its city council also voted in December to spend up to $65,000 branding its downtown, which is already undergoing rezoning and street alignment.



Associated Press

Barbara Bush remains hospitalized

Former first lady Barbara Bush was "doing great and responding well" on Thursday while undergoing treatment at a Houston hospital for a respiratory-related issue, a family spokesman said.

The wife of former President George H.W. Bush has been hospitalized since Monday at Methodist Hospital in Houston. There was no timetable for her release, but "we're hopeful that will take place sooner rather than later," family spokesman Jim McGrath said.

McGrath said physicians merely may be exercising extra caution by keeping her at the hospital. "She is 88," he said. "She is a national treasure."

She and her husband, the 41st president, live in Houston. They are the longest-married presidential first couple and will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on Jan. 6.

On Thursday, the former president tweeted President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton, thanking them on his wife's behalf for their tweets of support the previous day and saying she was "heeding their advice."

"Doesnt happen w every President she knows!" Bush wrote.

The former first lady had a reputation for bluntness when her husband was president. Her son, George W. Bush, was the nation's 43rd president.

The Bush family matriarch had heart surgery in March 2009 for a severe narrowing of the main heart valve. She also was hospitalized in November 2008, when she underwent surgery for a perforated ulcer. In 2010, she was admitted to the hospital after having a mild relapse of Graves disease, a thyroid condition for which she was treated in 1989.

But health concerns had been more common of late with her 89-year-old husband, the nation's oldest living former president. He was released in January 2013 after spending nearly two months at Houston Methodist Hospital, being treated for a bronchitis-related cough and other health issues.

The former first lady and her husband still make public appearances. Last week, they appeared at an event at the former president's office to honor a Houston businessman and philanthropist with a Points of Light Award, a volunteer service award started by George H.W. Bush.

HOUSTON

Man charged with murder in death of missing wife

Authorities have charged the husband of a missing Houston-area woman with capital murder in connection with her death.

The charge on Thursday against Matthew Sowders came hours after authorities found a body in the waters of Cypress Creek near the home of his estranged wife, 26-year-old Melissa R. Sowders.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said the body has not yet been officially identified.

Members of Texas EquuSearch and sheriff's deputies had searched the creek area for several days after Melissa Sowders was last seen on Dec. 26.

Investigators have said they believe the woman was the victim of foul play. The sheriff's office on Monday announced her car was found in a parking lot.

BEAUMONT

Woman using vacuum cleaner at mall burned

A freak accident at a Southeast Texas mall has left a worker burned after a vacuum cleaner she was using set her clothes on fire.

Beaumont police said the accident happened late Thursday morning at the Macy's store at Parkdale Mall.

Police said a 39-year-old contract worker was using a backpack-style vacuum cleaner when the cord shorted out and set her clothes ablaze. Emergency responders in Beaumont treated her for second- and third-degree burns to her back, then the woman was transported to a hospital burn unit in Galveston.

The name of the burned woman and further details on her injuries weren't immediately released.

DALLAS

Police kill resident during burglary call

Dallas police fatally shot a resident of a high-rise apartment complex after he opened fire on officers responding to a burglary call.

Police identified the man as Dallas lawyer Michael Schmidt and said he was killed early Thursday in the Uptown neighborhood. No officers were hurt during the gunfire that shattered lobby windows of the luxury Glass House residences.

Deputy police Chief Gil Garza said Schmidt told a building employee that his apartment was being burglarized. The worker called police. Authorities said the 47-year-old Schmidt then barricaded himself in a hallway near the lobby until officers arrived.

Police are trying to determine why he shot at officers, who then returned fire. Schmidt died at the scene. Police said a weapon was recovered.

AUSTIN

Updated Texas DPS driver's license office reopens

Drivers who need to get a Texas license or submit a renewal in person have an upgraded option in Austin.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Thursday announced reopening of the North Lamar Driver License Office.

The DPS office was closed in April after a break-in resulted in extensive damage to the interior and equipment. DPS made technology upgrades that let customers remotely secure a spot in line via cellphone or online and then show up when it's their turn.

The 2011 Legislature provided $63 million for six high-tech DPS centers — two in the Houston area, two for Dallas-Fort Worth, one in the San Antonio area and another in Pflugerville. The North Lamar office uses the same system.

HOUSTON

Mayor Annise Parker sworn in for 3rd term

Houston Mayor Annise Parker has been sworn in for a third two-year term.

In ceremonies Thursday, Parker said street and draining improvements made during her previous four years in office soon will become more visible.

She's also calling for more hurricane protection and passage of what the Houston Chronicle described as a comprehensive nondiscrimination ordinance that includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

She asked the audience attending the ceremony to join her in creating the future of Houston.

Sixteen members of the Houston City Council also have been sworn in. Six of them are new.

Parker is term limited from seeking another run for the chief executive's office in Texas' largest city.

HOUSTON

License plate found in Texas pedestrian death

A witness found a license plate from a truck in a deadly hit-and-run accident near Houston and a man suspected of being the driver has surrendered.

Harris County sheriff's deputies on Thursday announced an arrest in the New Year's Day accident that left a pedestrian dead. Officials did not immediately release the name of the woman who died Wednesday night.

Witnesses said they saw a blue pickup strike the victim as she crossed a street. A witness at the scene found the license plate from the fleeing truck.

Authorities said 28-year-old Erik Garza surrendered Thursday morning and was charged with failing to stop and render aid.

DALLAS

Emergency responders rescue dog from pipe

A dog named Chloe has been rescued after getting trapped in a Dallas apartment complex drain pipe.

Firefighters used sonar equipment and a camera to locate and then extricate the small dog Wednesday afternoon.

Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to a call about a Yorkshire terrier apparently stuck near the end of a drain pipe close to a swimming pool. People nearby heard the stranded dog whining.

Firefighters cut a hole through the pipe to reach Chloe, who had slipped out of the family's apartment and spent about two hours stuck in the pipe.

Capt. Lance Cockrell said it made him feel good to get the dog back to her owners.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime for children age 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. 685-7376.

■ Author David Bryant Perkins book signing, 5-7 p.m., Hastings Entertainment.

■ SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

■ **At Big Sky:** "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

■ **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones"

December weather report

■ **Average high:** 55.5 degrees

■ **Average low:** 31.1 degrees

■ **Average temperature:** 43.3 degrees

■ **Typical average temperature:** 44.5 degrees

■ **Record high:** 75 degrees (Dec. 19)

■ **Record coldest high:** 21 degrees (Dec. 7)

■ **Rain in December:** 1.44 inches

■ **Average for December:** 0.6 inch

■ **Record for rain:** Dec. 20 (1.05 inches)

Top 10 wettest Decembers

1. 1986 ..... 3.30 inches
2. 1932 ..... 3.12 inches
3. 1979 ..... 2.80 inches
4. 1942 ..... 2.33 inches
5. 1991 ..... 2.23 inches
6. 1960 ..... 1.88 inches
7. 2011 ..... 1.63 inches
8. 1943 ..... 1.48 inches
9. **2013 ..... 1.44 inches**
10. 1982 ..... 1.40 inches

Source: National Weather Service

Gas prices in Midland

■ **Cheapest:** $2.99 (across town)

■ **Most expensive:** $3.34 (Town & Country, Andrews Highway/Boeing Drive)

■ **Most common price:** $3.09

■ **Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $2.94, Odessa $2.95, Midland $2.99, Abilene $3.02, San Angelo $3.03

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.078	$3.140
Last week	$3.017	$3.084
Last month	$3.091	$3.117
Last year	$3.130	$3.117

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Flu vaccines

Midland Health and Senior Services urges residents to get a flu shot.

The flu vaccine provides protection against the three strains of influenza: the H1N1 strain that caused the illness in 2009 and later seasons, and two other flu viruses that caused illness last season. Vaccines for 2013-2014 contain the H1N1 strain that caused the illness in 2009 and later seasons, and some other flu viruses, depending on the formulation.

Midland Health & Senior Services is offering flu shots to children 3 and older and adults. The fee ranges from $20 to $35. Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted. It is not necessary to make an appointment.

Midland Health & Senior Services is located at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. in space 22 of the Kingsway mall. Normal hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

For more information, call 432-681-7613.

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 5-2-6
Pick 4 day: 9-8-8
Pick 3 night: 4-0-2
Daily 4 day: 1-7-4-7
Daily 4 night: 3-8-0-5
Daily 4 day: 4-7-0-4
Daily 4 night: 3-8-5-8
Cash Five: 1-8-19-29-34
Texas Two Step: 8-15-19-27 BB: 23
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-6-7-10-12-16-17-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-6-8-11-12-15-17-18-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-7-9-11-12-13-15-16-23
All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-8-9-10-11-13-14-15-19-24

Today in history

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, Calif., by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Markkula Jr.

Survey finds few know what fracturing really is

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram does not typically run the term "fracking" in a story unless it is used in a quote. However, since the term is central to the story, we have decided to leave it as is.

By Benjamin Storrow
Casper Star-Tribune

CASPER, Wyo. — Fracking is a buzz word, but few Americans know what it actually means. That is the conclusion of a recent survey published by researchers at Oregon State, George Mason and Yale universities.

More than half of the study's 1,061 respondents reported knowing little or nothing of fracking. And almost 60 percent of those surveyed said they had no opinion on the subject, the Casper Star-Tribune reported Sunday.

Those findings run counter to the often contentious debates seen in Washington and state capitals around the country, where policymakers are weighing the benefits of increased oil and natural gas production against potential environmental damages.

"The fact that half of the people we surveyed know little if anything about fracking suggests that there may be an opportunity to educate the American citizenry in a non-partisan way about this important issue," said Hilary Boudet, a public policy expert at Oregon State and the study's lead author. "The question is who will lead that discussion?"

U.S. shale formations containing vast quantities of previously inaccessible oil and gas have been opened in recent years thanks to production techniques like horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing, as fracking is officially known. To frack a rock formation is to inject a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground at high pressure, causing it to fracture and release the oil and natural gas within.

Fracking is a crucial tool for opening oil and gas reserves in Wyoming. The federal government commonly holds that fracking is used to create 90 percent of oil and gas wells drilled on public lands, which make up nearly half of Wyoming.

About 20 percent of respondents said they were opposed to fracking. Women were more likely to oppose fracking, as were those more familiar with the process. Opponents were apt to associate fracking with environmental degradation, hold egalitarian world views and get their news from newspapers.

Around 22 percent of those surveyed said they supported fracking. They tended to be older, better educated and politically conservative. Their primary news source was television, the survey found.

"In some areas of the country, including New York and Pennsylvania, people are more familiar with the issue but opinions are still divided as they try to balance the economic and energy benefits against environmental and community impacts," Boudet said.

The study said there is increasing concern among scientists about methane emissions emanating from natural gas production. Such emissions could nullify natural gas' advantage as a less carbon-intensive source of electricity, the researchers said.

"If the argument is that we need natural gas to mitigate our dependency on other fossil fuels and to lower greenhouse gas emissions, it doesn't make much sense to use a technology that could, in fact, increase methane emissions," Boudet said. "Methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide."

The survey was conducted in September 2012 and has a margin of error of 3 percent.

Story distributed by the Associated Press

AP file photo

Female recruits at the Marine Corps Training Depot on Parris Island, S.C., on Feb. 21. More than half of female Marines in boot camp can't do three pull-ups, the minimum standard that was supposed to take effect with the new year. So the Corps is delaying the requirement. All the service branches are working on devising standards, training and other policies needed to open thousands of combat roles to women in 2016.

Marines delay female fitness plan after half can't pass test

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than half of female Marines in boot camp can't do three pullups, the minimum standard that was supposed to take effect with the new year, prompting the Marine Corps to delay the requirement, part of the process of equalizing physical standards to integrate women into combat jobs.

The delay rekindled sharp debate in the military on the question of whether women have the physical strength for some military jobs, as service branches move toward opening thousands of combat roles to them in 2016.

Although no new timetable has been set on the delayed physical requirement, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos wants training officials to "continue to gather data and ensure that female Marines are provided with the best opportunity to succeed," Capt. Maureen Krebs, a Marine spokeswoman, said Thursday.

Starting with the new year, all female Marines were supposed to be able to do at least three pullups on their annual physical fitness test and eight for a perfect score. The requirement was tested in 2013 on female recruits at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., but only 45 percent of women met the minimum, Krebs said.

The Marines had hoped to institute the pullups on the belief that pullups require the muscular strength necessary to perform common military tasks such as scaling a wall, climbing up a rope or lifting and carrying heavy munitions.

Officials felt there wasn't a medical risk to putting the new standard into effect as planned across the service, but that the risk of losing recruits and hurting retention of women already in the service was unacceptably high, she said.

Because the change is being put off, women will be able to choose which test of upper-body strength they will be graded on in their annual physical fitness test. Their choices:

■ Pullups, with three the minimum. Three is also the minimum for male Marines, but they need 20 for a perfect rating.

■ A flexed-arm hang. The minimum is for 15 seconds; women get a perfect score if they last for 70 seconds. Men don't do the hang in their test.

Officials said training for pullups can change a person's strength, while training for the flex-arm hang does little to adapt muscular strength needed for military tasks.

The delay could be another wrinkle in the plan to begin allowing women to serve in jobs previously closed to them such as infantry, armor and artillery units.

The decision to suspend the scheduled pull-up requirement "is a clear indication" that plans to move women into direct ground combat fighting teams will not work, said Elaine Donnelly, president of the conservative Center for Military Readiness and a critic of allowing women into infantry jobs.

"When officials claim that men and women are being trained the same, they are referring to bare minimums, not maximum qualifications that most men can meet but women cannot," Donnelly wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "Awarding gender-normed scores so that women can succeed lowers standards for all. Women will suffer more injuries and resentment they do not deserve, and men will be less prepared for the demands of direct ground combat."

The military services are working to figure out how to move women into newly opened jobs and have been devising updated physical standards, training, education and other programs for thousands of jobs they must open Jan. 1, 2016, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Christensen, a Defense Department spokesman. They must open as many jobs to women as possible; if they decide to keep some closed, they must explain why.

DEDUCTION

From 1A

States are fairly tethered to the hydrocarbons under American soil. "This provision was designed to encourage domestic manufacturers to keep their facilities and jobs in the United States," he says, but "it is impossible to move U.S. oil fields to other nations."

In a report to lawmakers, the non-partisan Congressional Research Service notes that the oil and gas industry differs from traditional factory manufacturing in a number of ways:

The production of petroleum products at a refinery is only indirectly related to the level of employment. This implies that if wage costs go down due to the tax deduction, there is less chance that the result will be increased output due to higher employment. Even if employment did increase, it would have little effect on national employment levels due to the capital-intensive nature of the industry. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that oil and natural gas extraction industries employed approximately 185,500 workers in December 2011, of which about 105,700 were classified as production workers.

More deductions

Weiss said that while Baucus' proposal would axe $46 billion in oil industry tax breaks, he also should have taken aim at the domestic manufacturing deduction, as well as dual-capacity taxpayer rules that allow companies to deduct what they pay foreign governments in royalties for oil produced overseas. Another possible target left out of Baucus' plans: an accelerated two-year time period for writing off the costs of geological and geophysical expenses tied with hunting for oil and gas.

Although lawmakers are looking to rewrite the U.S. tax code as early as this year, President Barack Obama's decision to nominate Baucus as his next ambassador to China may change the timeline.

A coalition of more than a dozen oil and gas industry groups sent a letter to Baucus last month arguing that his plan for extending depreciation of drilling and other expenses would especially affect the capital-intensive oil business and divert cash away from "future domestic investment."

PROGRAM

From 1A

The program works for both couch potatoes and seasoned runners, King said.

Participants are divided up into training groups based on skill level and this year the program will also feature a walking group.

"We are adding this component because we felt there was a need for it. We had some individuals who wanted to run but probably needed a season of walking to build some endurance. This will serve as a bridge for those individuals," King said, noting implementation will be easy because USA Fit offers a training program for walkers.

The Saturday runs are scheduled to last about one hour in the morning but may be postponed until later in the day in case bad weather occurs.

While those runners who attend all Saturday group runs may have the best success rate, King said individuals are not required to attend every weekend.

About 40 Midlanders participated in last year's inaugural USA Fit Midland program and feedback was very positive, King said.

"The neatest thing was watching the program participants break off into groups where they were most comfortable and make friends, as well as watch them run in the 'Run a K'," King said. "Everyone had on their USA Fit T-shirt and they were very proud of themselves."

Registration for the 12-week USA Fit course is $65 for new participants and $55 for returning USA Fit members. Enrollment runs through Jan. 11 and can be completed online at www.usafitmidland.com.

The Midland USA Fit chapter is one of more than 50 in the United States, all based on the program that started in 1989 in Houston, according to its website.

By hosting USA Fit Midland, the United Way hopes to promote a healthy lifestyle and also generate additional advocates and potential donors for the organization.

Learn more about USA Fit Midland at www.usafitmidland.com or email info@usafitmidland.com with your questions.

Court grants law license to man who lives in US illegally

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court granted a law license Thursday to a man who has lived in the U.S. illegally for two decades, a ruling that advocates hope will open the door to millions of immigrants seeking to enter other professions such as medicine, accounting and teaching.

The unanimous decision means Sergio Garcia, who attended law school and passed the state bar exam while working in a grocery store and on farms, can begin practicing law immediately.

It's the latest in a string of legal and legislative victories for people who are in the country without permission. Other successes include the creation of a path to citizenship for many young people and the granting of drivers licenses in some states.

"This is a bright new day in California history and bodes well for the future," the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles said in a statement.

The court sided with state officials in the case, which pitted them against the White House over a 1996 federal law that bars people who are in the U.S. illegally from receiving professional licenses from government agencies or with the use of public money, unless state lawmakers vote otherwise.

Bill Hing, a law professor at the University of San Francisco, said the court made clear the only reason it granted Garcia's request is that California recently approved a law that specifically authorizes the state to give law licenses to immigrants who are here illegally.

The new law, inspired by Garcia's situation, took effect Wednesday.

It was unclear how many people would qualify to practice law under the ruling.

AP file photo

Sergio Garcia speaks at The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles news conference in Los Angeles in August. The California Supreme Court granted a law license on Thursday to Garcia, who is living in the United States illegally.

Confusion, relief mark start of new health reforms

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The new year brought relief for Americans who previously had no health insurance or were stuck in poor plans, but it also led to confusion after the troubled rollout of the federal health care reforms sent a crush of late applications to overloaded government agencies.

That created stacks of yet-to-be-processed paperwork and thousands — if not millions — of people unsure about whether they have insurance.

Mike Estes, of Beaverton, Ore., finally received his insurance card on Dec. 27 after applying in early November. Still, the family was thrilled to have insurance through the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's version of Medicaid, because their previous $380-a-month premium "literally crushed our family's finances," Estes said.

Obama administration officials estimate that 2.1 million consumers have enrolled so far through the federal and state-run health insurance exchanges that are a central feature of the federal law. But even before coverage began, health insurance companies complained they were receiving thousands of faulty applications from the government, and some people who thought they had enrolled for coverage have not received confirmation.

Tens of thousands of potential Medicaid recipients in the 36 states relying on the federal exchange also are in limbo after the federal website that was supposed to send their applications to the states failed to do so.

Reports of other complications were scattered around the country.

Minnesota's health care exchange said 53,000 people had enrolled for coverage through its marketplace, but it was unable to confirm the insurance status of an additional 19,000 people who created accounts but did not appear to have purchased plans.

In Connecticut, officials were pleading for patience as call centers fielded calls from people who are concerned because they had yet to receive a bill for premiums or an insurance identification card.

"This is an unprecedented time, because there are a record number of people who have applied for coverage with an effective date of Jan. 1," said Donna Tommelleo, a spokeswoman for the Connecticut Department of Insurance.

But the volume was no higher than usual on Thursday at the call center serving the federal health care exchange, where the vast majority of calls were from consumers seeking coverage starting Feb. 1, U.S. Health and Human Services spokeswoman Joanne Peters said.

The agency is coordinating with "insurers, providers, hospitals and pharmacists to help smooth the transition for consumers who are using their new plans for the first time," she said in an emailed statement.

The major pieces of the Affordable Care Act that took effect with the new year mean people with pre-existing medical conditions cannot be denied coverage, yearly out-of-pocket medical expenses will be capped and new insurance policies must offer a minimum level of essential benefits, ranging from emergency room treatment to maternity care.

Some parts of the law took effect previously, such as the ability of young people to remain on their parents' insurance policies until age 26.

Minnesota and Rhode Island were among the states that extended their sign-up period to the final day of 2013, leading to a crush of new paperwork that government agencies and insurance companies were still scrambling to process. Many consumers have yet to receive bills or insurance cards.

Julie Cadorette, 63, of Maynard, Mass., said she has spent dozens of hours on the phone trying to find out the status of her application through Massachusetts Health Connect, which she said she sent by certified mail three months ago. Her current plan ends Jan. 31.

"It's very hard to deal with them; they're so behind," she said Thursday. "When you call them, they ask you specific questions. You can't ask them any questions."

Massachusetts consumers whose applications for subsidized insurance have not been processed by the time their coverage expires will be temporarily covered under the state's version of Medicaid, MassHealth spokesman Jason Lefferts said.

The new year brings the most personal test yet for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul as millions of patients begin to seek care under its new mandates. The burden for implementing the law now shifts to insurance companies and health care providers.

Dr. John Venetos, a Chicago gastroenterologist, said there was "tremendous uncertainty and anxiety" among patients calling his office.

"They're not sure if they have coverage. It puts the heavy work on the physician," Venetos said. "At some point, every practice is going to make a decision about how long can they continue to see these patients for free if they are not getting paid."

New York is allowing a grace period for those whose policies start Jan. 1 but whose premiums are not due until later. In those cases, state health officials and insurers say people should pay the doctor's bill and then submit it for reimbursement.

It will not be known for a couple of weeks how many of those who signed up for coverage in the exchanges follow through and pay their premiums or how many are stuck in backlogs of unprocessed applications.

In California, employees of the state health exchange were still going through some 19,000 paper applications sent in the early days after Covered California launched on Oct. 1, spokesman Dana Howard said. He could not say how many were outstanding.

The entire tracking system was "in a sort of chaos" Thursday as consumers tried to use or confirm their new insurance, said Kelly Fristoe, an insurance agent in Wichita Falls.

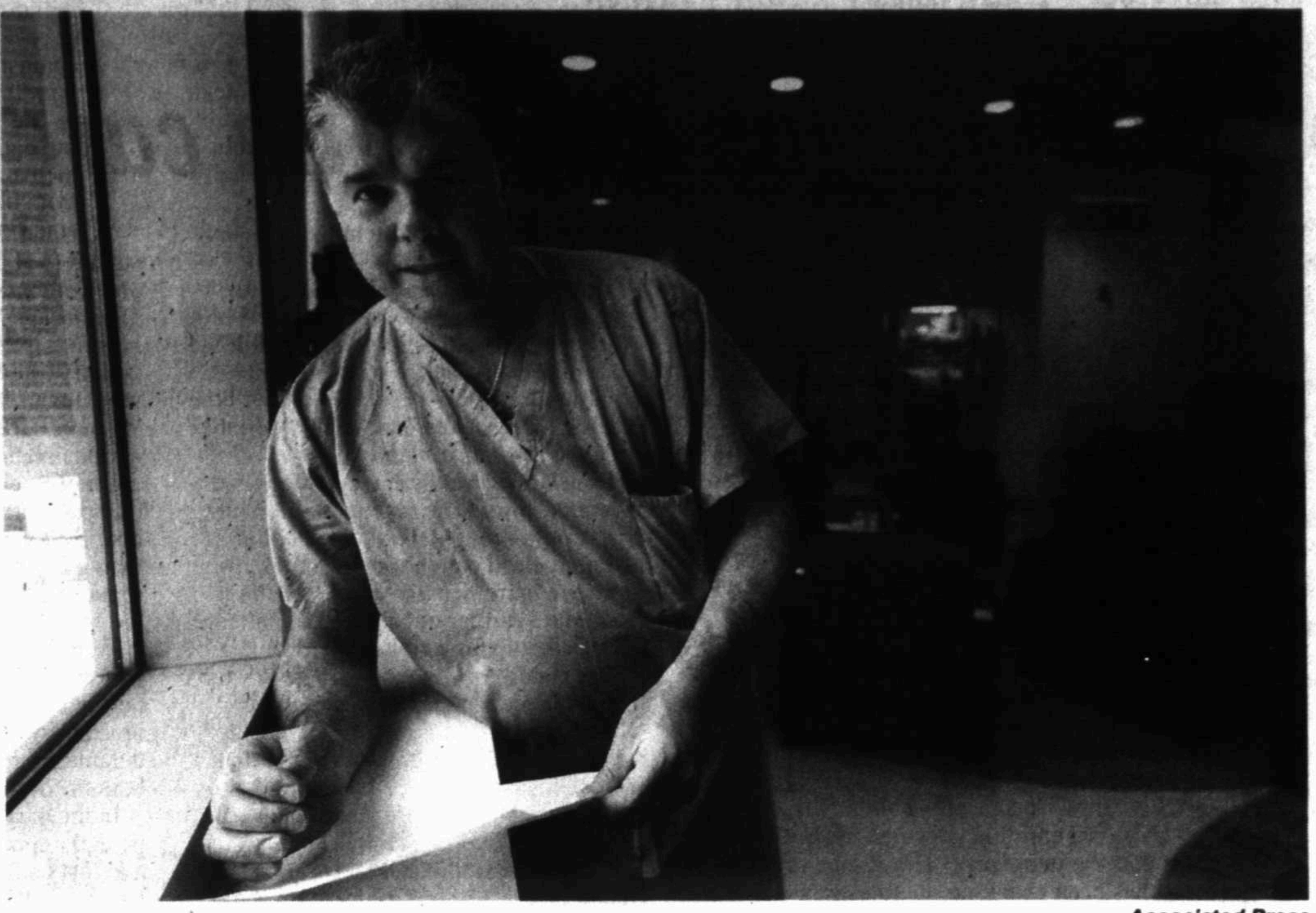
"I've got pharmacies that are calling in to verify benefits on these new plans that are getting incorrect information," he said. "I have people that are calling to make their initial premium payment, and they've been on hold for maybe three or four hours at a time and then they get hung up on."

People who signed up on the federal website have until Jan. 10 to pay premiums for coverage retroactive to Jan. 1, while consumers in some states have until Jan. 6.

Premiums paid after the deadline will be applied to coverage starting Feb. 1 or later. Consumers have until March 31 to sign up in time to avoid a federal tax penalty for remaining uninsured. That fine starts at $95 for an individual this year but climbs rapidly, to a minimum of $695 by 2016. There is an additional fine for parents who do not get health insurance for their children.

Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for the poor, already was experiencing problems in some states.

Anticipating disruptions, major drug store chains such as CVS and Walgreens as well as smaller pharmacies have announced they will help customers with coverage questions, even providing temporary supplies of medications without insisting on up-front payment.



Associated Press

Dr. John Venetos poses for a photo between surgical procedures Thursday in Chicago. With the full implementation of the nation's new health law that took effect New Year's Day, Venetos described the "tremendous uncertainty and anxiety" among patients calling his office who think they signed up for coverage but haven't received insurance cards yet. Others had insurance policies that were canceled and they aren't sure if their coverage was reinstated after Gov. Pat Quinn decided to allow one-year extensions of canceled plans. The Chicago physician has decided to take a risk and provide care for these patients. "We feel it's the right thing to do, " Venetos said. "We may end up stuck holding the bag and not getting paid on these claims."

Health care briefs

Enrollment in exchange, Medicaid tops 138K in Colorado

DENVER — Officials say enrollment in Colorado's health insurance exchange and expanded Medicaid programs topped 138,000 people between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

Officials with Connect for Health Colorado say the pace of enrollments ramped up with the Dec. 27 deadline for customers seeking insurance coverage starting Wednesday.

The numbers released Thursday show 52,773 people have signed up for or have been approved for private insurance coverage through the exchange.

An additional 86,432 people are being enrolled in the Medicaid expansion.

Connect for Health Colorado officials say private insurance enrollments exceeded projections by about 16,000 people.

Enrollment for private health insurance through the exchange continues until March.

Connect for Health Colorado CEO Patty Fontneau says her staff is reaching out to residents as the second half of the enrollment period gets underway.

Pennsylvania issues warning over Medicaid file problems

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvanians who applied for health insurance through the federally run website Healthcare.gov and were found to be eligible or potentially eligible for Medicaid were cautioned Thursday by Gov. Tom Corbett's office that they may not have coverage yet.

An administration spokesman said the federal government continues to have trouble transferring the electronic files of more than 25,000 applications to the state's Department of Public Welfare.

"We are doing everything we can to ensure these individuals receive the coverage they've applied for as quickly as possible," department spokesman Eric Kiehl said.

The more than 25,000 applications in question were submitted to Healthcare.gov between Oct. 1 and Dec. 24, Kiehl said. Once the applicants are enrolled in Medicaid, coverage will be retroactive to Jan. 1, Kiehl said.

Corbett's office said people who applied through Healthcare.gov and were found eligible or potentially eligible for Medicaid can expect to receive a call from the federal Health Insurance Marketplace Call Center advising them to re-apply directly by calling the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. The department can be reached at (866) 550-4355.

Federal officials last month began trying to send electronic Medicaid applications to various states, including Pennsylvania, so they could enroll people. The applications had not been forwarded as promised to the states, which put the enrollment process in limbo for those who are eligible to get health care coverage through Medicaid.

Once states start getting the applicants' data from the federal government, they can determine whether it is reliable and correct, throw out duplicate applications and begin to enroll people in Medicaid.

Healthcare.gov is a gateway to help people buy private insurance plans or enroll in Medicaid under President Barack Obama's signature health care law.

If low-income insurance shoppers qualified for Medicaid, the federal website was supposed to send their applications to the Medicaid agency in their state. But that had yet to happen in Pennsylvania and the other 35 states relying on the federal site.

Vermont hospital has almost 2 dozen with new insurance

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The state's largest hospital had almost two dozen patients seek treatment with health insurance policies provided through Vermont's health overhaul system since the start of the year, yet more than half of those did not have insurance cards, an official at Burlington's Fletcher Allen Health Care said Thursday.

Of those, two people sought health care from the Fletcher Allen Emergency room and the rest registered Thursday for non-emergency services from the hospital, Fletcher Allen spokesman Mike Noble said.

"The start of this year has gone about as we expected it would go," Noble said. More details will be available next week, he said.

Vermont officials overseeing the implementation of the new health insurance system through Vermont Health Connect say it's likely there will be a number of people, especially those who registered late in the process, who will seek treatment before their documentation has been processed, and there could be no record of their coverage.

Fletcher Allen has said it would wait up to three weeks before billing customers who said they were covered, but no record could be found of their coverage. The extra time would allow the processing of those applications.

After three months of an enrollment process that was plagued by problems with the Vermont Health Connect website and a series of changes in the requirements needed to ensure people have access to coverage, the new system began offering benefits at midnight on Jan. 1.

Of the hospitals informally surveyed Thursday from one end of the state Vermont to the other, Fletcher Allen, by far the state's largest health care provider, had the most patients seeking treatment with coverage provided as part of the health overhaul.

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Time for GOP to stop the health care bailout

■ It's win-win for the GOP: End Obamacare as we know it or guarantee the Senate goes Republican

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First order of business for the returning Congress: The No Bailout for Insurance Companies Act of 2014.

Make it one line long: "Sections 1341 and 1342 of the Affordable Care Act are hereby repealed."

End of bill. End of bailout. End of story.

Why do we need it? On Dec. 18, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers was asked what was the administration's Plan B if, because of adverse selection (enrolling too few young and healthies), the insurance companies face financial difficulty.

Jason Furman wouldn't bite. "There's a Plan A," he replied. Enroll the young.

But of course there's a Plan B. It's a government bailout.

Administration officials can't say it for political reasons. And they don't have to say it because it's already in the Affordable Care Act, buried deep.

First, Section 1341, the "reinsurance" fund collected from insurers and self-insuring employers at a nifty $63 a head. (Who do you think the cost is passed on to?) This yields about $20 billion over three years to cover losses.

Then there is Section 1342, the "risk corridor" provision that mandates a major taxpayer payout covering up to 80 percent of insurance-company losses.

Never heard of these? That's the beauty of passing a bill of such monstrous length. You can insert a chicken soup recipe and no one will notice.

Nancy Pelosi was right: We'd have to pass the damn thing to know what's in it. Well, now we have and now we know.

The whole scheme was risky enough to begin with — getting enough enrollees and making sure 40 percent are young and healthy. Obamacare is already far behind its own enrollment estimates. But things have gotten worse. The administration has been changing the rules repeatedly — with every scrimmage-line audible raising costs and diminishing revenue.

First, it postponed the employer mandate. Then, it exempted from the individual mandate people whose policies were canceled (by Obamacare). And for those who did join the exchanges, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is "strongly encouraging" insurers to — during the "transition" — cover doctors and drugs not included in their clients' plans.

The insurers were stunned. Told to give free coverage. Deprived of their best customers. Forced to offer stripped-down "catastrophic" plans to over-30 clients (contrary to the law). These dictates, complained their spokesman, could "destabilize" the insurance market.

Translation: How are we going to survive this? Shrinking revenues and rising costs could bring on the "death spiral" — an unbalanced patient pool forcing huge premium increases (to restore revenue) that would further unbalance the patient pool as the young and healthy drop out.

End result? Insolvency — before which the insurance companies will pull out of Obamacare.

Solution? A huge government bailout. It's Obamacare's escape hatch. And — surprise, surprise — it's already baked into the law.

Which is why the GOP needs to act. Obamacare is a Rube Goldberg machine with hundreds of moving parts. Without viable insurance companies doing the work, it falls apart. No bailout; no Obamacare.

Such a bill would be overwhelmingly popular because Americans hate fat-cat bailouts of any kind. Why should their tax dollars be spent not only saving giant insurers but also rescuing this unworkable, unbalanced, unstable, unpopular money-pit of a health care scheme?

The GOP House should pass it and send it to Harry Reid's Democratic Senate. Democrats know it could be fatal for Obamacare. The only alternative would be single-payer. And try selling that to the country after the spectacularly incompetent launch of — and subsequent widespread disaffection with — mere semi-nationalization.

Do you really think vulnerable Democrats up for re-election will vote for a bailout? And who better to slay Obamacare than a Democratic Senate — liberalism repudiating its most important creation of the last 50 years.

Want to be even bolder? Attach the anti-bailout bill to the debt ceiling. That and nothing else. Dare the president to stand up and say: "I'm willing to let the country default in order to preserve a massive bailout for insurance companies."

In the past, Republicans made unrealistic and unpopular debt-ceiling demands — and lost badly. They learned their lesson. Last year, Republicans presented one simple unassailable debt-ceiling demand — that the Senate pass its first budget in four years.

Who could argue with that? The Senate capitulated within two days.

Who can argue with no bailout? Let the Senate Democrats decide — support the bailout and lose the Senate. Or oppose the bailout and bury Obamacare.

Happy New Year.

OUR VIEW

Local business does its part to work with hunters and donate to the needy

Laurels

■ **For Clark's and Winford's Meat Co.** The processor is participating in the Texas Food Bank Network's Hunters for the Hungry program, in which hunters can donate venison to help feed the state's needy. We appreciate that the local business doing its part. Clark's and Winford's is accepting deer donations through Jan. 31.

■ **For Devon Energy.** It was named to Bloomberg Business Week's "The Civic 50," a list of the nation's top community-minded companies. The Oklahoma City-based oil and gas producer has a Midland branch, which is involved with Centers for Children and Families, West Texas Food Bank and the annual Star Spangled Salute. We congratulate Devon for the well-deserved recognition.

■ **For Larry and Justin Cox.** The father and son have teamed up with Permian Basin companies to provide baseball caps to people with special needs. Larry Cox said he wanted to do something "to help these kids have a good life." We wish him luck in this endeavor. Residents who may want to donate new caps can call Cox at 557-9626.

■ **For Ricky Thames and Joel Buckingham.** The Midland homeowners brought the Christmas spirit to two local nonprofits with donations they collected from people who viewed their extensive light displays. Thames collected for the Midland Soup Kitchen and Buckingham for the Midland Humane Coalition.

■ **For all of the businesses and groups that collected funds, toys and clothing to make Christmas merry for some Midland youth.** Kudos to the generous donors who made it possible for these kids to have gifts they might not otherwise have received. We love your giving hearts.

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Great equalizers help defeat poverty

■ Despite what the New York City mayor tells you, there is a different answer to inequality

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New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio gave a St. Crispin's Day speech for progressives at his New Year's Day inauguration ceremony. He evoked a city ravaged by a crisis of inequality. What Rudy Giuliani was to out-of-control crime, de Blasio wants to be to rampant inequality — its scourge and vanquisher.

Yet for all his impassioned egalitarianism, the new mayor neglected the great equalizers, those qualities that are the bedrock of success in America and the key to mobility. Like so many others on the left, de Blasio is loath to detract from the false but ideologically congenial narrative of the rich dispossessing the poor. So he gives short shrift to the basics of marriage, education and work — all grounded in an ethic of personal responsibility — that make it possible for people to escape and avoid poverty.

Anyone can be a victim of bad luck — especially in a weak economy — but the essential formula for eluding poverty isn't complicated: Graduate from high school, get a job and get married before having children. Ron Haskins, of the Brookings Institution, writes in the journal National Affairs, "Census data show that if all Americans finished high school, worked full time at whatever job they then qualified for with their education, and married at the same rate as Americans had married in 1970, the poverty rate would be cut by around 70 percent — without additional government spending."

The breakdown of marriage, in particular, drives impoverishment. The poverty rate is about six times higher for single-parent families than two-parent families. About 70 percent of all poor families with children are single-parent families. According to Robert Rector, of The Heritage Foundation, if single mothers were to marry the fathers of the children, about two-thirds of them would no longer be poor, in a stupendously effective anti-poverty program.

Then there's education. A college degree is a rocket booster on income mobility. Among children from families in the bottom fifth of the income distribution, 84 percent of those who go on to get a college degree will escape the bottom fifth, and 19 percent will make it all the way to the top fifth, according to Haskins. Among kids from those families who don't get a degree, 45 percent will remain in the bottom fifth. (In his speech, de Blasio did cite his highest-profile educational initiative, more funding for pre-K education.)

And, finally, there's work. "Even in good economic times," Robert Rector writes, "the average poor family with children has only 800 hours of total parental work per year — the equivalent of one adult working 16 hours per week. The math is fairly simple: Little work equals little income, which equals poverty. If the amount of work performed by poor families with children was increased to the equivalent of one adult working full time throughout the year, the poverty rate among these families would drop by two-thirds."

The bottom line is success ultimately depends on habits that money can't buy. In a book-length study of the influence of parental income on the prospects of children, Susan Mayer found a complicated picture. She writes that "parental characteristics that employers value and are willing to pay for, such as skills, diligence, honesty, good health, and reliability, also improve children's life chances, independent of their effect on parents' income. Children of parents with these attributes do well even when their parents do not have much income."

This is the rub — and the dishonesty at the center of de Blasio's vision. The rich aren't causing anyone to have children out of wedlock, or drop out of high school, or stop looking for a job. They aren't undermining discipline or eroding industriousness. They have nothing to do with failing schools or dangerous neighborhoods. Even if you believe their incomes are too high and their taxes too low, they don't make it harder for anyone else to get ahead.

In other words, they don't cut anyone off from the foundations of success that are the country's great equalizers.

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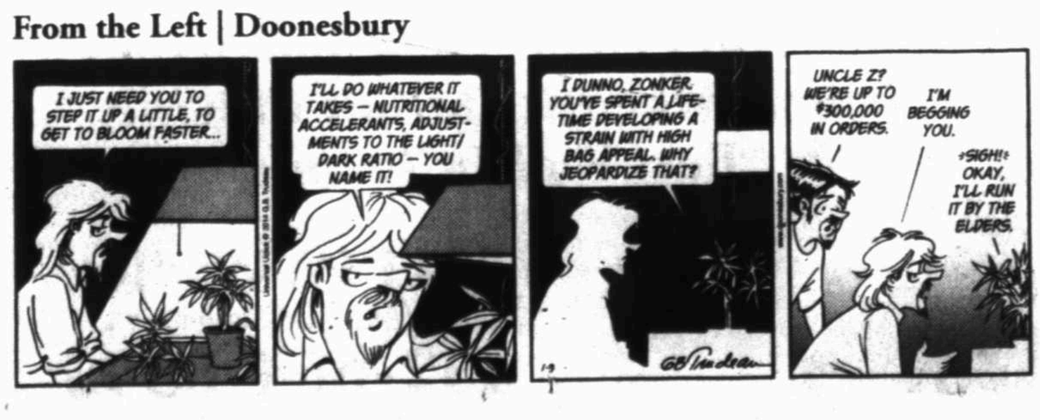

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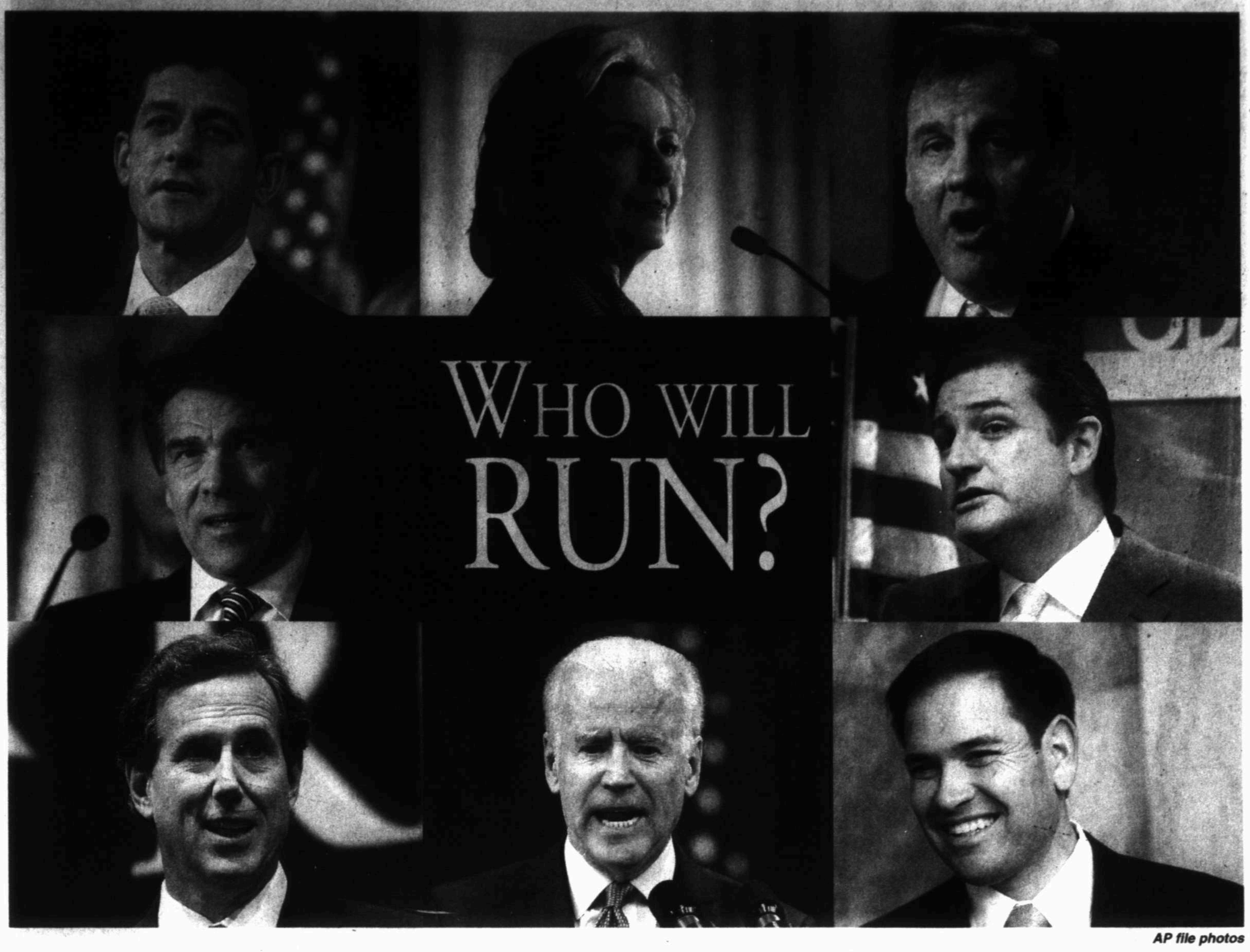

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, Republican; former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democrat; New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Republican; Sen. Ted Cruz, Republican; Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Republican; Vice President Joe Biden, Democrat; former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, Republican; Gov. Rick Perry, Republican.

Contrast for parties in 2016 presidential race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Democrats and Republicans, the early stages of the 2016 presidential contest are worlds apart.

Many Democrats already view Hillary Rodham Clinton as a quasi-incumbent, someone who could take the reins from President Barack Obama. The former secretary of state has made no decisions about her political future but has done little to dampen enthusiasm about another presidential campaign, traveling the country making speeches and preparing to release another book.

Republicans have no clear front-runner and expect a crowded primary field that could include fresh-faced candidates like New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. For a party that typically backs established politicians, 2016 could be the most jumbled GOP White House campaign in a generation.

As the Obama era nears its final midterm elections, the campaign to succeed him has already begun: Prospective candidates on both sides have been quietly courting donors, taking steps to build an organization and making scouting trips to early voting states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. The official starting line, however, is likely a year away.

The coming year will be about building the foundations of a campaign, compiling a policy agenda and raising money for House, Senate and gubernatorial candidates who could become future allies.

And each side faces its own intra-party divisions.

Republicans are in the middle of a feud that pits establishment figures against tea party adherents. Democrats run the risk of souring on Obama's brand — polls have shown a decline in his popularity since his re-election — and face a brewing split between liberals and centrists.

For Democrats, the presidential race hinges on whether Clinton runs again.

The former New York senator and first lady to President Bill Clinton has dominated early polls among Democrats, with Vice President Joe Biden a distant second. There is no obvious challenger from the left, considering Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's vow to serve her full six-year term.

Potential candidates like Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and former Gov. Brian Schweitzer, of Montana, have visited early voting states but remain largely unknown to most voters. Some liberals might encourage former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean to run again, but Clinton has the potential to unite the party.

Clinton's movements will be closely watched this year. She avoided most political activity in 2013 but is expected to be a top draw at Democratic fundraisers. The spring release of her memoir about her State Department years will include a national book tour, allowing her to discuss themes that might precede a presidential campaign. Until she announces her decision, every word will be parsed for clues.

"It's maybe an unprecedented situation, with Hillary Rodham Clinton being as strong as an incumbent president running for re-election," said Democratic strategist Tad Devine. "I really see her in a unique situation."

If Clinton decides not to run, the Democratic primary could turn into a free-for-all.

Biden could inherit many Obama and Clinton supporters, but a Clinton-free race would open the door to candidates like O'Malley, who has assembled a record admired by many liberals, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a fundraising powerhouse, and Warren, who would be pressured by progressives to run. Other potential candidates could include New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Virginia Sen. Mark Warner.

Republicans face much different terrain.

During the past half-century, the GOP has rarely nominated a candidate who has not previously run for president — the exceptions are Gerald Ford in 1976 and George W. Bush in 2000.

That could change in 2016. "More than any other time in my lifetime, things are wide open," said Republican strategist Ron Kaufman, who noted that Republicans are also weighing significant changes to their nominating calendar and debate schedule.

Christie, the new chairman of the Republican Governors Association, boosted his national profile in November by easily winning a second term. Christie's team contends he wrote the playbook for GOP success in 2016 by appealing to strong percentages of women and minorities.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who left office in 2007, commands attention from donors and party leaders as the brother and son of presidents. His presidential ambitions are unclear, however, and this year could offer a better indication of his intentions.

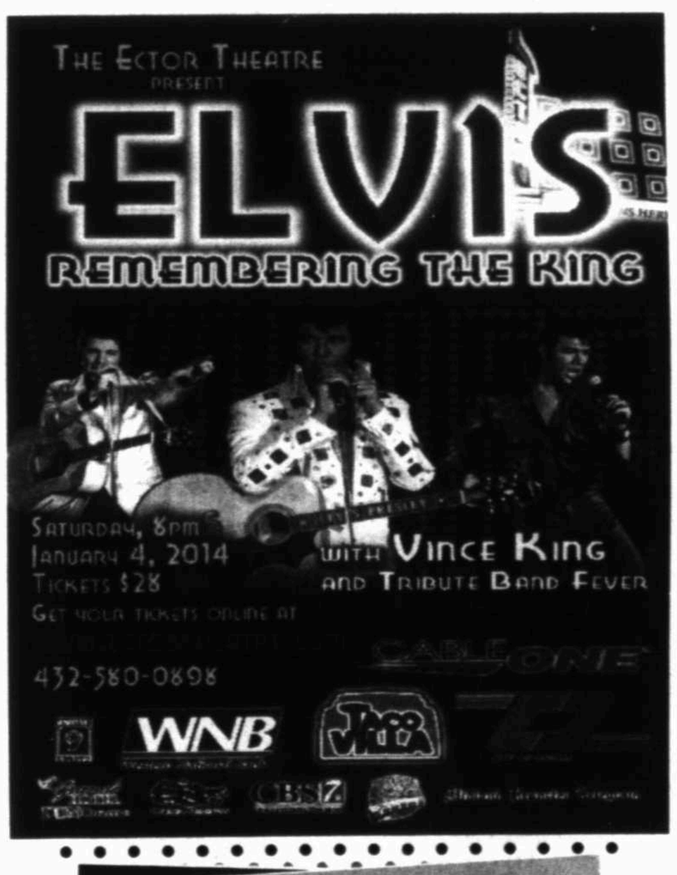
Bush's decision could weigh heavily on his protégé, Rubio, who tried but failed to get congressional Republicans to support sweeping immigration reforms. Few expect Rubio to challenge Bush in a presidential primary, but the Cuban-American senator is expected to travel the country in 2014 in support of House and Senate candidates.

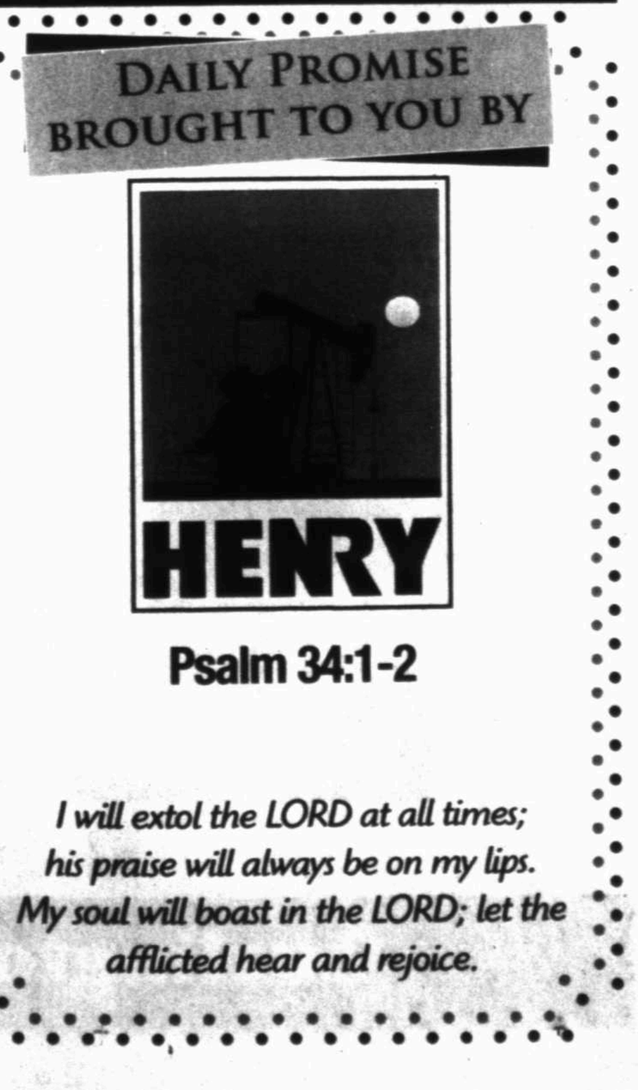
Paul has been among the most active Republicans exploring a presidential campaign, and he could inherit the loyal supporters of his father, libertarian hero and former congressman Ron Paul. Sen. Ted Cruz, in office just a year, has built a strong following in conservative circles.

Many Republicans are watching Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, who impressed as Mitt Romney's youthful running mate in 2012 and recently negotiated a budget deal with Democrats.

Beyond Christie, a large group of Republican governors may join the field, including Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who both face re-election in 2014. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal may also run and has urged Republicans to develop a strong policy agenda as an alternative to Democrats.

Veterans of past presidential campaigns like former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee could compete for social conservatives if they run again. Gov. Rick Perry chose not to seek re-election, giving him ample time to prepare for another presidential race.





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THIS WEEK

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FIRST FRIDAYS Single adults will gather at First Baptist Church today to hear motivational speaker David Nobles.

YOUTH RALLY Tarah Butler Jones, Big Perk, Free and others will perform today at a free concert in Odessa.

COMING SOON

FINANCIAL PEACE Some local churches will offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this month.

BENEFIT CONCERT Trout Fishing in America will be at the Yucca Theatre in February for a concert to benefit Camp Fire West Texas.

INTERFAITH EVENT Religious leaders from the Permian Basin and beyond will gather in February for the annual Interfaith Event.

See more calendar items on page **6B**.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

DINNER DONATIONS Albertsons donated almost $7,000 in turkey dinners to West Texas Food Bank before Christmas. The company's donation provided meals to 156 families in need this holiday season.

The West Texas Food Bank provides for those in need by distributing donated and purchased food through a network of more than 80 Partner Agencies such as food pantries and shelters serving 75,000 people in 19 counties throughout West Texas.

IN NEED

Nonprofit, charitable and religious organizations are constantly in need of volunteers, funds and resources. If you know of an organization in need, email mbuck@mrt.com and we'll help spread the word.

BIBLICAL TOUR

Midland teacher Mark Dean recently returned from his second trip to Israel with Ray Vander Laan, a world-renowned teacher and minister.

Courtesy photos

Midland teacher visits ancient biblical sites in Israel, Greece, Italy

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Mark Dean compared it to "seeing Christianity in high definition."

He recently returned from his second biblical tour of Israel with Ray Vander Laan, a world-renowned teacher and Christian minister who has led more than 10,000 people on tours of the Holy Land to gain understanding of the historical and cultural context of the Bible.

Vander Laan is the founder of That the World May Know Ministries. He visited Midland in early December to lead a conference at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Dean, a teacher at Midland Christian School and a Midlander for the past five years, said he was "blown away" when he first encountered Vander Laan's teachings in 2009.

"I've been reading the Bible my whole life, been going to church my whole life, but taking it back to its Middle Eastern roots just blew me away," he said. "My beliefs didn't change, but it was like seeing Christianity in HD. It brings it into a sharp focus."

Dean went on his first tour with Vander Laan in late 2009. He and his wife, Denise, spent two weeks with 60 other people on an in-depth biblical tour of Israel, visiting and studying various biblical sites.

"On Ray's trips, you hike it," Dean said. "We hiked 140 miles in two weeks. So, we're off the beaten path, and you are exhausted, but it's so amazing because at each sight we stop at, he'll do a faith lesson. It's an amazing tour."

The aim of Vander Laan's study tours is to understand the history and culture of the Bible, reconnecting people to the Jewish roots of Christianity, Dean said.

"How can you study language without culture?" he said. "It's the same with the Bible. How can you learn the Bible without learning about its people?"

On his second tour, which he returned from last month, Dean and his wife spent three weeks in Israel, Greece and Italy. He was part of a 15-member filming audience for "Faith Lessons," Vander Laan's video series with nonprofit organization Focus on the Family.

In Israel, Vander Laan led the group through sites such as Nazareth, The Negev desert, Qumran and the Essene community. In Jerusalem, they visited Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives and Via Dolorosa, among others. They were led through various cities in Greece, along Paul's second missionary journey, and ended the tour in Rome.

Dean said his trips have inspired and educated him. At Midland Christian School, he teaches classes such as Hebrew roots, Christian apologetics, Spanish and various other Bible classes.

Dean said Vander Laan, who he refers to as Ray or RVL, "is to teaching what Michael Jordan is to basketball."

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Members at south side church focus on mentoring, service projects

■ Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church collects donations for Midlanders in need

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Serving the community is more than just a passion for the people of Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church. It's a duty.

From ministering at apartment complexes to volunteering at area nonprofits, the church's members keep service at the forefront of their minds.

"This is what God wanted us to do, to take ministry outside of the church, not just inside the church," said the Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor of the church. "Goodwill is about building people. We're about building families. When you can build a family, you can build a community and a church."

That family-minded attitude can be seen in the church's close-knit groups. The youth, ages 4 to 17, call themselves the "BADD Crew — Bringing A Deeper Dimension." Women ages 18-50 are "007: Mission Possible." Women older than 50 are "Women of Wisdom." The men call themselves "Men Under Construction."

Each group takes on mentoring, counseling and service projects around Midland. Johnson and his flock regularly counsel the people of the community, including many single mothers, recently released inmates and teenagers. When the call comes, they drop their work and rush to help.

"Sometimes, you don't even get to sit down in the chair before you get a call and have to rush to somebody's home," said Carrie Melgoza, assistant youth director.

They meet in the church, at people's homes and sometimes even at restaurants. The needs of the community have far outgrown the size of the church, which is why Johnson is praying to either expand or find a bigger facility.

"When God says, we will move," he said.

The church has been in Midland for nearly 60 years, but Johnson has been pastor for four years. In that short period, he's transformed the church into a refuge for the community.

"I know there's a lot of needy people out there," he said. "We're trying our best to meet the needs of the people."

Melgoza; youth director Angelia Govan; Lakacia Kendrick, who heads up Dorcas Ministries; and Johnson's wife, Melody, are all members of "007: Mission Possible." They spoke about the

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432-683-1370

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Church of God
5300 Thomason Dr.
432-694-7586

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Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ
200 N. Tyler
432-684-5466

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
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432-684-5253

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1301 E. Cowden
432-682-9271

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4401 Cardinal Lane
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Inter-Denominational

Midland Center for Spiritual Living
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
432-684-4230

Sovereign Grace Church
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2901 W. Kansas
432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
432-488-8588

Jewish

Temple Beth El
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-550-5111

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Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
3800 Bluebird Lane
432-694-4971

Grace Lutheran Church
3000 W. Golf Course Rd.
432-697-3221

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5110 N. Garfield
432-570-8149

Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)
2003 N. A St.
432-683-1936

Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-362-2549

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
432-694-1373

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

Messianic

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13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-264-8976

Methodist United

Resurrection United Methodist Church
9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
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432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St.
432-682-3701

First United Methodist Church
600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX
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3011 W. Kansas
432-694-2571

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432-694-2544

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400 S. Marshall St.
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Muslim Association of West
1200 S. Midland Dr.
432-262-6226

Islamic Center of the Permian Basin
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E
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The Gathering @ Midland (A Church of the Nazarene)
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
432-889-9178

The Potters' House
4411 W Illinois, #85
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Renew Life Church
Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
432-689-7284

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-6412

Church of God 7th Day
609 N. Dallas
432-218-8595

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
432-553-1400

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-8898

CrossRoads Fellowship
6901 East State Hwy. 191, Odessa, TX
432-368-2500

Family Faith Christian Center
7909 Hwy. 307
432-686-9468

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Manna For Life Ministry
701 S. Calhoun
432-684-8668

Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W. Hwy. 191
432-522-1330

The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
3900 N. FM 1788
432-563-0028

Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

Beacon Light Outreach Ministries
410 S. Lee
432-599-0793

Christian Motorcyclists Association
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

Christian Tabernacle Church
10807 W. CR 145
432-262-5072

Church in the Wind
1001 Austin St.
432-556-2062

Communidad Alabare, Community of Praise
1100 Dayton Rd
432-682-8433

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432-528-8541

Destiny by Grace Christian Worship Center
3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-6638

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Midland Center Room 3
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8300 State Hwy. 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
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432-272-2544

New Day Christian Fellowship
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

New Harvest Fellowship
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4601 W. Interstate 20 (South Service Road Between Midkiff and Loop 250)
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St. Paul C.M.C. Church
409 S. Lee Street.
432-682-0010

Teen Challenge Services
6901 S. CR 1200
432-687-0348

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Templo Jerusalem
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

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1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
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432-682-7186

Templo Gloriosa Mañana
511 S. Stonewall
432-664-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave
432-697-4007

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas
432-684-7821

Grace Presbyterian Church
2801 N. Garfield
432-684-6542

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)
2900 Princeton
432-520-5255

Seventh Day Adventist

Iglesia Amistad Cristiana
401 S. Main
432-686-0427

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W Pennsylvania
432-620-0882

Southern Baptist

Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor
4712 Shadylane
432-684-5490

Grace Covenant Church
5711 Whitman
432-553-1053

Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland
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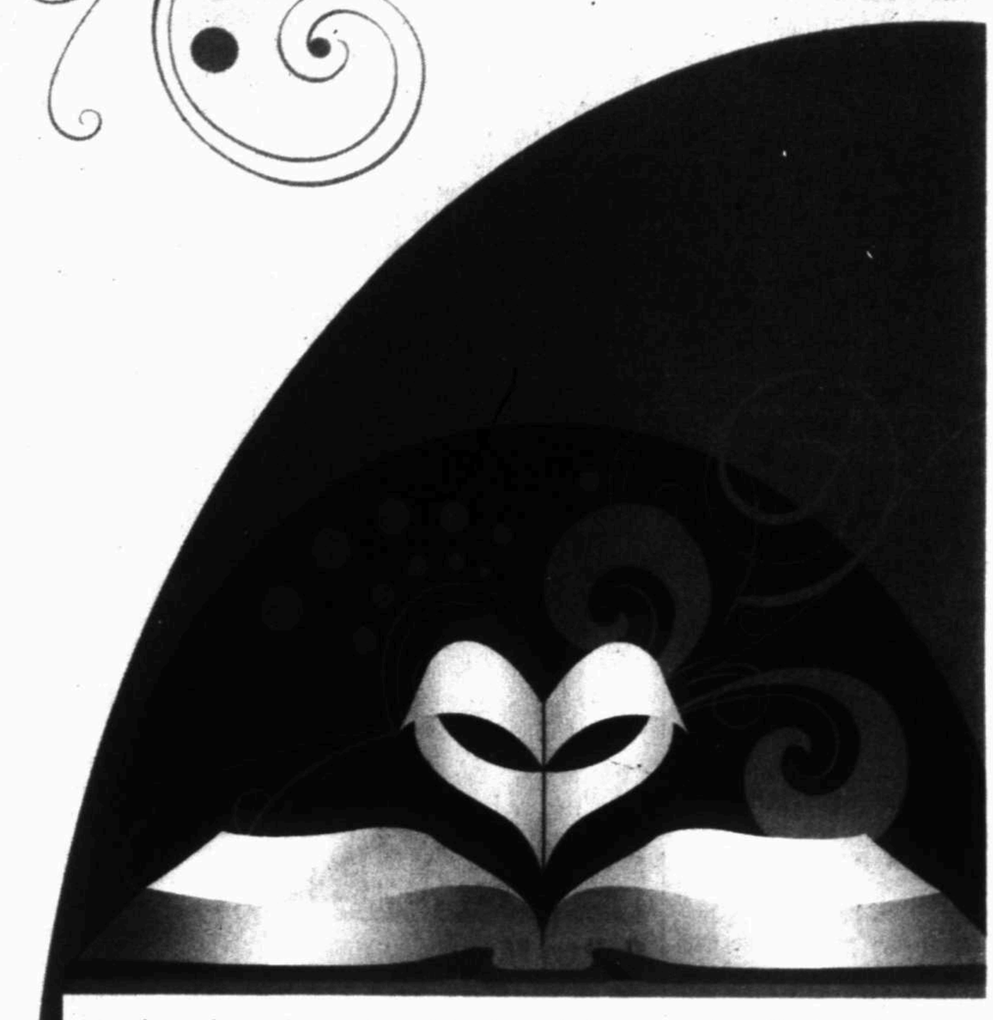

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16

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God's love, do you believe in the love
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Obituaries

Ann Shaw Tilley

Ann Shaw Tilley, 77, of Midland, Texas passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2013.

Ann was born May 15, 1936 in San Angelo, Texas to Hurchell and Gwendolyn Patterson Shaw. She grew up in Rankin, Texas, where she graduated from Rankin High School in 1954. Ann lived the majority of her adult life in Dallas. There, she worked for Trinity Industries as administrative assistant to the President until she married Joe Tilley in 1968. Joe preceded her in death in 1993. In 1996, Ann moved back to West Texas where she made her home in Midland. She worked as a realtor for Trower Realtors in Odessa for several years. She then devoted her life to taking care of her mother.

Ann was a true West Texas Lady with a personality bigger than life. She was an unforgettable person who made friends with everyone she met. With her sense of humor always present, she had the gift of being able to make people laugh. Her love and loyalty toward her family and friends was unwavering. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and by her sister, Jean Shaw McEwen. Ann is survived by her "girls" (nieces,) Jan McEwen Bessire and Julie McEwen McCready and their husbands Mike Bessire and Kem McCready; her nephew, Joe McEwen and wife Karen; and by her step-grandson, Brian Repp and wife Sheila. She is also survived by her beloved great-nieces and nephews, Lauren Bessire DeBree and husband Mark, Elizabeth Bessire and fiancée Mike Lopez, Kyle Larson and wife Samantha, Kacey Larson Broadway and husband Blake, Haley Larson, Rebecca McEwen Koch and husband Mark, Rachel McEwen, Chris McEwen, Paul McEwen, Hollie Mansfield, Sarah Mansfield; and by her great-great nephew, Michael DeBree, as well as a multitude of dear cousins and friends.

Donations in honor of the life of Ann Shaw Tilley may be made to Hospice of Midland, Meals on Wheels, or the Alzheimer's Association.

A memorial service celebrating Ann's life will be held in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Chapel on Saturday, January 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with Chaplain Robert Kirk officiating.

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

Carlota Escarcega

Carlota Escarcega, 77, passed away Saturday, December 28, 2013.

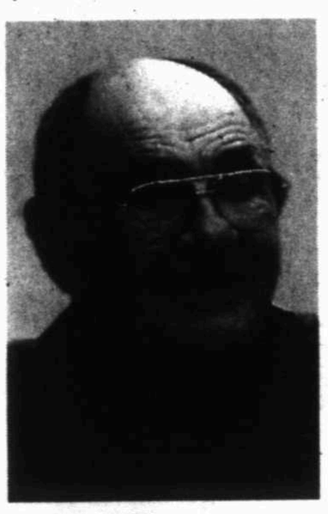
She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Juan Licon Escarcega; six children, Juan Escarcega, Jr.(Sylvia), Paula Munoz (Luis),Teresa Escarcega, Evangelina Serrano, Prisciliana Porras (Francisco), and Jose Escarcega (Jennie); 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and by one sister, Piriona.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Brandon David Castaneda and Thomas Escarcega.

The funeral will be Friday, January 3, 2014 at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Grapevine. There will be a reception at the life center immediately following Mass. Memorials can be made to the Red Cross, The Salvation Army, or your local hospice program.

Carlota was a loving wife and mother, a tender grandmother and a forever friend to many. She was kind to all. The family would like to thank Texas Hospice and Attentive Home Health for the tender loving care of our mother.

The Arlington Chapel of Greenwood Funerals-Cremation was in charge of the arrangements.



Delton M. "George" Costlow

Delton M. "George" Costlow was born in Fincastle, Texas to Sarah and John Costlow on July 24, 1927. He passed away unexpectedly on December 31, 2013 after visiting with friends and walking on the treadmill.

George served in the US Navy and graduated from Texas Tech University.

He married Helen Pyburn on August 31, 1947 and they had three daughters, Linda Crawley, Laura Hall and Judy Harden. Helen passed away at age 38 in 1966, leaving George to raise three teenage daughters. He took on the role of mother and father to all of them.

George married Beatrice Wrinkle Kitchens on June 17, 1967. She brought two sons, Lance and Gary Kitchens, into the family.

As County Supervisor for the Farmer's Home Administration, he facilitated loans for farmers in Martin and surrounding counties. After 21 years with the FHA, he went to work for Sears, from where he retired.

When his good golfing friend, Glen Brown, had a heart attack, George decided to take an EMT class so he would be prepared if Glen had another heart attack while they were golfing. After passing the EMT exam in 1990, George volunteered with the Martin County EMS for 20 years, retiring in 2010.

George was an elder at the Belvue Church of Christ for many years. He coached Little League and was a Scout Master.

As a member of the Lion's Club for over 50 years, he served on the West Texas Eyeglass Bank, fitting adults and children with donated eyeglasses. He also traveled to Guatemala with the Eyeglass Bank to fit impoverished Guatemalans with eyeglasses. In addition, he served on the Lion's Club International Eye Bank, providing corneas for the blind for many years. He served in many other capacities with the Lion's Club, including District Governor, Treasurer and Peewee Football announcer.

George also touched the lives of numerous people as a substitute teacher and as board member of West Texas Opportunities.

George was preceded in death by his parents, John and Sarah Costlow; his wife, Helen Pyburn Costlow; his sisters, Eva Meyrel Richardson and Edna Lee Owens; his brother and sister-in-law, Quienton and Mickie Costlow and his granddaughter, Jennifer Hall.

He leaves behind his wife, Beatrice; his three daughters; his two step-sons; five grandchildren, Mandy Malone, Bryan Hall and wife, Peggy; Julie Van Skyock and husband, Eric, Kelly Harden and wife, Jana, and Rebecca Harden; eight great grandchildren, Chanda, Schon, Nathen, Dylan, Laney, Kassidy, Kaili and Justin; and by two great, great grandchildren, Aspasia and Elija.

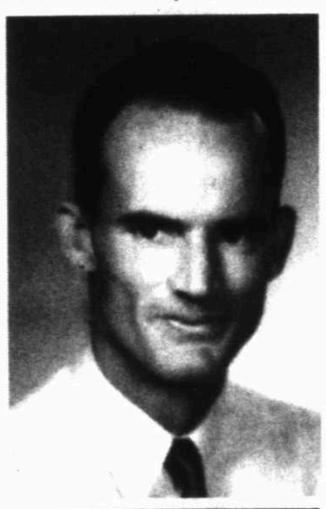
He was a good and kind man and will live in our hearts forever.

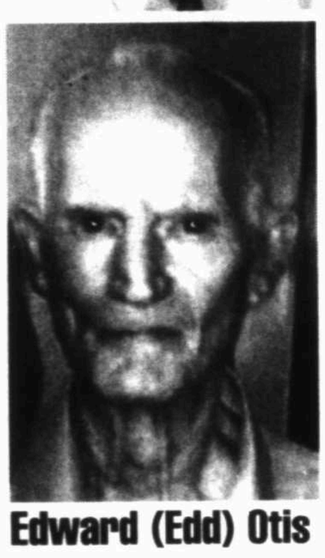
Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2014 at Gilbreath Funeral Home at 209 N. St. Charles in Stanton.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2014 at Belvue Church of Christ, 1104 Blocker St., Stanton. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Donations may be made to the Lion's Club Children's Camp, 4100 San Antonio Hwy, Kerrville, Texas 78028 or the Texas Lion's Club Eye Glass Recycling Center, 2550 Flynt Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at: *www.npwelch.com.*





Edward (Edd) Otis Greer

Edward (Edd) Otis Greer, 86, passed away on January 1, 2014. He was born on March 9, 1927 in Memphis, TN to his parents George N. Greer and Rebecca Cobb Greer. He was raised in Rayville, LA and completed school at Rayville High School. He continued on to serve in the US Army and Air Force and served during WWII.

He moved to Midland, TX in 1954 and married Evelyn June Stanley on May 10, 1955. He worked for Dowell from 1954 - 1984 and later went into business with his brother, George Greer Jr., and started Permian Petroleum Services in 1985. He was also an active member of the Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn June Stanley Greer of the home; three daughters, Paula Gail Greer, Daphne Jean Gee and husband James, Judy Diane Dunham and husband Mike; grandchildren, Adison Gee and wife Melissa, Brandon Gee, Chance Gee, Breeann Dunham, Hayden Dunham; sister: Patsy Englehart of San Angelo; sisters-in-law, Sandra Greer and Helen Greer; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, George N. Greer; mother, Rebecca Cobb Greer; daughter, Vicki Lynn Greer; three brothers, Fulton Greer, Roy Greer and George Greer, Jr.

He was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather and friend, who always put others first before himself. He loved to fish, play solitaire, work in his garden, watch Bill O' Reilly and especially loved his dog Suzy Q.

He was a man of very few words and loved to tease people and give them a hard time just to put a smile on their faces. His family and friends loved him very much and will miss him greatly. He will always be remembered as being kind, generous, and the most loving person they could have in their lives.

We would like to thank all of the doctors and nurses who took good care of him throughout the years.

Family visitation will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:00 am at Cotton Flat Baptist Church located at 6409 South State Hwy. 349, Midland, TX 79706 with burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pauline McGee

Graveside services for Pauline McGee, 91, of Lamesa will be held on Friday, January 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Dennis Adams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Pauline passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 in Lubbock. She was born on November 19, 1922 in Colorado City to Arthur Victor and Ivy (Bruce) Williams. Pauline married Victor McGee on November 30, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1992. They were married for 53 years.

Pauline was a Pioneer of Dawson County, having lived here since 1923. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed the time she spent with her family. She was a farmer and loved to brag about hauling hundreds and hundreds of trailers of cotton without ever getting a flat tire. She was an avid bowler, and enjoyed horse racing, and all sports especially Texas Rangers Baseball. She visited with her friends at Dawson County Senior Citizen Center four to five times a week. Pauline had a sunny disposition and was a pleasant person.

She is survived by her children, Othell Langford of Lamesa, Nelda Harris and husband, Jerry, of Lamesa, Gaylon McGee and wife, Christi, of Lamesa, and Terry McGee and wife, Star, of Lamesa; grandchildren, Stacy Harrell of Midland, Renee Furr of Lubbock, Brandon Harris of North Richland Hills, Sarah Minjarez of Lamesa, Maci Etheredge of Prosper, and Marty McGee of Lamesa; and by 13 great-grandchildren. Pauline is also preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; four sisters; and grandson Chris Wade McGee.

The family suggests memorials to Dawson County Senior Citizen Center, 611 N. Austin Ave., Lamesa, Texas, 79331.

To send condolences online, please visit *www.branonfuneralhome.com*

Death Notices

Clarence Henkell

Clarence Henkell, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, December 30, 2013, at his residence. Private family services will be at a later date.

He is survived by his wife, Dee of Big Spring; one son, Kevin Henkell of Midland; one daughter, T. J. Dunnam of Big Spring; and by five grandchildren.

Clarence Lee Davis, Jr.

Funeral services for Clarence Lee Davis, Jr., 71 of Seminole, Texas will be held Saturday January 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Boyer Funeral Home with Ray Young officiating.

Mr. Davis passed away Saturday, December 28, 2013 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

He is survived by his children, Deidra D. Neal of Pottsboro, Texas and Chance Lee Davis and wife Melissa of Stillwater, Minnesota.

Dr. Donald J. Kelly

Dr. Donald J. Kelly, 74, of Midland, died Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 5, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Memorial mass will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Eliseo M. Gamboa

Eliseo M. Gamboa, 82, of Big Spring died Sunday, December 29, 2013, in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Brother Gabriel Garza officiating.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rosa Gamboa; one daughter, Mary Perez and husband Roy; three sons, Samuel and his wife Nancy, Noe Santiago, Eliseo, Jr. and his wife Mary; two granddaughters, Ivory Mize and husband Jason from Big Spring, and April Reech and husband Michael from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Farrell Ezell

Farrell Ezell, 85, passed away January 1, 2014.

A visitation will be Sunday, January 5, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

Services will be held Monday, January 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Felix Padilla

Funeral services for Felix Padilla of Stanton, Texas have been set for 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Felix was born August 30, 1936 and passed away January 1, 2014 in Stanton, Texas.

Florene Kelley

Florene Kelley, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, December 31, 2013 in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 3, 2014 at the Baptist Temple, with Reverend Eldon Reynolds and Reverend Rick Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Luther Kelley, of Big Spring; one daughter, Sarah Kelley, of Big Spring; one son, Warren Kelley and wife, Kay of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Larry M. Kirby

Larry M. Kirby of Midland died Tuesday, December 24, 2013. He was 66 years old.

No services are planned.

Larry is survived by his wife, Vickie Kirby of Midland; mother, Doris Haymaker of Heber Springs, Arkansas; son, Michael T. Kirby of New York; six grandchildren; and by two great-grandchildren, all of New York.

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

Lois Dean Crawford

Lois Dean Crawford, 80, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Lloyd Wells and Edward Wilbourn, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Gail Cemetery, Gail, Texas.

She is survived by five sons, David Crawford and his wife, Maxine of New Mexico, Stan Crawford and his wife, Lynn of Big Spring, Danny Crawford, Russell Crawford, and Jack Crawford, all of New Mexico; three daughters, Shirley Crawford of New Jersey, Loretta Kissel of Washington, and Veta Harris of Big Spring; and by 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren.

Martha Lee Schwab

Martha Lee Schwab, 82, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by four sons, Kenneth Jones and wife, Pearl of Malvern, Arkansas, Melvin Jones, and Jerry Jones and wife, Dianne all of Big Spring, and Nathan Cahoon of El Paso; three daughters, Debbie Davis Thompson and husband, Joe and Denise Huitt and husband, Quert, all of Big Spring, and Sarah Tyrrell and husband, Tommy of San Angelo; and by 19 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren.

Mikeul D. Schneider

Mikeul D. Schneider, 68, passed away on January 1, 2014.

Mikeul is survived by his three sons, Willye L. Schneider, Warren V. Schneider, and Mikeul R. Schneider; and by five grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Norma Jean Woodruff

Norma Jean Woodruff, 48, of Big Spring died Monday, December 30, 2013, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park, with Holston Banks officiating.

She is survived by one son, Curtis Dwayne Woodruff and his wife Krystal of Coahoma.

Yvonne "Nana" McDonald

Yvonne "Nana" McDonald passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews, Texas.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2014 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Larry Brewer officiating. Burial will follow in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She was preceded by her husband of over 58 years, Walter "Bub" McDonald in 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie Awalt of Andrews, Texas; son, Russell McDonald of Lindale, Texas; and by five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great, great- grandchildren.

Conservative radio host Bob Grant dies at 84

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Conservative radio host Bob Grant, whose combative style became the template for broadcasters such as Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh, has died at age 84.

Grant's death Tuesday in Hillsborough, N.J., after a short illness was confirmed on Thursday by New York radio station WABC, which once fired him over his acid-tongued remarks about the plane crash death of one of President Bill Clinton's cabinet members, the first black commerce secretary.

Grant was born Robert Ciro Gigante in Chicago in 1939. He began his broadcasting career in the 1940s at WBBM in Chicago. He moved on to radio and television jobs in Los Angeles and was named afternoon drive time host at WABC in 1984.

Over the years, Grant, who was white, offended some listeners by referring to former New York Mayor David Dinkins, who's black, as a "washroom attendant," calling Clinton a "sleazebag" and suggesting women on welfare should be sterilized.

In a May 1993 broadcast, he lambasted Martin Luther King Jr. as "that slimeball" and "this bum, this womanizer, this liar, this fake, this phony."

WABC mostly defended Grant's First Amendment right to voice his opinions. But he apparently crossed the line in 1996 amid early reports that there was only one survivor of the crash of a plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in Croatia.

"My hunch is that (Brown) is the one survivor," he said. "I must have a hunch. Maybe, 'cause at heart, I'm a pessimist."

Two weeks later, Grant was taken off the air. He moved to WOR in New York before returning to WABC in 2006.

Alessandra Tarantino/AP

Pope Francis looks at the nativity scene set in St. Peter's square after celebrating a New Year's Eve vespers service in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Tuesday. Pope Francis has used his traditional year-end prayer service of thanksgiving to urge people to ask themselves: Did they spend 2013 to further their own interests or to help others? That's what we all should "courageously" consider as New Year's celebrations get under way, the pontiff said, as he led the service in St. Peter's Basilica on Tuesday evening.

Pope asks people if they used 2013 to help others

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis used his year-end prayer service on Tuesday evening to urge people to ask themselves a tough question: Did they mainly spend 2013 promoting self-interests or helping others?

That's what we all should consider as New Year's celebrations get under way, the pontiff said as he led the service in St. Peter's Basilica to give thanks, a Vatican year-end tradition.

"Let us courageously ask ourselves: How did we live the time (God) gave us?" Francis asked in his homily. "Did we use it above all for ourselves, for our interests, or did we know how to spend it for others as well?"

He also encouraged people to reflect on whether they used 2013 to improve the place where they live. "This year did we contribute, in our own small ways, to make it more livable, orderly, welcoming?"

There are "so many people marked by material and moral poverty, poor people, unhappy, suffering, who appeal to the conscience not only of public authorities but of every citizen," Francis said.

During his first year as pope, Francis has stressed that he wants the Catholic church to be a "poor" church, focused on reaching out to those who live on the margins of society and others in need.

Citing Rome as an example, the pope noted that the city is "full of tourists, but also full of refugees. Rome is full of people who work, but also of people who don't find work, or who do jobs that are underpaid or without dignity."

"All have the right to be treated with the same attitude of welcoming and fairness because everyone carries human dignity," Francis said.

After the solemn service in the basilica, Francis put on a long white coat and went out into St. Peter's Square to admire a life-sized Nativity scene and greet well-wishers.

Right after his election as pope in March, the Argentine-born Francis established his style as a down-to-earth pastor who likes to chat, shake hands and hug his flock when in public.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

TODAY

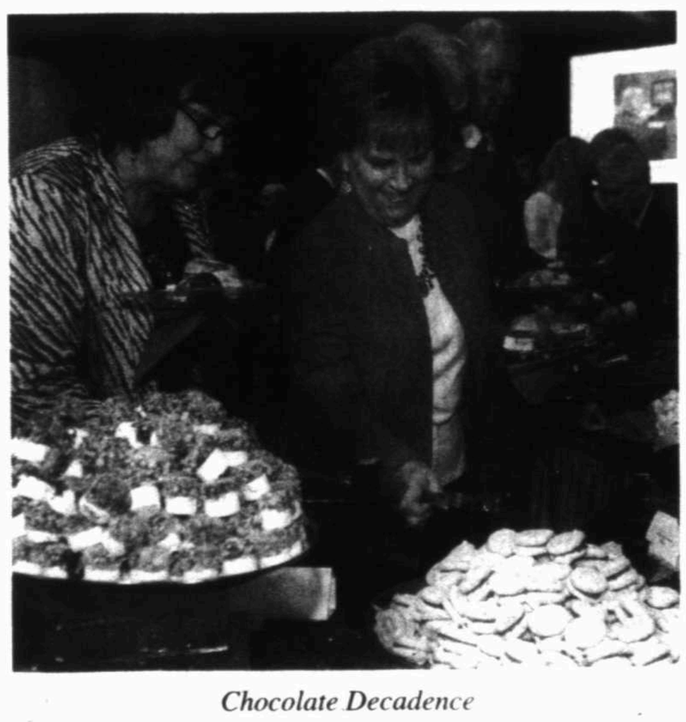
YOUTH RALLY The Resolution Youth Rally featuring Tarah Butler Jones; Big Perk, Free, Big Steve, Quin and AD Mime, 6:30 p.m. today at Salinas Community Center in Odessa. Free. 210-2909

SINGLES EVENT First Fridays gathering featuring motivational speaker David Nobles, 6:30-9 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church. www.fbcmidland.org

SATURDAY

PET ADOPTION Petsmart and Dust Bowl Animal Rescue adoption event, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 4 at Odessa Petsmart. www.dustbowlanimalrescue.com

FUNDRAISER "An Evening Inspired by Downton Abbey," Jan. 4 at Hilton DoubleTree. Benefits Basin PBS.



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COMING SOON

JANUARY

FINANCIAL CLASSES Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Jan. 15 at First Baptist Church. 683-0612.

FINANCIAL CLASSES Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Jan. 20 at The Pentecostals. 210-9976

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the Diocese of San Angelo, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of Bishop-elect Michael J. Sis, 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at The Junell Center, Angelo State University in San Angelo

FEBRUARY

FAMILY CONCERT Trout Fishing in America benefiting Camp Fire West Texas, Feb. 9 at Yucca Theatre. troutmusic.com

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE to benefit the Aphasia Center of West Texas, 7 p.m. Feb. 13. www.aphasiawtx.org

INTERFAITH EVENT, Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church

SECRET KEEPER Girl Crazy Hair Tour, Feb. 25 at Mid-Cities Community Church. www.midcities.org.

To include your event on this calendar, email Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Grads provide year of service through Episcopal Service Corp

By Sarah Bryan Miller
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — There's a happy buzz at Deaconess Anne House on a chilly December night. The sounds of jokes, laughter and good-natured teasing, along with the tempting odors of a savory dinner, fill the kitchen. The spirited talk continues around the big table and turns to Harry Potter: "What's your house?" asks one, and the others respond. There are, it appears, a disproportionate number of Ravenclaws.

They could be a group of graduate students, sharing a house off-campus, but most students aren't using the dining room as a chapel, dominated by a large icon of Christ Pantokrator. The seven recent college grads living in the house on Sullivan Avenue in Old North St. Louis are engaged in a year of service to others, living in "intentional community," and following a way of life based on the ancient Rule of St. Benedict, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports.

Three months into their fellowship year with the Episcopal Service Corps, they're comfortable together. At dinner, personalities emerge: Michaelene Miller, Anna Lacey and Jillian Smith tend to take the lead in conversation, while Stacey McKnight, Miranda Caulkins, Delilah Papke and Eric Bablinskas are less outspoken. Testing revealed that "there are only three mild extroverts in the group," said Miller, 22.

For entertainment, they have a library and a TV with a signal that's a sometimes thing, hooked up to DVD and VHS players. (They cheerfully accept donations of discs and tapes: "We watch a lot of movies," Smith said.) There are musical instruments, "which get used a lot," said McKnight. They have time to themselves. The living quarters — all but Bablinskas share a room — on the second and third floors are quiet zones later in the evening.

"'Intentional' and 'mindfulness' — those are our two buzzwords," said Smith, 22. Add "discernment" to that, as the fellows strive to discern God's will for them, and what they should be doing, as a regular part of their daily routines. "It's a peaceful place to be," added Papke, also 22. "It's a safe place to be."

"It balances out," said Bablinskas, 24, the lone male among the fellows. "The gender balance, not so much."

Deaconess Anne House is a new initiative of the Episcopal Service Corps and of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, "a community of faithful, diverse and passionate young adults, transforming the world and ourselves by striving for justice and peace among all people," according to the Corps website.

It's named for Deaconess Anne Pew, who ran a settlement house, Holy Cross House, in the neighborhood in the early 1900s. Like her, this year's fellows live here, on a street that mixes well-maintained houses with others that need help. Most of them work nearby, in a neighborhood that many St. Louisans know primarily for Crown Candy Kitchen.

Each fellow spends 32 hours a week as an intern at a local not-for-profit, while taking part in a program of spiritual formation, education and community engagement. Each one is sponsored by a parish in the diocese, and has a mentor to meet with regularly. Four are Episcopalians; three belong to other denominations.

The program director is the Rev. Jon Stratton, 29, a lean, young priest with a bushy moustache and glasses. A native of Flora, Ill., he was raised in an Assembly of God church but explored other denominations as a student at Eastern Illinois University. "I instantly fell in love with the liturgy at the Episcopal church, while experiencing the same Christ I did growing up." He and his wife live in Gravois Park.

The fellows, from all over the country, checked St. Louis as a choice among 29 national locations on their applications. There were 70 applicants; a select few were interviewed, Stratton said.

Those chosen are "low maintenance," with a mixture of personality types, people interested in and open to new experiences and new ways of doing things, excited about the possibility of change and drawn to a life of practical Christianity.

Each day begins with a service of morning prayer, from the Book of Common Prayer. Monday nights are dedicated to a communal dinner, followed by the Eucharist. Weekly chapter meetings that begin and end with prayer, along with readings from St. Paul and St. Benedict, allow for the discussion and settling of grievances and regular house business, such as preparing the rotas for food preparation, grocery shopping and liturgy planning.

Sean Thomas has been the executive director of the 32-year-old Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, a neighborhood-based community organization, for more than a decade. He worked with the diocese and with Stratton, giving advice throughout the process of setting up the program.

"I think they're a perfect fit for the neighborhood, and the neighborhood is a perfect fit for the program," Thomas said. "This is an area in transition, suffering from disinvestment and abandonment for decades; it really has been coming back to life. People with a strong sense of passion, a strong sense of vision, are behind that. People attracted to the Episcopal Service Corps have a very similar work ethic, passion and optimism about what can be in the future. They have a lot to contribute."

Smith, a cellist and self-taught guitarist, works in the office at Episcopal City Mission, at the Lakeside Residential Center for juvenile offenders, and at the Art and Music Village of one of her sponsoring parishes, All Saints in north St. Louis.

In a narrow upstairs room at All Saints on a recent Thursday afternoon, Smith taught guitar to three solemn little girls in matching sneakers. Only Camryn Moore, 10, is tall enough that her feet can rest on the floor. Those of her sisters, Camille, 8, and Cayleigh, 7, dangled, but they sat up straight and concentrated on their instruments.

Smith, from Smyrna, Tenn., kept them working, giving out compliments, encouragement and tips, along with lots of high-fives as they went through their lesson.

"Getting to work with kids and getting to do music is probably my favorite thing," she said.

She got involved with the fellowship, she said, because "I wasn't sure what my path should be after I finished college. I wanted to do something that would help other people. I wanted to do something useful with my life. So I found something that was through the church, and that was about service and giving back."

Courtesy photos

Midland teacher Mark Dean, in top photo, recently returned from a biblical tour of the Holy Land.

Tour

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"He is an extremely humble, out-of-the-limelight guy," he said. "What he does is, he educates those of us that are not Jewish in the Scriptures. The Bible is a Middle Eastern ancient text; we don't know this. He makes connections between the New and Old Testaments that we would never know were there."

To learn more about Ray Vander Laan, visit www.followtherabbi.org.

Longtime St. Alexius chaplain retires

By Ashley Wright
Bismarck Tribune

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Rev. Darrel Aleson is known for his sense of humor, quirky ties and many other things, but mostly for his dedication to being a chaplain at St. Alexius Medical Center.

He retired at the end of December after 25 years at St. Alexius and a total of 43 years in ministry for the Methodist church.

"I am still very much in love with my work," he told the Bismarck Tribune. "It has always been exciting and challenging, and I've always had a strong team behind me."

Aleson also is a published artist, a pilot who has built his own aircraft, a musician, husband of 44 years and father of two.

Numerous colleagues have noted his love and dedication for his work. Among them is Marv Mutzenberger, who met Aleson in the '70s when Mutzenberger was a Lutheran pastor in Minot and Aleson was a minister in Williston.

"He is a model pastor and a model chaplain," Mutzenberger said. "Patients and staff have been richly blessed by his kind and warm ministry there."

Aleson's father was pastor and he was involved in church and ministry from Day One.

"I could say my understandings of ministry go back almost to the womb," he said.

Growing up, he resisted initial expectations from various churches, family and friends that he would become a minister, but he finally gave in to the call of ministry in 1971.

"Ministry was always something I kept in the back of my noggin," he said. "It was on the back burner, something I kept at bay. After medical school, I realized my heart was there in ministry and it was a difficult choice I made to switch."

His identical twin brother followed in his footsteps and served 30 years as a United States Air Force chaplain.

Ministry in a medical setting was a natural direction to follow due to his educational background, he said. He spent some of his early pastoral education in medical settings in Denver while attending the Iliff School of Theology.

He began his ministry career at Holmes United Methodist Church and served for many years at various churches in North Dakota.

It was during his time in pastoral ministry from 1984-88 in Whitefish, Mont. — where he also served at Glacier View Hospital in Kalispell, Mont. — that he felt pulled toward hospital ministry.

When a position opened at St. Alexius in 1988, and he felt it was time to follow that ministry and come home to North Dakota.

"Seasoning in the other areas really helped my ministry as a chaplain," he said.

During his time at St. Alexius, he has learned the importance of meeting people where they're at and learning to talk less and listen more, he said.

"One of my favorite job description statements says: 'We are called to pull back the curtains to reveal Christ, then to hide ourselves in the folds,'" he said. "I've found there is strength in a silent presence. I don't have all the answers, but I can share your questions and help find ways of coping."

That often means connecting with people of other faith traditions that vary from his own.

"Just this past week, I met with someone of the Hindu tradition," he said. "I have learned that we are all connected, and that I have to facilitate space for people to tap into their own source and recognize their own sources to find their own answers."

Church

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companionship and joy they get from the group.

"We inspire each other," Melody Johnson said. "Even though I'm tired on most Tuesdays, when we have Bible study, they give me the push and drive to be with them."

The women are active in the community, from volunteering at Breaking Bread Kitchen to making quilts for nursing homes. They hold clothing and shoe drives for nonprofit organizations such as Safe Place of the Permian Basin and Teen Challenge. The church also collects furniture, clothing and food for the needy.

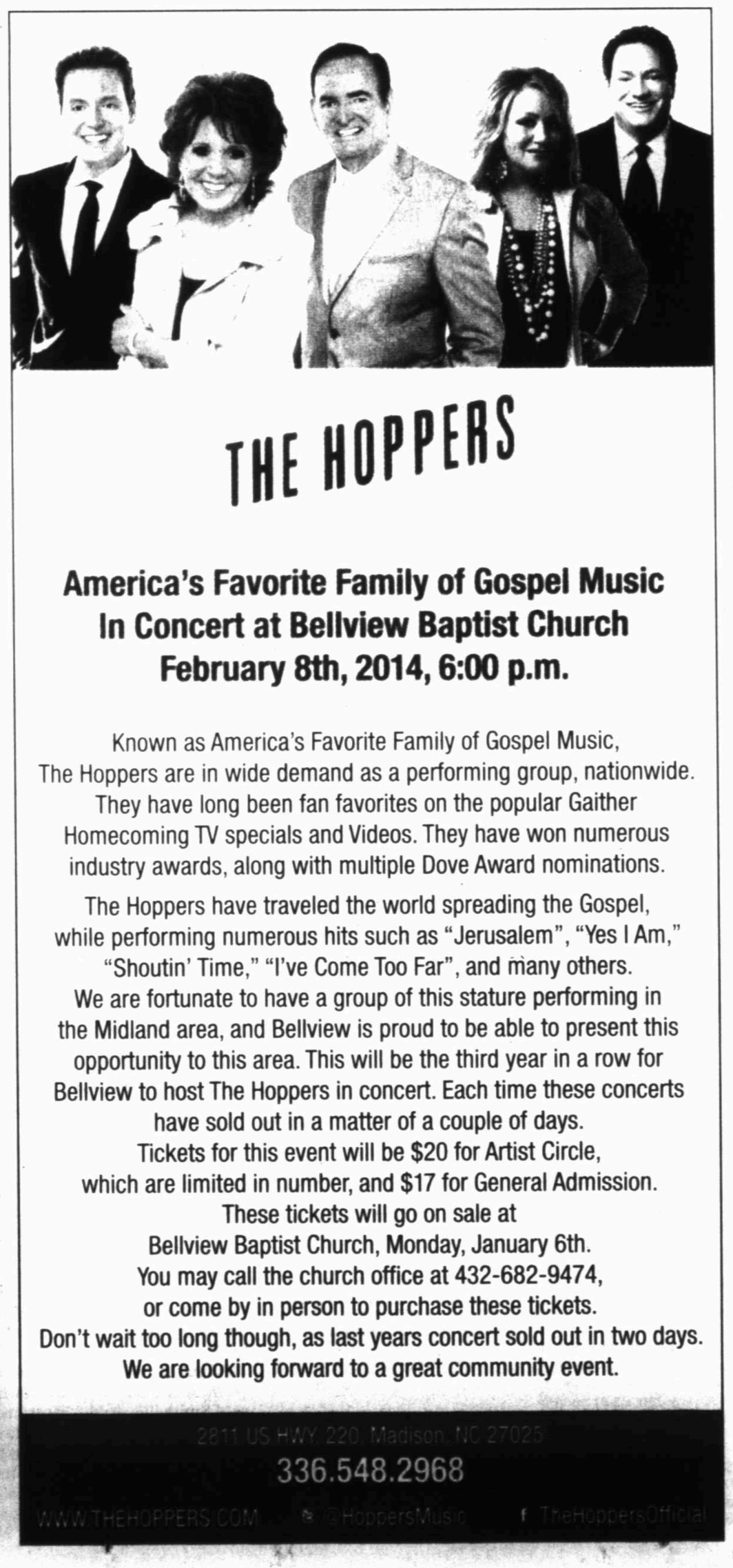
"Once we show love, people can't help but to love back," Govan said.

The adult men and women mentor the children of the church and community.

"We're training the older ones to be leaders," Johnson said. "There's so much going on in school these days — bullying, suicides — they really target these kids."

Johnson previously worked for the Midland County Sheriff's Office. He was an assistant pastor at Mount Carmel Baptist Church for nearly 14 years and also served four years at True-Lite Christian Fellowship. He is a chaplain for the Midland Police Department and Midland hospitals.

The church is always looking for donations of furniture, clothing and food to help the community, Johnson said.



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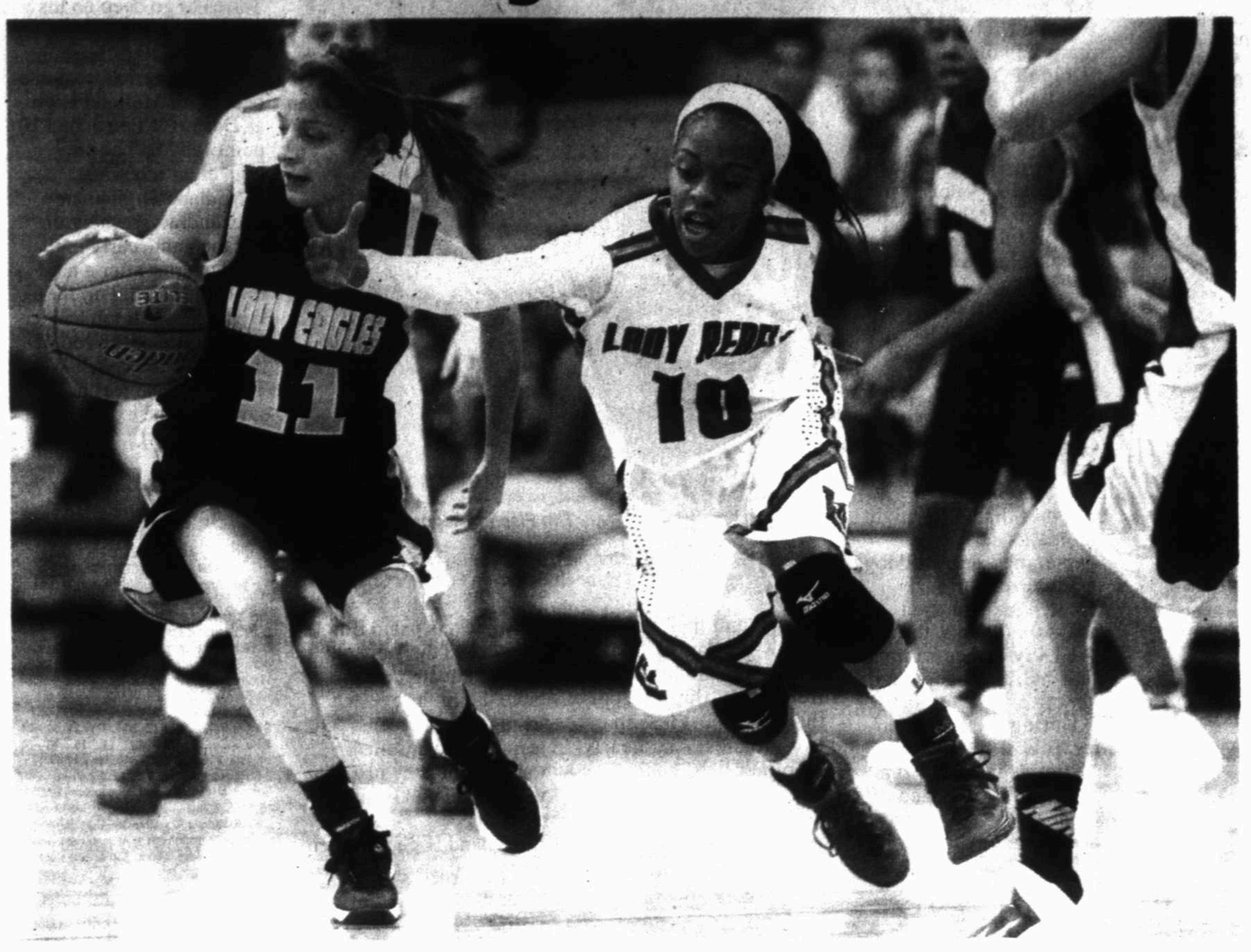

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Daija Stanford (10) chases Abilene High's Samantha Rodriguez (11) on Thursday at Lee High School gym. The Lady Rebels rallied for a 45-40 victory over the Lady Eagles.

Strong 2nd half propels Lee past AHS

By Jonathan Hull
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After playing perhaps their worst half of basketball this season, it felt like a different Lee girls basketball team emerged from the locker room for the second half. Or as Abilene High coach Terri Aston put it, "Lee started playing Lee basketball finally."

After managing a mere eight points in the first two quarters, the Lady Rebels seemingly transformed into a different team in the second half as they rallied for a 45-40 victory against District 2-5A foe Abilene High at the Lee High gymnasium Thursday.

"We didn't go down and score like we should have (in the second half)," said Aston, who is a former Midland High assistant coach and is in her first year at the helm of the Abilene High program. "We'd force the turnover and then we couldn't score on them. When we don't convert, that's what happens."

The Lady Rebels (16-6, 5-2 in 2-5A) managed to score just four points in both the first and second periods, and trailed 21-8 at halftime. Abilene High (13-9, 3-4) seemed to have all the momentum in the first, and particularly in the second quarter when the Lady Eagles outscored Lee 15-4.

Included in that strong second period for Abilene High was an 11-0 run that was capped by back-to-back layups by Dakkia Morris for a 17-6 advantage for the Lady Eagles with 1:38 left in the first half.

"Brutal, very brutal. I think we were asleep," Lee coach Monica Ramirez said of the Lady Rebels' performance in the first half. "You would think we thought

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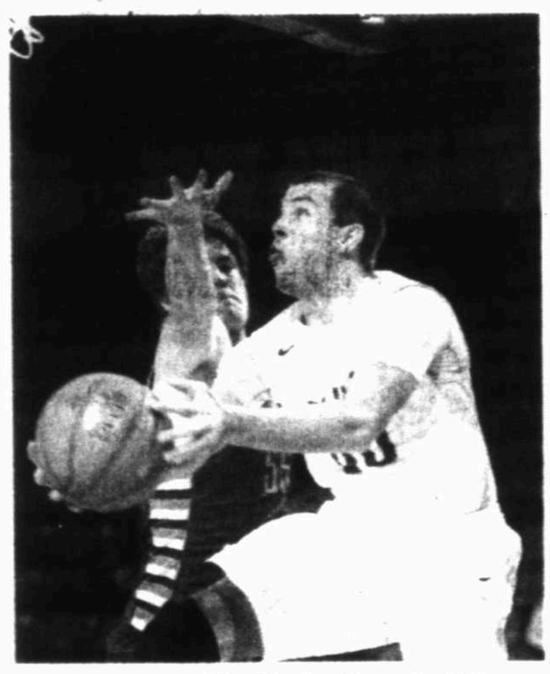

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Justin LeClear goes baseline to put a shot up around San Angelo Central's Brock Barger Thursday evening at Chaparral Center.

MHS comes back, beats Bobcats

By Len Hayward
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Thursday night the Midland High boys basketball team not only came back to beat San Angelo Central, but also picked up what could be a signature win at this point in the season.

Thanks to a pair of big performances from Justin LeClear and Gary Ringo, the Bulldogs battled back from an early deficit to beat San Angelo Central 99-79 at Chaparral Center and work their way back into the playoff race in District 2-5A.

"We wanted it more ... we just wanted it more," said LeClear, who scored a team-high 21 points and had six rebounds. "They were beating us at halftime, and we talked in the locker room and I could see in our players' eyes we just wanted it more."

Midland High (6-9, 2-3 in District 2-5A) was down by as many as 13 points in the first quarter, and chipped into the lead in the second quarter and the third quarter.

The Bulldogs used some full-court pressure and was able to control San Angelo Central center Brock Barger, who scored 15 of his 26 points in the first half. He also had 16 rebounds on the night.

The Bulldogs had to defend Barger with a number of different players as Midland High center Nate Rogers was out with an off-court injury, and Tatum said they made enough adjustments to slow Barger down in the second half. Plus, Tatum said the Bulldogs' full-court pressure also helped to make

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LEE BOYS, MHS GIRLS ALSO WIN. SEE MORE ON PAGE 2C

File photo

D.V. Fennell, from Porum, Okla., rides Dusty Valley for a score of 71 in the bareback riding in 2012 at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo brings action

By Len Hayward
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Rhett Beutler, one part of the Beutler and Son Rodeo Company, said there is probably nothing that's more action-packed than a bull-riding event.

But as the veteran stock contractor gets ready for the company's second run at providing stock for the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo this week, he's also seeing the popularity of some of rodeo's more traditional rough stock events, such as saddle bronc riding and bareback riding, on the upswing.

The event

81ST SANDHILLS STOCK SHOW AND RODEO

When: 7 p.m. today
Location: Ector County Coliseum
Tickets: www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com

While bull riding-only events still can draw crowds and have plenty of television exposure, rodeo fans new and old still like to see a format that includes all the events. The 81st Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m. today at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

"You can kind of see your old timers, old ranchers and everything, they still like the tradition of the horse riders and bronc riders," Beutler said. "But all your young fans that are new to the sport, they see the bull riding on TV and they want to come see it first hand. They show up to a rodeo and are introduced to all the horse riding, calf roping and everything else."

Bull riding has been a part of rodeos for decades, but it's within the last two decades that the sport has created a niche outside of the traditional rodeo. The Professional Bull Riders' Association helped to bring big money into the sport and spawn other bull-riding groups. Plus, those same events were able to sign lucrative television contracts.

But Beutler and Sandhills Vice President of Rodeo Kevin Evans said

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Bears can't stop Central Florida in upset defeat at Fiesta Bowl

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Baylor brought a breathless offense and high expectations to the Fiesta Bowl.

Its first BCS bowl appearance, though, was a big-time bust.

The sixth-ranked Bears, 17-point favorites at kickoff, never led against No. 15 Central Florida in a stinging 52-42 loss Wednesday night.

"I'm extremely disappointed in myself," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "I don't think I did a good job. I don't think we were prepared like we needed to be prepared."

Although he later acknowledged he didn't know what he would have done differently.

This was supposed to be the most one-sided of all the BCS bowls this year, but UCF, not Baylor, had the unstoppable offense. The Bears did roll up 550 yards, but UCF had 556 and fewer mistakes.

"We really didn't play like ourselves on defense," senior safety Ahmad Dixon said. "Guys weren't tackling as well. Guys were busting coverage. A lot of things went wrong."

The Knights (12-1) scored touchdowns on their first two possessions to lead 14-0.

Baylor (11-2) tied it at 28 with 10:18 left in the third quarter, but UCF outscored the Bears 24-14 from there in the highest-scoring Fiesta Bowl and second-highest BCS bowl ever.

The Bears were penalized 17 times for 135 yards to UCF's four penalties for 40 yards.

"I cannot remember the time that we've had that many penalties in a game, without question," Briles said. "Certainly hard to overcome."

Bryce Petty completed 30 of 46 passes for 356 yards and two touchdowns with one costly interception for Baylor. The Bears' Lache Seastruck rushed for 117 yards on 17 carries.

UCF's Blake Bortles was 20 of 31 for 301 yards and three TDs with two interceptions. He ran for a career-high 93 yards on just eight carries, including a touchdown. Storm Johnson gained 124 yards on 20 attempts for the Knights.

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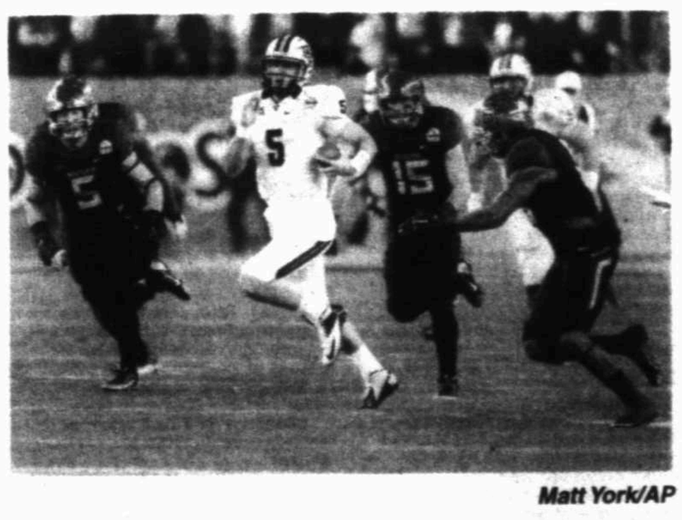

Matt York/AP

Central Florida quarterback Blake Bortles (5) runs as Baylor linebacker Eddie Lackey, left, and linebacker Brody Trahan (15) pursue during the first half of the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday in Glendale, Ariz.

Numbers don't lie.

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WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING

Champion Argenis Mendez (21-2-1) vs. Rances Barthelemy (19-0-0), for IBF junior lightweight title, 8 a.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Cotton Bowl, Oklahoma St. vs. Missouri, 7 p.m., Fox

Orange Bowl, Clemson vs. Ohio St., 7:30 p.m., ESPN

GOLF

PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, first round, 4:30 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Savannah St. at Baylor, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

NBA

L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WINTER SPORTS

Olympic trials, speed skating: men's and women's 1500 short track, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Sweetwater at Coahoma, 2:30 p.m.
Rankin at Trinity, 4 p.m.
Greenwood at Shallowater, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Bronte, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Grady at Wellman-union, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rankin at Trinity, 2:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Monahans, 6:15 p.m.
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6:15 p.m.
Garden City at Bronte, 6:30 p.m.
Denver City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at Wellman-Union, 6:30 p.m.
Brownfield at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended Los Angeles Angels C Carlos Ramirez for 100 games for a third positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of baseball's minor league drug program.

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with LHP Scott Downs on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed OF Cole Gillespie, RHP Matt Palmer and RHP Ramon Ramirez to minor league contracts.

National League

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Released 1B Brett Pill.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Traded RHP Jorge Vasquez to Amarillo (AA) for OF Chris Valencia.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed OF Blake Shepherd.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS — Suspended G Andre Miller two games for conduct detrimental to the team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed C Philip Blake, WR Dan Buckner, LB Kenny Demens, C Tom Draheim, TE Darren Fells, RB Robert Hughes, S Orhian Johnson, DT Anthony McCloud and LB Kenny Rowe to reserve/future contracts.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed QB Jay Cutler to a seven-year contract, and G Matt Slauson and CB Tim Jennings to four-year contracts.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Jamaine Cook and DB Brandon Hughes to reserve/future contracts.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Named Bill O'Brien coach.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed WR Austin Collie. Placed WR Josh Boyce on injured reserve.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Announced the retirement of offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DT David Carter, QB Trent Edwards and DT Torell Troup to reserve/future contracts.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Lovie Smith coach. Pro Football Hall of Fame PFHOF — Named David Baker president and executive director. HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated F Nathan Horton, G Sergei Bobrovsky and D Dalton Prout from the injured list. Reassigned F Jonathan Marchessault, D Tim Erixon and G Mike McKenna to Springfield (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Colton Sceviour from Texas (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled G Darcy Kuemper from Iowa (AHL). Activated D Clayton Stoner from the injured reserve list. Placed F Zenon Konopka on waivers.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Loaned D Aaron Ness to Bridgeport (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Anthony Duclair on an entry level contract.

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Bridgeport D Marc Cantin three games for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a Dec. 31 game at Portland. ECHL — Announced the earlier indefinite suspension of Utah's Kris Hogg will amount to 14 games. Hogg was suspended on Dec. 24 for his actions in a Dec. 21 game at Alaska and will miss 11 more games. Fined Wheeling's Ryley Miller an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Dec. 31 game against Reading.

Central Hockey League

ARIZONA SUNDOGS — Granted D Mark Isherwood a leave of absence.

WICHITA THUNDER — Signed D Karl Linden

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS — Re-signed D Zach Loyd.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Mutually terminated the contract with D Markus Holgersson.

COLLEGE

MAINE — Named Karlton Creech athletic director, effective Feb. 10.

NEBRASKA — Named John Jentz senior associate athletics director-chief financial officer, effective Jan. 13.

OREGON STATE — Announced junior WR Brandin Cooks will enter the NFL draft.

PENN STATE — Named Larry Johnson interim football coach.

TEXAS A&M — Announced sophomore WR Mike Evans will enter the NFL draft.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NFL

Tomorrow

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Indianapolis	1	2 1/2	(46 1/2)	Kansas City
at Philadelphia	2 1/2	2 1/2	(54)	New Orleans

Sunday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Cincinnati	5	7	(47)	San Diego
San Francisco	1	2 1/2	(47)	at Green Bay

COLLEGE

Today

Cotton Bowl

At Arlington

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Oklahoma St	Pk	3	(62)	Missouri

Orange Bowl

At Miami

Ohio St	5	3	(69 1/2)	Clemson

Tomorrow

BBVA Compass Bowl

At Birmingham, Ala.

Vanderbilt	2	2 1/2	(53 1/2)	Houston

Sunday

GoDaddy.com Bowl

At Mobile, Ala.

Ball St	9	7 1/2	(64 1/2)	Arkansas St

Monday

BCS National Championship

At Pasadena, Calif.

Florida St	9 1/2	8 1/2	(67 1/2)	Auburn

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	41	27	12	2	56	120	88
Tampa Bay	40	24	12	4	52	114	95
Montreal	42	24	14	4	52	109	98
Toronto	42	21	16	5	47	118	120
Detroit	42	18	14	10	46	109	120
Ottawa	43	18	18	7	43	122	138
Florida	41	15	20	6	36	96	130
Buffalo	41	11	26	4	26	72	117

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	42	29	12	1	59	131	96
Washington	41	20	15	6	46	125	123
Philadelphia	41	20	17	4	44	106	113
New Jersey	41	17	16	8	42	97	103
N.Y. Rangers	41	20	19	2	42	96	109
Carolina	41	16	16	9	41	100	121
Columbus	41	18	19	4	40	111	117
N.Y. Islanders	42	14	21	7	35	110	140

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	43	28	7	8	64	160	118
St. Louis	40	28	7	5	61	144	93
Colorado	40	25	11	4	54	116	101
Dallas	40	20	13	7	47	119	119
Minnesota	43	21	17	5	47	101	110
Winnipeg	43	19	19	5	43	117	125
Nashville	41	18	18	5	41	97	122

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	42	29	8	5	63	137	106
San Jose	40	25	9	6	56	131	104
Los Angeles	42	25	13	4	54	110	88
Vancouver	42	23	12	7	53	113	101
Phoenix	40	20	11	9	49	120	122
Calgary	40	14	20	6	34	96	126
Edmonton	44	13	24	7	33	109	143

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

Thursday's Scores

Boston 3, Nashville 2, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Chicago 2, OT
Carolina 4, Washington 3, OT
Ottawa 4, Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 0
Minnesota 4, Buffalo 1
Montreal 6, Dallas 4
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1
Columbus 2, Phoenix 0
Edmonton at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Chicago at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Thu 5:28 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 53 of 109 trails, 49% open, 425 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p;
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Thu 8:04 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 50 base 118 of 124 trails
96% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Thu 8:05 am powder machine groomed 30 - 33 base 76 of 76 trails
100% open, 675 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Thu 7:47 am 1 new powder machine groomed 34 - 35 base 140 of 150 trails, 94% open, 1641 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Thu 7:52 am 9 new powder machine groomed 41 - 51 base 119 of 155 trails, 71% open, 2065 acres, 33 of 34 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Thu 8:03 am packed powder machine groomed 26 - 27 base 41 of 44 trails
94% open, 452 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Thu 5:22 am 7 new powder machine groomed 44 - 44 base 128 of 140 trails, 90% open, 1744 acres, 22 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Thu 5:20 am 1 new powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 93 of 121 trails, 78% open, 882 acres, 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat-Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Thu 5:27 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 36 of 53 trails, 68% open
11 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Operating, no details
Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details
Keystone — Thu 7:49 am 1 new powder machine groomed 32 - 34 base 97 of 135 trails
72% open, 2014 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Loveland — Thu 6:49 am 4 new powder machine groomed 42 - 43 base 69 of 93 trails
75% open, 1084 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Thu 3:50 pm packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 61 of 62 trails
99% open
6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Thu 6:44 am packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 33 of 44 trails
75% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Thu 5:23 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 36 base 87 of 88 trails, 99% open, 1360 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Silverton Mountain — Thu 7:17 am 4 new powder 40 - 100 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open Thu-Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p; Open Thu-Sun;

Ski Cooper — Thu 7:44 am 1 new powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 35 of 35 trails
100% open, 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Ski Granby Ranch — Thu 4:35 am 1 new powder machine groomed 20 - 22 base 28 of 41 trails, 69% open, 325 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p
5p-8p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details

Snowmass — Thu 8:05 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 43 base 90 of 94 trails, 96% open
3012 acres, 15 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Steamboat — Thu 5:10 am 3 new powder machine groomed 46 , 57 base 164 of 165 trails
100% open, 2941 acres, 18 of 18 lifts, Mon-Thu: 8:30a-4p; Fri: 5:30p-8:30p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; 5:30p-8:30p; Jan 02-Jan 05: 8:30a-4p; 5:30p-8:30p;

Sunlight — Thu 5:12 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 31 base 67 of 67 trails
100% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Telluride — Thu 5:49 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 43 base 87 of 93 trails
94% open, 18 of 18 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Vail — Thu 7:41 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 34 - 36 base 186 of 193 trails
96% open, 4626 acres, 30 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Thu 5:37 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 44 - 45 base 123 of 143 trails, 87% open, 2236 acres, 23 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

Elliott keys Lady Dawgs to big win

By Len Hayward
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Aubrie Elliott keyed an early first half run for Midland High in a 70-31 romp against San Angelo Central on Thursday night at Chaparral Center.

Elliott scored a game-high 22 points, including 18 in the first half, as the Lady Bulldogs (9-11 overall and 5-2 in 2-5A play) returned to district play with a definitive victory and rebounded from a loss to rival Lee in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic last week.

"The fast start was really key, and we knew coming in what we needed to do because we'd not had very fast starts in the previous games we've lost," Elliott said. "I knew we had to do that to get the win tonight."

Other than a few tight moments early in the game, the Lady Bulldogs were never seriously challenged and used pressure defense to force the Lady Bobcats into 15 first-half turnovers on the way to a 39-16 lead.

During the first quarter, Elliott scored all 10 points in a 10-0 run to help give Midland High all the advantage it needed in the game.

Elliott converted three layups, and then had a follow-up jumper on a miss, and also hit two free throws during a span that lasted just less than two minutes. And nearly all of her field goals came in transition.

"You hope for it, but you just never know if you are going to get that many easy buckets," said Elliott, who exited the game in the third quarter after being hit in the eye and losing a contact lens. "Our team played unselfish tonight, and they just got me the ball and I was able to finish."

Midland High was even more suffocating in the second half, holding the Lady Bobcats (8-10, 3-4) to three points in the third quarter, which also allowed MHS coach Wes Torres to go deep on his bench.

Overall, 10 different players scored at least one bucket for Midland High as Desare' Allen added 10 points and had a team-high eight rebounds.

Midland High guard Alexandrae Washington left the game early in the third quarter after a hard foul while going up for a layup. Washington had ice on her knee at the end of the game, and coach Wes Torres said he was not sure what the extent of the injury.

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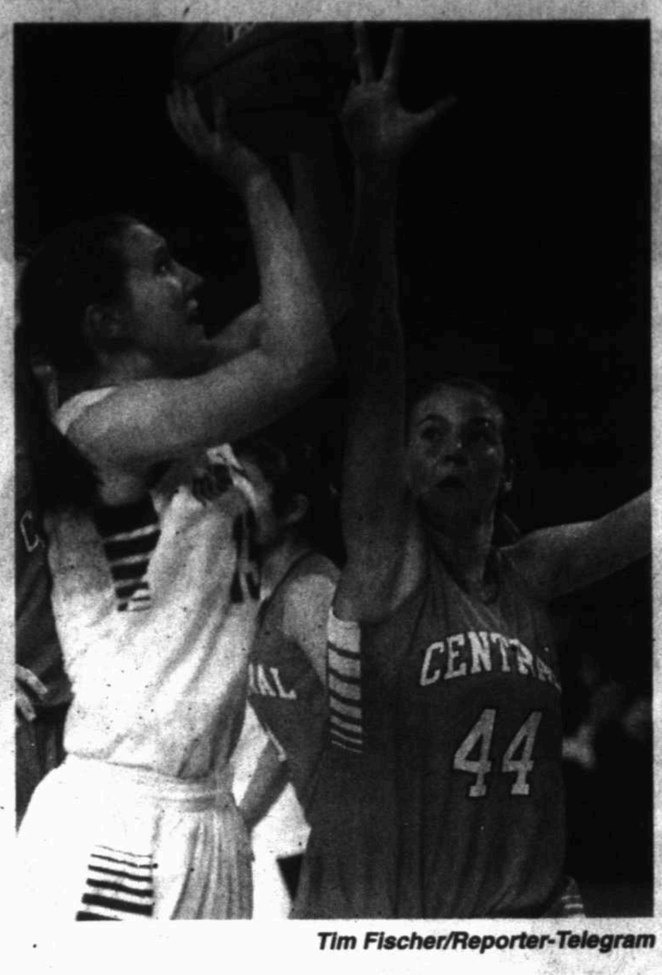

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Midland High's Aubrie Elliott, left, shoots while being defended by San Angelo Central's Hannah Benes on Friday at Chaparral Center.

Lady Bulldogs	70
Lady Bobcats	31

MIDLAND HIGH 70,
SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 31

San Angelo Central (8-10, 3-4) — Bree Torres 4, , Anais Davidson 3, Cali Barger 7, Alexis Jackson 2, Brilyn Daniels 2, Ruby Shell 5, Bri Wingfield 3, Hannah Benes 5

Midland High (9-11, 5-2) — Arcie Guardiola 5, Marli Martin 2, Aubrie Elliott 22, Alexis Washington 4, Alexandrae Washington 7, Aubrie Rowley 6, Claudia Fricker 2, Desare' Allen 10, Claire Lancaster 8, Valraeesha Hall 4

SA Central	8	8	3	12—31
MHS	20	19	15	16—70

Free throws — SAC 6-10, MHS 11-17; 3-point goals — SAC 3 (Shell, Wingfield, Benes), MHS 1 (Rowley). Total fouls — SAC 15, MHS 9. Fouled out — Barger. Rebounds — SAC 30 (Barger 12), MHS 33 (Allen 8).

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m. Saturday; Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m. Saturday

Rebels use size advantage to take care of AHS

By Jonathan Hull
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The Lee boys basketball team's victory against Abilene High wasn't flashy, and it did leave Rebels coach Chris Packer wanting more out of his team. But in the end, it was still a win.

The Rebels won their fifth consecutive game Thursday as they methodically dismantled District 2-5A foe Abilene High for a 50-31 win at Lee High gymnasium. The win continues the momentum Lee (8-5, 3-3 in 2-5A) gained after winning the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic last week, while also keeping Abilene High (3-10, 0-5) winless in district action.

"That might be the most mundane 32 minutes of basketball I've ever watched," Packer said. "We left so many points out there. We really need to establish a tempo. We were fine at what we did, but I'd like to see us get out there and run some more."

Already up 21-12 at halftime, the Rebels gradually pulled away from the Eagles in the third quarter. Abilene High didn't make a single field goal in the period with all nine of its points in the frame being scored at the free throw line.

But for every trip the Eagles were making to the charity stripe, the Rebels were knocking down field goals. A 7-2 run in the final minute, keyed by two buckets in the post by senior forward Donald Ekman and a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by senior guard Aaron Jackson, gave the Rebels a 38-21 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Abilene High failed to cut into that deficit in the fourth, and trailed by as many as 23 points in the final period. Ekman scored at least four points in every period, finishing with a game-high 18 points and 12 rebounds. Senior post Jordan Williams joined Ekman in double figures with 11 points as the Rebels' size made the biggest difference.

"As it should. Our size is something we should be able to rely on," Packer said. "That's an advantage we're going to have on most nights. But I'd still like to see us get out and run and take more advantage of some of the open looks we have. I know we've got some size, but I still think we can get down the court faster. It's something we're going to have to be able to do against some of the better opponents we'll face in this district."

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Lee's Anthony McCoy takes the ball around Abilene's Parker Beard (4) on Thursday at Lee High School.

Rebels	50
Eagles	31

LEE 50, ABILENE HIGH 31

Abilene High (3-10, 0-5 in 2-5A) — Darian Bradford 12, Calvin McGee 9, Chris Castel 4, Parker Beard 2, Avery Griffith 2, Jonathan Williams 2

Lee (8-5, 3-3) — Donald Ekman 18, Jordan Williams 11, Semaj Davis 5, Anthony McGee 4, Aaron Jackson 3, Dedrick Thompson 3, Daniel Nelson 2, Canyon Atwood 2, Tre Guerrero 2

Abilene High	8	4	9	10—31
Lee	11	10	17	12—50

Free throws — AHS 16-22, Lee 3-5. 3-point goals — AHS 1 (Bradford), Lee 3 (Jackson, Thompson, Davis). Total fouls — AHS 9, Lee 14. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — AHS 26 (Bradford 9), Lee 28 (Ekman 11). Assists — AHS 3 (McGee 2), Lee 6 (McGee 2). Turnovers — AHS 14, Lee 13

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m. Saturday

HSBASKETBALLTODAY

BY JONATHAN HULL

DISTRICT 4-3A
GREENWOOD
AT MONAHANS

When/where: 6:15 p.m. today, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans

Records: Greenwood 4-11, 0-0 in District 4-3A; Monahans 3-8, 0-0

Last game: Big Spring 39, Greenwood 31; Plainview Christian 45, Monahans 30

Notable: Greenwood coach Quint Anthony believes the Rangerettes' record can be a bit misleading due to the quality of opponents they've faced so far this season. In fact, he believes his team is ready to compete in a challenging District 4-3A. "We're feeling pretty good," Anthony said. "We had a pretty good run at the Caprock (Classic in Lubbock) and played some tough teams. We've played some tough competition the whole season, and we've had some injuries to fight through. I feel like we started to hit our peak in December." ... Greenwood went 1-3 at the Caprock Classic with its lone win coming against Class 5A opponent Amarillo Tascosa, 51-48. The Rangerettes lost to Lubbock Monterey, 45-34, Brownwood, 45-44, and district rival Big Spring, 39-31. ... Among the injuries Greenwood has had to overcome is a knee ailment that has allowed senior forward Morgan McKee to only play two games this season. McKee, who is one of the Rangerettes' top scorers, rebounders and defenders, hasn't played since Nov. 12. Anthony says they're hopeful she can return before season's end. ... Monahans has had its own struggles this season. The Lady Loboes went 0-4 at the Caprock Classic, and Anthony says it's a case of a young team still learning its way around the court. ... Anthony believes Abilene Wylie is still the team to beat in District 4-3A, but thinks the Rangerettes factor into the playoff scenario along with Big Spring, Snyder and Sweetwater.

Next: Sweetwater at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UTPB MEN DROP CLOSE GAME

ODESSA — Texas A&M International came away from the Falcon Dome Thursday night with a 77-72 victory over the UTPB men's basketball team.

A&M International (10-3, 3-0 in Heartland Conference) had a 39-25 at the half before UTPB made a run in the second half by shooting 60.7 percent and outscored A&M International 47-38.

Dwayne Soders led the Falcons with a game-high 19 points, Anthony Dees had 18 and Thomas Feeney chipped in with 15.

Deonnte Breedlove led A&M International with 18 points, Kevin Jefferson had 14 and Vadel Faniel added 11.

UTPB WOMEN FALL TO A&M INTERNATIONAL

ODESSA — The UTPB women's basketball team was held to 25 percent shooting in a 68-47 loss to Texas A&M International at the Falcon Dome on Thursday.

A&M International (10-2, 6-0 in Heartland Conference) led 36-24 at the half thanks in part to holding the Lady Falcons (2-9, 1-5) to 22.7 percent shooting.

Lee grad Shaquiri Graham was the only Lady Falcon in double figures with 13 points.

Jessica Woo had 15 points and Samantha Chacon and Malika Jackson each had 13 to lead A&M International.

Eller scores in 3rd, Canadiens beat Stars, 6-4

Associated Press

DALLAS — Lars Eller broke a tie midway through the third period, Max Pacioretty had two goals and two assists, and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Dallas Stars 6-4 on Thursday night.

P.K. Subban had a goal and three assists, and Brendan Gallagher and David Desharnais also scored for Montreal, which finished a season-high six-game road trip at 3-2-1.

Valeri Nichushkin converted a penalty shot for Dallas. Jamie Benn, Tyler Seguin and Brenden Dillon tallied for the Stars.

Dallas (20-13-7) lost in regulation for the first time in eight games, ending its longest streak of games with a point this season at 5-0-2.

Seguin scored his 21st at 7:42 of the third period on the power play and Dillon followed 47 seconds later to tie it. But Eller netted his 10th of the season at 10:39 to put Montreal (24-14-4) ahead. Pacioretty added an empty-netter.

Nichushkin, taken down by Canadiens defenseman Josh Gorges near the crease, beat goalie Carey Price to his glove side on the penalty shot to tie the score at 2-2 early in the second period.

Subban scored at 6:30 to put Montreal ahead. Price got his second assist of the season on the goal.

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LADY REBELS

From 1C

this was an 8 o'clock in a tournament or something. It's the worst first half we've played all year. I haven't seen anything like it."

Ramirez admitted she was pretty animated in the locker room at halftime, and whatever she said apparently lit a fire under the Lady Rebels.

Lee forced the Lady Eagles into a turnover on four of their first five possessions of the third period. The result was a 10-2 run sparked by sophomore forward Kyra Lewis.

Lewis had back-to-back offensive rebounds and putbacks early in the third — the second of which resulted in a three-point play after she was fouled and made the ensuing free throw. Lewis' quick 5-0 outburst cut Abilene High's lead to 21-14 with 6:25 left in the third.

"I wasn't two strong on my first few attempts," said Lewis, who is Ramirez' daughter. "I have to be able to do that for my team. One of my main goals for myself is to rebound. I kind of monitor to myself throughout the game how many I had."

On Thursday, Lewis finished with a game-high 15 rebounds to go with 13 points. Eight of her points came on putback opportunities, including six in the third period alone. She capped Lee's 10-2 run to open the second half with her third putback of the period, cutting Abilene High's lead to 23-18 with 5:23 remaining in the frame.

But it wasn't just on offense, Lewis made a difference. The sophomore forward was also called upon to guard Abilene High's top player Shambriel Hunter.

While AHS' senior point guard still finished with a team-high 17 points, Lewis did a nice job of forcing the ball out of Hunter's hands and then denying her the opportunity get it back. It was a major factor in Abilene High's 16 second-half turnovers.

"We gave her a challenge," Ramirez said. "Kyra is that kid I can take and put on a guard. I kind of tapped into the pride of our guards because I told them I have to take a post and put her on No. 4 because you guys can't hold her."

Whatever Ramirez said to motivate her guards rubbed off on junior point guard Daija Stanford in the fourth period.

Stanford took the game over, scoring 11 of her game-high 19 points in the final eight minutes and capping Lee's comeback.

The Lady Rebels trailed 38-27 with 6:03 left in the game after Abilene High opened the fourth with a 6-2 run. But the Lady Eagles managed just two more points for the rest of the game, and the two they did score came at the free-throw line with less than one second left on the game clock.

Stanford started Lee's fourth quarter rally with a 3-pointer from the right corner and then drained a long jumper from just inside the arc less than 2 minutes later, cutting AHS' lead to 38-33 with 4:35 remaining.

Junior guard Bri'An Washington scored the next three points for Lee, going 1 of 2 at the line and then getting a floater to fall for her only field goal of the game, pulling the Lady Rebels within 38-36 with 3:54 left.

Allison Valdez grabbed an offensive board, then made a nice move inside the line to score a layup and knot the game at 38 with 2:09 to play.

A deflected pass on Abilene High's ensuing possession turned into an eight-person scrum for a loose ball that ended up in the hands of Stanford, who beat Abilene High's Ashley Pierce one-on-one for a layup and a 40-38 Lady Rebels' lead with 1:42 remaining.

From there, the Lady made just enough free throws in the final minute to seal the come-from-behind victory.

"I had to rip them pretty good (at halftime)," Ramirez said. "They came back out and played like they're capable of playing."

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Lee's Allison Valdez (2) and Kyra Lewis (12) try to steal the ball from Abilene High's Jamie Flores (5) on Thursday at Lee High School gym.

District 2-5A basketballl

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	7	1	17	6
Lee	**5**	**2**	**16**	**6**
Midland High	**5**	**2**	**9**	**11**
Amarillo Tascosa	4	2	7	11
Abilene High	3	4	13	9
San Angelo Central	3	4	8	10
Odessa Permian	3	4	7	9
Abilene Cooper	1	6	6	16
Odessa High	0	6	1	14

Thursday's Scores
Lee 45, Abilene High 40
Midland High 70, San Angelo Central 31
Lubbock Coronado 62, Odessa Permian 40

Today's Game
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 3:30 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.

LEE 45, ABILENE HIGH 40

Abilene High (13-9, 3-4 in 2-5A) — Shambriel Hunter 17, Samantha Rodriguez 6, Allison Stokes 5, Dakkia Morris 4, Jamie Flores 3, Ashley Pierce 2, Jocelyn Flores 2, Shannon Garrett 1.

Lee (16-6, 5-2) — Daija Stanford 19, Kyra Lewis 13, Allison Valdez 6, Bri'An Washington 4, Yaritza Rivas 3.

Abilene High	6	15	11	8	—40
Lee	4	4	17	20	—45

Free throws — AHS 12-22, Lee 16-25. 3-point goals — AHS 2 (Stokes, Flores), Lee 1 (Stanford). Total fouls — AHS 23, Lee 21. Fouled out — Morris, Valdez, Washington. Rebounds — AHS 26 (Hunter 6), Lee 42 (Lewis 15). Assists — AHS 3 (Hunter 2), Lee 4 (Washington 2). Turnovers — AHS 28, Lee 22.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 4 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

BULLDOGS

From 1C

Central point guard Kyle Lara uncomfortable in the second half.

"We did some small tweaks that took them out of their comfort zone and we were able to capitalize," Midland High coach Charles Tatum said. "We knew we were going to have to turn the intensity up. (Luna) is so solid at controlling the pace, and we knew we had to get the ball out of his hands and force him to do some things he's not comfortable doing."

But it wasn't until the fourth quarter where the Bulldogs finally took the lead, and began to pull away from the Bobcats, who fell to 7-4 and 3-2 in District 2-5A.

Midland High's final scoring surge began late in the third quarter when it outscored Central 11-7 over the final two minutes of the third quarter, with Brandon Sanchez hitting a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Bulldogs were down 63-62 entering the final quarter, but it was clear they had the momentum.

Midland High then took the lead for good as Ringo knocked down a pair of free throws for a 68-67 lead with 6:44 remaining. Ringo, meanwhile, had a double-double of 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Bulldogs didn't trail again the rest of the game.

"That's been our Achilles heel all year, it's been a tale of two teams," Tatum said. "One half it was that Midland High team, and the second half the right Midland High team came to play."

After MHS took the lead, the Bulldogs' pressure started to take its toll while LeClear started to get hot for the Bulldogs. MHS turned a 70-69 lead early in the fourth quarter into an 87-72 lead by the midway point.

During the scoring surge, LeClear accounted for eight points, including a turn-around, off-balance jumper at the 5:48 mark. Ringo, meanwhile, had a key 3-pointer to start a 9-0 run.

Overall, the Bulldogs outscored the Bobcats 37-16 in the final quarter.

"Justin LeClear has immense potential to be a fantastic player in this league, and this is the first game he's looked comfortable," Tatum said. "It's a welcome sight to add that third scorer there."

Mazelle Justice scored 17 points for the Bulldogs despite sitting out much of the third and fourth quarters with four fouls, and Shawn Rivers added 12 points. A total of 11 MHS players scored at least two points on Thursday.

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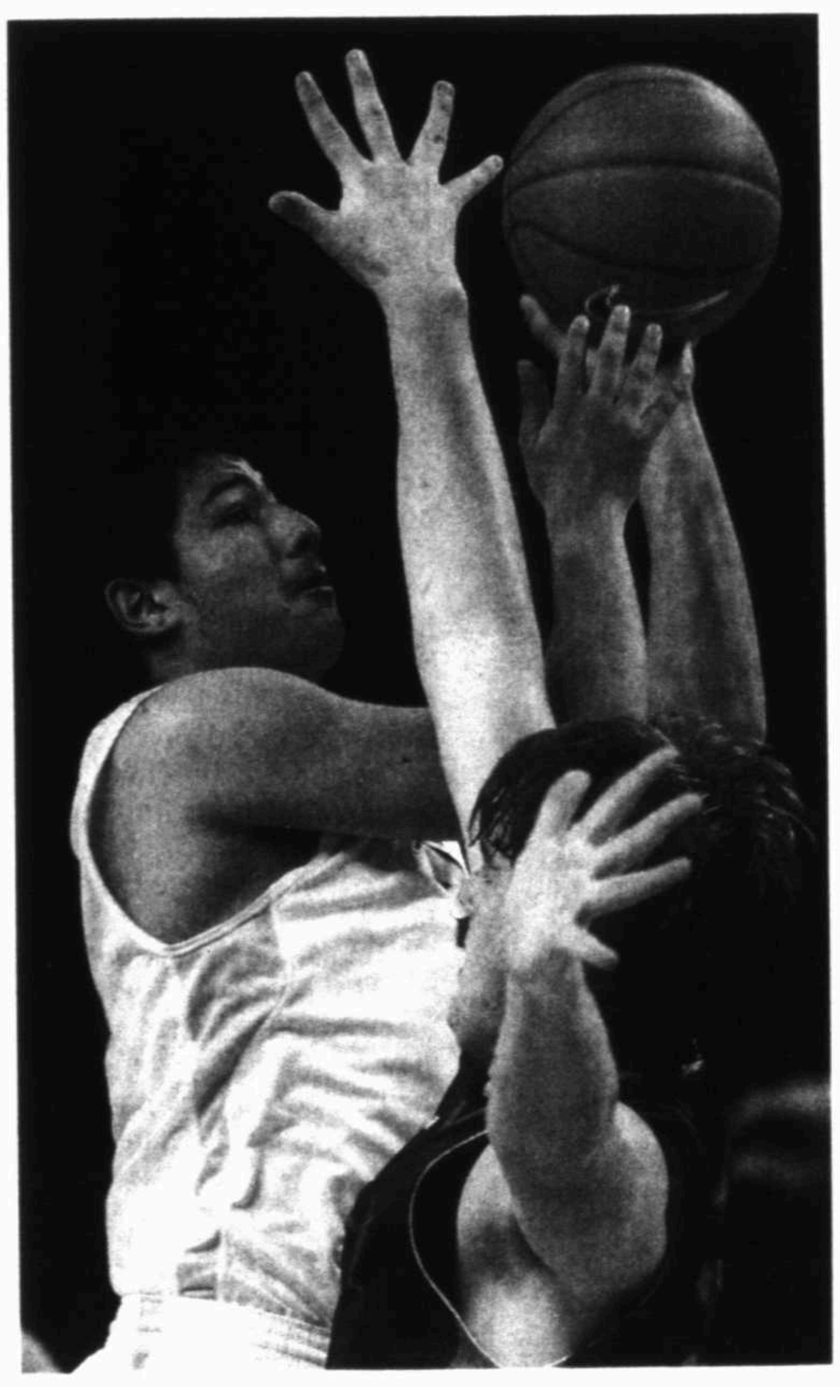

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Midland High's Miguel Villanueva puts a shot up as Central's Brock Burger defends Thursday evening at Chaparral Center.

District 2-5A basketballl

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	5	0	14	0
Lubbock Coronado	5	1	16	3
San Angelo Central	3	2	7	4
Odessa Permian	4	2	7	4
Lee	**3**	**3**	**8**	**5**
Midland High	**2**	**3**	**6**	**9**
Odessa High	1	3	6	9
Abilene Cooper	1	4	3	9
Abilene High	0	5	3	10

Tuesday's Scores
Lee 50, Abilene High 31
Midland High 99, San Angelo Central 79
Odessa Permian 58, Lubbock Coronado 39

Today's Game
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 99
SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 79

San Angelo Central (7-4, 3-2) — Kyle Lara 7, Logan Gibbs 19, Jared Owens 5, Bailey Davis 2, Linwood Pulley 3, Jacob Rangel 10, P. McCarty 3, Coby Dyches 4, Brock Barger 26.

Midland High (6-9, 2-3) — Justin LeClear 21, Shawn Rivers 12, Wesley Don Juan 4, AD Johnson 7, Gary Ringo 20, Brandon Sanchez 6, Aaron Collins 2, Will Norwood 2, Mazelle Justice 17, Miguel Villanueva 6, Trevor Abney.

SA Central	26	15	22	16	—79
MHS	18	18	26	37	—99

Free throws — SAC 20-31, MHS 24-32. 3-point goals — SAC 7 (Gibbs, Owens, Pulley, Rangel, McCarty), MHS 5 (Johnson, Ringo, Sanchez 2, Justice). Total fouls — SAC 21, MHS 23. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — SAC 30 (Barger 16), MHS 30 (Ringo 10). Turnovers — SAC 21, MHS 21.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 5:30 p.m. Saturday; Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

RODEO

From 1C

there's been a recent trend that's seen more interest in more traditional rodeo events and fans continuing to attend long-standing rodeos such as the Sandhills, West of the Pecos, and other events.

"I think the PBR and the things like that have played themselves out," Evans said. "It seems the same guys win all the time. It's still strong over there with the PBR, but (fans) want to come see the roping, the barrel racing ... they want to see it all."

Beutler said the upswing in interest in raising bucking horses has only been recent, but he said it's helped to bring more interest back to those events.

"I think there's some people getting involved trying to raise bucking horses, and it's like when they first started with the bulls," Beutler said. "It seems to have taken off with the horses. There's more people starting to pay an interest to it."

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KNICKS 105
SPURS 101

SAN ANTONIO — Iman Shumpert scored a career-high 27 points, including the tiebreaking tip-in with 23.4 seconds left, and Carmelo Anthony had 27 points and 12 rebounds in his return from injury as New York surprised San Antonio.

Amare Stoudemire added 11 points and Beno Udrih and Andrea Bargnani had 10 each for the Knicks (10-21), who snapped a three-game skid.

Marco Belinelli had a career-high 32 points, but missed a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute for San Antonio (25-8).

The Spurs dropped to 12-5 at home this season. They had won three in a row overall.

The Knicks' skid coincided with Anthony sitting out with a sprained left ankle, but the All-Star forward looked refreshed in revitalizing the team's struggling offense.

WARRIORS 123
HEAT 114

MIAMI — Stephen Curry scored 36 points and handed out 12 assists, and David Lee scored 32 points as the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 123-114 Thursday night and extended the NBA's longest current winning streak to seven games.

Curry was 13 for 22 from the field and 8 for 15 from beyond the arc for Golden State. Lee added 14 rebounds, Klay Thompson scored 16 points and Harrison Barnes added 15 for the Warriors.

LeBron James scored 26 points and Dwyane Wade added 22 for the Heat, which had all five starters in double figures. Chris Bosh scored 19, Mario Chalmers had 17 and Shane Battier added 11 for Miami.

But the Heat allowed Golden State to shoot 56 percent, make 15 of 29 tries from 3-point range and finish with a 40-31 rebounding edge.

NETS 95
THUNDER 93

OKLAHOMA CITY — Joe Johnson hit a high-arching jumper as time expired to give Brooklyn a comeback victory over Oklahoma City.

Johnson's game-winning shot capped an improbable rally from a 16-point second-half deficit for the Nets (11-21), led by a season-high 29 points from point guard Deron Williams.

Brooklyn trailed 77-61 late in the third quarter, but Williams scored 18 in the second half and helped set the stage for Johnson's last-second shot. Paul Pierce added 18 points for the Nets.

CAVALIERS 87
MAGIC 85,OT

CLEVELAND — Anderson Varejao hit two crucial jumpers in overtime and tied a franchise record with a career-high 25 rebounds as Cleveland beat Orlando to snap a season-high six-game losing streak.

The Cavaliers were playing without All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving, who missed his first game this season because of a bruised left knee. Irving averages a team-high 22.2 points.

BULLS 94
CELTICS 82

CHICAGO — Joakim Noah had 17 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists to help Chicago defeat Boston and snap a two-game skid.

Carlos Boozer added 16 points, Luol Deng 14, Taj Gibson 12, Mike Dunleavy 11 and Jimmy Butler 10 for the Bulls.

GRIZZLIES 99
SUNS 91

PHOENIX — Jerryd Bayless scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, coming off the bench to help Memphis overcome Goran Dragic's career-high 33 points in a win over Phoenix.

Bayless helped the Grizzlies recover from the Suns' 18-0 third-quarter run, giving Memphis a 94-84 lead on a 3-pointer with 4:30 to play.

JAZZ 96
BUCKS 87

SALT LAKE CITY — Gordon Hayward scored 22 points and Derrick Favors had 21 points and 11 rebounds to help Utah hold off Milwaukee, winning consecutive games for the third time this season.

Hayward, Utah's leading scorer, had failed to reach double digits in the previous two games but was efficient from the start against the Bucks with 18 points in the first half. Favors took his turn in crunch time with seven points in the final 2:02 to clinch the game.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	15	.500	—
Boston	13	19	.406	3
Brooklyn	11	21	.344	5
Philadelphia	10	21	.323	5 1/2
New York	10	21	.323	5 1/2

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	8	.750	—
Atlanta	18	14	.563	6
Washington	14	15	.483	8 1/2
Charlotte	14	19	.424	10 1/2
Orlando	10	22	.313	14

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	25	6	.806	—
Detroit	14	19	.424	12
Chicago	13	18	.419	12
Cleveland	11	21	.344	14 1/2
Milwaukee	7	25	.219	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	8	.758	—
Houston	21	13	.618	4 1/2
Dallas	19	13	.594	5 1/2
New Orleans	14	16	.467	9 1/2
Memphis	14	17	.452	10

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	25	7	.781	—
Oklahoma City	25	7	.781	—
Minnesota	16	16	.500	9
Denver	14	17	.452	10 1/2
Utah	11	24	.314	15 1/2

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	22	12	.647	—
Golden State	21	13	.618	1
Phoenix	19	12	.613	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	13	19	.406	8
Sacramento	10	20	.333	10

Thursday's Scores
Cleveland 87, Orlando 81, OT
Golden State 123, Miami 114
Chicago 94, Boston 82
Brooklyn 95, Oklahoma City 93
New York 105, San Antonio 101
Memphis 99, Phoenix 91
Utah 96, Milwaukee 87
Charlotte at Portland, late
Philadelphia at Sacramento, late

Today Games
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Houston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

KNICKS 105, SPURS 101

NEW YORK (105): Anthony 10-20 5-5 27, Bargnani 3-8 4-4 10, Chandler 2-5 0-0 4, Udrih 4-9 2-2 10, Shumpert 10-13 1-1 27, Stoudemire 4-6 3-4 11, Smith 2-5 0-0 4, Martin 2-6 0-0 4, Hardaway Jr. 0-1 3-4 3, Murry 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 39-76 18-20 105.

SAN ANTONIO (101): Leonard 1-5 5-8 8, Duncan 3-8 3-4 9, Splitter 3-6 0-0 6, Parker 5-13 1-2 12, Belinelli 12-16 2-2 32, Diaw 0-0 0-0 0, Ginobili 4-11 2-3 11, Ayres 1-2 0-0 2, Bonner 3-5 0-0 9, Mills 3-4 0-0 8, Green 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 37-77 13-19 101.

New York	**26**	**26**	**29**	**24**	**— 105**
San Antonio	**25**	**22**	**28**	**26**	**— 101**

3-Point Goals—New York 9-17 (Shumpert 6-8, Anthony 2-4, Murry 1-1, Smith 0-1, Bargnani 0-1, Udrih 0-2), San Antonio 14-32 (Belinelli 6-9, Bonner 3-5, Mills 2-2, Parker 1-2, Leonard 1-3, Ginobili 1-6, Green 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 45 (Anthony 12), San Antonio 40 (Duncan 7). Assists—New York 19 (Udrih 7), San Antonio 29 (Ginobili 12). Total Fouls—New York 23, San Antonio 16. A—18,581 (18,797).

CAVALIERS 87, MAGIC 81, OT

ORLANDO (81): Harris 5-11 0-0 10, Davis 6-19 4-8 16, Maxiell 1-6 4-6 6, Nelson 5-9 0-0 14, Afflalo 5-15 0-0 12, Nicholson 5-11 2-2 12, Moore 1-2 0-2 3, Oladipo 3-9 0-0 6, Harkless 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 32-84 10-18 81.

CLEVELAND (87): Clark 2-10 0-0 4, Thompson 6-13 4-8 16, Varejao 8-17 2-4 18, Jack 5-16 3-3 14, Miles 4-8 3-3 14, Waiters 6-20 5-6 17, Zeller 0-0 0-0 0, Dellavedova 1-5 0-0 2, Bennett 0-4 0-0 0, Gee 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 33-96 17-24 87.

Orlando	**23**	**16**	**23**	**17**	**2**	**— 81**
Cleveland	**19**	**22**	**16**	**22**	**8**	**— 87**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 7-25 (Nelson 4-8, Afflalo 2-5, Moore 1-2, Nicholson 0-3, Harris 0-3, Oladipo 0-4), Cleveland 4-19 (Miles 3-5, Jack 1-2, Bennett 0-1, Dellavedova 0-3, Waiters 0-3, Clark 0-5). Fouled Out—Davis. Rebounds—Orlando 61 (Davis 13), Cleveland 69 (Varejao 25). Assists—Orlando 21 (Nelson 9), Cleveland 22 (Jack 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 20, Cleveland 21. A—14,248 (20,562).

WARRIORS 123, HEAT 114

GOLDEN STATE (123): Iguodala 3-6 0-0 8, Lee 13-17 6-7 32, Bogut 3-5 0-0 6, Curry 13-22 2-3 36, Thompson 6-15 0-0 16, Barnes 4-6 6-7 15, Green 2-5 0-0 4, Speights 1-4 2-2 4, Bazemore 1-1 0-0 2, Douglas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 46-82 16-19 123.

MIAMI (114): James 10-16 5-8 26, Battier 4-5 0-0 11, Bosh 6-16 6-7 19, Chalmers 6-10 4-5 17, Wade 9-18 2-2 22, Allen 1-4 3-3 5, Andersen 0-1 2-2 2, Cole 2-4 3-3 7, Beasley 2-4 1-1 5. Totals 40-78 26-31 114.

Golden State	**38**	**27**	**31**	**27**	**— 123**
Miami	**33**	**28**	**26**	**27**	**— 114**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 15-29 (Curry 8-15, Thompson 4-9, Iguodala 2-2, Barnes 1-2, Douglas 0-1), Miami 8-18 (Battier 3-4, Wade 2-2, Bosh 1-2, Chalmers 1-3, James 1-4, Allen 0-1, Cole 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 47 (Lee 14), Miami 35 (Chalmers 7). Assists—Golden State 29 (Curry 12), Miami 20 (Wade, James 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 24, Miami 19. Technicals—Golden State Coach Jackson, Golden State defensive three second, Miami Coach Spoelstra. A—20,350 (19,600).

NETS 95, THUNDER 93

BROOKLYN (95): Johnson 4-11 0-0 9, Pierce 8-18 5-5 18, Garnett 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 10-17 3-3 29, Livingston 1-7 3-4 5, Plumlee 1-1 2-2 4, Kirilenko 3-3 3-4 9, Teletovic 1-2 0-0 3, Anderson 3-6 7-9 13, Terry 0-1 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 1-4 1. Totals 31-70 24-31 95.

OKLAHOMA CITY (93): Durant 8-13 5-5 24, Ibaka 5-9 0-1 10, Perkins 3-7 2-2 8, Jackson 4-13 1-1 9, Sefolosha 2-3 3-4 8, Adams 2-3 3-4 7, Lamb 3-7 2-2 9, Fisher 3-6 0-0 7, Jones 4-7 0-0 11, Collison 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-68 16-19 93.

Brooklyn	**29**	**15**	**22**	**29**	**— 95**
Oklahoma City	**26**	**33**	**18**	**16**	**— 93**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 9-24 (Williams 6-9, Teletovic 1-2, Pierce 1-4, Johnson 1-6, Livingston 0-1, Terry 0-1, Anderson 0-1), Oklahoma City 9-22 (Jones 3-5, Durant 3-7, Lamb 1-2, Sefolosha 1-2, Fisher 1-3, Jackson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 44 (Garnett 7), Oklahoma City 39 (Ibaka 11). Assists—Brooklyn 16 (Livingston, Williams 4), Oklahoma City 20 (Jackson 5). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 20, Oklahoma City 23. Technicals—Jackson. A—18,203 (18,203).

BULLS 94, CELTICS 82

BOSTON (82): Green 5-18 0-0 11, Bass 3-8 0-0 6, Sullinger 5-12 1-1 11, Crawford 7-11 8-10 22, Bradley 3-10 3-6 9, Humphries 4-10 1-2 9, Olynyk 1-1 0-0 3, Lee 3-5 1-2 7, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Pressey 0-1 0-0 0, Faverani 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 32-81 16-23 82.

CHICAGO (94): Deng 6-12 2-2 14, Boozer 8-16 0-0 16, Noah 6-13 5-6 17, Hinrich 2-7 0-0 4, Butler 2-7 6-8 10, Gibson 5-13 2-4 12, Dunleavy 4-7 1-2 11, Augustin 1-6 6-6 8, Snell 0-2 0-0 0, Mohammed 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-84 22-28 94.

Boston	**21**	**24**	**17**	**20**	**— 82**
Chicago	**24**	**24**	**22**	**24**	**— 94**

3-Point Goals—Boston 2-12 (Olynyk 1-1, Green 1-4, Lee 0-1, Faverani 0-1, Pressey 0-1, Crawford 0-2, Sullinger 0-2), Chicago 2-15 (Dunleavy 2-2, Noah 0-1, Deng 0-2, Snell 0-2, Butler 0-2, Augustin 0-3, Hinrich 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 58 (Humphries, Sullinger 11), Chicago 53 (Noah 11). Assists—Boston 15 (Crawford 7), Chicago 26 (Noah 9). Total Fouls—Boston 26, Chicago 19. Technicals—Boozer, Dunleavy, Chicago Coach Thibodeau, Chicago defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Sullinger. A—21,721 (20,917).

JAZZ 96, BUCKS 87

MILWAUKEE (87): Antetokounmpo 3-6 3-4 10, Ilyasova 4-9 0-0 8, Sanders 7-7 2-2 16, Knight 3-12 1-2 8, Ridnour 4-8 4-4 12, Raduljica 3-5 1-1 7, Mayo 2-7 0-0 4, Middleton 1-5 0-0 2, Butler 4-8 0-0 9, Neal 5-9 0-1 11. Totals 36-76 11-14 87.

UTAH (96): Jefferson 1-3 2-2 4, Williams 1-7 0-0 2, Favors 9-16 3-3 21, Burke 3-9 4-4 11, Hayward 8-16 3-3 22, Burks 4-12 4-4 13, Evans 1-4 0-0 2, Kanter 5-9 1-1 11, Garrett 4-5 0-0 10. Totals 36-81 17-17 96.

Milwaukee	**20**	**22**	**19**	**26**	**— 87**
Utah	**20**	**31**	**23**	**22**	**— 96**

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 4-22 (Butler 1-2, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Neal 1-4, Knight 1-5, Ilyasova 0-1, Middleton 0-2, Ridnour 0-2, Mayo 0-4), Utah 7-16 (Hayward 3-5, Garrett 2-2, Burks 1-2, Burke 1-4, Williams 0-1, Jefferson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 38 (Sanders 8), Utah 50 (Favors 11). Assists—Milwaukee 21 (Ridnour 8), Utah 15 (Burke 4). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 19, Utah 15. A—16,012 (19,911).

GRIZZLIES 99, SUNS 91

MEMPHIS (99): Prince 1-5 0-0 2, Randolph 10-20 0-0 20, Koufos 5-10 0-0 10, Conley 4-11 3-3 11, Allen 1-2 0-3 2, Bayless 6-11 2-4 17, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Miller 4-7 3-3 11, Davis 8-11 0-1 16, Leuer 2-8 0-0 4. Totals 44-92 8-14 99.

PHOENIX (91): Tucker 5-13 1-1 12, Frye 5-14 0-0 14, Plumlee 4-8 0-0 8, Dragic 13-22 5-9 33, Green 4-10 0-0 9, Mark.Morris 5-11 0-0 10, Smith 1-6 1-1 3, Marc.Morris 0-5 2-5 2, Christmas 0-1 0-0 0, Goodwin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-90 9-16 91.

Memphis	**22**	**31**	**16**	**30**	**— 99**
Phoenix	**26**	**15**	**32**	**18**	**— 91**

3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-14 (Bayless 3-6, Prince 0-1, Miller 0-1, Conley 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Leuer 0-3), Phoenix 8-30 (Frye 4-10, Dragic 2-6, Tucker 1-2, Green 1-7, Christmas 0-1, Mark.Morris 0-2, Marc.Morris 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 66 (Randolph 15), Phoenix 48 (Plumlee 12). Assists—Memphis 20 (Conley 6), Phoenix 18 (Dragic 7). Total Fouls—Memphis 16, Phoenix 14. Technicals—Davis, Randolph, Mark.Morris, Tucker. A—14,844 (18,422).

No. 9 Mizzou vs. familiar No. 13 Okla St. in Cotton

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Missouri coach Gary Pinkel is constantly asked to compare the SEC to the Big 12.

The ninth-ranked Tigers left the Big 12 two years ago, got off to a rocky start but won the SEC East Division this season in somewhat of a surprise.

The question came up again with Missouri (11-2) representing the SEC in the Cotton Bowl on tonight against No. 13 Oklahoma State (10-2), its former Big 12 and Big Eight rival.

"We didn't change anything, how we recruit or how we train our student-athletes other than trying to keep our players healthy in the grind you go in," said Pinkel, whose team lost to No. 2 Auburn in the SEC championship game. "The Big 12 has some real good football teams, but the SEC just has more. That is the difference."

Pinkel diplomatically pointed out Thursday that there are 14 teams in the SEC. The Big 12 has 10.

Like it has in recent national championship games, the SEC has dominated the Cotton Bowl — winning nine of the last 10 games in the Dallas area, all against Big 12 teams. The lone exception was Missouri, then in the Big 12, defeating Arkansas six years ago.

Oklahoma State came close to an overall league title this season, falling short of a Big 12 championship and the Bowl Championship Series after losing 33-24 at home to Oklahoma in the regular season finale.

"It's been tough," said All-Big 12 cornerback Justin Gilbert, one of 28 Oklahoma State seniors. "'We're just grateful that we get another opportunity ... so we don't have to end on that."

When they were Big 12 rivals, Oklahoma State won the last three games, including a 45-24 victory in Columbia in 2011 when Missouri quarterback James Franklin threw three interceptions.

The game

COTTON BOWL
NO. 9 MISSOURI VS. NO. 13 OKLAHOMA ST.

When: 7 p.m. today
Location: AT&T Stadium Arlington
TV: Fox

Oklahoma State is trying to win 11 games for the third time in four seasons. Before Mike Gundy became the coach in 2005, the Cowboys had never won 11 games.

Missouri is going for its 12th win, which would match the school record set with its Cotton Bowl victory six years ago. This is already their fourth season with at least 10 wins in that span.

"2007 was important for us, it was kind of us getting going," Pinkel said. "We got a pretty good boost out of it, but it's all about consistency."

Here are five things to know when former Missouri and Oklahoma State meet in a bowl for the first time:

FRANKLIN AND CHELF: James Franklin's last two seasons at Mizzou have been plagued by injuries. Oklahoma State senior Clint Chelf lost his starting job for parts of this season. The senior quarterbacks wrap up their college careers starting the Cotton Bowl. Franklin missed most of four games during the middle of this season with a shoulder sprain. He has 8,481 total yards and 72 touchdowns in his 41 career games. Chelf started the opener for the Cowboys, but was replaced for several weeks before regaining his starting spot. He has thrown for 1,792 yards with 15 TDs and six interceptions this season.

BIG 12 REUNIONS: Missouri and Texas A&M both left the Big 12 for the SEC after the 2011 season. Ironically, in both seasons since, they've represented the SEC in the Cotton Bowl, which through this year's game has matched teams from those two leagues. When a four-team playoff replaces the BCS next season, the Cotton Bowl will become part of the rotation to host semifinal games.

BEEN ON BOTH SIDES: When Mike Gundy was the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State from 2001-04 before becoming the Cowboys coach, the tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator was Josh Henson, who stayed for Gundy's first year as head coach before going to LSU and then Missouri in 2009. Gundy and Henson, who spent countless hours together preparing game plans, are on opposite sides in the Cotton Bowl. Henson wraps up his first season as the Tigers' offensive coordinator, a promotion he got after last season.

ONE TO BE BEST: Gary Pinkel has 101 wins in his 13 seasons as Missouri's coach, matching Don Faurot (1935-42, 46-56) for the most in school history. Pinkel, who went to Missouri after 10 seasons at Toledo, is 174-100-3 overall. Of the current 14 SEC coaches, none has been at their school longer than Pinkel. Mark Richt arrived at Georgia in 2001, the same year Pinkel joined the Tigers.

FINISH AND START: Oklahoma State is playing the first of consecutive games at the Dallas Cowboys' massive NFL stadium. After ending this season Friday night in the Cotton Bowl, Oklahoma State will be back in the stadium to start their 2014 season against Florida State on Aug. 30 in the annual Labor Day weekend college game at the stadium.

Oklahoma beats Alabama in Sugar Bowl

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Bob Stoops declined to announce a starting quarterback before the Sugar Bowl, and when freshman Trevor Knight took the field on the Sooners' first possession, Alabama's defenders couldn't have anticipated what was in store.

Knight completed a Sugar Bowl-record 32 passes for 348 yards and four touchdowns, and No. 11 Oklahoma took down third-ranked Alabama, 45-31 on Thursday night.

Knight's completion percentage entering the game was 52.2. He had completed 47 passes all season, before a breakout performance in which two of his TDs went for more than 40 yards.

Oklahoma (11-2) needed him to play that well in the 80th Sugar Bowl, the first in which quarterbacks for both teams threw for more than 300 yards.

The victory was a sweet one for Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, who last off-season called talk about the Southeastern Conference being the best league in college football "propaganda."

Sooners	**45**
Crimson Tide	31

His Big 12 team vanquished an Alabama (11-2) squad that had been ranked No. 1 much of the past three seasons, winning the previous two national titles before its shot at a third straight was derailed by Auburn on the last play last month in the Iron Bowl.

AJ McCarron passed for 387 yards and two TDs, but his two interceptions set up Oklahoma TDs, and his fumble, returned for a score in the final minute, sealed 'Bama's first two-game skid since its Sugar Bowl loss to Utah in January 2009. McCarron, meanwhile, lost his last two starts after going 36-2 before those games.

Freshman Derrick Henry's 43-yard run in the third quarter pulled Alabama to 31-24, and the Crimson Tide defense forced four punts while giving up only one first down in the third quarter. But Alabama was unable to add another score before the Sooners starting moving the ball again early in the final quarter.

Rusty Costanza/AP

Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops holds the Sugar Bowl trophy with his team after defeating Alabama, 45-31, in the Sugar Bowl on Thursday in New Orleans

Knight lofted a perfect pass to Lacoltan Bester for a 34-yard gain to the Alabama 9. Shortly after, Knight rolled left all the way to the sideline before rifling a touchdown strike to Sterling Shepard, making it a two-touchdown game again with 10:44 left.

Henry, a 6-foot-3, 238-pound true freshman, pulled Alabama back with in a score once more when he turned his first career completion into a tackle-shedding 61-yard TD with 6:22 still to go.

But Oklahoma was able to burn several minutes off the clock, and then Oklahoma registered its seventh sack when Eric Striker stripped McCarron, and Geneo Grissom returned it 8 yards for a score.

Both teams entered the Sugar Bowl with defenses ranked in the top 15 nationally, but quarterback play dominated a first half highlighted by five passing plays of 43 yards or longer, three of which went for scores.

Texas-sized cloud hangs over BCS title game

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A Texas-sized cloud of uncertainty looms over college football's biggest game of the season.

As No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Auburn prepare in Southern California to meet Monday in the last BCS championship game, the University of Texas is still looking for a new football coach. And until the Longhorns make a hire, just about every successful coach can be considered a candidate — including Florida State's Jimbo Fisher and Auburn's Gus Malzahn.

"I've been amazed about how quiet this thing has been," ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit said earlier this week. "Because of that it leads me to speculate and believe that somebody still involved in coaching, whether it's the NFL or college, must be one of their primary candidates."

"I think the longer this goes on I think it's very, very clear that it's somebody who's still coaching. Who that might be, I have no idea."

Some leaks have sprung in the last couple of days, and it appears front-runners are emerging.

Published reports out of Texas stated the Longhorns were interested in Fisher, Baylor's Art Briles, Vanderbilt's James Franklin and Louisville's Charlie Strong. Michigan State's Mark Dantonio has also been mentioned as a coach Texas athletic director Steve Patterson is looking at. Patterson said he wants the search complete by Jan. 15.

"Texas, they're going to be calling on everybody they possibly can because they're going to try to get the best coach they possibly can," Florida State AD Stan Wilcox said. "Meanwhile, everybody's trying to keep their coaches because they all feel that the people that Texas is looking at are the best coaches out there."

Florida State hopes it has put all the speculation about Fisher's future to rest. The fourth-year head coach and Nick Saban disciple finally got around on Tuesday to signing a new contract that runs through the 2018 season and pays him about $4.1 million annually.

Auburn agreed to a new deal with Malzahn the day before the Southeastern Conference championship game last month. The six-year contract is worth $3.85 million annually to the first-year Tigers coach.

Briles got a 10-year deal in November from Baylor. Michigan State is working on a new deal for Dantonio that could double his $1.9 million salary.

The Dallas Morning News and Austin American-Statesmen reported Patterson has met with Strong and that Briles, now that Baylor's season ended Tuesday night with a 52-42 loss to UCF in the Fiesta Bowl, could be next to interview.

And, of course, Saban, the object of so many Longhorns desires, agreed to a new multiyear deal with Alabama that will pay him $7 million a year after months of stories and speculation connecting the four-time national championship winning coach and Texas.

But what do those extensions really mean? Are Fisher, Malzahn, Briles and even Saban truly off the market?

"A contract is written to be broken," said Kansas State athletic director John Currie, who doesn't have to worry about his football coach, 74-year-old Bill Snyder, going anywhere.

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 21
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Colorado State 48, Washington State 45

Las Vegas Bowl
Southern Cal 45, Fresno State 20

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24

New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 24, Tulane 21

Monday, Dec. 23
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East Carolina 37, Ohio 20

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Oregon State 38, Boise State 23

Thursday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 27

Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Utah State 21, Northern Illinois 14

Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Marshall 31, Maryland 20

Texas Bowl
At Houston
Syracuse 21, Minnesota 17

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Washington 31, BYU 16

Saturday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Notre Dame 29, Rutgers 16

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina 39, Cincinnati 17

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Louisville 36, Miami 9

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State 31, Michigan 14

Monday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Navy 24, Middle Tennessee 6

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi 25, Georgia Tech 17

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oregon 30, Texas 7

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas Tech 37, Arizona State 23

Tuesday, Dec. 31
AdvoCare V100 Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Arizona 42, Boston College 19

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
UCLA 42, Virginia Tech 12

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Mississippi State 44, Rice 7

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Texas A&M 52, Duke 48

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
North Texas 36, UNLV 14

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Nebraska 24, Georgia 19

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 34, Wisconsin 24

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
LSU 21, Iowa 14

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan State 24, Stanford 20

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
UCF 52, Baylor 42

Thursday
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31

Today
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Ohio State (12-1) vs. Clemson (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Missouri (11-2) vs. Oklahoma State (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. Houston (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (7-5) vs. Ball State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Florida State (13-0) vs. Auburn (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 25
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

TODAY'S BOWL GAMES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COTTON BOWL
NO. 9 MISSOURI (11-2) VS. NO. 13 OKLAHOMA STATE (10-2), 7 P.M. (FOX)

Line: Oklahoma St. by 1
Series Record: Missouri leads 28-23.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

The former Big 12 and Big Eight Conference rivals from bordering states meet in a bowl for the first time. Missouri, wrapping up its second SEC season after leaving the Big 12, will try to match a school record with its 12th victory. Oklahoma State is trying to get 11 wins for the third time in four seasons, after never reaching 11 before that.

KEY MATCHUP

Missouri's big, physical receivers against the Oklahoma State secondary. Mizzou receivers Dorial Green-Beckham (55 catches, 830 yards, 12 TDs) and L'Damian Washington (47-853-10) are both 6-foot-4, an inch shorter than Marcus Lucas (55-646-2). All-Big 12 cornerback Justin Gilbert led the league with six interceptions and is in the Cowboys secondary with safety Daytawion Lowe, a second-team All-Big 12 selection.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Missouri: QB James Franklin finishes a career plagued by injuries the last two seasons. Franklin, who returned to the starting lineup three games ago after being sidelined most of four games with a shoulder sprain, has thrown for 6,788 yards and 51 touchdowns, along with 1,693 yards and 21 more scores on the ground in his 41 career games.

Oklahoma St.: Linebackers Caleb Lavey and Shaun Lewis. Lavey is the Cowboys' leader with 87 tackles and 13 tackles for loss, along with four interceptions. Lewis had 68 tackles, eight TFLs and three INTs.

FACTS & FIGURES

SEC teams have won nine of the last 10 Cotton Bowls, all against Big 12 teams. The lone exception was six years ago when Missouri, then in the Big 12, beat Arkansas. That capped the only 12-win season in Tigers history. ... Mizzou coach Gary Pinkel has won 101 games in his 13 seasons. That matches him with Don Faurot (1935-42, 1946-56) for the most in school history. ... Oklahoma State is in its fourth Cotton Bowl. The Cowboys won in 1945, but lost in 2004 and 2010 — both of those against Ole Miss. ... Gilbert has six career kickoff return touchdowns, one short of the NCAA record. ... Missouri has forced a turnover in 43 consecutive games, the nation's longest active streak — by 17 games.

ORANGE BOWL
NO. 7 OHIO STATE (12-1) VS. NO. 12 CLEMSON (10-2), 7 P.M. (ESPN)

Line: Ohio State by 5.
Series Record: Clemson leads 1-0.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Ohio State coach Urban Meyer has a chance to win his fifth BCS game in as many tries, and with a third different school. A top-five finish in the national rankings is there for the taking by the Buckeyes. For Clemson, which has won only five of its last 16 bowl appearances, maybe the biggest opportunity that comes on Friday is a chance to forever move past the Orange Bowl debacle of two years ago, when the Tigers lost 70-33 to West Virginia.

KEY MATCHUP

Clemson DE Vic Beasley vs. Ohio State LT Jack Mewhort. This game might be Beasley's finale with the Tigers, and if he leaves, he might be leaving a game too late for the Buckeyes' liking. He's the prototypical disruptive defensive end, though will be lined up against an elite player in Mewhort.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Ohio State: RB Carlos Hyde carried the ball 183 times this season for the Buckeyes. He lost yardage on exactly two of those carries. With more than 1,400 yards in just 10 games, and averaging nearly 8 yards per rush, Hyde will surely test the Tigers.

Clemson: QB Tajh Boyd makes everything on offense click for Clemson, and in his final collegiate game, he'll likely be inspired to make quite a finishing statement. He completes more than two-thirds of his passes, threw for 29 touchdowns and ran for nine more, and completes 73 percent of his first-down passes.

FACTS & FIGURES

The teams' only previous meeting was in the 1978 Gator Bowl; Clemson won 17-15 in what would be Woody Hayes' final game as coach of the Buckeyes — and best remembered by him punching Clemson LB Charlie Baumann after a game-sealing interception. ... Ohio State is 24-1 under Meyer. ... The ACC is 3-6 so far in bowls this season, the Big Ten is 2-4.

BEARS

From 1C

"There's not many outside of us who believe we had a chance, but we did and I think we showed what UCF football is all about," Bortles said.

The Knights had turnovers on three consecutive plays in the second quarter but Baylor only got six points out of them.

Eddie Lackey intercepted Bortles' pass at the UCF 32 and, two plays later, Petty threw 30 yards to Levi Norwood for a touchdown, but a bobbled snap on the extra point led to a failed conversion and Central Florida still led 14-13.

On UCF's next play, Johnson fumbled and Sam Holl recovered for Baylor on the Knights 19. But on third-and-5 at the 14, Petty's pass in the end zone was intercepted by Brandon Alexander.

"Honestly, just a lack of execution on my part," Petty said. "We ran that play probably 10 times this year and it's worked every time. That play is one that you can't force. I did it. Unfortunately that was the turning point in the game."

NO. 15 UCF 52, NO. 6 BAYLOR 42

UCF	14	14	7	17	—52
Baylor	7	13	8	14	—42

First Quarter
UCF—S.Johnson 11 run (Moffitt kick), 11:24
UCF—S.Johnson 2 run (Moffitt kick), 7:46
Bay—Petty 1 run (A.Jones kick), 3:49

Second Quarter
Bay—Norwood 30 pass from Petty (pass failed), 8:01
UCF—Hall 50 pass from Bortles (Moffitt kick), 5:05
Bay—Petty 13 run (A.Jones kick), 2:55
UCF—Hall 34 pass from Bortles (Moffitt kick), :44

Third Quarter
Bay—Petty 1 run (Petty run), 10:18
UCF—Perriman 10 pass from Bortles (Moffitt kick), 5:38

Fourth Quarter
UCF—Bortles 15 run (Moffitt kick), 13:37
Bay—Martin 9 run (A.Jones kick), 12:16
UCF—S.Johnson 40 run (Moffitt kick), 10:26
UCF—FG Moffitt 36, 4:44
Bay—C.Fuller 9 pass from Petty (A.Jones kick), 1:15
A—65,172.

	UCF	Bay
First downs	29	27
Rushes-yards	44-255	36-194
Passing	301	356
Comp-Att-Int	20-31-2	30-47-1
Return Yards	9	(-3)
Punts-Avg.	4-41.0	7-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	7-135
Time of Possession	34:47	25:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—UCF, S.Johnson 20-124, Bortles 8-63, Stanback 13-33, Godfrey 1-7, Team 2-(minus 2). Baylor, Seastrunk 17-117, Goodley 1-22, Linwood 3-19, Martin 6-19, Petty 11-17.

PASSING—UCF, Bortles 20-31-2-301. Baylor, Petty 30-47-1-356.

RECEIVING—UCF, Godfrey 5-60, Worton 5-56, Hall 4-113, Perriman 3-48, Stanback 2-25, S.Johnson 1-(minus 1). Baylor, Coleman 7-86, Lee 5-80, Reese 5-43, Norwood 4-83, Goodley 4-20, C.Fuller 3-92, Najvar 1-9, Linwood 1-3.

49ers, Saints take more wins on road in playoffs

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

For the seventh consecutive season, at least one NFL team will be forced to play a playoff game at the stadium of an opponent with a worse record.

If some owners get their way, that eventually will change — perhaps as soon as a year from now.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Thursday the league has "looked at multiple ways" to change its playoff system, including letting the team with the superior regular-season record play at home. While some clubs lobby for that sort of switch, McCarthy said others "raised the concern that reseeding would minimize the value of winning a division; winning a division now means a guaranteed home playoff game."

Both NFC matchups this weekend will be hosted by the team with fewer wins: The wild-card Saints (11-5) play at the NFC East champion Eagles (10-6) on Saturday night, and the wild-card 49ers (12-4) play at the NFC North champion Packers (8-7-1) on Sunday.

Consider the conditions the Superdome's Saints and West Coast 49ers are expected to face. The forecast calls for a high of 31 degrees in Philadelphia, and a high of minus-3 in Green Bay.

"It's a hard pill to swallow, being 12-4 and not having any home games," San Francisco defensive tackle Ray McDonald said, "but we're in a tough division and that happens sometimes."

The league's competition committee and NFL staff members have compiled reports examining the pros and cons of changing the postseason structure. There have been repeated conversations about the topic, as recently as the owners' meetings last month, but there hasn't been a formal vote yet.

"I've been there and really felt like, 'Why in the world are we traveling? Why aren't we playing at home?' I'm sure that's how some of these other teams feel," said four-time Super Bowl coach Dan Reeves, whose New York Giants played — and lost — a second-round road game against a team with fewer wins after the 1993 season.

Generally, playing at home is an advantage.

This season, home teams went 153-102-1, a .600 winning percentage, even better than the .575 enjoyed by home teams for all regular-season games in the Super Bowl era, according to STATS. During the playoffs, STATS said, home teams win at a .675 clip — which makes sense, because usually that club was better during the regular season.

Even when home teams had a worse regular-season record, they have gone 20-16, a .556 winning percentage.

From the 1989 season through the 2001 season, there were only three playoff games hosted by the team with fewer victories. But it's become a regular occurrence lately, with this weekend raising the total to 15 such games over the past seven seasons.

"It's easier to play at home. That's league-wide," New Orleans right tackle Zach Strief said. "You have an advantage in the playoffs to play at your own place. You're more comfortable there. You don't have to deal with the noise."

His team provides about as stark a contrast as possible: In 2011 and 2013, the last two seasons coached by Sean Payton, New Orleans is 16-0 at home, 8-8 on the road.

The Saints have never won a road playoff game, going 0-5. That includes a 41-36 loss at Seattle after the 2010 season, when the reigning Super Bowl champion Saints were 11-5 and the division-winning Seahawks were 7-9.

When the same teams played at New Orleans in Week 11 that season, the Saints won by 15.

"I definitely think it could have played out differently" in the playoffs if the site were switched, Strief said, "and yet, fair is irrelevant. The real world isn't fair."

The Eagles, meanwhile, went more than 400 days between home victories, from Sept. 30, 2012, until Nov. 17, 2013, a franchise-worst 10-game losing streak in Philadelphia. Then they ended this season with four home wins in a row.

Take a look at the schedule, though, and the Eagles' 0-4 home start included losses to playoff clubs San Diego and Kansas City, while the 4-0 home finish came against teams that didn't reach the postseason: Washington, Arizona, Detroit and Chicago.

When coach Chip Kelly was asked about the Saints' home vs. road records, he dismissed their relevance, saying, "We defend schemes" and "Everything we do is based on situational football."

Maybe so. Still, the NFL will continue to consider tweaking its postseason.

"Every scenario has been discussed, ranging from reseeding to one extra game, expanding from 12 to 14 teams," the league's McCarthy said. "Think of a scenario, it's been discussed and remains in play."

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7:10 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday
San Diego at Cincinnati, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
San Francisco at Green Bay, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
Green Bay, San Francisco or New Orleans at Seattle, 3:35 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati, Indianpolis or Kansas City at New England, 7:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 12
Philadelphia, Green Bay or San Francisco at Carolina, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis, Kansas City or San Diego at Denver, 3:40 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
AFC, 2 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Honolulu
TBD, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

FRIDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 3, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Shark Tank		20/20		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Boss "Undercover Boss: Epic Bosses"		Hawaii Five-0 "Huaka'i Kula"		Blue Bloods "Protest Too Much"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Tom Hanks		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Apology"	Rules of Engage.	The Carrie Diaries "Under Pressure" (N)		Supernatural "Rock and a Hard Place"		Rules "Pilot"	Sein. "The Airport"	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Cotton Pre. (L)	NCAA Football Cotton Bowl Oklahoma State vs. Missouri Site: AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)							Modern Family	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical Israel	Update News	Doorways to Wisdom		Light of the Southwest				Update News	BAS Presents	Walking	Y.Sala-manca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Dateline NBC		Grimm "Red Menace" (N)		Dracula "Servant to Two Masters" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Just Seen It	Carol Burnett Comedic icon Carol Burnett is the guest of honor.				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo				Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Monk		Monk		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	OMG!
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) Sergeant Bil...		★★ The Producers ('05, Mus) Nathan Lane.					★★ Junior Arnold Schwarzenegger.				Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★ Mission: Impossible			★★★★ Safe House Denzel Washington.				Get On	Ja'mie	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) Treme			Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows				(:15) Dodgeball: A True Un...			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:35) The Negoti...		The Sopranos		★★ Rock of Ages ('12, Com) Tom Cruise.				(:15) ★★ Ocean's Twelve George Clooney.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:50) ★★★★ The Campaign			★★ Scary Movie			Banshee		Banshee		Intergalactic Sw...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:10) ★★ Alexander ('04, Adv) Colin Farrell.				★★★★ Argo ('12, Thril) Ben Affleck.				★★★ Shaun of the Dead			Movie
PLEX			96			★★★ Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story				★★★ Chaplin ('92, Bio) Robert Downey Jr.					★★★★ Kramer vs. Kramer		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Killing Them So...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) The Iron Lady		★★ Out of Time Denzel Washington.				Reluctant Fundamentalist Riz Ahmed.				(:10) Salvation B...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "The Ring/ Last Drive"		The First 48 "Shattered"		The First 48 "Fatal Call"		The First 48		The First 48 "Cold Light of Day"		The First 48 "Shattered"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ X-Men		★★★ Batman ('89, Act) Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.						★★★ Batman Returns Michael Keaton.			
BET	58	26		40		106&P	Husbands	★★ Waist Deep ('06, Act) Tyrese Gibson.				★★ Civil Brand ('02, Dra) Lisa Raye.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Mob Money		Mob Money		Mad Money		Car	Car
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Crossfire	Unguard	Anthony Bourdain		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T. Farm		Wander	SoRandom	Austin	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Gameday (L)		Pre-game	NCAA Football Orange Bowl Clemson vs. Ohio State Site: Sun Life Stadium (L)							Post-gam /(:10) SprtC	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL Kickoff (L)				Boxing Fight Night Mendez vs. Barthelemy (L)				SportsCenter		NFL Live	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★★ The Goonies			★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	The Game 3...	Mavericks Insider (N)	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	SportsD-ay OnAir	Icons of Coaching	Cowboys Legends
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	Mother	★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.				★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.				Dragonball Evo...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Good Wife		The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	HouseH	House	House	House	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★★ Girl Fight Anne Heche.		The Husband She Met Online (2013, Drama) Meredith Monroe, Jason Stanford-Gray.				The Surrogate (2013, Thriller) Amy Scott, Annie Wersching, Cameron Mathison.				The Husband She Met Online	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	39				(3:00) TBA	To Be Announced						NFL Turning Point		Premier	To Be Announced	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	Thunder.	Thunder.	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of th...				★★★ Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith Ewan McGregor.							Movie
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) The League ...		WWE Smackdown! (N)				★★★ X2: X-Men United ('03, Sci-Fi) Patrick Stewart.					
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	★★ Valentine's Day A group of friends attempt to navigate the perils and pitfalls of Valentine's Day.					★★★ Overboard A man convinces a wealthy amnesiac that she is his wife and the mother of his childen.				
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) Possessed		★★★★ Madame Curie Greer Garson.				(:15) ★★ A Beautiful Mind ('01, Dra) Russell Crowe.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		Santa Diabla				Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Somethin g Borrow	Something Borrowed	Yes to the Dress "No Time for Nostalgia"		Say Yes to (N)	Yes to the Dress	Somethin g Borrow	Borrowed (N)	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Somethin g Borrow	Somethin g Borrow
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USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Loss"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Vulnerable"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	NCIS: LA "Red: Part One" 1/2 cont'd next	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Home Videos "Battle of the Best" 1/2		Home Videos "Battle of the Best" Pt. 2 of 2		WGN News at Nine		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks/Rec "The Flu"

Bears sign QB Jay Cutler to 7-year deal

By Gene Chamberlain
Associated Press

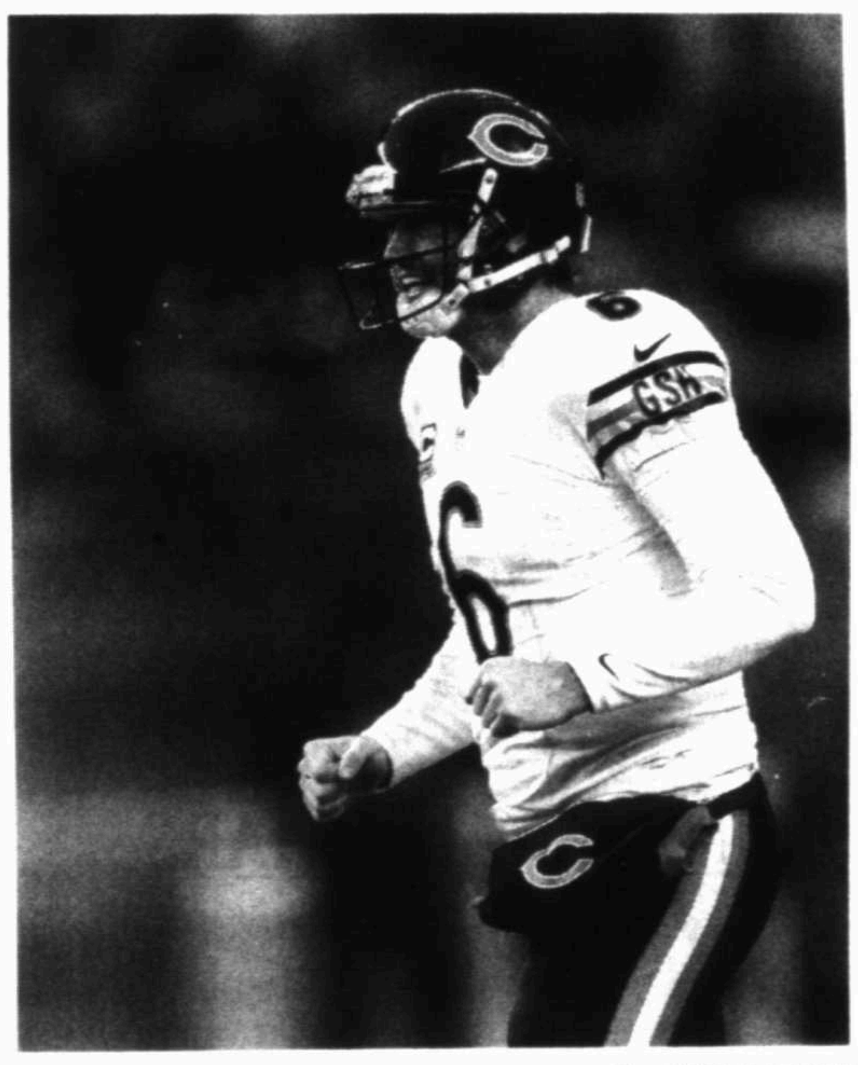
LAKE FOREST, Ill. — If the Bears make changes this offseason, it will not be at quarterback.

Chicago signed Jay Cutler to a seven-year contract Thursday, ending speculation they might make a change after five seasons of good and bad from their talented signal-caller. Cutler clearly thrived under first-year coach Marc Trestman and now has some of the best complements on offense he's had since arriving in Chicago in 2009.

"It's not always been easy," Cutler said. "There's been some ups and downs. There's been some bad years there's been some good years. I think it makes me appreciate the moment I'm in even more, with the offensive weapons we have, with the type of leadership we have from the front office, with the type of coaching staff we have with the play calling and our (offensive) install. It makes me happy I'm here."

The Bears also signed cornerback Tim Jennings, who has led the team in interceptions in each of the past two seasons, and guard Matt Slauson to four-year deals. Like Cutler, both players were scheduled to become free agents.

General manager Phil Emery said the team and Cutler's agent, Bus Cook, completed contract discussions three days after the season ended Sunday with a 33-28 loss to the Green Bay Packers in a game that decided the NFC North title. Terms were not disclosed, but the deal for the 30-year-old Cutler is reportedly worth nearly $18 million per year over the first three years and includes at least $50 million guaranteed.



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In this Dec. 15 photo, Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler celebrates a touchdown in a game against the Cleveland Browns, in Cleveland. The Bears have signed Cutler to a seven-year contract. The move was announced Thursday and it came after some speculation that the Bears might part with Cutler after five years.

"I think whenever you have two groups who want to work in the same direction and want the same thing to happen it can happen relatively pretty easily," Emery said.

Cutler produced his career-best passer rating of 89.2 in 2013, although he played in just 11 games due to ankle and groin injuries. He completed 224 of 355 passes for 2,621 yards and 19 touchdowns with 12 interceptions.

Emery said he was sold on Cutler's return after seeing him in Trestman's offense early in the season.

"After the first three games I definitely knew it was going in the right direction in terms of him putting the team in position to win games at the end of the game," Emery said. "That says a lot about the player. I think that Jay's third-down passing and fourth-quarter quarterback rating are very high and have been high for a while. He was in the top 10 in both areas this year. I think it speaks of a guy that can be a guy, a player, that is a reason you win."

Kluwe says coach made anti-gay remarks

By Jon KrawCzynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Minnesota punter Chris Kluwe says his special teams coordinator made anti-gay comments while Kluwe was with the Vikings, an allegation the coach "vehemently denies."

In an article posted Thursday on the website Deadspin, Kluwe wrote that coach Mike Priefer made several anti-gay comments in objection to Kluwe's outspoken support of a gay marriage amendment in Minnesota.

Kluwe also says former Vikings coach Leslie Frazier and current general manager Rick Spielman encouraged him to tone down his rhetoric in an effort to reduce distractions to the team. At the same time, Kluwe said, Vikings owner Zygi Wilf expressed support for Kluwe's championing of gay rights.

Hours later, Priefer issued a statement disputing Kluwe's portrayal of the events.

"I want to be clear that I do not tolerate discrimination of any type and am respectful of all individuals," Priefer said. "I personally have gay family members who I love and support just as I do any family member."

The Vikings said in a statement that they take the allegations "very seriously and will thoroughly review this matter."

"As an organization, the Vikings consistently strive to create a supportive, respectful and accepting environment for all of our players, coaches and front office personnel," the team said. "We do not tolerate discrimination at any level.

"The team has long respected our players' and associates' individual rights, and, as Chris specifically stated, Vikings ownership supports and promotes tolerance, including on the subject of marriage equality. Because he was identified with the Vikings, Chris was asked to be respectful while expressing his opinions. Team ownership and management also repeatedly emphasized to Chris that the Vikings would not

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Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

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I N M A T E
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Yesterday's Answer: POOREST, TYPESET, CAPITAL, ENLARGE, SHAMPOO

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TODAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 59 Low: 38	High: 69 Low: 25	High: 43 Low: 23	High: 37 Low: 19	High: 43 Low: 28	High: 58 Low: 33

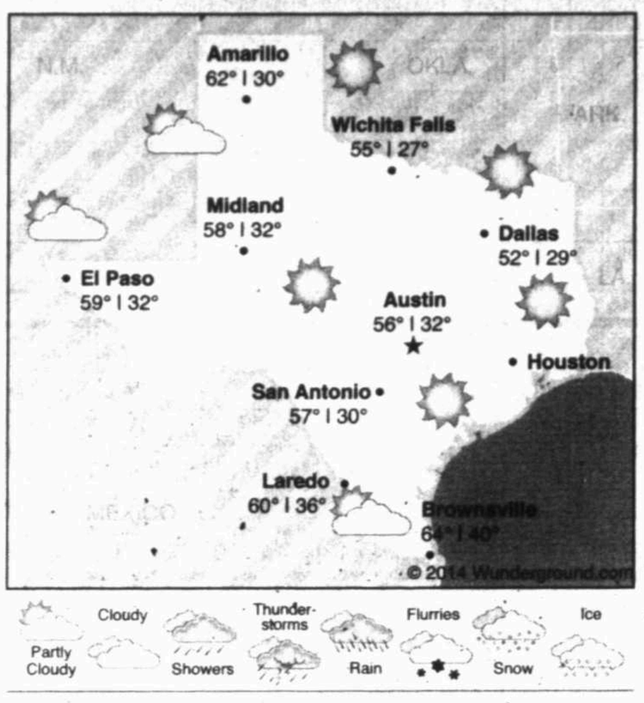
Local almanac

The high on Thursday reached 48, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 2 is 48 set in 1997. The record low is 0 set in 1979.

Weather Whys

Q: Why does Montana hold records for temperature drops?

Because of the huge size of the state, its geography and its northern location, Montana has the right ingredients for temperature fluctuations, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "Nearby Spearfish, S.D., has the largest temperature rise on record. On Jan. 22, 1943, the temperature went from minus-4 degrees at 7:30 a.m. to 45 degrees by 7:32 — an incredible warm-up of 49 degrees in just two minutes. The warm Chinook winds of this region can bring about very swift warming periods, while the strong arctic cold fronts from northern Canada can cause sharp temperature drops of 30 and 40 degrees in just a few hours. Texas is also no stranger to such drops. On Dec. 12, 1919, in Amarillo, it was 67 degrees at noon, and a strong cold front blew in and dropped the temperature to 23 degrees by 1 p.m., an amazing 44-degree drop in just one hour."

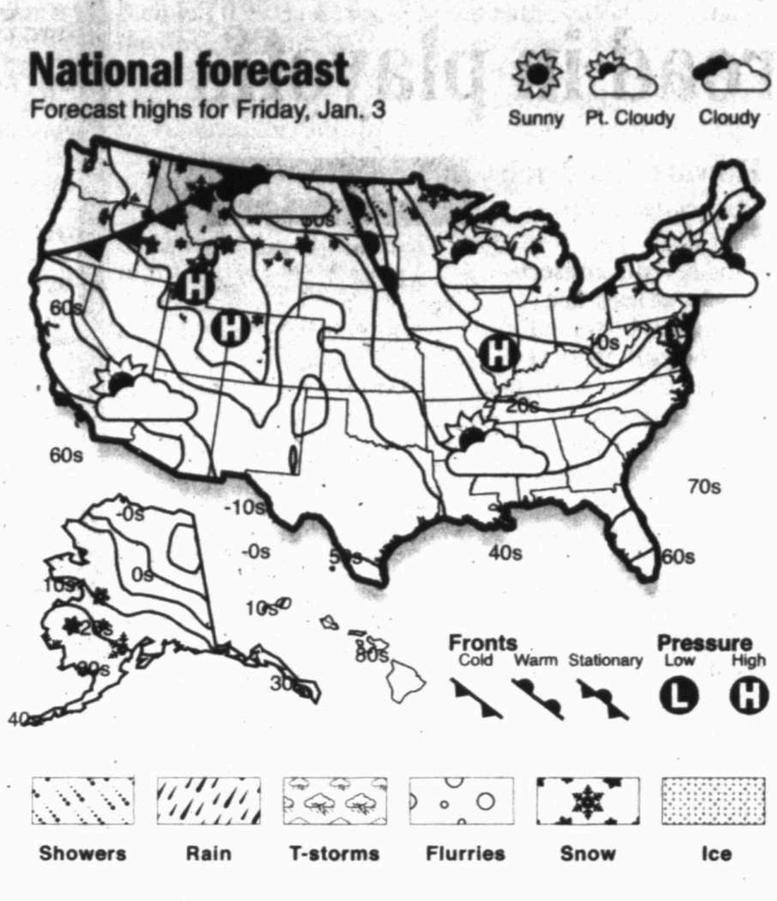


Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.02 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	48
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	5:57 p.m.



Tight lips can keep tongues from wagging in the office

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 am a 27-year-old mom who has always been overweight. I have tried all sorts of diets and programs, and have lost a few pounds and then gained it all back and more.

My boss has offered to pay for me to have weight loss surgery. It is something I have always wanted but could never afford. My boss told me she knows the struggle I have had and the frustration I have experienced.

My family is behind me and supports my decision to have it done. My concern is that once others in my office learn it was paid for by the boss, I'll be treated differently. I'm concerned about possible catty comments. They are gossips, and I hate being the center of attention in situations like that. The truth is bound to come out, so how can I comment on the gift I've been given? — SO GRATEFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR SO GRATEFUL: You have a generous and empathetic boss who obviously cares about you. Unless one of you reveals that she paid for your surgery, "the truth" is NOT bound to come out. How your operation is paid for is nobody's business.

DEAR ABBY: My father recently told me his girlfriend is pregnant with twins. She is in her 40s and he is in his 50s. She already has two kids who are quite a handful. They both have low-paying jobs and I don't think they can handle two more children.

My father now is asking me to move in with him to help out. Because of their financial state and their ages, I'm afraid this is a huge risk. If I tell him what my concerns are, I am sure he'll think I'm heartless and stop talking to me. I don't know what to do. Dad might not even be around to see those kids graduate from high school. What can I do? — TROUBLED SON IN COLORADO

DEAR TROUBLED SON: Unless you're willing to give up your freedom I don't recommend doing what your father is proposing. He should not expect you to assume child care or financial responsibility because his birth control method failed. That privilege rightfully belongs to him and his girlfriend. Tell your father you sympathize with his dilemma, but the answer is no.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column on the nights that I work, and I was wondering if you have had days when you just wanted to tell someone who has written to you to "suck it up and deal with it." I am generally a nice person and would help the most helpless cases as best I could, but I know that I have days when I have been snarky. I was wondering how you deal with those days. — FEELING SNARKY TONIGHT IN VERMONT

DEAR FEELING SNARKY: I write my column from an office away from my home. Because of that, it's easier to leave distractions (or "problems") on the other side of the door when I enter. I'm here to help people, not to make anyone feel worse. If for some reason I felt I was unable to do that, I would either go for a long walk or postpone writing for another day.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 4 3
A K 10 8 7
Q 6 3
♣ K 8 5

WEST
♠ A Q 10 7 5 2
Q 5
A 4
♣ Q 10 4

EAST
♠ K J 9 8 6
Void
K 10 9 8 2
♣ J 9 2

SOUTH
♠ Void
J 9 6 4 3 2
J 7 5
♣ A 7 6 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	2	4♠	5
5♣	Pass	Pass	?

Opening lead: ?

Another wild-and-woolly competitive auction, as we often see in modern bridge. In the good old days, players would have the decency to stay out of your auction when you and your partner had good hands. No more! Sometimes they leave tire tracks up and down your back.

What should South do at this point in the bidding? His defensive prospects against five spades are slim, and it looks likely that a six-heart bid will be a successful sacrifice. But what if it pushes East-West to six spades? Will they be able to defeat that contract? If they can't, bidding on is certainly foolish.

Decisions like this are among the most difficult that a bridge player faces. Should South elect to bid on, his bid should be six clubs! This bid will serve as a lead director should the opponents bid to six spades. North-South already have suit agreement in hearts. Only a club lead will defeat six spades, and six hearts will prove to be a good sacrifice on a spade lead.

This problem is from Frank Stewart's excellent new book "What's Your Call?" available from the author for $23.95 postpaid, at P.O. Box 962, Fayette, Ala., 35555.

It can be signed and inscribed on request.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 3, 2014:

This year you often get feedback about your ideas, opinions and direction. You frequently will be found in a brainstorming session. You mentally grow by leaps and bounds. You will be especially concerned with your finances. You also could experience a sudden change or an unexpected addition to your home life. If you are single, you might not realize how much someone cares about you. Be more observant of others. If you are attached, the two of you spend a lot of time together, and sometimes your energy together produces a lot of excitement. AQUARIUS knows how to spend your money well. Be careful!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your originality and drive will entice others to get involved in a personal project. If you have time, you might want to visit with a young person who might be facing tough choices in his or her life. A one-on-one chat might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Hang with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could feel pressured by a situation and might not be able to pull away. If it is work related, you might be overwhelmed by everything that you need to do. A discussion with someone involved could ease the burden. Tonight: Feel free to nix getting together with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll be raring to get into weekend mode, especially as you are likely to visit with a loved one at a distance. You might not be as sure of yourself as you might like with a financial matter. Seek advice from someone in the know. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Remember, you are more sensitive to others' moods than many. You often pick up on someone's feelings when he or she isn't even conscious of them. If a discussion heads in this direction, back off. Make time for a friend. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others will come forward and engage you in conversation. What you think and what you say could be vastly different. You might be uncomfortable not revealing all of your thoughts, but do your best to explain where you are coming from. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring in your daily life. You might need to screen your calls, as they could be far more distracting than you realize. A meeting might prevent you from running some errands, but you still must attend. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You have a lot of suggestions that could help move a project along. A loved one will appreciate the feedback. Use your high energy to complete some work that has been holding you back. Be sure to return emails and calls. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by a situation and its demands. A brainstorming session provides a solution, if you are ready to take it. You might want to let others know your limits, as too many suggestions at once will be overwhelming. Tonight: Take a walk and squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are not one to hold back your thoughts. When someone makes assumptions about your financial situation, you won't hesitate to put this person in his or her place. A child or loved one continues to surprise you. Tonight: TGIF!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Someone will show appreciation for your feedback. There is an element of feeling overwhelmed by this person's gratitude. Know that you need to stop the exchange before your funds get dragged into it. Maintain your budget. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies and drinks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Claim your power. How someone reacts to you could trigger a lot of thinking. You will get a clear sense of what this person thinks of you. Make an additional effort to complete errands and to finish a project before you call it a day. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Someone close to you understands too well what is going on with you. This person might not choose to say anything unless you speak up first. He or she will be the right one with whom to have an important discussion about a choice in the near future. Tonight: Not to be found.

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BORN TODAY

Actor/director Mel Gibson (1956), football player Eli Manning (1981), actress Danica McKellar (1975)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Creepy thing
5 Oft-used PC key
8 Karel Capek genre
13 "O.G. Original Gangster" rapper
14 Stream crosser
16 Sets of 13 cards
17 Residential plot
18 Sweeping target
19 Prologue
20 Hindu collection
22 Performer
24 1990 Newman/Woodward drama
26 Overcome a significant difference
29 Promise
30 Doc who treats snorers
32 Lake __ College, near Cleveland
33 Wrong treatment
35 Tree knot
36 1957 Treaty of Rome org.
39 Consume
40 Consumer's guide, briefly
42 Caustic chemical
43 It may be pulled at a gym
45 Bring up to speed
48 V __ Victor
49 Road warning
50 Lit at the table, perhaps
54 Oral prosthesis
56 Spock and Uhura, e.g.
58 Become rusty
60 "Shaddap!"
61 Muse of poetry
63 Mythical maneater
65 Sit tight
66 Place for spectacles
67 Military fortification
68 Fly off the handle
69 Inscribed pillar
70 Sneaky
71 Sch. level

3 SmartSurface mattresses
4 Rib cage part
5 Valedictorian's nightmare
6 __ eclipse
7 Soup-to-nuts listing
8 Turkish for "skewer"
9 Hiker's container
10 Vital
11 New Deal initials
12 Prefix meaning "equal"
15 Asian festival
21 Brody of "The Pianist"
23 TV cousin
25 Phoenix suburb
27 Light
28 Soccer superstar
31 Maker of the Super Soaker
34 Monthly exp.
35 Enticing kitchen aroma
36 "Gosh!"
37 Scots Gaelic
38 Place for petty cash?
41 Tip
44 Taken together
46 Nags
47 Saint-Saëns' "Danse __"
49 Camera letters
51 Lowly
52 Apt word to substitute for each of four black squares to make sense of the across answers on either side of them
53 Value
55 Play __ in
57 Born in the wild
59 "How lovely!"
61 Annapolis grad.
62 Squealer with a tale or a tail
64 Market freezer name

DOWN

1 Noxious gas
2 Comes to pass

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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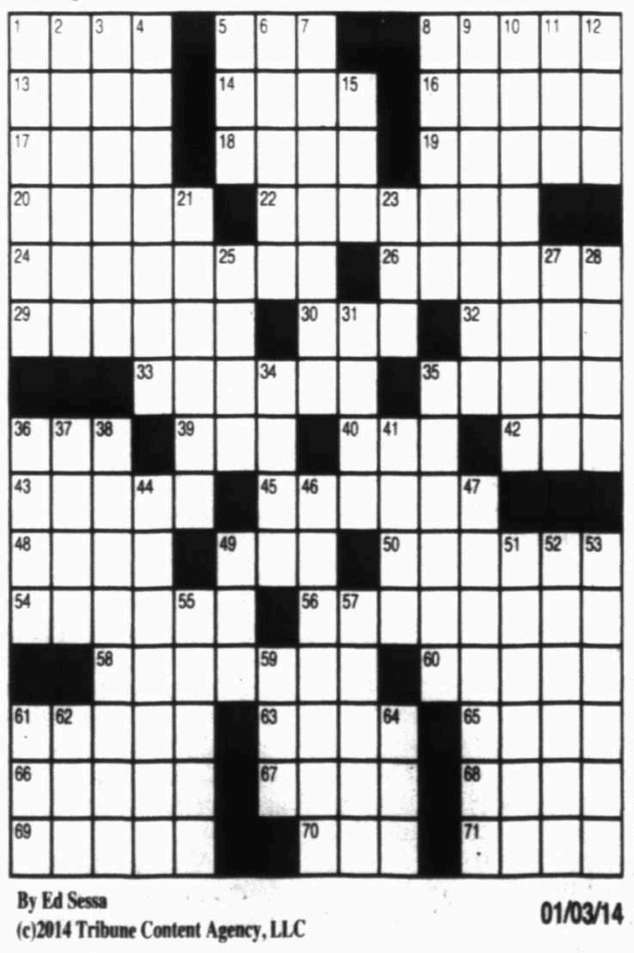

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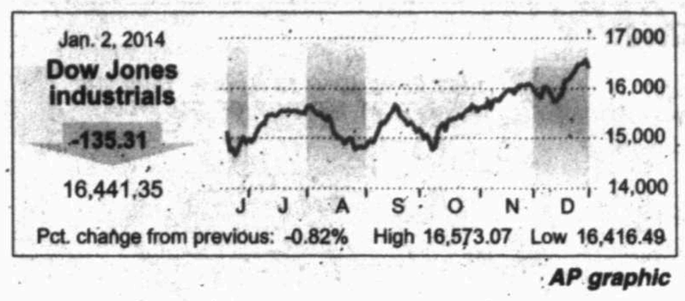

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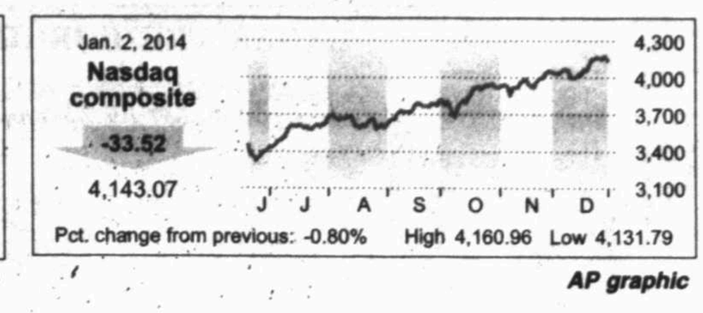

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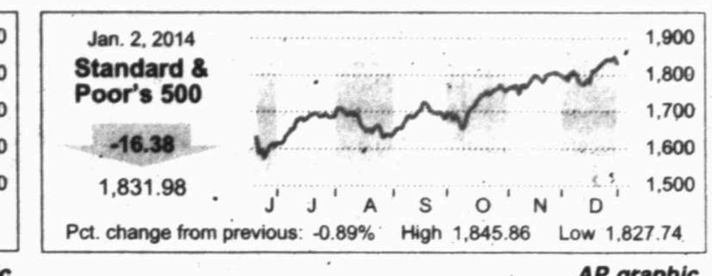

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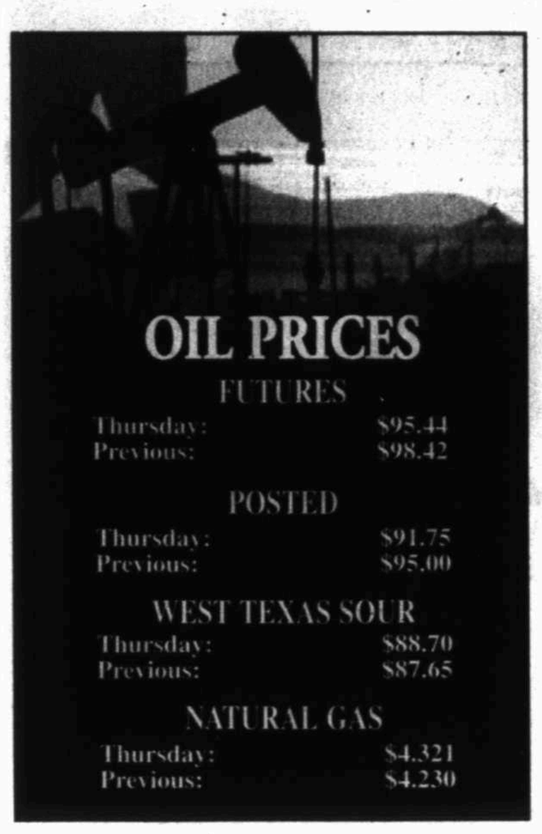

Warning issued about oil shipped from North Dakota, Montana

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — After a string of explosive accidents, federal officials said Thursday that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be more flammable than traditional forms of oil.

A safety alert issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation warns the public, emergency responders and shippers about the potential high volatility of crude from the Bakken oil patch. The sprawling oil shale reserve is fueling the surging industry in eastern Montana and western North Dakota, which is now the nation's second-largest oil producer behind Texas.

Thursday's announcement declares that the Bakken's light, sweet crude oil may be different from traditional heavy crudes because it is prone to ignite at a lower temperature. Experts say lighter crudes, which contain more natural gas, have a much lower flash point, the temperature at which vapors given off by the oil can ignite.

The government's warning comes after a huge explosion on Monday caused by a crude train derailment near Casselton, N.D. No one was hurt, but worries about toxic fumes prompted the evacuation of hundreds of residents from the small eastern North Dakota town.

The oil boom in the Bakken has reduced the nation's reliance on imported oil and brought thousands of jobs to the region. But as companies increasingly rely on trains instead of pipelines to get that oil to lucrative coastal markets, public safety in communities bisected by rail lines has become a major concern.

In July, 47 people were killed in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, when a train carrying Bakken crude derailed. Another oil train from North Dakota derailed and exploded in Alabama in November, causing no deaths but releasing an estimated 749,000 gallons of oil from 26 tanker cars.

By comparison, there was no fire when 10,000 gallons of oil that originated outside the Bakken region leaked after a Canadian Pacific Railway derailment in Minnesota last March. Cleanup crews scooped up much of the spilled crude, which the railway said came from western Canada.

Whether the government's response to the latest derailment will help stave off another accident is uncertain. While safety advocates welcomed the move, others said the warning didn't offer new information.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that Bakken oil is a high-quality crude with a lower flash point — that's what makes it a desired commodity for all these coastal refineries," said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, a Bismarck-based group that represents hundreds of oil industry companies.

Ness added that companies shipping oil from the Bakken already were adhering to federal regulations.

Casselton Mayor Ed McConnell agreed that there was no surprise in the federal government's assessment that Bakken crude may be more volatile.

"The important thing and the intent here is to keep pressure on the federal and state government to make things safer," he added.

The amount of oil moving by rail in the U.S. has spiked since 2009, from just more than 10,000 tanker cars to a projected 400,000 cars in 2013.

Thursday's safety alert resulted in part from results of preliminary tests on Bakken oil to determine just how dangerous it is, said Jeannie Shiffer with the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration.

Shiffer said knowing the volatility of the oil is crucial so that it can be properly handled during shipping.

"The material must be properly classified at the beginning of the process. That determines everything," she said.

The issue of volatility is particularly important for fire fighters and other emergency responders who have to deal with accidents like the one in Casselton, said Fred Millar, a rail safety consultant in Virginia.

He said the dangers of crude have long been underappreciated and need to be communicated to the hundreds of counties and cities across the U.S. that have seen a surge in crude oil trains. He added that railroads should consider routing the Bakken oil trains around highly populated areas.

After the Lac-Megantic crash, federal officials issued an advisory for companies to properly classify their crude oil according to a scale that ranks hazardous materials as a great danger, medium danger or minor danger.

Officials have now gone a step farther, declaring that the Bakken's light oil — extracted from shale formations through the drilling process known as hydraulic fracturing — may be different.

Kenneth Medlock, senior director at the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University in Houston, noted that the volatility of crude varies from one oil field to the next and is driven largely by how heavy it is.

Given that oil is typically shipped in the same type of tank car no matter its volatility, Larry Bierlein, an attorney for the Association of Hazmat Shippers, questioned the importance of Thursday's announcement. Flaws that render the most commonly used tank cars prone to rupture have been known for more than two decades.

Bierlein said the public would be better served by the government adopting a long-delayed proposal to improve those cars, known as DOT-111s.

"They have lost track of where safety is," he said of the Department of Transportation.

North Dakota regulators had said last month that they were considering crafting a report to disprove that hauling the state's crude by rail is dangerously explosive. On Thursday, state officials said those plans had been dropped in the aftermath of the Casselton derailment.

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1443916	16.10	+.53
iShEMkts	1326410	40.19	-1.61
S&P500ETF	1098950	182.92	-1.77
MktVGold	489403	22.03	+.90
VangEmg	483448	39.70	-1.44

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YingliGrn	6.28	+1.23	+24.4
Taomee	6.07	+1.02	+20.2
DirGMnBull	18.25	+2.65	+17.0
CtrySCkg	11.69	+1.63	+16.2
Dolan pfB	14.50	+1.81	+14.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMBear	54.42	-9.80	-15.3
DrxSKBull	48.48	-7.77	-13.8
DrxIndiBl rs	48.09	-6.89	-12.5
DirDGdBr s	38.59	-5.46	-12.4
DxEMBll s	25.45	-3.25	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,049
Declined	2,073
Unchanged	74
Total issues	3,196
New Highs	91
New Lows	28
Volume	3,007,407,568

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	96165	11.29	+.22
AlldNevG	63090	3.97	+.42
InovioPhm	58973	2.87	-.03
CheniereEn	36278	43.43	+.31
NwGold g	35596	5.41	+.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ERBA Diag	3.90	+1.17	+42.9
Arrhythm	3.64	+.47	+14.8
AlldNevG	3.97	+.42	+11.8
NovaGld g	2.78	+.24	+9.4
Metalico	2.25	+.18	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Electrmed	2.82	-.58	-17.1
TelInstEl	5.10	-.45	-8.1
SwedLC22	10.20	-.79	-7.2
EnvroStr	2.81	-.19	-6.3
GastarExp	6.55	-.37	-5.3

DIARY

Advanced	240
Declined	173
Unchanged	26
Total issues	439
New Highs	10
New Lows	2
Volume	120,388,337

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AriadP	532174	7.26	+.44
Cisco	433462	22.00	-.26
Facebook	426194	54.71	+.06
SirusXM	339345	3.50	+.01
Microsoft	301588	37.16	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaNRes	5.00	+1.70	+51.5
PlugPowr h	2.33	+.78	+50.3
Biodel	2.77	+.49	+21.5
WPCS rs	2.75	+.47	+20.6
HanwhaSol	3.27	+.50	+18.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InterCld wt	11.22	-2.23	-16.6
ChiFnOnl	5.53	-.76	-12.1
RefOpp wt	2.57	-.35	-12.0
IntrCloud n	16.18	-2.18	-11.9
Amyris	4.71	-.58	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	927
Declined	1,657
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,700
New Highs	105
New Lows	9
Volume	1,696,201,975

Mims & Smith Insurance merges with MHBT

From staff reports

Insurance brokers Mims & Smith Insurance Associates, of Midland, and MHBT Inc., of Dallas, have merged operations effective Jan. 1.

Mims & Smith will continue to do business from its current location on north Pecos Street, and all current employees will remain part of the merged organization. In the Permian Basin, the firm will do business as "Mims & Smith Insurance Associates, a division of MHBT."

"We are very excited to join forces with MHBT to work together to better serve the Permian Basin and bring additional support and services to our clients," said Brenda Smith, president of the Mims & Smith Insurance Associates. "MHBT is ranked among the top 50 independent brokers in the U.S. and provides us with additional resources to better serve our clients."

MHBT is led by Bill Henry, a native of Vernon and graduate of Texas Tech University, and Dan Browning, an Andrews native.

"Mims & Smith has a 90-year history in the Permian Basin, with expertise in both commercial and personal property and casualty insurance," said Henry, MHBT chairman. "We are excited about the merger, and we look forward to providing the added resources that will complement the outstanding reputation that Mims & Smith has built with its clients."

Mims & Smith Insurance Associates began operations in 1922. Led by Brenda Smith and producers San Smith and Teresa Cain, the agency is one of the region's oldest and largest firms.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $77.77 Down 4.18

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $103.14 Down 4.86

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.66 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $51.16 Down 1.72

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.93 Down 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.98 Up 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.73 Down 0.84

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.50 Up 0.30

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	26	34.95	-.21	-.6
Abraxas	...	36	3.28	+.02	+.6
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.92	-.15	-1.1
AMD	...	...	3.95	+.08	+2.1
Alcoa	.12	30	10.53	-.10	-.9
AlonUSA	.24a	20	16.68	+.14	+.8
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.26	+.12	+1.7
Amgen	2.44f	18	115.80	+1.72	+1.5
Anadarko	.72	22	78.56	-.76	-1.0
Annaly	1.50e	3	10.01	+.04	+.4
Apache	.80	13	85.48	-.46	-.5
ApldMatl	.40	84	17.55	-.13	-.7
AriadP	...	...	7.26	+.44	+6.5
ATMOS	1.48f	17	44.67	-.75	-1.7
AutoData	1.92f	27	79.86	-.94	-1.2
BP PLC	2.28f	11	47.98	-.63	-1.3
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	14.96	+.03	+.2
BakrHu	.60	22	54.07	-1.19	-2.2
BkofAm	.04	21	16.10	+.53	+3.4
B iPVix rs	...	...	43.44	+.89	+2.1
BarrickG	.20	...	18.31	+.68	+3.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	15.60	-.18	-1.1
BerkHa A	...	161	76320.00	-1580.00	-.9
BlkHillsCp	1.52	20	51.56	-.95	-1.8
BlackBerry	...	...	7.65	+.21	+2.8
BrlMySq	1.44f	31	52.27	-.88	-1.7
BrownFA	1.16f	27	73.50	-.27	-.4
BrownFB	1.16f	26	74.65	-.92	-1.2
CVS Care	1.10f	20	70.40	-1.17	-1.6
Cameron	...	20	58.69	-.84	-1.4
Caterpillar	2.40	18	89.87	-.94	-1.0
Celestic g	...	22	10.32	-.08	-.8
CntryLink	2.16	...	31.65	-.20	-.6
ChesEng	.35	20	26.62	-.52	-1.9
Chevron	4.00	10	124.14	-.77	-.6
Chicos	.30f	19	19.37	+.53	+2.8
Cimarex	.56	22	100.52	-4.39	-4.2
Cisco	.68	12	22.00	-.26	-1.2
Citigroup	.04	13	52.27	+.16	+.3
CleryEng	...	...	77.77	-4.18	-5.1
CocaCola	1.12	22	40.66	-.65	-1.6
ColgPalm s	1.36	27	64.30	-.91	-1.4
ConAgra	1.00	18	33.57	-.13	-.4
ConchoRes	...	49	103.14	-4.86	-4.5
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	69.78	-.87	-1.2
CrackerB	3.00	22	109.36	-.71	-.6
CrosTim	2.32e	13	29.58	+.17	+.6
DCP Mid	2.88f	23	50.06	-.29	-.6
DTE	2.62	18	65.26	-1.13	-1.7
Datarm rs	...	...	2.70	+.10	+3.8
Dawson	...	17	33.66	-.16	-.5
DeltaAir	.24	10	27.70	+.23	+.8
DevonE	.88	...	61.16	-.71	-1.1
DxSCBr rs	...	...	17.53	+.56	+3.3
Disney	.86f	22	76.27	-.13	-.2
DowChm	1.28	45	43.87	-.53	-1.2
DryShips	...	...	4.31	-.39	-8.3
EMC Cp	.40	20	25.07	-.08	-.3
EOG Res	.75	41	165.02	-2.82	-1.7
EmpDist	1.02f	16	22.29	-.40	-1.8
Energen	.58	26	68.67	-2.08	-2.9
EngyTsfr	3.62f	11	55.72	-1.53	-2.7
EnPro	...	37	56.94	-.71	-1.2
EntPrPt	2.76f	24	65.24	-1.06	-1.6
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.88	-.36	-2.9
ExterranH	...	...	24.34	-.06	-.4
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	99.75	-1.45	-1.4
Facebook	...	...	54.71	+.06	+.1
FordM	.40	12	15.44	+.01	+.1
ForestOil	...	13	3.68	+.07	+1.9
FrontierCm	.40	67	4.67	+.02	+.4
GATX	1.24	17	51.13	-1.04	-2.0
GabMultT	.80	...	11.95	-.46	-3.7
GAInv	2.10e	...	34.71	-.49	-1.4
GenElec	.88f	20	27.50	-.53	-1.9
GenMotors	...	17	40.95	+.08	+.2
Goldcrp g	.60	...	22.62	+.95	+4.4
GtPlainEn	.92f	16	23.98	-.26	-1.1
Groupon	...	...	11.85	+.09	+.7
HalconRes	...	20	3.78	-.08	-2.1
Halliburtn	.60f	17	50.01	-.74	-1.5
Hertz	...	42	28.68	+.06	+.2
HewlettP	.58	11	27.66	-.32	-1.1
iShBrazil	1.57e	...	43.19	-1.49	-3.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.94	-.20	-1.6
iShSilver	...	...	19.23	+.52	+2.8
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	37.12	-1.25	-3.3
iShEMkts	.87e	...	40.19	-1.61	-3.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.91	-1.18	-1.8
iShR2K	1.41e	...	114.11	-1.25	-1.1
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.43	-.98	-1.8
Intel	.90	14	25.79	-.17	-.6
InterDig	.40	31	29.35	-.14	-.5
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	58.21	+.11	+.2
JohnJn	2.64	20	91.03	-.56	-.6
KimbClk	3.24	22	103.84	-.62	-.6
KindME	5.40f	30	80.25	-.41	-.5
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.02	-.64	-.8
Kinross g	...	...	4.48	+.10	+2.3
LSI Corp	.12	85	10.99	-.05	-.4
LegacyRes	2.34f	...	27.93	-.23	-.8
Lubys	...	53	7.44	-.28	-3.6
MktVGold	.19e	...	22.03	+.90	+4.3
McDnlds	3.24f	17	96.41	-.62	-.6
Merck	1.76f	30	49.49	-.56	-1.1
MeritMed	...	61	15.19	-.55	-3.5
MexcoEn	...	...	6.98	+.08	+1.2
MicronT	...	22	21.66	-.09	-.4
Microsoft	1.12	14	37.16	-.25	-.7
Molycorp	...	...	6.29	+.67	+11.9
Nabors	.16	39	16.91	-.08	-.5
NatGrid	3.17e	...	64.34	-.98	-1.5
NOilVarco	1.04	14	79.02	-.51	-.6
NewmtM	.80m	...	23.96	+.93	+4.0
NokiaCp	...	...	7.94	-.17	-2.1
NStarRlt	.84f	...	13.72	+.27	+2.0
NvMAd	.80a	...	12.19	+.03	+.2
NvPMI	.88	...	12.46	+.09	+.7
NuvPI	.86	...	12.38	+.05	+.4
NSTFI3	.63a	...	12.86	-.02	-.2
NTXQI	.70a	...	12.92	+.07	+.5
OcciPet	2.56	17	93.85	-1.25	-1.3
Oracle	.48	16	37.84	-.42	-1.1
ParTech	...	...	5.35	-.10	-1.8
ParkDrl	...	...	8.00	-.13	-1.6
PattUTI	.20	16	24.96	-.36	-1.4
Penney	...	...	8.88	-.27	-3.0
PennaRE	.80f	...	18.82	-.16	-.8
Prmian	.87e	15	12.95	+.09	+.7
Petrobras	.27e	...	13.32	-.46	-3.3
Pfizer	1.04f	16	30.46	-.17	-.6
PioNtrl	.06	44	176.53	-7.54	-4.1
PlainsAAP	2.40f	18	51.52	-.25	-.5
PlugPowr h	...	...	2.33	+.78	+50.3
PwShs QQQ	.88e	...	87.27	-.69	-.8
Praxair	2.40	23	129.50	-.53	-.4
PrmEgy	...	10	47.29	-3.21	-6.4
ProctGam	2.41	20	80.54	-.87	-1.1
RF MicD	...	...	4.85	-.31	-6.0
RangeRs	.16	96	81.74	-2.57	-3.0
RegionsFn	.12	12	9.89	...	...
RiteAid	...	...	5.04	-.02	-.4
Rowan	...	18	34.35	-1.01	-2.9
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	70.65	-.62	-.9
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	164.11	-1.36	-.8
S&P500ETF	3.35e	...	182.92	-1.77	-1.0
SabnR	3.90e	13	50.31	-.25	-.5
SanderFm	.80f	13	72.00	-.33	-.5
SandRidge	...	...	5.99	-.08	-1.3
Sapient	...	32	17.11	-.25	-1.4
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	88.82	-1.29	-1.4
SigmaAld	.86	24	92.79	-1.22	-1.3
SiriusXM	...	50	3.50	+.01	+.3
Smucker	2.32	19	102.03	-1.59	-1.5
Sprint n	...	...	10.40	-.35	-3.3
SP CnSt	1.02e	...	42.45	-.53	-1.2
SP Engy	1.52e	...	87.25	-1.26	-1.4
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	21.74	-.12	-.5
SP Util	1.46e	...	37.39	-.58	-1.5
SunEdison	...	...	13.92	+.87	+6.7
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	73.21	-2.27	-3.0
TelefEsp	.47e	...	15.80	-.54	-3.3
Tesoro	1.00	17	57.96	-.54	-.9
3M Co	3.42f	21	138.13	-2.12	-1.5
Torchmark	.68	14	77.43	-.72	-.9
TriContl	.70e	...	19.83	-.15	-.8
Twitter n	...	...	67.50	+3.85	+6.0
TylerTech	...	91	101.29	-.84	-.8
UBWV	1.28f	18	31.06	-.39	-1.2
USSteel	.20	...	30.28	+.78	+2.6
Vale SA	.78e	...	14.53	-.72	-4.7
ValeroE	.90	18	49.87	-.53	-1.1
VangEmg	1.15e	...	39.70	-1.44	-3.5
VulcanM	.04	...	58.68	-.74	-1.2
Walgrn	1.26	20	56.53	-.81	-1.4
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.02	-.38	-.8
WstnRefin	.88f	9	42.42	+.01	...
WhitingPet	...	14	59.52	-2.35	-3.8
WmsCos	1.52f	43	38.28	-.29	-.8
XcelEngy	1.12	14	27.51	-.43	-1.5
Xerox	.23	12	11.91	-.26	-2.1
Yahoo	...	34	39.59	-.85	-2.1
YingliGrn	...	...	6.28	+1.23	+24.4
Zynga	...	...	3.95	+.15	+3.9

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16,588.25	12,883.89	Dow Jones Industrials	16,441.35	-135.31	-.82	-.82	+22.78
7,410.25	5,210.30	Dow Jones Transportation	7,287.87	-112.70	-1.52	-1.52	+33.24
537.86	443.69	Dow Jones Utilities	482.88	-7.69	-1.57	-1.57	+4.62
10,406.77	8,298.36	NYSE Composite	10,283.40	-116.93	-1.12	-1.12	+19.47
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,403.34	-22.85	-.94	-.94	+1.74
4,177.73	2,953.52	Nasdaq Composite	4,143.07	-33.52	-.80	-.80	+33.82
1,949.44	1,398.11	S&P 500	1,831.98	-16.38	-.89	-.89	+25.53
19,719.24	14,700.70	Wilshire 5000	19,533.84	-172.19	-.87	-.87	+27.15
1,167.97	831.18	Russell 2000	1,150.72	-12.76	-1.11	-1.11	+31.87

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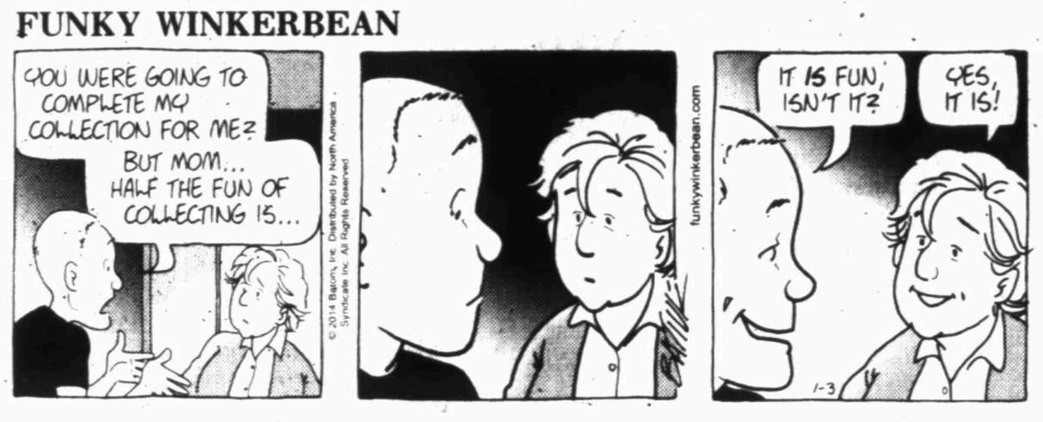

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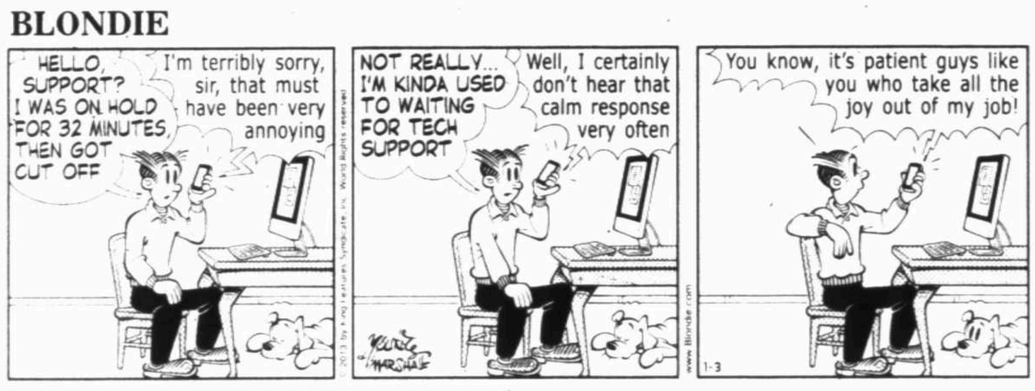

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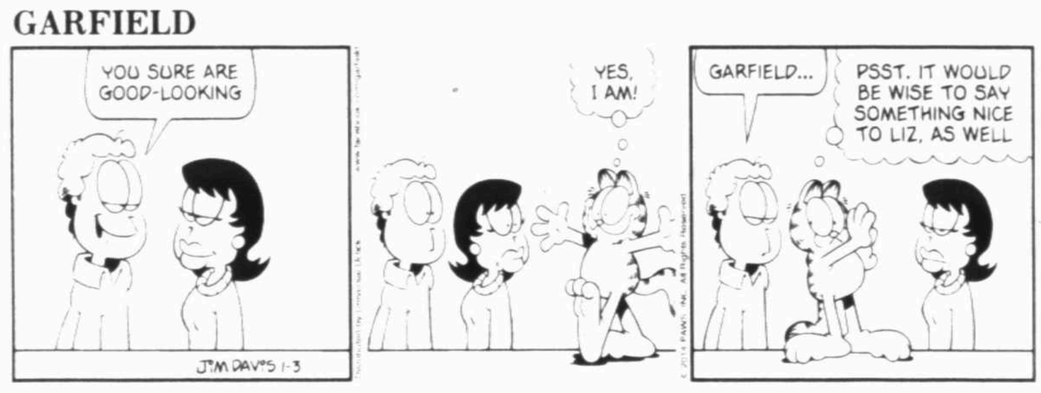

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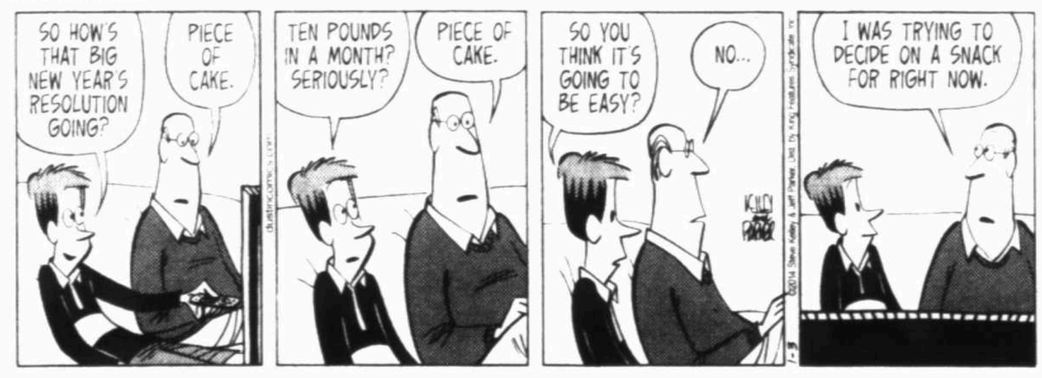

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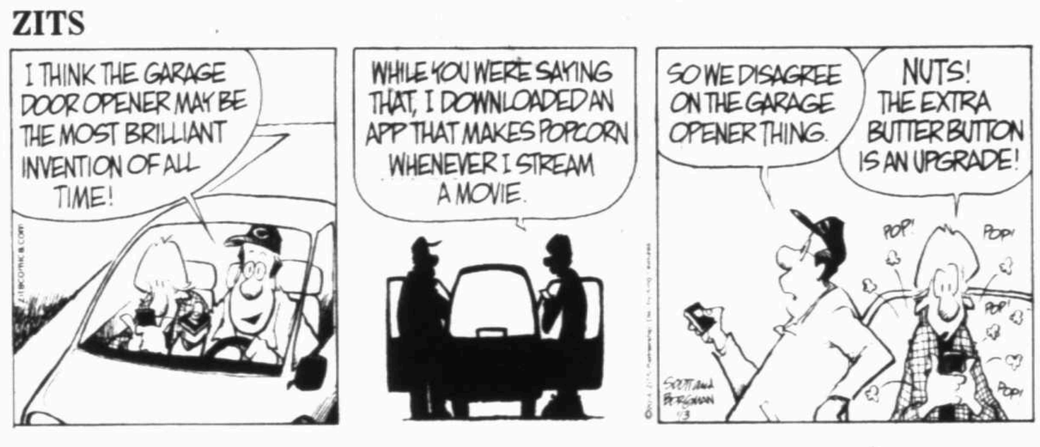

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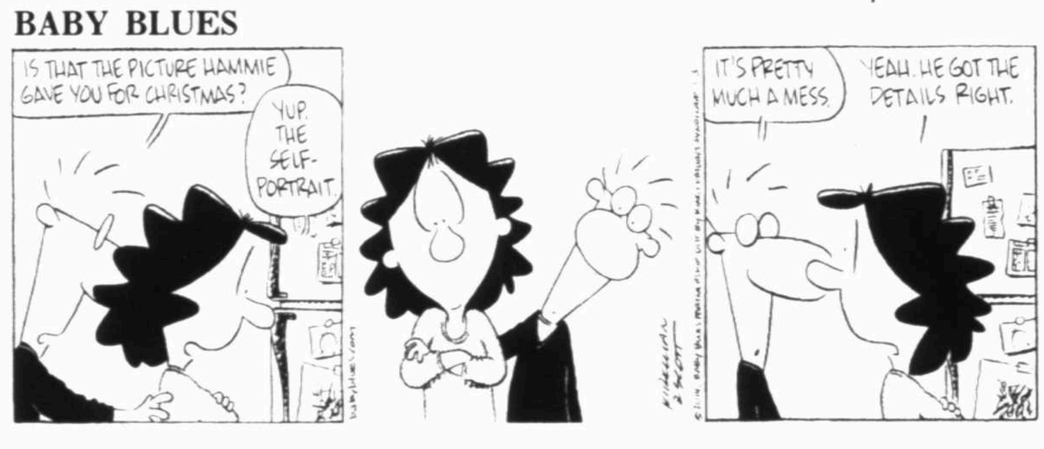

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FOUND PUPPY on Louisiana Street. Rottie/Shepherd mix. Must be able to identify. Call 432-425-3408

LOST DOG - Blonde Chihuahua mix. 9 mos old on Cimmaron - Garfield 432-557-3982

LOST DOGS two Schnauzers, males, one silver, one salt & pepper. 1300 block of East Jax. Reward 432-661-2712

LRG REWARD offered for return of silver bracelet, picked up at MM Hospital at 11:15 on Thursday Dec 26. 505-699-8381

Classifieds Can! Call 432-682-6222

LOST GREAT Pyrenees. **REWARD** Large white female dog lost in north east Midland Co./Martin Co. She recently had puppies and was still nursing one of them. Her name is Yeti and she is really missed. Please call Kevin if you have found her. 432-967-3384

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

KINDER MORGAN PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC, 500 W. Illinois, Ste 500, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Goldsmith-Landreth San Andres Unit Lease, Well Number 201W. The proposed well is located 3.3 miles Northwest of the city of Goldsmith, Texas, in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected in to strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4056 to 4500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended. Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Business Center

Business Opportunity

TRUCKING COMPANY for sale with end dumps & vacuum trailers, one winch truck. With Texas Waste Hauler Permit to transport waste. Established business in operation for 18 years 337-652-6325

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 5, 2013
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 9, 2014
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

Rule 37 Case No. 0285972
Status/Permit No. 773697

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO, L.P., [RRC Operator No. 216378] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Blk. 42 T4S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-410, SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP) Field, MIDLAND County, being 13.15 miles SE direction from ODESSA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**
If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name :	TATIA	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	54H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	1954.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	229.0	
Lease Lines :	2277.0 F South L.	843.0 F East L.
Survey Lines :	2277.0 F South L.	843.0 F East L.

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2277.0 F SOUTH L
843.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: ECTOR
Section: 2 Block: 42 T4S Abstract: 1189
Survey: T&P RR CO/WAWDLOW, O E
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1415.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1415.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP) : OIL Special Rules 660/500, 160.0 acres.
OIL Optional Rules 660/500, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Easton Miller, at (405) 552-4525.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2004 VOLVO S60 R, 7 speed, silver w/tan & black leather, 109K miles, 1 owner, all service records by Volvo dealers. New tires & front brakes, excellent, AWD Turbo 4 dr. Sedan. $10,500. 432-230-2680.

2006 MAZDA 6, 70K miles, serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for $6700. Call 432-557-0996.

2008 BRICK Lucerne, 35K- one owner miles, Platinum exterior, Titanium leather interior. 3.8L - V6. Clean, never wrecked, clear title. No financing. $11,500. 432-528-2169.

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Heat/Cool Seats, Bose, Sunroof
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4x4 Manual, Lots Of Fun
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Automatic, Great MPG, Only 5k Miles
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2008 TOYOTA CAMRY XLE Stk #6575
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Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Sporting Goods

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BOW FLEX XLT, exercise equipment. $300. 432-894-8234

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OAK, PECAN, mesquite, pinon, 432-209-0416, 325-762-4262.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Animals & Pets

Pets

1 FRENCH bull dog pup, female, fawn, all shots, pedigree and registration papers. Call 806-341-4340

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Pets

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The Bottom Line

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5205 N. CONNOR BLVD, IRVING, TEXAS 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, University "3-14" Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 6.1 miles NE of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 5000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792).

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, PSU 37-18 Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 20.1 miles SE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4050 to 4650 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, XBC Giddings Estate Lease, Well Number 4D. The proposed disposal well is located 19.5 miles N of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4170 to 4850 feet.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, PSU 37-40 Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 25.6 miles SE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3850 to 4550 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, XBC Giddings Estate Lease, Well Number 5D. The proposed disposal well is located 16 miles NW of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Upton County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4280 to 4900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, University 7-38 Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 19.4 miles NE of Andrews, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Andrews County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700 to 5300 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in the County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Suite 1103, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, **January 21st, 2014**. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:15 P.M., Local Time, **January 21st, 2014.**

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 14MCO495 - Genie Man Lift.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP can be found on the Midland County website at www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing/Pages/default.aspx

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4871 or pur101@co.midland.tx.us

Monte Jamison
County Purchasing Agent

Contruction Manager at Risk Solicitation

The Glasscock County Independent School District solicits credentials and pricing from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk services associated with proposed improvements to the school's facilities.

Interested firms should contact the school at 432-354-2230 or Tom Weeaks at 432-270-1312 to request a copy of the Request for Proposal. You may also go to our website: www.gckats.net and download the inforamtion packet and RFP.

All submissions must be elievered to the school office in Garden City, Texas, no later than 3:00pm CST on January 7, 2014.

Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to overlook any irregularities, and wave any and all formalities.

Petroplex Energy, Inc. is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Western-T 8 #3 well located from Survey Line 467' FNl & 2058' FWL of Section 8, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, distance from lease Line 467' FNL & 738' FWL. Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2001 Ram 1500, white in color vin#:3B7HC13Y91G772379, 114,571 mileage $3,500. If interested call (432)661-1809

DODGE 2002 Ram 1500 4X4. Large Mud Tires. Dark Blue. 172000 miles. Newer Engine. $5750 OBO. 432-528-8994

FORD 1990 F250, propane and gasoline. $1000 OBO. 432-212-0346

FORD 2006 F150 Crew Cab Lariat only 51,000 miles keyless entry 5.4 liter V8 all leather dual power seats, heated seats, multi disk cd player with premium sound running boards and tow package, runs and drive like new 19,000 OBO. Call 432-661-2808

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2007 CHEVY Tahoe. 95K miles, impeccably clean & maintained. $15,000. Call 432-312-0401.

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2010 NISSAN Rogue SL, 4 dr, SUV,, leather premium pkg.,3 disc CD, 22K miles, GPS, XM, metallic gray w/black leather, power seats, sunroof & rails, 1 owner, excellent. $18,500 all records 432-230-2680

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Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav, 4k miles, Demo

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2012 BMW 535i
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2012 Mercedes CLS550
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2013 BMW 328i
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Motorcycles

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FLEETWOOD 2006 Discovery 39L Diesel 4 slides 17k miles $94,000. Call 432-631-9868

FOR SALE
2012 Lexion S-Lite. 31' with 1 slide. Loaded! Pulled 1 time. Used retail $30,310. Asking $27,300 or best offer. 432-687-2621 after 5pm

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Auto Services and Parts

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Re: Advertising
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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Furnished

REMODELED SMALL efficiency, washer, dryer, cable, RO water, ice. $1650 monthly, $1000 deposit. 432-631-8100.

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

LOFT APARTMENT, will be ready 1st week of January. $1200mo. $500dep.1bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. Must have references. 432-425-4871

NEW MANAGEMENT Spacious 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments. Call 432-687-4514.

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Residential Rentals

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Unfurnished

2 BD, 2 ba, upstairs over looking pool. $1295. 432-699-7720.

4404 BROOKDALE, Midland. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1 car garage. 432-934-4938 or 432-685-1711

SPACIOUS REMODELED 1600 +/- sf., 2/2 w/garage & fenced patio. 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

Houses for Rent Furnished

4005 ST. Andrews, custom built 3 bd, 2 ba $2,500. 432-699-7720.

NICE NEW totally furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. washer, dryer, cable, ice, RO water, $1950/mo. $1,000 deposit. 432-631-8100

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 2 living areas, $1525 per mo. & $1250 deposit. 432-413-3489.

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Thursday & Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm,
Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
The wonderful home has lots of great items including... Waterford, crystal, beer steins, kitchen items, scrubs, inlayed wood artwork/leather artwork, oriental décor, Seeburg jukebox, 1940's Coke machine, 45 records, Infinity speakers, new Mac computer, leather sofas, dining table/chairs/china cabinet, display cabinets, sofa table, antique buffet/chest/dresser& mirror/writing desk, round dining table, upright freezer, 3 fridges, washer/dryer, ultra modern king bed/night stands/CD & record shelving unit, cast iron pot, and the usual household misc.
For pictures please go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/TX/Midland/79707/554004

ESTATE SALE
3511 Montclair Odessa, TX 79762
Friday 10a-5pm and
Saturday 10a-2pm (1/2 price)
191 to Odessa
Left - JBS Parkway
Right - Maple
Left - Montclair
Sale by: Linda L. Biden

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

MOVING SALE!!!! 1609 W Louisiana Ave-Saturday-1/3/13. 9am Furniture, collectibles, vintage, rustic, wicker rockers, glassware, etc. Moving out of state, have to get rid of a lot of stuff!!!!!!!!!!!!

79703

313 S. Glenwood Saturday 8am-? Moving/garage sale Furniture, dishes, kitchen items, small appliances, clothes etc. All things must go.

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

4400 HARLOWE FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8AM-? EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, GOLF CLUBS & EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONICS, HUNTING GEAR, C5 CORVETTE MAGNFLOW EXHAUST, MITSUBISHI GT RIMS & TIRES.

79706

2300 ECR 146 Saturday 9am - 5pm Mechanic's tools and Equipment for sale.

Yard & Garage Sales

79706

4102 SCR 1090 Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm. 3 family moving sale. Harley 2007 $10,000 firm, furniture TV,s appliances water bed king, camping gear tool boxes & more. South of ECR 120, 6.5 miles east of Hwy 80 south of I-20, questions call 638-7484.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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EXPERIENCED TAX ACCOUNTANT
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Immediate openings for experienced tax accountants in our Odessa and Midland tax offices. Competitive salary and benefits. Come join our team of professionals at Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs. Submit your resume to jobs@jmcotexas.com.

Tax Preparer Training
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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Financial Literacy Specialist
Tax experience preferred. Please apply M-F, 9am-5pm at Casa de Amigos. 1101 Garden Ln. Midland. For more info. Contact HR at 432-682-9701

ENERGY & UTILITIES

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER
Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

HEALTHCARE

Activity Assistant
Legacy Ranch FT
Now hiring FT Activity Assistant to work with elderly clients in a professional environment. Apply in person at: 4800 Briarwood Ave. , Midland, TX 79707

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Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX
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4108 N. Big Spring St., Midland, TX. 79705

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Administrative Assistant
Dooley Management Company FT
Midland, TX
Dooley Management Company, operators of the Midland County Horseshoe Arena, offer a full time position as Administrative Assistant. The position offers a competitive starting salary, annual leave, a group health plan and a 401K plan. All benefits are subject to completion of a probationary period. Duties include rental contract structuring and compliance, ticket sales, normal office duties and considerable public contact. Some nights and weekends required. General office experience working with purchasing, contracts or bookkeeping required. Direct experience in arenas, convention centers or convention hotels preferred. The Horseshoe Arena hosts over 220 events annually; ranging from horse shows to concerts to major community events. Please mail or email resume and letter of interest to Dooley Management Company, PO Box 1660, Midland, TX 79702 or **manager@midlandhorseshoe.com**.

Food and Beverage Coordinator
Dooley Management Company FT
Midland, TX
Dooley Management Company, operators of the Midland County Horseshoe Arena, offer a full time position as Food and Beverage Coordinator. The position offers a competitive starting salary, annual leave, a group health plan and a 401K plan. All benefits are subject to completion of a probationary period. Duties include food and beverage ordering, inventory control, staffing of events, and management of food and beverage personnel during events. This position requires working nights. holidays and weekends as dictated by the schedule of events at the Horseshoe The Horseshoe Arena hosts over 220 events annually; ranging from horse shows to concerts to major community events. Please mail or email resume and letter of interest to Dooley Management Company, PO Box 1660, Midland, TX 79702 or **manager@midlandhorseshoe.com**.

OTHER JOBS

Focus Group
KP Recruiting & Data Collecting PT
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• Professional attitude a must • Need valid driver's license & clean driving record.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- ***Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment***
- ***Excellent customer service and time management skills***
- ***Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision***
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Apply on site 2201 W. Wall

SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa**.

Salesperson
Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

SALES REPRESENTATIVES
Spartan Structures, LLC is hiring immediately for Midland/Odessa candidates. Must be energetic and capable of performing in a competitive market. Sales experience and bilingual preferred. Good math skills, MS Word and Excel necessary. Base salary plus commission. Send resume to attention **Bill Fajkus**. Email: **bill@spartan-llc.com**, Fax: **432-561-5559**, or Call: **254-913-1787**

Sales Reps
Premier Care in Bathing needs independent Sales Reps. Experienced in-home one call closers needed. Home improvement experience a plus. Preset appointments provided. Uncapped straight commission paid weekly. Realistic potential exceeds $100K/yr. Call Jake at 210-875-4338 or email jmccord@premiercarebathing.com

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Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

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2 Backhoe Operators
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2 Backhoe Operators with CDL needed, 3 yrs exp required, contact Harvey at 432-853-4932 or apply in person at 1601 Idlewilde Dr.

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Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355, Attn: H.R. Dept

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Electricians
Confidential FT
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Experienced Electricians needed. Please call 432-413-9344

Field Tech
Biotech, Inc. is needing a Field technician to treat oil wells in the Midland area. Good pay, insurance, benefits. Must have current drivers' license with good driving record and pass drug screen. CDL not required. Send resumes to tjones@biotechinc.org

Long time respected drilling fluids company needs Experienced Drilling Mud Technician in the Permian Basin. Applicant needs to have 2+ years experience in the Permian or equivalent area and be versed in water based and oil based systems. Company offers insurance, 401K, scheduled days off, vacations and FRC clothing reimbursement and other incentives. Please send resume to c/o MRT Box M34 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX, 79701

Multiple Positions
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Midland, TX 0-1 Years Exp.
Wood production facility has immediate openings for production laborers in Midland. Please call 806-773-2520 to schedule an interview.

Multiple Positions
Nolan H. Brunson is looking for experienced **Tandem Operators**, **Haul Truck Drivers**, **Swampers**, and **Pumping Unit Inspectors** for its Midland yard. **Nolan H. Brunson** has been serving the Permian Basin for over 65 yrs, we offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan and paid holidays and vacations. **Nolan H. Brunson** is the premiere Pumping Unit Service company in the Permian Basin, with yards in Midland-Hobbs-Andrews, please call Yard Mgr. **Trey Aguilar @ (432)-557-4636** or come by in person @ **2306 N. FM 1788**.

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EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY. Need Blenders/ Reactor Operators. We offer health insurance, vacation pay and ability to advance within growing company. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person at 2614 S. County Rd 1257 Midland, TX 79706 or call 432-561-5071

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Rocker A Cementers
Rocker A Cementers is currently hiring Pump Operators, Bulk Equipment Operators, P&A Supervisors, and Wireline Operators. All positions are in the Lubbock area. Must have a Class A CDL, and be able to pass regular DOT drug testing. Fax resumes and contact information to 806-495-0066, or email to mtmccalli@gmail.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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CDL and Non CDL Drivers
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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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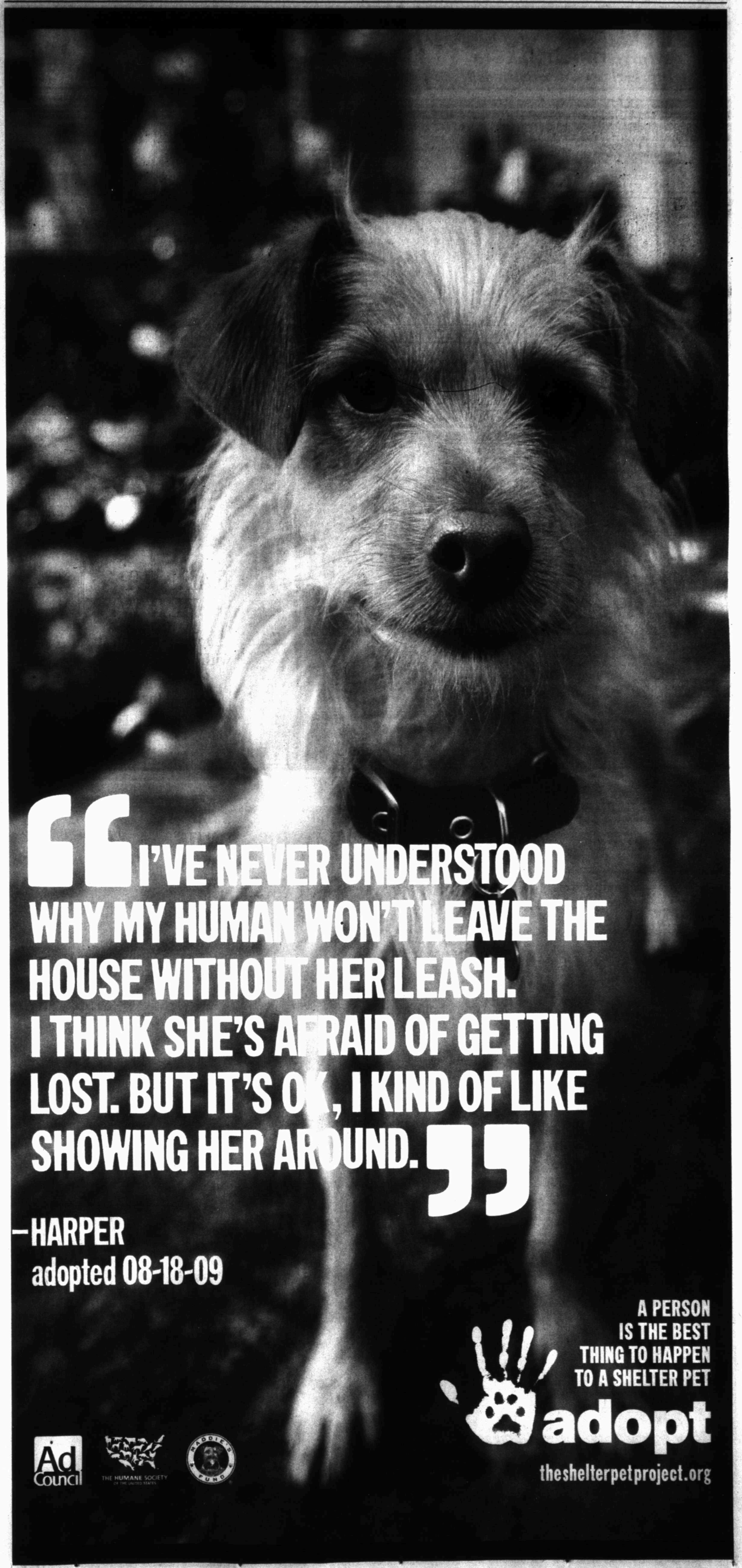
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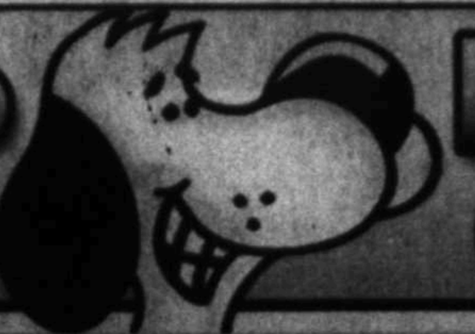

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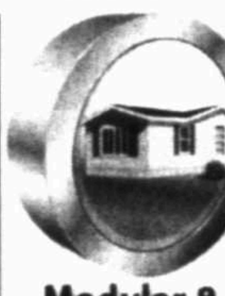

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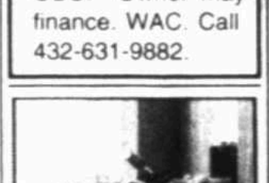

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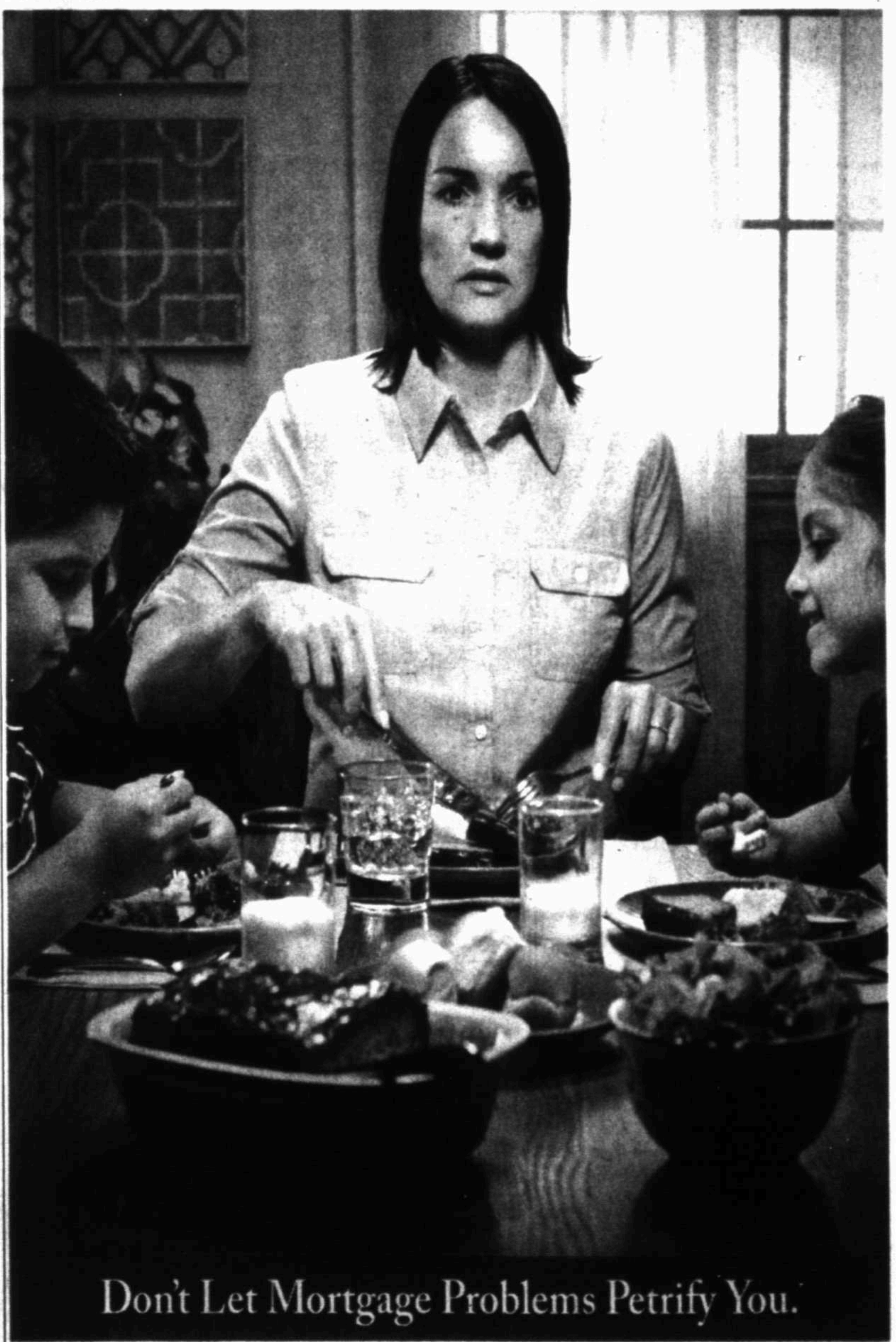

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