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CELEBRATING MLK



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

James Fuller, left, and Robbyne Hocker Fuller, right, present Latisha Williams, center, with a painting Monday night during a program honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work.

Midlander honored for financial aid work

By Tyler White
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Midlander Latisha Williams helped numerous students attain financial aid and scholarship information for more than a decade — work she called “a labor of love” Monday after receiving the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award.

The Midland African American Roots Historical-Cultural Arts Council has presented this award to Midlanders since 1993 and Williams’ service deserves recognition, as her financial aid work allowed many students a chance to pursue a college education, said Robbyne Hocker Fuller, council director.

Hocker Fuller and her husband, James Fuller, presented Williams with

the award at the beginning of a program put on by The Negro Business & Professional Women’s Club of Midland celebrating King’s life and work.

Williams said it’s humbling to be recognized for her work in the community and she hopes to be a “torchbearer” of King’s legacy.

She started working as Midland College’s assistant director of financial aid in 1999, before moving up to associate director in 2000 and director in 2003. Hocker Fuller said Williams managed \$13 million in student financial aid and made it known to students that money and scholarships are available.

Williams said there is no “one-stop shop for scholarships.” That information is not readily available for some students, she said, and she wanted to

ensure that information was out there so students had every opportunity to better themselves. And when students do find that information, its volume can be overwhelming since there are numerous options, she said.

Hocker Fuller said Williams is modest about her contributions to Midland, but she is a self-starter and a role model for younger generations.

“She didn’t leave Midland,” Hocker Fuller said. “She stayed to make sure her town received best of what she had to offer.”

After leaving Midland College in 2012, Williams has worked as an oil and gas analyst.

Apart from her financial aid work,

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Seliger, Canon differ on water, transportation

By Nathaniel Millier
Odessa American

State Senator for District 31 Kel Seliger and his opponent Mike Canon had different opinions on water and improving West Texas roads as they spoke Monday at the Ector County Republican Women’s candidate forum.

One of the key issues, improving the oilfield-impacted roads in West Odessa, had the representative from Amarillo defending a proposed constitutional amendment that will go on the ballot in November while Canon said there were different ways to fund the roads.

“In the long run, we have to come up with a way to have the funds available on a regular basis to apply to our roads,” said Canon, a former Midland mayor. “Taking money out of the Rainy Day Fund is not the way to do it.”

If approved by voters in November, the amendment would provide revenue from motor fuel taxes to be used solely for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for certain public roadways. The money would come from the state’s Rainy Day Fund.

Seliger defended his bill, saying he was looking for ways to make sure that the areas of the state that have been producing oil and gas see a return from their work.

“The Rainy Day Fund comes from the oil and gas industry, and so it’s perfectly

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Davis’ dramatic story may have misstated details

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis’ rise from a teenage single mother living in a trailer park to Harvard Law School is a centerpiece of her campaign for Texas governor, but some of the details of her personal story may be fuzzier than first thought.

Davis’ critics said Monday that the small discrepancies suggest her past is not quite as inspirational as she has lead Texans to believe. Davis dismissed the issue as a baseless personal attack.

Now 50, Davis has long said she first took a job at 14 to help support her single mother and three siblings in Fort Worth, Texas. By 19, she was married and divorced with a child of her own and living in a mobile home.

After community college, she graduated from college at Texas Christian University and with honors from Harvard Law School. She later returned to her

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MLK Center hosts emotional storytelling event

By Joseph Basco
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Sue Roseberry spent Monday morning at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center to tell children the most important lesson learned from King’s life.

“All of you are part of the dream,” Roseberry said to the children.

Instead of simply conveying King’s biography and the meaning of his “I Have a Dream” speech, Roseberry performed, not told, a tale of an eagle born outside of its natural habitat. Her spoken word-style performance made the children laugh and smile. But more importantly, it made them listen.

The story about an eagle growing up in a barn among chickens and learning how to fly, was allegorical to King’s life, and to a larger extent the civil rights movements of the 1960s.

Roseberry ended her story by having the eagle tell the chicken, from high above the barn, that he is not a chicken.

“No matter what anybody else said about him, he knew that he was destined to soar,” Roseberry said to the children.

King, who died on April 4, 1968, in the midst of one of the country’s most seismic shifts in cultural beliefs, has left a legacy that rivals other great civil rights leaders such as Susan B. Anthony, Harvey Milk, Rosa Parks and the recent-

ly deceased Nelson Mandela. His name and photo remains a part of Midland via the MLK Community Center.

Also at the MLK Center on Monday morning, there was a drive for kindergarten- through fifth-grade-level books that will be donated to the elementary school library in West, which was impacted by a fatal fertilizer plant explosion in April.

The children, though none older than 13, recognized the day as an important one for their generation and future generations.

Christian Greer was at last year’s

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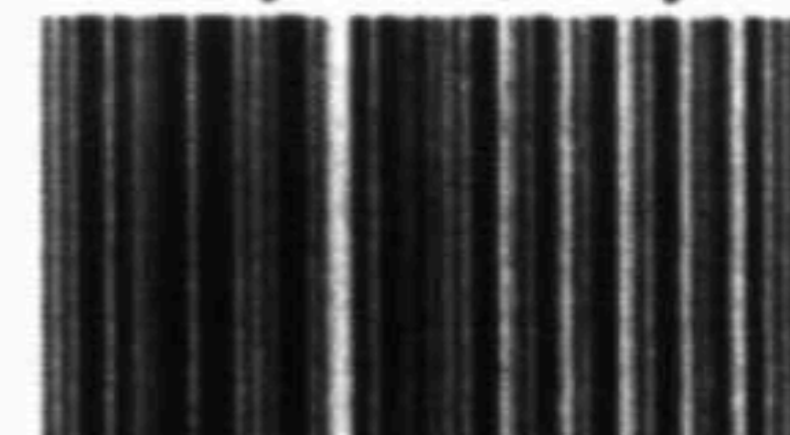
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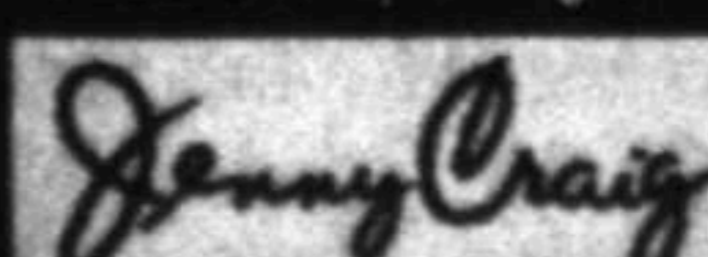
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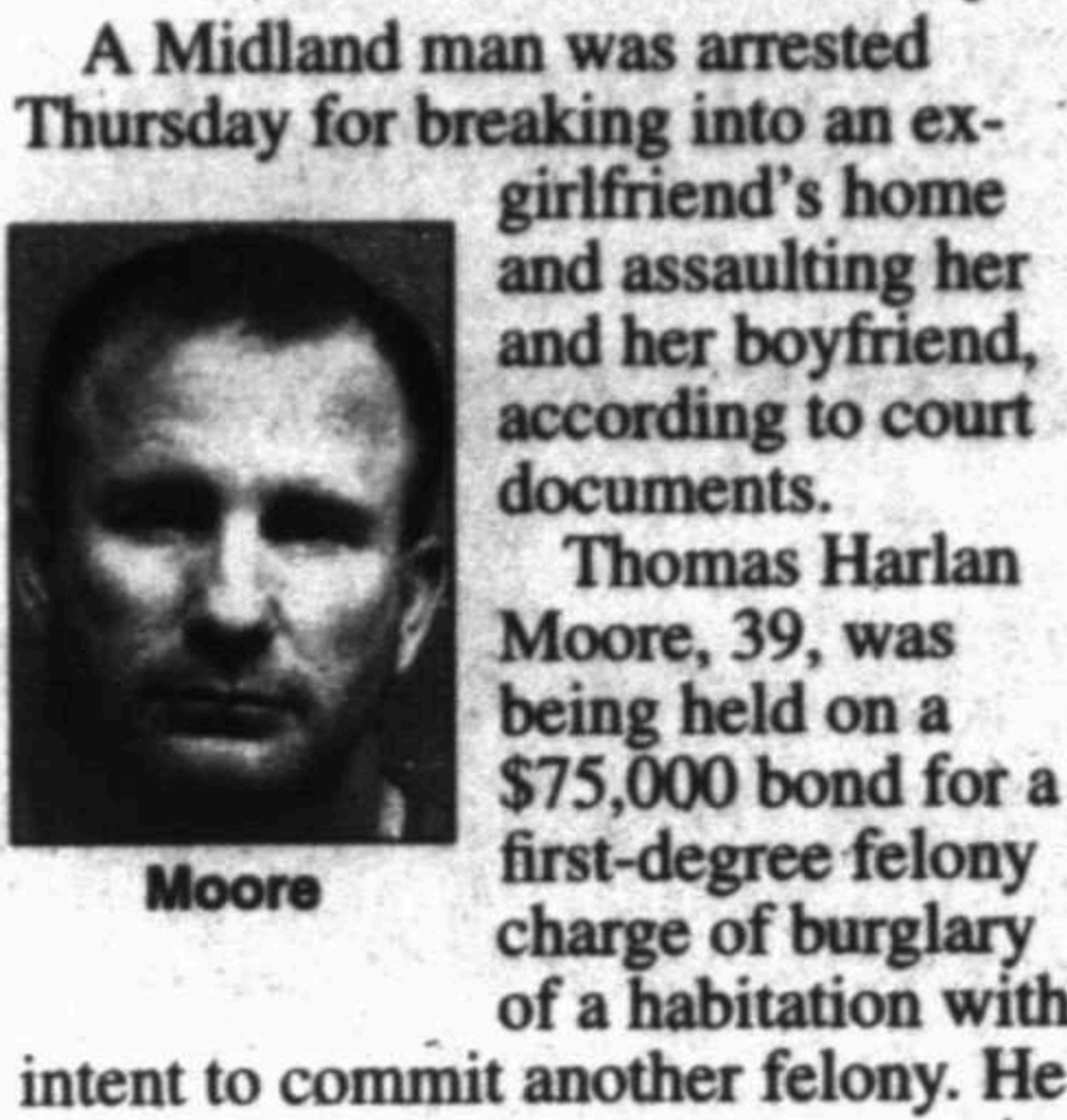
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Man assaults two people during burglary

From staff reports



Moore

A Midland man was arrested Thursday for breaking into an ex-girlfriend's home and assaulting her and her boyfriend, according to court documents.

Thomas Harlan Moore, 39, was being held on a \$75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony. He posted bond and was released on Friday.

Work

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Williams has helped organize the Juneteenth Celebration, worked as a board member for Making An Impact, Inc., and worked with several Midland groups including the Black Pearl Business Expo and the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition.

Many Midland residents gathered at the MLK Community Center to celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., who would have celebrated his 85th birthday last week.

Monday's program honoring King transitioned into an uplifting night of song with a choir's spirited rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The West Texas Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America performed several

A Midland police officer responded to the burglary at about 5 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of North Bentwood Drive.

The woman and her boyfriend heard a noise in their bedroom and the woman said she saw Moore and asked him why he was in the room. Moore jumped on top of the couple in an attempt to take the woman's cellphone, according to the arrest affidavit.

Moore punched the boyfriend in the face, punched the woman and all of them fell to the floor. The boy-

friend placed Moore in a chokehold before Moore escaped and fled the residence.

The woman said Moore likely was upset at her because she ended their relationship about a month ago. She said Moore took her phone, which is valued at about \$350.

The investigating officer determined that Moore may have entered the residence by using a stick to gain access through a doggy door and then unlocking the door, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Moore faces five to 99 years in prison.



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Mimes perform an interpretive dance Monday night during a program honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work.

inspirational songs, including "See His Face" and "Reach Out and Touch."

The program, presented by the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club of Midland, was

themed "A Not Too Distant Tomorrow," which stems from a letter King wrote in 1963 while serving time in jail in Birmingham, Ala.: "Let us hope that the dark clouds of racial

prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty." (Source: The Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute)

The program also presented a short skit, where children discussed issues of equality and justice while learning about King's work.

Last year's recipient of the community service award, Mary Johnson, then led the audience in a vigil, as the program concluded with the audience members lifting candles into the air and singing in unison.

STORYTELLING

From 1A

MLK Day events at the center. He said the day meant a lot to him.

"Dr. King was fighting for our freedom to express ourselves in the world," Greer said. Another child, Doshane Fitts, admired King for the speeches he made, no matter what others were saying about him.

"King made speeches until he died," Fitts said. "Everyone in this world will remember him."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Sue Roseberry, storyteller, entertains Monday morning during the MLK Day activities at the MLK Center.

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS George W. Bush library archives open to public

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on Monday began accepting Freedom of Information Act requests for records from Bush's presidency.

The day marks five years from the end of Bush's presidency, on Jan. 20, 2009. Access to the records is governed by the Presidential Records Act, which says the records may be requested by the public five years

after the presidential administration ends.

"We're really looking forward to this new chapter of the library," said Brooke Clement, supervisory archivist for the library. "We've been systematically processing and this is going to be a whole new way to essentially processing toward what the public is requesting."

The requests must come in written format — email, mail or fax — and must state that the request is being made under the Freedom of Information Act.

DAVIS

From 1A

home state and built a successful legal career before jumping into politics.

But the Dallas Morning News reported Sunday that Davis was 21 — not 19 as stated in her online Texas Senate biography — when her first marriage ended in divorce. Also, Davis and her daughter Amber only lived a few months in her family's mobile home.

Things got easier financially when she married her second husband, attorney Jeff Davis. His income helped raise Amber and the couple's daughter together. Dru, as well as pay for her to finish college and attend Harvard. Jeff Davis also kept the couple's two daughters while their mother was studying in Boston and, when the couple divorced in 2005, he won parental custody and she was ordered to pay child support, according to the newspaper.

In a statement Monday, Davis responded that "the truth is that at age 19, I was a teenage mother living alone with my daughter in a trailer and struggling to keep us afloat on my way to a divorce." She also clarified that she didn't officially file for divorce until age 20 and that it wasn't finalized until the following year.

Davis didn't address how long she and Amber lived in a trailer. But Davis' statement did say her daughters lived with her in Boston during her first year at Harvard and that she split time between Massachusetts and Texas to see them after that. It noted that Jeff Davis "helped her fulfill her dream of attending Harvard by cashing in a 401(k) retirement account, but added that the couple also both took out loans to cover the costs.

Davis blamed her chief Republican opponent in the governor's race, Attorney General Greg Abbott, for raising questions about her past.

"We're not surprised by Greg Abbott's campaign attacks on the personal story of my life as a single mother who worked hard to get ahead," she said. "But they won't work, because my story is the story of millions of Texas women who know the strength it takes when you're young, alone and a mother."

Abbott campaign spokesman Matt Hirsch countered in his own statement Monday that Davis had "systematically, intentionally and repeatedly deceived Texans for years about her background, yet she expects voters to indulge her fanciful narrative."

Meanwhile, another potential question about Davis' past comes from the Facebook page of her mother, Ginger Cornstubble, which references

attending Muleshoe High School in West Texas. That contradicts a 2012 suggestion by Davis that her mother had just a sixth-grade education.

But in her statement, Davis said her mother "had attended school only into the ninth grade."

Davis, who this summer gained a national following by staging a nearly 13-hour filibuster on the Texas Senate floor that temporarily blocked tough new restrictions on abortion, announced last week that she received \$12.2 million through the end of 2013. Though Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994, the \$9.5 million she has in cash-on-hand could keep the governor's race close.

Abbott raised \$11.5 million to end last year but reported a war chest of \$27 million.

SELIGER

From 1A

appropriate to look at that money to benefit or to cover some of the costs that go to the county's that produce oil and gas," Seliger said.

Another key topic of discussion was water, with Seliger promoting desalination and reverse osmosis plants as the future of water use in Texas.

Seliger was one of the main proponents of Proposition 6, which will create the State Water Implementation Fund and be administered by the Texas Water Development Board. The proposition was approved Nov. 5.

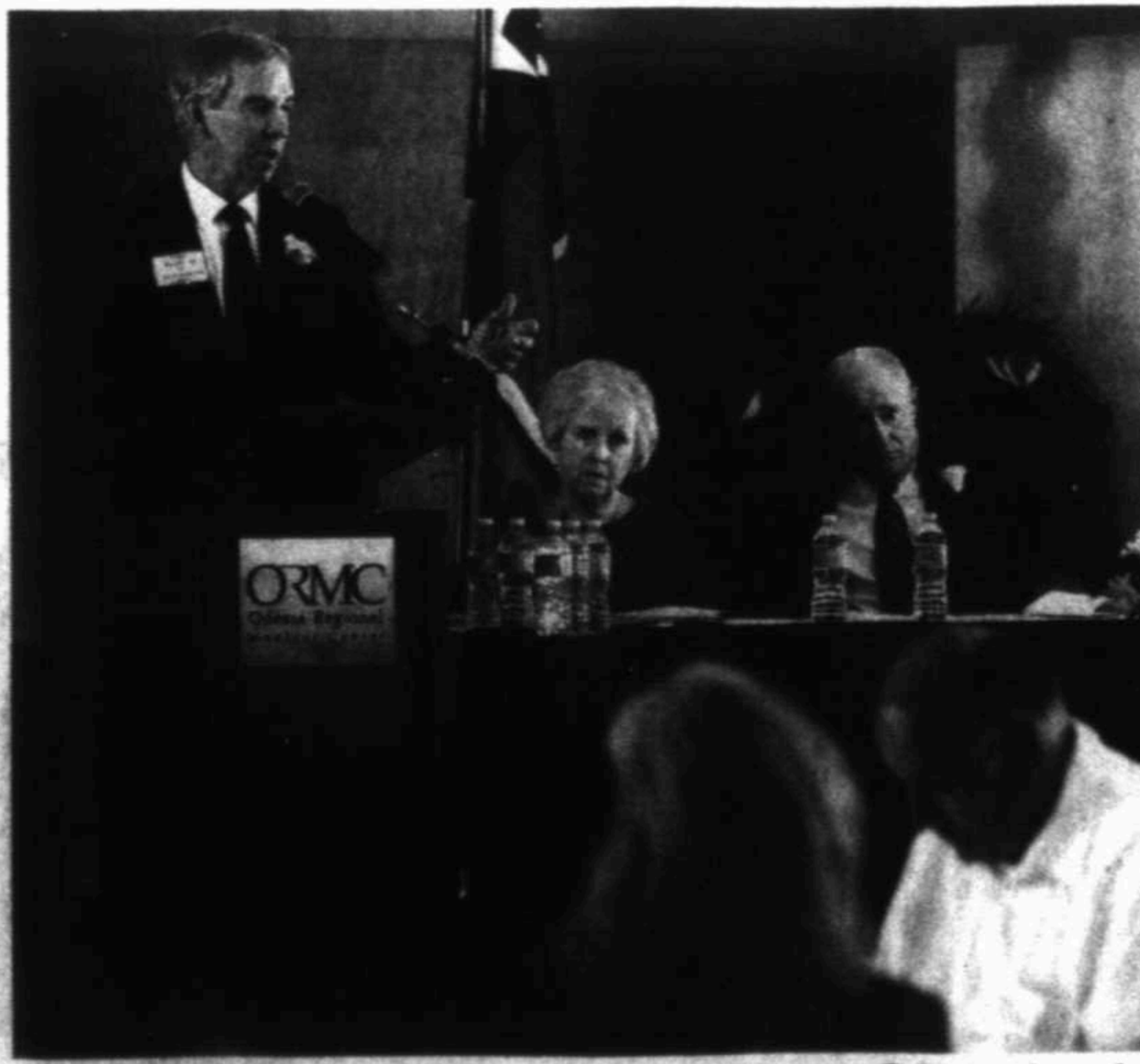
Canon, however, said government control of

water was not needed, saying discussions about water are best left to people at the local level.

"We need, overall, state regulations to make sure conservation is important ... but beyond that, the state government needs to get out of the way and let the local people do what they do best, and that's control their water and make decisions with their water," Canon said.

Both men are seeking the Republican nomination for the senate seat. Seliger is seeking a fourth term while Canon is an oil and gas attorney.

The primary election is scheduled for March 4.



Odesa American

Former Midland Mayor Mike Canon speaks Monday in Odessa at theECTOR County Republican Women's candidate forum. Also pictured is state Sen. Kelly Seliger, right.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

It's happening Wednesday

Tony Bennett at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnermoel.com.

Meetings today

Airport Planning and Development Board
10:30 a.m.
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation
3:30 p.m.
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd.

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom
Administration Building, Midland College campus

Anti-pot campaign volunteers needed

The Palmer Drug Abuse Program is looking for volunteers for its "Marijuana Mystery" campaign starting in March.

The aim of the yearlong campaign is to give factual information about marijuana and dispel myths and misinformation, said Kim Henderson, PDAP director.

Volunteers can help with the entire campaign or with projects targeting specific demographics, including teenagers and the elderly, Henderson said.

A planning committee meets 1 p.m. Wednesday at the PDAP office, 1208 W. Wall St.

For more information about the campaign or to volunteer, contact Henderson at 685-3645 or kim@pdapmidland.org.

Roe vs. Wade

A prayer service to mark the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision is planned for noon Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1900 Hearn, in Big Spring.

For more information, call Sister Elsa Garcia at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 682-6303.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonia Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members; 520-4343.

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

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-Kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees meet 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

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Texas Two Step: 12-23-28-33

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2014. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On Jan. 21, 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Conn., as first lady Mamie Eisenhower christened the vessel with the traditional bottle of champagne broken against the bow. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

On this date:
In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

Associated Press

Victim's name from fatal crash Sunday revealed

From staff reports

The city of Midland released the name of the man who died Sunday morning in a head-on collision on Highway 191 near Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Adrian Mezquitti Silva, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene after Midland police and fire departments responded to a two-vehicle crash at about 7:30 a.m. Sunday in the 12200 block of West Highway 191.

Silva was driving a Volkswagen Jetta east on the north service road of Highway 191 — the wrong direction on a one-way street — and collided head on with a Ford Taurus.

Silva, who was not wearing a seat belt, died at the scene, said the city's public information officer. The Ford driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

Silva may have been intoxicated, which is being investigated as a pos-

Fatality statistics

Number of deaths on roads inside Midland County since Jan. 1, 2013: 47
Number of deaths this year: 4 (one death every five days)

Most in one month since Jan. 1, 2013
May 2013: 7 fatalities
January 2013: 5 fatalities
March 2013: 5 fatalities

Source: Reporter-Telegram records

sible factor in the collision, PIO Sara Higgins said.

This crash marks the fourth fatal accident this year on Midland County roads, according to Reporter-Telegram reports.

■ A man from Roma was ejected from his vehicle Friday night in a rollover crash on Interstate 20.

■ A Midland woman died Jan. 11 after her vehicle collided with

a pickup on Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

She was traveling northbound on FM 1788 when she failed to yield the right of way while making a left turn on the FM 1788/Business 20 access road near Younger Road. Her vehicle collided with a southbound pickup on FM 1788. She was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where she later died.

■ A 65-year-old man from Greensboro, N.C., died Jan 9 when he lost control of his pickup that was towing a car. The car became detached and the truck rolled over. The man was ejected and died at the scene.

Last year, there were 43 deaths in 40 crashes on roads inside Midland County. Five of those fatalities occurred on I-20 or the interstate's service roads, and six of those wrecks occurred on FM 1788, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Hilderbran first comptroller candidate with TV ad

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Harvey Hilderbran was the first candidate in the state comptroller's race to begin airing television ads on Monday, purchasing time on cable stations in San Antonio and West Texas, his campaign said.

In the ad, Hilderbran promises to reinstitute performance reviews of state agency spending, if elected, to catch potential waste, fraud, abuse and duplication sooner. The Texas comptroller is responsible for managing the state's revenues and disbursing funds to state agencies. Lawmakers gave primary responsibility for performance reviews to the Legislative Budget Board in 2003, and Hilderbran said they should give it back.

"The private sector monitors costs every day. Its high time state government did the same," Hilderbran said in the ad.

Matt Mackowiak, a

Hilderbran campaign consultant, declined to say how much the campaign spent, but said it was more than \$100,000 and the ad would air in seven media markets.

Hilderbran's main opponent in the Republican race for comptroller is state Sen. Glenn Hegar from Katy. In the latest campaign finance reports, Hegar reported \$2.57 million cash-on-hand on Dec. 31, while Hilderbran had \$1.34 million. The two other Republican candidates had less than \$55,000.

The party primary election is on March 4. If one candidate does not get more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters will face each other in a runoff on May 27.

Hilderbran was the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, responsible for writing tax legislation. He has been rolling out a 10-point plan for how he would improve the comptroller's office.

Dewhurst: Texas teachers paid 'very fair salary'

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Texas public school teachers bring home "a very fair salary" during a debate Monday night against three big-name Republican challengers in the state's most competitive primary race.

"At the end of the day, we're paying our school teachers — when you count in cost of living — a very fair salary," Dewhurst said. "We need to have better results. We need to make sure that we're not just paying more money and we need to look at more choice for parents."

Texas consistently ranks near the bottom nationally in average teacher pay according to many groups that track classroom salaries, including teacher unions. One expert testified in the state's pivotal school finance trial last year that Texas' average teacher pay was about \$47,300 in 2009-10 dollars — lower than the national average

of nearly \$55,000, and less than what 32 other states pay educators.

That trial ended with a state judge determining that the system Texas uses to finance public education is unconstitutional. New testimony is set to resume in Austin today.

Education is already shaping to be the biggest election-year issue in the governor's race between Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott and Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis. Abbott has declined to weigh in on whether the state is adequately funding classrooms, while Davis says teachers are underpaid and decried stories of some working second or third jobs.

Dewhurst is seeking a fourth term while locked in a race feature four largely ideologically indistinguishable conservatives: Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and state Sen. Dan Patrick.

Asked after the debate whether he agreed with Dewhurst, Staples wouldn't answer directly but said he would always look for ways to pay teachers more.

"We want good teachers in the classroom and we need a system that rewards them appropriately," Staples said.

The primary is March 4. Dewhurst, 68, is the only major statewide office holder trying to keep his current job, which he's

held since 2002. He says he wants one more term before returning to the private sector.

Dewhurst is also by far the wealthiest candidate in the race, but spending \$25 million of his personal future in 2012 still wasn't enough to defeat Ted Cruz for a U.S. Senate seat.

Staples has been agriculture commissioner since 2006 and Patterson was first elected land commissioner since 2002. Patrick has served in the Senate since 2007.

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2 nabbed at border in credit card fraud case

Associated Press

McALLEN — Account information stolen during the Target security breach is now being divided up and sold off regionally, a South Texas police chief said Monday following the arrest of two Mexican citizens who authorities say arrived at the border with 96 fraudulent credit cards.

McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez said Mary Carmen Garcia, 27, and Daniel Guardiola Dominguez, 28, both of Monterrey, Mexico, used cards containing the account information of South Texas residents. Rodriguez said they were used to buy tens of thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise at national retailers in the area including Best Buy, Wal-Mart and Toys R Us.

"They're obviously selling the data sets by region," Rodriguez said.

Garcia and Guardiola were both being held Monday on state fraud charges. It was not immediately known

whether they had retained lawyers.

Rodriguez said he did not know whether they were the first arrests related to the Target breach. Target did not immediately return phone and email messages left Monday, which was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday. The Minneapolis-based company said last week that it has stopped more than a dozen operations that sought to scam breach victims by way of email, phone calls and text messages.

McAllen police began working with the U.S. Secret Service after a number of area retailers were hit with fraudulent purchases on Jan. 12. The Secret Service confirmed that the fraudulent accounts traced back to the original Target data breach from late last year, Rodriguez said.

Investigators fanned out to McAllen-area merchants and reviewed "miles of video" looking for the fraudsters, he said. From that, they were able to identify two people and a car with Mexican license plates.

A message left for the Secret Service on Monday was not immediately returned.

With the help of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, investigators confirmed the identities of their suspects from immigration records of when they had entered Texas in the same vehicle. Police prepared arrest warrants last week and waited for

them to return.

On Sunday morning, federal officials alerted police that their two suspects were at the Anzalduas International Bridge trying to re-enter the U.S.

Investigators believe the two were involved in both the acquisition of the fraudulent account data and the production of the cards, but only part of what must have been a much broader conspiracy. Rodriguez said investigators suspect Garcia and Guardiola were singling out Sundays for their shopping sprees hoping that the banks would not be as quick to detect the fraud.

With the amount of electronics and other merchandise purchased on Jan. 12, Rodriguez said the two would have needed an "army" to move it all.

Rodriguez also alluded to a link with Eastern Europe or Russia, but did not provide additional details. He said he expected Garcia and Guardiola to eventually face federal charges.

South Texas authorities have seen large-scale fraudulent credit card schemes before, including one in which they seized machines used to upload information to the cards' magnetic strips.

The Target security breach is believed to have involved 40 million credit and debit card accounts and the personal information of 70 million customers.

Texas school finance case heads back to court

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Nearly a year after determining the system Texas uses to finance public education is unconstitutional, a state judge is set to hear new testimony beginning today on whether more money and fewer standardized tests have adequately improved the balance for students in rich and poor areas.

During the second round of the state's much-watched school finance trial, Judge John Dietz is weighing whether actions the Texas Legislature took this past summer will alter his February 2013 decision. Testimony is expected to last at least three weeks.

Lawmakers increased funding for schools by \$3.4 billion, a rate far lower than the increase Dietz had suggested, while cutting the number of standardized tests students must pass to graduate high school from a nation-leading 15 to five.

The original case was built on the Legislature's 2011 cuts of \$5.4 billion in classroom funding. That prompted more than 600 school districts responsible for educating two-thirds of the state's 5 million-plus public school students to sue, claiming the funding reductions violated

the Texas Constitution's guarantees to an adequate education.

They also argued that the "Robin Hood" finance system — where school districts in wealthy areas share their local property-tax revenue with those in poorer parts — meant funding was distributed unfairly.

Dietz's initial ruling sided with them, but was only made verbally. He has yet to submit a full, written opinion. Arguing on behalf of the state is Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office, which is expected to appeal the written decision to the state Supreme Court.

Abbott, who is running for governor, is not handling the case. But the new arguments should streamline the appeals process since they will be part of the record the Supreme Court gets, rather than its justices having to remand the case back to a lower court to consider the effect of the funding increase and testing roll-back.

The school districts argued that the 2011 cuts, coupled with public school enrollment growth of nearly 80,000 students per year thanks to Texas' booming population, left them with inadequate resources to prepare youngsters for sky-high graduation standards.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Robert Aleman, 33, theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, five years on probation, pay \$3,000 fine, and pay \$8,040 in restitution; theft more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, five years on probation and pay \$8,040 in restitution.

Gregory Baiza, 34, failure to appear, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jarelle Danae Blackshear, 27, tampering with physical evidence, three years on probation and pay \$1,000 fine.

Erika Naomi Bonilla, 22, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, six years deferred probation, pay \$2,000 fine and TAIP.

Brandon Craig Bowman, 27, theft by repetition, 15 months in state jail.

Shauntel Monique Brooks, 39, retaliation, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for eight years under community supervision, court cost and court residential treatment; prohibited substance in a correctional facility, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for eight years under community supervision, court cost and court residential treatment; theft by repetition, 18 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for three years under community supervision and court cost.

Rory Deleon, 47, burglary of a building as a repeat offender, three years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Joe Luis Escobedo, 37, felony DWI, 10 years in TDCJ, suspended for six years under community supervision, 45

days in jail, fine of \$2,000, driver's license suspended for 365 days with 30 months deep lung device and participate. and successfully complete the TAIP.

Daniel Espinoza, 18, burglary of a habitation, six years deferred probation, pay \$1,500 fine, report to probation once a week for the first 90 days of probation, and pay restitution.

Monica Kim Gomez, aka Monica Kim Villa, 38, credit card abuse, two years in state jail, suspended for four years on probation, pay \$500 fine, and pay \$1,088.19 in restitution.

Raul Jonathan Hernandez, 29, failure to stop and render aid, four years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ; assault by strangulation, four years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 18 months in state jail, and pay \$16,028.04 in restitution.

Vanessa Castaneda Kirby, 37, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, four years deferred probation, pay \$1,000 fine and TAIP.

Christopher Jonathan Larkin, 30, felony DWI, 10 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ, suspended for five years on probation, pay \$1,000 fine, 30 days in jail, driver's license suspension for 365 days.

Daryl Juan Loudd, Jr., 27, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, three years deferred probation and TAIP.

Adam Dale Mansfield, 37, DWI third or more, three years TDCJ and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Jaray Tyrell Mims, 26, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine less than 1 gram, one year in State Jail Division of TDCJ and driver's license suspended for 365 days; possession of a controlled substance — cocaine less than 1 gram, one year in the State Jail Division of TDCJ and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Kristina Marie Moore, 31, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, 180 days in state jail.

Daphne May Mosley, 41, theft of property, four years on probation, pay \$500 fine, and pay \$2,978 in restitution; theft of property, four years on probation, pay \$500 fine and pay \$6,300 in restitution.

Anthony Frank Nastase, 26, sexual assault of a child, six years on probation, pay \$1,200 fine and attend treatment program.

Anthonie Jordan Ramos, 20, deadly conduct, seven years in the TDCJ.

Vincente Luna Serbantez, 36, felony DWI, 10 years in the TDCJ suspended for five years under community supervision, 30 days jail, fine of \$1,500, driver's license suspended for 365 days with 30 months deep lung device and participate

and successfully complete the TAIP.

Eduardo Gonzalez Tobon, 21, burglary of a habitation, eight years in the TDCJ; aggravated robbery, 10 years in the TDCJ; deadly conduct, five years in the TDCJ; deadly conduct, five years in the TDCJ.

Jonathan Vasquez, 25, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, five years on probation, pay \$2,000 fine, 180 days driver's license suspension, report to Midland County Community Supervision Department once a week for the first 90 days.

Brandon Dajuan Wallace-Petterson, 19, aggravated sexual assault of a child, 10 years on probation, 120 days in jail, pay \$2,500 fine and attend treatment program.

Jeffery Scott Walling, 43, robbery as a repeat offender, 16 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ; theft of property \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 as a repeat offender, 10 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ; failure to appear, three years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Christopher Michael Yharte, 19, burglary of a habitation, four years on probation, pay \$500 fine, and pay \$1,900 in restitution.

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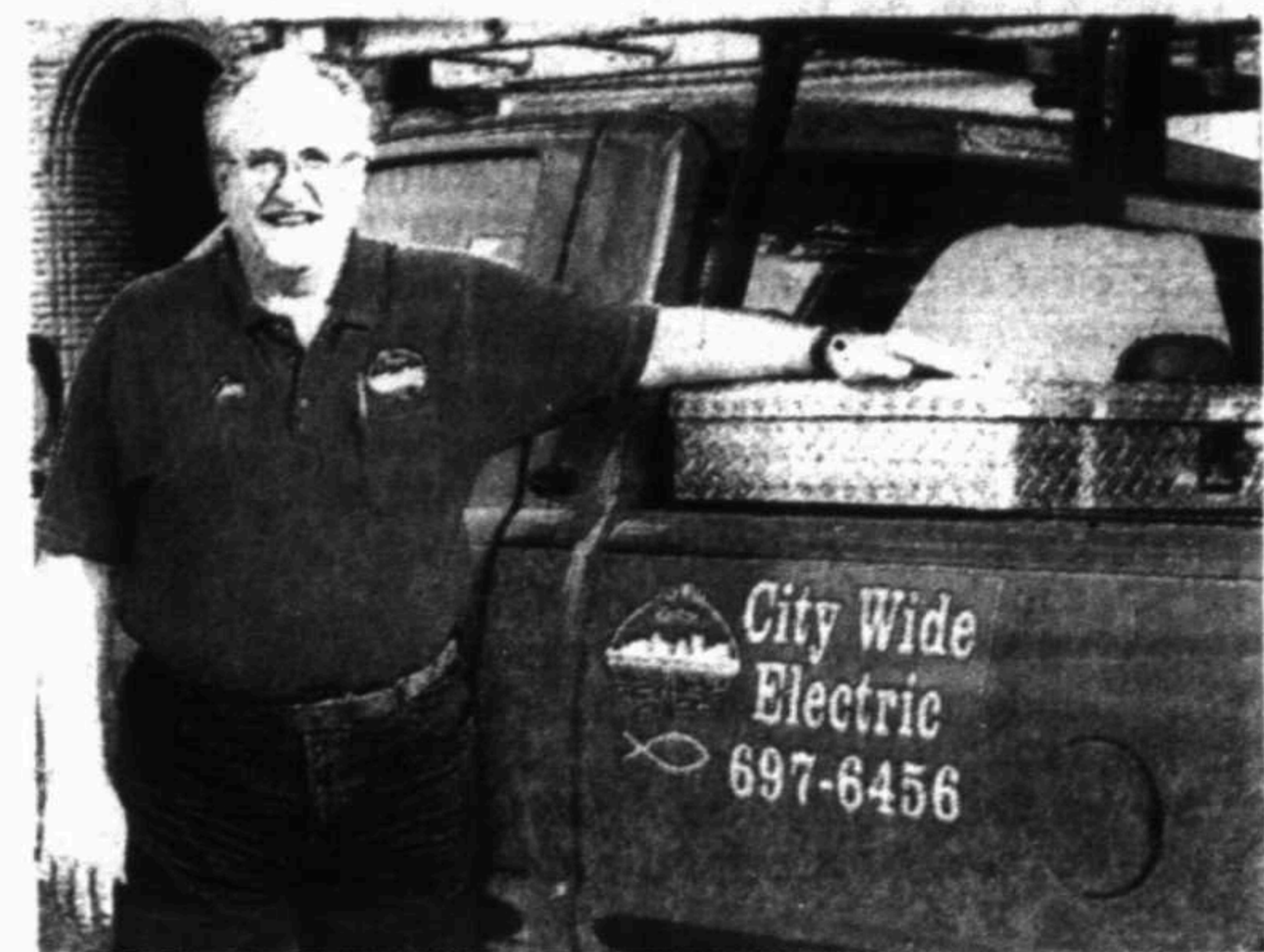
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Gov. Chris Christie is in trouble for appearing, during an election season, in television ads inviting people back to the Jersey Shore following Hurricane Sandy. Next door in New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has adopted a different, but also controversial, state marketing strategy.

Here is Cuomo's pitch on a recent radio program: "Are these extreme conservatives who are right-to-life, pro-assault weapon, anti-gay? Is that who they are? Because if that's who they are, and if they are the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of the New York, because that's not who New Yorkers are." Only "moderate Republicans have a place in this state."

So, Virginia is for Lovers. Maryland is for Crabs. New York is for Liberals, and for moderates Cuomo chooses to tolerate.

The governor of New York is not only putting a damper on conservative tourism to see "The Book of Mormon" or "Kinky Boots" on Broadway, he is displaying one of the worst tendencies of modern liberalism. Cuomo does not deign to argue with New Yorkers who oppose abortion, support a maximalist interpretation of the

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Second Amendment or defend the position on gay marriage held by Barack Obama when he was first elected president. These extreme views, according to Cuomo, are fundamentally illiberal and foreign to the values of his state. Such positions are not to be engaged and refuted; they are to be marginalized.

We are accustomed to this approach within the gates of certain colleges and universities with vague, open-ended speech codes intended to stigmatize certain viewpoints. This is often taken by ideologues as implicit permission to shout down differing opinions. The power to define the boundaries of acceptable discourse is the power to intimidate.

Academic liberals tend to regard universities as "our place," in which others may stay as long as they behave. Now Cuomo has applied this attitude to the whole of the Empire State. From a provost, this is a violation of academic freedom. From a government official, it is an attack on

genuine pluralism.

Cuomo is clearly frustrated with opposition to elements of his social agenda (his abortion rights expansion bill was blocked last summer). His life would be easier without a vocal minority of critics. So he is telling various Catholic bishops and priests, Republican politicians and conservative groups that their opinions are outside the norms of state politics. Cuomo has reached an advanced stage of political polarization: regarding one's democratic opponents as unfit for democracy. I imagine the feeling will now (in some quarters) be returned. And so the spiral continues -- sometimes leftward, sometimes rightward, ever downward.

While James Madison would not be surprised, he would not approve. "In all cases where a majority are united by a common interest or passion," he warned, "the rights of the minority are in danger." A majority, he argued, can easily become a "faction," seeking "illicit advantage." This is dangerous in a democracy, not only because the rights of individuals are important but because diversity of opinion balances factions against each other. Madison hoped that American leaders would help check the passions of factions rather than inciting them for political advantage, so that "reason, justice and truth can regain their authority over the public mind."

Cuomo speaks in Albany; Madison spins at Montpelier.

Given his family background, Cuomo also symbolizes a shift in the nature of Catholic engagement within the Democratic Party. His father, Mario Cuomo, when he was governor of New York felt compelled to offer tortuous theological and philosophic justifications for holding pro-choice views as a Catholic public official. At Notre Dame University in 1984, he devoted 7,500 eloquent words to explaining why he was personally opposed to abortion, but ...

Andrew Cuomo, in contrast, proposed to remove most meaningful restrictions on post-viability abortions in New York -- then declared pro-lifers to be aliens in his promised land. What the younger Cuomo lacks in rhetorical skill, he makes up for in chilling clarity. Even a fig leaf of internal conflict no longer seems required on matters of Catholic conscience.

Cuomo holds one of the most prominent public offices in America. He is regarded by some Democrats as a possible Plan B if Hillary Clinton does not run for president. And he apparently believes that the views of a significant minority of citizens have no place in his state. Does anyone -- Republican or Democrat -- find this troubling enough to object? It's up to you, New York. New York.

GUEST VIEW

Find root causes of veteran suicides

San Antonio Express-News

There is genuine hope that once the complete numbers are tallied, the number of military suicides in 2013 will be lower than the high set in 2012 — 514 deaths.

If this occurs, it will likely be the result of proactive efforts in the military to get soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen to seek help when they need it.

There has been a genuine reluctance to seek that help because this is thought to carry with it a personal and professional stigma — a sense, perhaps, that asking for help is a sign of weakness.

No. Know that if you are an active-duty member, in Military City USA or anywhere, asking for the help to get better — for yourself, your family and your unit — is a sign of strength and resolve.

Kudos to the military branches for the efforts, though even 415 suicides — last year's figure without final reporting from the Army and Marine Corps — is still much too high. But also disconcerting are some figures reported for former members of the military. A nation's duty to them does not go away just because they are no longer serving.

A recent Express-News article reported that one specific set of Veterans Affairs Department figures for 2011 had nearly doubled from 2009 — from 88 to 152. This was for suicides of male veterans 18 to 29 years old. As the Express-News reported, this is a complex issue, in the military and out.

But we note what might be a disturbing corollary. This group of veterans who served post-9/11 also report a higher level of joblessness — 10 percent — than both civilians and other groups of veterans.

This, of course, could be a chicken-or-the-egg question. Is that relatively recent veteran joblessness because of issues that might include thoughts of suicide, or is unemployment — making personal and family responsibilities hard or harder to meet — the cause of those thoughts?

Moreover, disability rates are higher for veterans, and this, too, could be a significant factor. But a caring nation would make sure that joblessness as a factor would be removed as much as is possible, while pursuing remedies for all other factors.

Texas, at least, has stepped up. Now, the task is to vigorously get the word out. One of the obstacles to civilian employment has been the failure to count relevant military experience.

During the last legislative session, San Antonio state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte authored, and the Legislature approved, a measure that requires state agencies to accept a license issued by another jurisdiction for veterans.

But another provision also directed agencies to credit valid military experience toward state licenses and certificates where appropriate — for instance, in truck driving, or using special forces training toward law enforcement certification.

But not every veteran will have the kind of military experience that easily translates into civilian jobs, though we'd argue that discipline, leadership and fidelity to duty can be read into the résumés of most honorably discharged veterans.

This veteran will most need further training and education. There is already the GI Bill and other programs. And, in Texas, there was earlier College Credit for Heroes legislation, also by Van de Putte, that allows veterans to get credit from military experience toward a degree or certification.

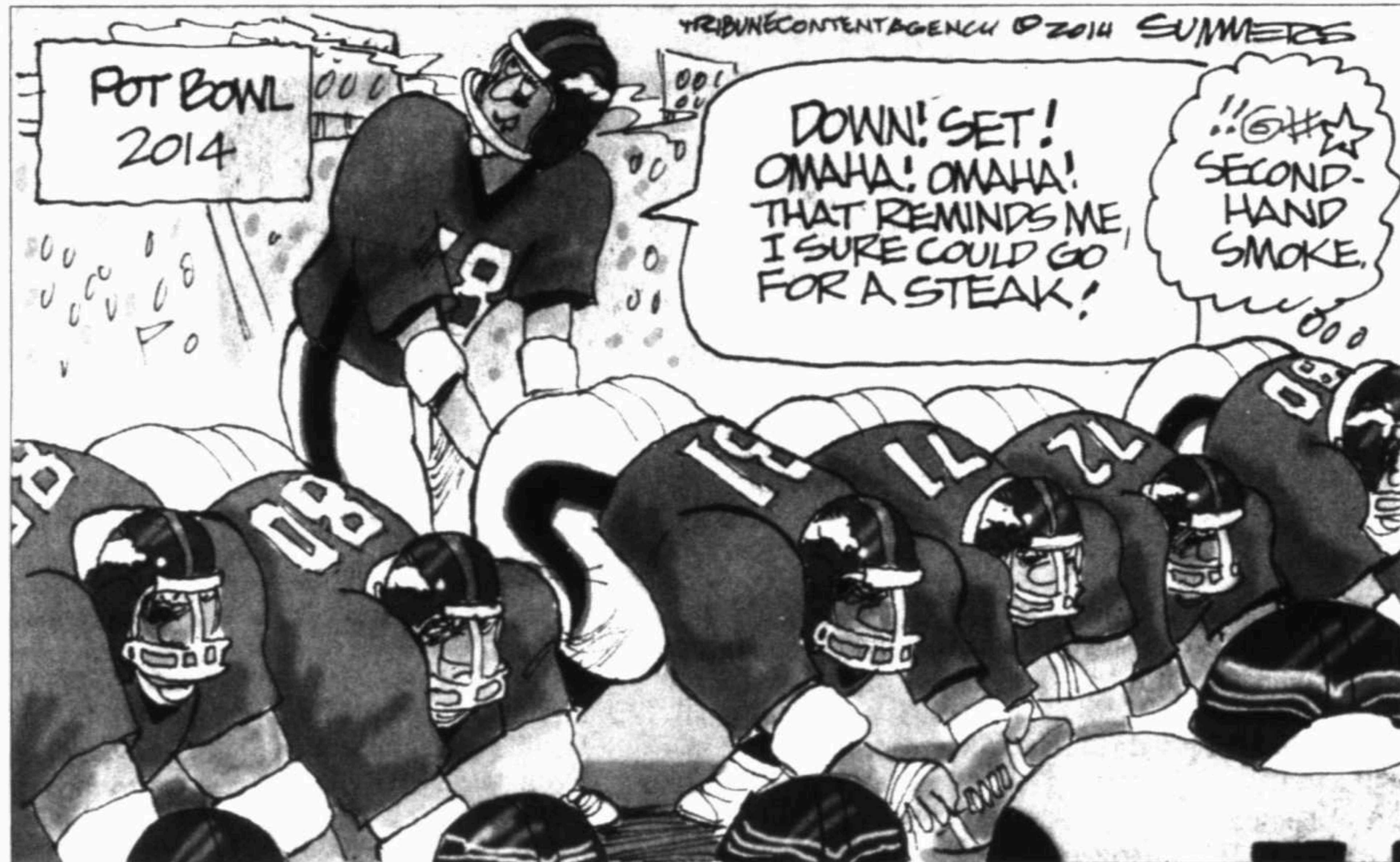
No, jobs are not the total answer to what is a very complex issue. But jobs are key to the transition to civilian life. Alleviating joblessness in this cohort of veterans will undoubtedly help.

So, employers: Hire a vet.

And Texas and the federal government should explore what more can be done, tackling all else that may be standing between a veteran and a productive life.

This will involve even more outreach by the branches and the VA, and even more convincing — for both active-duty members and veterans — that seeking help is not weakness.

The wars are winding down, but the nation's responsibilities to its veterans are not — particularly to those veterans who are suffering.



Boehner should seek truth

■ The shame of Benghazi is that few are interested in the facts coming out

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When anything bipartisan comes out of a polarized Washington, one should be grateful. That's why a Senate Intelligence Committee report on the September 11, 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans represents progress of sorts.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, (D-CA), faults the State Department and intelligence community for failing to prevent the attacks. The committee determined that the U.S. military command did not know about a CIA annex in Benghazi and that, writes The Washington Post, "...the Pentagon didn't have the resources in place to defend the State Department compound in an emergency." This communications failure between agencies, supposedly solved after the September 11, 2001 attacks, had not been. If it had, the report found, Benghazi likely could have been prevented.

Sen. Feinstein criticized some Republicans on the committee for adding a section in the report called "additional views" in which they intimate that then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was culpable in the attacks. In a statement, Feinstein, wanting the record clear, said the accusation was "patently false" and that Clinton was "not mentioned a single time in the 58-page bipartisan section of our Benghazi report."

Yet, in an October 16, 2012 interview with CNN in Peru, Clinton said about Benghazi, "I take responsibility. I'm in charge of the State Department's 60,000-plus people all over the world, 275 posts."

So, Clinton was "in charge," but not at fault, is that it?

In her additional views entry, Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), said, "To be clear, the responsibility for the attack lies with the attackers themselves. Unfortunately, the promises of the president and other senior administration officials to bring any of the attackers to justice have ringed hollow thus far. The report finds that more than a year after the attack, the terrorists who perpetrated the attack have still not been brought to justice."

The Times reported in September 2013, "Intelligence officials have a general idea of where they are hiding. And the military has a contingency plan to snatch them... But the fledgling Libyan government, which has little to no control over significant parts of the country ... has rebuffed the Obama administration's efforts to arrest the suspects."

The report contradicts claims by the admin-

istration that the attacks were sparked by an anti-Muslim video and concludes that individuals associated either directly with al-Qaida or one of its affiliates were involved and likely planned and carried out the attacks.

What is needed is for Speaker John Boehner to appoint a select committee, modeled after the Senate Watergate Committee, with subpoena powers to question under oath witnesses and those in charge.

According to an exclusive report from Breitbart.com, three relatives of those killed in Benghazi, including Pat Smith, the mother of Foreign Service Officer Sean Smith, have written Boehner asking that he name a special committee. Co-signers include "scores of conservative and military leaders." Pat Smith has said President Obama and Secretary Clinton promised her they would find out what happened to her son. So far she has heard nothing.

A New York Times' editorial writes, "The report, parts of which were blacked out, says there is no indication that the CIA ... knew of a time or place for a specific attack. It describes the attack as 'opportunistic' and not 'a highly coordinated plot.' This dovetails with an investigation by The Times, which found that the attack was triggered in part by spontaneous anger over an anti-Islamic video." The Times has a lot invested in its incorrect position and to issue corrections might take gallons of ink.

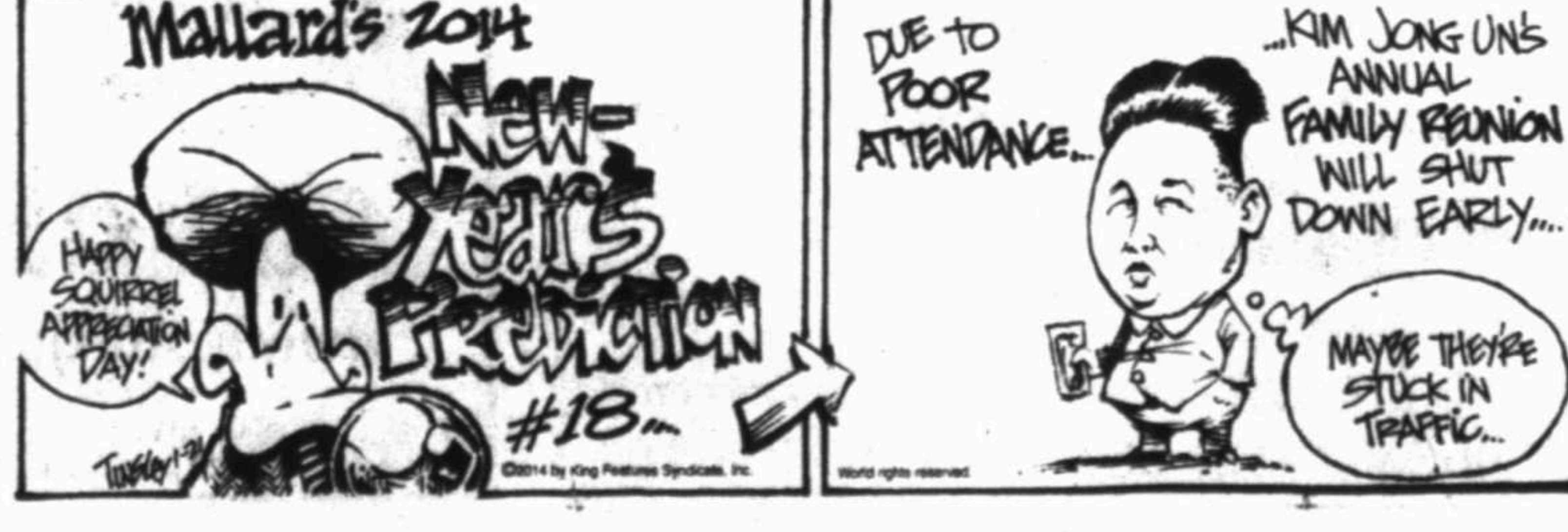
In the "alternative" media universe truth can still be found. If media elites awarded prizes to Fox News, that network's chief intelligence correspondent, Catherine Herridge, would deserve one. Her tenacious and accurate reporting kept the Benghazi story alive when mainstream media appeared to have lost interest. In an email to me, Herridge writes about those who died in Benghazi: "We cannot bring them back, but we can honor them with the facts."

It's a shame the Obama administration does not seem to share her attitude. That's why Speaker Boehner must name a special committee to uncover what the administration appears to be covering up.

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GOP image still muddled, a year after suggestions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party's image has changed little in the year since GOP Chairman Reince Priebus published his prescription for broadening the party's appeal despite its investment in outreach to the racial minorities, women and gay voters who backed Democrats decisively in 2012.

"The issue that remains an open book for the Republicans is: What is the character of the party?" said Ari Fleischer, a top aide to President George W. Bush, who helped author the report of the "Growth and Opportunity Project." "Are we a more inclusive and welcoming party yet?"

As the Republican National Committee opens its winter meetings here Wednesday, the party is counting on the political geography and expected lower turnout of the 2014 mid-term elections to give them control of the Senate. If that happens, Fleischer said, it would be a "false narcotic" for the larger problems facing a party that has lost the national popular vote in five of the last six presidential elections. Those will take years to fix.

In the past year, Priebus has launched new efforts to reach out to racial and ethnic minorities, hired about 170 state-level staff — with more planned — and invested in technology to better track potential voters, a tactic Republicans pioneered and Democrats have perfected over the past eight years. He also renewed efforts to win over Hispanics nationally with voter outreach staffers.

But these structural changes can end the GOP's White House losing streak only if its messengers ful-



AP file photo

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus speaks in Boston on Aug. 15, 2013. A year after Priebus published a lengthy prescription for broadening the party's appeal, the GOP's image hasn't changed, despite its investment in outreach to the racial minorities, women and gay voters the party lost in droves to Democrats in 2012.

fill the report's larger goal: "Change course, modernize the party and learn once again how to appeal to more people."

Since losing the 2012 presidential election, Republicans have continued to slip in public approval. According to a recent Gallup poll, 32 percent have a favorable opinion of the GOP now, compared with 43 percent immediately after President Barack Obama's re-election. Democrats were viewed favorably by 42 percent, also down from a year ago.

The committee has deployed 17 full-time operatives to New York, Florida, California, New Jersey,

New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Georgia and Colorado with the primary mission of bringing more Hispanics into the GOP fold. More are planned in states including Nevada, North Carolina, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Nationally, Obama carried 71 percent of the Hispanic vote, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks. In New York, it was 89 percent. In Florida, 60 percent.

"This is a long-term effort," said Izzy Santa, director of Hispanic communications for the RNC. "We're making sure that

we're talking to them, that we're listening to them and that we understand their concerns."

Yet, the Priebus report's only policy recommendation — an explicit call for comprehensive immigra-

tion reform — has been stalled by infighting in the GOP-controlled House.

While Speaker John Boehner has promised to begin drafting key principles for such legislation, conservatives have vowed to block it. "It would be a colossal mistake for us to take up anything that just ends up changing the subject" from the 2010 health care law now in effect, said Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa.

RNC officials say their outreach is limited to changing party structure, since they have no control over legislation.

"I have to focus on the things that I most control," Priebus said in a recent conference call with reporters. "The fact is, what I most control are things like the mechanics."

The RNC has replicated its Hispanic outreach to court African Americans, Asian Americans and other demographic groups, hiring dozens of staff in Washington and in key states. Priebus personally has reached out to national black and Hispanic leaders.

Republicans also are deploying women as candidate organizers around the country, hoping to win

back female voters who were turned off in 2012 when GOP Senate candidates in Missouri and Indiana crippled their campaigns by making contentious comments to explain their opposition to abortion in cases of rape.

RNC officials said those were isolated cases where the candidates' words, not the GOP's long-standing opposition to abortion, cost them.

This year, Republican women who oppose abortion rights are running for Senate in several states and can carry the party's position more authentically, GOP spokeswoman Kirsten Kukowski said. "Women candidates need to be our voices," she said. "There is a lot going on behind the scenes to arm our candidates and messengers."

The National Republican Senatorial Committee, for example, is prescribing training for candidates that includes suggestions on how to address touchy topics.

"We're going to continue to be the conservative party," said RNC member Henry Barbour of Mississippi, who helped write the Priebus report. "But you can do that in a way that's not divisive."



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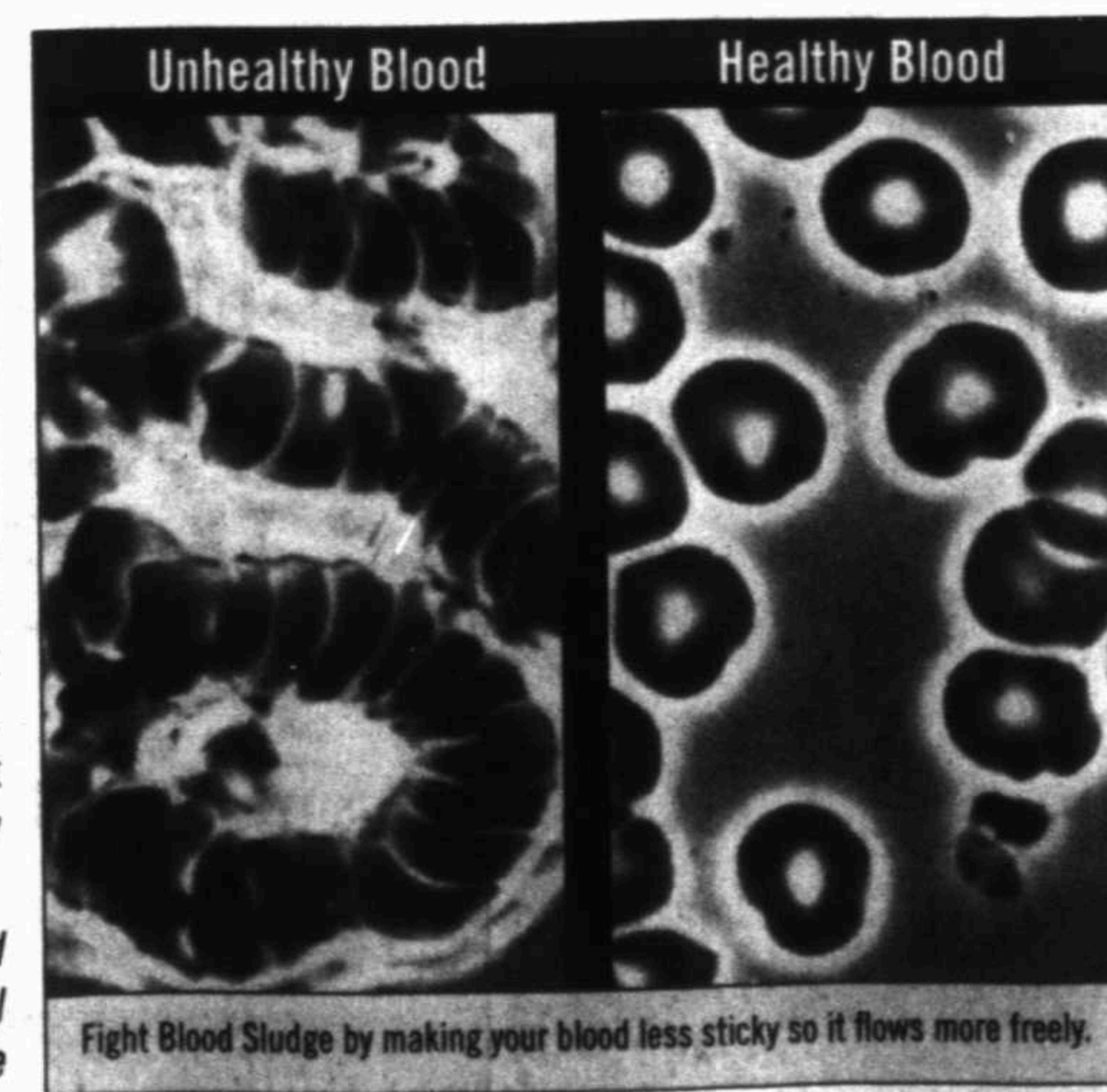
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NEW MEXICO Junior College gets funding for energy ed

HOBBS — The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded New Mexico Junior College to a \$2.5 million grant to offer more oilfield training to the underemployed.

The Hobbs News-Sun reported the funding will be made available later this year. New Mexico Junior College is the only college in the state to receive such a grant.

The college's director of institutional effectiveness, Larry Sanderson, says the award is huge for the campus. The goal is to serve unemployed and underemployed workers by providing relevant training as determined by the needs of the region's energy industry.

The college is also developing a mock jobsite that will allow students to focus on oil and gas technology.

NEW MEXICO Reform results in improvements for investments

ALBUQUERQUE — The value of the New Mexico's permanent funds has grown to 16 percent higher than what it was before the market crashed, and the increase in returns on investments has also placed the state among the better-performing funds compared to its peers nationwide.

Much has changed since the market first crashed in 2008. State Investment Council board members and staff told the Albuquerque Journal in a story published Monday.

While some of today's robust returns reflect the current bull market for stock investments, they said improvement in fund performance, plus the council's smooth functioning nowadays, are the result of four years of steady, major reform.

"The council has car-

ried out one of the biggest portfolio overhauls in the country in the last several years," SIC spokesman Charles Wollmann said.

That includes fundamental changes in everything from the makeup and selection of council members to how decisions are made and how money managers and consultants get hired.

Apart from structural changes, the council has carried out a thorough, bottom-up review and realignment of nearly all investments and strategies.

"We've completely reworked the portfolio," council member Harold Lavender said. "It had to be totally restructured. We've roughly reinvested about \$12 billion over the last four years."

The reforms have imposed a professional management process at all levels, including best practices regarding investment decisions as well as transparency in all council proceedings and transactions, said SIC Vice Chairman Peter Frank.

NEW MEXICO Victim of Roswell shooting recovering at home

ROSWELL — One of the students wounded when a classmate opened fire inside a Roswell middle school gym is recovering at home.

The family of 13-year-old Kendal Sanders said she was released from the hospital Sunday. She had two surgeries last week to repair damage done to her shoulder.

Sanders' mother told reporters gathered at a news conference Monday that her daughter has lost movement in one arm but her feeling and mobility should return.

The girl's family expects she will be homeschooled for the rest of the year.

The other victim, 12-year-old Nathaniel Tavarez, remained at a

Lubbock, Texas, hospital Monday. A family member says the boy is in critical but stable condition and is now breathing on his own.

Sanders and Tavarez were wounded when the gunman entered the crowded Berrendo Middle School gym last Tuesday and fired three times from a 20-gauge shotgun.

The seventh-grade suspect has been charged as a juvenile with three counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Police have yet to speculate about a motive.

ARIZONA Bill would limit access to autopsy photos

PHOENIX — An Arizona lawmaker wants to ensure autopsy photos and videos can only be released with a Superior Court judge's approval.

State Rep. Karen Fann, a Republican from Prescott, is proposing legislation this month that would have a judge review sensitive images such as photos and X-rays from autopsies before they are released.

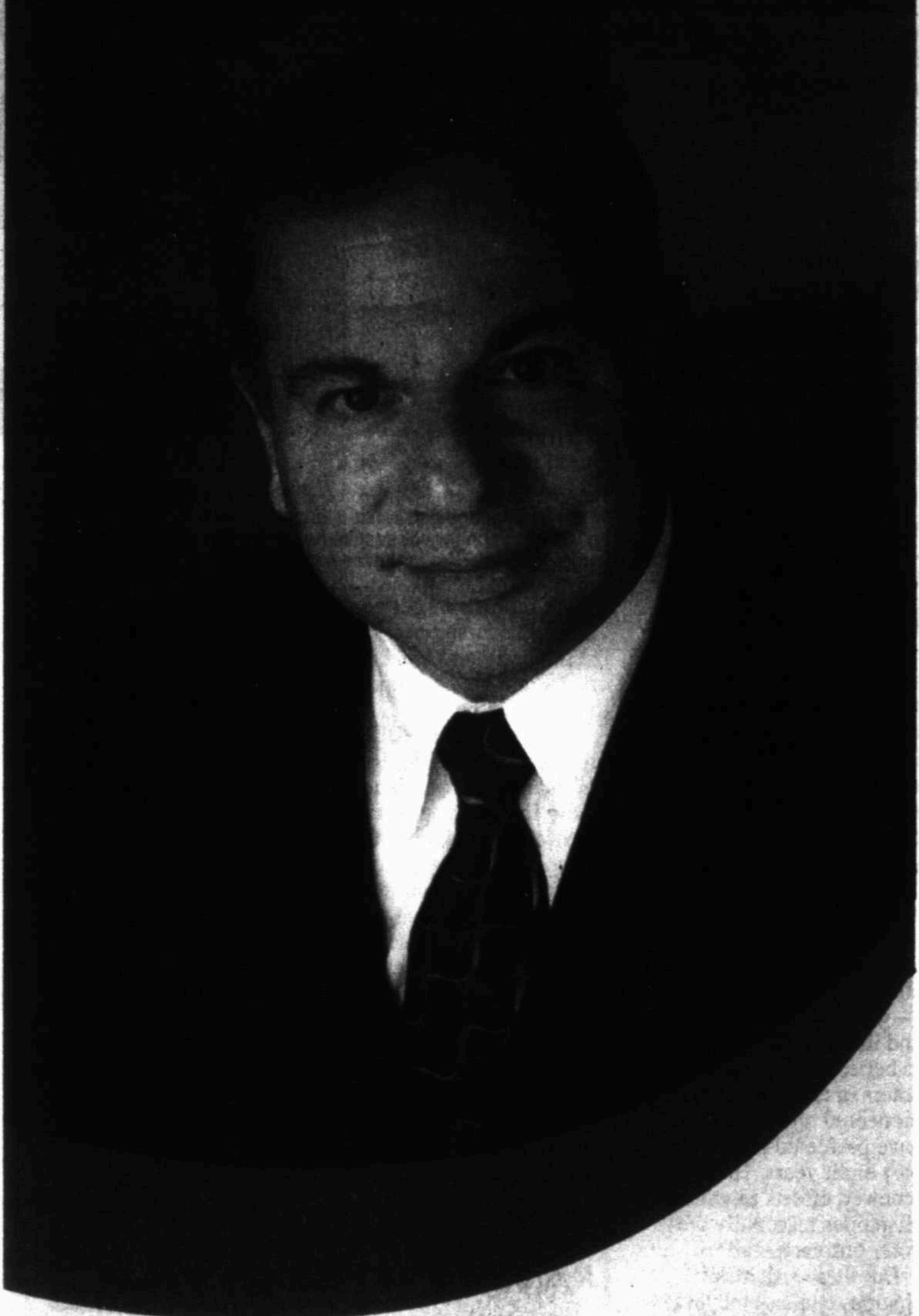
"My bill does absolutely nothing to change First Amendment rights at all," Fann told The Associated Press.

She said the bill stems from county medical examiners concerned about getting embroiled in legal action by anyone seeking the images. The issue became especially apparent this summer as news organizations reported on the Yarnell Hill fire that killed 19 firefighters.

The Yavapai County medical examiner's office was named in a lawsuit in which The Arizona Republic and KPNX-TV sought investigative records and photos from the fire scene, but not photos of human remains or personal effects.

Both news outlets later dropped the medical examiner's office from the suit but maintained one against the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

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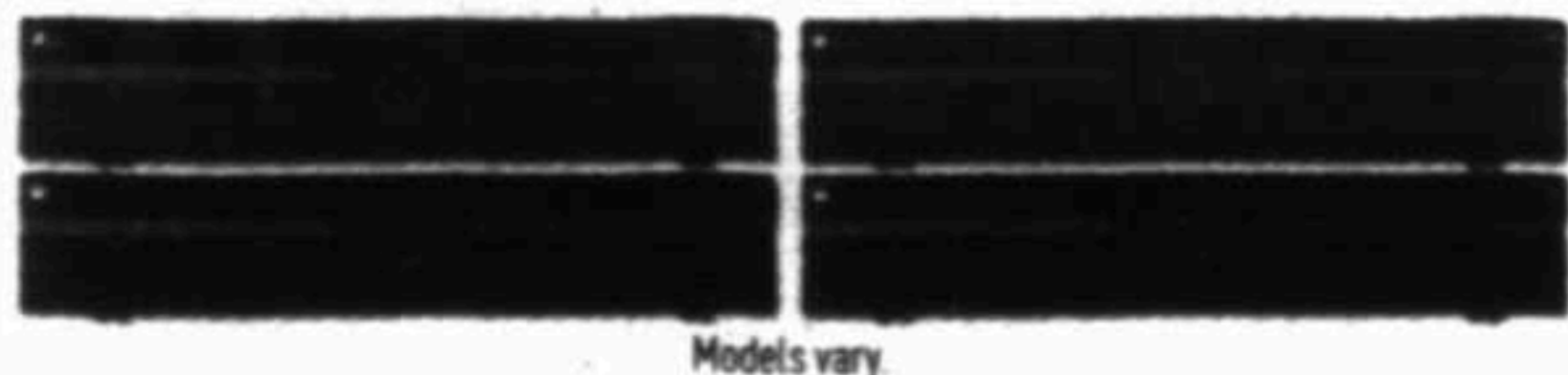
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Midland woman hopes to bring awareness to rare disease

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"This disease is something where people say, 'You look fine. You don't look sick,'" Susan Meader said. "I just hope to live, and I hope to make it to my 80s, but we're prepared if I don't."

It's been more than a year since Meader, an Oregon native living in Midland, was diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disorder called Wegener's granulomatosis. In that time, she's undergone chemotherapy, a tracheal dilation, back surgery, numerous blood tests and X-rays, and had more sinus infections than she can count.

But she's trying to stay positive. She wants to bring awareness to her disease.

Wegener's granulomatosis is a rare disorder that causes inflammation of blood vessels, which in turn restricts blood flow to various organs. Most commonly affected are the kidney, lungs and upper respiratory tract.

In Meader's case, the disease attacked her trachea.

It all began in the summer of 2012, when

Meader started having a chronic wheezing problem. She, her husband and children had moved to Midland earlier that year for her husband's job.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the cause of Wegener's granulomatosis is unknown but appears to be triggered by an inflammation-causing event, such as an infection. Early diagnosis and treatment may lead to recovery.

"I thought, 'I've never had any allergies; I've never had any asthma, nothing,'" Meader said. "How could this happen to me?"

After months of blood tests, X-rays, scans and countless different doctors, including several trips to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Meader was left with a diagnosis: Wegener's granulomatosis. Part of her struggle was because of the disease's rarity — many doctors had little to no exposure with it, she said.

By March 2013, her trachea had closed to between 4 millimeters and 7 millimeters, about the size of a straw.

"I couldn't breathe. I was afraid I was

going to die," she said. "I've never had the pain I had."

She had her first tracheal dilation that month to open up her trachea and ease her breathing. Later that summer, she began chemotherapy. Though the disease is not a form of cancer, research has shown that chemotherapy is effective in treating it, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Meader spent more than a month in Dallas undergoing chemotherapy, after which she returned to Midland to begin taking chemotherapy drugs, which she will continue for the next two years. The list of medications she's on is climbing, and the costs are piling up.

"Chemo made me really sick, really tired," she said. "I couldn't really function. The simplest things are just so hard — just to do what normal people do, you take it for granted."

Meader said she hasn't been able to work or drive. She has trouble sleeping, and her appetite has decreased. Her hair is falling out, and her new hair comes in completely

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Courtesy photo

Susan Meader is shown in this undated photo. Meader, an Oregon native living in Midland, was diagnosed with a rare auto-immune disorder called Wegener's granulomatosis.

TRAIL OF FAITH



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: The bridge entering the village of Molinaseca, Spain, is shown. The bridge is about halfway between Manjarin and Ponferrada on the Camino de Santiago, a trail crossing northern Spain walked by hundreds of tourists from across the world every year. BELOW: Cadet Bryant, a former Odessa High School teacher, is shown taking a break during his 25-day trek on the trail.

Former Odessa teacher hikes fabled Camino de Santiago trail in Spain

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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When Cadet Bryant landed at the airport in Madrid, Spain, he had no idea how to find his connecting bus.

The former Odessa High School teacher traveled to Spain last November to walk the Camino de Santiago, a historical, long-distance trail across the country. Hikers from around the world descend on Spain year-round to complete the trail, often seen as a pilgrimage.

Through the kindness of strangers, Bryant met a Nepali family living in Spain that welcomed him into their home for the night and drove him to the starting point of his trail the next morning.

"I wouldn't have made it without them," Bryant said.

Such adventures were only the beginning of Bryant's 25-day, nearly-500-mile journey across Spain. From trekking through torrential rains to sleeping in freezing churches, his pilgrimage was a test of courage, strength and the willpower to keep going.

Strength is no stranger to Bryant, who was also recently won the 132-pound men's division world champion at the 2013 IPL World Powerlifting Championships. A professional cyclist for many years — including competing against former Olympians and Tour de France veterans — he turned to powerlifting a few years ago.

In addition to all that, he's a former teacher, having taught in schools around West Texas for a combined 10 years.

Bryant grew up in Coahoma. His mother and many other family members were teachers, leading him to take his first teaching job at a school in Spur. He then taught for four years at Howard College before moving to Odessa High School.

In Odessa, Bryant taught sophomore



and junior AP English and coached girls basketball, softball and track. After five years, he quit his job in May 2013.

"I said, I can't do it anymore," he said. "I was so burnt out. Eventually, I just felt like I'm trying to force stuff down kids' throats that they don't want to learn. Somebody who hasn't been teaching, they think, 'Well, they're just a schoolteacher.' What they don't know is that that's about 55 jobs in one — police officer, secretary, counselor..."

Bryant focused his attention on powerlifting and the Camino de Santiago, which he vowed to walk by the end of the year. In November 2013, he competed in the IPL World Powerlifting Championships, placing first in the 132-pound men's division.

He then left for Spain. He began his walk in Roncesvalles, a small village in northern Spain near the French border.

Most people walk the Camino de Santiago in the summer, because of the

warmer temperatures and easier accommodations, Bryant said. He chose to walk in the winter, partly to avoid the crowds.

"I thought, it's winter; it's going to be cold; it's going to be lonely," he said. "It's going to test me in a lot of different ways — spiritually, mentally. That's what I wanted. I got a lot more than what I bargained for."

Though the walk is solo, Bryant frequently met other walkers along the trail, several of whom became his friends. He walked all day and stayed at old missions or churches at night — without heat — with anywhere from five to 10 other people.

A typical day on the trail began at 5 a.m. Bryant would rise to boil water "just to warm up," he said. He packed his belongings and loaded them into his 20-to-25-pound backpack, which car-

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FOOD ETC.

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Edamame gains popularity in snacks, meals

Recently, while I was watching the national news, there was a segment on farmers in Arkansas who are growing a popular soybean known as edamame. If you aren't quite sure how to pronounce the word, think of this: ed — like the name Ed, a — like the sound "uh," ma

— like the nickname for mom, me — like the month of May. Then, say it really fast.

They are young soybeans, usually still in their pods so they are still soft and edible, not dry

and hard like mature soybeans that are used to make tofu and soy milk.

Edamame can be boiled or steamed and eaten hot or cold. You don't eat the pod of edamame, so if they are not shelled, place the pod at your mouth, then squeeze or bite the beans into your mouth. Or, shell them by hand to enjoy anytime.

This little green soybean is one of the fastest growing specialty foods in the country as it can be eaten as a snack, vegetable dish or processed into sweets. Typically found in Asian foods, the bean had always been imported from China.

Arkansas became the first state to grow edamame commercially when it opened a plant in Mulberry to handle production and shipment of the crop. More and more farmers are jumping on board to dedicate acreage to this superfood that is low in calories and high in protein and fiber.

Edamame can be purchased pre-shelled, which is a real time saver for some recipes. They are great in dips and spreads because they can be mashed to a creamy and smooth texture. They are also delicious sautéed and sprinkled salads, pasta and Asian-inspired meals. Once you eat them, you may find you are adding them to just about anything.

Edamame Salad From Allrecipes

4 cups shelled edamame
1 cup chopped Napa cabbage
1/2 cup chopped bok choy
1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
1/4 cup sesame oil
1 teaspoon coarse salt
1/2 cup shredded carrots

1 Tablespoon black sesame seeds
1/4 cup shredded white daikon radish
Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook edamame in the boiling water until tender; about 3 minutes. Drain and chill in the refrigerator. Combine Napa cabbage, bok choy, vinegar, sesame oil and salt in the small bowl. Let sit in at room temperature until cabbage is slightly wilted, about 20 minutes.

Stir edamame and carrots into cabbage mixture. Refrigerate until fully chilled, 1 hour. Top edamame salad with sesame seeds and daikon radish before serving.

Edamame Succotash with Shrimp From Eating Well, January/February 2007

2 slices bacon
1 Tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 bunch scallions, sliced, or 1 medium onion, diced
1 red bell pepper, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

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Dallas Morning News file photo

Texas musician Steve Fromholz is shown in this undated photo. Fromholz died Sunday in a hunting accident near Eldorado when a rifle fell and discharged. He was 68.

Legendary Texas picker-poet Steven Fromholz, 68, dies in hunting accident

By Andrew Dansby
Houston Chronicle

Steven Fromholz, a gifted and esteemed songwriter who was named poet laureate of Texas in 2007, has died, according to his family. He was 68. Fromholz died in a hunting accident when a rifle fell and discharged. The Schleicher County Sheriff's Office on Monday said the accident happened at the Flying B Ranch near Eldorado, about 40 miles south of San Angelo. Fromholz was 68.

Chief Deputy George Ariste said Fromholz was shot Sunday afternoon and died at a hospital in Eldorado.

Ariste said Fromholz, who lives in the area, and his girlfriend were going to hunt feral hogs. A rifle was in a case but unzipped at the bottom. The gun was being transferred from one vehicle to another.

Ariste said Fromholz grabbed the handle, the gun partly fell, hit the ground and discharged.

Fromholz's "I'd Have to Be Crazy," which was covered by Willie Nelson, was probably his best-known work, though "Texas Trilogy" — an epic narrative centered around central Texas Bosque County — was his career-defining piece, a richly detailed and characterized trio of songs ("Daybreak," "Train Ride" and "Bosque County Romance") that was covered by his admirer Lyle Lovett Lovett, who called Fromholz a "friend and teacher," said "Texas Trilogy" "isn't a song, it's a transcendent Texas bible, a local setting with universal meaning."

"Steven Fromholz and his work will be remembered, enjoyed and studied as music and literature forever," Lovett said. "His insight into human nature was equaled only by his ability to write about it in such detail that he made his listeners feel as if they were standing in the shoes of his characters, seeing what they saw, feeling what they felt."

Fromholz was born in Temple. He attended North Texas State before

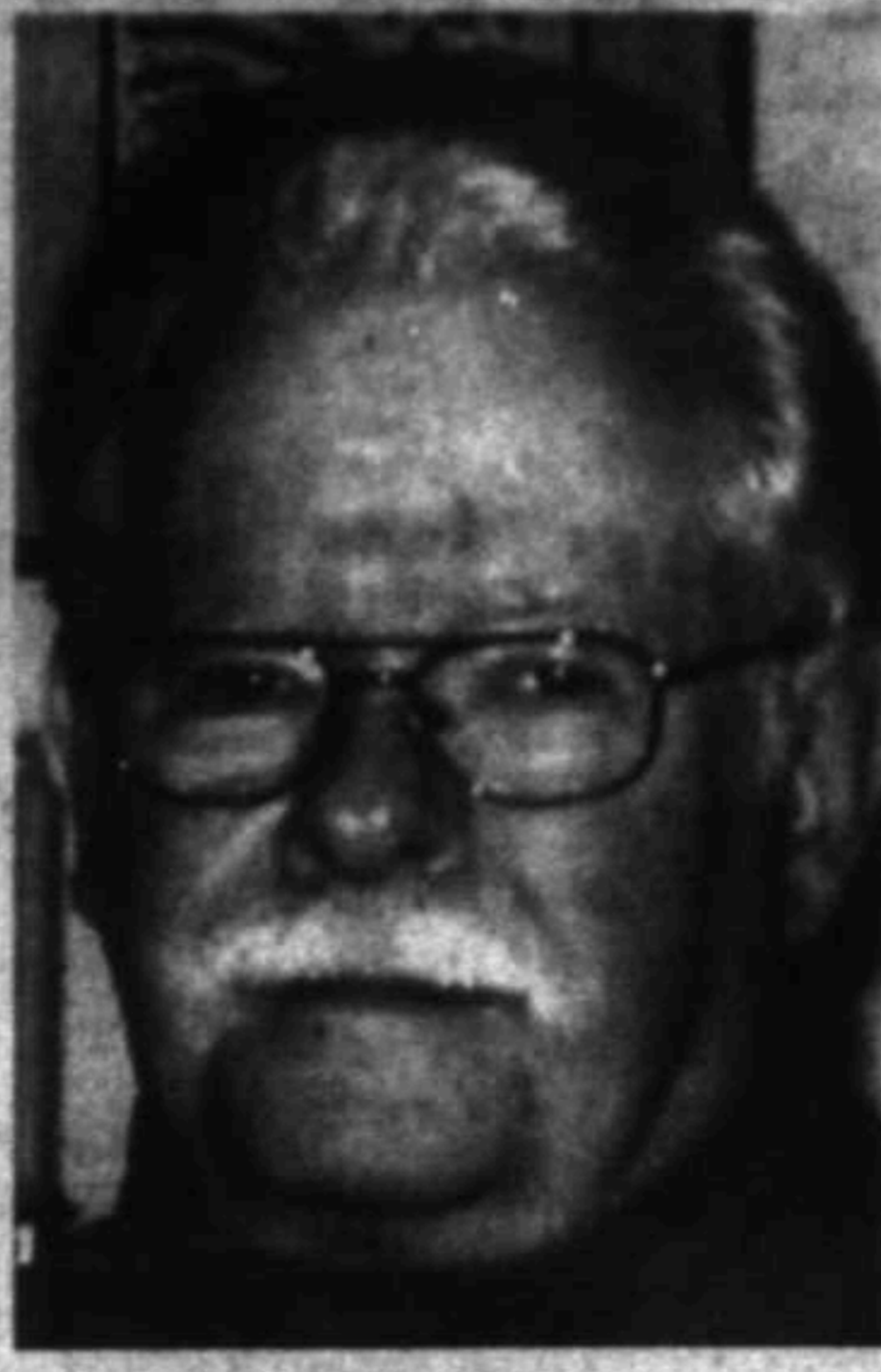
joining the Navy. After his discharge he headed to California, where he started writing poetry and fell under the spell of folk music in the '60s, which is when he formed the duo Frummo with Dan McCrimmon in Colorado. The duo recorded one little-known album called "Here to There," which was released in the late '60s. It included Fromholz's enduring "Texas Trilogy."

After a pair of albums, the duo split, and Fromholz began recording as a solo artist. In addition to his work as a songwriter, Fromholz became a beloved river guide in Big Bend, where his gift for storytelling made him a popular navigator.

He drew renewed attention in 1998 when Lovett covered "Texas Trilogy" as well as Fromholz's playful "Bears."

Fromholz suffered a severe stroke in 2003, which pulled him away from the stage for several years. But he recovered and continued to write, record and perform until the end of his life.

Obituaries



Frank Engler

Frank Engler, 78, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away January 13, 2014 at the Kansas City Presbyterian Manor.

He was born May 21, 1935 in Odessa, Texas. He graduated from Ashdown High School in Ashdown, Arkansas and received a degree in Education from Baylor University, in Waco, Texas.

Frank was an elementary school teacher for more than 15 years in Midland, Texas. Following his years of teaching, he owned Turquoise Treasures in Midland and Odessa.

He married Mary Mae Aldridge in July, 1956 and they were married 23 years.

Frank is survived by his son, Stephen W. Engler and his wife, Carole, of Wiesbaden, Germany; his cousins, Marilyn Locke of Kansas City, Kansas and Claralyn Evans and her husband, Lawrence, of Kansas City, Missouri.

He is also survived by two step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1300 North 18th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the St. Paul's Food Pantry.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.CremationCenterKC.com.

Arrangements were provided by Cremation Center of Kansas City.



Winkler Fuchs

Augusta, GA. - CAPT Winkler Bernard Fuchs U.S. Army (Ret), 89, husband of Minnie Lee Fuchs entered into rest Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Charlie Norwood VA Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held in San Angelo, TX on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 2:00 P.M., in the chapel of Johnson's Funeral Home with Deacon Stanley Lange of St. Thomas Catholic Church presiding. Burial will be at Harriett Community Cemetery on FM 1692 near Miles, TX immediately following the service.

Winkler was born in Rosebud, TX to the late Alois and Cidonia Kuhn Fuchs. He was a veteran of WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam, serving in numerous roles including medic, mortuary officer, paratrooper and Special Forces. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of Central Church of Christ in Martinez, GA.

He was preceded in death by his 1st wife Elizabeth Ann Fuchs. Survivors include his children, Cherie McElligott of Vienna, VA, Winklyn Hayes and Merl Fuchs both of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Kelly McElligott, Sean McElligott, Casey McElligott, Brian Hayes, Timothy Hayes, Megan Adams, Gregory Fuchs, Eric

Fuchs and Nikolas Fuchs; great grandchildren Aiden Kidd, Amelia Adams, Aiden Hayes and Kaylann McElligott.

If so desired, donations in Wink's memory can be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) PO Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250 or <http://www.dav.org>.

Death Notices

Charlene White

Charlene White, 74, died Friday, January 17, 2014 in a Stanton nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by five sons, Perry White, Jim Bob White, Jerry White, Larry White and Dalton White; and by 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Demetrio (Dimas)

Demetrio (Dimas) R. Rivas, Jr., 54, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

He is survived by his father, Demetrio M. Rivas, Sr.; and by several other family members.

A funeral mass is set for today at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery.

Dewey Lee

Brownell

Dewey Lee Brownell, 75, passed away January 15, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Winnsboro, Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife, Francis; daughters, Lynn Brownell and Pam Mims; a son, James Edward Brownell; and by four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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From 1B

- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen shelled edamame, thawed
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen corn, about 2 cups, thawed
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth, or vegetable broth
- 1 Tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound raw shrimp, (26-30 per pound) peeled and deveined
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper

Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 5 minutes. Leaving the drippings in the pan, use tongs to transfer the bacon to a plate lined with paper towels; let cool. Add oil to the pan. Add scallions (or onion), bell pepper, garlic and thyme and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in edamame, corn, broth, vinegar and salt. Bring to a simmer; reduce heat to medium-low and cook for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, sprinkle shrimp on both sides with lemon pepper. Scatter the shrimp on top of the vegetables, cover and cook until the shrimp are cooked through, about 5 minutes. Crumble the bacon and sprinkle on top. Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 307 Calories, 9g Fat, 1g Sat Fat, 172 mg Chol, 26g Carb, 30g Protein, 7g Fiber, 491mg Sodium, 476 mg Potassium. Exchanges 1 1/2 starch, 1 vegetable, 3 lean meat.

Sautéed Chicken with Corn and Edamame

From Real Simple

- 4 ounces sliced bacon
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 4 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cups frozen shelled edamame, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups corn kernels, fresh (from 2 ears) or frozen

Heat oven to 400. In a skillet, over medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Discard the drippings. Wipe out the skillet and heat the oil over medium high heat. Season the chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper and cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side.

Transfer the chicken to a baking dish and roast until cooked through, about 8 minutes. Meanwhile, add the onion to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, 5 to 7 minutes.

Add edamame and corn and cook stirring occasionally, until heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes. Break the bacon into pieces and add to the skillet. Stir in the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Spoon onto plates and serve with the chicken. Serves 4. Nutritional Information: 259 Calories, 38% Calories from fat, 11g Fat, 1g Sat Fat, 23mg Chol, 489mg Sodium, 21g Carbs, 7g Fiber, 9g Sugar, 18g Protein.

Garlic Teriyaki Edamame

From Allrecipes

- 1/4 cup water
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen edamame in the pod
- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
- 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons rice vinegar

- 1 Tablespoon sesame oil
 - 2 Tablespoon sesame seeds
- Bring the water and garlic to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Stir in the edamame and cook until the edamame are hot and the liquid has nearly evaporated, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-high and stir in the teriyaki sauce, brown sugar, vinegar and sesame oil. Stir constantly until the sauce has thickened and coats the edamame, about 4 minutes. Sprinkle with sesame seeds to serve.

Pan-Fried Tilapia and Edamame Succotash

From www.justataste.com

- Tilapia:**
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons seafood seasoning
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 1/2 pounds fresh tilapia filets
 - 2 Tablespoons butter
 - 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
 - 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
 - 2 Tablespoons freshly chopped parsley leaves

- For the Edamame Succotash:**
- 2 Tablespoons canola oil
 - 1 medium onion, diced
 - 2 teaspoons chopped garlic
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 (10-ounce) bag frozen shelled edamame, thawed
 - 1 (10-ounce) bag frozen yellow corn, thawed (or substitute fresh)

For the tilapia: Preheat the oven to 300. Combine the flour, seafood seasoning, salt and pepper in a shallow baking dish. Lightly coat each side of the tilapia with the flour mixture. Heat the canola oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Shake off excess flour from tilapia and place it in the skillet. Pan fry until golden brown, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Place the pan fried tilapia on a baking sheet lined with paper towels and keep it warm in the oven while you prepare the sauce.

To prepare the sauce, reduce the heat to low and add the butter to the pan the tilapia was cooked in. Once melted, add the garlic, lemon juice and parsley. Sauté for 2 minutes. Place the fillets on a serving dish and top with sauce. Serve with edamame succotash.

For the succotash, heat the canola oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic, season with salt and pepper to taste. Sauté for 2 minutes. Add the edamame and the corn and sauté for 4 minutes until the ingredients are heated through and the onions are translucent. Serve with pan fried tilapia.

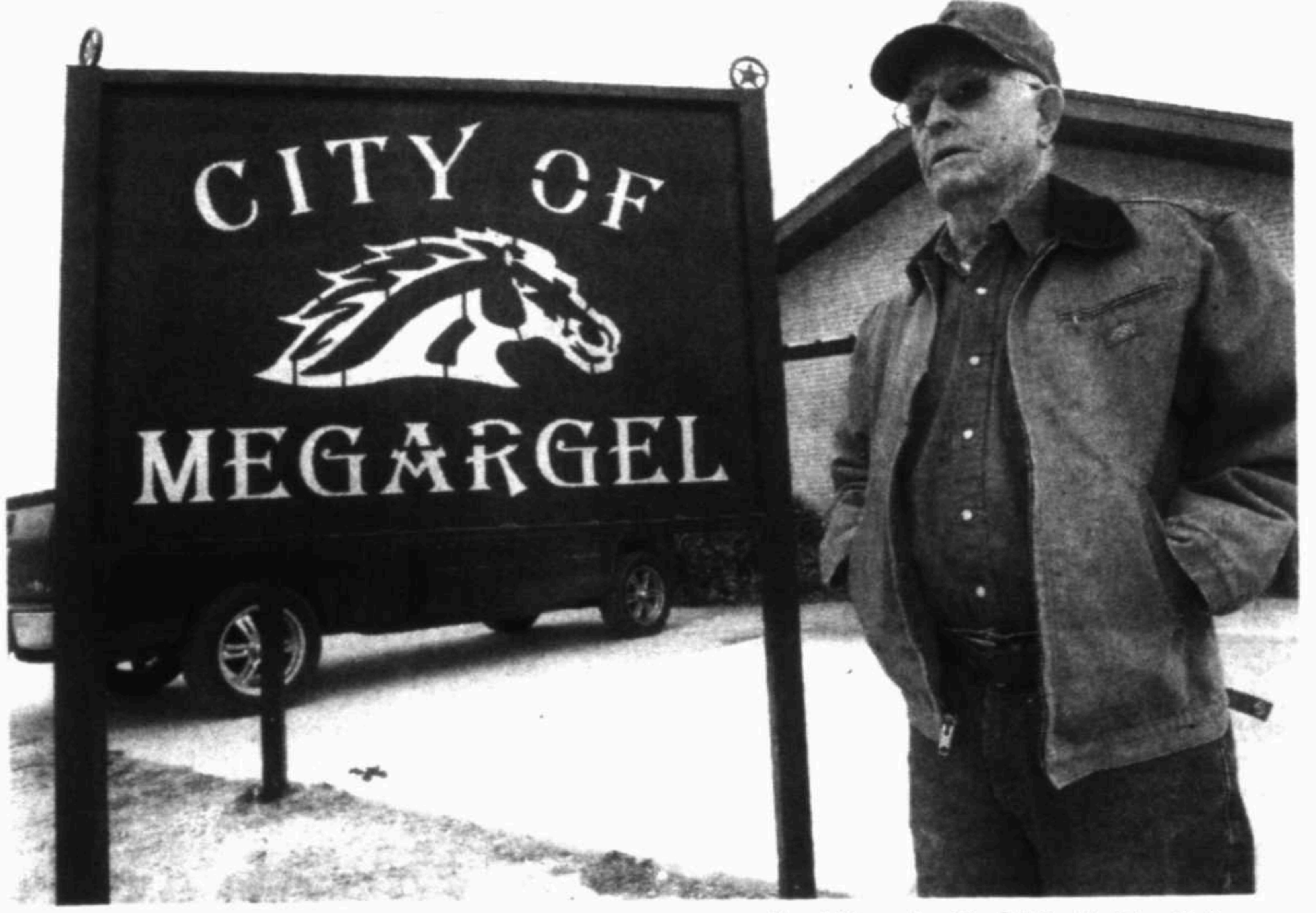
Crispy Parmesan Garlic Edamame

From www.pumpsandiron.com

- 1 package frozen shelled edamame
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400. Let frozen edamame thaw on the countertop. Dry on paper towels if necessary. Mix parmesan cheese, garlic powder, salt and pepper in a bowl. In a separate bowl, toss edamame with olive oil. Add the parmesan-spice mixture to the edamame and toss until evenly coated. Spread on pan and bake for 15 minutes (until cheese is crispy).

Serving size: 1/2 cup. Nutritional information: Calories: 152, Calories from fat: 80, Total Fat: 99g, Sat Fat: 2g, Chol: 5mg, Sodium: 100mg, Total Carbs: 8g, Dietary Fiber: 4g, Sug



Paul Moseley/Fort Worth Star Telegram

City Councilman Jerry Goodwin talks about the town's future Jan. 9 at City Hall in Megargel. The tiny town of Megargel, about two hours northwest of Fort Worth, has been living under the threat of running out of water for the last year and a half, but it is also simply trying to survive. For small Texas towns like Megargel, water is another obstacle to keeping them from wasting away.

Megargel struggles to survive

By Bill Hanna

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

MEGARGEL — When Debbie Wells purchased the Megargel High School campus in 2009, she didn't realize she was becoming the caretaker for so much of the town's history.

Still inside the school that opened in 1927 are desks, yearbooks and old photos of students. Near the front entrance, the Megargel school board's last agenda is still posted from June 2006; it includes the item to consolidate with the Olney school district.

Next door, the gymnasium that opened in 1950 still has its scoreboard and a few basketballs strewn across the dusty hardwood court. Outside, the goal posts to the old six-man football field are in still place, surrounded by weeds.

"It was like there was a fire drill and everybody left and never came back," said Wells, who lives with her family in the former agriculture building behind the school.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports for Megargel, population 203 — on Texas 114, about 110 miles northwest of Fort Worth — the former high school campus may be the most visible sign of a town fading away, but it's far from the only one.

Downtown is virtually empty, littered with crumbling and abandoned buildings and outdated gas stations. Many houses are vacant and of the town's 200 water meters, only 130 are active.

And like many small Texas towns hit by the prolonged drought, Megargel is struggling with its water supply.

Since last March, Megargel has been in Stage 3 water restrictions, which includes a ban on outdoor watering. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality considers it to have a 90-day supply of water but city officials say the town lake, the sole of source of water, has held steady in recent

months.

Town officials have had discussions with Baylor Water Supply Corp in Seymour about building an emergency water line to supply the town in case its lake runs dry.

Even if the water situation improves, city leaders worry about the town's survival. "Unless something changes I can't see any reason it won't completely disappear," said Jerry Goodwin, who has been a city councilman since 2009. "We've talked about it and most of the people are like me, they just don't see anything that could keep us going for very much longer."

Despite Goodwin's fears of Megargel's demise, it is rare for small Texas towns to vanish, said Rice University professor Steve Murdock, a former director of the U.S. Census Bureau and the former state demographer for the state of Texas.

"Not very many places totally disappear off the map but that part of Texas has struggled with population growth for decades," Murdock said.

Despite the booming population gains in Texas, 96 Texas counties lost population from 2000 to 2012.

"It is a concern but it is a concern they share with the Great Plains, which has been experiencing these issues for 100 years," Murdock said. "Many have lost population. Many have struggled. They may be a shadow of their former selves but they are still there."

Murdock, who is a rural sociologist, said residents are right to worry about the loss of the school district. Any time a town loses its school system, it can be a crippling blow.

"I would be worried about viability," Murdock said. "I think for rural areas losing schools is a big thing. It's where a community often gets its identity. If you look at the history of the Great Plains, the areas that lost schools had an even more difficult

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NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Weed-and-feed products disregard proper timing

Dear Neil: Several of your columns over the past couple of years have suggested Halts or Dimension for crabgrass and grassbur control. I have found Halts, but online there appear to be several types of Halts. What would you recommend?

Answer: I think you are seeing the same Halts product (Pendimethalin), but combined with different types of fertilizers. I am not a big advocate of "weed-and-feed" combination products. It's my opinion that the two processes need to be done separately because the timing is different. You need to apply pre-emergent herbicides earlier than the first lawn feeding. You should be able to find the Halts by itself, without fertilizer added in. Dimension products are widely available through local independent retail garden centers, so they are another option. Those stores should be getting their early spring supplies in very soon.

Dear Neil: I have an oak with a cavity. Can I use some type of wood filler to fill it and even the surface out?

Answer: Certified arborists advise against that. Filling cavities adds no strength to the tree's trunk, and it encapsulates any decay that might be present. You're really better off just allowing the tree to form new bark across the open wound. If you see a roll of bark forming uniformly across the opening, you're on your way. If it is not forming, and if the decay seems to be getting worse, you need to call a certified arborist for an on-site inspection.

Dear Neil: My creeping fig has frozen and turned brown. I can see green underneath. How can I get rid of the ugly brown growth on top?

Answer: I'm assuming that you're talking about fig ivy that is growing against a flat wall, and I'm also assuming that the green that you're seeing "underneath" is beneath all of the clinging runners. If so, you could take a stout push broom and try brushing the vines. The dead leaves might pull loose from the action and fall to the ground. You could even brush across them gently with a large scrub brush to see if that would help. Don't apply enough pressure to pull the vines off the wall. And the good news is that even if you decide to do nothing, the green leaves will quickly conceal the browned stubble starting in late winter. This won't be a problem in six to eight weeks.

Dear Neil: My El Toro zoysia has thinned in

patches because of extreme water restrictions and heat. Could I overseed the bare areas with bermuda? Would the two be compatible? What suggestions do you have?

Answer: Do not plant bermuda seed. You don't want two grasses growing in the same space. It never works out, because they always behave and look very differently. If you want bermuda, you would want to remove the zoysia either with a shovel or sod cutter, or by applying glyphosate herbicide once it has greened up and is growing. Then you could rototill the soil and plant either sod or seed of whatever bermuda variety you wanted. But I would not recommend that. It's a ton of work, and El Toro is a handsome lawn-grass. If I had your lawn, once water restrictions were lessened and if I could see my way clear to reasonable waterings, I would dig plugs from my El Toro and plant them into the bare areas. That way you'd be sure of a match.

Dear Neil: I have five very large redtip photinias. I need to cut them way back because they're encroaching on my driveway. When and how do I do that?

Answer: Do it soon, before they begin their new spring growth. Use a pruning saw and lopping shears. Remove entire branches, cutting them flush with the remaining trunk or limbs. Leave no stubs. By doing that one branch at a time, you can reduce the size of a redtip by half or more. By doing it before the new growth starts, you'll take advantage of all the spring burst to fill the plants in once again. In the future, try to do moderate pruning all along, instead of extreme pruning like this. It will be better for the plants.

Dear Neil: I have just gotten my soil test results back from Texas A&M. They seem really odd, because I want to work up a vegetable garden area, and the tests say I should add only nitrogen. Don't I want phosphorus for vegetable production?

Answer: Yes, you do want phosphorus for roots, flowers and fruit, so your question is very logical. What the soil test has obviously discovered is that your soil already has excessive amounts of phosphorus. That's extremely common in Texas soils, especially if fertilizers containing phosphorus have been added in the past. High levels of phosphorus can adversely impact the solubility of critical minor elements, resulting in poor plant growth. Trust the soil test. Apply a high quality, all-nitrogen plant food.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Did nature give you a good freebie, but it's 5 inches from your foundation? The dormant season is a great time to move a misplaced tree, shrub or other woody plant, especially if it is young, deciduous and dormant.

Transplanting deciduous plants in the dormant season can be done using a bare-root method. Bare-root means digging the majority of the root system, but not moving the soil. Transplanting by bare root is faster, lighter and easier. Bare-root transplanting works best with deciduous plants rather than evergreen. Evergreens survive transplanting much better if an intact root ball is dug.

Young trees, shrubs and vines are the best candidates for bare-root transplanting. Fruit trees, roses, grape vines and berry vines are frequently handled as bare-root transplants this time of year. A tree trunk caliper should be no larger than 2 inches for the best results. Anything larger than that should be balled and wrapped in burlap or moved with a tree spade for optimum results.

Before you dig, be sure to water a few days in advance and sharpen the shovel with a file for easier digging. Start by digging straight down about 15-20 inches away from the trunk in a circle around the tree. Try not to tear roots by prying on the shovel. Cutting roots with a sharp shovel is much better than stretching and tearing. Get as many roots as is practical. Most roots grow laterally in the soil, not straight down, so you may not need to dig so far down before you begin to under cut the root system. Once most of the root system is revealed, cut any long roots that may not be critical in pursuing. Use a sharp pair of hand pruners to release the root system for the site.

Place the root system in a bucket of water while you prepare the new planting site. Dig the hole plenty wide and only deep enough to accommodate the root system. Plant at the same level it grew in the ground, unless it was planted too deep in the first place. The root flare should be at the soil line. Firm the soil in around the roots.

Follow up with plenty of mulch. This is a great situation to use a tree watering bag. Water the new tree about once a week for the first year. In the hot summer time, water every five days.

Find re-leaf for your poorly located plants by transplanting using the bare-root method.



Weed control

Controlling weeds is simple with a pre-emergent herbicide, right?

Pre-emergent herbicides are most effective in controlling annual (grow for one season) grasses, but they also help control a few broadleaf weeds.

Pre-emergent herbicides are chemicals that need to be applied before the weed seed germinates and emerges from the soil. For all the winter weeds you see right now, it is too late to use a pre-emergent.

Pre-emergent herbicides don't kill weed seeds, they kill the plant as the root emerges from the seed. Not all seeds are controlled by pre-emergent herbicides. Pre-emergents can also kill the good seeds, so avoid using them if you plan on seeding or sprigging a new lawn this year. Once the new lawn is established, wait one year before using a pre-emergent herbicide.

For controlling cool-season annuals (winter weeds, the ones you are seeing right now), such as, rescue grass, late summer/early fall is the time to apply a pre-emergent. For warm-season annuals, late winter/early spring is a good time to target. In very sandy soils and areas next to the sidewalk, drive, patio and other hot, sunny locations, germination occurs earlier. Late February may be a good time to treat these sites. Most pre-emergent herbicides last two to four months. Some weed seeds germinate early and some late, so don't expect to get 100 percent control.

When choosing a product, make sure it is labeled for use on the turf grass species. Avoid using a late winter/spring pre-emergent herbicide on St. Augustine lawn, which is weak coming out of winter. Late summer or fall is OK.

Apply a pre-emergent to moist soil and then follow with 1/2 to 1 inch of irrigation water or rainfall (how does that work?). Apply the product at the correct rate to avoid damage or a lack of control. Herbicides are formulated as granules or liquid. Avoid herbicides with Atrazine or Simazine, especially in sandy soil types with trees and shrubs.

Don't apply pre-emergent herbicides in areas without an established lawn where there will be foot traffic from people, pets or machinery. Pre-emergent herbicides work by creating a chemical barrier in the top half-inch of soil. If the barrier is disturbed by walking, playing, raking, aerating, weeding and other soil disturbances, weeds will come up.

Rock mulch areas can also be treated with a pre-emergent herbicide but remember a half-inch inch of water will be needed to move it into the soil.

While it's not popular, hand weeding is a very effective form of weed management. It also helps with eliminating the average seven- to-10-pound weight gain of the holiday.

Find re-leaf in weed management by reading, studying, understanding and asking knowledgeable nurserymen lots of questions. There's more than one way to beat a weed.

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Potassium levels are crucial to plant health

Potassium is required by all plants. A soil test can detect the amount of potassium available to your plants.

Potassium plays a role in how firm cell walls are by regulating the moisture level within cells. Potassium controls the uptake of water in the roots and the loss of water from the leaves. Plants with firm cell walls are better able to stand upright and resist disease.

Potassium availability to plants depends upon how it is found in the soil. Potassium that is dissolved in the soil water is freely available for uptake by plants. Potassium that is attached to the outside surface of soil particles is also available.

On the other hand, potassium locked within soil particles is not ready for plants to take up. Potassium that is sheltered between soil particles is

also unavailable for plant use. With time, this potassium may move into the soil solution as the soil weathers.

Soil tests often detect only those nutrients that plants can take up. These tests assume that other factors are not a problem. For example, roots require oxygen and moisture to take in potassium from the soil. Soil temperature is vital. Roots take up nutrients best when soil temperatures are between 55 and 80 degrees.

When plants cannot get enough potassium from the soil, they may wilt or become prone to disease.

Early signs of potassium deficiency may include older leaves turning brown on the edges as their cells dry out and die. Plants with low amounts of potassium may not be able to adapt as the temperature makes rapid changes.

Excess soil potassium may compete with calcium uptake by tomatoes, peppers and squash; this can cause blossom-end-rot. Blossom-end-rot is a common problem of fruiting plants in West Texas gardens. It is important to understand how much potassium is available to your plants before adding fertilizers. Soil sample

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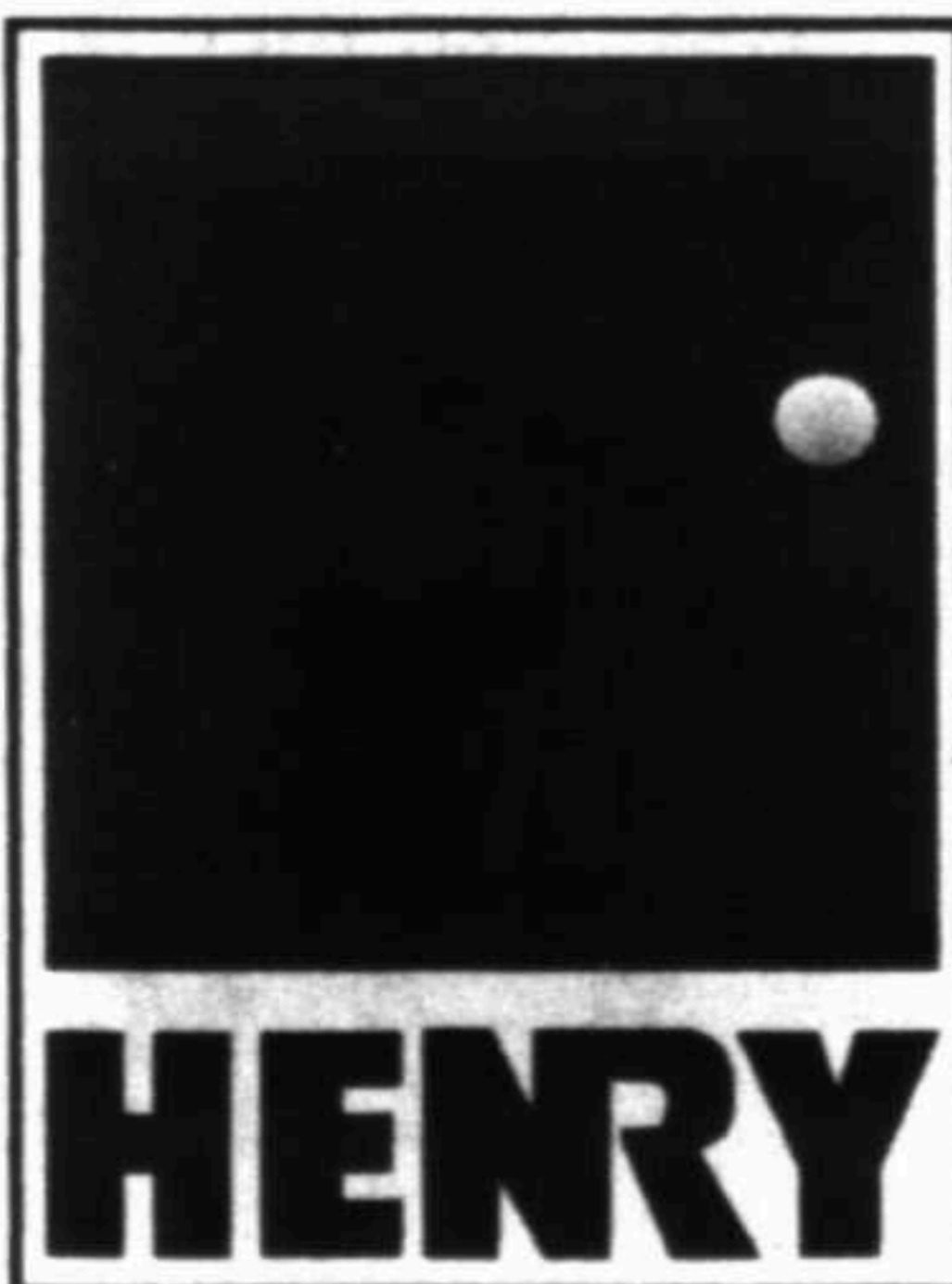
reports in West Texas tend to indicate modest to high soil potassium levels. The only certain method to discover how much potassium your soil has is to test it.

Soiltesting.tamu.edu is a website where all necessary forms and instructions for soil testing can be found. You may also pick them up at the Midland County Extension office by calling 686-4700.

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners will be hosting a vegetable gardening seminar 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the County Annex building, 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Door prizes will be given away. Seating is limited; RSVP by calling the Ector County Extension office at 498-4071 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY



Psalm 8:9

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Midland West Rotary

2014 Vacation Get Away - Give Away

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Green Tree Country Club
Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm

PRIZES... PRIZES... PRIZES

- Marriott Destination Vacation
- Diamond Earrings
- 5K Microdermabrasion Treatments
- Apple Store Product
- Green Tree Country Club Golf Foursome
- Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun
- 32 inch television
- and many more prizes...

Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes dinner and an entry in the raffle. Additional raffle tickets will be available at the event!

For more information contact Andrew Mellen at amellen@maverick-eng.com or 432-250-1766.



Students participate in a "balance of speed and precision" exercise. Aaron Israel, of Fundamental Defense, taught a Combat Focus Shooting course Saturday at the Guardian Training Agency range in Midland.

RANGE ROVERS

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram



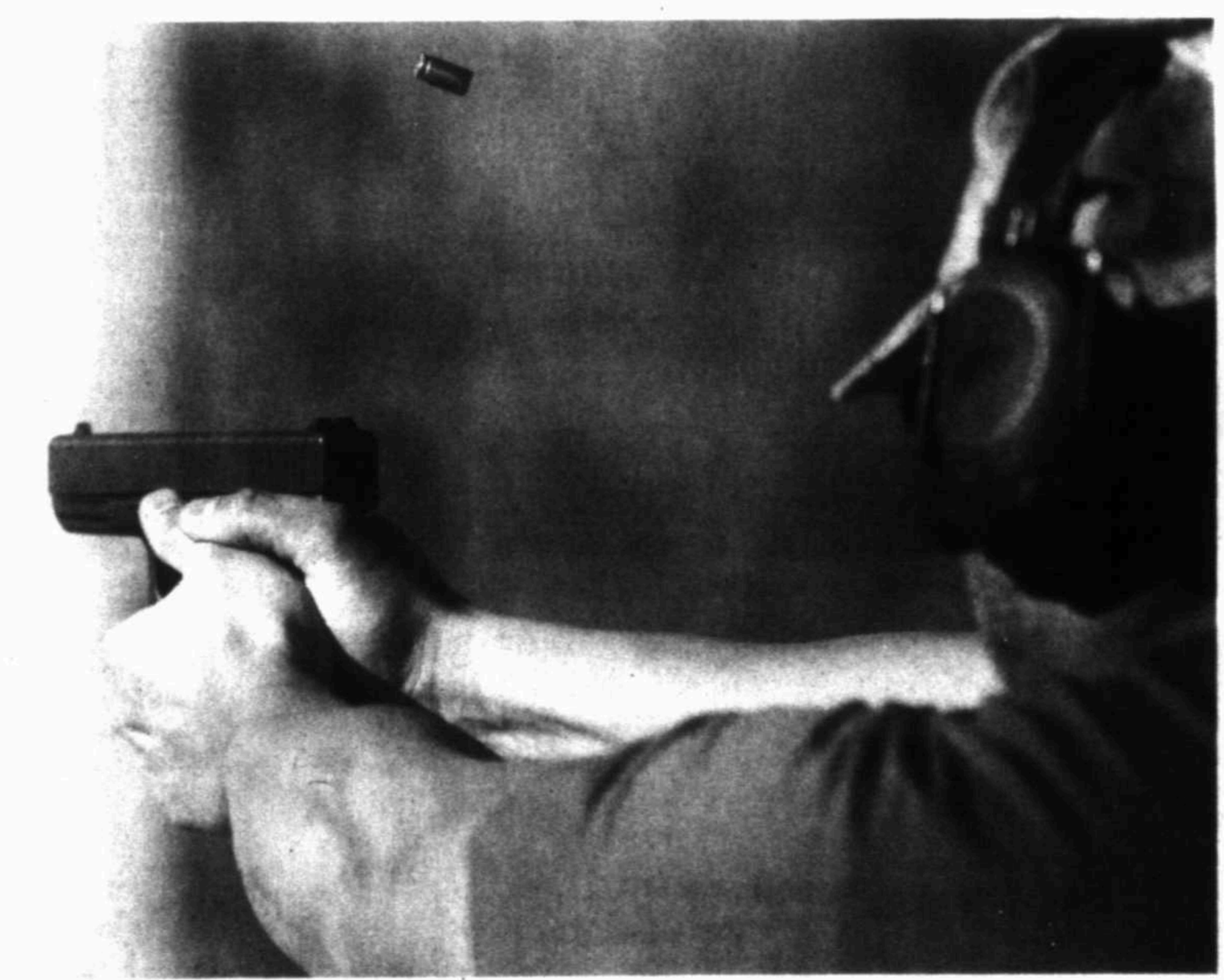
Israel instructs the participants.



Derek Adler participates in a close engagement combat exercise.



Israel instructs the participants.



A bullet casing is ejected from a Glock handgun.



Gabriel Rodriguez engages a target.



Isaac Urias identifies and engages a target.



A youngster looks on as the Grand Champion Steer is shown during the Midland County Livestock Show on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena.

LIVE AT LIVESTOCK SHOW

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Nikki Caughron shows the Reserve Champion Swine.



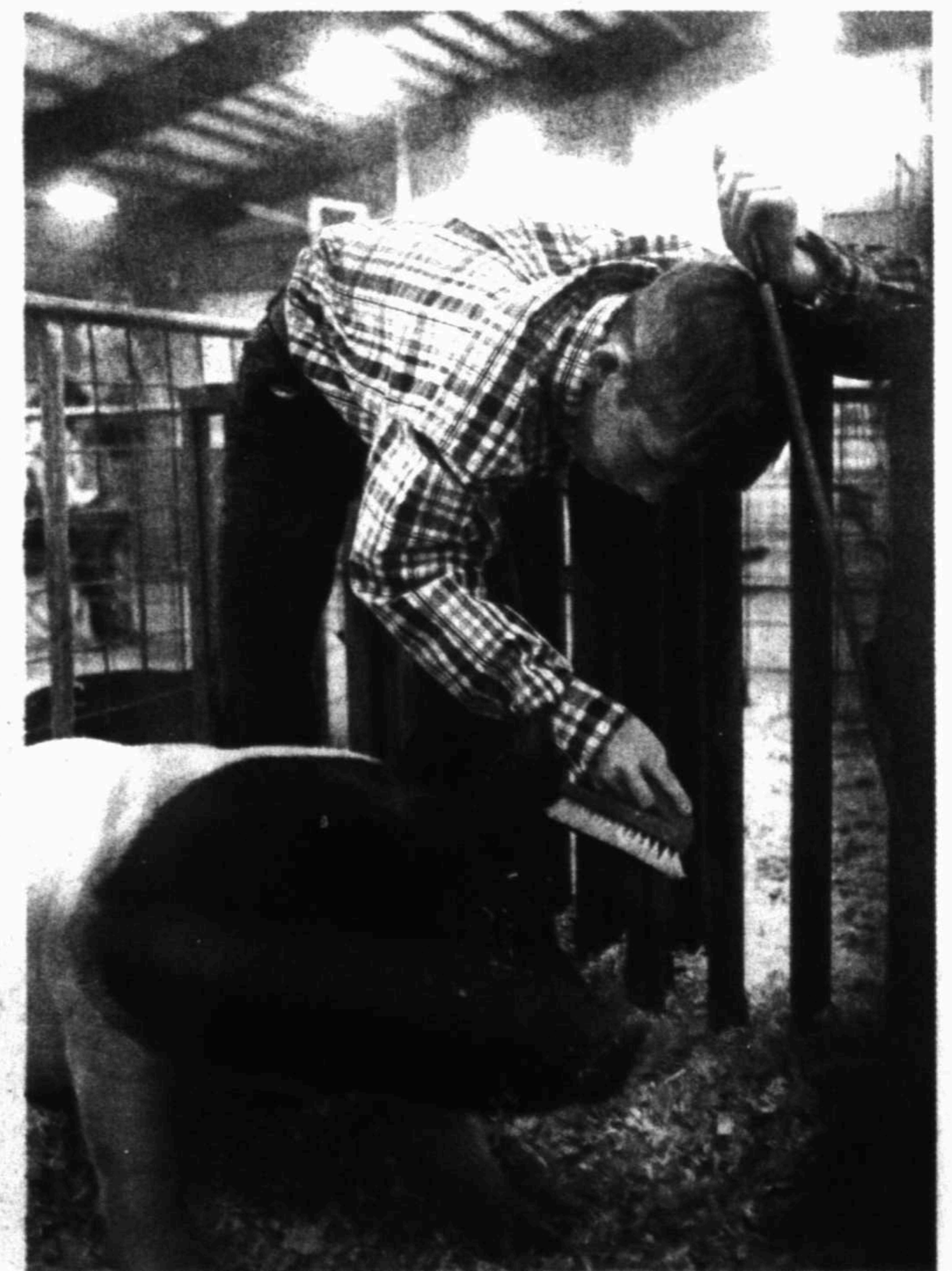
Devin McBryde shows off his blue ribbon winning hog Thursday.



Livestock wait to be displayed Saturday.



All Williams and Kenleigh Ivy pet livestock Saturday.



Koy Stanley, 10, readies his hog for showing Thursday.



Lauren Morgan shows the Grand Champion Steer on Saturday. Camryn Morrison shows the Reserve Champion Steer on Saturday.

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Strong 2nd half propels Wranglers past Chaparrals

Midland College's Cory Scott (15 bends around Odessa College's Zeldric King in the first half Monday at the OC Sports Center.



Ryan Evon/Odessa American

By Oscar LeRoy
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ODESSA — The Midland College men's basketball team wanted to follow the same formula against No. 4 Odessa College that they had in the upset victory over New Mexico Junior College on Thursday night.

The problem for the Chaparrals is that the Wranglers were not going to back down. OC started the second half strong. Josh Gray had 18 of his game-high 29 points in that half and Midland College appeared worn down both physically and mentally in an 82-64 loss at the OC Sports Center on Monday night.

This was a humbling loss for the Chaps (10-9, 2-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference), who

No. 4 Wranglers..... 82
Chaparrals..... 64

were coming off a big high from last week's 76-66 victory over the No. 18 Thunderbirds. MC coach Jordan Dreiling said Monday night's game was a setback for his team.

"We come out (in the second half) and we shoot a jump shot, we don't penetrate and kick, and do things that are uncharacteristic for us from the start and it just steamrolled," Dreiling said. "We are a team that has to stay positive and keep what confidence we have. If we allow a little bit of negativity to come in, it comes at our expense."

It was hard to imagine that this game was actually close at the half as Cory Scott banked in a last-second,

long-range 3-pointer to pull the Chaps within 35-33.

But Odessa College (16-3, 4-2) used a 13-2 run to begin the second half and MC wasn't the same after that.

"I was really disappointed in the guys on how we ended the first half," OC coach Tra Arnold said. "That's what we talked about in the locker room. We came out with extra energy to start the second half, got the ball inside, got some easy shots, and finally made some jump shots as the game went along. We were able to get stops."

Added Dreiling, "When you have a halfcourt shot like that going into halftime, I don't know how you lose

Please see CHAPARRALS/3C

GIRLS HS BASKETBALL REPORT

Keep looking ahead

Bell helps Rangerettes stay in 4-3A title hunt

By Jonathan Hull
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This basketball season has been both new and familiar to Amanda Bell.

It's familiar because of how it has gone for the Greenwood girls basketball team so far. It seems like every year the Rangerettes start-off with a few losses against some tough opponents only to enter District 4-3A play and start rolling off wins.

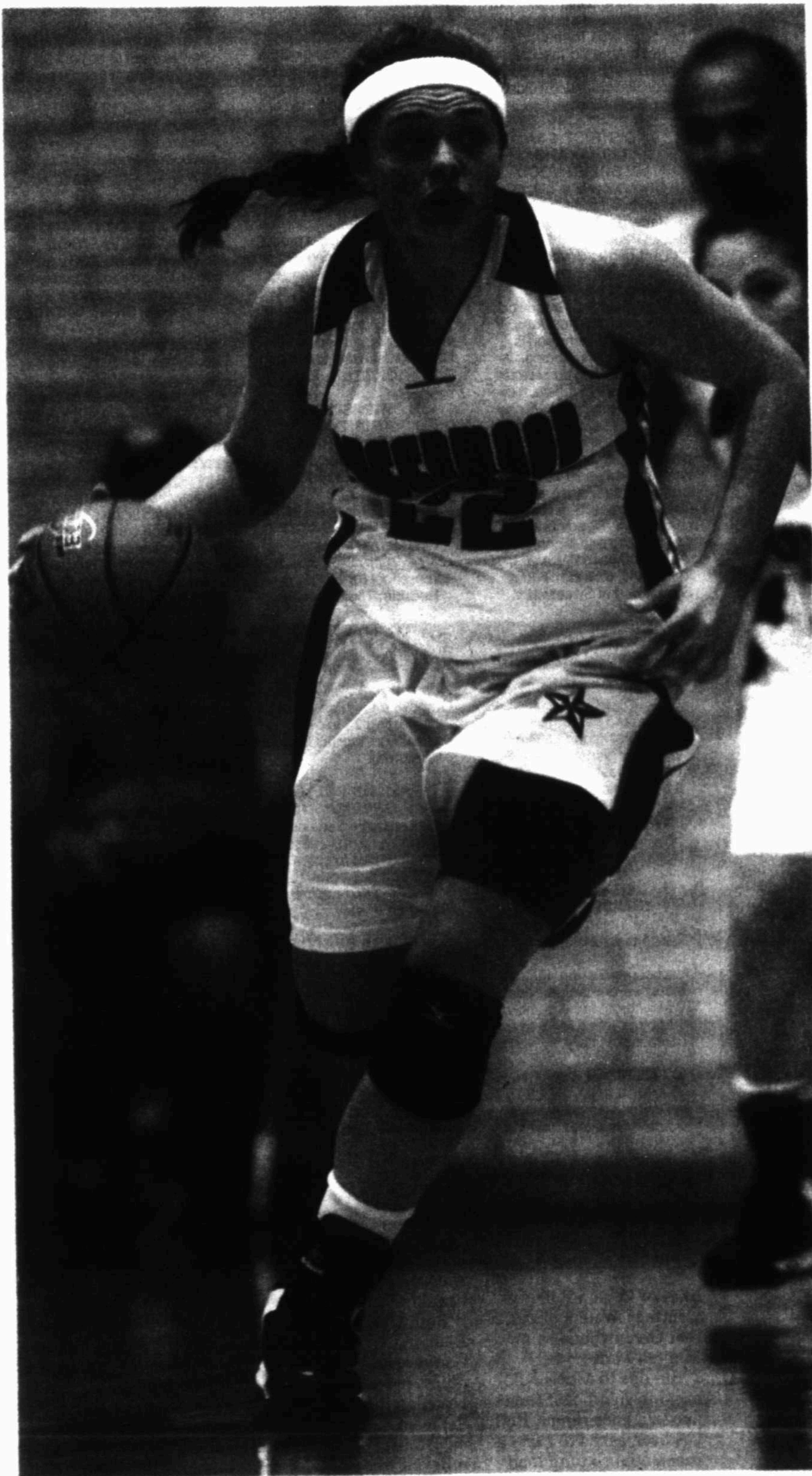
That's exactly what the Rangerettes have done this month. After starting the season 4-14, they've won four of their last five games, all of which were 4-3A matchups. That 4-1 mark has the Rangerettes sitting second in the 4-3A standings as they enter the second half of district play at 6 p.m. tonight when they host Monahans.

"Coach (Quint) Anthony usually has us play the big teams right out of the blocks," Bell said. "Sometimes that can be discouraging, especially if it's your first time playing on a team that starts out that way. I think this year we're kind of that Cinderella team. We've won some games in district I don't think anyone expected us to."

Bell is a big reason why the Rangerettes have won four of five district games so far this month. Since 4-3A play started, Bell has scored at least 20 points on three occasions, including 28 against Monahans on Jan. 3.

For the season, Bell is averaging a team-high 16.3 points and 8.6 rebounds per game, and that seems to be the biggest difference between this year and the last two for the Rangerettes' junior forward.

In the past, Bell has been able to be a complementary scorer to the



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Amanda Bell takes the ball down the court during a Nov. 29, 2012 basketball game at Greenwood High School.

Please see BELL/2C



Ryan Evon/Odessa American

Odessa College's Morgan Holly (25) goes in for a basket past Midland College's Mary Savoy in the first half Monday at the OC Sports Center.

Lady Chaps miss chances in loss to OC

Lady Wranglers..... 74
No. 22 Lady Chaparrals..... 69

By Oscar LeRoy
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ODESSA — Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones admitted his team may not be mature or mentally tough enough to close out tough games like the one against Odessa College on Monday night.

The No. 22-ranked Lady Chaparrals had their opportunities down the stretch but missed shots, turnovers and a 10-4 run by the Lady Wranglers cost them in a 74-69 loss in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference game at the OC Sports Center.

"I'd rather focus on what we gave away," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We had 21 turnovers, we threw the ball around, we missed layups, had great transition opportunities that we threw away."

"I liked their effort, but I'm not going to be encouraged by a loss."

With the loss, Midland College falls to 12-8 overall and 2-3 in the WJCAC. OC improves to 15-4 and stayed unbeaten in league play at 5-0.

The Lady Chaps shot better (44.6 percent) than in last Thursday's home loss to New Mexico Junior College but couldn't buy key buckets when it counted the most. MC took its last lead, 65-64 on a 3-pointer by Tajanay Veiga with 3:53 remaining in the game. But OC responded with a 9-0 run with five points coming from Sera Ozelci, who also hit four threes in the game.

"Sera's got that ability," OC coach Ara Baten said. "If she had a little more consistency she could be very

Please see LADY CHAPS/3C

Jones announces he's sticking with coordinators Kiffin, Callahan

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones indicated Monday the club will retain its two embattled coordinators.

"There is nothing there at all," the team's web site quoted Jones as saying when asked about the status of defensive chief Monte Kiffin and offensive play-caller Bill Callahan, both of whom are under contract.

"The status of it is nothing. The status is the contracts that are there, everybody's here.

That's the way you ought to read it...I wouldn't anticipate a thing."

Speaking at the Senior Bowl in Mobile Ala., Jones also addressed the future of coach Jason Garrett, who has guided Dallas to three straight 8-8 seasons that included losses each year to NFC East foes in season finales with a trip to the playoffs at stake.

Garrett's contract expires after the 2014 season, but Jones said he doesn't pay much attention to the coach's "lame duck status."

"We've got a huge, a lifetime, of work ahead of us over the



Kiffin



Callahan

next few weeks," Jones said, referring to personnel decisions and the scouting of college players for the draft in May. "To even consider (an extension for Garrett)...is not a big thing for me. It's just too much takeaway from what we're trying to do right

now, which is just get cranked up for (the 2014 season)."

Kiffin's first season in charge of the defense ended with the Cowboys allowing the most yards in franchise history (6,645) and finishing last in the NFL in total defense.

Only the 2012 New Orleans Saints (7,042) and the 1981 Baltimore Colts (6,793) allowed more yards. The 388 first downs surrendered by Dallas ranked second-worst in league history behind only the 406 yielded by the '81 Colts.

A proponent of the 4-3 Tampa 2 defense he used to help Tampa Bay win the Super Bowl after

the 2002 season, Kiffin came on board after Jones fired Rob Ryan a year ago, inheriting personnel more fitted for the 3-4 scheme Dallas had used since 2005.

Kiffin also had to deal with numerous injuries, including a season-ending one to defensive end Anthony Spencer, who had a career-high 11 sacks in 2012.

Although the Cowboys showed improvement with 28 takeaways, they surrendered the first two 600-yard games in franchise history and the first 40-first down game in NFL history. Dallas also lost crucial late season games to three teams sporting backup quarterbacks.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Indiana at Michigan St., 6 p.m., ESPN
Kansas St. at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Missouri at LSU, 6 p.m., ESPN
Texas A&M at Kentucky, 8 p.m., ESPN
Georgia Tech at Boston College, 8 p.m., ESPN
Butler at Providence, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1

WHAT'S ON DECK
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Odessa New Way at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.
Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Sweetwater at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Water Valley, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Denver City, 8 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Brownfield, 8 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Odessa New Way at Midland Classical, 5 p.m.
Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Water Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Denver City, 6:30 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Brownfield, 6:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER
Midland High at Abilene High, 5 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER
Midland High at Abilene High, 7 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL POLLS

- BOYS
Class 5A
1. Converse Judson, 24-1; 2. DeSoto, 19-3; 3. South Grand Prairie, 17-4; 4. Plano West, 14-5; 5. Fort Bend Bush, 19-5; 6. EP Bel Air, 20-17; 7. Eufaula Trinity, 17-8; 8. Galena Park North Shore, 22-3; 9. Humble Atascocita, 19-6; 10. Killeen Harter Heights, 19-3; 11. McAllen Row, 24-1; 12. Lewisville Marcus, 19-2; 13. Richardson Berkner, 16-5; 14. SA Churchil, 23-3; 15. Arlington Bowie, 19-3; 16. Lewisville, 16-4; 17. Spring Westfield, 21-5; 18. Amarillo Tascosa, 19-2; 19. Beaumont West Brook 16-6; 20. Fort Arthur Memorial, 16-6; 21. SA Madison, 19-5; 22. Allen, 19-3; 23. Fort Bend Dulles, 20-8; 24. Marvell, 21-4; 25. Pearland, 19-6.
Class 4A
1. SA Alamo Heights, 24-1; 2. Beaumont Central, 20-3; 3. FW Dunbar, 14-3; 4. EP Adress, 20-2; 5. Lancaster, 19-4; 6. Dallas Highland Park, 21-3; 7. Houston Wheatley, 19-4; 8. Frisco Heritage, 17-2; 9. Dallas Kimball, 14-4; 10. Fort Bend Marshall, 17-1; 11. Schertz Clemens, 22-3; 12. SA Northside Brennan, 21-4; 13. Beaumont Ozen, 19-5; 14. Friendswood, 18-4; 15. Everman, 17-3; 16. Amarillo, 15-17; 17. FW Trimble Tech, 15-6; 18. Dallas Lincoln, 12-5; 19. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 16-5; 20. Wofforth Frisco, 20-2; 21. Nederland, 17-6; 22. McKinney North, 17-5; 23. Dallas Union, 13-6; 24. Humble Kingwood Park, 21-6; 25. Humble Summer Creek, 15-6.
Class 3A
1. Dallas Madison, 15-4; 2. Kennedale, 26-0; 3. Houston Yates, 10-9; 4. Dallas AAA Academy, 14-5; 5. Abilene Wylie, 18-3; 6. SA Houston, 15-9; 7. West Orange Star, 19-8; 8. Wimmer-Hutchins, 11-8; 9. Decatur, 17-5; 10. Frisco Lone Star, 17-5; 11. Burkburnett, 16-6; 12. Athens, 20-1; 13. Argyie, 16-4; 14. Lubbock Estacado, 13-9; 15. Siblee, 17-6; 16. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 25-4; 17. Houston, 17-2; 18. Navasota, 17-2; 19. Fairfield, 20-1; 20. Mexia, 17-4; 21. WF Hirsch, 11-10; 22. Houston Washington, 14-10; 23. La Verna, 20-2; 24. Fredericksburg, 20-7; 25. Monahans, 21-3.
Class 2A
1. Brook, 20-2; 2. Kountze, 20-5; 3. Aberrathy, 21-4; 4. Ponder, 19-7; 5. Tatum, 20-4; 6. Peasler, 16-7; 7. Wall, 7-0; 8. Breckenridge, 18-0; 9. Franklin, 19-3; 10. Clarksville, 14-8; 11. Holiday, 15-12; 12. Childress, 20-3; 13. Bushland, 14-8; 14. East Chambers, 16-9; 15. Anansas Pass, 21-17; 16. Whitesboro, 19-3; 17. Canadian Grove, 18-14; 18. Salado, 21-3; 19. Sunnyvale, 16-1; 20. Brownfield, 13-6; 21. Lone Oak, 16-3; 22. Blanco, 16-5; 23. Ingram Moore, 20-4; 24. Red Oak, 15-2; 25. Dallas Faith Family, 19-2.
Class 1A Division I
1. Mumbert, 25-1; 2. Grapeland, 20-5; 3. EP Harmony, 22-4; 4. Muenster, 17-1; 5. Dallasville Big Sandy, 23-6; 6. Martins Mill, 18-5; 7. Pooiville, 20-6; 8. San Augustine, 19-7; 9. Tenaha, 9-3; 10. Bartlett, 21-1; 11. La Poyner, 20-3; 12. Stamford, 17-3; 13. Smyer, 18-4; 14. Sulphur Springs North Hespars, 19-2; 15. Kearsy, 12-7; 16. Wellington, 5-2; 17. Memphis, 15-4; 18. Shamrock, 15-4; 19. SA Gervin, 10-0; 20. Pineblow West Sabine, 14-4; 21. Gruver, 16-4; 22. Collinsville, 11-5; 23. Trenton, 14-6; 24. Hale Center, 11-7; 25. Snook, 12-6.
Class 1A Division II
1. Oakwood, 18-2; 2. Tealine, 17-3; 3. Laneville, 20-6; 4. Griford, 17-2; 5. Water Valley, 13-5; 6. Throckmorton, 18-3; 7. Douglas, 18-5; 8. Calvert, 14-9; 9. Longview, 17-2; 10. Hockabay, 14-11; 11. Ra, 12-1; 12. Euila, 16-7; 13. Coodoige, 16-1; 14. Ranton, 10-7; 15. Cumby Mills, 13-5; 16. Salado, 21-3; 17. Grady, 14-4; 18. Garden City, 12-6; 19. Lometa, 15-5; 20. Moulton, 14-7; 21. Nazareth, 14-9; 22. Happy, 7-7; 23. Avinger, 18-2; 24. Anton, 15-5; 25. Petersburg, 11-2.
Large Private Schools
1. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 21-2; 2. Plano John Paul II, 19-4; 3. Houston St. Thomas, 22-4; 4. Houston Christian, 18-9; 5. Houston Westbury Christian, 13-8; 6. Houston St. John's, 17-12; 7. SA Central Catholic, 18-7; 8. Houston Kincaid, 12-3; 9. FW All Saints, 13-5; 10. North Second Baptist, 16-7; 11. Dallas Episcopal, 11-6; 12. Addison Trinity Christian, 16-10; 13. The Woodlands John Cooper, 15-8; 14. Houston St. Pius X, 11-11; 15. Dallas Greenhill, 14-7; 16. Houston Bellare Episcopal, 13-7; 17. Houston Lutheran South, 16-10; 18. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 13-13; 19. Tyler Grace Community, 21-3; 20. Tyler All Saints, 24-3; 21. Laredo St. Augustine, 20-11; 22. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 12-11; 23. San Antonio TMI Episcopal, 18-8; 24. SA Christian, 25-9; 25. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 11-12.
Small Private Schools
1. Lubbock Christian School, 19-4; 2. Dallas Irvneth, 19-3; 3. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 19-9; 4. Waco Vanguard College Prep, 18-3; 5. Colleyville Covenant, 19-4; 6. Abilene Christian High School, 11-6; 7. Geneva School of Boerne, 15-9; 8. SA St. Gerard, 18-5; 9. Bullock The Brook Hill School, 8-7; 10. Dallas Lakeland Prep, 11-2; 11. Denton Calvary, 19-9; 12. Christian Academy of SA, 13-7; 13. League City Bay Area Christian, 14. Austin Brentwood Christian, 14-6; 15. Houston Cypress Christian, 13-6; 16. Schertz JP, 12-8; 17. Bryan Brazos Christian, 12-4; 18. Universal City First Baptist, 19-3; 19. Arlington High Point Prep, 7-2; 20. FW Lake Country Christian, 14-5; 21. Dallas Cambridge School, 6-4; 22. Austin Waldorf School, 13-7; 23. Conroe Covenant, 16-6; 24.

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Agreed to terms with 1B Lyle Overbay on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK METS - Agreed to terms with RHP Dioner Navarro on a one-year contract. Signed LHP John Lannan and INF Omar Quintanilla to minor league contracts.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RALLCATS - Signed RHP Dustin Cronshaw.
LAREDO LEMURS - Signed RHP Kenny McDowell.
WICHITA WINGNUTS - Signed INF Coe Loefer.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS - Signed INF Richard Arnes.
Frontier League
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS - Signed OF Aaron Gates, OF Matt Howard, INF Steve Marino, and INF Sanderly Windsor.
TRAVERSER CITY BEACH BUMS - Signed SS Rob Benedict.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS - Named Bob Dieder hitting coach.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS - Re-signed F Carter Martin to a second 10-day contract.
HOUSTON ROCKETS - Reassigned G Isaiah Canaan to Rio Grande Valley (NBAXL).
WASHINGTON WIZARDS - Assigned G Glen Rice to Iowa (NBAU).
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS - Signed OL Brian Cavie and R.J. Maitte, T Jordan Devay, WR Reggie Dunn and Greg Orton, RB Sam McGuffie and LB Taylor Reed to reserve/future contracts.
TENNESSEE TITANS - Named Ray Horton defensive coordinator and Louis Cluff defensive backs coach.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Named the Hillier receivers coach.
Canadian Football League
CALGARY STAMPEDERS - Re-signed CB Fred Bennett.

Girls

DISTRICT 2-5A
MIDLAND HIGH
AT LUBBOCK CORONADO
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Coronado gym, Lubbock
Records: Midland High 11-13, 7-4 in 2-5A; Coronado 20-7, 10-2
Last game: Midland High 51, Odessa Permian 45; Lee 40, Coronado 38
Last meeting: Coronado 55, Midland High 50 on Dec. 16
Notable: Midland High continues to cling to a 1 1/2 game lead over Abilene High for the fourth and final playoff spot available in District 2-5A. The Lady Dawgs had to rally to knock off Odessa Permian on Friday, but got 19 points from guard Alexis Washington. Those points are particularly critical considering how little the MHS guards have been scoring for the past two weeks. ... Coronado is coming off a loss to Lee on Friday, during which Lady Rebels' junior point guard Daija Stanford knocked down a game-winning 3-pointer with two seconds remaining in the game. Both of Coronado's district losses this year have been to Lee and the Lady Mustangs now find themselves in a tie for first with the Lady Rebels. ... The Lady Bulldogs had Coronado on the ropes in the first meeting between the two in mid-December. However, it was Coronado coming up with a big third quarter to seal the win. Coronado was led by 14 points from Carly Ritchey, while Desare' Allen had 10 for MHS. ... Sophomore guard Alexandria Washington's playing status continues to be doubtful for the Lady Dawgs after injuring her knee earlier this month. She's still listed as day-to-day by coach Wes Torres.
Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 6 p.m. Friday

DISTRICT 4-3A
MONAHANS
AT GREENWOOD
When/where: 6:15 p.m. today, Greenwood gymnasium
Records: Monahans 0-5 in 4-3A; Greenwood 8-15, 4-1
Last game: Snyder 53, Monahans 20; Greenwood 35, Big Spring 26
Last meeting: Greenwood 54, Monahans 32 on Jan. 3
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When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Coronado High gymnasium, Lubbock
Records: Midland High 8-11, 4-5 in 2-5A; Coronado 19-4, 8-2
Last game: Odessa Permian 84, Midland High 55; Coronado 43, Lee 40
Last meeting: Coronado 66, Midland High 59 on Dec. 16
Notable: Midland High is trying to keep itself in playoff contention today as the Bulldogs sit in sixth in the standings — a game back of fourth-place San Angelo Central. With Central hosting a struggling Abilene Cooper squad tonight, a win against Coronado seems vital for the Bulldogs. ... Coronado has won two straight since being upset by San Angelo Central on Jan. 7. The Mustangs are second in the district — two games back of first-place Amarillo Tascosa. ... Midland High hung tough with Coronado in the first meeting more than a month ago, but a 22-10 second-quarter advantage for the Mustangs allowed them to pull out the win. Trey Culver had 20 points to lead Coronado, while Shawn Rivers posted 18 for MHS.
Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

DISTRICT 4-3A
NO. 25 MONAHANS
AT GREENWOOD
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Greenwood gymnasium
Records: Monahans 21-3, 3-0 in 4-3A; Greenwood 4-16, 1-2
Last game: Monahans 46, Snyder 40; Big Spring 53, Greenwood 50
Notable: Monahans broke into the TABC Class 3A poll for the first time this year, receiving the 25th overall ranking. The Lobos are on a six-game win streak, including three straight in district play. They haven't lost a game since Dec. 28. ... Greenwood came up short in their comeback bid against Big Spring on Friday. The Rangers were led by Grant Franklin's 28 points. Franklin is now averag-

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With district season underway, Lady Dawgs missing key player

By Len Hayward
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The Midland High girls soccer team heads into District 2-5A play this season in a similar situation as last season — without one of its key players.

For the second straight year, the Lady Bulldogs will begin the district season without one of their top scoring threats in junior Shelby Shelton.

Shelton was returning this season from a major knee injury in 2013 for this season but suffered another major injury last week in practice, this time to her other knee, that will keep her out for the season.

"She's pretty heartbroken," Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said. "She worked so hard to get back, and busted her tail all the time doing extra reps."

It's a tough blow for a team that always has high expectations, but also big because Shelton was expected to

contribute heavily to the Lady Bulldogs' offense. Today, though, Midland High begins district play against Abilene High without one of its top players.

Midland High starts the 16-game league schedule at 7 p.m. today at Shotwell Stadium, along with the rest of the district. The Midland High boys squad will take on the Eagles at 5 p.m., also at Shotwell Stadium, to start district play.

"We've made some tactical changes, and made some personnel changes as far as positions of players trying to help account for that," Dunlevy said. "We've had some girls step up from the bench that are going to be starting that I had not planned on starting at the beginning of the year."

Before last week's break from play, Midland High played four games, all at the Frisco tournament, but all of them were with Shelton. Dunlevy said the core of the team's midfield in Adrienne

Almodova and Sarah Krisa are still in their positions and added that Selena Campos-Mancha has moved from the midfield to the forward position.

But Dunlevy admitted it does change the game plan a little bit in how the team was going to run their attack.

"We've got some key players in the midfield doing really, really well right now, but we have had to modify our attack a little bit," Dunlevy said.

Dunlevy said the shorter than usual non-district season was different, but said not playing last week allowed his squad to make some adjustments and have some players heal up who had nagging injuries and also allowed them some time to make the moves needed to accommodate for Shelton's absence.

"You know another game or two would've been nice," Dunlevy said. "We've been working on things we needed to work on, and we saw what

we needed to fix. I'm excited to see (today) how it all comes together and make sure we make the corrections we needed to make."

MHS BOYS ALSO SET TO START

The Midland High boys team won't have to make any major adjustments heading into today's district opener against Abilene High. The Bulldogs have played four games and two scrimmages this season, and while playing a second tournament could've helped Midland High, coach Warren Cottle said every team in the district is in the same situation.

"We are not any different than anybody else," Cottle said. "We are all sitting around the same number of games and same amount of preparation. It's a new way of looking at it and nobody has ever experienced this before."

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Girls District 2-5A Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts	Overall
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Lee	0	0	0	0	2 1 1
Odessa Permian	0	0	0	0	2 1 1
Abilene Cooper	0	0	0	0	2 1 2
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	0	0	2 2 1
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Odessa High	0	0	0	0	1 3 1

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Today's Games

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

Saturday's Games

Odessa Permian at Midland High; Lee at Lubbock Coronado; Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central; Abilene High at Odessa High; Lee vs. Lee; All games at 2 p.m.

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Team	W	L	T	Pts	Overall
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San Angelo Central	0	0	1	1	2 2 0
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Monday's Scores

Odessa High 1, San Angelo Central 1

Today's Games

Midland High at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado; Lee vs. Lee; All games at 5 p.m.

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Odessa Permian at Midland High; Lee at Lubbock Coronado; Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central; Abilene High at Odessa High; Lee vs. Lee; All games at Noon

LADY CHAPS

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good, and tonight she was very good."

This game was competitive from the start as the teams traded seven lead changes and were tied three times in the first half as OC took a 42-40 lead into the locker room.

The first half also gave a glimpse of a great battle inside between forwards Catherine Kruschke (15 first-half points) of MC and OC's Morgan Holly (nine first-half points). Kruschke finished with a game-high 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Holly finished with 20 points and 10 boards.

That battle between Kruschke and Holly continued in the second half as the game stayed competitive in the second half, until Veiga (14 points, 11 rebounds) gave MC its biggest lead of the second half, 62-55, with 7:40 remaining.

But OC responded with a 9-0 run to take the lead, 64-62. And after Veiga hit that three at the 3:53 mark, the Lady Wranglers made their final push to get the victory. One has to

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District			Overall		
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Odessa College	4	1	1	13	4	4
New Mexico JC	3	2	1	13	3	9
Frank Phillips	3	2	1	13	3	9
South Plains	3	2	1	13	3	9
Midland College	2	3	1	12	8	10
Howard College	1	4	1	10	10	10
Clarendon College	1	4	1	9	9	9
Western Texas	1	4	1	6	10	10

Monday's Games

Odessa College 74, Midland College 69
Frank Phillips College 68, South Plains College 62
Western Texas College 75, Clarendon College 67, Howard College and New Mexico JC are open

Thursday's Games

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

like we wanted to, but I'm going to guess that about eight or 10 times we were at the basket with great opportunities, and we don't finish," Jones said. "We hit six or seven of those and we win by half a dozen."

The Lady Chaps now find themselves in a two-game slide and looking to get out of it with an always-tough road trip to South Plains College — a 68-62 loser to Frank Phillips College — on Thursday.

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ODESSA COLLEGE 74
NO. 22 MIDLAND COLLEGE 69

Midland College (12-8, 2-3) — Gabriela Martins 1-4 0-2, Tajany Vega 5-7 2-2, Mattie Turner 0-1 0-0, Mary Sanyo 2-11 0-4, Catherine Kruschke 11-15 14-23, Nakisha Samval 0-1 0-0, Elyn Avery 2-9 2-8, Rose Sow 0-1 0-0, Maneka Garate 1-2 1-2, 3 Damaisles Rivera 4-9 0-8 Totals 29-65 7-12 69

Odessa College (15-4, 5-0) — Octavian Reedy 1-2 0-1, Angela Weaver 0-0 0-0, Teriah Cooper 1-3 0-2, Bailey Holland 4-10 2-12, Sera Ozio 5-9 0-11, Shanna Taylor 1-2 0-2, Kiera Waters 1-3 4-4, Manisha Womble 3-7 0-0, Anushka Maldonado 0-4 2-2, Amber Davis 0-7 0-0, Morgan Holly 7-12 6-9, 20 Talayah Rich 2-0 0-4 Totals 25-62 14-27 74

Halftime — OC 42, MC 40, 3-point goals — MC 4-12 (Vega 2-3, Avery 2-6, Martins 0-1, Turner 0-1), OC 10-26 (Holly 4-5, Holland 2-5, Womble 2-5, Reedy 1-2, Waters 1-2, Taylor 0-1, Maldonado 0-2) Total fouls — MC 21, OC 15 Fouled out — Avery Rebounds — MC 45 (Kruschke 12, Vega 11), OC 32 (Holly 10, Assists — MC 14 Martins 4), OC 15 (Davis 5), Turnovers — MC 21, OC 16

Next: Midland College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, South Plains College at Odessa College, 5:45 p.m. Jan. 27

Wiggins leads No. 8 KU past No. 24 Baylor

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Andrew Wiggins scored 17 points, most of them coming at the free-throw line, and No. 8 Kansas pulled away in the second half to beat No. 24 Baylor, 78-68, on Monday night.

Wiggins was 10 of 12 from the free throw line, and the Jayhawks (14-4, 5-0 Big 12) were 27 of 29 as a team, allowing them to put away Baylor for their fifth straight win — the last four over Top 25 opponents. They are the first team to accomplish that feat since North Carolina in 1997.

Perry Ellis added 19 points and Joel Embiid had 12 for Kansas, which led 37-35 at halftime but used a 14-2 surge fueled by defense and hustle in the second half to pull away.

No. 8 Jayhawks.....78
No. 24 Bears.....68

Brady Heslip hit six 3-pointers and scored 19 points for the Bears (13-5, 1-4), who have lost three straight and four of five. Cory Jefferson and Isaiah Austin added 16 points apiece.

The teams combined for 16 turnovers in a disjointed first half that included 12 lead changes but virtually no rhythm. The Jayhawks managed to squeeze out the two-point halftime lead, but they had to shoot 60 percent from the field to do it.

That's because Baylor was scorching from beyond the arc.

Heslip hit all four of his 3-point tries and the 7-foot Austin added two — he was 0 for 4 from inside the arc. Along with the three 3-pointers that Jefferson hit, the Bears knocked

down 8 of 10 beyond the perimeter in the first half. They were 4 of 18 everywhere else.

The game remained close until Ellis scored inside with 12:48 remaining to start the Jayhawks on their game-defining run, and then came the two biggest highlights of the game.

The first came when Ellis stepped in front of a pass and took off toward the other end of the court, dunking the ball home while getting fouled. Naturally, he made the free throw.

The second highlight came moments later, when Kansas lost control of the ball under the Baylor basket. Freshman guard Wayne Selden tracked it down and saved it to Embiid as he crashed over a fan seated at a courtside table and wound up in the laps of two more fans wearing Bears clothing.

CHAPARRALS

From 1C

momentum, but we did. So far this season, the first 10 possessions of the second half has been the hardest part for us."

The 27 turnovers that the Wranglers had actually kept this game from being a complete runaway as MC had 17 points off those turnovers.

But the Chaps had their share of turnovers with 24, and it didn't help that point guard Darren Williams was saddled with early foul trouble, which meant regular shooting guard Daniel Hernandez had to handle most of the ball-handling responsibilities when Williams had to sit.

Williams, Hernandez (11 points) and Kevin Thomas (7 points, 13 rebounds) were three players Dreiling said they had to keep on the court. Williams and Thomas had to battle foul trouble early and Williams eventually fouled out with 15 points.

"Kevin and Darren got in a bind there and they

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Plains	6	0	1	19	1	4
Howard College	5	1	1	17	3	9
Western Texas	4	2	1	16	4	4
New Mexico JC	3	3	1	15	4	4
Frank Phillips	3	3	1	12	7	7
Midland College	2	4	1	10	9	9
Clarendon College	0	5	1	5	13	13
New Mexico Military	0	6	1	0	18	18

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 82, Midland College 84
Howard College 59, New Mexico Military Institute 52, South Plains College 80, Frank Phillips College 82, Western Texas College 87, Clarendon College 65, New Mexico JC is open

Thursday's Games

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

referring to a recent two-game skid.

In addition to Gray's big night, Kevin Mays had 21 points and eight rebounds, while 6-8, 250-pound Zeldric King added 11 points and eight boards for the Wranglers.

The tough road for the Chaps continues on Thursday when they travel to face No. 2 South Plains College, a 90-82 winner over Frank Phillips College on Monday.

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NO. 1 ODESSA COLLEGE 82
MIDLAND COLLEGE 84

Midland College (10-9, 2-4) — Daniel Hernandez 3-11 4-11, Darren Williams 5-9 4-4, 15, Cory Scott 2-9 3-6, Jason Francis 1-6 0-2, 2, Hervey Aholode 4-8 1-2, 3, Kean Gaudin 4-7 1-4, 10, Kevin Thomas 2-9 3-7, LeBrent Walker 1-2 0-2 Totals 22-61 16-28 84

Odessa College (16-3, 4-2) — Josh Gray 11-24 3-8 29, Zeldric King 3-4 5-6 11, Demetrius Martin 2-4 0-4, Janel Jenkins 0-1 1-1, Kevin Mays 7-10 7-12, 21, Kevin Scott Jr. 1-2 0-3, Isaiah Jones 3-7 0-7, 7, Draunus Jones 1-2 0-5, Tony Nunn 0-1 0-1 Totals 29-54 17-32 82

Halftime — OC 35, MC 33 3-point goals — MC 4-14 (Hernandez 1-2, Williams 1-2, Scott 1-4, Guzonic 1-2, Thomas 0-1, Francis 0-3), OC 7-20 (Gray 4-11, Scott 1-2, Jones 1-2, Hill 1-1)

Rebounds — MC 38 (Thomas 13), OC 40 (Mays 8, King 8), Assists — MC 6 (six with 1), OC 8 (Jones 3), Turnovers — MC 24, OC 23

Next: Midland College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday; South Plains College at Odessa College, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 27

Predators too much for Stars in 4-1 victory

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Roman Josi had a goal and an assist to lead the Nashville Predators to a 4-1

victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night.

Nick Spaling, Shea Weber, and Mike Fisher also scored for Nashville, which has won three of four.

Cody Eakin scored for

Dallas, losers of nine of 10.

With Dallas on a power play, Eakin scored the game's first goal at 4:45 of the opening period with a slap shot from the lower part of the right faceoff circle.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division					Central Division										
Team	GP	W	L	O	Pts	Team	GP	W	L	O	Pts				
Boston	49	31	15	3	65	141	109	Chicago	51	32	8	11	75	184	139
Montreal	49	27	17	5	59	126	120	St. Louis	48	31	10	5	71	170	108
Tampa Bay	50	29	16	5	63	146	123	Colorado	48	31	12	5	67	142	122
Detroit	51	26	20	5	57	145	154	Minnesota	51	29	19	3	59	125	125
Ottawa	49	21	19	9	51	139	155	Nashville	51	22	22	7	51	125	152
Florida	49	19	23	7	45	116	148	Dallas	49	21	20	8	50	141	150
Buffalo	47	13	27	7	33	86	133	Winnipeg	50	22	23	5	49	117	152
Metropolitan Division					Pacific Division										
Team	GP	W	L	O	Pts	Team	GP	W	L	O	Pts				
Pittsburgh	49	34	13	2	70	157	120	Anaheim	51	37	9	5	79	175	126
N.Y. Rangers	51	27	21	3	57	128	128	San Jose	49	31	12	6	68	158	121
Philadelphia	49	25	19	6	56	137	144	Los Angeles	50	29	15	6	64	128	103
Columbus	49	24	20	4	52	138	135	Vancouver	50	25	16	9	59	127	127
Washington	49	22	24	3	48	124	150	Phoenix	49	23	17	9	55	141	149
New Jersey	50	20	19	11	51	115	129	Calgary	49	16	26	7	39	109	156
Carolina	48	20	19	9	49	117	137	Edmonton	51	15	30	6	36	101	161

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

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3, SO
Boston 3, Los Angeles 2
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 4, Detroit 1
Nashville 4, Dallas 1
Toronto 4, Phoenix 2
Calgary at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

AP TOP 25

Record	Pts	Prv
1 Arizona (61)	18-0	1621 1
2 Syracuse (4)	17-1	1559 2
3 Michigan St.	17-1	1497 4
4 Villanova	16-1	1377 6
5 Wichita St.	19-0	1368 5
6 Florida	15-2	1303 7
7 San Diego St.	16-1	1211 10
8 Kansas	13-4	1117 15
9 Wisconsin	15-3	1041 14
10 Iowa	15-3	971 9
11 Oklahoma St.	16-3	804 18
12 Louisville	16-1	781 16
13 UMass	13-4	769 13
14 Kentucky	17-2	736 19
15 Iowa St.	14-3	644 17
16 Iowa St.	15-3	549 11
17 Duke	14-4	447 23
19 Saint Louis	17-2	421 24
20 Pittsburgh	16-2	419 22
21 Michigan	14-4	362 —
22 Kansas St.	14-4	221 —
23 Memphis	13-4	170 12
24 Baylor	14-4	111 25
25 Oklahoma	14-4	111 25

Others receiving votes: Creighton 98, UConn 62, Gonzaga 59, California 44, Colorado 26, UCLA 23, Harvard 12, George Washington 8, Missouri 6, Texas 5, Xavier 4, SMU 2, New Mexico 1, Virginia 1.

USA TODAY TOP 25

Record	Pts	Prv
1 Arizona (30)	18-0	798 1
2 Syracuse (2)	18-0	769 2
3 Michigan State	17-1	736 4
4 Wichita State	19-0	695 5
5 Villanova	16-2	657 3
6 Maryland	15-2	639 7
7 San Diego State	16-1	594 11
8 Wisconsin	16-2	506 3
9 Louisville	16-3	493 14
10 Iowa	15-3	455 16
11 Kansas	13-4	454 18
12 UMass	16-1	444 15
13 Oklahoma State	15-3	444 8
14 Kentucky	13-4	371 12
15 Ohio State	15-3	326 9
16 Cincinnati	17-2	253 23
17 Iowa State	14-3	246 10
18 Duke	14-4	245 20
19 Pittsburgh	16-2	218 21
20 Saint Louis	17-2	176 —
21 Memphis	13-4	140 24
22 Memphis	13-4	134 17
23 Baylor	13-4	129 13
24 Creighton	15-3	99 19
25 Michigan	13-4	88 —
California	14-4	88 —

Others receiving votes: Kansas State 61, California 23, Colorado 18, Missouri 16, UConn 12, Virginia 12, Oregon 11, George Washington 7, UCLA 7, Southern Miss 5, Texas 5, Toledo 3, Harvard 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Xavier 1.

Monday's Top 25 FARED

1 Arizona (16-0) did not play Next vs. Colorado, Tuesday.

2 Syracuse (18-0) did not play Next at Miami, Saturday.

3 Michigan State (17-1) did not play Next vs. Indiana, Tuesday.

4 Villanova (16-2) lost to Creighton 96-68 Next at Marquette, Saturday.

5 Wichita State (19-0) did not play Next at Illinois, Tuesday, Wednesday.

6 Florida (15-2) did not play Next at Alabama, Thursday.

7 San Diego State (16-1) did not play Next at San Jose State, Wednesday.

8 Kansas (14-4) beat No. 24 Baylor 78-68 Next at TCU, Saturday.

9 Wisconsin (16-2) did not play Next at Minnesota, Wednesday.

10 Iowa (15-3) did not play Next: at No. 21 Michigan, Wednesday.

11 Oklahoma State (15-3) did not play Next vs. West Virginia, Saturday.

12 Louisville (16-3) did not play Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.

13 UMass (16-1) did not play Next: at Richmond, Wednesday.

14 Kentucky (13-4) did not play Next: vs. Texas A&M, Tuesday.

15 Cincinnati (17-2) did not play Next: vs. UCF, Thursday.

16 Iowa State (14-3) did not play Next: vs. No. 22 Kansas State, Saturday.

17 Ohio State (15-4) lost to Nebraska 60-62 Next vs. Illinois, Thursday.

18 Duke (14-4) did not play Next: at Miami, Wednesday.

19 Saint Louis (17-2) did not play Next: at Duquesne, Saturday.

20 Pittsburgh (16-2) did not play Next: vs. Clemson, Tuesday.

21 Michigan (13-4) did not play Next vs. No. 10, Wednesday.

22 Kansas State (14-4) did not play Next at Texas, Tuesday.

23 Memphis (13-4) did not play Next vs. Houston, Thursday.

24 Baylor (13-5) lost to No. 8 Kansas 78-68 Next vs. Texas, Saturday.

25 Oklahoma (14-4) did not play Next vs. TCU, Wednesday.

Monday's Top 25 FARED

1 UConn (19-0) did not play Next vs. Memphis, Wednesday.

2 Notre Dame (17-0) beat No. 11 Tennessee 86-70 Next vs. Miami, Thursday.

3 Duke (15-1) did not play Next: at No. 24 Florida State, Thursday.

4 Stanford (17-1) beat No. 14 Arizona State 80-56 Next vs. UCLA, Friday.

5 Louisville (16-1) did not play Next at Houston, Tuesday.

6 Maryland (16-1) did not play Next at Virginia, Thursday.

7 North Carolina (16-3)

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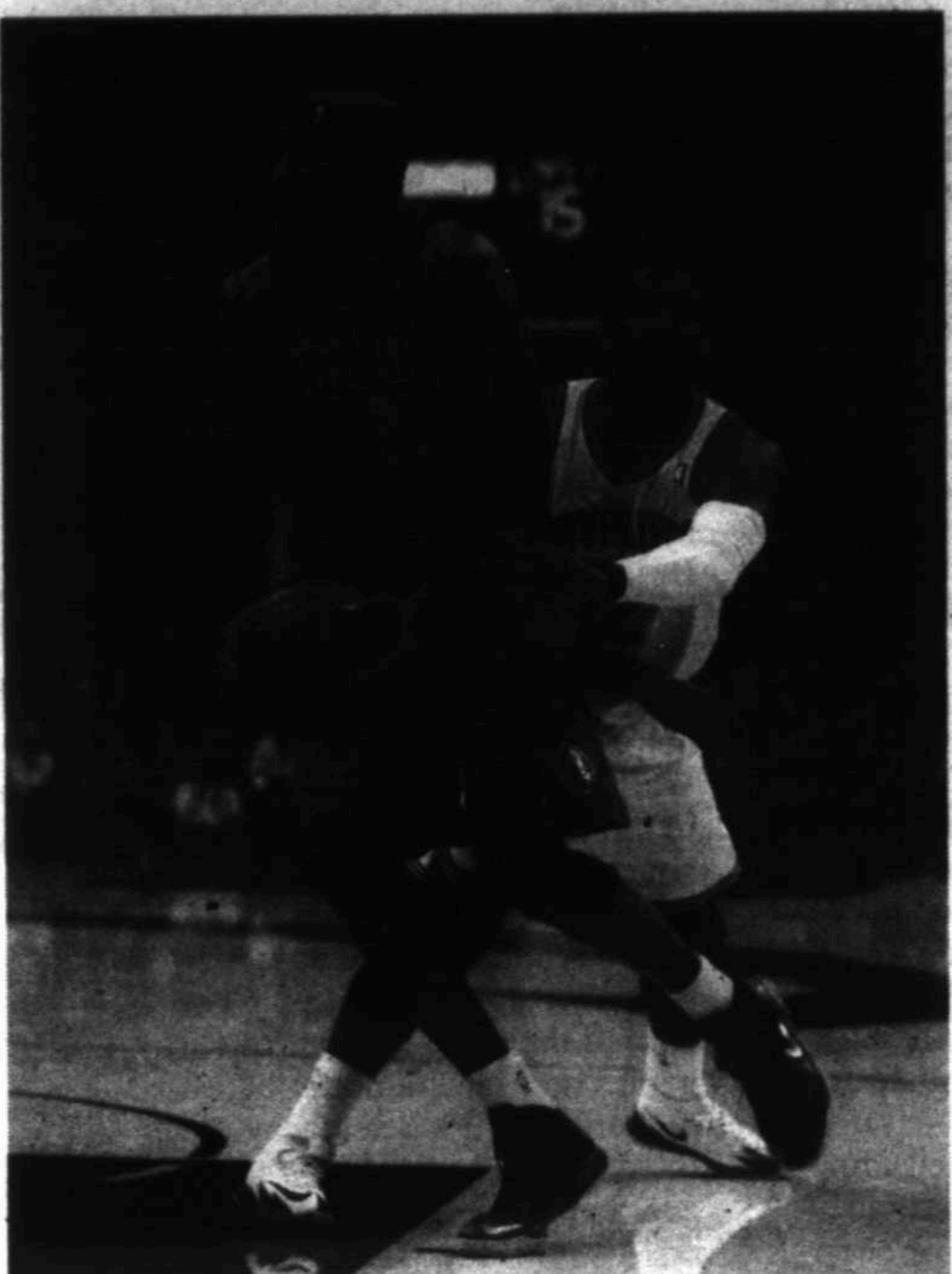
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NETS 103 KNICKS 80 NEW YORK — Joe Johnson scored 25 points and Brooklyn sent the Knicks to a fourth straight loss, evening this season's New York rivalry at a game apiece. Making a triumphant return from London and completing a three-game, three-country road trip, the Nets improved to 7-1 in 2014 and avenged last month's blowout loss.

BULLS 102 LAKERS 100, OT CHICAGO — Taj Gibson made a layup at the buzzer in overtime, lifting Chicago to victory over Los Angeles. With nine-tenths of a



Tony Dejak/AP

Dallas's Vince Carter (25) gets around Cleveland's Kyrie Irving (2) during the first quarter of Monday's game in Cleveland.

second left, Mike Dunleavy inbounding from underneath the basket and found Gibson cutting down the middle. The athletic forward then muscled toward the hoop for the winning basket, which was confirmed in a video review by the officials.

CLIPPERS 112 PISTONS 103 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — DeAurn Jordan had 16 points and 21 rebounds, and Los Angeles breezed past Detroit.

PELICANS 95 GRIZZLIES 92 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Anthony Davis scored 21 of his 27 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds to help

New Orleans beat Memphis and snap an eight-game losing streak.

WIZARDS 107 76ERS 99 WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal had 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, Marcin Gortat added 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Washington beat Philadelphia to reach .500 for the fourth time this season.

BOBCATS 100 RAPTORS 95 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Al Jefferson had 22 points and 19 rebounds, and Charlotte held on to beat Toronto for the seventh straight time at home.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

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Bouchard, Li into Australian Open semifinals

By John Pye Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Eugenie Bouchard has reached the semifinals in her first trip to the Australian Open, beating 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 on Tuesday to set up a showdown with fourth-seeded Li Na.

The result means two-time Australian Open finalist Li, who beat Flavia Pennetta 6-2, 6-2 in an earlier quarterfinal featuring two women who'll turn 32 next month, will have to face a teenager for the third time in the tournament.

Bouchard went to the net 24 times and won 19 of those points. She broke Ivanovic's serve seven times, including the last game, and had to sit through a lengthy time out

when she was trailing 4-3 in the second set while her opponent received treatment.

The WTA Tour's "Newcomer of the Year" in 2013, Bouchard is playing just her fourth Grand Slam tournament, having lost in the second rounds at the French Open and U.S. Open last year and reached the third round at Wimbledon — the only previous major where she'd managed back-to-back victories. The second of those was against Ivanovic, in straight sets — their only previous meeting.

Bouchard, who is from Montreal, has a growing group of supporters at Melbourne Park. After each match, fans have presented her with a different kind of stuffed, fluffy Australian animal — she now has a kangaroo, a kookaburra and a wombat in her collection.

Li is also a crowd favorite in Australia, where she lost the finals last year to Victoria Azarenka and in 2011 to Kim Clijsters and has reached the semifinals four times in the last five years. Azarenka, the two-time defending champion, is in the other half of the draw.

Li won her only previous match against Bouchard in straight sets at Montreal in 2012.

"We had a tough battle last time, and I think I didn't have a lot of experience back then," Bouchard said. "This time I think I'll be ready." Li beat two 16-year-olds in the opening rounds and had to save a match point against Lucie Safarova in the third. Against No. 28 Pennetta, she was relentless, keeping the mistakes down while going for her winners.

"After saving the match point, I think I got a lot of confidence," Li said of her close call in the third round. "Even more belief in myself."

Li lost her serve just once — while leading 5-0 in the opening set — and finished off the 67-minute match with an easy forehand to the open court. Later Tuesday, No. 3 David Ferrer was to play No. 7 Tomas Berdych in the first men's quarterfinal. In a night match on Rod Laver Arena, Novak Djokovic continues his quest for a fourth consecutive Australian Open title with a quarterfinal match against No. 8 Stanislas Wawrinka.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Table of Australian Open results including Singles, Doubles, Mixed, and Junior Doubles. Lists winners and losers with scores, such as Eugenie Bouchard vs Ana Ivanovic (7-5, 5-7, 6-2) and Li Na vs Flavia Pennetta (6-2, 6-2).

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Russians study video threatening Olympics

By Vladimir Isachenkov Associated Press MOSCOW — Russia's counter-terrorism agency said it's studying a video posted by an Islamic militant group that asserted responsibility for suicide bombings that killed 34 people last month and is threatening to strike the Winter Olympics in Sochi. Security experts say the Russians are right in taking the threat seriously. The video was posted online Sunday by a militant group in Dagestan, a pre-

dominantly Muslim republic in Russia's volatile North Caucasus. The Olympic host city of Sochi lies only 500 kilometers (300 miles) west of Dagestan. Two Russian-speaking men featured in the video are identified as members of Ansar al-Sunna, the name of a jihadist group operating in Iraq. It was unclear whether the men in the video had received funding or training from that group or only adopted its name. There was no confirmation the two men were the suicide bombers who struck

the southern Russian city of Volgograd last month as the video claims. Scores of people were also injured by the bombings of a train station and a bus. Russia's National Anti-Terrorism Committee said Monday it was studying the video and would have no immediate comment. FIREWOOD Order Yours TODAY! Aldredge Gardens 682-4500

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NYC and NJ prep for Super Bowl on calm MLK Monday

By Rick Freeman
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Workers hung in harnesses, putting the finishing touches on a sponsor's billboard high above Broadway. A few blocks north, in Times Square, a three-story stage festooned with Fox Sports logos towered over the crossroads of the world.

Below, the pedestrian plazas stayed relatively calm and uncrowded — for now — beneath blinking ads, most of which referenced the Super Bowl as New York spent a mellow MLK Monday preparing to host the biggest event in sports.

The Feb. 2 championship game, between Seattle and Denver, is still almost two weeks away, and while there will be all sorts of events surrounding the game throughout the metropolitan area of nearly 20 million, the anticipation hasn't quite started to spike yet.

It takes more than a big ballgame to get New York City excited.

New Jersey, too, where everyone's still steamed up over allegations that top aides to Gov. Chris Christie orchestrated traffic jams in a northern New Jersey town, Fort Lee, by blocking off lanes to the George Washington Bridge.

Unintentional traffic jams are a concern every day in the region, let alone with an influx of visitors expected and a big game day crowd anticipated at the Meadowlands sports complex.

Crowding in Times Square is always a given, too. To the point that New Yorkers make a point of avoiding the area at all costs.

But on Monday — with most people off from work for the Martin Luther King holiday and the Broncos and Seahawks basking in their conference championships back at home — most of midtown was calm.

One pocket of energy could be found in Macy's, where a temporary NFL store is set up to sell tiny Statues of Liberty splashed with Super Bowl logos, NFL shield hats in various colors, helmets

in every size from "big enough to protect a golf ball" to the real thing, and virtually anything else NFL-related.

Next week is when Broadway turns into a fan fest, concerts happen in all five boroughs — as well as New Jersey, where the game will actually be played — and LeBron James and the Heat take a rare undercard role when they visit Madison Square Garden and the Knicks.

Monday afternoon, though, workers and security guards outnumbered customers.

Imani Williamson tossed a miniature football in the air to herself and beamed at visitors as they entered Macy's. When it gets busier later, her job will be to greet fans, ask where they're from, and make them feel welcome.

Asked if she had seen any crowds yet, the 22-year-old ringer on temporary Super Bowl duty said "No, not yet."

Deeper in the store, Julie Maner commanded a well-trafficked corner where whimsical, cartoonish Super Bowl posters by pop artist Charles Fazzino were on sale. She has gone to every Super Bowl since the 2003 game in San Diego representing the artist.

Usually, she says, she has a booth at the NFL Experience, a fan expo that has been modified for the New York game. Most of that event's activities will be relocated to Broadway as part of the league's "Super Bowl Boulevard" sending retailers indoors to Macy's.

Maner wasn't sure if that would help or hurt sales, but she will have more days to sell the posters. 3D decorated helmets and other works by Fazzino — some of which cost almost as much as game tickets. On Monday, she had just sold a poster to a German couple who wanted a souvenir before returning home, but was expecting to do most of her business next week.

"The out-of-towners don't come until next week," Maner said. "I don't know if it's going to be busier than usual or lighter than usual."

Carroll says Sherman sorry rant overshadowed win

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Pete Carroll pulled Richard Sherman aside on Monday and made sure his fiery cornerback understood that his rant against San Francisco's Michael Crabtree was overshadowing the Seattle Seahawks reaching their second Super Bowl in franchise history.

Sherman seemed to get Carroll's message.

"He was really clear that the last thing he wanted to do was take something away from our team, what we had accomplished," Carroll said.

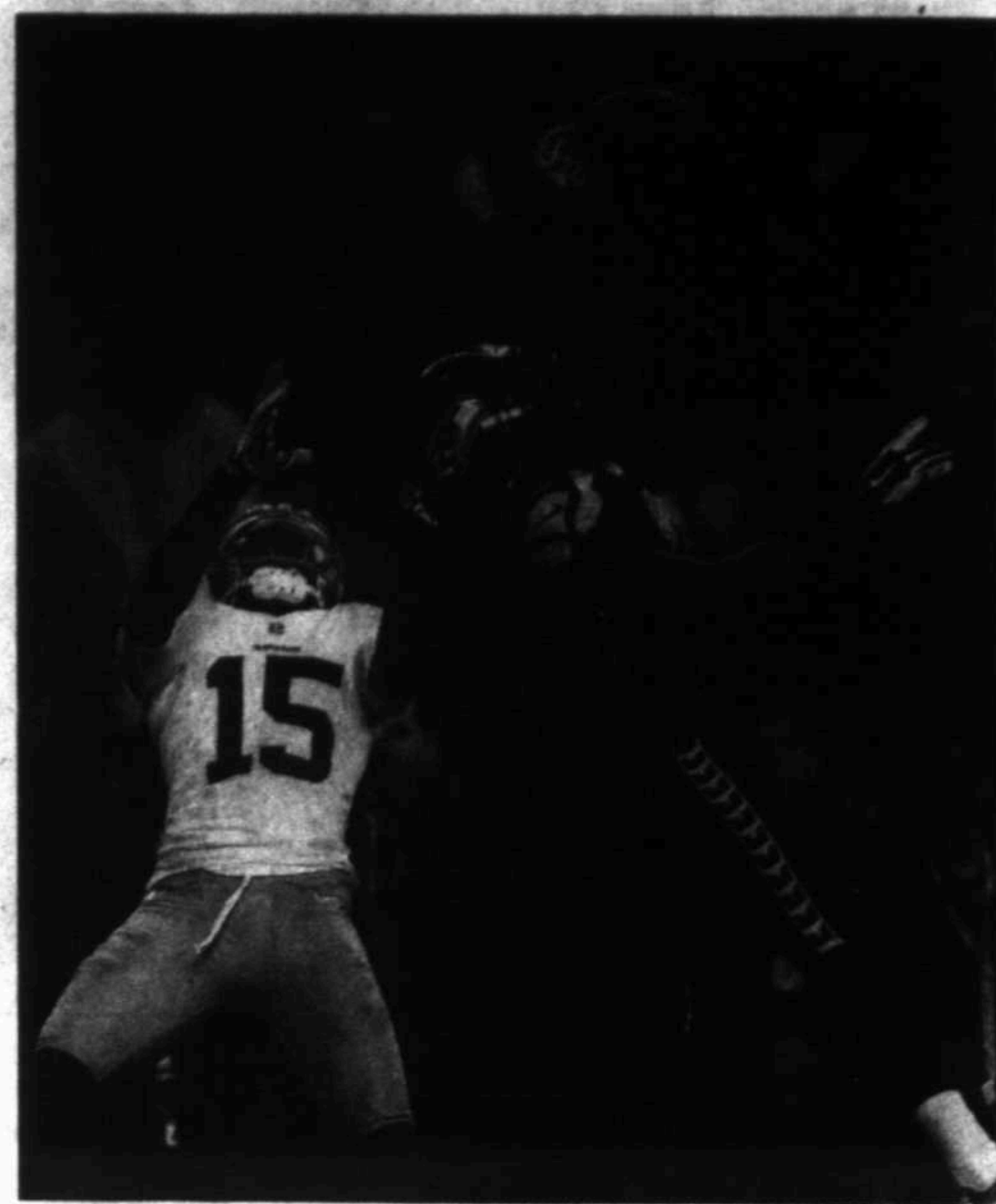
Sherman became the focal point of attention — both positive and negative — after Seattle beat San Francisco 23-17 on Sunday to win the NFC championship.

Sherman was already going to be in the spotlight for what he did on San Francisco's final offensive play, twisting his body to deflect a pass intended for Crabtree into the air and allowing time for teammate Malcolm Smith to run over and make an interception in the end zone to clinch the Seahawks victory.

The athleticism on the play was worthy of praise. But Sherman's antics from that point drew praise from some for being honest and unfiltered, and criticism from others for being too harsh and combative.

"This is a very emotional kid and that's what drives him," Carroll said. "We did sit down and talk about it because I want him to present himself in his best light. He's an incredible kid."

"He has a great sense about things and understanding and sensitivity and awareness and he cares



Paul Kitagaki Jr./The Sacramento Bee

Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman (25) hits the ball away from San Francisco wide receiver Michael Crabtree (15) during the NFC Championship game Sunday in Seattle.

and he's a very thoughtful person so when he puts out those kind of thoughts he has to know what he's saying and understand it and I think he's very understanding at this point that he caused a stir that took away from the team."

Sherman had been rarely targeted by the 49ers, with most of Colin Kaepernick's passes being thrown in the direction of Byron Maxwell.

But in the final minute, Kaepernick decided to take a shot to the end zone with Crabtree and Sherman matched up one-on-one.

Sherman won the matchup, staying in position to deflect the pass and have it fall into Smith's hands, similar to a tipped

interception from Sherman to safety Earl Thomas in Week 15 against the New York Giants.

Except this was far more meaningful, giving Seattle its second conference championship.

But Sherman didn't let the celebration end with Smith and his teammates.

Sherman ran over to Crabtree and gave him a pat on the backside, then appeared to extend his arm for a handshake.

Instead, Sherman got shoved in the face before picking up his personal foul as his celebration continued. The taunt included a choking gesture in the direction of Kaepernick.

Asked about the inci-

dent afterward by Fox reporter Erin Andrews, Sherman lit up Twitter with a rant that began: "I'm the best corner in the game. When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you gonna get. Don't you ever talk about me!"

And Sherman didn't back down later, apologizing to Andrews but calling Crabtree "mediocre." He said his issues with Crabtree went back to an incident during the offseason.

Carroll said he viewed the situation as a father talking to his son and wanted Sherman to realize some more thought should have gone into what he was saying.

"There's some stuff in there I think you should think about and did you really want it to come out the way it did and talk our way through that," Carroll said. "And he didn't. He didn't feel right about that."

"There were a lot of great things that happened last night and we're talking about some other stuff."

For Carroll, the return to New York is heading back to where he got his start as a head coach in the NFL, albeit a short-lived tenure as the head coach of the Jets. Carroll was the Jets head coach for one season in 1994 before getting fired after a 6-10 season.

"I think my first time in New York as a head coach was kind of in the middle of the circle somewhere or maybe it wasn't even a circle, it might have been some other shape," Carroll joked. "It was kind of a hairy time."

Conference title games' TV viewership up big

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL conference title games' television viewership is up big from last season.

The Broncos' 26-16 win over New England for the AFC championship aver-

aged 51.3 million viewers Sunday on CBS. That's up 22 percent from the early game a year ago between San Francisco and Atlanta.

The Seahawks' 23-17 victory over the 49ers in the NFC averaged 55.9 viewers on Fox, up 17 per-

cent from Ravens-Patriots in the late window in 2013.

CBS said Monday that Denver's win had a 28.1 rating and 51 share — the second-highest rating for the AFC game in 17 years, behind a 28.3 for Jets-Steelers in 2011. Seattle's victory

drew a 28.5/44, the highest-rated non-overtime NFC game since 1997.

Ratings measure the percentage of households with televisions watching a program, while shares represent the percentage of TVs in use at the time.

Crennel becomes Texans defensive coordinator

By John McClain
Houston Chronicle

Romeo Crennel is getting a three-year contract to become the Texans defensive coordinator, his

agent Joe Linta confirmed today.

Crennel has completed his coaching assignment at the East-West Shrine game and is now free to sign with the Texans.

Crennel, 66, will replace

Wade Phillips.

Crennel, new Texans coach Bill O'Brien and the new Texans coaching staff will spend the week scouting at the Senior Bowl in Alabama.

Crennel, recognized as

one of the best defensive coordinators in NFL history, most recently was a head coach with the Kansas City Chiefs.

He was fired after a 2-14 season in 2012 and sat out last year.

MLB players union head Weiner remembered

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With many wearing Converse Chuck Taylor All-Star sneakers and blue jeans in his honor, late baseball players' union head Michael Weiner was remembered during a memorial service Monday night for his courage and grace.

Weiner died Nov. 21, 15 months after announcing he had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. He was 51.

"In the game of life and in his occupation, Michael was someone who clearly saw the whole field," free agent pitcher Chris Capuano told the crowd. "One of the compliments I can give Michael is that he made me want to be better. He made me want to be more like him. I suspect it's the same for whoever is in this room. Questions and quandaries will arise in our lives and work. We'll continue to ask ourselves what would Michael do? What would he say? What am I missing here? How is this connected?"

Weiner was hired by the Major League Baseball Players Association as a staff attorney in 1988 and succeeded Donald Fehr as executive director in December 2009.

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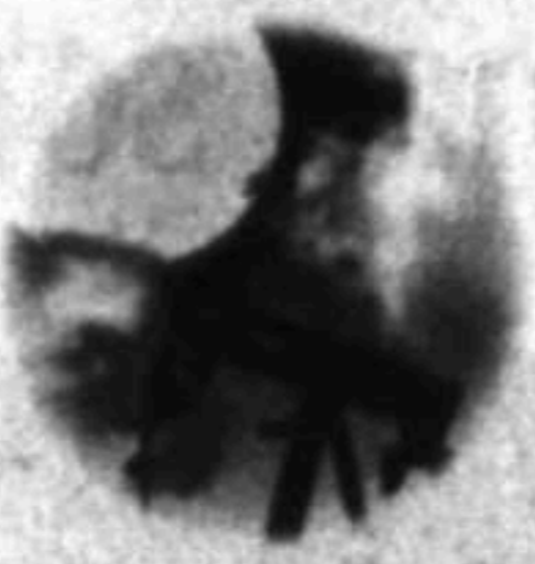
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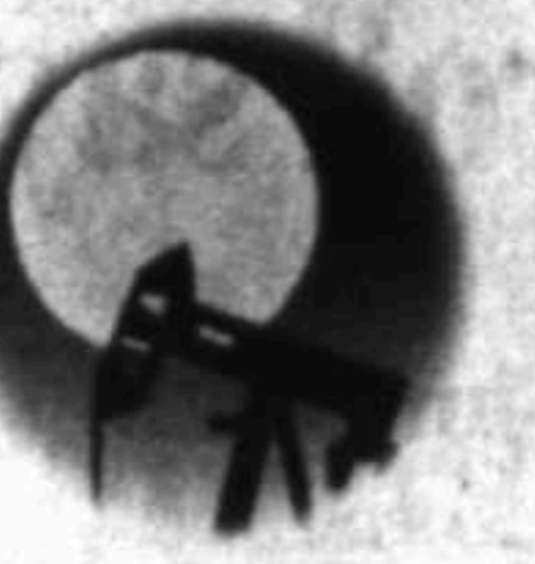
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Local forecast

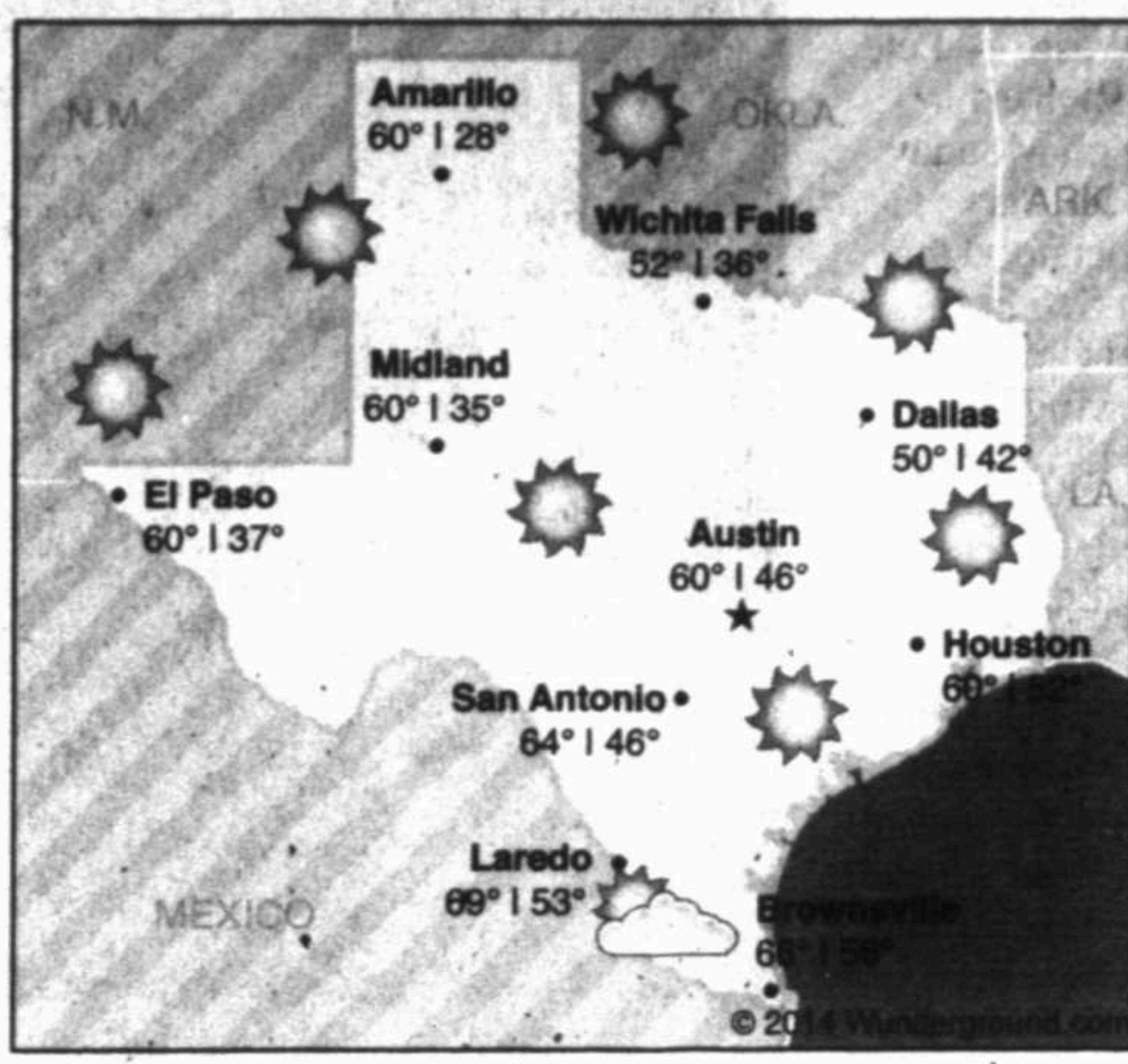
Expect sunny skies today, a high around 59 and a low around 36. Wednesday, look for a high around 65 and gusty conditions at night. Thursday, the high temperature could top out at 37. The low could fall into the lower 20s.

The high on Monday reached 73, while the low dropped to 38. The record high for Jan. 20 is 81 set in 2012. The record low is 11 set in 1985.

Weather Why

Q: I heard a forecaster talk about thundersnow. What is thundersnow?

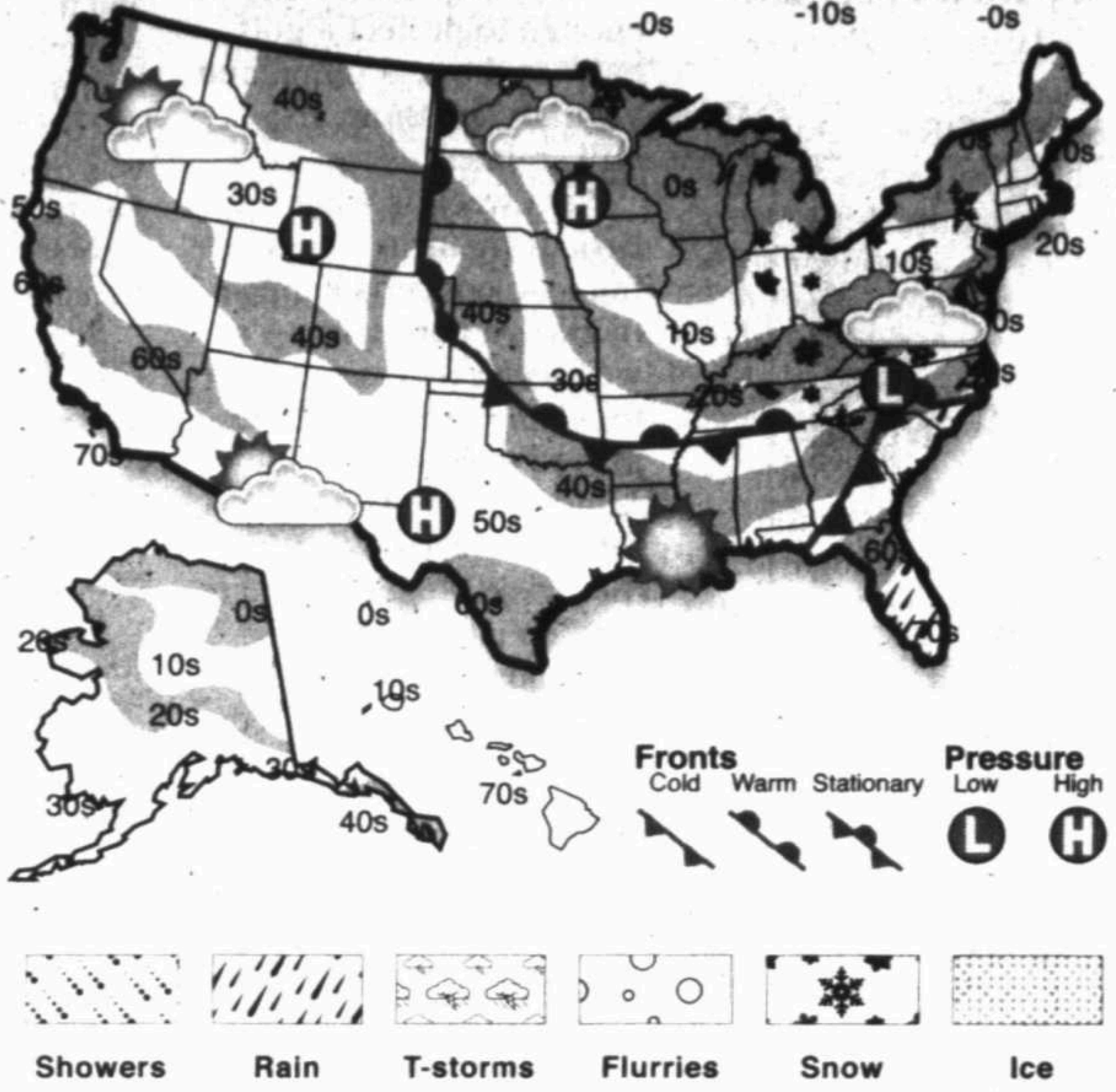
A: Thundersnow is the rare combination of thunder and lightning within a snowstorm, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "This phenomenon occurs when a deep convection within a snowstorm allows the clouds to extend high enough for an electrical charge to develop," he explained. "Thundersnow can occur along storm fronts, and is often associated with lake-effect snow, making the Great Lakes a prime region in the United States for its occurrence. In Texas, thundersnow has been reported as far south as San Angelo, though most events have been observed in the Panhandle, especially around Lubbock and Amarillo."



Precipitation	Sunday.....0.00 in.	Monday.....0.00 in.	Month total.....0.00 in.	Year total.....0.00 in.	Normal total (year to date).....0.31 in.
Monday's temperatures	High.....73	Low.....38	Normal high.....58	Normal low.....30	Sunrise.....7:48 a.m.
					Sunset.....6:13 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Jan. 21



Vets deserve thanks even when it seems unwelcome

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Twice Bitten in Washington" (Nov. 4), who had thanked veterans for their service to our country and received several negative responses. I'm a retired vet, dying from Agent Orange poisoning. I served two tours in Vietnam, and when I returned from 'Nam, I was called a baby killer, spat upon and refused taxi service because I was in uniform.

America has had a change in attitude since the Vietnam War. Today, many folks appreciate what the military is doing. I have been thanked several times while wearing my Vietnam Veterans hat and it makes me feel great, to the point my eyes water.

Tell "Twice Bitten" to continue thanking the military vets. It means a lot, especially to vets like me. Sure beats being called a baby killer. — VIETNAM VET

DEAR VIETNAM VET: I received many letters like yours from Vietnam vets who were also not thanked for their service when they returned home. Like you, they very much appreciate hearing a "delayed" thanks for their service. I would like to thank you and all the readers who responded to that column with such emotional and sometimes gut-wrenching stories. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer "Twice" an explanation for the reaction she received. I served two tours in Iraq and lost some good friends. When vets return home from war, home is a scary place. The life we lived and breathed is no longer. After spending so much time fearing the unknown and protecting ourselves physically and emotionally, we can't stop.

Many of us came home feeling guilty that we lived while others died — ashamed that we might not have done enough, that we should have been the one who was laid to rest, that maybe if we had looked harder, fought harder, we wouldn't have lost a soldier.

When I returned home, I reacted the way "Twice" described. I was resentful that someone would take the time to honor me, but not the friends I lost. It was a long time before I realized that by honoring me with their sincere thanks, they were honoring every soldier we have ever lost. Now when I am thanked, I shake hands, I hug, and I thank them for their respect.

To "Twice": Never stop! Do not be afraid. We are not hateful or angry. We are scared and sad. Your expression of thanks means more than any parade, any medal or any award could ever mean. — BRANDON IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: As a soon-to-be-retired career Army officer, I am one of those who feel awkward when people thank us for doing our jobs. The Army was a career I chose, knowing the hardships and what would be asked of me. The military is filled with all kinds of people, and even though I may not always be in the mood for a stranger to approach me when

I'm out and about, deep down inside it is refreshing to know that what I do is appreciated. — PHIL IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR ABBY: One day while walking in a cemetery, we saw an elderly gentleman leaning on the arm of his caregiver, and we realized he was looking at a veterans memorial. My wife approached and asked if he was a veteran. He looked at her and said "Yes," and she said, "Thank you very much for your service and your bravery." He immediately teared up and croaked out a "Thank you." His caregiver rolled her eyes.

My wife got into her face and said, "You have a hero on your arm, so show him some respect!" The veteran cried harder, grabbed my wife's hand and said, "No one has ever said that to me, ESPECIALLY my caregiver." — KIMIT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR READERS: May I suggest some other ways to thank vets and those currently in the military? Volunteer at a veterans hospital and bring flowers and toiletries. If you live near a base, volunteer to support the USO at your local airport to make travel more comfortable for our servicemen and women. Donate to Wounded Warriors or similar organizations, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Disabled American Veterans.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014: This year opportunities stem from your ability to know what you want from a situation. Sharing some of your wilder schemes will be better received than you might think. Others find your imagination fun and invigorating. If you are single, you could meet someone very gentle and kind. You might want to pinch yourself, as this person will seem to be unbelievable. If you are attached, the two of you thrive off the unexpected. LIBRA admires your imagination, and entices your romantic side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You will feel great, and a partner might appear to be in the same mood — at least until a hot issue is broached. Then, you could find out otherwise. Your ability to draw out others emerges. You know the right move to make. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your efforts make a difference, yet an associate could have a negative attitude. Fortunately, this person does not rule the world. A friend might share his or her thoughts. Listen carefully, as he or she will be coming from an intuitive level. Tonight: Get some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You will find a situation provocative. You might feel as if a boss is making assumptions that may not be grounded. Know that you don't have to respond to this person's projections. Be willing to blaze a new trail, and you'll feel better about your choices. Tonight: Up late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Opt to be with a close friend or associate. Get to the bottom of a problem that might be bothering you. You will know whether the information you are given is correct. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll want to have a friendly chat with a difficult roommate, close friend or loved one. You could find that this person tends to disengage when you start to talk. As a result, you might wonder whether this discussion should be postponed. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You will jump into a situation without hesitation. Sometimes it is best to allow others to find out what works; they need to go through a similar

process to what you did. A partner could be very distracted, which will make it difficult to communicate. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You are energized. A child or loved one adores you wild, creative imagination. This person would be delighted to see this facet of your personality emerge. Keep it light. Be aware of the costs of pursuing what appears to be a fun plan. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could feel tense, as others seem to demand that rules be loosened up some. You might feel somewhat vulnerable and choose to withdraw within. You can't control others, nor should you try. A psychic thought will come your way. Tonight: Early to bed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You will be focused on a key matter revolving around a friend or a significant meeting. How you handle it and the end results could color your thinking about the whole situation. Emphasize what you want, and speak your mind. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might want to get to know someone in power better. You both have very different approaches that are effective. A family matter or a domestic issue could trigger unexpected happenings. Go with the flow. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might feel more in harmony with someone at distance than you do with many other people. You can't deny what exists between you. You are intuitive with this person, as is he or she with you. An unexpected call makes you smile. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You succeed best when you work closely with someone else. You know what is workable and what needs to happen. Though you tend to come up with ideas from out of left field, this person sees value in them. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person over dinner.

BORN TODAY
Military commander Stonewall Jackson (1824), fashion designer Christian Dior (1905), golfer Jack Nicklaus (1940)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Lincoln on lead?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH	WEST	EAST	SOUTH
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♦ K 10 7 2	♦ Q 1 9	♦ 5 4	♦ A 8 6 3
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The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 Pass 2 Pass
Pass Pass
*Heart fit, 10 plus points

Opening lead: Jack of

South took a moment to analyze the opening lead. It certainly was not from jack doubleton or jack third. A lead from either of those holdings gives away a trump trick on many layouts. It must be either a singleton jack or a deceptive lead from queen-jack doubleton. South stole a glance at the opening leader — noted his top hat, craggy fea-

tures and dark beard — and decided he was an honest man.

Declarer won the trump lead in hand and led a diamond to the board's king. West splitting his honors. Next came the seven of trumps from dummy, declarer letting it run when East played low. Success! South repeated the trump finesse, finished drawing trumps, then led a club to knock out the ace. The king of spades was a late entry to the clubs and South had 10 tricks — five hearts, one spade and two tricks in each minor.

Note that if South misreads the trump position and cashes both the ace and king, the defense can always prevail. Say declarer leads a club at trick three. West wins and plays a low spade, threatening to give East a ruff. Dummy wins the king and cashes two club tricks while South discards his remaining two spades. Next comes a trump toward his 10. East rises with the queen and plays his remaining spade. South can ruff this and draw trumps, but he uses his last trump in the process. When he concedes a diamond, West will have a black winner for the fourth defensive trick.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Speeder s undoing
- 6 TiVo ancestor
- 9 Wherewithal
- 14 Erie Canal city
- 15 Letters for debtors
- 16 Big name in computer chips
- 17 Sighting in the Scottish Highlands
- 20 Accident scene fig.
- 21 Gallop or canter
- 22 "By Jove!"
- 23 Cream of the crop
- 24 Like plugs vis-a-vis outlets
- 25 Using only ones and zeros
- 28 ___-cheap for a song
- 29 Recipe amt.
- 32 Air freshener targets
- 33 Sighting in Douglas, Wyoming
- 35 Belgrade citizen
- 36 Singer Horne and actress Olin
- 37 Continental coin
- 38 Sighting in the Pacific Northwest
- 40 Grammy winner Carpenter
- 41 Pub brew
- 42 Christie's "Death on the ___"
- 43 Large crowds
- 44 Mani's salon go-with
- 45 Uncovered
- 46 Find a new table for
- 49 Gaucho's weapon
- 50 "___ the season..."
- 53 One studying this puzzle's sightings
- 56 "Je __, donc je suis". Descartes
- 57 Com unit
- 58 Shade of green from Ireland
- 59 Promotional play
- 60 Skid row affliction
- 61 Lauder of cosmetics

- 3 Webster's, e.g., Abbr.
- 4 Essen exclamation
- 5 Madison Square Garden hockey team
- 6 Drop in on
- 7 What you pay
- 8 Piña colada liquor
- 9 Konica ___ Japanese conglomerate
- 10 Happen next
- 11 Business letter abbr.
- 12 On a ___-to-know basis
- 13 Camera types, for short
- 18 "A snap"
- 19 Missouri range
- 23 Potato chip flavor, briefly
- 24 Prophet whose name sounds like a mineral
- 25 ___ nova: Brazilian music genre
- 26 Exemplary
- 27 Viking language
- 28 Hula or hora
- 29 Travels with the band
- 30 Binge
- 31 Lowly laborers
- 33 Beijing-born martial arts actor
- 34 Apartment contract
- 36 Stopped the ship, in nautical lingo
- 39 Still on the plate
- 40 Bar sing-along
- 43 Expanse near the Capitol, with "the"
- 44 Coke competitor
- 45 Churlish types
- 46 Sales slip. Abbr.
- 47 "___ saw Elba"
- 48 "Auld Lang ___"
- 49 Tub toy
- 50 Pinball foul
- 51 ___ of Wight
- 52 Eye sore
- 54 Last letter, in Leeds
- 55 Some refrigerators

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Notice of public sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2014, at 4011 N. Midland Dr., Midland, TX 79707. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants:

Unit 483 - Patricia Black - Queen size bed, table, couch, artificial tree, vacuum, pictures, boxes, etc.
 Unit 624 - Noe Morales - Tables, hutch, speakers, bird cage, artificial tree, boxes, etc.
 Unit 808 - Noe Morales - Misc. tools, ladder, wheel barrels, etc.

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

2005 TOYOTA Corolla SE, blue 50K miles, auto, \$7,800. Good gas mileage good condition. Call 432-210-8068

2006 MAZDA 6, 70K miles, serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for \$6,700. Call 432-557-0996

2010 ACURA TL, 4 door, V6, 13K miles, immaculate, clean Car. Fax \$23,000. 432-967-0873

CADILLAC 2006 DTS Low miles, \$9,900. We finance. 432-683-6222. bnmbmidlandtx.com

CHEVY 2005 Cobalt 61K miles, good condition. \$6,000. OBO. 432-349-3029

CHEVY 2008 Malibu Auto, Clean, \$9,900. bnmbmidlandtx.com. We finance. 432-683-6222

DODGE 2010 Charger SXT \$15,900. 53K miles. 432-683-6222. bnmbmidlandtx.com

FORD 2005 Mustang GT Auto Sharp \$9,900. We finance. 683-6222. bnmbmidlandtx.com

Passenger Cars

HYUNDAI 2013 Sonata, 11k miles, heated seats, white w/ tan cloth & black interior, garaged kept, perfect condition \$17,500. Call 432-312-2841

NICE & clean 2005 Lexus 430, 81,500. \$18,500. OBO can be seen at Jorge's Cafe on Big Spring St. Midland, Texas or call 432-528-1905

NISSAN 1987 Mitsubishi 300ZX red sport car low mileage automatic \$2,000. OBO 432-262-2685

PONTIAC 2006 G6 GTP 4dr, silver w/ black interior, CD player, keyless entry, sunroof, automatic, standard converter. 103K miles \$8,000. Call 432-889-8346.

Pontiac 2007 G6 Clean \$8,450. We Finance. bnmbmidlandtx.com. 683-6222

TOYOTA 2007 Camry XLE, 113,200 miles, runs great. 1 owner, \$9,900. 432-894-6015

Passenger Cars

3079 of 3088 1 of 840, with triple black option. 1997 COBRA Mustang black convertible, 5 speed, extra clean, 120K miles, \$8,500. 4409 Wilshire, Midland. 432-697-4036 or 432-638-3264

1994 CHEVY 1500, \$4,000. 193K miles, 4 wd, tow package, new tires. Call Sue 432-218-8380

1998 GMC pickup extended cab. Fair condition, new tires, 1 owner. \$4,000. OBO. 432-230-9232

2006 TOYOTA Tundra, almost perfect condition 77,300 miles. 432-556-9711. can text pic or see in Midland.

2007 LS Avalanche, white, excellent condition, no wrecks. 123,467 miles, \$15K. No trades. 425-3287

CHEVY 2001 Silverado extended cab, red, 130K miles, grill guard, tool box, bed liner, great condition. \$7,400. 432-687-5663

CHEVY 2004 Avalanche 1500 Z71 Black/Black Leather, 4dr, 4WD, 1 Owner, 127K miles. Regular oil changes with synthetics. New brakes, new shocks, sun roof, heated seats, BOSE sound, towing package/trailer brake system. Very good condition for miles and year. Never in an accident! \$9,500. 972-533-7757

RVs

2013 DRV Elite Suites 38' Residential 5th Wheel. 3 Super Slides. 1 Vanity Slide. Granite. Washer. Dryer. Sleep Number Bed. Generator. RO. Original Owner. Non-Smokers. \$102,500. Call 432-553-5334

FOR SALE 2012 Lexion 31' with 1 slideout. Leather Recliners. Granite Countertops. Arctic Package Loaded! Pulled 1 time. Make Offer. Call 432-687-2621 after 5pm

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA SUE CONLY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Martha Sue Conly, deceased, were issued to Albert R. Conly, Independent Executor on January 14, 2014, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Martha Sue Conly, deceased," No. P-17730, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to Wesley B. Strain, 400 West Illinois Avenue, Suite 1120, Midland, Texas, 79701 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Albert R. Conly
 Independent Executor of the Estate of Martha Sue Conly, deceased, No. P-17730 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Temporary Administration for the Estate of VINCENT JAMES PASHILK, Deceased, were issued on January 3, 2014, in Cause No. P17740, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Jennifer Bush.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: L. Shane Stokes
 Attorney at Law
 300 North Marientfeld, Suite 700
 Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 16th day of January, 2014

/s/ L. Shane Stokes
 Attorney for Lance Alderman
 State Bar No.: 19273500
 Telephone: (432) 683-3351
 Facsimile: (432) 683-8346

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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Lorraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert and existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C.A., Et al Lease, well number: 2314W. The proposed injection well is located 3.35 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' 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.

Request 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)

SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

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 MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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2009 BMW 528i
 Alpine/Cream Beige Prem. Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
 Jet Black / Blk Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Arive seats 13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
 Jet Blk/Blk Conv. Prem. Nav. Sat, Though Loading System heated seats 4k miles. DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
 Dark Graphite / Blk M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display 8k miles. Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
 Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav, 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
 Gray/Blk Sat. Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
 Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport, Prem, 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
 Blk/Blk Harmon Kardon, Nav, 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
 Mineral White/Oyster M sport, Prem., hi-fi, nav., 12k miles

2013 BMW 328i
 White/Blk-Red Blk racing Stripes Sport line, Sport Trans, Nav, Heated seats, 3k miles, Unique

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Recreational Vehicles

1994 FLEETWOOD Flair 34ft Turbo Diesel 6.5 69K miles dual air, super clean Suitable for full time living \$10,000. Call Terry 325-725-9633

2007 ELECTRA Glide FLHTP w/37,000 miles 103 cubic inch with 6 speed, stage 1 upgrade, Willie G. Theme, Lots of extras. \$10,900. Call 432-638-7484

30' GOOSENECK drop down barrels racks, new brakes & seals, good hotshot trailer \$6,500. 620-278-3281

35' SIERRA 5th wheel, washer & dryer, custom cabinets 42" Plasma TV, 4 electric stabilizers, remote control landing jacks, electric dump valves, 3 slides, Air ride hitch, \$16,500. 620-278-3281

NEW TODAY!

38' GULF Stream motor home, 8.3 Cummins Diesel, rear engine Allison 6 speed automatic, 6 new Toyo tires, new awning, new paint, 2 roof ams, 2 flat screen TV's cable ready, full kitchen, 3 way refrigerator, ice maker, 6.5 Onan generator, sleeps 6. 83K miles, fully self contained ready to live in. \$38,500. Cost \$178,000 new. Must sell. Call 940-781-1735 8am-6pm

PREMIER by Hyline 2011 5th Wheel, 3 slide outs, washer/dryer, microwave, and many extras. \$27,000. obo. 817-694-8268.

BIG TEX 18' flatbed trailer, John Deere green, less than 1500 miles, tires balanced, floor oiled, perfect condition. \$4,000 cash only 432-770-5793

RVs

NEW TODAY!

FLEETWOOD 2006 Discovery 39L, Diesel, 4 slides, 17k miles \$94,000. Call 432-631-9868

KEYSTONE 2007 Montana Mountaineer, 5th wheel, 33ft., 3 slides, awning. Excellent condition! \$22,500. OBO 432-653-7824

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

E&P Accounts Payable Clerk

Growing Houston-based E&P company is seeking an Accounts Payable Clerk for our Midland Operations office. 3-5 years minimum experience coding and processing E&P operational capital and LOE invoices, some with AFE requirements. Ability to work closely with Engineering staff. Must have working knowledge of Excel and Word and oil and gas accounting software, preferably Enerista. Prior exposure to purchase order system is a plus. Resumes only to: Nancy Beeson, HR Manager: beeson@temaog.com

ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Director of Development

The Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc. is currently seeking to fill the position of Director of Development. The position is charged with the marketing, grant writing, event planning and fund-raising aspects of the Center. Please send a current resume with references, letter of introduction and salary history to malexander@samaritanccwtx.org

AUTOMOTIVE

LeNoir Water Transfer, Inc. General Mechanic Needed

Abilities:

- Welding, Oil Changes, Brakes & Maintenance on trucks.
- Maintenance & Service on John Deere Motors & Centrifugal Pumps.
- Trailer Repairs including hangers, axles, equalizers & lights.

Blue Cross Blue Shield medical & dental available after 90 days.

Pay will be discussed at interview.

Please submit all resumes via Fax to: 432-686-8205

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Office Personnel

Local company seeking full time experienced office personnel for clerical duties. Kandace@horizontransportation.net

Personal Assistant

Personal Assistant needed to help reduce our work load. Computer skills needed, good with organization. You will be well paid. Interested person(s) should contact: ruben.muro447@hotmail.com for more info and wages.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Entry Level Helpers

Production Lift Systems FT Local oilfield service company seeking Entry Level Wireline and Swabbing Helpers. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-699-1200.

OILFIELD AUTOMATION TECHNICIAN

Must be computer savvy. Prefer candidate with automation or controls experience. Experience with electronics a plus. High School education or equiv. required. Competitive pay + benefits. Journeyman Electrician a plus. Email resume to: jobs@tanklogix.com

HEALTHCARE



Positions Available:

- Full-Time**
Registered Nurses
Certified Nurse Aides
Licensed Vocational Nurse
Division Director of Extended Care Services
Beautician
- Part-Time**
Chaplain
Dietary Aide
Respiratory Therapist

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Caregivers wanted for 24 HR shifts

Visiting Angels is searching for Part Time and Full Time Caregivers in the Odessa/Midland, TX area. We have all shifts available including 24hr live in shifts. Please call 432-897-1700 or apply online at: 157.axiscare.com
•Location: Odessa/Midland TX
•Compensation: \$10.00 per hour/ \$125.00 per day
•This is a part-time job
•Principals only. Recruiters, please don't contact this job poster
•Please do not contact job poster about other services, products or commercial interests.

Certified Dental Assistant

Thomas Campagna, DMD FT We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, Certified Dental Assistant, one full time position to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email info@smilemidland.com fax: (432) 520-0720 or bring resume to: 3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-671-8364

COME JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM!!

Home Health AGENCY is looking for staff in YOUR AREA We need RNs! We need LVNs! Flexible Schedule F/T or P/T. Excellent Benefits. Above Average Pay. Spanish Speaking a MUST! Benefits Available: Vacation, Health Insurance, Life, Dental, 401K. Immediate openings. Reliable car a requirement. CALL GAIL @ 432-684-5858

Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist

The Kids Place FT Join our growing team. Benefits and top pay for experienced dental assistant and Dental Hygienist. Please mail or bring by resume to: 4410 North Midkiff, Suite D1 Midland, TX 79705

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Fast paced dental office seeking full time, caring, enthusiastic person to join our team. Strong communication skills required. Must be able to multi-task and have at least one year experience in the dental field. Mostly front office, RDA preferred to cover lunch shifts and be back up assistant. Email resume to: midlanddental@gmail.com or fax resume to 432-570-8053

Experienced Registered Dental Assitant

Family dental office seeks registered dental assistant to join our team. Must be currently licensed, energetic, and personable. Prefer at least 2 years of experience. Submit resume with references by fax 432-570-6028. Mail or drop by: A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, 4410 N Midkiff RD Ste D217, Midland TX 79705

Receptionist

Experienced Receptionist needed for two busy medical offices. Must be willing to travel between Midland and Odessa offices. Attractive salary and benefits. Please mail resume to: PO Box 8729, Midland, TX 79708.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Available Positions

Hampton Inn is now hiring full time Housekeepers, Part time Night Audit, and an Executive Maintenance person. Apply in person at 5011 W. Loop 250 N. in Midland.

Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250, Next to Kohl's

Housekeeping Manager

Hiring Housekeeping Manager for Midland Hotel FT/PT Salary position with benefits. Previous cleaning experience helpful and bilingual a plus. Please apply in person at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, next to Kohl's on Loop 250.

Maintenance

Holiday Inn Express FT 5309 N. Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79707 Apply in person No phone calls Now hiring Full Time Maintenance. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay \$10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager - this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package - flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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HEARST media services

Vincent Cone, V.P. of Circulation
email to: vccone@hearstnp.com
Please come by the Midland Reporter-Telegram,
201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701 to complete an application
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
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Great benefits include health (Blue Cross Blue Shield), life & dental insurance, two weeks vacation
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2701 North A Street • Midland, TX 79701
432-498-8590

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

New Comfort Inn

Openings in new Comfort Inn: Front desk, Housekeeping and Maintenance and Night Audit. Apply in person 910 W I-20 Frontage, Midland.

MARKETING

PROFESSIONAL MARKETER

Looking for a full time Professional Marketer. Excellent pay, benefits, and company car. Individual must be organized, reliable, have professional appearance, be able to work independently, have a positive attitude and excellent work ethic. Preferred knowledge of home health industry, bilingual. Send resume to P-104 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

Firehouse Subs FT Midland, TX 79701 Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

DELIVERY DRIVERS / PHONE HELP

FLOWERLAND Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Hiring for Seasonal Help! Drivers (must be 21) paid per delivery using your own vehicle, phone help - taking orders for Valentine deliveries, general help - process flowers and help in needed areas. Smoke free environment. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls.

Direct Care Staff

Job Description

We are seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time/full time employment as a direct care staff working directly with children who have been removed from their families due to abuse or neglect. Children range in age from 0-17. Duties include cooking, cleaning, goal planning, goal teaching, transportation, meeting medical needs, complete assessments, daily logs of events, activity planning and working with a team. We offer part time benefits for vacation and sick time, competitive salary based on experience, work history and education. This person should be at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, High School diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned, and preferred bachelor's degree. We are looking for someone who can work the assigned schedule, shows up for work consistently and can receive and offer feedback. Shifts Open: 3-4 over night stays per week. Awake night hours are 10p-8a. Please contact Karen Kendrick at 432 694 7728 or karenb@highsky.org. Contact by email is preferred.

Full & Part Time Office Clerk

QSN Realty: Needs Full Time & Part Time Office Clerk for corporate office. Fax resume 432-520-9434, apply in person only at 5010 W. Loop 250 N. or email: barely7007@hotmail.com

Furniture Warehouse Assistant

Reynolds Brothers PT Midland, TX 79701 Immediate opening for a Part Time Furniture Warehouse Assistant. Person will be responsible for answering phones, and waiting on customers. Forward resumes to: nr@reynoldsbros.com or complete application in person at: 315 N. Colorado

Maintenance Specialist IV

Texas Department of Public Safety Midland Office Please apply online at www.dps.texas.gov no telephone calls please.

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments FT Full time maintenance worker needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Social Service Coordinator

Dismas Charities FT/PT Midland, TX 79701 Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk \$9.64/hr + \$3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT Would you like to make \$15-\$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Managers, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.

Senior Accountant/Controller

Equipment company has immediate opening for Senior Accountant/Controller. Qualifications include: Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Minimum 5 years accounting experience, knowledge of US GAAP, experience with general ledger and sub ledgers, ability to work independently with strong communication skills, must be able to handle multiple priorities and meet deadlines. Competitive Salary & Benefits. Please send resume to ktrujillo@ciscoeq.com.

Staff Members

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon Staff Members PT, M-F 3-6. Call Michael between 1-3 or 6-8 only, 432-683-0050.

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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
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 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

- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
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- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, **MUST** have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor. **THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT \$650-\$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route.**
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Please CALL LINDA at 687.8807 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Email us at dominos@clearwire.net with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!

Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
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RETAIL JOBS

Available Positions

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SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE

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Looking for full time and part time tire Apprentices. 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. Well, Midland or 3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa or call Royce at 720-300-7854

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Start the New Year off right! Wood's Boots is adding to our sales team at both Midland locations. It is a good environment with great customers, the best hours in retail, room for advancement, and benefits. Stop in at 4803 Andrews Hwy or 812 W I-20 for an application.

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Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for part time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

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Electrical Maintenance Construction is looking for Commercial Journeyman Electricians. Pay DOE. Excellent benefits including 401(k), dental, vision, paid holidays and free medical for employee. Please send resumes to sbarr@eeronline.com or call 432-563-5000.

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Invoicing Clerk needed for Oilfield Service Company. Pay DOE, insurance and 401K provided. Please send resume to shawn@basinengine.com.

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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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CDL Drivers

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T&J Hotshot - Midland, TX Looking for CDL driver Hazmat Endorsement a plus. Must have good driving record, 3 year work history and 3 references. For more information and to apply, email resumes to tlockhart6268@yahoo.com or call 432-254-2862

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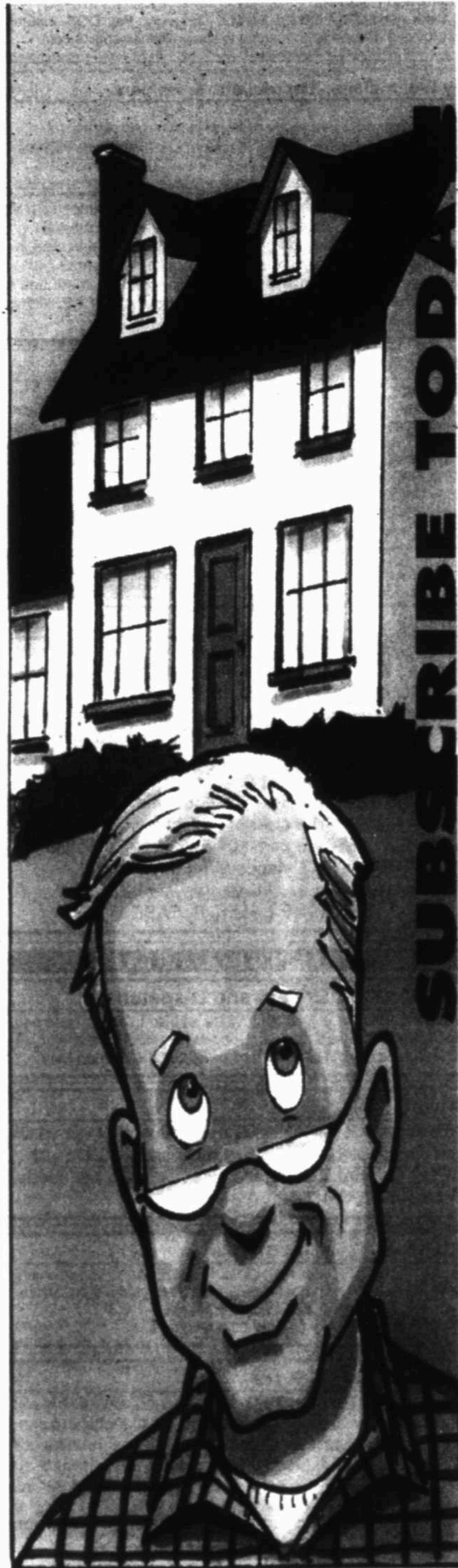


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HOME FOR SALE 2100 sqft. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, large den, large dining or living room, fireplace, large patio. New exterior paint and roof. Asking price \$220K, call Charles at 325-733-2971

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5104 A Rainbow, 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 car garage. No smoking no pets. Sprinkler system. \$2,100 monthly \$2,000 deposit. 432-620-9222 or 432-694-2074

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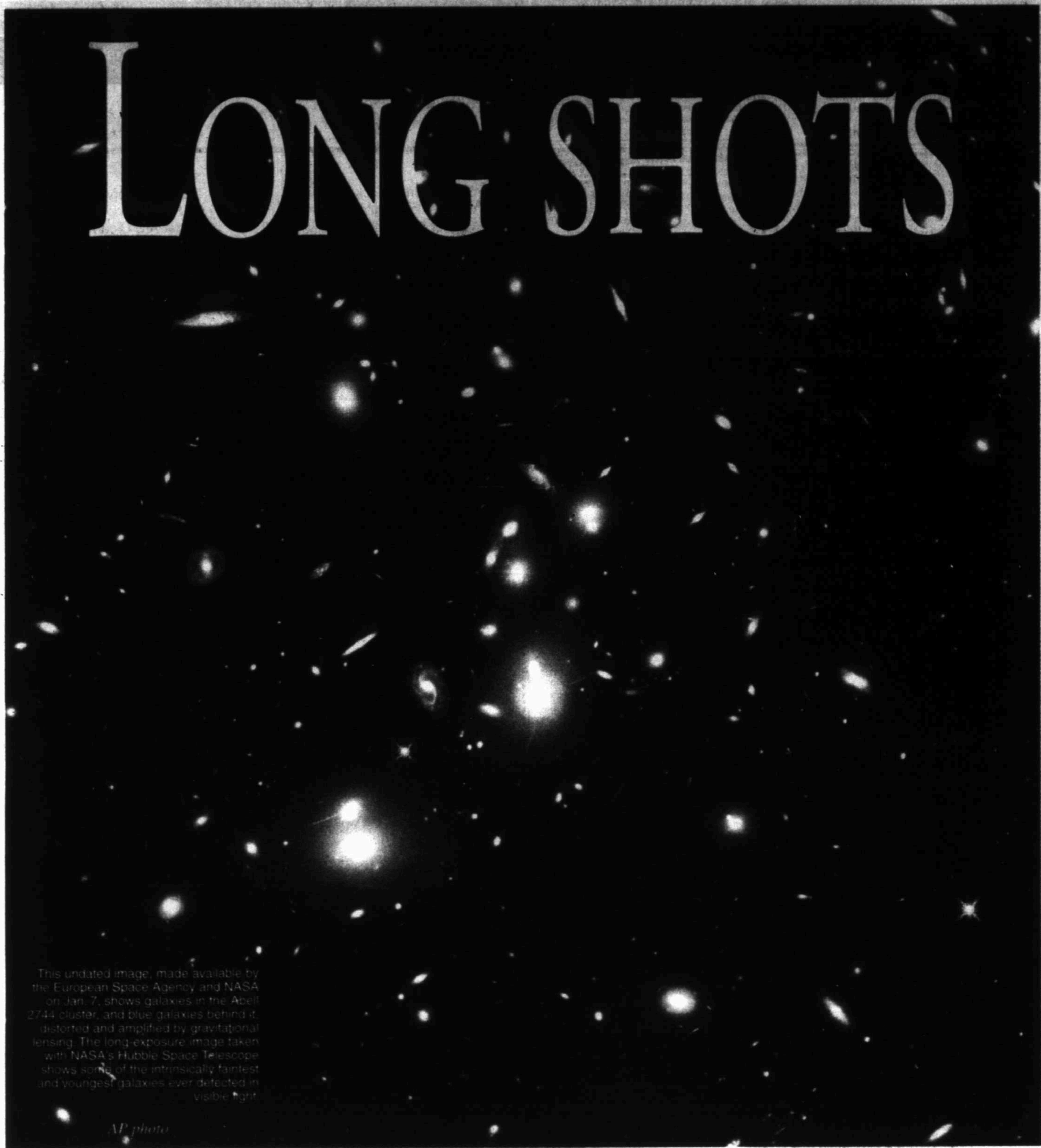
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This undated image, made available by the European Space Agency and NASA on Jan. 7, shows galaxies in the Abell 2744 cluster, and blue galaxies behind it, distorted and amplified by gravitational lensing. The long-exposure image taken with NASA's Hubble Space Telescope shows some of the intrinsically faintest and youngest galaxies ever detected in visible light.

AP photo

Hubble takes a look at galaxies from 13.2 billion years ago

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

The Hubble Space Telescope has peered back to a chaotic time 13.2 billion years ago when never-before-seen galaxies were tiny, bright blue and full of stars bursting to life all over the place.

Thanks to some complex physics tricks, NASA's aging telescope is just starting to see the universe at its infancy in living color and detail.

Images released by NASA on Tuesday

show galaxies that are 20 times fainter than those pictured before. They are from a new campaign to have the 23-year-old Hubble gaze much earlier and farther away than it was designed to see.

"I like to call it cosmic dawn," Hubble astronomer Jennifer Lotz said at the American Astronomical Society convention in Washington. "It's when the lights are coming on."

It was a time when star formation was ramping up, and it was far more hectic than now.

"Imagine if you went back 500 million years after the Big Bang and looked around in the sky," astronomer Garth Illingworth of the University of California Santa Cruz said. "Galaxies are closer. They're smaller. They're bright blue and they're everywhere...They are probably blobby, small, nothing like our Milky Way."

There were probably no metals at this time, no Earths, said Illingworth, who was on the scientific team using Hubble.

"Things look clumpy and kind of weird," Lotz said.

Most of the galaxies then were close to 1,000 times smaller than our Milky Way, but astronomers said they were surprised to discover a few brighter, bigger galaxies sparkling out there.

These first pictures showed nearly 3,000 galaxies. Astronomers are still trying to figure out which of those galaxies are ancient and which are more recent.

Because light travels nearly 6 trillion miles a year, as telescopes look farther from Earth they see earlier into the past.

While Hubble and other telescopes using different light wavelengths have seen this far back, this is the first complete set of photos in the visible light spectrum that the

human eye sees.

To do this, Hubble is using one of Albert Einstein's concepts that massive clusters of galaxies have such super gravity that they magnify and stretch light, Lotz said. By focusing on clusters, astronomers use them as natural binoculars to see what's behind them.

The release of the images is significant and important, said Christopher Conselice, a professor at the University of Nottingham in England. Conselice was not part of the Hubble team.

"It'll tell us about how the universe is forming and evolving," Conselice said after the astronomers' presentation. "I think they understated it. It could be a fundamental thing."

Online:

Hubble: <http://hubblesite.org/>

Dear PropellerHeads: I am desperate. My inbox is full. My New Year's resolution is to clean up my email but I don't know where to start.

A: Your inbox? Seriously? Everyone else is giving up drinking and losing weight, exercising more, stalking less...and you want to work on your email clutter?

Before I get too critical, I should say that I just got a new phone and my New Year's resolution is 1920x1080. Get it?

Let me guess how this started. Over time, you found interesting stuff on the web, ordered things, attended events, gave away some business cards... and before you knew it you ended up deluged by emails from way too many places. Unsubscribing can be tedious at best and close to impossible at times. Plus, you may actually want to read some of these — but how can you sort through them all?

There are some services



that can help a bit, like Nut-ShellMail from the folks at Constant Contact (nutshellmail.com). This easy-to-use service aggregates your social media email updates and notifications. Then, you can turn off your Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube and other social media site feeds and still keep up with a single daily email.

How about the lady who resolved in 2014 to build a Velcro wall and vowed to stick to it?

A new service may help you finally conquer your annual resolution failures. You could try Unroll.me. This free, easy-to-use, service will clear your inbox of all of the e-trash in a snap.

Unroll.me supports most major web email clients. You enroll by supplying your email credentials for your Outlook.com (including Hotmail, MSN, & Windows Live), Gmail,

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A tree-hugger friend of mine vows to do less laundry and use more deodorant this year. I guess the smell of AXE will abound in the New Year.

Once registered, Unroll.me scans your emails for subscription services. Mine took about 3 minutes. You can wait or check back later.

Unroll.me then encourages you to unsubscribe (unenroll) from any subscriptions you no longer wish to receive. It's fun and takes just a click.

It also lets you Rollup the subscriptions you want to keep in a daily digest where they are aggregated. Now your inbox never sees the trash, and the bulletins you may want to read are conveniently combined into a single email.

Here's resolution tip #44 to simplify your life and get back your dignity. Don't visit 43things.com.

You can also create a sort

of blacklist of email senders. This eliminates emails from folks you no longer want to hear from without having to let them know.

What I like about this service is its light-handed approach. It doesn't actually unsubscribe you from anything. Instead, it creates a special mailbox folder called Enroll.me and simply sorts all the junk there. So, everything is still in your mailbox and the senders are none the wiser. You can stop by deleting your account at any time.

It has a nice, auto-add feature that actively detects subscriptions and adds them to your Rollup so that your email volume will not sneak up on you again.

Here's an idea to avoid those pesky, dunning notices in 2014. Have you considered going back to school this year so they will stop pestering you about the student loans you have been neglecting?

I am a bit annoyed that Unroll.me won't let me aggregate several emails

accounts, instead requiring that I sign in separately for each account. But, this is not likely a big hassle for most that maintain a simpler email strategy than your typical Propellerhead.

For \$40 a year, an alternative is SaneBox.com. The cost may be justified with some additional features such as prioritization and cloud-based attachment aggregation, so you may want to use their free trial before you settle on a service.

While you're in your annual self-improvement mood, it might also be time to finally change your email password from "password" to something a little more secure, like say, "password2014".

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