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'Together or not at all'

President Obama calls for unity in address

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President Barack Obama is applauded on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Tuesday, prior to delivering his State of the Union address in Washington.

Obama's speech frames 2012 campaign

By Margaret Talev
McClatchy Newspapers

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — The President Barack Obama who addressed the nation Tuesday night was foreshadowing his likely tack in his 2012 re-election campaign — a more centrist, pro-business and economy-focused Democrat.

He was careful to project more optimism and less defiance than he did in his State of the Union speech a year ago. Last year, Obama told Democrats that "we still have the largest majority in decades" and admonished them not to "run for the hills."

This time, he said that "new laws will only pass with support from Democrats and Republicans" and that the two parties will advance "together, or not at all."

Last year, he rallied Democrats to pass his health care overhaul without Republicans. This year, he vowed to threaten any spending bills with pork-filled "earmarks" in them — something Republicans have already agreed to, but his fellow Democrats in the Senate haven't.

Obama's shift in tone is a recognition that he now needs Republican buy-in to get anything through Congress. But it's also Obama's way of urging voters to hold Republicans equally accountable for what happens next — or what doesn't.

He went beyond the voguish post-Tucson spirit of bipartisan civility to frame his priorities with sunny optimism.

"The future is ours to win. But to get there, we can't just stand still," Obama said, setting his recurring theme.

He insisted that America could stay ahead of China and India — but said that requires government investment to foster innovation, to improve education and to modernize the transportation and communications infrastructure.

Also noteworthy was what issues got little or no mention, and when he did mention one, he didn't spell out any specifics on what he'd do about it: health care, immigration, global warming, gun control, and overhauling the financing of Social Security and Medicare.

Please see SPEECH/4A

Sex ed talks on table at MISD

■ Community split over possible program.

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

A community member is calling for action from the school district to educate students about abstinence, but the issue of how best to teach children about sex is being met with controversy.

Eric Fuselier, chairman of the Midland/Odessa Deanery of Catholics for Life committee, called for people in the community to write Midland Independent School District Superintendent Ryder Warren to express their support for an abstinence-only program in schools.

However, Planned Parenthood Vice-President of Community Affairs Carla Holeva said the abstinence-plus program might be what is needed to reduce the number of teen pregnancies in Midland.

Please see MISD/4A

Probation may see deep cuts

■ Director says proposed budget would cause drastic changes to department.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The about 22 percent cuts proposed to probation services statewide would bring funding levels back to that of 1980 and mean drastic changes in Midland County, officials said.

Jed Davenport, director of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the Midland Judicial District, said while figures released in state bills are preliminary, they're expecting to be among the list of state-funded agencies having to reduce services in the coming years.

Please see PROBATION/4A

City Council approves shift in hospital parking design

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council may have a few more items on its agendas going forward as developers work to avoid issues like what happened at the Blue Ridge Apartments.

Tuesday, council members reviewed changes and approved a motion relating to a parking lot being constructed at Midland Memorial Hospital. The lot that was reviewed is part of an overall parking plan that includes the nearly completed five-story garage and other spaces, said engineer Eric West, a principal with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

"The council has requested that any question related to a planned district, they would prefer to see it than not," West said, explaining why they and city staff thought it best to check before making any changes.

A medical building shifted about 15 degrees from an original site plan also was given final approval at Tuesday's meeting as was the development of a Comet Cleaners, Fibber Magees pub and the expansion of an Affordable Self Storage facility.

"I think it's a good thing that these kinds of things are being caught," Mayor Wes Perry said.

Cameron Walker, planning division manager, said Midland Memorial Hospital was

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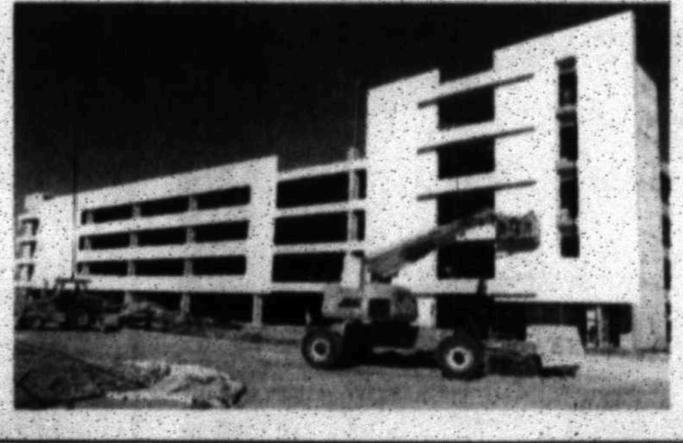

WORK ZONE Work continues on the hospital expansion as well as the new parking structure.
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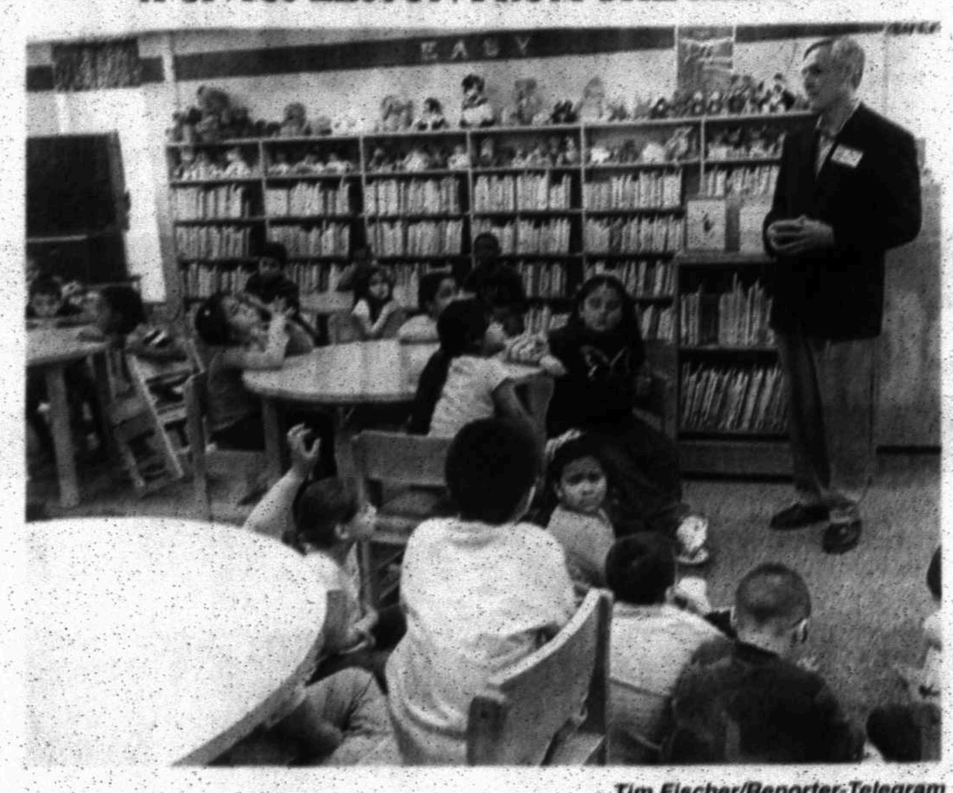

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Mayor Wes Perry talks to and answers questions from second-graders at Milam Elementary School last week.

It's happening ... this week

Today

■ The Spring Club Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Scharbauer Student Center, Midland College campus. Food will be provided free for students with their MC ID, and $5 for all faculty, staff, and others. For more information, contact Stephanie VanCuren at 685-4543; or svancuren@midland.edu.

Saturday

■ The Texas Takeover Grappling Tournament, Horseshoe Main Arena.

■ Bynum School's annual Children's Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Midland Center. Tickets: $5 per person. Max: $20 per family. Teen Concert, 7 p.m., $10 per person. For more information, call 432-296-0602 or 432-520-0075.

■ Third annual Dances from the Islands, 7-9 p.m., Yucca Theater. Hawaiian and Tahitian Show hosted by local Hawaiian Dance Group, Aloha O Hawaii.

Meetings Schedule

Hospital District
1:10 p.m. today
board room off administration office

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement, 300 N. Loraine St.

VITA Sites

■ Casa de Amigos, open through April 14 (Closed March 14-18 for spring break and Feb. 21 for Presidents Day)
Address: 1101 E Garden Lane
Phone: 682-9701
Info: Mondays through Thursdays, afternoons and evening by appointment. Open Feb. 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Community National Bank, open Jan. 18 to March 31
Address: 601 E Florida Ave.
Phone: 685-8449
Info: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

■ My Community Federal Credit Union, open Saturdays in February
Address: 600 W. Louisiana Ave.
Phone: 687-8454
Info: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

■ Midland Senior Services, open starting Feb. 1
Address: 3303 W. Illinois Ave. No. 18
Phone: 681-7636

■ Odessa Affordable Housing, open Feb. 1 to April 14
Address: 3801 N. Dixie, Odessa
Phone: 272-4412
Info: Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.

■ Catholic Charities of Odessa, open Feb. 1 to April 14
Address: 2500 Andrews Highway, Odessa
Phone: 332-1387
Info: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8:30pm (appointment only). . . Open Feb. 5 and 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Upcoming nonprofit/support group meetings, events

■ Midland Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall.

Retired educator LaSahara Nieland is to present a program on wildflowers of Texas.

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 26, the 26th day of 2011. There are 339 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1942, the first American expeditionary force to go to Europe during World War II went ashore in Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

In 1996, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified before a grand jury connected to the Whitewater probe.

Five years ago: Confronted by Oprah Winfrey on her syndicated talk show, author James Frey acknowledged lies in his addiction memoir "A Million Little Pieces."

One year ago: Toyota suspended U.S. sales of several popular vehicle models to fix sticking accelerator pedals; the suspension was on top of a recall of 23 million vehicles.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 53. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Wayne Gretzky is 50.

Thought for Today: "My experience of the world is that things left to themselves don't get right." — T.H. Huxley, English biologist and author (1825-1895).

Source: Associated Press

To make luncheon reservations, contact Anita at 697-1602 or apatton@123@sbcglobal.net.

■ Midland Association of Churches will host Week of Christian Unity Community Worship Service 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave.

Guest speaker will be Woodrow Bailey, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. Music will be provided by church choir members.

■ An informational meeting for parents of children with disabilities is planned for 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd. (near Midland International Airport).

Input is being sought on how parents and schools can work together in a student's education. Parents' comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the Texas Education Agency.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. To pre-register, call 567-3240 or visit www.esc18.net.

Refreshments will be served. Deaf and Spanish interpreters will be available. Child care will not be provided.

■ Midland Book Review Unit will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Maridel Fryar is to review "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 694-0

■ ODESSA — Accolade Home Care will offer screenings for congestive heart failure from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at Southside Senior Center, 900 S. Dixie.

According to a press release from Accolade, people who are at risk for congestive heart failure are those who have coronary artery disease, high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, heart valve disease or cardiomyopathy or who have had a heart attack.

For more information, call Fabian Franco at 638-3476.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters is planning Bowl for Kids' Sake 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 12 at AMF Midland Park Lanes.

To register up as a sponsor or a team, contact info@bbbsmidland.org or 687-0195.

■ Volunteers will be reading to kindergarteners through fourth-graders 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the George W. Bush Childhood Home.

Children will receive a book to take home. Rocky the Rock-Hound will make an appearance and refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Talk Show Schedule

KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local News reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

KWEL (AM 1070)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon Laura Ingraham
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-9 p.m. Michael Savage
Web: http://www.kwel.com

KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show
3-6 p.m. The Doug Gottlieb Show

The Reporter-Telegram on the radio

– Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070).

Women's self-defense class starts

The Midland Police Department is holding a class for Women's Self-Defense.

The program, which began Tuesday, is a three-week program held 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For those who would like to learn more about women's self-defense, including where it will be held, contact Tasa Watts at 685-7977.

Citizens Police Academy is accepting applications

The Midland Police Department is accepting applications for The Citizens Police Academy that will begin in February.

The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Applications are available on the city's website or call 685-7582 for more information.

The Citizens Police Academy class is a general overview of every bureau of the Midland Police Department.

MISD Family Fair to take place Feb. 19

The Midland ISD Family Fair 2011 is coming soon; the fair committee has scheduled a meeting at 10 a.m., Thursday at the Greater Ideal Church Life Center, 301 S. Tyler St.

Dolores Cano, MISD Title I parent engagement coordinator and event organizer, said the fair will have something for everyone. "Our goal here is to bridge that gap between home and school, and to show there's so much here for our district to support them. When parents plan for their children, they can be well-versed on what is offered," she said. "Though our focus is students, this is information for the entire community."

The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Greater Ideal Church Family Life Center. The fair showcases programs within MISD, as well as community agencies and organizations that support the students and families of Midland. The fair is a way for families to acquaint themselves with the services and opportunities available to them, including tutoring, counseling and healthcare.

There is no admission fee for the event.

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NEW YORK

1st Gitmo detainee to have civilian trial to be sentenced in NYC

The first Guantanamo detainee to have a U.S. civilian trial is returning to a New York City courtroom to face sentencing.

Ahmed Ghailani was convicted late last year of a count of conspiring to destroy government buildings related to a deadly al-Qaida attack on two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998. He was acquitted of 224 counts of murder and dozens of other charges.

The 36-year-old Ghailani is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan. He faces life in prison.

Defense lawyers have sought to convince the judge Ghailani deserves leniency because he didn't have firsthand knowledge about the bombing scheme. They also say the CIA tortured him.

Prosecutors argue a life sentence is appropriate. They say Ghailani knew about the plot all along and was a key player.

NEW YORK

Many say they would choose pet over spouse

Your sweetheart or your pet. Which would you dump if one had to go?

Most current pet owners said they would hold on to their spouse or significant other (84 percent), but a sizable 14 percent picked their pet, according to an AP-Petside.com poll.

Pat Sally Roland, 53, of Omaha, Neb., down in the dog-first column. "I'm divorced, so that might explain it," she joked.

The unmarried, like Roland, are more apt to choose their pet over their mate — 25 percent among unmarried pet owners versus 8 percent among the married.

Count Fidel Martinez, 30, of Akron, Ohio, as forever loyal to Killer. That's his mix-breed, 100-pound rescue dog.

"I would absolutely give up my girlfriend for him," Martinez said. "I know it sounds insane but I've had numerous relationships with women. My dog has never let me down."

LOS ANGELES

'Jersey Shore' headed to Italy for fourth season

"Jersey Shore" is headed to the Motherland.

The popular MTV reality TV series starring a group of hard-partying Italian-Americans will film its fourth season in Italy, the network said Tuesday.

"While the stateside 'Jersey Shore' locales have become iconic for our audience, it's really the constantly evolving dynamic amongst the cast that keeps them coming back each season," MTV programming vice president Chris Linn said. "Europe is a fresh spin on a show that continues to reach new heights for us."

The fourth season is set to premiere later this year.

SAN FRANCISCO

Rescued surfer in stable condition

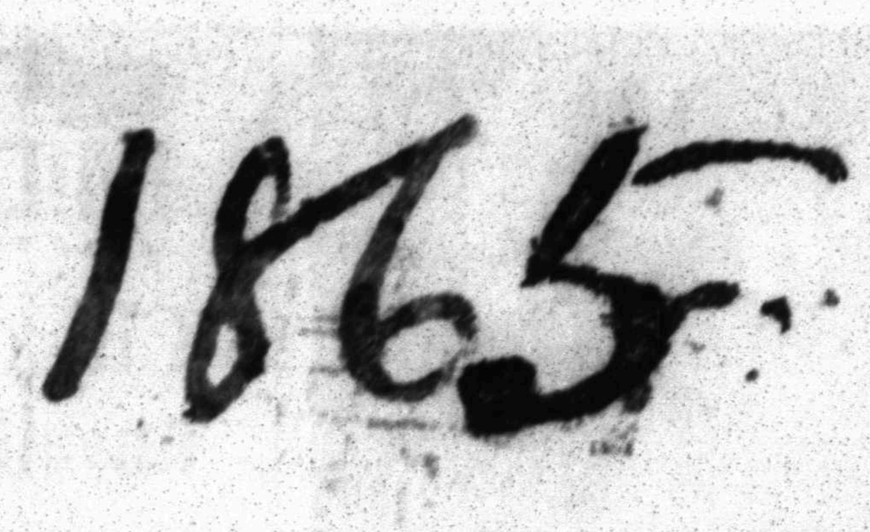
Hospital officials said a surfer who nearly drowned after being pummeled and washed through rocks by a big wave is expected to recover.

A Stanford Hospital spokesman on Tuesday upgraded 30-year-old Jacob Trette to fair condition three days after he nearly drowned.

Trette was rescued by an Australian firefighter, Russell Ord, who was on a jet ski taking photographs Saturday when a large group of waves known as a "freak set" caught surfers who were too close to shore.

Ord told the Associated Press he managed to get Trette to shore and administer first aid until rescue crews arrived.

Trette was hospitalized in critical condition and placed in a medically induced coma. Hospital officials said he's now conscious and his vital signs are stable.



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WRITTEN IN HISTORY This handout image provided by the National Archives shows a close up of the altered date: Longtime Lincoln researcher Thomas Lowry admitted to changing the date of Murphy's pardon, written in Lincoln's hand, from April 14, 1864 to April 14, 1865, and then denied Tuesday of changing it.

Historian denies tampering with pardon

By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — Colleagues of a Virginia historian accused of altering a presidential pardon signed by Abraham Lincoln to make it appear he had made a major discovery say he betrayed the trust that had been placed in him.

The accused historian — Thomas P. Lowry, 78, of Woodbridge — denied Tuesday that he actually tampered with the document despite a written confession he gave to the National Archives earlier this month.

The National Archives announced on Monday that Lowry used a fountain pen with special ink to change the date on a presidential pardon issued by Lincoln to a Union army deserter from April 14, 1864, to April 14, 1865. The date change made it look like the pardon was the last official act carried out by Lincoln before he was shot that night at Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Lowry recanted his confession and said he offered repeated denials to Archives investigators over the course of a two-hour interview but eventually wore down when they refused to believe him.

"I foolishly signed a statement saying I had done it," Lowry said. "Now they're portraying me as a fool, a liar and a criminal. I screwed myself by signing it."

But the inspector general's office for the Archives says that not only did Lowry willingly confess, he offered up details about how he did it with a fountain pen and special ink.

"He voluntarily provided a statement, written in his own hand, in which he elaborated on his actions and provided specific details on how he committed this act," said Ross Weiland, the Archives' assistant inspector general for investigations. "He subsequently swore to the statement's accuracy and signed the statement. No threats, rewards, or promises of any kind were made to Mr. Lowry in return for his sworn statement."

Archives officials say Lowry admitted he did it to boost his career. Lowry said Tuesday it doesn't make sense that he would have altered the document to gain notoriety.

"I'm hardly famous and certainly not rich," Lowry said.

Exam: Less than half of students proficient in science

By Christine Armario
Associated Press

Very few students have the advanced skills that could lead to careers in science and technology, according to results of a national exam released Tuesday that education leaders called alarming.

Only 1 percent of fourth-grade and 12th-grade students, and 2 percent of eighth-graders scored in the highest group on the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress, a federal test known as the Nation's Report Card. Less than half were considered proficient, with many more showing minimal science knowledge.

"It's very disappointing for all educators to see students performing below the level we'd like them to be," said Bonnie Embry, an elementary school science lab teacher in Lexington, Ky. "These low scores should send a message to educators across our nation that we're not spending enough time teaching science."

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said the results mean students aren't learning at a rate that will maintain the nation's role as an international leader in the sciences. He and others expressed concern that more students aren't prepared for careers as inventors, doctors and engineers in a world increasingly driven by technology.

"Our ability to create the next generation of U.S. leaders in science and technology is seriously in danger," said Alan Friedman, former director of the New York Hall of Science, and a member of the board that oversees the test.

The results also show a stark achievement gap, with only 10 percent of black students proficient in science in the fourth grade, compared to 46 percent of whites. At the high school level, results were even more bleak, with 71 percent of black students scoring below the basic knowledge level, and just 4 percent proficient.

Fifty-eight percent of Hispanic 12th-grade students scored below basic, as did 21 percent of whites.

"These are really stunning and concerning numbers," said Amy Wilkins, vice president for government affairs and communications at The Education Trust. She noted that minority and low-income students are the fastest growing parts of the youth population, making the need to increase their achievement levels all the more urgent.

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CABINENT MEMBERS Members of President Barack Obama's Cabinet, from left, Attorney General Eric Holder, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton are seen on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Tuesday, before the start of the president's State of the Union address.

SPEECH

From 1A

While he proposed to freeze spending on non-security discretionary programs for five years, the $400 billion that might save over a decade would amount to just one-tenth of the $4 trillion savings that his bipartisan debt commission called for. What about all their recommendations? Obama didn't say.

Obama drew on themes that presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton explored in their own respective second State of the Union speeches, in 1983 and 1995, after both had suffered losses in midterm elections — and before they went on to win re-elections of their own.

He echoed Reagan's conviction that America had turned the corner after recession and was "on the mend," but that Americans' needed "realism and idealism" to march forward. And Obama echoed Clinton's acknowledgement that voters' had rejected Democrats two months earlier.

Reagan and Clinton also called for bipartisan solutions to long-term problems, though if Obama is pushing anything akin to Reagan's Social Security fix or Clinton's welfare reform bill, he failed to spell it out Tuesday night.

Reagan and Clinton were lower in the polls at this point in their presidencies than Obama is today, and both won re-election. Obama's approval rating has rebounded to around 50 percent in the latest polls from 42 percent in November. Since then, he's compromised with Republicans to extend tax cuts and spoke reassuringly to Americans following the Tucson tragedy. He seems to have learned lessons from both.

Obama's State of the Union address may have been focused on the economy, but its message framed the politics of 2012.

He insisted that his primary concern is "not who wins the next election," but Wednesday he'll fly to the election-battleground state of Wisconsin, which he won in 2008, but where Democrats suffered major losses last fall. Vice President Joe Biden, meanwhile, will travel to Indiana, a normally Republican state that Obama won in 2008, but that's cooled to him since.

"The future is ours to win," Obama said.

MISD

From 1A

"We've had an abstinence-only program for the past 20 years in our schools, and we've seen nothing but our numbers increase," she said. "We're doing the same thing we've always done and it doesn't seem to be working."

Sex education has been offered only sparingly in the district, according to Fuselier. For this reason, he said there is no reason to believe an abstinence program wouldn't work.

The rest of the work should be done in the home, Fuselier said.

"The parent is the first and best teacher of their children," he said. "The family should be allowed to make the decision of how they want to teach their children."

Fuselier called the current sex education curriculum recommended by the MISD School Health Advisory Council "vulgar" in a letter to the editor last week. The curriculum, "It's Your Game; Keep It Real," would be presented to seventh and eighth-graders in the district, if approved by Warren and the MISD board of trustees.

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> — RYDER WARREN
> MISD superintendent

The curriculum video uses animated sexual acts, including ejaculation, to teach children and gives instructions on the use of condoms, according to Fuselier.

Warren is evaluating the advisory council's recommendation and said he would listen to arguments from both sides of the issue.

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Fuselier suggested the district use the Scott & White Hospital and Clinic's "Worth the Wait" curriculum or the Midland Life Center program, which has already done abstinence presentations in MISD schools.

Meanwhile, Warren placed the number of current teen pregnancies around 126 in the district.

Perhaps more troubling is the number of sexually transmitted infections, or STIs, contracted by pregnant girls in the district. Warren said of the 126 students pregnant, 120 of them tested positive for some form of STI.

That number offers more reason for an abstinence-plus program, Holeva said.

Planned Parenthood has an abstinence-plus program called "Knowledge is Power." Holeva called the program honest and medically accurate. Medically understanding sex and the consequences it could have are important, she said.

Holeva also said Planned Parenthood played no part in the health advisory council's recommendation of "It's Your Game, Keep It Real" as a sex education program. She said Planned Parenthood has never been contacted by MISD to speak about sex education.

Warren expects to make a decision about "It's Your Game, Keep It Real" soon. He would like to have a new sex education program in place by the fall semester this year.

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PROBATION

From 1A

"If we lose, that is going to restrict us in the number of personnel and more importantly, the programs," Davenport said. "There's no way to cut 22 or 11 pereent without cutting staff. In Midland, we'll look at cutting other things first."

Already decreases in funding have meant slightly higher caseloads for staff members, Davenport said. If proposed cuts went through, case loads of offenders could go from the about 100 preferred now to more than 200, he said.

Cuts also could mean the elimination or severe reduction of programs like the one targeted at providing counseling and GPS monitoring of sex offenders or those that deal with substance abuse issues.

"This is a process," Davenport said. "It's a preliminary step in the process. We understand we'll be facing some cuts."

Midland's Judicial District was appropriated $849,834 for 2011 and under the decreases proposed would be reduced to about $664,897, he said.

"These numbers would be equivalent of 1980," he said, adding the number of individuals being served has been on the rise.

President of the Texas Probation Association Aris Johnson said it's too early for departments to start making concrete plans and that they hope the positive record of probation services in previous years will help when lawmakers make their final budget proposals.

"Probation has a long track record of being successful and cost effective," he said. "We're all just hoping for the best."

Davenport agreed probation is the cheaper way to deal with offenders. He said it costs them about $1.47 a day to supervise individuals. Plus, he added, through programs they hope to keep individuals from committing crimes again and from eventually landing in state jail facilities where the daily cost to supervise them is much higher.

"Probation really is the fiscal conservative way to handle medium- to low-risk offenders," Davenport said.

Part of probation's lower cost to the state is the result of fees charged to those in the program. In 2010, Davenport said they collected $988,819 in fees. Fees are the only other source of funding for probation aside from state appropriations.

State statues allow fees of up to $60 a day to be charged to those on probation, Davenport said they've worked to keep Midland's charges at $50 a day and put a focus on collecting fees charged rather than raising fees for those who pay, though that could change.

"Charging higher fees is a possibility," he said.

Davenport said Texans may also see the decriminilization of certain offenses, which is a tactic that could be used both to reduce state jail populations and to cut the number of individuals serving time on probation.

Some misdemeanor offenses could require offenders to pay a fine rather than serving probation. And while that could work for certain offenses, Davenport said with alcohol-related crimes it could also mean people aren't caught by the system until they're to the point of needing residential treatment or jail time.

"You're going (away) from intervention," he said.

County Judge Mike Bradford said at this point the county could not add funding to probation services. However, he said, they could consider an exchange of services for things like human resources procedures to help the probation staff bring down costs.

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MIDLAND
Feel the Energy!

City of Midland unveils new logo

From staff reports

The city of Midland unveiled Tuesday a new logo meant to lower costs by simplifying the color palate.

Tweaked just slightly from the logo that's been used for more than a decade, the new logo will be one solid color and includes both an oil derrick and a windmill. The design was selected by a committee out of the more than 13 that were submitted by city staff from various departments.

"We were given a theme, which was 'feel the energy,'" said Angi Swindell-Wright, who submitted the winning logo on behalf of the airport staff. "We thought we would try to keep it as close to the original as possible to cut down on the cost, but still incorporate that theme. We decided we would go with the natural elements we have here."

After being presented to the City Council during a briefing meeting on Tuesday, the logo will start popping up on business cards, T-shirts and eventually water towers and other objects throughout town, said Tasa Watts, public information officer.

"It's going to be a very slow transition," she said.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said the old logo contained an "array" of colors and was expensive to print on letterhead as well as to paint on objects. For example, on water towers the various colors meant they had to hire someone from Dallas who specialized in painting to replicate the design, said Stuart Purvis, director of utilities.

The city's tag line "Feel the Energy" was included in the winning logo because it represents Midland's economy and also the cultural change being implemented among staff citywide.

"It was supposed to also help energize and motivate the employees," Swindell-Wright said.

Departments can print the logo in a color other than black provided it's printed in one single color, Watts said.

In other business, the council:

■ Approved resolutions that will allow Pioneer Natural Resources to drill three oil wells within city limits, near Midland Country Club.

■ Approved agreements with the Greater Midland Football League, Midland Junior Baseball Association, City of Midland Aquatics, Midland Mad Dog Rugby Football Club, Midland Soccer Association, Midland Recreational Soccer League, Midland Softball Association, Midland United Girls Softball Association, Texas Cricket Club, West Texas BMX and Permian Basin United Softball Association. The clubs, under the resolutions, are able to administer their programs and events at parks and recreation facilities.

■ Approved a resolution authorizing Midland Shuttle Services Inc. to operate a taxicab business.

■ Held a public hearing and approved on first reading a site plan for a hair salon planned near Wadley Avenue and Big Spring Street.

■ Authorized the city to spend $108,311 toward the development of Mockingbird Lane and Whitman Drive. The funds will cover about 5 percent of the total cost of paving the area that is being developed by Mocking Bird Oaks Development LLC.

PARKING

From 1A

approved in an ordinance in 2009 for its construction plan.

Since then, the hospital submitted a different proposal for a parking plan and Walker said they wanted direction from the council on whether the changes were significant enough to require a new site plan be approved.

West said the plan they're now considering would add more parking spaces and leaves open the potential to expand parking toward the former location of Hope House, which was the hospital's plan all along.

"It's not a done deal it will happen that way but we just wanted to show them," West said, adding such slight changes likely would have been handled solely by staff in the past.

Council members agreed the changes to the design were not significant and could be approved through the building permit process because the ordinance allowed for such shifts. Still, they said they were glad to be asked.

"I think it's appropriate for it to be here but I don't see any problem with it," said John James, city councilman for District 3.

Scott Dufford, atlarge councilman, agreed and, after ensuring construction hasn't started, said he was happy they asked permission before moving ahead.

The area being considered is east of the parking garage and will be part of an overall plan meant to bring 1,600 spaces to the hospital, West said.

The parking garage will have 790 spaces and is set to open early February.

"When the parking garage opens the crunch on parking will loosen so much more," West said.

Before construction started at the hospital, West said the facility had about 750 parking spaces in total.

Other development projects considered Tuesday include:

■ Fibber Magees, a sports bar and pub, was approved for construction in the empty space next to Jason's Deli on Loop 250 and Garfield Street. The facility will cater to young professionals and offer food, alcohol, darts, pool and TVs for sports.

■ Comet Cleaners was approved on second reading for construction of a new facility on Wadley Avenue and Maimes Circle.

■ Affordable Self Storage is working to expand its facility at Thomason Drive and Wall Street and was given final approval during Tuesday's meeting.

■ Dr. P.J. Patel was given the final nod needed to move forward with construction of a medical office at Andrews Highway and Upland Street. The building plan shows the office has been shifted about 15 degrees from a site plan approved in 2003 for a different medical facility at that location, which is why council had to consider the issue. The office will contain space for three doctors.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Bush administration broke law repeatedly in '06 races

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the run-up to the 2006 midterm election in which Republicans lost control of the House, the Bush administration repeatedly broke the law by using federal funds to send Cabinet secretaries and other high-level political appointees to congressional districts of GOP candidates in tight races, according to a government report.

"Because those trips were classified as official, funds from the U.S. Treasury were used to finance the trips and reimbursement from the relevant campaigns was never sought," stated the report by the Office of Special Counsel, an independent federal agency that enforces Hatch Act restrictions on partisan political activity inside the federal government.

"In other cases, even when trips were correctly designated as political, agencies used U.S. Treasury funds to cover the costs associated with the trips and did not recoup those funds as required by the Hatch Act and its regulations," the office concluded.

OSC found that 10 agencies used federal funds to pay for political appointees to travel to events supporting Republican candidates in 2006 in an operation monitored closely by the White House Office of Political Affairs. The report says that aspects of OPA that came in conflict with the Hatch Act during the Bush era "have apparently existed for decades."

On Tuesday, David Sherzer, a spokesman for former President George W. Bush, declined to comment.

The report found that in the three months before the 2006 elections, agency political appointees participated in 197 events.

Out of that number, 183 of the events were with a Republican candidate. In contrast, in the same time frame in 2005, a non-election year, agency political appointees went to 76 events, 46 of them with a Republican candidate.

Hatch Act violations are punishable with a maximum penalty of dismissal, a remedy that is unavailable since those involved left the government. OSC spokesman Darshan Sheth said no criminality was uncovered in the office's investigation and that therefore, the results were not referred for possible prosecution to the Justice Department, where spokeswoman Tracy Schmaler declined to comment.

The 10 agencies that used federal funds to pay for political appointees to travel to events supporting Republican candidates in 2006 were the departments of Transportation, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Energy, the Veterans Administration, the Small Business Administration and the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Associated Press

CHICAGO ELECTION Former White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel accepts the endorsement of Teamsters Joint Council 25 in his bid for mayor of Chicago Tuesday, in Chicago. The Illinois Supreme Court said Tuesday that if the Chicago board of elections prints any mayoral ballots, they must include Emanuel's name, while the court decides whether to consider his appeal to be allowed to run for the office.

US court will hear Rahm Emanuel appeal

By Deanna Bellandi
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois' highest court agreed Tuesday to decide whether former Obama chief aide Rahm Emanuel can run for Chicago mayor, and justices ordered election officials not to print any ballots without his name until they rule on the case.

The state Supreme Court action bought valuable time for the former White House chief of staff, who a day earlier was kicked off the ballot by an appeals court.

But with less than a week to go before the first early ballots are cast, a number of potential scenarios loomed, including the possibility that Emanuel would have to resort to a write-in campaign or wage a desperate bid to take the matter to federal court.

Emanuel, who had been the heavy favorite to lead the nation's third-largest city, pressed ahead with confidence and said he was doubling his campaign by adding more stops to his already busy schedule.

"I am clear that I think that we will succeed because of the thoroughness of our argument," he said at an event where he received an endorsement from the Teamsters. He said he was "more determined to see this through so the people have a right to make the choice for themselves."

Emanuel asked the Illinois Supreme Court to overturn an appeals court ruling, which pulled his name off the ballot because he did not live in Chicago for a year before the Feb. 22 election.

Until October, the former Chicago congressman had been living in Washington working for President Barack Obama.

The state Supreme Court justices said they would expedite the case but gave no specific time frame. They planned to review legal briefs and would not hold oral arguments, a sign the court wants to decide the case quickly.

"I would assume that that is absolutely a reflection that they understand the tightness of the time schedule," said Dawn Clark Netsch, a professor emeritus at Northwestern University's law school.

Tax hikes have Omaha mayor facing recall election

By Timberly Ross
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle says he never planned to raise taxes when he took office two years ago but that the city's unexpected financial mess left him no choice.

Now voters in Nebraska's largest city are deciding whether the Democratic mayor's unpopular tax hikes and other policies are so out of touch that they should kick him out of office midway through the term.

Suttle says the recall effort was funded by political opponents who remain dissatisfied with the results of the 2009 election.

"They decided to add a fifth quarter to the football game I won fair and square," Suttle said.Democrat Mary Lien, 59, called Tuesday's election inappropriate because Suttle isn't accused of violating any laws or rules of office.

"A few big people got together and decided they didn't like the situation — it's very threatening," she said, adding that a successful recall could affect decisions made by future mayors fearful of political reprisals.

Lien said Suttle has done an OK job and all his actions were approved by City Council, so she voted against the recall.

If Suttle is voted out, she said, "it solidifies, that money can buy influence."

House Republicans endorse pre-Obama spending levels

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving to keep a campaign promise to slash the federal budget, Republicans controlling the House Tuesday went on record to return most domestic agencies to 2008 budget levels in place before President Barack Obama took office.

The 256-165 vote came on a symbolic measure but is an opening salvo in an upcoming battle over the budget that will pit the House GOP against Obama and the Democratic-controlled Senate.

It came just hours before Obama was to issue his own proposal: calling for a five-year freeze for most domestic agencies at current levels. That's more than $80 billion a year higher than the level of cuts Republicans want. Obama also reportedly will call for lawmakers to back a five-year plan put forth by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to save $78 billion in defense spending, an idea that has many Republicans anxious.

The immediate issue is how to wrap up the long overdue budget for the 2011 budget year that began in October. A battle over the 2012 battle will follow on a parallel track starting with Obama's budget submission next month.

"The days are over of unlimited spending, of no prioritization," said Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. "And the days of getting spending under control are just beginning. This is a first step in a long process."

The vote comes on a nonbinding resolution that promises cuts approaching 20 percent of the budgets for agencies like the Education and Commerce departments when Congress wraps up the budget for the current fiscal year. The White House warns that such cuts would mean furloughs of tens of thousands of federal workers.

The actual GOP cuts would be made in a follow-up spending bill slated to advance next month and are sure to encounter strong resistance from the Democratic-controlled Senate and from Obama. Despite Tuesday's action, the cuts are a long way from becoming law; in fact, Democrats may have a tactical edge since Republicans are reluctant to spark a government shutdown if their demands aren't met.

Republicans say Tuesday's measure is the first step in keeping a campaign promise to cut $100 billion from Obama's budget for the current year. The actual savings would be less — about $84 billion — since Obama's budget increases were never passed. And because the budget year has been under way since Oct. 1, GOP leaders say they can't deliver the cuts by the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year; instead, they say they will spread them over a full calendar year.

Such cuts would shake most Cabinet agencies — the Pentagon and the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security departments largely would be spared — and may be unpopular with the public, which registers strong support for the idea of spending cuts in general but often balks when seeing specifics like cuts to school aid, Amtrak subsidies, road funding and public broadcasting.

"These cuts will go deep and wide and will hit virtually every agency and every Congressional district in this country, including my own," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Harold Rogers, R-Ky. "Every dollar that we cut will have a constituency, an industry, an association and individual citizens who will disagree with us."

That is not sufficient for many House conservatives. Almost 100 of them Monday wrote House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, urging him to cut the full amount over the final seven months of fiscal 2011 — a prospect the White House warns would require slashing agency budgets by almost one-third, leading to the massive furloughs and the gutting of critical programs and agencies.

Boehner said Tuesday that conservatives would be allowed to offer amendments to cut spending further and that the "House will work its will."

Not a single Republican opposed the measure; 17 Democrats, mostly moderates, voted for it.

Even newly elected conservatives may recoil when they see the specific cuts that would be required to fulfill the promise: smaller Pell Grants, less aid to hometown school districts and cuts to NASA that could cost jobs in GOP-leaning Texas and Alabama.

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., said the GOP resolution puts "Pell Grants, medical research, food safety, (the) FBI ... and other vital programs on the chopping block."

Democrats say that while they agree with the need to wrestle the budget under control, it's unwise to slash the budget immediately since the economic recovery is just taking hold. At the same time, they're ready to defend programs aimed at helping the poor, such as subsidized housing, food aid for low-income pregnant women and heating subsidies.

Republicans aren't saying that every account will absorb a cut back to 2008 levels. The most popular programs might be cut less; others slashed even more.

Still, a return to 2008 levels would mean Pell Grants for college students from low-income families could be cut by well more than $1,000 from the current $5,550 maximum. A cutback in housing subsidies would mean that hundreds of thousands of people won't see their Section 8 vouchers renewed. And a $1 billion, 24 percent cut to the historically underfunded Indian Health Service would reduce critically needed health care in some of the most impoverished places in the country.

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Obama's 'investment' is really more spending

■ Administration will try that same old song, but it is time for government to know its role

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President Barack Obama hopes to be saved by a euphemism. He is wagering on the power of the word "investment." It sounds so market-oriented and cutting-edge in contrast to its more pejorative, politically fraught synonym, "spending," especially the toxic "deficit spending" that, to this point, has defined Obama's presidency.

The focus on "investment" is nothing new. Obama already had leaned heavily on one of the bluest Democratic tropes. When he signed the stimulus bill in February 2009, he used the word "invest" or "investment" 15 times in a 2,000-word speech. A casual listener might have been hard-pressed to understand that any new government spending was involved at all, what with all the "critical investments," including "the largest new investment in our nation's infrastructure since Eisenhower" and "the largest investment in education in our nation's history."

In a June 2010 speech at Carnegie Mellon University on his vision of a "new foundation" for the economy, Obama uttered the word "invest" or "investment" about two dozen times. If he weren't president, he might be working in a boiler room somewhere, touting a dubious stock. Former Bush official and Hoover Institution fellow Keith Hennessey substituted "government spending" for "investment," getting this Obama paragraph:

"It's a foundation based on government spending on our people and their future; government spending on the skills and education we need to compete; government spending on a 21st-century infrastructure for America, from high-speed railroads to high-speed Internet; government spending on research and technology, like clean energy, that can lead to new jobs and new exports and new industries."

Going back at least 20 years, "investment" has been what Democrats say when they want to spend. In his 1993 State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton used the word about two dozen times, right before a liberal bender that ended the Democrats' 40-year grip on the House.

Obama isn't changing his economic philosophy. He's not even dressing it up with a new word. It's the same old spending, although presumably not quite as reckless as the first bout. His administration is perpetually stuck on stimulus.

The New York Times Magazine ran a long "what went wrong?" report on Obama's first, mostly departed economic team. The regret of former top adviser Christina Romer is that the administration wasn't "bolder" in getting more stimulus money from Congress after the initial package. If the experience of the stimulus bill hasn't chastened the Obamaites, nothing will.

What has the return been on all those investments we were told would "bring real and lasting change for generations to come"? In an article in Commentary magazine, John F. Cogan and John B. Taylor detail how the slow-moving infrastructure spending in the package barely made a ripple in the economy. As for the rest of it, "the borrowed (federal) funds were mainly used by households and state and local governments to reduce their own borrowing."

The government is not Warren Buffett. An ungainly, politically driven behemoth, it is not a good judge of value, and it almost never cuts its losses. We have "invested" untold billions in federal dollars in education since the 1970s, and test scores have barely budged. We have been subsidizing alternative energy for just as long, and have only created a hideously inefficient green-energy sector. We have allowed transportation spending to be warped by gross congressional politics (earmarks and logrolling) and silly fads (light and high-speed rail).

Modesty is in order. The federal government can invest at the margins, in basic research and the like, and can hope that some of its activities — the space program and defense, for instance — spin off useful technologies. Otherwise, its role is setting the predicate for the private investment that drives innovation and ultimately job growth. That means cutting spending and regulation, reforming the tax code, embracing free trade and providing a reliable environment for commerce.

In other words, controlling government "investment" and other Washington excesses.

OUR VIEW

Early Senate bill leaves bigger hole for MC

Even good news coming out of Austin these days often contains a bitter pill to swallow. That was the way we felt this week when we learned that the Texas Senate budget proposal would allow Odessa College to receive funding in the next biennium.

This announcement came almost a week after the Texas House of Representatives' budget proposal excluded funding for Odessa College and three other community colleges in the next biennium. But OC would receive almost $6.6 million in funding from the Senate budget proposal, if it were to pass.

This news wiped a lot of sweat from the brows over at OC, but few noticed the rest of the story. Under the Senate proposal, Midland College would receive $300,000 less than what was allotted by the House proposal for each of the next two years. Thus, the bitter pill was added to the good news.

Under the House bill, MC was targeted for $8,878,431, but the Senate version gave MC only $8,527,349. The Senate version also was kinder to UTPB, increasing its funding by $500,000 more than what was in the House proposal.

Of course, these numbers don't reflect the final piece of the pie as both branches will have to meld together a final budget proposal, but Austin keeps picking us up and knocking us down with each passing day.

Danger to law enforcement moving in disturbing direction

There are almost daily reminders telling us how dangerous it is to be a member of law enforcement in this day and age. Just as an example, there have been 12 U.S. police officers shot in the past week.

Even in the Permian Basin, we have seen armed engagements. Police in nearby Martin County had a close call Saturday that resulted in police killing an armed man who had made multiple threats to officers. Odessa police had three officers killed in 2007, and Ector County had two wounded in a more recent event.

We value the sacrifices made by the men and women serving us in law enforcement. They go to work every day facing the risk of an armed conflict and faithfully perform their duties under dangerous circumstances.

The citizens of the Permian Basin, as well as citizens across this nation, should be grateful for the job law enforcement does for us on a daily basis. We cherish the way they defend our neighborhoods and cities so that we may go on about the pursuit of happiness. If we lose that, we probably lose it all.

Correction

In Tuesday's editorial, the Reporter-Telegram suggested fully automatic weapons could be purchased as easily as other guns.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

weekdays

Time to make education cuts and stop the whining

Ryder Warren and the rest of the MISD board need to wake up and take a look at what's happening around the country. It's time to make cuts, and education is one of the many places that is overinflated for we get from it. I personally have seen young adults graduate from the MISD system who could not add 8 plus 7.

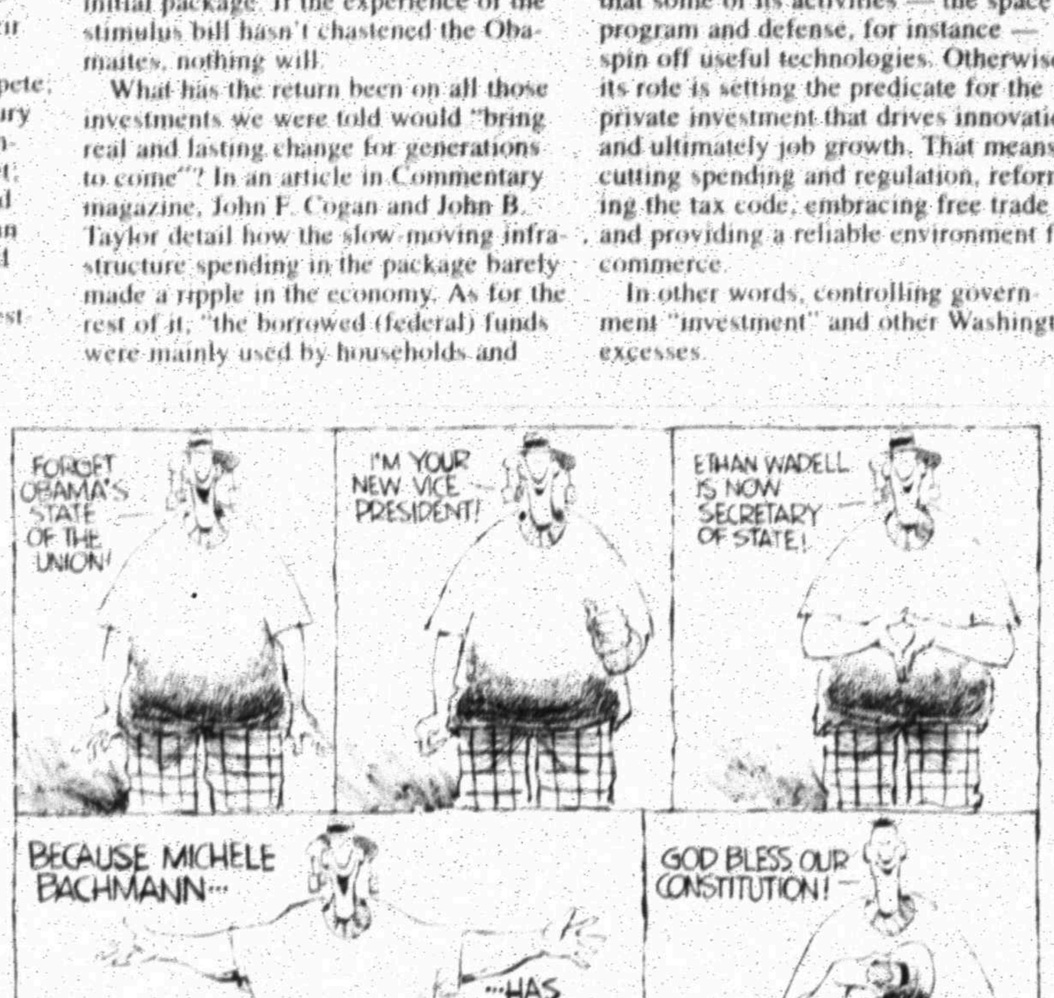
To Karen Nicholson, I ask, what quality of education at MISD? MISD graduates students just so they do not have to keep them in the system and actually give them the education they should have gotten the first time, just so that you make your state-mandated goals.

You want to make cuts? Let's get rid of bilingual education and bonuses to the teachers who are bilingual. Let's stop paying millions of dollars every year to send kids across the state to play games. If the parents of these children feel that strongly that their children should participate in the extracurricular activities, then they can foot the bill for it, not the taxpayer, and this includes football. There should be physical education at school, but anything else should be on the parents' backs. How much money do we, the taxpayers, spend on helmets, pads, baseball bats and other equipment? Please go ahead and put 30 to 40 students in each classroom. In the '50s through the '80s there were 30 to 40 students in a classroom, and yet they received a better education than the children are getting now. The reason for this is that the parents were involved at home, teaching their children and helping them learn.

Recently there was article that Odessa College may be closing due to cuts. By all means, close it. We do not need three colleges in Midland/Odessa.

People are screaming for the government to balance the budget. Yet, when they make the cuts we scream like spoiled brats, "oh no, don't cut mine." It's no different than being on welfare or food stamps; you are asking the government for money to help you.

Robert Lyle



Watchword: Beware of centrists bearing gifts

■ You don't have to shed half your principles just to be patted on the head by those in the media or across the aisle.

WILLIAM MURCHISON
Creators Syndicate

Where is this "center" nearly everyone in America wants to stand on, at least by the accounting of the commentators and political pros striving to figure out the next two years?

Is it over there — this center — where Barack Obama has his feet planted? The jobs center, the investment and competitiveness center? The center marked by "common ground" where we all meet, have a beer or a Slurpee, and bury our hatchets for the sake of "tomorrow"?

The president's re-election agenda — and that of his new advisers — seems to point that direction, and one can easily enough see why. The old agenda, the agenda of more and more and more government, worked until the voters took the votes away from some of the main implementers of said agenda. Obama's task for the next two years is to beckon his countrymen toward a new and, as he will constantly assure us, higher ground where all work and earn and save together.

The myth of the center is going to be big stuff in 2011 — and possibly into 2012 — the reason being that the center, as defined by those who say they occupy it, is the place where cooperation and sweet reason reign. Who's against cooperation?

It depends on why we're being asked to cooperate and on what we hope to achieve by accepting the invitation. It's possible to cooperate on behalf of the expansion of human freedom; it's possible to cooperate on behalf of freedom's extinction. You have to pick and choose. "Beware of centrists bearing gifts" is a vital watchword for this election season.

A lot of rhetorical footwork takes place at moments such as this one, with presidents and politicians positioning themselves linguistically to reach the widest possible audience — widely viewed as clustering around the center. The idea is that's where the votes are. It's a facile argument all the same. Votes often do cluster around the center. So, occasionally, do ideas — too often the wrong kind of ideas, bland, tepid, half-formed, indecisive, neither one thing nor the other, resembling the ideas and behaviors of the Laodiceans as characterized in Revelation: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot." At least you'd know what to expect next and how the results might turn out.

The aphorism concerning politics as the art of the possible is a real-world take on the general inevitability of compromise in the shaping of legislation. When two sides hammer at each other persistently enough, there tends to occur a receding on both sides from first principles. Better to get something done than nothing, right? "Better to get it done right" happens to be the right answer — one that conservatives failed to utter with sufficient persistence during the health care debate (such as it was) of 2009-10.

The idea isn't to find the exact middle ground. The idea is to define the main idea — more or less regulation, more or less spending — in such a way that it prevails in the end, as did ObamaCare, for all the administration's ungainly efforts to explain why we were supposed to do things its way.

The opening of the new Congress provides Republicans with an interesting opportunity, namely, to take a few fundamental principles, among them human freedom, and explain — not worrying about being called "right-wing" or just "nuts" — why those principles should prevail.

To go into such a discussion expecting to shed half your principles for the sake of being patted on the head by the media and referred to as "reasonable" or "responsible" defeats a central purpose of politics, namely, to demonstrate the worth and desirability of idea A over idea B.

The president whose 100th birthday we mark on Feb. 6 — Ronald Reagan — knew the limits imposed by practical politics. He had goals nonetheless. His idea was to march as far toward those goals as possible — to pause, if he had to, but then to keep going and then to know when he arrived.

It's one of many reasons a largely grateful electorate marks his 100th birthday.

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau

Associated Press

ONE DAY LATER Men carry candles and a wreath to commemorate victims of Monday's suicide bombing at Moscow's Domodedovo airport, at the Moskovsky railway station in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Tuesday.

Egyptians denounce Mubarak, clash with riot police

By Maggie Michael
Associated Press

CAIRO — Thousands of anti-government protesters, some hurling rocks and climbing atop an armored police truck, clashed with riot police Tuesday in the center of Cairo in a Tunisia-inspired demonstration to demand the end of Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30 years in power.

Police responded with blasts from water cannons and set upon crowds with batons and acrid clouds of tear gas to clear demonstrators crying out "Down with Mubarak" and demanding an end to Egypt's grinding poverty, corruption, unemployment and police abuses.

Tuesday's demonstration, the largest Egypt has seen for years, began peacefully, with police showing unusual restraint in what appeared to be a calculated strategy by the government to avoid further sullying the image of a security apparatus widely criticized as corrupt and violent.

With discontent growing over economic woes, and the toppling of Tunisia's president still resonating in the region, Egypt's government — which normally responds with swift retribution to any dissent — needed to tread carefully.

But as crowds filled downtown Cairo's Tahrir Square — waving Egyptian and Tunisian flags and adopting the same protest chants that rang out in the streets of Tunis — security personnel changed tactics and the protest turned violent. Around 10,000 protesters packed the vast square, the Interior Ministry said.

The sight of officers beating demonstrators had particular resonance because Tuesday was also a national holiday honoring the much-feared police.

In Egypt, discontent with life in the autocratic, police state has simmered under the surface for years. It is the example of Tunisia, though, that appeared to be enough to push many young Egyptians into the streets for the first time.

"This is the first time I am protesting, but we have been a cowardly nation. We have to finally say no," said 24-year-old Ismail Syed, a hotel worker who struggles to live on a salary of $50 a month.

Demonstrators attacked a water cannon truck, opening the driver's door and ordering the man out of the vehicle. Some hurled rocks and dragged metal barricades. Officers beat back protesters with batons as they tried to break cordons to join the main group of demonstrators downtown.

Protesters emerged stumbling from white clouds of tear gas, coughing and covering their faces with scarves.

Some had blood streaming down their faces. One man fainted. Police dragged some away and beat a journalist, smashing her glasses and seizing her camera.

Crowds also marched to the headquarters of Mubarak's National Democratic Party, shouting, "Here are the thieves."

After remaining silent throughout the day, Egypt's government on Tuesday night called for an end to the protests. The Interior Ministry, which controls the security forces, said authorities wanted to allow the protesters the chance to express their opinions and accused the crowds of "insisting on provocation."

"Some threw rocks at police ... and others carried out acts of rioting and damage to state institutions," it said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Egypt's government, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, is stable despite the outpouring. Clinton said Egyptians have the right to protest, but urged all parties to avoid violence.

At one point Tuesday, the protesters seemed to gain the upper hand, forcing a line of riot police to flee under a barrage of rocks. One demonstrator climbed into a fire engine and drove it away.

"I want my 3-year-old child to grow up with dignity and to find a job just like the president," said 50-year-old Eid Attallah, who works as a driver.

He said he had heard about the planned protests from friends but didn't expect them to be so big.

Many expressed similar surprise.

"We are fed up; this is just enough," said Sayid Abdelfatah, a 38-year-old civil servant who marched with an Egyptian flag. "Tunisia's revolution inspired me but I really never thought we would find such people ready to do the same here."

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EGYPT RIOTS Police use a water cannon against protesters during a demonstration in downtown Cairo, on Tuesday. Thousands of anti-government protesters, some hurling rocks and climbing atop an armored police truck, clashed with riot police in the center of Cairo in a Tunisia-inspired demonstration to demand the end of Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30 years in power.

Putin: Retribution 'inevitable' for attack

By Jim Heintz
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed "retribution is inevitable" for the suicide bombing that killed 35 people at Russia's busiest airport, while President Dmitry Medvedev demanded robust checks at all transport hubs and lashed out at the airport for lax security.

NTV television showed a photograph of what it said was the detached head of the suspected bomber, a man who appeared to be in his 30s. Investigators said DNA testing will be necessary before he can be identified.

No claims of responsibility have been made for the attack Monday at Domodedovo Airport, which also left 180 people injured. Suspicion is likely to fall, however, on Islamist separatist insurgents from Chechnya or elsewhere in Russia's restive Caucasus region who have been battling Russian authority for over 15 years.

Chechen insurgents have claimed responsibility for previous attacks in Moscow, including a double suicide bombing on the capital's subway system in March 2010 that killed 40 people. They also have hit Domodedovo Airport before, with two suicide bombers slipping through its security in 2004 to kill 90 people.

Authorities in the Czech Republic and Ukraine beefed up airport security Tuesday in response to the blast. The British agency responsible for Europe's busiest airport, London's Heathrow, refused to comment on any new possible security measures but has said security is always under review.

Putin has built much of his reputation on his harsh stance against terror but he did not elaborate on what kind of retribution he had in mind during a government meeting Tuesday.

Medvedev described Domodedovo Airport security as being in "a state of anarchy" and said its management must bear key responsibility for the security failures that contributed to Monday's blast. Airport management objected, saying transport police were responsible for the inspection of people coming into the international arrivals area where the bombing took place.

The Russian president also vowed to fire or discipline government security officials for any lapses.

WikiLeaks seeks more media partners

By Raphael G. Satter
Associated Press

LONDON — WikiLeaks hopes to enlist as many as 60 news organizations from around the world in a bid to help speed the publication of its massive trove of secret U.S. diplomatic memos, the site's founder said Tuesday.

Julian Assange told The Associated Press that he was making an effort to reach beyond the major newspapers — such as The New York Times and The Guardian — that worked with him on earlier releases, saying that he already has about 20 media partners, and could triple that number within the next three months.

"We're striving for maximum impact for the material," Assange said in a telephone interview, in which he laid out his media strategy.

WikiLeaks has published 2,658 cables to its website — just over 1 percent of the 251,287 State Department cables it claims to have in reserve. Assange said that The Times, The Guardian, Spain's El Pais, France's Le Monde and Germany's Der Spiegel have yet to go through all of the cables, although he didn't say how many of the files remained unread.

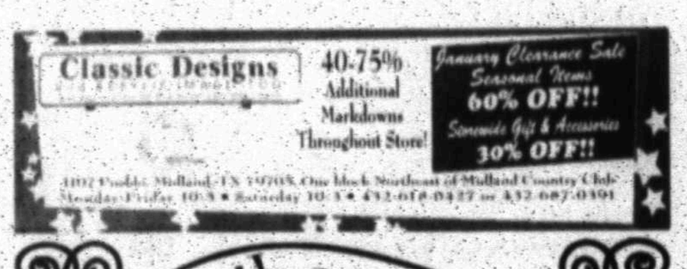
WikiLeaks has been accused by senior U.S. officials of reckless disregard in the way it publishes documents, but Assange said — with a few exceptions — he was so far satisfied with the process.

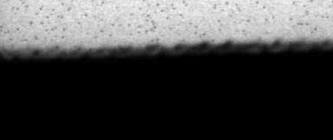
The 39-year old Australian, who is currently staying at a supporter's country home in eastern England, is also fighting attempts to extradite him to Sweden on sex crimes allegations.

Assange has previously expressed frustration with the slow pace of the release of the secret diplomatic cables, and said releasing country-specific files to selected local media would serve to push them out faster.

Sometimes, that could mean doing what Assange called "triangulating the politics of a country" — giving documents to a left-wing paper in a country with a right-wing government, or offering cables to conservative titles in countries with a left-leaning administration.

Media organizations that say they've been given, or have obtained, the cables include NRC Handelsblad and RTL television in the Netherlands, Aftenposten in Norway, and Sweden's Dagens Nyheter.





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The Social Network

Black Swan

The King's Speech

'King's Speech' rules with 12 Oscar nominations

By David Germain
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The British monarchy saga "The King's Speech" reigned at the Academy Awards with 12 nominations, including acting honors for Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter and Geoffrey Rush, positioning itself to challenge "The Social Network" for best picture.

"The King's Speech" gained momentum against the Facebook drama "The Social Network," which dominated early Hollywood awards. Along with those two films, other best-picture nominees Tuesday for the Feb. 27 Oscars were the psychosexual thriller "Black Swan"; the boxing drama "The Fighter"; the sci-fi blockbuster "Inception"; the lesbian-family tale "The Kids Are All Right"; the survival story "127 Hours"; the animated smash "Toy Story 3"; the Western "True Grit"; and the Ozarks crime thriller "Winter's Bone."

"True Grit" ran second with 10 nominations, including acting honors for last year's best-actor winner Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld.

"The Social Network" won best drama at the Golden Globes and was picked as the year's best by key critics groups, while "The King's Speech" pulled an upset last weekend by winning the Producers Guild of America Awards top prize, whose recipient often goes on to claim best picture at the Oscars.

"I've been texting people in-between interviews, and there's a lot of excitement going on across the globe from our team. It's really wonderful. It's sort of like 'Ben-Hur' proportions. It all seems a bit crazy, you know?" said supporting-actor nominee Rush, an Oscar winner for 1996's "Shine."

Along with Rush, best-actor favorite Firth and supporting-actress contender Bonham Carter, "The King's Speech" had nominations for director Tom Hooper and screenwriter David Seidler, plus honors in such categories as cinematography, costume design, art direction and musical score.

Oscar odds and ends

Lmited edition: "Toy Story 3," which is up for five Academy Awards, is only the third animated feature film to receive an Oscar nomination for best picture. "Beauty and the Beast," nominated in 1991, was the first, and "Up," nominated last year, was the second. "Beauty and the Beast" and "WALL-E" are tied as the animated films with the most Oscar nods at six.

Second time around: Jeff Bridges ("True Grit"), Colin Firth ("The King's Speech") and Jeremy Renner ("The Town") are nominated in acting categories at the Oscars for the second year in a row, while previous acting winners Bridges, Javier Bardem ("Biutiful") Geoffrey Rush ("The King's Speech") and Nicole Kidman ("Rabbit Hole") are up for another trophy.

Good hair day: If four-time Oscar-winning songwriter Alan Menken wins with collaborator Glenn Slater for their soaring duet "I See the Light" from "Tangled," Menken also would score the record for the most wins in the original song category, surpassing Sammy Cahn, Johnny Mercer and James Van Heusen, who are each tied with four original song Oscar trophies.

Sales story: This year's 10 best picture nominees have taken home $1.1 billion at the box office. Nearly $415 million of that comes from the animated blockbuster "Toy Story 3," with two other nominees also cracking the $100-million earnings mark: "Inception" and "True Grit." It's not quite in the realm of last year's nominees, led by "Avatar" with $1.5 billion.

Bardem's speech: Javier Bardem would be the sixth performer to win an Oscar for a role using a foreign language if he wins as best actor for "Biutiful." The previous winners are Italian speakers Sophia Loren ("Two Women"), Robert De Niro, ("The Godfather, Part II") and Roberto Benigni ("Life is Beautiful"), Spanish speaker Benicio Del Toro ("Traffic"), and French speaker Marion Cotillard ("La Vie en Rose").

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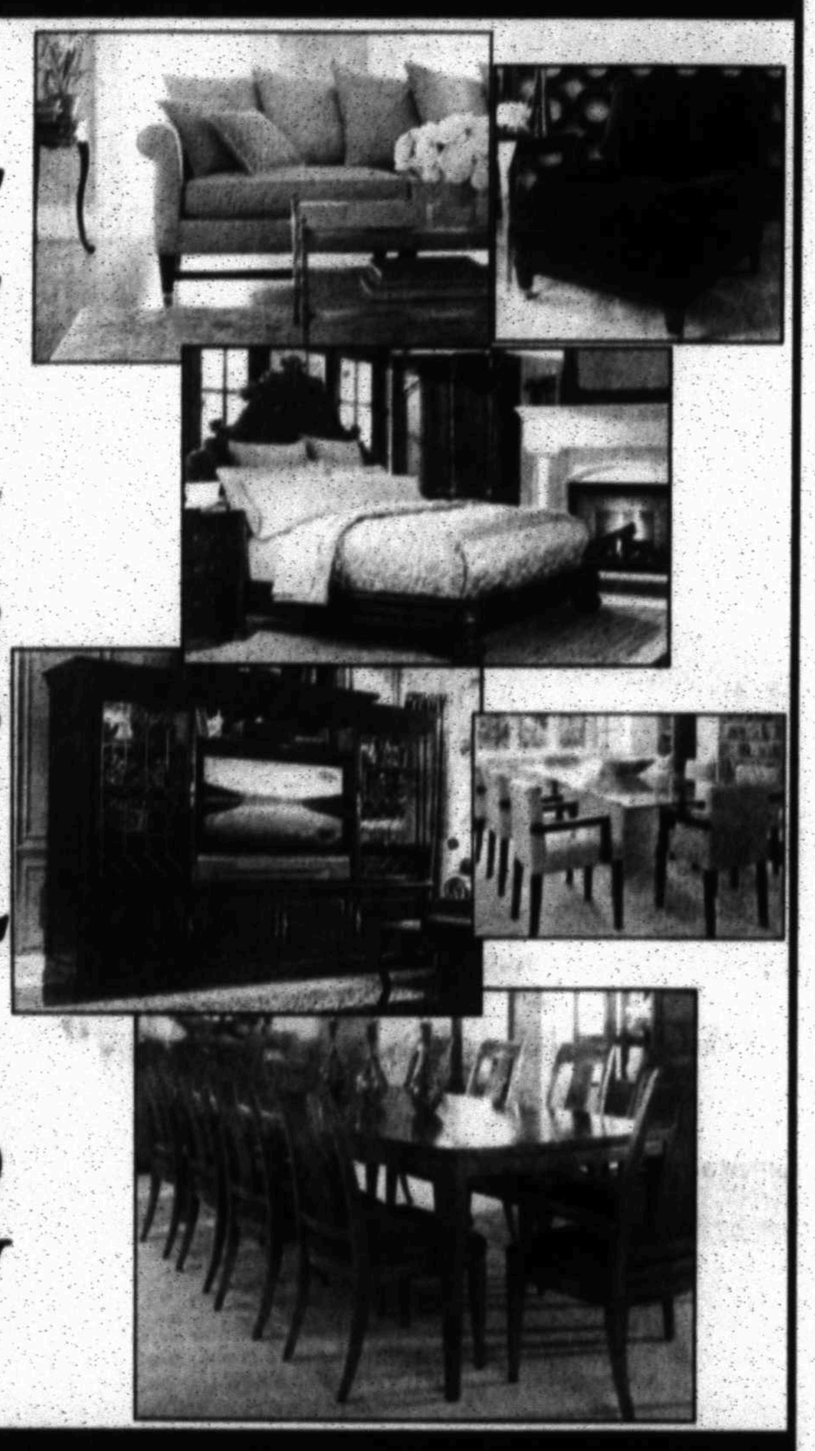

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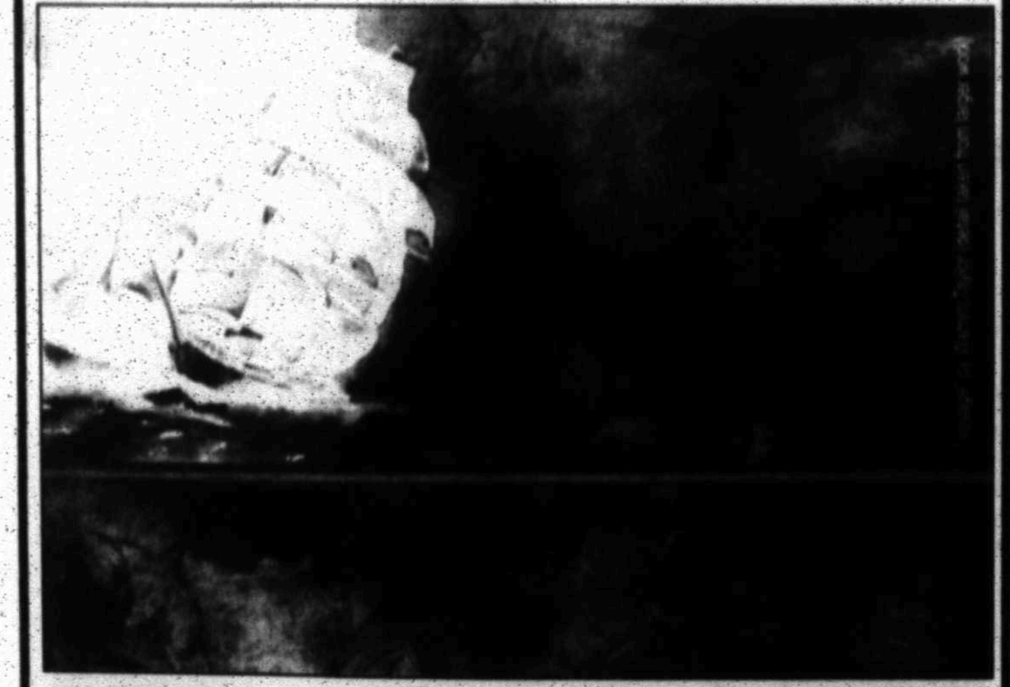

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DPS to offer amnesty program for drivers with suspended licenses

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Drivers who have had their licenses suspended for failing to pay or make payments to state-mandated surcharges will have a one-time chance to be a part of an amnesty program until April 7.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will offer lower payments to those who have been suspended and are in default on their payments. Authorities said they are hoping to bring all drivers into compliance with the surcharge law with the new program.

Those who qualify will pay 10 percent of the original amount owed with a maximum amount of $250 set.

The program kicked off Jan. 17 and so far, DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said about 4,000 individuals statewide have applied for the program.

She estimates about 25 percent of drivers in Texas are uninsured, and there are about 650,000 Texans eligible that officials are hoping will participate.

"We want them to get their driver's licenses back," she said.

Those who could be eligible to take part in the program are drivers who had a surcharge assessed between Sept. 30, 2004 and Dec. 31, 2008 and were delinquent on those payments.

Surcharges are accrued from the driver responsibility program, that assesses fees on driving-related offenses; The program was enacted in 2003 and revenue from the fees goes to trauma centers and emergency medical services across the state, authorities said.

A fee for a first-time DWI offender

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MRT file photo

SELF DEFENSE In this file photo from October 2009, Cheryl Garza, bottom, and Amme Cole practice escaping a choke hold as part of a women's self defense class offered by MPD.

MPD brings back self defense class

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department has brought back free self defense classes for local women after requests for the techniques prompted them.

The first class of the three-week program was held Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Fourteen women signed up to attend the first class, and several more have expressed interest in upcoming classes; MPD officer Larry Woodruff said if the department has another 14-16 interested they will hold other classes in the coming months.

Many of the women are thrilled, he said, to be given the extra knowledge they need in order to protect themselves.

"It's a very popular thing. A lot of older ladies are also attending. We've had one in her 80s," he said. "Basically, what we're doing is teaching them striking maneuvers if they're ever grabbed or blocked in a corner. If a suspect is choking them, we teach them how to keep their airways open and get some distance to go get help."

One of the most important things to know about self defense is how to try to keep an attacker off and away, Woodruff said.

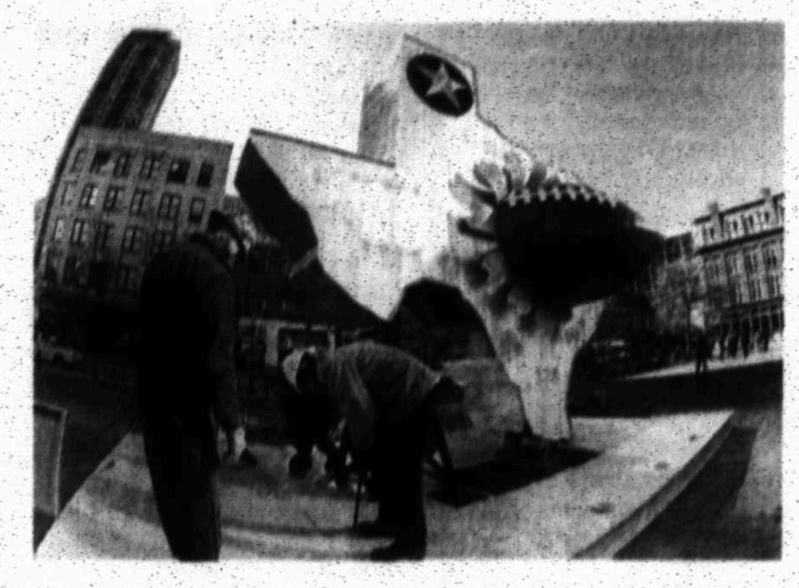
While the class doesn't incorporate the full training that police officers are required to go through, instructors do teach class participants how to aim strikes to the thighs and nose areas, and, if forced to the ground, how to get the attacker off of them.

Tuesday evening's class was the first program of the new year and authorities are anticipating holding more in the next several months.

"The more that we can do, the better off the city is," Woodruff said.

Those interested in the next class can contact the MPD at 685-7108.

SUPER *Texas style* BOWL



Cody, a coati at the Fort Worth Zoo, picks a Green Bay Packers football over a Pittsburgh Steelers football Tuesday in Fort Worth. The footballs were filled with night crawlers, grapes and berries, but the coati, a Texas native, picked only the treats from the NFC team. The Steelers and the Packers are scheduled to play in NFL football's Super Bowl on Feb. 6 in Arlington. **TOP:** Workers install a sculpture in Sundance Square on Tuesday in downtown Fort Worth. The sculpture includes recycled parts of the old Texas Stadium and features a large football bursting through the front.

Zoo photo by Michael Ainsworth/Dallas Morning News
Sundance photo by Max Faulkner/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Craddick files bills to help community hospitals

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Martin County Hospital will be among those that have an easier time finding funds for equipment purchases in the future if a bill filed by Rep. Tom Craddick is approved.

Filed in the House this week, the bill would give public hospitals the ability to borrow money from banking institutions instead of having to finance purchases through bonds or agreements with vendors.

"This gives us the opportunity to go to a local bank and not strap ourselves with high interest," said Paul McKinney at Martin County Hospital.

The issue is not always one that comes up at larger hospitals but can cause problems for rural hospitals that need new equipment, but aren't spending enough to approach voters with a bond issue.

Craddick's bill would give publicly owned hospitals — whether run through a municipality, county, hospital district or other entity — the authority to take out loans from a bank for up to five years. The banks, in turn, only would be permitted to provide loans under the same interest caps that apply to other hospital operations.

Any funds borrowed then would be paid back through hospital revenue not already dedicated to pay off bonds or cover operating costs.

"Other than general obligation revenue bonds, most public hospitals have no authority to borrow money," Craddick said, in a statement. "While bonds are an effective way to purchase larger brick and mortar items, these bonds are an expensive and complicated way to purchase capital items and invest in smaller projects."

McKinney said most rural hospitals like theirs have small operating budgets without room for the purchase of new technology and supplies.

"We can pay for it in cash and leave ourselves pretty strapped or finance it from the vendor (where) the interest rates are horrible," McKinney said.

If this bill is approved, they'd be able to introduce new technology when needed without necessarily having to save up for it first.

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REBELGENERATIONS

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Vita Palmer, from left, and her daughter Alannah, 15, talk to career technical education instructor Allen Pitkin Monday about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics elective courses during Rebel Generations at Lee High School. Lee hosted Rebel Generations Monday night in the school cafeteria. The open house was intended for this year's freshman class. Kathy Firkins, Lee marketing teacher, said, "This event bridges the gap between being on the freshman campus and coming to high school. All clubs, sports and organizations set up booths to encourage freshmen to get involved." The evening concluded with a parent meeting hosted by LHS counselors, who provided information regarding upcoming course registration.

Rural winery offers unique, award-winning mix of flavors

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
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Sweet Dreams Winery is difficult to find. It's sorta like Luckenbach — if you can't it find, you're not supposed to be there. It is extremely rural, so rural in fact that the GPS coordinates are on brochures. The winery is near the Elmwood Gardens wedding facility north east of Palestine and Montalba, south of Frankston, west of Neches.

"It's not your typical winery," said owner Mike Pell. "It's a niche winery. Our wines are sweet and more potent than other wines."

The name came about naturally because of Mike's bad knee, which made him toss and turn during the night.

"I was making wine at home," said Mike. "We ended up in the winery business because all my friends were coming by and getting the wine from us in Coke bottles. We needed a name for our business and my wife came up with it. I usually take a big glass of my blackberry grape wine at night, put ice cubes in it and drink it while I watch TV. My wife says when I do that, I lay down and I don't twitch or roll over and she gets to have sweet dreams."

His wines are made from East Texas fruits and berries, all manufactured and bottled by hand on the premises. He gets his fruits from a dozen or so farmers in a seven-county area. All his wines have unique names: Blue Moon (blueberry), Elmwood Blush (mixed Muscatine), Bumble Bee Kiss (honey raspberry), Texas Moonlight (Muscatine scuppernong), Midnight in Texas (blackberry, blueberry, wild grape) and Summer Daze (sangria), just to mention a few. Wine tastings take place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m every Saturday.

Mike is a battalion fire chief in the Palestine Fire Department and learned to make wine through trial and error.

"We already had the property and it just seemed like a sensible thing to do. Both of us, when we opened it four years ago, were about five years away from retirement and we decided to give it a go. If it's making money we'll keep it going. If it isn't we'll shut it down and have one heck of a party place and all the wine we can drink for the rest of our lives."

It looks like they'll keep it open. The winery has won 16 awards so far — gold medals among them — in wine competitions as far away as Florida. I bought a wine called Sweet Heat made from jalapenos. We marinated steaks in it and used some to spice up a pot of pinto beans. Mike says it's a cooking wine, but some people drink it in a wine glass.

"You can put just a tablespoon of it in a cole slaw dressing to add flavor and spice," he said.

A pavilion offers visitors a view of the nearby woods, once the site of a moonshine still. Signs are on the wall. One reads: "If you're drinking to forget, pay up front."

Weddings, parties and school reunions have taken place at Sweet Dreams.

"People like it because it's in the country and it's quiet," said Mike. "You wouldn't believe the people we get from Dallas and Houston. They get a wine slushy we call wine-a-rita and just sit and relax. We have a lot of fun out here."

Obituaries

Lonny Martin

Lonny Martin, 54, of Tarzan, died on Saturday, January 22, 2011, in Martin County.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Private family services will be held. Family and friends are invited to lunch at 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Luichi's in Stanton.

He was born on March 24, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas. Lonny lived in Tarzan all of his life and attended Grady and Stanton schools. He farmed for a number of years and then worked as an inspector for oil and gas plants and also for nuclear plants. He loved ranching and his horses.

He was a member of Lenorah Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Monica Martin of Midland; his parents, Floyd and Frances Martin of Stanton; two sisters, Belinda DeArman and husband, Jeff of Plano, and Charlotte Welch of Midland; three grandchildren; one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Martin and one nephew, L.V. Welch.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Louise Adeline Bowne Cilley

Louise Cilley was born in Newark, New Jersey on April 3, 1920 and passed into eternal rest on January 17, 2011. She grew up during the depression and always valued her family. She had many roles as a wife, mother, and grandmother in her ninety years. Louise will be remembered for influencing us all to be more civil and less judgmental about getting on with the business of life.

She was married to the late Right Reverend Roger Cilley with whom she had two children, the late Richard Clark Cilley and Barbara Louise Cilley Bledsoe. Her family includes two grandchildren, Andy and Meredith Bledsoe, two in-laws, Barbara Cilley and Billy Bledsoe, her "other daughter" and niece Janis Schiro and husband, Michael, as well as a special family friend Ella Mae Netherly.

She attended Centenary College and New York University with a major in drama. She and Roger acted in summer stock theater in New York and had many fond memories of those plays. Louise and Roger migrated to Texas so Roger could teach drama at the University of Texas at Austin and Louise also taught drama and later worked for the Dean of Fine Arts at U.T.

After teaching, Roger was called to the Episcopal ministry and Louise was with him every step of the way. They began in College Station where Roger was a chaplain for A&M, then on to congregations in Angleton and Galveston. They resided longest at Trinity Church in Galveston. Louise loved living along the Gulf and painting pictures of the waves in oil or acrylic.

As the wife of an Episcopal priest and later a bishop, she dealt with the many details involved in the life of a congregation. She was most proud to be a longtime member of the Daughters of the King. She considered her congregation her extended family. As her late husband would say, "You can't fake being there" and she always was.

After Roger became a bishop, she traveled all over Texas helping him to minister to many congregations while they lived in Houston and Austin. She had countless stories about what they saw and experienced on the road.

Louise spent many hours of her life volunteering for charities and assisting several church groups with their projects. Later in life she tutored elementary school children who needed extra help.

Her family and friends will miss her steady presence and abiding love.

Services for Louise were held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston on Friday, January 21, 2011, with burial at the Episcopal Cemetery in Galveston.

Pat Trammel

Pat Trammel, of Midland Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2011 surrounded by his family.

Pat was born to Lawrence and Catherine Trammel on Tuesday, April 26, 1927 in Venice, California.

Pat was married to the "love of his life", Marianna, in Ojai, California on May 9, 1948. He was a very devoted and loving husband, dad, and grandpa. He retired in 1994 after working his entire career in the oil business. In Midland, he owned and operated Gas Lift Sales, and Services, Inc. Pat built Party Station in Midland, which he "volunteered" as part-time secretary and "Mr. Fix-it" for his daughter so he could have an office to hang out in during the day to read and do his daily crossword puzzles.

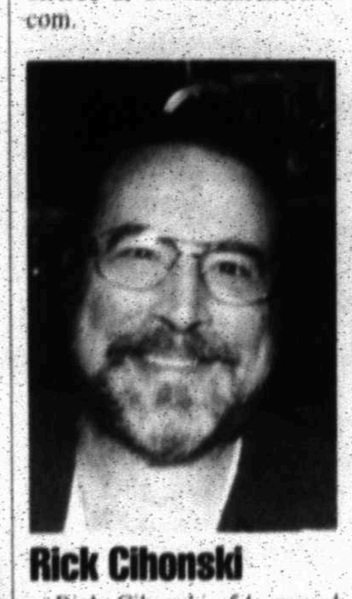
Pat was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Bob Trammel, and two sisters Gladys Graham and June Newberry.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years, Marianna, of Midland, two daughters, Linda Trammel Benzing and her husband Allen of Flower Mound, Texas and Sandy Trammel Lundberg of Midland; three grandchildren, Kris Lundberg and his wife Marissa and their children Aubree and Slade of Midland; a granddaughter, Jessica Benzing Smith and her husband Zach and their daughter, Caroline of Keller, Texas; grandson Jeff Benzing of Hyattsville, Maryland. Other survivors include two brothers Jerry Trammel and his wife Barbara of Caldwell, Idaho and Larry Trammel of Dallas, Texas. He also leaves behind two sisters, Gloria McKeever and Sue Wingfield, both of Arizona, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, January 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to: Gifts of Hope, 2006 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701.

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



Rick Cihonski

Rick Cihonski, 54, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

He was born Thursday, January 26, 1956, to the late John L. and Katherine (Mostowy) Cihonski. He was baptized as a baby and confirmed when he was in junior high. He believed Jesus Christ was his savior and we will see him again in heaven someday. He moved to Midland in 1978 after graduating from Butler, Pennsylvania Senior High School in 1974 and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, in 1978. He had degrees in accounting and economics. He also studied music in high school and college and was gifted in all his studies. He was a CPA and worked at various accounting firms before becoming a partner in Hiebert, Cihonski & Co. in 1982. He started his own CPA firm in 1989 and was liked and respected by all. He was known for his sense of humor and loved making people laugh. He married his best friend and the love of his life, Anne Walker Cihonski, on September 7, 1992. They did everything together, including working together. He dedicated his life to his wife and his family, and also to his CPA practice. He loved his family and spending time with them doing the simple things, such as watching old movies and playing with their dogs. He also enjoyed camping and fishing with his younger brother, Dan and cruising in his Corvettes. He was brilliant in many ways and could solve almost any math problem without even a piece of paper or pencil. He greatly enjoyed his business and helping his clients anyway he could. He loved his Pittsburg Steelers and relaxing watching football.Rick is preceded in death by his dear father-in law, Robert C. Walker.

He is survived by his wife and his "Texas" family, which includes his mother-in-law Marie Walker, brother-in-laws Robert C. Walker, Jr. (Sandy) and David Walker (Wanda). He also is survived by his brothers Dan L. Cihonski (Elaine) of Harrisburg PA, and John L. Cihonski (Pat) of San Jose, CA and sister Carole (Morris) Lint of Tiffin, OH. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Raquelle Trimble (Jerry), Robert Charles Walker, III, Dave Walker, Matthew (Kim) Walker, Jon Walker, Andrew Cihonski, Jen (Nate) Bissot, Diane Cihonski, Carrie (Adam) Vukich, Shannon Garrison, Eric Lint, and Morgan Lint and numerous great nephews, nieces and friends. He will be greatly missed by all and also by his dogs Larrie, Cheyenne and Abby. Pallbearers for Rick will be: Mike Hughes of Big Spring; Henry Williams of Tuscon Arizona; Phillip Suchil of Lubbock; Jerry Trimble, Brent Wilbourn and Keith Cain of Midland.

Memorials may be amde to the Lone Star SPCA or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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William "Bill" Husak

William "Bill" Husak, 82, of Midland, passed away Monday, January 24, 2011 in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, January 28, 2011 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Curwensville, PA. Interment will follow at Crowncrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 27, 2011 at Chester Chidboy Funeral Home.

Bill was born September 22, 1928, in Irvona, Pennsylvania to Andrew and Sophie Husak. He had four brothers and five sisters. He played football and graduated from Curwensville, PA high school. Bill joined the United States Army and was in the 1st Cavalry division in World War II. He attended Oklahoma University in Norman, OK. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology.

Bill went to work for Cities Service Oil Company and worked practically all over the USA. Occidental Petroleum purchased Cities Service. He retired in 1982 in Midland, after approximately 30 years of service.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. Bill was also a member of the Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Survivors include friend, Janelle Reeves of Midland and brother, John E. Husak of Curwensville, PA.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Death Notices

Anthony DeLorso

Anthony (Tony) DeLorso, 83, of Midland, died on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Services will be 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, Ct. No set date at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survived by sons, James (Linda) DeLorso, Thomas (Julie) DeLorso; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Billy Gilbreath

Billy Ray Gilbreath, 72, of Odessa died on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa. Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Survived by sons, Barry Gilbreath, Cody Gilbreath (Pam); daughter, Gina Mize (Bill) Brownwood, sister, Avis Robertson, 5 grandkids, 6 great-grandkids; numerous nieces & nephews.

Donald Nash

Donald Gene Nash, 60, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by wife, Rebecca Nash; daughters, Rachel Lowry (Larry), Jessica Harman (Charles); one granddaughter; mother, Nancy Nash; sister, Nancy Gilliam; numerous cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Jackie Gerald

Jackie Gerald, 79 of Andrews, died on Sunday, Jan. 23, in Odessa.

Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Andrews North Cemetery. A memorial services for family and friends will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church in Andrews. Services are entrusted to McNett Funeral Home.

Survived by wife, Jo Gerald; daughter, Ann Thompson; three granddaughters.

Lovia Moralez

Lovia R. Moralez, 83, of Midland died on Sunday Jan. 23.

Survived sons, Agustin Moralez Jr., Mario Moralez, James Moralez, Ricky Moralez; daughters, Nellie Rodriguez, Eloisa Moralez, Linda Brown; brothers, Isidro Ramirez, Cruz Ramirez; sisters, Christina Gamboa, Senaida Avila; nineteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A Funeral Mass will take place today at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park. Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Luz Campos

Luz Campos, 92, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Merced Cemetery in Marfa. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by son, Fred Campos (Bonnie); daughters, Mary Cates (Michael) and Brigette Sandoval (David); sisters, Juana Limon (Juan) and Mary Woods; seven grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

Rosco Thomas, Sr.

Rosco Thomas, Sr. of Stanton died on Jan. 25 in Midland.

Services are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Ruby Brasuell

Ruby Brasuell, of Midland, died on Monday Jan. 24.

Service will be held Thursday, Jan. 27, at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Family will receive visitors Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Friday Jan. 28, at 1:00 p.m. at Deleon Cemetery, Deleon.

Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Sharon White

Sharon Ann White, 64, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 24.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Salvation Army. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survived by husband, Bobby White; sons, Richard White (Samantha), Robert White (Belinda), Randy White; daughter, Cheryl Pearson; seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Violation of probation:
Tariq H. Abdul-Aziz, 40, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Violation of parole:
Derek L. Blocker, 41, of Midland, was arrested Monday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of parole.

Aggravated sexual assault on a child:
Brian L. Cervantes, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday by 142nd Judicial Court District officials on charges of aggravated sexual assault and violation of probation.

Possession of a controlled substance:
Shane J. Gilbert, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Violation of probation:
Magen R. Ingram, 27, of Midland, was arrested Monday by U.S. marshals' deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Violation of probation:
Renee L. McKinley, 30, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Driving while intoxicated:
Brian T. Nikolai, 51, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

Forgery of a financial instrument:
Veronica M. Rivas, 38, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Violation of probation:
Jerry E. Ronk, 45, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Driving while intoxicated with a child:
Lynne M. Tarango, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday by 238th Judicial Court District officials on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15-years-old present.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

AMNESTY

From 1B

is $1,000 per year for three years, officials said.

MPD Lt. Brian Bogart said officers have been citing many in Midland for driving with an invalid license and that there are quite a few drivers around the Tall City who don't have insurance because their license has been suspended.

"We have quite a few people that don't have insurance and are driving around with their license suspended," he said.

Many of those whose licenses are invalid is due to those who are in default of paying on their surcharges, he said. Once one is delinquent in payment, the DPS will suspend a driver's license until the amount is paid.

To apply for the amnesty program, visit the website www.txsurchargeonline.com or call 1-877-207-3170

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

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BILLS

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"I see the potential that it's going to help us a lot," he said.

Martin County passed a $22 million bond last year to finance the construction of a new hospital. McKinney said completion of the facility is set for the summer of 2012 and will bring 62,000 square feet of space for the county's doctors and other services.

Presently, the hospital has about 12,000 square feet and its health clinic, home health program, physical therapy and other services are run from separate buildings.

The bill also was meant to provide relief to Lamesa's Medical Arts Hospital, Craddick said.

"Rural hospitals like Martin County Hospital and Lamesa Medical Arts Hospital need to be able to borrow funds from a bank for smaller purchases to ensure that they have the best technology and equipment available for patient care," Craddick said, in a statement.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

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Wednesday Evening — January 26, 2011

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Channels	G	S	R	C	W	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Middle	The Middle	Modern Family	(:31) Cougar Town	Off the Map A live wire electrocutes a man. (N)		News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News at 6	Entertainment Night	Live to Dance "Semifinal Round 3"		Criminal Minds "The Thirteenth Step" (N)		Blue Bloods "Hall of Mirrors" (N)		CBS 7 News at 10	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman		Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nikita An assignment makes Alex uneasy.		The Vampire Diaries		Married... With	Married... With	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	2	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol "Auditions No. 3" Hopefuls perform for the judges. (N)				The Simpsons	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Everybody-Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Faye Hardin	Rico Cortes	Update News	House Call	Light of the Southwest Authors; musicians. (N)				Uri Harel	Dr. Brad Young	Jim Staley	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Millionaire	Minute to Win It Players compete for $1 million.		Chase Annie vows to help another hostage.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trophy"		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night
KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nova scienceNOW "Can We Live Forever?"		NOVA Nano-circuits and micro-robots. (N)		Bear Island		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Llena de Amor (N) (SS)		Eva Luna (N) (SS)		Triunfo del Amor (SS)		La Rosa de Guadalupe (SS)		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Univision	La Verdad Oculta (N) (SS)	
MyTV	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		"But-Cheerlead."		*** "The Times of Harvey Milk"			** "Endurance" (1998)			*** "Stand by Me" (1986)			Hand That
HBO	300	68	14	14		Museum	(:45) ** "Valentine's Day" (2010) Jessica Alba. PG-13					Big Love		Real Time/Bill Maher		"Clash of the Titans"	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) "Afghan Star"		Silencing	Inside	** "Pirate Radio" (2009) Bill Nighy.				Conchords	Funny, Die	"Percy Jackson"	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Crimson	** "Lovely & Amazing" (2001)			*** "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.				* "Whiteout" (2009)			Monster B
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Post Grad	(:45) *** "Brazil" (1985) Jonathan Pryce. R					*** "The Blind Side" (2009) Sandra Bullock.				"Busty Cops"	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) * "Rollerball" (2002) Chris Klein.				* "Anaconda" (1997)			"Thrills" (2002) Kira Kener.			"License to Drive"	
PLEX			96			Wagon Tr.	Have Gun	(:06) Gunsmoke		*** "No Name on the Bullet"			(:20) "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon"			"Cheyenne-Club"	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ** "Twilight"		Episodes	Californ.	Inside the NFL (N)		Shameless (iTV)		Inside the NFL		"The Hurt Locker" R	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:45) ** "W." (2008)		"Miss Conception" (2008) Heather Graham. R				** "Youth in Revolt" (2009) R			** "Rampage" (2009) R		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter "200th Retrospective"		Dog the Bounty Hunter "Dead of Night" (N)		Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Dog the Bounty Hunter	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) "Predator" (1987)		** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel.					** "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (2003)				
BET	58	26		40		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		*** "Baby Boy" (2001) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding.					The Game	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
BRAV	65	63		41		Atlanta	Real Housewives/Beverly			Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Sons	Sons	Desert Car Kings		Flying Wild Alaska		Sons	Sons
DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Shake It	Shake It	Hannah	Suite/Deck	Hannah	Hannah	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Hannah	Hannah
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCtr	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz. (Live)					SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live	College Basketball Teams TBA. (Live)				Tennis Australian Open: Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live)						
FAM	53	54	34	42	33	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	58	54	Bobby Flay	Best Thing	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Worst Cooks		Restaurant: Impossible		Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Stars Live (Live)	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)					Stars Live (Live)	The Final Score	Stars Insider	The Final Score	The Game 365	Profiles
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Two Men	Two Men	*** "The Incredible Hulk" (2008, Action) Edward Norton.					** "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith.				Two Men
HALL	54	49	58		34	The Boss	The Boss	Little House		"Growing the Big One" (2010) Shannen Doherty.				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Vanilla	Vanilla	Holmes Inspection	
HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels "Tuna"		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens Investigating aliens.				How the Earth		(:01) Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Reba	Reba	** "Murder by Numbers" (2002, Suspense) Sandra Bullock. Teen-age killers play cat-and-mouse with a detective.					How I Met/Mother	Frasier	Frasier
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	UFC Unleashed	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Face Off		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Face Off	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Fire"	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	** "Taxi, Mister"		*** "Lucky Jordan" (1942)			*** "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (1952)				*** "Phantom Lady" (1944)		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (SS)		Herederos-Monte		Alguien te Mira (SS)		Noticiero	Decisiones (SS)		Decisiones
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Deadly Appetite		Ton of Love		My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras The Mardi Gras pageant. (N)		My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras The Mardi Gras pageant.	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones Human remains are found.		Bones Booth's brother has surprising news.		Bones Booth's girlfriend visits.		Bones Uniquely disfigured remains.		Southland Joe gives Ben several tips.		CSI: NY "On the Job"	
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Cleveland	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Cleveland	Retired at	Cleveland	Retired at	Raymond	Raymond
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Suspicion" Intelligence officer is killed.		NCIS The team helps Vance face his demons.		NCIS "Power Down" Citywide blackout.		NCIS Team investigates the death of a Marine.		Fairly Legal "Pilot"			Royal Pains
VS.	38	39				The T.O	NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)					Hockey	The T.O	NHL Overtime (Live)		Boxing	
WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

About 1,400 turn out to see Palin at school fundraiser in Lubbock

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Ex-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin compared her home state to Texas when it comes to freedom and work ethics.

Palin appeared Monday night at a fundraiser for the Lubbock Christian School, drawing about 1,400 people to the pay-to-attend event. Members of the media were not invited.

The former GOP vice presidential nominee drew praise from attendee Kristen Vander-Plas, president of the Lubbock Christian University College Republicans.

Vander-Plas told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that Palin said Texas and Alaska are alike because they are "good beacons of freedom" and share similar values and work ethics.

Linda Hunt, of San Angelo, said she believes in Palin.

Hunt welcomed what she described as Palin's "enthusiasm, her love for America, her honesty and her core values of representing the people and not just special interests."

Troy Aikman, wife separate after decade of marriage

Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and his wife have separated after more than a decade of marriage.

Aikman, in a statement published Tuesday by the Dallas Morning News, confirms the separation from his wife, Rhonda, in what he calls "a difficult decision" for both.

The couple married in 2000. Rhonda Aikman had a daughter from a previous marriage. The Aikmans have two daughters together.

The family has a mansion in Highland Park. Property records indicate Rhonda Aikman in November bought a five-bedroom home in a nearby neighborhood.

Aikman on Feb. 6 is scheduled to be part of the Fox broadcast team for the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium, with the Packers facing the Steelers.

Messages left Tuesday for Aikman were not immediately returned to the Associated Press.

Lubbock body ID'ed as that of missing 15-year-old

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Lubbock police said the body found along a remote road north of the city is that of a teenager missing since January.

Police Capt. Greg Stevens said a Tuesday autopsy positively identified the body found a day earlier as that of 15-year-old Elizabeth Ennen.

Humberto Maldonado Salinas Jr. is jailed on an aggravated kidnapping charge in Ennen's disappearance. Jail records show the 45-year-old doesn't have an attorney.

Lubbock County District Attorney Matt Powell said there's no rush to add a charge pertaining to Ennen's death because Salinas is already jailed.

Ennen disappeared after baby-sitting for Salinas' children at a motel the evening of Jan. 4. Her mother reported her missing about 1 a.m. Jan. 5.

Ennen's body was found in a field near Shallowater, about 10 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Dallas-area man gets 20 years for fraudulent oil-gas hunt

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Dallas-area man has begun serving a 20-year prison sentence for defrauding investors out of millions of dollars with a fraudulent oil-and-gas exploration scheme.

A statement issued Tuesday by the Texas State Securities Board says Wayne Anthony Rand of Rockwall was sentenced after pleading guilty Monday in a Rockwall County state district court to theft of more than $200,000. Court documents state that Rand raised about $8 million from dozens of investors who though they were investing in exploration projects. Instead, the money was used for such personal expenses as the purchases of a house, speedboats, guns and jewelry.

Rand was one of three men indicted in July 2009 on securities fraud, theft and money laundering counts. Douglas L. Williams and Chad D. Taylor are still awaiting trial.

CAPITOL ALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Democrats fought back Tuesday against a Republican-supported bill requiring Texans to show photo identification before voting, but acknowledged they stood little chance of preventing it from passing.

Republicans are using their overwhelming majority in the Legislature to quickly pass the measure, which Gov. Rick Perry declared an emergency.

The Senate spent several hours debating the bill Tuesday with expert and public testimony expected to last into late afternoon. A vote could come late Tuesday or Wednesday.

Republicans are making stronger voter ID laws a top priority, saying the changes will prevent fraud. Democrats say there is little evidence of fraud and call the bill a partisan effort to boost GOP margins at the ballot box.

"It's important we prevent fraud and restore the public's confidence in the election system," said Sen. Troy Fraser, the Horseshoe Bay Republican who is sponsoring the bill.

Democrats blocked a similar bill in 2009, but Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus, conceded they ultimately won't be able to do the same this time.

That's because Republicans hold a 19-12 majority in the Senate and a 101-49 majority in the House. The hours of debate seemed only to stall the inevitable.

In adopting their rules a day earlier, the House rejected an effort that would have allowed them to skip the committee process to quickly take up voter ID. Because the amendment failed, the House will have to wait until after committee's are assigned before voter ID can be taken up there.

WAITIN' AND WISHIN'

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus has given members until the end of the day Wednesday to submit their committee requests so he can make assignments.

Assigning committees — the next major task for Straus — is one of the biggest jobs for any speaker.

The primary task of making laws can't get started in earnest until committees are set. Last session, Straus waited until mid-February to announce his committee assignments.

Each lawmaker submits a preference card to Straus' office, naming their top committee preferences and order of seniority. The membership of the 36 committees is partly determined based on seniority.

Speakers have traditionally used committee assignments to reward their allies and even punish their critics.

In his first term, Straus gave chairmanships — the coveted committee leader roles — to 18 Republicans and 16 Democrats. It was a bipartisan move that came back to haunt him in his re-election effort earlier this month, after the GOP had gained a supermajority and sought a more conservative speaker. Observers will be watching to see if Straus is loyal to his Democratic supporters or bows to the pressure from conservatives.

All representatives in the 150-member House are assigned to committees — Appropriations and Public Education, for example — and that's where much of the work of the Legislature is done. It's where bills get their start and are crafted. Many of them die in committee, too.

PERRY ON VOTER ID

Gov. Rick Perry is hailing lawmakers for taking up voter identification laws as a legislative emergency even as critics call it a waste of valuable time.

Speaking to reporters in Austin Tuesday, Perry said the partisan wrangling over the measure two years ago threatened unrelated legislation.

"One of the ways you cure that is get it out early, get it out on the table where you can't have that kind of shenanigans again," Perry said.

Republicans say the measure requiring voters to show photo identification before casting a ballot is necessary to stop electoral fraud. Democrats say it's designed to give the GOP a partisan advantage with new voter hurdles. Perry put the measure on the legislative fast-track last week, and it's working its way through the Senate now.

Democrats are accusing the Republican governor of putting voter ID and other issues dear to conservatives — including an anti-abortion measure and one aimed at cracking down on illegal immigration — as a way to distract from the massive budget shortfall. Perry said the budget is always the top priority of the Legislature but should not be declared a legislative emergency. Emergency status allows bills to bypass procedural rules and get a quick debate.

"The budget is always the most important thing we do," Perry said. "The budget is why you come, that's what it's all about."

ANOTHER HAT IN RING

Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones is running for the U.S. Senate in 2012.

Jones aims to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who plans to retire when her current term expires. Jones joins a crowded field for the Republican nomination, which includes the current chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, Michael Williams.

Jones stopped in Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio on Tuesday with plans to visit 10 more cities. Before being appointed to the Railroad Commission, she was elected three times to the state House of Representatives. She is originally from San Antonio.

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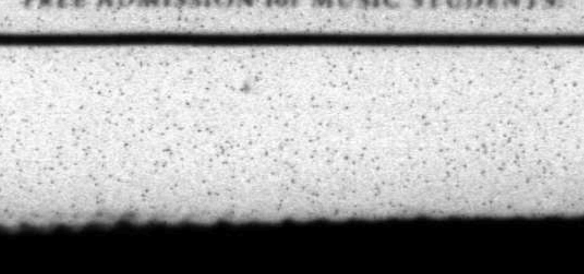

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Perry greets guests with Texas two-step in mariachi rhythm

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Among the well-connected guests at last week's inaugural was a group of wealthy Mexican business people Gov. Rick Perry is eager to court.

A potential impediment to the pursuit of Mexican capital looking for a home and opportunity in the United States is the high-caliber rhetoric surrounding anything that might be connected to illegal immigration. While concerns about border security are valid, some of the anti-Latino rhetoric could chill the ongoing interest in spending money in Texas.

Mexican interest in Texas precedes the current wave of violence that grips that nation, but the uncertainty in Mexico has certainly heightened awareness of the state's potential as a harbor for Mexican investors.

Andy Martinez, head of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, reports an uptick in inquiries from Mexicans interested in moving their businesses here.

The governor called on Tony Garza, former Texas secretary of state and most recently U.S. ambassador to Mexico, to invite influential Mexican business and political types to the inaugural. Among those who accepted was Carlos Bremer Gutierrez, an investment banker who has the ear of billionaire Carlos Slim.

Also in town was Eduardo Tricio, who leads Grupo Industrial Lala, one of the world's largest dairy operations. Alejandro Marti, a businessman turned government reformer, joined the group, as did media mogul Alejandro Junco, who commutes between Austin and Monterrey.

Two Mexican governors, Egidio Torre of Tamaulipas and Miguel Angel Osorio Chong of Hidalgo, also made the trip.

The group met with Perry, and later some had lunch with one of the heaviest hitters in Texas: San Antonio businessman Red McCombs. He spoke of the historic and economic ties between Texas and Mexico and described the affinity between Texans and Mexicans.

I never felt that love growing up I thought to myself as I listened. But then I'm neither rich nor Mexican.

But behind that message of affection is a soundtrack of disparaging talk about Mexico. Legislators elbow each other out of the way to file legislation taking aim at illegal immigration. Some of it has impact — denying consular access to schools, for example — and some of it is merely symbolic.

The voter identification bill that Perry labeled as an emergency is one example of the latter category. Any political pro will tell you that voter fraud is most effective on a wholesale basis and through the mail. So requiring voters to show an ID at the polling place won't deter fraud, as advocates claim, but could easily be used to intimidate some voters.

The Legislature never lets facts get in the way of emotion on immigration, so voter ID is likely to sail through both chambers.

Arizona-style legislation, which some members advocate, could be a problem. While Mexican capitalists might be motivated in part by concerns about security in their country, they aren't likely to put their money in states where they don't feel welcome.

So McCombs administered the inoculation with that message of love and affection. The booster was delivered later last week when the Texas Senate kept the rule that legislation needs support from two-thirds of the 31 members to reach the floor. The two-thirds rule doesn't apply to the voter ID bill.

That rule could save Perry the awkward choice of signing or vetoing Arizona-style legislation. Signing a law that entices racial profiling will no doubt be popular with the groups not targeted by it. As the Arizona example shows, however, there are economic consequences hooked to it.

Vetoing a bill that looks like it fights illegal immigration is likewise politically risky.

Whether sparing Perry that awkward choice was the intent behind saving the two-thirds rule in the Senate doesn't really matter. It's the effect that counts.

The Senate will be the backstop for bills that could be an impediment to doing business with Mexico, the state's largest trading partner.

Texas business interests already are signaling discomfort with some legislation that could potentially put a dent in the availability of workers to do the dirty but necessary jobs that citizens won't do for the salaries offered.

So, last week's meeting with the Mexican business and political elites was part of a delicate dance: Look tough on immigration but don't insult Mexicans with money. It's a Texas two-step in mariachi rhythm.

Give the governor credit for taking the floor. No responsible state official should discourage investment in Texas by insulting potential investors. It's a message key members of the Legislature are going to hear again — probably from people like McCombs. The San Antonio powerhouse has a lot in common with those Mexican business types besides the obvious.

None of them are used to being ignored.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Jan. 17-21 by District Judges Robin Malone Darr, George D. Gilles, Rodney W. Satterwhite and John G. Hyde:

Michael Wade Alexander, 51, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Adrian Atchison, 18, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 210 days state jail.

Courtney Lamont Bailey, 27, possession of cocaine, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Damon Branson, 40, theft by repetition, one year state jail.

Jonathan Andrew Brown, 21, burglary of a building and theft, three years probation and attend a treatment program.

Matthew Alexander Carroll, eight years probation, pay $1,250 fine and sex offender program.

Leroy Walker Chambers, 48, forgery and theft, four years probation, $500 fine and pay $5,788.25 in restitution.

Antonio Covarrubias, 31, unauthorized absence from a community correction facility, four years probation and pay $1,000 fine.

Gerardo Daniel Cuevas-Jimenez, 31, failure to appear, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Christopher Anthony Ellis, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, seven years probation and pay $58,450.44 in restitution.

Eddy Uranga Galindo, 25, possession of cocaine, two years probation, $4,000 fine and pay $140 in restitution.

Herminio Gonzales III, 23, possession of cocaine, two years probation, $1,500 fine, attend a treatment program and pay $140 in restitution.

Marcus Samuel Gutierrez, 22, possession of marijuana, three years probation, $500 fine and pay $140 in restitution.

Ethan Edwin Hamm, 28, evading, five years probation, $2,000 fine and attend a treatment program.

Robert Kirk Hopkins, 40, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Gary Wayne Hulsey, 43, forgery, 15 months state jail.

Micah Chandler Johnson, 19, burglary of a building, six months state jail.

Manuel Humberto Lucero aka Humberto Manuel Lucero, 36, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for five years probation, attend a treatment program, $2,000 fine, 30 days Midland County jail and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Andrew Anthony McCormack, 25, evading, three years probation and $1,000 fine.

Jana Jean Martin, 33, possession of cocaine, two years probation, $1,000 fine and pay $140 in restitution.

Julian Martinez, 28, possession of cocaine, two years state jail suspended for three years probation, $1,000 fine, driver's license suspended for 180 days and pay $140 in restitution.

Rafaela Rios Miramontes, 59, hindering apprehension, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice suspended for five years probation, $750 fine and pay $1,934.29 in restitution.

Michael John Mooney, 38, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Shari Renee Nettles, 46, theft over $1,500, six years probation and pay $12,000 in restitution.

Steven Noseff, 25, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Joshua James Orcutt, 18, absconding, 180 days state jail.

Casey Wade Osborne, 24, theft over $1,500, 12 months state jail suspended for two years probation, $1,000 fine and 60 days Midland County jail.

Shana Renee Parker, 33, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, five years probation and $750 fine.

Arthur Brandon Salazar, 23, possession of cocaine, three years probation, $1,200 fine and pay $140 in restitution.

Gabriel Valdez Sandoval, 44, assault, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office.

HOUSTON

Man condemned for double slaying loses appeal

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of man sent to death row for the slayings of his estranged wife and her boyfriend in Montgomery County more than a decade ago.

Keith Thurmond was condemned for fatally shooting his 32-year-old wife, Sharon, and a neighbor, 35-year-old Guy Sean Fernandez, outside Magnolia, north of Houston. Thurmond's wife had moved across the street to live with Fernandez. Both were gunned down in September 2001 on the same day Thurmond was served with a protective order placing his 6-year-old son in her custody.

In his appeal rejected Tuesday, Thurmond argued his trial lawyers were deficient for not investigating he was abused as a child.

At his trial, his son testified he saw his father shoot his mother several times.

FORT WORTH

Officials mum on Fort Hood suspect's mental exam

The Army and defense attorneys are refusing to release a report on the mental evaluation of the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly Fort Hood shootings.

After a monthlong evaluation, a military panel determined whether Maj. Nidal Hasan is competent to stand trial. The report submitted Friday also said whether he has a mental illness that would have prevented him from knowing his alleged actions were wrong during the November 2009 shootings.

A final decision has not been made on whether Hasan should stand trial and face the death penalty for 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder.

GATESVILLE

Man gets life sentence for killing fellow soldier

A 20-year-old Fort Hood soldier has been sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to murdering a fellow soldier.

A jury had been seated Tuesday for Brandon Christopher Walker's capital murder trial in Gatesville, and prosecutors had said that they'd seek the death penalty. Instead, Walker pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in a plea deal with Coryell County prosecutors and accepted a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 30 years.

Twenty-two-year-old Travis Vershun Brazil still faces trial for the January 2010 shooting death of 22-year-old Frank Schreiber and wounding of his 22-year-old wife, Leila K. Schreiber, during a break-in and robbery of their Copperas Cove home.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Police chase ends in crash; 5 hurt

Five people were injured, including a baby girl, when a pickup pursued by police sped into a northeast Houston intersection and slammed into a sport utility vehicle, injuring all five in the vehicles.

The chase began when police became suspicious of a truck with two men inside pulled up outside a northeast Houston pawn shop Tuesday afternoon and waited. When the truck pulled out of the parking lot, officers followed, and the chase was on south on U.S. 59.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 56 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 27 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 59, a low around 25 and west winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 65 and a low around 30.

The high on Tuesday reached 51 while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 25 is 83 set in 1952. The record low is 13 set in 1940.

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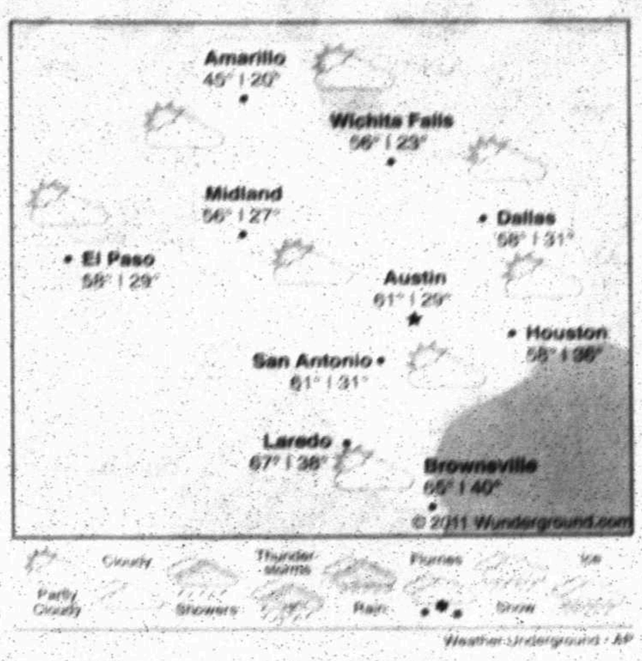
Much of the rest of the nation is expected to remain dry. Chilly air will linger over the Midwest, while much of the Southwest can expect another mild and sunny day. Below-average temperatures will span much of the Northern Plains and the Midwest, while above-normal temperatures will remain in the Southwest because of a large bulge to the north in the jet stream in the West and a large dip of the jet stream in the East.

A weakening disturbance will continue to produce scattered snow showers in the central Rockies, but they are expected to dissipate. High pressure at the surface will cover much of the West, driving storms well to the north into western Canada.



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Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
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Normal total (year to date)	0.41 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	51
Low	27
Normal high	58
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:46 a.m.
Sunset	6:17 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Jan. 26

'Nice guy' wants control over anger explosions

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I have an issue that has me concerned, and I need some expertise. I have a problem with anger. I don't know what triggers it. It happens out of the blue sometimes.

I have never struck out in anger toward another person, but people have witnessed my outbursts and seemed taken aback by the behavior. The instances occur every month or two.

I'm a nice guy. I would bend over backward to help someone if I could. My verbal explosions contradict who I am inside. Do you have any suggestions on what I can do to control my temper in these situations? — HOTHEAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR HOTHEAD: Anger is a normal emotion. Everyone has experienced it at one time or another. When primitive men and women were faced with a potential threat, they reacted instinctively with either fear or anger. It was nature's way of enabling us to run away or fight back. Even infants display anger by screaming or holding their breath until they turn red. And we've all seen older children throw tantrums, holler and throw things.

Whatever is causing your angry outbursts, it is important to analyze what has been triggering them. Being out of work, unable to pay one's bills or feeling unfairly treated can arouse feelings of anger. Being hurt emotionally by someone can cause it, too. People have been known to become angry if their beliefs or values are questioned or threatened.

Low self-esteem can also cause people to feel easily threatened. Many people who suffer from chronic low self-esteem feel they must continually prove themselves. To compensate for their feelings of inadequacy, they are driven to "win every battle," whether at sports or in an argument.

People who are overly tired have been known to lash out without real provocation. Being physically ill can have the same effect. (You can break that cycle by simply explaining that you're not feeling well and ask for patience because your temper is short at such times.)

Depression, drugs and alcohol abuse have long been known to cause people to lose control of their emotions and say — and do — things they later regret. I publish a booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," that was created to help people learn to control their anger. For people of all ages, it is a kind of survival guide to help them understand their anger and appropriately deal with it. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Most of us have been trained from early childhood to suppress anger. But it is even more important to learn to express it in ways that are constructive rather than destructive. Anger can be a positive emotion if it is channeled in the right direction. Uncontrolled, it can be a killer.

Now that we have become somewhat — one hopes — civilized adults, the challenge we face when something angers us is how to deal with it effectively and constructively, rather than thoughtlessly reacting.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

If You Double, You Must Beat It

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 7
♥ A 9
♦ J 8 7 3 2
♣ 10 7 3 2

WEST
♠ K 6
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ A Q 5 4
♣ K J 8

EAST
♠ A J 10 5 4
♥ Void
♦ K 10 9 6
♣ 9 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 3 2
♥ K Q J 6 5 4 3
♦ Void
♣ A Q

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
2 ♣	4 ♥	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

This deal is from the Mitchell Open Board-A-Match team event at the recent ACBL Fall North American Championships, held in Orlando. Should North-South make four hearts?

West, looking at a full opening bid, found it hard to believe that his opponents could make 10 tricks at a four-heart contract, and expressed his doubt in no uncertain terms. Looking for some ruffs, he led the king of spades and, on seeing dummy, switched to a trump at trick two. Declarer inserted dummy's nine and, when that held, tried the table's remaining spade. East rose with the ace and shifted to a club, but declarer countered by rising with the ace, trumping his low spade in dummy, returning to hand with a diamond ruff and drew the outstanding trump — making four-odd doubled.

West knew that the strength was more or less evenly divided and, under those circumstances, his opponents had to score some ruffs if they were to make the contract. To prevent that, West should have led a trump, and he can then play another trump when next he gains the lead. Declarer will lose four spades and a club no matter how he wriggles.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011:

This year, you take a stronger stand within the community and/or in your professional life. Often, challenges arise out of the blue. Your conventional style of detaching could be more difficult. Perhaps staying in the here and now is more important. Travel and foreigners play a strong role in 2011. If you are single, opt for a new type, and you are likely to experience success in relating. If you are attached, combine your efforts together on a project or goal. Closeness will become a given. SCORPIO thinks of you as a leader.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Consider the pros and cons of leaping over negativity, misinformation and someone's attitude. Will it be worth the energy? Sometimes letting others sit might be more productive. Take a walk during a break in order to reduce stress. Tonight: Time to visit and share.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Defer to others, as they are likely to throw a hissy fit if you don't. A boss is very assertive. You might not be able to change the state of affairs. Detach, and you will gain yet another perspective. Run with it. Tonight: If any invitation appeals to you, say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Just when you feel as if you are soaring, someone or some situation pulls you back down to earth. A partner, however, remains supportive. Know that you will have to push others very hard in order to achieve what you want. You also can wait. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your imagination let loose is a delight, not only to you but to everyone. Who says you need to hold back? A partner will revise his or her thinking because of you. Don't push an older family member right now. He or she remains testy. Tonight: Find your favorite person, and share your favorite pastime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Your desire to eliminate tension and stress could be frustrated. Buck trends; investigate a shortcut. Just don't say "no." Be an investigator. Be willing to root out the real story or problem. Tonight: Willingly reiterate a conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might opt to put in more overtime and/or get a second job. You might want to review your finances with an eye to the fact that in the past year, you never felt like you had enough. This feeling reminds you to be thrifty. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Pressure builds, as you deem that you might need to do more. Build financial security through real estate investments. Build emotional security through bonding more strongly with family and loved ones. Know who you can count on. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others seek you out. You could be flattered or annoyed. Your perspective determines your reaction. Rethink some of your knee-jerk feelings. You have more control than you realize. Communication needs to be in-depth. Tonight: As you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Keep your thoughts to yourself. Not only might it be somewhat easier, but also you could change your perspective given time and observation. Fatigue marks your interpersonal reactions. Your instincts guide you with funds. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Take control of a professional matter, if you can. Otherwise, you might have more problems. You might be holding up a mirror, as on some level you feel out of sync. Be more in touch with your needs. Tonight: Say "no" to more work and "yes" to meeting a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Someone you look up to could be more provocative than you realize. You wonder what you are doing and could become frustrated. Deal with anger through detachment. Many layers of hurt exist under the anger. Resolve them first. Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance whom you care about. You might wonder what is going on behind the scenes — a partner or associate seems a bit withdrawn or frothy. A meeting draws out some hard feelings. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

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BORN TODAY

U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur (1880), political activist Angela Davis (1944), musician Eddie Van Halen (1955)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Place to chill out
4 "In all likelihood"
11 Hollywood hrs.
14 Many, many moons
15 Land purveyor
16 Mr. Wizard old whodunit game
17 Diana Prince's alter ego
19 Have some grub
20 Wore
21 Thus
23 Cutting the mustard
24 Peter Parker's alter ego
27 Arctic explorer John
28 Quetzalcoatl worshiper
30 Aromatherapist's supply
31 Britt Reid's alter ego
35 Bite for Mister Ed
36 Bray beginning
37 Steve Rogers's alter ego
45 "Kubla Khan" river
46 Meted (out)
47 XV years before the Battle of Hastings
48 Linda Lee Dánvers's alter ego
51 Trade punches
52 Sound acquisition?
53 More artful
55 Flight board abbr.
56 Reed Richards's alter ego
61 Bis plus one, to a pharmacist
62 Lizards with dewlaps
63 "... Hunters": History Channel show with the tagline "Hoax or History?"
64 Many SAT takers
65 Abundant flow
66 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett

DOWN

1 Use a Singer
2 High-muck-a-muck
3 "General Hospital" actress
4 Cookie that might flavor a McFlurry
5 "Jurassic Park" actress
6 Margery of kids' rhyme
7 Road warning
8 Source of 20s, for short
9 Author Dahl
10 "Sesame Street" regular
11 Early arrival
12 Natural seasoning
13 Jackson Hole backdrop
18 HST's successor
22 Danish coins
23 Museum fare
24 Canonized mile
25 Write
26 Cologne pronoun
28 "How now? ... ?": Hamlet, before mistakenly slaying Polonius
29 Letter after epsilon
32 Burrowing rodent
33 "Alas"
34 Swamp growth
37 Disorder
38 Shows up
39 Infamous Amin
40 Postal motto word
41 Every last one
42 Driving force
43 Elucidate
44 Make public
45 Balance sheet heading
49 Send in the check
50 1961 British movie monster
51 Sasha, to Malia
53 Lee who co-created 24-Across
54 In the cellar, so to speak
57 Jet set garb
58 Rhine feeder
59 Tuscaloosa-to-Huntsville dr.
60 New England catch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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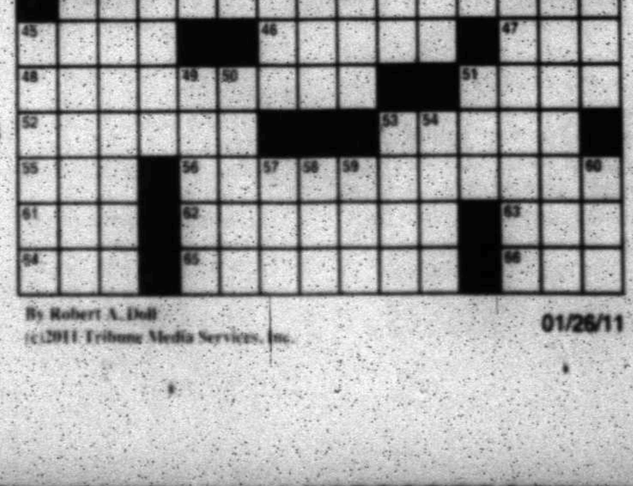

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lifestyle

BEST SELLERS

Hardcover fiction

1. "The Inner Circle" by Brad Meltzer (Grand Central Publishing)
2. "The Sentry" by Robert Crais (Putnam Adult)
3. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Knopf)
4. "What the Night Knows: A Novel" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
5. "Dead or Alive" by Tom Clancy and Grant Blackwood (Putnam Adult)
6. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam/Amy Einhorn)
7. "Three Seconds" by Anders Roslund and Borge Hellstrom (Silver Oak)
8. "The Confession" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
9. "Cross Fire" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
10. "Secrets to the Grave" by Tami Hoag (Dutton Adult)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
2. "Decision Points" by George W. Bush (Crown)
3. "Sexy Forever: How to Fight Fat after Forty" by Suzanne Somers and Michael Galitzer (Crown Archetype)
4. "The 4-Hour Body: An Uncommon Guide to Rapid Fat-Loss, Incredible Sex, and Becoming Superhuman" by Timothy Ferriss (Crown Archetype)
5. "Cleopatra: A Life" by Stacy Schiff (Little, Brown)
6. "The 7: Seven Wonders That Will Change Your Life" by Glenn Beck and Keith Ablow (Threshold Editions)
7. "Love For No Reason: 7 Steps to Creating a Life of Unconditional Love" by Marci Shimoff, Marianne Wilson and Carol Kline (Free Press)
8. "Life" by Keith Richards (Little, Brown)
9. "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother" by Amy Chua (Penguin Press)
10. "Autobiography of Mark Twain" by Ed. by Harriet Elinor Smith (Univ. of Calif. Press)

Mass market paperbacks

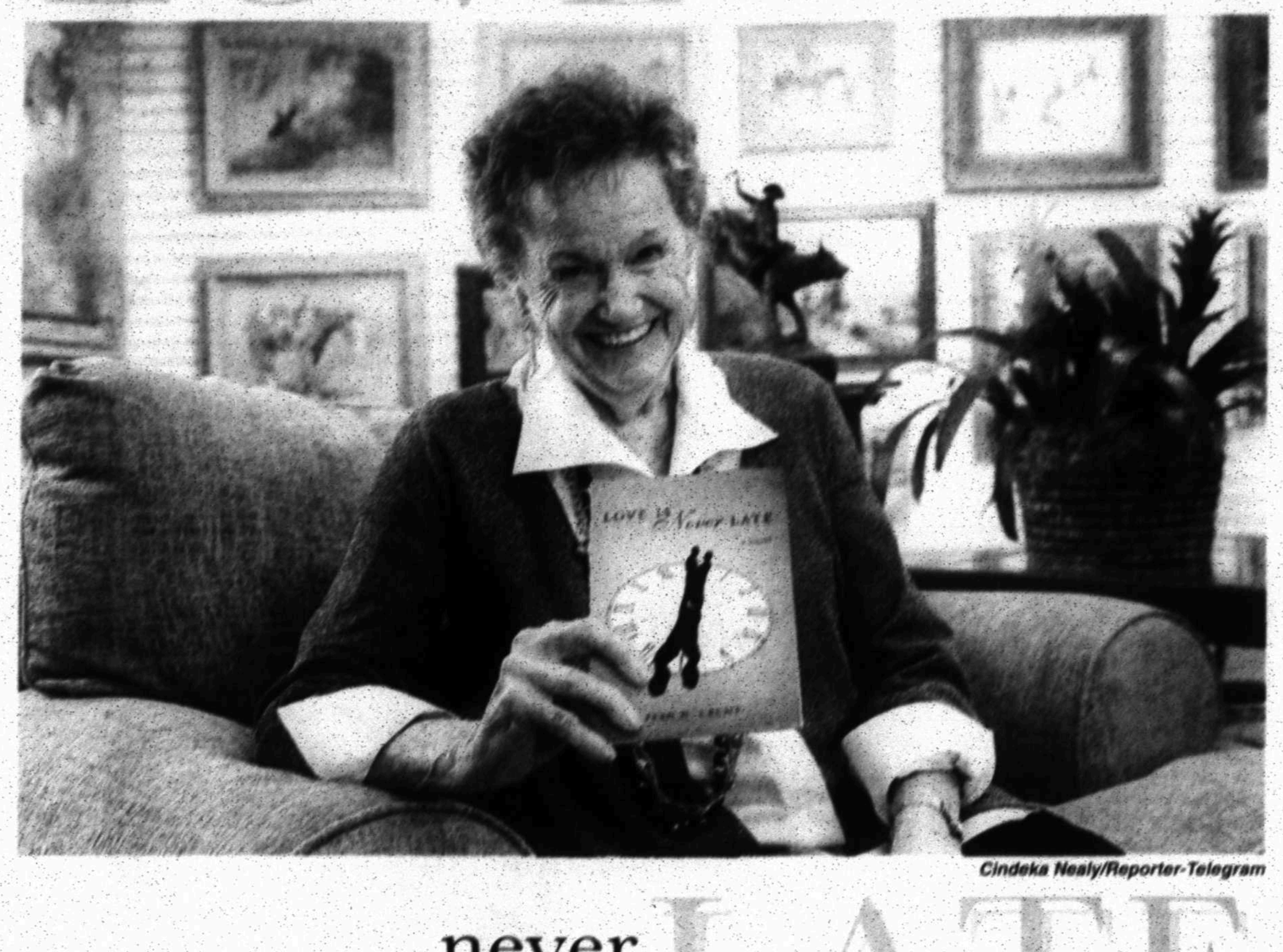
1. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
2. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
3. "Deliver Us From Evil" by David Baldacci (Vision)
4. "Live To Tell: A Detective D.D. Warren Novel" by Lisa Gardner (Bantam)
5. "The Lost Symbol" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
6. "The Scent of Jasmine" by Jude Deveraux (Pocket)
7. "Altar of Eden" by James Rollins (Harper)
8. "Impact" by Douglas Preston (Forge)
9. "Deja Vu" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)
10. "Ruthless Game" by Christine Feehan (Jove)

Trade paperbacks

1. "The Book of Awakening: Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have" by Mark Nepo (Conari Press)
2. "True Grit" by Charles Portis (Overlook)
3. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
4. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
5. "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese (Vintage)
6. "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Griffin)
7. "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave (Simon & Schuster)
8. "Water for Elephants: A Novel" by Sara Gruen (Algonquin)
9. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
10. "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)

Source: Publishers Weekly

LOVE is never LATE



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midlander publishes first novel at age 86

By Megan Lea Buck
Lifestyle Editor

> "I was so tired of trying to find something to read that's uplifting, and the ones I found I thought, 'I could do better than this.'"
>
> **— Fern Crume**
> **author**

Fern Crume admits she is not familiar with the latest technology. Sitting on an airplane last November, she watched as the woman sitting beside her pulled a small, tablet-like computer out of her bag. Curious about the gadget, Crume watched the woman turn on her Amazon Kindle and flip to the front cover of a new book.

At this point the woman noticed Crume's gaze and asked her if she had read the book, a romance novel entitled, "Love is Never Late."

Crume laughed and, much to her neighbor's disbelief, replied "I wrote that book."

Published in October, "Love is Never Late" is the 86-year-old Midlander's first novel.

She began to jot down ideas for the book in 2007 while caring for her late husband.

"I was so bored with trying to find something to read that's uplifting, and the ones I found I thought, 'I could do better than this,'" she said. "I think it turned out pretty good."

After the death of her husband, an accident left Crume with a broken ear drum. She moved into the home of her son and his wife and, while adjusting to the new environment, wrote the manuscript in only three weeks.

"It just seemed to write itself, really," she said.

Crume e-mailed the manuscript to Tate Publishing, a company she found online.

"About three weeks later I was emptying my spam mail and saw something from the publisher," she said.

Tate Publishing offered her a contract on the book. They also have offered her a contract on a second novel.

Crume said the process of writing the novel and working with the publishing company was something she "thoroughly enjoyed."

"I was so surprised when they accepted it," she said.

An Oklahoma University graduate with an MBA, Crume had edited company newsletters, composed training manuals and helped write speeches during her 20-plus years in the corporate world.

Before "Love is Never Late," however, she never had written fiction.

At 124 pages, the novel is short, something Crume said she did on purpose.

"I wanted to find something to read (while caring for her husband) that was about a two-hour read," she said.

"There's no violence in it, no profanity," she said.

The book tells the story of Laurie Staton, a woman who becomes the caretaker of her husband, Andy, after he is diagnosed with advanced Alzheimer's disease. When Laurie has an accident and ends up in the hospital, the doctor recommends to the couple's son that he encourage them to move into a retirement community near Dallas.

Crume wrote the novel after watching her husband suffer from advanced Alzheimer's disease.

"We had been married 63 years," she said. "You become part of a unit and when half of it is gone, you feel like half of you is gone."

Though there are similarities between Crume's experience and those outlined in the book, the novel is fiction.

"I've had more people e-mail me asking if it was a biography," she said. "I guess to some extent all fiction is.

"You have to dig into your memory bank to create a character."

Reader responses to her debut novel have been "absolutely tremendous," Crume said.

Crume hopes to continue writing. She said she has ideas for at least two or three more books, including an account of multiple generations of her family.

Crume will be signing copies of "Love is Never Late" at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. The novel is available at bookstores nationwide, and online at Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore.

Celebrate game day with 'super bowls' of soup, stew or chowder

FOOD ETC.

Freelance writer Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more shrimp recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com and click on "Entertainment - food."

Super Bowl XLV, set for Feb. 6, will be played at Cowboy's Stadium in Arlington. If you can't make it to the game, you may be planning your own "game day" celebration at your home. Make it easy on yourself and dish up some "super bowls" of delicious soups, stews and chowder to satisfy the hungriest of sports fans.

When making large quantities of soups or stews, all that is needed is a large soup pot. Ingredients usually are poured into the pot and simmered to bring out the flavor. Some recipes require meats to be cooked separately and then added to other items. This type of meal may be prepared earlier in the day and kept warm until your fans are hungry. Serve soup with cornbread muffins or toasted baguette slices. With a self-service meal such as this, you are sure to score a touchdown with all your friends.

Bush's Best All American Chili
From "Allrecipes All-Time Favorite Best Brand Recipes"

1 pound lean ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 (16-ounce) cans Bush's Best Chili Beans
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 Tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon white sugar
Shredded Cheddar Cheese (optional)
Oyster crackers (optional)

In a large pan, cook beef, onion, and bell pepper until meat is browned. Drain excess grease. Stir in remaining ingredients except cheese and crackers. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes.

Tex-Mex Tortilla Soup
From "Best Bloomin' Cookbook in Tennessee"

2 large whole chicken breasts, skinned and boned
2 cups water
1 (14.5-ounce) can beef broth
1 (14.5-ounce) can chicken broth
1 (14.5-ounce) can tomatoes, cut up and undrained
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup green pepper, chopped
1 (8-ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 cups tortilla chips, coarsely crushed
4-ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1 avocado, peeled, seeded and cut into chunks, optional
Snipped cilantro, optional
Lime wedges, optional

Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. In a large saucepan, combine water, beef, and chicken broth, undrained tomatoes, onion and green pepper. Bring to a boil. Add chicken and reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes more. To serve, place crushed tortilla chips into each bowl. Ladle soup over tortilla chips. Sprinkle with cheese, avocado and cilantro, if desired.

Chunky Italian Soup
From "Southern Living's Our Reader's Top Rated Recipes"

1 pound lean ground beef or beef tips
1 medium onion, chopped
2 (14 1/2 -ounce) cans Italian style stewed tomatoes
1 (11-ounce) can Cream of Tomato Bisque Soup, undiluted
4 cups water
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons dried basil
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 Tablespoon chili powder (optional)
1 (16-ounce) can kidney beans, drained
1 (16-ounce) can Italian-style green beans, drained
1 carrot chopped
1 zucchini, chopped
8 ounces rotini noodles, cooked
Grated Parmesan cheese

Cook beef and onion in a Dutch oven over medium heat, stirring until beef is no longer pink; drain. Return mixture to pan. Stir in tomatoes next seven ingredients; and if desired, chili powder; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes. Stir in kidney beans and next 3 ingredients; simmer, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes. Stir in pasta. Sprinkle each serving with cheese. Yield: 10 cups.

Herbed Cheese Soup
From "Southern Living Quick and Easy Cookbook"

1/2 cup butter or margarine
3 Tablespoons all purpose flour
1 Tablespoon chopped fresh chives
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups chicken broth
2 cups half and half
8 ounces crumbled goat cheese
1 garlic clove, minced
1 teaspoon dried basil
Garnish: chopped fresh chives

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Whisk in flour and next four ingredients. Cook, whisking constantly, three minutes. Gradually whisk in broth and half and half; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Add cheese, garlic, and basil; reduce heat, and simmer, whisking constantly, 10 minutes. Ladle soup into serving bowls. Garnish, if desired. Yield: 3 servings.

sports

Things are starting to come together

BARON BATCH
Texas Tech Running Back

EDITORS NOTE: Former Texas Tech running back and Midland High graduate Baron Batch's column will appear every other Wednesday.

I've landed in one place and am stationary in a single city for now. With all the traveling I've been doing over the past month it's nice to be able to get settled in one place even though it's not permanent. I think the strangest thing about my life right now is that I have no idea where I will be in the future. I can only take a few steps at a time, and can't see in front of me at all.

My recent trip to Haiti has made me appreciative of everything that I have, and more importantly has made me realize that I really don't have anything that I should be stressing out about. I want to thank everyone who has contributed in buying Haiti prints over the past week and a half!

There have been close to 25 sold at this point! Thanks again. If you don't know what I'm talking about go check out my blog at baronbatch.blogspot.com and you can learn how to get involved.

All of the silly things that I have been worrying about pre-Haiti trip have been resolved. I found a new agent, and my strained calf is feeling great and hasn't been a problem.

My agent was waiting in the Dallas airport the minute I stepped off the plane from Haiti, and I signed then and there (and no I didn't sign with the same agency that bailed on me). Currently I am in Dallas training for the NFL and have been at it for about a week now. It's definitely a bit strange only having to work out. I am accustomed to having class and other things going on while working out, but that isn't the case anymore.

This is what a typical day is like for me:

I wake up about 6:30 a.m. to eat breakfast and get ready. I leave my hotel room by 7:30 a.m. (yes I am living in a hotel for the next few months). I get to the gym around 7:45 to warm

Please see **BATCH**/4C

John Donegan/AP

QUICK BACKHAND Roger Federer makes a backhand return to compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka on Tuesday during their quarterfinal match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

Federer thinking of Djokovic now, Nadal can wait

John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer is reluctant for now to talk about possibly playing Rafael Nadal in the Australian Open final, and with good reason.

After all, he's playing Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

Federer and Nadal have dominated the Grand Slam tennis, winning 21 of the last 23 titles. But Djokovic is dangerous, and Federer knows his one-match-at-a-time mantra is sound strategy.

"He takes it to the opponent," Federer said.

Federer routed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 Tuesday in the first all-Swiss quarterfinal at a major. Djokovic eliminated Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1 in the night match.

On the women's side, Caroline Wozniacki beat Francesca Schiavone 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in one quarterfinal, and Li Na defeated Andrea Petkovic 6-2, 6-4 in the other.

It was at this stage of the 2008 Australian Open that Djokovic beat Federer before going on to win his first and only Grand Slam singles title. Federer also lost to Djokovic after having two

Please see **FEDERER**/4C

Hoppel goes off for 28 points in MHS' win

Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Kelsey Hoppel is always a threat to score from anywhere on the floor. On Tuesday, however, Hoppel went beyond being just a potential shooting menace.

Midland High's senior shooting guard had 28 points, including five 3-pointers as the Lady Bulldogs remained perfect in District 3-5A play with a 66-32 victory against crosstown rival Lee at Chaparral Center.

Lady Bulldogs	**66**
Lady Rebels	32

"I told the girls during one of the timeouts, 'You know what you do with a monster? You keep feeding it cookies,'" Midland High coach T.C. Willis said of Hoppel's performance. "We've seen her do that on several occasions during the year. We let her play her game. That's just her hard work being put on

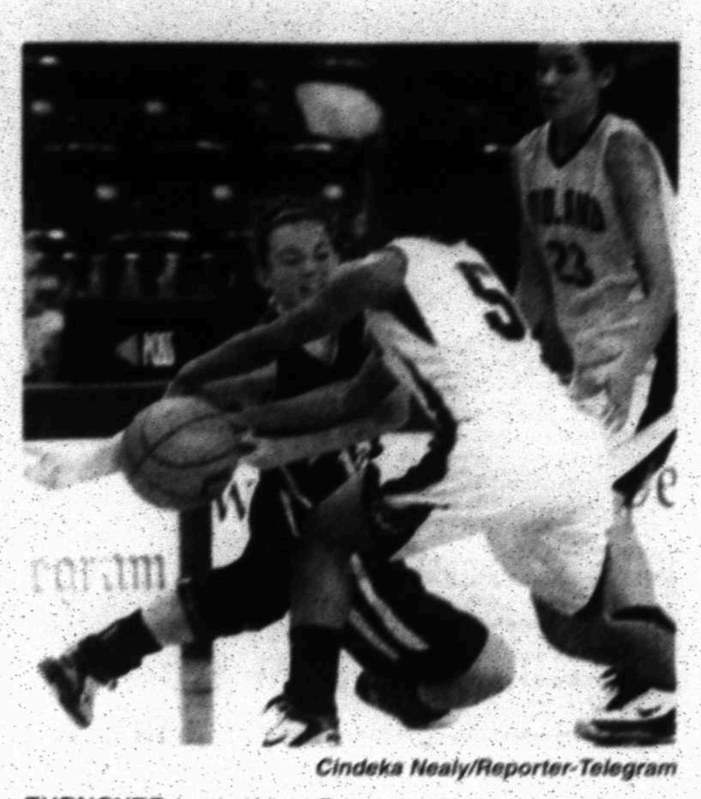
Please see **HOPPEL**/2C

3-5A Girls Basketball

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Midland High	9	0	25	4
Odessa Permian	7	2	17	9
Abilene High	6	3	10	14
Odessa High	3	6	11	15
Lee	**2**	**6**	**9**	**16**
San Angelo Central	2	6	12	14
Abilene Cooper	1	7	1	2

x-Clinched playoff spot

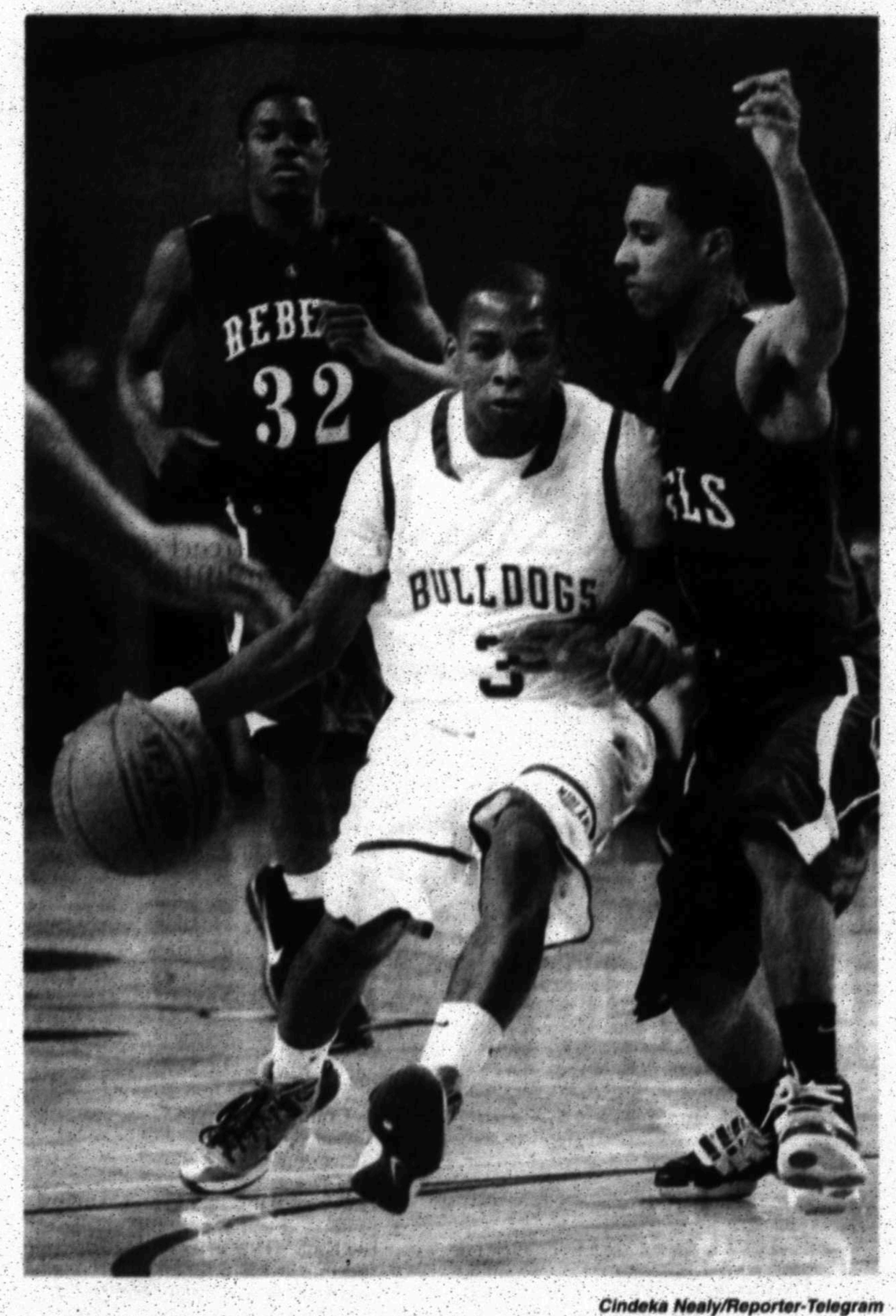
Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 66, Lee 32; Odessa Permian 51, Odessa High 37; Abilene High 46, Abilene Cooper 40
Friday's Games
Midland High at Odessa High; Permian at Lee; Chaparral Center: Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central. All games at 6 p.m.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

TURNOVER Lee's Kortni Edwards (12) loses her footing, the ball and gets called for traveling as she's guarded by Midland High's Paris Webb (5) and Kelsey Hoppel (23) Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

DAWGS UNLEASHED



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

ANOTHER CROSSTOWN BATTLE Midland High's Mercedes Lane (3) drives in as he's guarded by Lee's Jordan Salazar on Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

Bulldogs sweep season series from Lee

By Shawn Shroyer
Sports Writer

Even with all the positives built up during Midland High's first 24 games, the Bulldogs needed to win No. 25 against rival Lee.

The Bulldogs needed to know their Dec. 17 victory against the Rebels wasn't a fluke. With three road games left in their final five games, they needed to pick up a victory at home.

Bulldogs	**41**
Rebels	37

And in the driver's seat in District 3-5A, the Bulldogs needed to maintain their two-game lead on the rest of the league. That's just what Midland High did Tuesday in a 41-37 victory against Lee at Chaparral Center.

With the victory, the Bulldogs (16-9, 7-0) swept the season series with the Rebels (10-13, 3-4) after coming into the season with just one victory in the last eight meetings between the two.

"This was huge for our kids and huge for our program."

Please see **BULLDOGS**/2C

3-5A Boys Basketball

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Midland High	7	0	16	9
Odessa High	5	2	13	11
San Angelo Central	4	2	16	9
Abilene Cooper	4	3	10	15
Lee	**3**	**4**	**10**	**13**
Odessa Permian	1	6	2	13
Abilene High	0	7	2	23

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 41, Lee 37; Odessa High 56, Odessa Permian 43; Abilene Cooper 53, Abilene High 48; San Angelo Central was open.
Friday's Games
Odessa Permian at Lee; Chaparral Center: Midland High at Odessa High; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central; Abilene High is open. All games at 7:30 p.m.

Andrews erases big deficit to beat Greenwood

By Freddy Lopez
MRT Correspondent

GREENWOOD — Despite a dominating first half, the Greenwood girls basketball team fell to Andrews 48-47 in a District 4-3A nail biter on Tuesday at Greenwood High.

The Lady Mustangs' Heather Rawls sealed the game hitting two free throws with 22 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter for the come-from-behind win for Andrews.

Rawls and fellow senior Melanie Gonzales had a big fourth quarter as the two combined for 13 of Andrews' 16 points.

"Rawls and Gonzales have played hard throughout the year," Greenwood coach Quint Anthony said. "So it was no surprise."

Andrews improved to 19-7 overall and 4-1 in District 4-3A, and Greenwood fell to 12-18 and 4-1.

Going into the half Greenwood seized a 33-19 lead. The Rangerettes used a fast-paced style to set the game's tempo in the first half as Peyton Pyle scored eight of her 15 in the first two quarter, and Courtney Waters had nine in the first half.

Anthony

Pyle

Lady Mustangs	**48**
Rangerettes	47

Rangerette captain Alysa Anthony capped off the first half with two 3-pointers to close out the second quarter with a 9-0 run.

But in the third quarter, the game's tempo changed as Andrews stayed with its man defense as Greenwood faced foul trouble in the second half.

"We came out man-to-man knowing they were in foul trouble and stayed determined to feed the ball to Rawls," Andrews head coach Rusty Gilbreath said.

The Rangerettes finished the night with a total of 23 fouls and Greenwood's Maygen Hansard, Becca Campbell and Waters all fouled out.

After Rawls came back from turning her ankle midway through the third quarter, she scored eight points as that helped cut Greenwood's lead to 36-33 with 1:51 in the third quarter.

"I went up for the rebound and when I came down I felt a sharp pain," Rawls said. "Then after the time out I was ready to get back in."

Going into the fourth quarter, the Rangerettes still possessed a 39-32 advantage but in the fourth quarter their offense cooled scoring eight points in the final stanza.

"We still had a good lead going in the fourth, and we let it get away from us," Anthony said. "You got to give Andrews credit, they really are a good basketball team and stepped it up in the second half."

Greenwood held a 46-41 lead with 2:30 remaining in the game, but then Andrews took advantage of its trips to the free throw line to cut into the lead and eventually take the win.

Please see **GREENWOOD**/2C

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Girls

GRADY 42, NO. 19 SANDS 26

LENORAH — Charmynee Arnold scored 16 points and Kelly Cook added 14 as the Lady Wildcats defeated rival Sands 42-26 in a District 8-A, Division II game on Tuesday.

Grady (15-9, 6-4) used a fourth-quarter surge where it outscored Sands 19-4 in the final period to clinch the victory.

GRADY 42, SANDS 26

Sands — Morgan Nebrough 7, Meagan Nebrough 3, Gomez 12, La Robles 2, Gomez 2.

Grady (15-9, 6-4 in Dist. 8-A) — Sarah Clay 4, Savannah Sawyer 4, Charmynee Arnold 16, Julie Schaubs 4, Kelly Cook 14.

Sands	6	10	6	4	—26
Grady	6	11	6	19	—42

Free throws — Sands 4-12, Grady 14-27. 3-point goals — Sands 2 (J. Gomez), Grady 0. Total fouls — Sands 20, Grady 14. Fouled out — Sands: Mc. Nebrough, La Robles.

Next: Grady at O'Donnell, 6:30 p.m. Friday

BIG SPRING 55, MONAHANS 43

MONAHANS — Cerbi Ritchey scored 20 points and Diamond Mayes added 10 as the Lady Steers picked up a non-district victory against Monahans on Tuesday.

The Lady Steers (17-6) opened up a 31-17 lead after the first half and cruised from there.

Big Spring will resume District 5-3A play against Abilene Wylie at home.

BIG SPRING 55, MONAHANS 43

Big Spring (17-6) — Logan Kittell 2, Mackenzie Stone 5, Shaunte Anderson 6, Stormi Smith 4, Bridgette Tull 4, Valerie Ruiz 9, Cerbi Ritchey 20, Diamond Mayes 10.

Monahans (8-14) — Fisher 8, A. Marquez 17, K. Marquez 12, S. Sanchez 6, C. Cutbirth 5.

Big Spring	16	15	11	12	—55
Monahans	7	10	12	14	—43

Free throws — Big Spring 6-7, Monahans 15-25. 3-point goals — Big Spring 3 (Stone 2, Anderson), Monahans 2 (Fisher, A. Marquez). Total fouls — Big Spring 18, Monahans 9. Fouled out — none.

Next: Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 77, PAINT ROCK 34

GARDEN CITY — Ten Lady Bearkats scored and five notched double-digit efforts as Garden City improved to 7-3 in District 12-A, Division II play and 13-14 overall.

Kamie Halfmann led all scorers with 14. Rachel Hirt added 13, Cassie Hirt chipped in 11 and Hannah Halfmann and Taylor Hughes each scored 10.

The Lady Bearkats were also red hot from behind the 3-point arc, making 10 3-pointers, including five in the fourth period alone.

GARDEN CITY 77, PAINT ROCK 34

Paint Rock (2-8 in District 12-A, Division II) — Gretel 12, Collins 10, Steadman 7, Cullar 3, Grant 2.

Garden City (13-14, 7-3) — Kamie Halfmann 14, Rachel Hirt 13, Cassie Hirt 11, Hannah Halfmann 10, Taylor Hughes 10, Lexie Schaefer 6, Shanna Halfmann 5, Magdaly Huerta 2, Leticia Ramirez 2, Ashley Halfmann 2.

Paint Rock	7	7	11	9	—34
Garden City	13	17	18	29	—77

Free throws — PR 4-7, GC 3-5. 3-point goals: PR 2 (Gretel, Cullar), GC 10 (K. Halfmann 3, H. Halfmann 2, Schaefer 2, R. Hirt, C. Hirt, S. Halfmann). Total fouls — PR 10, GC 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: Garden City at Veribest, 6:30 p.m. Friday

TRINITY 29, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 26

Midland Classical got up 10-2 at the end of the first period, but Trinity casually chipped away at the deficit until finally overtaking the Lady Knights in the fourth period.

Karis Johnson had a game-high 11 points for MCA while Victoria Olive led Trinity with eight points.

TRINITY 29, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 26

MCA (4-15) — Karis Johnson 11, Hannah Bailey 2, Kayla Beattie 6, Rachel Long 1, Chandy Rogers 2, Lee Haley 2.

Trinity — Victoria Olive 8, Ball 7, Abby Jones 2, London Edwards 6, Callie Davenport 6.

MCA	10	1	9	6	—26
Trinity	2	5	12	10	—29

Free throws — MCA 2-6, Trinity 5-20. 3-point goals — MCA (Beattie 2), Trinity 4 (Olive 2, Ball, Edwards). Total fouls — MCA 23, Trinity 11. Fouled out — John[illegible].

Next: Amarillo Ascot at Midland Classical, 5:30 p.m. Friday; Trinity at El Paso Faith, 7 p.m. Friday

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 40, ALPINE 28

David Parkhurst scored 18 points and Jacob Longbotham had 12 rebounds to lead the Mustangs to a 40-28 non-district victory against the Bucks on Tuesday.

The Mustangs (3-20) were up 18-17 at the end of the first half but then put on the defensive clamps in the third quarter, holding Alpine to 0 points.

Midland Christian will resume TAPPS 1-4A play at 7 p.m. Friday against Fort Worth Southwest Christian.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 40, ALPINE 28

Alpine (20-6) — Strobel 7, Cisneros 3, Bryant 8, Ontiveros 8, Mabud 2.

Midland Christian (3-20) — Joe Bump 2, Zach Gilbert 4, Mason Spencer 3, Jacob Longbotham 6, Wil Watson 1, David Parkhurst 18, Mason Anup 2.

Alpine	11	6	0	11	—28
MCS	11	7	5	17	—40

Free throws — Alpine 3-6, MCS 12-21. 3-point goals — Alpine 5 (Strobel, Cisneros, Bryant 2, Ontiveros), MCS 2 (Spencer, Parkhurst). Total fouls — Alpine 18, MCS 9. Fouled out — Alpine: Strobel, Perdue.

Next: Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 7 p.m. Friday

NO. 22 GARDEN CITY 69, PAINT ROCK 22

GARDEN CITY — Brett Chudej and Sam Miller each scored in double figures as the Bearkats rolled to a District 12-A, Division II victory against Paint Rock on Tuesday night.

Chudej scored 19 points and Miller added 14 in the victory as No. 22 Garden City improved to 9-4 overall and 7-1 in district play.

NO. 22 GARDEN CITY 69, PAINT ROCK 22

Paint Rock — Kenney 6, Henry 5, Walston 4, Martinez 3, Gibson 2, Smith 2.

Garden City (9-4, 7-1 in 12-A-D-II) — Brett Chudej 19, Sam Miller 14, Bryan Hirt 8, Corbin Davis 7, Hayden Halfmann 7, Josh Cavalgati 6, Aaron Long 4, Reggie Halfmann 2, Peyton Schaefer 2.

Paint Rock	6	5	4	7	—22
Garden City	12	13	26	18	—69

Free throws — PR 5-6, GC 9-14. 3-point goals — PR 2 (Martinez, Henry), GC 4 (Miller, Davis, Cavalgati). Total fouls — PR 15, GC 5. Fouled out — PR: Walston.

Next: Garden City at Veribest, 8 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 51, ANDREWS 42

Greenwood picked up a second straight District 4-3A win, overcoming a 23-20 halftime deficit to knock off Andrews.

The Rangers outscored Andrews 17-7 in the third period to take over the game and never looked back.

Trevor Nolan led all scorers with 17, while Kam Williams added 12 and Kaden Hatley chipped in 10 for the Rangers. The Mustangs were led by Shane Dolgener's 10 points.

GREENWOOD 51, ANDREWS 42

Andrews (11-7, 1-2 in District 4-3A) — Ted Baeza 5, Jase Higgs 2, Judge David 6, Blaine Chavez 5, Austin Gilbreath 4, Tanner Eggleston 4, Christian Stevens 2, Shane Dolgener 10.

Greenwood (22-6, 2-1) — Edgar Unes 5, Kaden Hatley 10, Mitch Spear 3, Trevor Nolan 17, Kam Williams 12, Jacob Armitage 4.

Andrews	15	8	7	12	—42
Greenwood	11	9	17	14	—51

Free throws — Andrews 4-4, GW 11-16. 3-point goals — Andrews 6 (Davis 2, Eggleston 2, Baeza, Chavez), GW 3 (Hatley 2, Nolan). Total fouls — Andrews 17, GW 10. Fouled out — None.

Next: Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 8 p.m. Friday; Monahans at Andrews, 8 p.m. Friday

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 58, TRINITY 41

Midland Classical got 22 points from Rett Taylor in an impressive win for MCA against in-town rival Trinity on Tuesday.

MCA held Trinity to a mere five points in the second period, while scoring 16 in the frame to essentially put the Chargers away.

Connor Brock was impressive for Trinity, scoring 21 points, while Keith Stroup added 10. Kade Wilkins complemented Taylor's efforts for MCA, scoring 10.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 58, TRINITY 41

MCA — Grey Sparks 2, Rett Taylor 22, Kade Wilkins 10, Jared Nelson 9, John Bartholomew 3, Harrison Heard 2, John Stallings 2, Hayden Rogers 8.

Trinity — Connor Brock 21, Alex Young 1, Keith Stroup 10, Thomas Scholl 1, Taylor Cory 8.

MCA	10	16	16	16	—58
Trinity	12	5	13	11	—41

Free throws — MCA 6-14, Trinity 5-12. 3-point goals — MCA 5 (Taylor 3, Nelson, Bartholomew), Trinity 6 (Brock 4, Stroup 2). Total fouls — MCA 13, Trinity 12. Fouled out — Cory.

Next: Amarillo Ascot at Midland Classical, 7 p.m. Friday; Trinity at El Paso Faith, 8:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 9 SANDS 48, NO. 10 GRADY 47

LENORAH — The No. 9-ranked Mustangs used a fourth-quarter surge to pick up its second straight victory against No. 10 Grady on Tuesday night in a key District 8-A, Division II game.

Sands (24-4, 10-0) outscored the Wildcats 12-9 in the fourth quarter to take the victory. Grady is 21-3 overall and 8-2 in district play.

NO. 9 SANDS 48, NO. 10 GRADY 47

Sands (24-4, 10-0 in 8-A, Div. II) — C. Thomason 19, B. Thomason 7, Bagnall 4, Parker 4, Yberra 10.

Grady (21-3, 8-2) — Shane Teague 19, Brayden Richards 5, Braley Pinkerton 10, Jacob Rodriguez 13.

Sands	10	13	13	12	—48
Grady	16	9	13	9	—47

Free throws — Sands 1-4, Grady 1-2. 3-point goals — Sands 6 (Ybarra 3, C. Thomason, B. Thomason), Grady 6 (Teague 4, Richards, Rodriguez). Total fouls — Sands 7, Grady 10. Fouled out — none.

Next: Grady at O'Donnell, 8 p.m. Friday

COAHOMA 64, FORSAN 63

COAHOMA — The Bulldogs and Buffaloes combined 21 3-points on Tuesday as Coahoma took a 64-63 win in a District 3-2A game.

Patrick Robles led the Buffaloes with 13 points as he had four 3-pointers on the night. For Coahoma, Tanner Ruiz scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers and Sheigh Cravens added 18 also.

Coahoma (11-11, 3-5) will take on Stanton at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the road.

COAHOMA 64, FORSAN 63

Forsan (9-14, 3-5 in 3-2A) — Burchett 9, Bell 7, Robles 13, Suazo 4, Bagnall 9, Schoener 3, Johnson 11, Phillips 7.

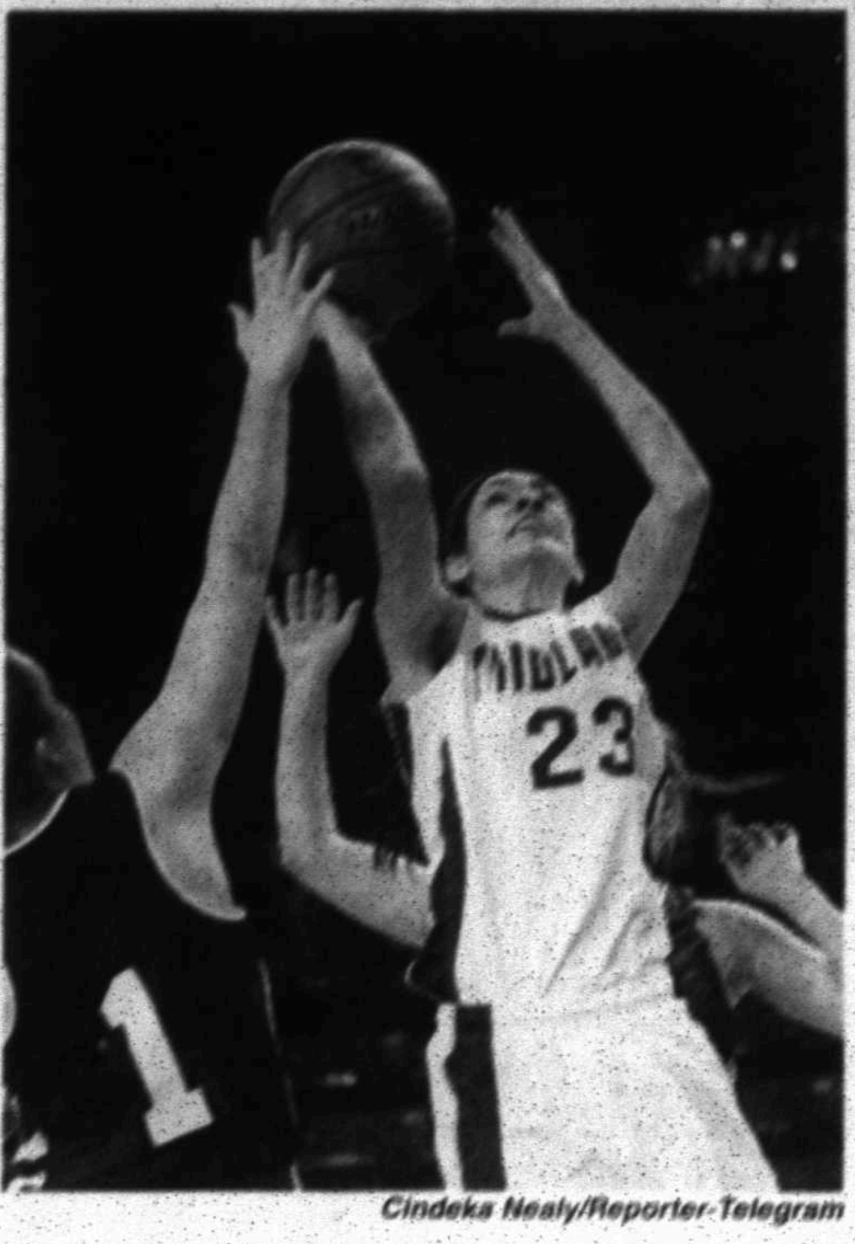
Coahoma (11-11, 3-5) — Josh Gonzalez 2, Tanner Ruiz 18, Aaron Acevedo 11, Hunter Williams 4, Sheigh Cravens 18, Regan Reid 9, Jacob Echavarria 2.

Forsan	9	21	17	16	—63
Coahoma	16	17	17	14	—64

Free throws — Forsan 10-19, Coahoma 9-26. 3-point goals — Forsan 9 (Burchett 3, Robles 4, Suazo, Bagnall 2, Schoener, Johnson), Coahoma 9 (Ruiz 4, Acevedo, Cravens 4). Total fouls — Forsan 21, Coahoma 15. Fouled out — Forsan: Suazo, Phillips, Coahoma: Reid.

Next: Coahoma at Stanton, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Compiled from staff reports



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GETTING IT INSIDE Midland High's Kelsey Hoppel (23) takes a shot as she's guarded by Lee's Landry Johnson (1) Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

Former MHS coach McCutchen dies

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Former Midland High School football coach and current San Angelo Independent School District Athletic Director Doug McCutchen, 61, died on Tuesday, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported on its website.

McCutchen's death comes nearly a week after he suffered an allergic reaction to pre-surgery drugs that put him in critical condition.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reported that McCutchen went to Community Medical Center in San Angelo last Wednesday for a "relatively simple" procedure for acid reflux, and has been in "critical but stable" condition since.

McCutchen is a native of Bronte, and went to Texas Tech, where he played football.

McCutchen coached at Midland High from 1984-88 where he compiled a record of 28-20 leading the Bulldogs, which included going 9-1 in 1988 and losing out on a playoff spot in the coin flip made famous in the book "Friday Night Lights."

McCutchen also had coaching stints at Texas A&M-Kingsville, San Angelo Central, Liberty, Klein Forest, Duncanville and Amarillo Tascosa. He has been athletic director in San Angelo since May of 2008.

HOPPEL

From 1C

display."

Every time the ball left the hands of Hoppel, it seemed to find its way to the bottom of the net. Hoppel shot 12 of 15 from the floor and went to the free throw line on two of her misses.

Hoppel had the game's first eight points and 10 in Midland High's 12-0 run to open the contest. She started the game with back-to-back 3-pointers.

"After I made the first two, I was starting to feel good," Hoppel said. "I've been working on my shot. I just felt on today."

Coming into the matchup against Lee, Hoppel was the Lady Dawgs' leading scorer with 16.1 points per game. She had 20 at halftime and 28 through three periods.

"Kelsey was definitely hot," Lee coach Rosalind Lawrence admitted. "Good for her. She's a good player."

The Lady Bulldogs led 14-4 at the end of the opening period, but the game could have been much closer as Lee left a possible eight points on the floor.

On three different occassions, the Lady Rebels created some good looks at the basket, but couldn't get their shots to fall. Plus, Alex Ramos, who led Lee with 13 points, had two free throws roll out in the frame.

"We played better against them this time around," Lawrence said. "We did a better job breaking away from their pressure at the top of the key and getting into our offense. Some days your shots go in. Some days you're just off. We couldn't get them to drop early on tonight."

Hoppel opened the second frame just like she started the first, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers. Her sharpshooting ignited a 15-3 run, putting MHS up 29-7 with 1:55 to play in the first half.

The rally never really stopped until halftime, though, with the Lady Dawgs holding a 35-9 advantage at intermission.

And MHS still didn't take its foot off the gas in the third period. Not after what happened in its last game against San Angelo Central, when the Lady Dawgs seemed to lose some of its focus and Central completely outplayed them in the game's final two periods.

Of course, it didn't hurt that Lee was the opponent.

"We just need to start getting ready for the playoffs," Hoppel said. "This game was against our crosstown rival, so we were pumped up before the game even started."

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NO. 21 MIDLAND HIGH 66, LEE 32

Lee (9-16, 2-6 in District 3-5A) — Alex Ramos 13, Cindy Benavidez 5, Landry Johnson 4, Kyrin Edwards 4, Sharissa Ray 4, Kaylee Riggles 1.

Midland High (25-4, 9-0) — Kelsey Hoppel 28, Dreamika Merchant 14, Krystal Baditt 9, Paris Webb 5, Andrea Sadler 4, Sabrina Banks 4, Meg Woodard 2.

Lee	4	5	13	10	—32
MHS	14	21	24	7	—66

Free throws — Lee 6-12, MHS 8-16. 3-point goals — Lee 0, MHS 6 (Hoppel 6). Rebounds — Lee 25 (Johnson 6), MHS 32 (Merchant 7). Assists — Lee 3 (Edwards 3), MHS 8 (Webb 4). Turnovers — Lee 20, MHS 12. Total fouls — Lee 11, MHS 15. Fouled out — None.

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

BULLDOGS

From 1C

Midland High coach Justin Hardin said. "Lee has dominated us so long, this was the game we wanted and our toughness game was uncanny. It's the fights they've gone through. We have the philosophy that practices have to be harder than games and we get after them."

The Rebels tested the Bulldogs every step of the way, switching between zone and man defenses, briefly trying a halfcourt trap, and running offenses Hardin said he hadn't seen them run all season. But for all the Rebels' creativity, they couldn't have shot worse from the floor while the Bulldogs were patient and benefited from the rebounding of forward Jamal Sanders.

Midland High won the opening tip and worked the ball around Lee's zone for 50 seconds before Mercedes Lane knocked down a 3-pointer. That was a microcosm of the Bulldogs' day on offense.

"If we're not patient, we're not scoring," Hardin said. "We learned in the Austin High game that if we're patient we can find players out of position and make a play."

Even when the Bulldogs' patience didn't pay off on the first try, Sanders was there to clean up the glass.

Of Sanders' 11 points, which tied for a team high, eight came off tip-ins and put-backs. His eight boards were a team high and his free throw with 17 seconds left in the game helped put the game on ice.

"I just knew they weren't looking for me, they weren't blocking out, so I just slipped in," said Sanders of his rebounding. "Defensively, we just tried to keep (Lee's posts) off the glass. We didn't let them do what they wanted to do."

Lee's main big men Devin Savage and Corey McPherson were held to 16 points combined with Savage accounting for 13 of them. The Bulldogs also held Lee's leading scorer Tray Collins to five points on 1-of-10 shooting, including 0 for 5 from 3-point range.

But Collins wasn't the only Rebel who went cold in the game. As a team, Lee shot 9 for 34 (26 percent) from the field. But Lee coach Mark Coffman was comfortable with his team's shot selection.

"For the most part I was, but they outrebounded us," Coffman said. "Sanders made some big plays offensively. He had a couple of big offensive rebounds. And overall they played good defense and contested shots. We couldn't get in a flow offensively."

Lee led, 9-8, after the first quarter, but Midland High's T.J. Brown scored to open the second quarter and the Rebels never led again.

After going into the break down 17-15, Lee fell into a 23-15 hole five minutes into the third quarter, but pulled within 26-24 on a Savage bucket to start the fourth quarter. However, the Bulldogs responded with a 10-2 run to distance themselves. With the loss and an Abilene Cooper victory on Tuesday, the Rebels dropped to fifth place in the district.

"We just missed a lot of shots," Coffman said. "If you miss that many shots, you're not going to win, but we nearly did."

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MIDLAND HIGH 41, LEE 37

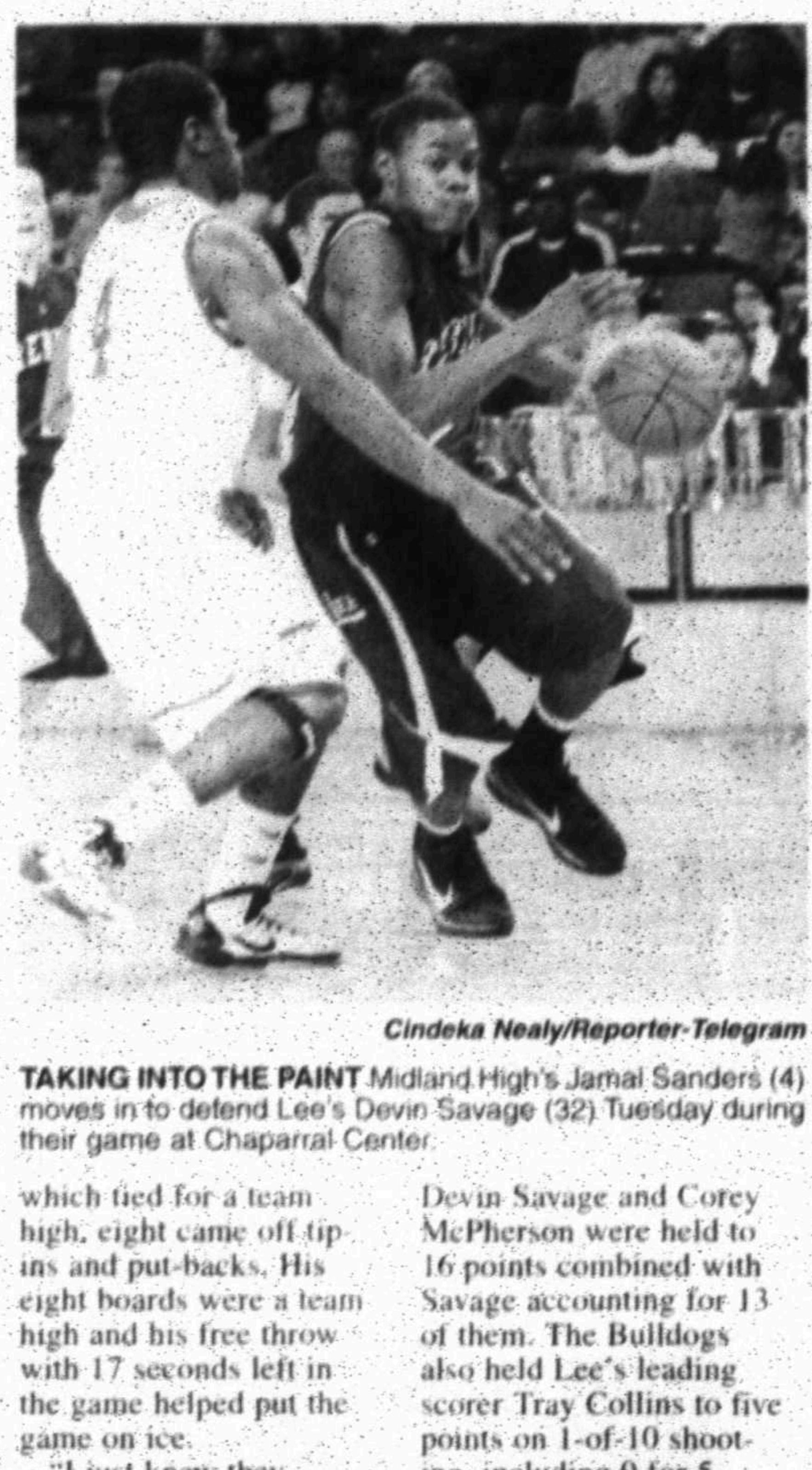
Lee (10-13, 3-4) — Jordan Salazar 5, Jake Huck 11, Tray Collins 5, Devin Savage 13, Corey McPherson 3.

Midland High (16-9, 7-0) — Jacolby Jeffries 2, Kiynnie Lewis 5, Mercedes Lane 10, Jamal Sanders 11, Harley Davis 2, T.J. Brown 11.

Lee	9	6	7	15	—37
Midland High	8	9	9	15	—41

Free throws — Lee 17-22, MHS 10-16. 3-point goals — Lee 2 (Huck, McPherson), MHS 1 (Lane). Total fouls — Lee 18, MHS 13. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Lee 26 (Savage 10), MHS 33 (Sanders 8). Assists — Lee 4 (Huck 2), MHS 6 (Lane, Jeffries 2). Turnovers — Lee 10, MHS 11. Steals — Lee 1, MHS 4.

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



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TAKING INTO THE PAINT Midland High's Jamal Sanders (4) moves in to defend Lee's Devin Savage (32) Tuesday during their game at Chaparral Center.

GREENWOOD

From 1C

Of Andrews' final seven points it scored, including Rawls' two free throws with :22 remaining to take the lead, the Lady Mustangs scored five at the free throw line. The only field goal in that span came from Bailey Badgett with less than two minutes remaining.

"It was a well-fought battle and we learned some things from this game, that will help us rebound from tonight," Anthony said. "We have good leadership on this team. Of course we're disappointed but the girls understand that the season is not over."

ANDREWS 48, GREENWOOD 47

Andrews (19-7, 4-1 in District 4-3A) — Melanie Gonzales 9, Katin Steele 4, Rayna Diaz 8, Bailey Badgett 4, McKenzie Long 5, Heather Rawls 22.

Greenwood (12-18, 4-1) — Alyssa Anthony 11, Peyton Pyle 15, Bailey Brooks 1, Maygen Hansard 4, Becca Campbell 6, Courtney Waters 9, Emily Dye 2.

Andrews	7	12	13	16	—48
Greenwood	15	18	6	8	—47

Free throws — Andrews 22-30, Greenwood 4-9. 3-point goals — Andrews 1 (Gonzales), Greenwood 4 (Anthony 3, Waters 1). Total fouls — Andrews 10, Greenwood 23. Fouled out — Greenwood: Hansard, Dye, Campbell.

Next game: at Fort Stockton 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 112, CLIPPERS 105: At Dallas, Jason Terry scored a season-high 28 points and J.J. Barea added 25, lifting the Mavericks to the victory.

The performance by the reserve guards helped Dallas erase an early 15-point deficit. The Mavs turned things around with a 23-6 spurt in the third quarter, then put together a 14-0 run in the fourth.

CELTICS 112, CAVALIERS 95: At Boston, Paul Pierce scored 24 and Kendrick Perkins returned for the first time since injuring his knee in the NBA finals to help the Boston Celtics beat Cleveland 112-95 on Tuesday night and send the Cavaliers to their 18th consecutive loss.

Perkins, who had offseason surgery to repair his anterior cruciate ligament, had seven points and six rebounds in 16 minutes.

NUGGETS 120, WIZARDS 109: At Washington, Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, Nene and Al Harrington each scored 21 and the Nuggets beat the Wizards.

It was the sixth win in the last eight games for Denver, which began a five-game road trip with a strong performance that comes amid continued trade talk surrounding Anthony.

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Baseball

Remaining Free Agents List

NEW YORK (AP) — The 54 remaining free agents:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (3) — Mark Hendrickson, rhp; Julio Lugo, 2b; Kevin Millwood, rhp.

BOSTON (2) — Felipe Lopez, 3b; Mike Lowell, 1b.

CHICAGO (4) — Freddy Garcia, rhp; Andruw Jones, of; Mark Kotsay, dh; Manny Ramirez, of.

DETROIT (3) — Jeremy Bonderman, rhp; Johnny Damon, of; Bobby Seay, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (1) — Scot Shields, rhp.

MINNESOTA (2) — Randy Flores, lhp; Ron Mahay, lhp.

NEW YORK (3) — Nick Johnson, dh; Chad Moeller, c; Andy Pettitte, lhp.

OAKLAND (3) — Eric Chavez, 3b; Justin Duchscherer, rhp; Ben Sheets, rhp.

SEATTLE (3) — Russell Branyan, 1b; Chris Woodward, ss; Jamey Wright, rhp.

TAMPA BAY (2) — Rocco Baldelli, dh; Gabe Kapler, of.

TEXAS (4) — Jorge Cantu, inf; Vladimir Guerrero, dh; Cristian Guzman, inf; Bengie Molina, c.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (3) — Kris Benson, rhp; Mike Hampton, lhp; Rodrigo Lopez, rhp.

ATLANTA (1) — Troy Glaus, 1b.

CINCINNATI (4) — Orlando Cabrera, ss; Jim Edmonds, of; Mike Lincoln, rhp; Russ Springer, rhp.

COLORADO (2) — Joe Beimel, lhp; Jay Payton, of.

FLORIDA (2) — Jorge Sosa, rhp; Chad Tracy, 3b.

HOUSTON (1) — Brian Moehler, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (3) — Brad Ausmus, c; Scott Podsednik, of; Jeff Weaver, rhp.

MILWAUKEE (3) — David Bush, rhp; Doug Davis, lhp; Trevor Hoffman, rhp.

NEW YORK (3) — Elmer Dessens, rhp; Kelvim Escobar, rhp; Fernando Tatis, inf-of.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Chad Durbin, rhp; Mike Sweeney, 1b.

ST. LOUIS (6) — Pedro Feliz, 3b; Jason LaRue, c; Mike MacDougal, rhp; Aaron Miles, 2b; Dennys Reyes, lhp; Randy Winn, of.

SAN DIEGO (1) — David Eckstein, 2b.

SAN FRANCISCO (1) — Jose Guillen, of.

WASHINGTON (2) — Miguel Batista, rhp; Kevin Mench, of.

FREE AGENT SIGNINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (4) — Re-signed Cesar Izturis, ss, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Koji Uehara, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Derrek Lee, 1b, Atlanta, to a $7.25 million, one-year contract; signed Kevin Gregg, rhp, Toronto, to a $10 million, two-year contract.

BOSTON (3) — Re-signed Jason Varitek, c, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Carl Crawford, of, Tampa Bay, to a $142 million, seven-year contract; signed Dan Wheeler, rhp, Tampa Bay, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (5) — Signed Adam Dunn, dh, Washington, to a $56 million, four-year contract; re-signed A.J. Pierzynski, c, to an $8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Paul Konerko, 1b, to a $37.5 million, three-year contract; signed Jesse Crain, rhp, Minnesota, to a $13 million, three-year contract; signed Will Ohman, lhp, Florida, to a $4 million, two-year contract.

CLEVELAND (1) — Signed Austin Kearns, of, New York Yankees, to a $1.3 million, one-year contract.

DETROIT (5) — Re-signed Jhonny Peralta, ss, to an $11.25 million, two-year contract; signed Joaquin Benoit, rhp, Tampa Bay, to a $16.5 million, three-year contract; signed Victor Martinez, c, Boston, to a $50 million, four-year contract; re-signed Magglio Ordonez, of, to a $10 million, one-year contract; signed Brad Penny, rhp, St. Louis, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (2) — Signed Jeff Francis, lhp, Colorado, to a $2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Bruce Chen, lhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (1) — Signed Scott Downs, lhp, Toronto, to a $15 million, three-year contract.

MINNESOTA (2) — Re-signed Jim Thome, dh, to a $3 million, one-year contract; re-signed Carl Pavano, rhp, to a $16.5 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (4) — Re-signed Derek Jeter, ss, to a $51 million, three-year contract; re-signed Mariano Rivera, rhp, to a $30 million, two-year contract; signed Pedro Feliciano, lhp, New York Mets, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Rafael Soriano, rhp, Tampa Bay, to a $35 million, three-year contract.

OAKLAND (3) — Signed Hideki Matsui, dh, Los Angeles Angels, to a $4.25 million, one-year contract; signed Grant Balfour, rhp, Tampa Bay, to an $8.1 million, two-year contract; signed Brian Fuentes, lhp, Minnesota, to a $10.5 million, two-year contract.

SEATTLE (4) — Re-signed Erik Bedard, lhp, to a $1 million, one-year contract; signed Miguel Olivo, c, Toronto, to a $7 million, two-year contract; re-signed Josh Bard, c, to a minor league contract ($750,000); signed Adam Kennedy, 2b, Washington, to a minor league contract ($750,000).

TAMPA BAY (1) — Signed Kyle Farnsworth, rhp, Atlanta, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (6) — Signed Yorvit Torrealba, c, San Diego, to a $6.25 million, two-year contract; announced Frank Francisco, rhp, accepted salary arbitration; re-signed Matt Treanor, c, to an $850,000, one-year contract; signed Arthur Rhodes, lhp, Cincinnati, to a $4.5 million, one-year contract; signed Brandon Webb, rhp, Arizona, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Adrian Beltre, 3b, Boston, to an $80 million, five-year contract.

TORONTO (4) — Announced Jason Frasor, rhp, accepted salary arbitration; signed Corey Patterson, of, Baltimore, to a minor league contract ($900,000); signed Octavio Dotel, rhp, Colorado, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Jon Rauch, rhp, Minnesota, to a $3.75 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (7) — Signed Geoff Blum, inf, Houston, to a $2.7 million, two-year contract; signed Melvin Mora, 3b, Colorado, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed J.J. Putz, rhp, Chicago White Sox, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Xavier Nady, of-1b, Chicago Cubs, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; signed Henry Blanco, c, New York Mets, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract; re-signed Aaron Heilman, rhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Willie Bloomquist, of, Cincinnati, to a $1.05 million, one-year contract.

ATLANTA (1) — Re-signed Eric Hinske, of, to a $1.45 million, one-year contract.

CINCINNATI (2) — Re-signed Ramon Hernandez, c, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Edgar Renteria, ss, San Francisco, to a $2.1 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (3) — Signed Carlos Pena, 1b, Tampa Bay, to a $10 million, one-year contract; signed Kerry Wood, rhp, New York Yankees, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Reed Johnson, of, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a minor league contract ($900,000).

CINCINNATI (1) — Re-signed Miguel Cairo, 3b, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

COLORADO (3) — Re-signed Jorge De La Rosa, lhp, to a $21.5 million, two-year contract; signed Ty Wigginton, 1b, Baltimore, to an $8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Jason Giambi, 1b, to a minor league contract ($1 million).

FLORIDA (3) — Signed John Buck, c, Toronto, to an $18 million, three-year contract; signed Javier Vazquez, rhp, New York Yankees, to a $7 million, one-year contract; signed Randy Choate, lhp, Tampa Bay, to a $2.5 million, two-year contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Signed Bill Hall, 2b, Boston, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (7) — Re-signed Hiroki Kuroda, rhp, to a $12 million, one-year contract; signed Jon Garland, rhp, San Diego, to a $5 million, one-year contract; signed Juan Uribe, inf, San Francisco, to a $21 million, three-year contract; re-signed Rod Barajas, c, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract; re-signed Vicente Padilla, rhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Matt Guerrier, rhp, Minnesota, to a $12 million, three-year contract; signed Marcus Thames, of, New York Yankees, to a $1 million, one-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Re-signed Craig Counsell, inf, to a $1.4 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Signed Chris Capuano, lhp, Milwaukee, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Willie Harris, of, Washington, to a minor league contract ($600,000); signed Chris Young, rhp, San Diego, to a $1.1 million, one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (3) — Re-signed Jose Contreras, rhp, to a $5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Cliff Lee, lhp, Texas, to a $120 million, five-year contract; re-signed J.C. Romero, lhp, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Kevin Correia, rhp, San Diego, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Lyle Overbay, 1b, Toronto, to a $5 million, one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (4) — Re-signed Jake Westbrook, rhp, to a $16.5 million, two-year contract; signed Lance Berkman, of, New York Yankees, to an $8 million, one-year contract; signed Gerald Laird, c, Detroit, to a $1 million, one-year contract; signed Nick Punto, 3b, Minnesota, to a $750,000, one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (5) — Signed Aaron Harang, rhp, Cincinnati, to a $4 million, one-year contract; signed Orlando Hudson, 2b, Minnesota, to an $11.5 million, two-year contract; signed Brad Hawpe, of, Tampa Bay, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Chad Qualls, rhp, Tampa Bay, to a $2.55 million, one-year contract; signed Gregg Zaun, c, Milwaukee, to a minor league contract ($800,000).

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Re-signed Aubrey Huff, 1b, to a $22 million, two-year contract; signed Miguel Tejada, ss-3b, San Diego, to a $6.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Pat Burrell, of, to a $1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Guillermo Mota, rhp, to a minor league contract; signed Jeff Suppan, rhp, St. Louis, to a minor league contract ($1 million).

WASHINGTON (5) — Signed Jayson Werth, of, Philadelphia, to a $126 million, seven-year contract; signed Matt Stairs, of, San Diego, to a minor league contract ($850,000); signed Rick Ankiel, of, Atlanta, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Adam LaRoche, 1b, Arizona, to a $16 million, two-year contract; signed Jerry Hairston Jr., of, San Diego, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	10	.773	—
New York	23	21	.523	11
Philadelphia	19	25	.432	15
New Jersey	13	32	.289	21½
Toronto	13	32	.289	21½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	31	13	.705	—
Atlanta	29	16	.644	2½
Orlando	29	16	.644	2½
Charlotte	17	25	.405	13
Washington	13	31	.295	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	31	14	.689	—
Indiana	16	25	.390	13
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	13½
Detroit	17	28	.378	14
Cleveland	8	37	.178	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	38	7	.844	—
Dallas	29	15	.659	8½
New Orleans	30	16	.652	8½
Memphis	22	23	.489	16
Houston	21	25	.457	17½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	28	16	.636	—
Utah	27	17	.614	1
Denver	26	18	.591	2
Portland	25	21	.543	4
Minnesota	10	34	.227	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	13	.711	—
Phoenix	20	23	.465	11
Golden State	19	25	.432	12½
L.A. Clippers	17	27	.386	14½
Sacramento	10	32	.238	20½

Tuesday's Scores

Denver 120, Washington 109

Boston 112, Cleveland 95

Dallas 112, L.A. Clippers 105

Charlotte at Sacramento, late

Utah at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Memphis at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Denver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Utah, 8:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 112, CLIPPERS 105

L.A. CLIPPERS (105): Gomez 5-6 0-0 14, Griffin 7-16 8-14 22, Jordan 2-3 1-3 5, Davis 6-15 1-2 21, Foye 5-9 3-3 15, Bledsoe 1-2 1-3 3, Aminu 2-3 1-1 6, R.Butler 1-4 0-0 2, Diogu 2-4 2-2 6, Cook 4-6 0-0 9. Totals 39-70 17-28 105.

DALLAS (112): Peja Stojakovic [illegible], Nowitzki [illegible], Chandler 5-6 11-11 21, Kidd 0-4 1-1 1, Stevenson 2-6 2-2 7, Terry 11-22 2-2 28, Marion 4-7 2-2 10, Barea 9-12 4-4 25, Haywood 0-1 0-0 0, Mahinmi 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-74 28-35 112.

L.A. Clippers	33	29	16	27	— 105
Dallas	25	29	27	31	— 112

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 10-20 (Davis 4-5, Gomez 2-4, Foye 2-5, Aminu 1-1, Cook 1-3, R.Butler 0-2), Dallas 10-24 (Terry 4-7, Barea 3-4, Nowitzki 2-5, Stevenson 1-5, Kidd 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 46 (Griffin 11), Dallas 35 (Marion 10). Assists—L.A. Clippers 22 (Davis 6), Dallas 18 (Kidd 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Dallas 24. Technicals—Davis, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Dallas Coach Carlisle, Dallas defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Haywood. A—20,395 (19,200).

NUGGETS 120, WIZARDS 109

DENVER (120): Anthony 8-20 4-7 23, K.Martin 2-2 5-6 9, Nene 6-9 5-7 21, Billups 4-11 5-5 15, Afflalo 6-14 4-6 18, Lawson 6-10 4-5 17, Harrington 7-12 1-2 21, Forbes 0-3 0-0 [illegible], Ely 0-0 1-2 1, Toska 41-81 26-32 120.

WASHINGTON (109): Lewis 3-4 0-0 6, Blatche 8-14 9-9 25, McGee 5-9 1-5 11, Wall 4-8 2-3 10, Young 10-19 6-8 26, Seraphin 0-2 0-0 0, Armstrong 1-1 0-0 2, Thornton 2-5 4-4 8, C.Martin 1-3 0-0 2, Shakur 1-3 1-2 3, Booker 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 40-82 23-27 109.

Denver	33	35	28	24	— 120
Washington	26	30	23	30	— 109

3-Point Goals—Denver 12-23 (Harrington 6-8, Billups 2-4, Afflalo 2-5, Lawson 1-2, Anthony 1-3, Forbes 0-1), Washington 2-19 (Lewis 2-4, C.Martin 0-1, Wall 0-1, Young 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 49 (Nene 9), Washington 41 (Blatche 9). Assists—Denver 23 (Billups 6), Washington 23 (Wall 13). Total Fouls—Denver 21, Washington 23. Technicals—Billups, K.Martin, Washington defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Afflalo. A—16,121 (20,173).

CELTICS 112, CAVALIERS 95

CLEVELAND (95): Eyenga 6-15 2-2 15, Jamison 5-14 1-2 11, Hickson 6-10 0-2 12, Sessions 4-8 6-8 14, Gibson 1-3 2-2 4, Graham 4-5 0-0 10, Hollins 1-1 0-2 2, Parker 1-5 0-0 3, Samuels 4-10 2-3 10, Harris 5-9 3-4 14. Totals 37-85 16-25 95.

BOSTON (112): Pierce 8-15 6-7 24, Garnett 4-9 2-2 10, Erden 1-2 0-0 2, Rondo 5-8 0-0 11, Allen 6-13 3-4 16, Perkins 3-5 1-4 7, Davis 5-9 1-3 11, Robinson 4-10 0-0 11, Harangody 3-6 2-3 8, West 3-7 2-2 10. Totals 42-84 17-25 112.

Cleveland	26	19	24	26	— 95
Boston	34	33	24	21	— 112

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 5-11 (Graham 2-3, Parker 1-2, Harris 1-2, Eyenga 1-3, Gibson 0-1), Boston 11-24 (Allen 3-6, Robinson 3-6, West 2-3, Pierce 2-5, Rondo 1-3, Davis 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 51 (Hickson 17), Boston 51 (Erden 8). Assists—Cleveland 25 (Sessions 7), Boston 29 (Rondo 10). Total Fouls—Cleveland 22, Boston 24. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second, Davis, Boston defensive three second. A—18,624 (18,624).

NFL Playoffs

Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 8

Seattle 41, New Orleans 36

N.Y. Jets 17, Indianapolis 16

Sunday, Jan. 9

Baltimore 30, Kansas City 7

Green Bay 21, Philadelphia 16

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 15

Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 24

Green Bay 48, Atlanta 21

Sunday, Jan. 16

Chicago 35, Seattle 24

N.Y. Jets 28, New England 21

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23

Green Bay 21, Chicago 14

Pittsburgh 24, N.Y. Jets 19

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 30

At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6

At Arlington

Pittsburgh vs. Green Bay, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

Coll. Football

ALL-STAR GAMES

Saturday, Jan. 22

At Orlando, Fla.

East 25, West 8

Saturday

At Mobile, Ala.

Senior Bowl, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Feb. 5

At San Antonio

Texas vs. The Nation All-Star Challenge, 1 p.m.

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TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	LOL	Pts	GF	GA
Bloomington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colorado	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wichita	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Missouri	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quad City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rapid City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dayton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evansville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fort Wayne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	LOL	Pts	GF	GA
Allen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bossier-Shreveport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Odessa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tulsa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mississippi	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arizona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rio Grande Valley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laredo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OL column, not the loss column.

Tuesday's Scores

Bloomington 5, Mississippi 4

Rapid City 4, Wichita 3, SO

Colorado 6, Tulsa 1

Rio Grande Valley 4, Laredo 3

Bossier-Shreveport 6, Texas 2

Today's Games

Rapid City at Quad City, 7:05 p.m.

Ski Report

NEW MEXICO

Angel Fire — Tue 7:54 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 29 base 51 of 75 trails 74% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 01/28 packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 35 of 44 trails 80% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open Fri-Sun.

Red River — Tue 7:26 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 35 of 57 trails 61% open, 4 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Tue Reopen 01/28 packed powder machine groomed 26 - 32 base 28 of 30 trails 93% open, 1 of 3 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open Wed-Sun.

Sipapu — Tue 5:02 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 28 base 30 of 41 trails 81% open, 5 of 5 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Tue 5:50 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 26 base 13 of 55 trails 30% open, 5 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 5:21 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 59 of 72 trails 83% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p.

Taos — Tue 6:11 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 88 of 110 trails 90% open, 13 of 13 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 7:58 pm packed powder machine groomed 15 - 24 base 40 of 40 trails, 30 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5:36 am powder machine groomed 62 - 62 base 95 of 105 trails 100% open, 900 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Aspen Highlands — Tue 4:46 am 1 new packed powder 49 - 68 base 124 of 124 trails 100% open, 1028 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Beaver Creek — Tue 7:02 am 2 new powder machine groomed 45 - 52 base 149 of 149 trails, 100% open, 1815 acres, 25 of 26 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p.

Breckenridge — Tue 7:33 am 2 new powder machine groomed 69 - 82 base 155 of 155 trails, 100% open, 2358 acres, 29 of 30 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:05 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 70 - 91 base 134 of 134 trails, 100% open, 2465 acres, 21 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Crested Butte — Tue 9:59 am powder machine groomed 55 - 65 base 105 of 121 trails 90% open, 1167 acres, 13 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Keystone — Tue 7:03 am 1 new powder machine groomed 41 - 52 base 135 of 135 trails, 100% open, 3148 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Loveland — Tue 6:29 am 2 new powder 71 - 71 base 91 of 93 trails, 98% open, 1570 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Monarch — Tue 12:40 pm 1 new powder machine groomed 65 - 65 base 64 of 64 trails, 100% open, 800 acres, 4 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Purgatory at Durango — Tue 5:10 am packed powder machine groomed 46 - 50 base 88 of 88 trails, 100% open, 1360 acres, 7 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Snowmass — Tue 4:42 am 3 new packed powder 37 - 59 base 91 of 91 trails, 100% open, 3132 acres, 17 of 24 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p.

Steamboat — Tue 5:06 am 1 new powder machine groomed 71 - 95 base 165 of 165 trails, 100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 20 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Vail — Tue 7:01 am 1 new powder machine groomed 45 - 61 base 193 of 193 trails, 100% open, 5289 acres, 31 of 34 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Wolf Creek — Tue 6:50 am packed powder 74 - 79 base 77 of 77 trails, 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Soccer

British Soccer Scores

Tuesday

(Home teams listed first)

England

League Cup

Second Leg

Arsenal 3, Ipswich 0 (Arsenal advances 3-1 on aggregate)

Premier League

Blackpool 2, Manchester United 3

Wigan 1, Aston Villa 2

League Championship

Doncaster 0, Barnsley 2

Nottingham Forest 1, Bristol City 0

Portsmouth 1, Burnley 2

Premier League Standings

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United	23	14	9	0	51	21	51
Arsenal	23	14	4	5	48	22	46
Manchester City	24	13	6	5	37	20	45
Chelsea	23	12	5	6	42	19	41
Tottenham	23	10	8	5	32	26	38
Sunderland	24	9	10	5	28	24	37
Blackburn	24	9	4	11	31	37	31
Newcastle	23	8	6	9	36	33	30
Stoke	23	9	3	11	28	28	30
Bolton	24	7	9	8	34	35	30
Liverpool	23	8	5	10	30	31	29
Blackpool	23	8	4	11	34	41	28
Aston Villa	24	7	7	10	27	40	28
Everton	23	5	12	6	27	29	27
Fulham	23	5	11	7	25	25	26
W Brom Albion	23	7	4	12	29	43	25
Birmingham	22	4	11	7	21	31	23
Wigan	24	4	10	10	20	39	22
Wolverhampton	23	6	3	14	24	41	21
West Ham	24	4	9	11	24	43	21

German Soccer Scores

Tuesday

(Home teams listed first)

German Cup

Quarterfinals

Tuesday's Game

Schalke 3, Nuremberg 2, OT

Italian Football Results

Results from the Italian Cup quarterfinals (home teams listed first)

Tuesday's Game

Palermo 0, Parma 0 (Palermo wins 5-4 on penalties)

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas at Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m., ESPN

North Carolina at Miami, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Texas Tech at Iowa State, 8 p.m., Fox Sports Plus

NBA

San Antonio at Utah, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., Versus

Edmonton at Dallas, 6:30 p.m., FSS

TENNIS

Australian Open, women's semifinals, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Australian Open, men's semifinal, 2:30 a.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Slowey on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with LHP Craig Breslow on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Ray on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired RHP Frank Francisco and cash considerations from Texas for C Mike Napoli.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Wellemeyer on a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wandy Rodriguez on a three-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Announced OF Jason Pridie and RHP Tobi Stoner cleared waivers and were assigned outright to Buffalo (IL).

United League

LAREDO BRONCOS—Released 1B Nick Mahin, C Jonathan Cisneros, C Salvador Paniagua, OF Jonel Pacheco, OF Mario Lisson and OF Carlos Arroyo.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G Garrett Temple to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Robert James on a two-year contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Ray Brown assistant offensive line coach.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Chris Tabor special teams coordinator.

DENVER BRONCOS—Named Ron Milus secondary coach and Richard Smith linebackers coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Al Saunders offensive coordinator.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Brad Seely assistant head coach/special teams coordinator and Kevin Tolbert assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Re-signed LB Marwan Hage to a three-year contract.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed K Justin Palardy and OL Chris Greaves to contract extensions.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Suspended G Evgeni Nabokov for not reporting to the team after being claimed off waivers from Detroit.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Mike Brodeur from Binghamton (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled G Alex Stalock from Worcester (AHL). American Hockey League

AHL—Suspended Portland D Tim Conboy two games for his actions in a Jan. 21 game at Worcester.

CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed F Tim Miller.

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS—Acquired the rights to D Drew Paris from Gwinnett for the rights to D Brennan Turner. Central Hockey League

BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS—Signed F Joe Ori.

MISSISSIPPI RIVERKINGS—Signed G Sonnie Branch, and placed him on waivers.

WICHITA THUNDER—Signed F Brent Gulka.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION—Waived G Brad Knighton.

RED BULL NEW YORK—Signed MF Matt Kassel.

COLLEGE

BUTLER—Named Paul Snape men's soccer coach.

KENT STATE—Named Jon Heacock defensive coordinator/cornerbacks coach, Chris Bache recruiting coordinator/offensive line coach, Jaden Williams running backs coach and Doug Davis strength and conditioning coach.

MICHIGAN STATE—Announced the retirement of hockey coach Rick Comley after this season.

PFEIFFER—Named Mary Ann Sunbury athletic director, effective Feb. 1.

RUTGERS—Named Brian Coken associate athletic director for finance and administration.

SAN DIEGO STATE—Named Jeff Horton assistant head coach/running backs coach, Danell Gonzales safeties coach, Osia Lewis defensive line coach and Kevin McGarry linebackers coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NFL

Feb. 6

Super Bowl

At Arlington

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Green Bay	2	2 1/2	(44 1/2)	Pittsburgh

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR

FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

Site: San Diego.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Courses: Torrey Pines, South Course (7,568 yards, par 72) and North Course (6,874 yards, par 72).

Purse: $5.8 million. Winner's share: $1,044,000.

Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 p.m.-2 a.m., 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 p.m.-2 a.m., Noon-1:30 p.m., 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Sunday, Noon-1:30 a.m., 8:30-10:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 2-5 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5:30 p.m.).

Last year: Ben Crane beat Michael Sim, Brandt Snedeker and Marc Leishman by a stroke.

Last week: Jhonattan Vegas became the first Venezuelan winner in PGA Tour history, beating Gary Woodland with a par on the second hole of a playoff in the Bob Hope Classic. Vegas was making his fifth tour start. Bill Haas, the 2010 winner, was eliminated on the first extra hole.

Notes: Tiger Woods is making his first start at Torrey Pines since beating Rocco Mediate in a playoff in the 2008 U.S. Open for his 14th victory in majors. Woods last year and down to No. 3 in the world. Woods has won the last five times he has played at Torrey Pines. He missed the 2008 tournament while recovering from knee surgery and sat out last year while dealing with personal problems related to his extramarital affairs. ... Phil Mickelson, the 1993, 2000 and 2001 winner, is making his 21st consecutive appearance in his hometown event. He tied for 37th last week in Abu Dhabi in his season debut, 19 strokes behind winner Martin Kaymer. ... The final two rounds will be played on the South Course. ... The Phoenix Open is next week, followed by the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Online: http://www.pgatour.com

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

VOLVO GOLF CHAMPIONS

Site: Riffa, Bahrain.

Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Course: The Royal Golf Club, Montgomerie Course (7,348 yards, par 72).

Purse: $2.28 million. Winner's share: $380,000.

Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.).

Last year: Inaugural event.

Last week: Martin Kaymer overtook Tiger Woods for the No. 2 ranking in the world, winning the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship by eight strokes. The German star successfully defended his title, winning the event for the third time in four years.

Notes: Padraig Harrington, Ian Poulter and Sergio Garcia are in the field along with course designer Colin Montgomerie, Paul Casey, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Eduardo and Francesco Molinari, Todd Hamilton and 2012 European Ryder Cup captain Jose Maria Olazabal. ... The Qatar Masters is next week, followed by the Dubai Desert Classic.

Online: http://www.europeantour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR

CHAMPIONS SKINS GAME

Site: Lahaina, Hawaii.

Schedule: Saturday-Sunday.

Course: Royal Kaanapali Golf Course (6,700 yards, par 71).

Purse: $770,000 (Nos. 1-6, $96,666 each; Nos. 7-12, $40,000 each; Nos. 13-17, $56,000 each; No. 18, $105,000).

Television: Golf Channel (Saturday, 6-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m., 6-8:30 p.m.; Monday, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.).

Format: Skins game. Two-man teams, alternate shot.

Teams: Jack Nicklaus-Tom Watson, Ben Crenshaw-Fuzzy Zoeller, Fred Couples-Nick Price, Bernhard Langer-Mark O'Meara.

Last year: Nicklaus and Watson held off 2009 champions Zoeller and Crenshaw, finishing with 10 skins and $360,000 for their second victory in four years.

Last week: John Cook won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, closing with consecutive 64s for a two-stroke victory over Tom Lehman. Cook won his second straight event after finishing last season with a successful title defense in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Notes: The teams will play nine holes each day. ... The tour is off next week. Play will resume Feb. 11-13 with the Allianz Championship in Boca Raton, Fla.

Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENT

MEN

SUNSHINE TOUR: Zimbabwe Open, Thursday-Sunday, Royal Harare Golf Club, Harare, Zimbabwe. Online: http://www.sunshinetour.com

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

NJCAA DIVISION I

MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

Rank College	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Connors St. College	19-0	316	1
2. Mo. St.-West Plains	20-2	290	1
3. Chipola College	18-2	274	3
4. Kankakee CC	20-0	264	6
5. Wabash Valley Coll.	19-2	231	10
6. San Jacinto College	18-2	227	2
7. Hutchinson CC	18-2	218	4
8. Coll of South. Idaho	20-2	204	12
9. Coffeyville CC	18-2	197	11
10. Midland College	19-2	165	15
11. Pearl River CC	15-2	136	9
12. Collin County CC	20-2	128	20
13. North Idaho College	19-3	106	17
14. SW Fla St. Coll.	17-4	74	7
15. East Mississippi CC	16-2	71	21
16. Trinity Valley CC	17-3	69	RV
17. Palm Beach St. Coll.	19-4	55	RV
18. Odessa College	19-3	46	18
19. Salt Lake CC	18-4	43	13
20. Seward County CC	17-3	39	25
21. Howard College	13-6	31	8
22. NO St. Coll of Sci	19-3	30	24
23. Motlow State CC	14-3	28	26
24. Southeastern CC	17-5	25	14
25. Sheridan College	16-4	20	23

TUESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 73, Auburn 64

EAST

Maine 64, New Hampshire 50

Seton Hall 90, Syracuse 68

Vermont 79, Hartford 51

SOUTH

Clemson 69, N.C. State 60

ETSU 87, S.C.-Upstate 52

Florida 104, Georgia 91, 2OT

Florida Gulf Coast 111, Stetson 100, 3OT

Georgia Tech 72, Virginia Tech 57

Lipscomb 73, Belmont 64

Longwood 72, Campbell 62

Mercer 78, Kennesaw St. 70

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 70, Toledo 64

Buffalo 79, W. Michigan 68

Cincinnati 76, Marquette 68

Missouri St. 73, Drake 70

Ohio St. 87, Purdue 64

Richmond 75, Dayton 61

FAR WEST

CS Bakersfield 77, CS Fullerton 75

Kansas 82, Colorado 78

UNLV 74, Wyoming 66

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST

Texas at Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m.

SE Louisiana at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin at Sam Houston St., 7 p.m.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Texas St., 7 p.m.

Northwestern St. at Lamar, 7:05 p.m.

SMU at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Houston at Rice, 8 p.m.

Tulane at UTEP, 8:05 p.m.

MIDWEST

E. Michigan at Ohio, 6 p.m.

George Washington at Xavier, 6 p.m.

Evansville at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.

Wichita St. at S. Illinois, 6:05 p.m.

Akron at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.

Murray St. at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.

N.C. Central at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.

Illinois St. at Bradley, 7:05 p.m.

Northwestern at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Rutgers at Cincinnati, 8 p.m.

Texas Tech at Iowa St., 8 p.m.

Creighton at N. Iowa, 8 p.m.

Rhode Island at Saint Louis, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Air Force at Colorado St., 7 p.m.

San Diego St. at BYU, 9 p.m.

TCU at New Mexico, 9 p.m.

Long Beach St. at Pacific, 9 p.m.

MEN'S TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Ohio State (21-0) beat No. 12 Purdue 87-64. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.

2. Pittsburgh (19-2) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.

3. Duke (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.

4. San Diego State (20-0) did not play. Next: at No. 9 BYU, Wednesday.

5. Connecticut (17-2) beat Marquette 76-68. Next: vs. No. 20 Louisville, Saturday.

6. Kansas (19-1) beat Colorado 82-78. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.

7. Texas (16-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.

8. Villanova (17-3) did not play. Next: at Providence, Wednesday.

9. BYU (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 San Diego State, Wednesday.

10. Syracuse (18-3) lost to Seton Hall 90-68. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.

11. Missouri (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Texas, Saturday.

12. Purdue (17-4) lost to No. 1 Ohio State 87-64. Next: vs. No. 16 Minnesota, Saturday.

13. Texas A&M (17-2) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.

14. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.

15. Notre Dame (17-4) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.

16. Minnesota (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.

17. Wisconsin (15-4) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.

18. Washington (15-4) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.

19. Vanderbilt (14-4) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.

20. Illinois (14-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Thursday.

21. Georgetown (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday.

22. Florida State (15-5) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.

23. Louisville (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.

24. Florida (16-4) beat Georgia 104-91, 2OT. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.

25. Michigan State (12-7) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.

Others receiving votes: Utah State, Belmont, Cincinnati, Xavier, Washington State, UCF, Old Dominion, UNLV, Kansas State, Wichita State, Colorado, Marquette, Virginia Tech, Butler, Missouri State, St. Mary's, Temple, Boston College, Louisiana Tech, Rutgers, Boston College 2, Tulane 2, Florida Gulf Coast 1, Texas 1.

BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	Pct	AllGames W	L	Pct
Texas	4	0	1.000	16	3	.842
Kansas	4	1	.800	19	1	.950
Texas A&M	4	1	.800	17	2	.895
Missouri	3	2	.600	17	3	.850
Baylor	3	3	.500	13	6	.684
Colorado	3	3	.500	14	7	.667
Nebraska	2	3	.400	14	5	.737
Oklahoma St.	2	3	.400	14	5	.737
Oklahoma	2	3	.400	10	9	.526
Kansas St.	2	4	.333	14	7	.667
Iowa St.	1	4	.200	14	6	.700
Texas Tech	1	4	.200	9	11	.450

Tuesday's Score

Kansas 82, Colorado 78

Today's Games

Texas at Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m.

Texas Tech at Iowa St., 8 p.m.

Women

USA TODAY/ESPN

WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 24, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Baylor (29)	18-1	761	1
2. Connecticut (1)	18-1	746	2
3. Duke (2)	19-0	716	3
4. Stanford	16-2	683	4
5. Texas A&M	17-1	629	5
6. Tennessee	19-2	628	6
7. Xavier	16-2	563	7
8. West Virginia	19-1	546	8
9. Notre Dame	17-4	503	10
10. UCLA	16-2	483	8
11. Michigan State	18-2	454	11
12. Oklahoma	15-3	412	13
13. Maryland	16-3	387	14
14. North Carolina	17-3	346	11
15. Florida State	16-4	325	16
16. Wisconsin-Green Bay	18-1	313	15
17. DePaul	19-2	302	18
18. Kentucky	15-4	271	19
19. Georgetown	15-5	209	17
20. Iowa State	13-5	178	20
21. Iowa	15-5	135	21
22. Miami	18-2	112	22
23. Ohio State	13-6	63	—
24. Georgia	16-3	59	—
25. Texas Tech	16-3	50	25

Others receiving votes: St. John's 34, Bowling Green 29, Syracuse 23, Arkansas 13, Marquette 16, Marist 14, Georgia Tech 11, Gonzaga [illegible].

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST

Georgetown 65, West Virginia 60

SOUTH

Davidson 50, UNC-Greensboro 52

New Orleans 64, Auburn-Montgomery 59

South Florida 58, Seton Hall 64

MIDWEST

DePaul 87, Cincinnati 46

SIU-Edwardsville 70, Murray St. 56

Saint Louis 64, Fordham 54

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 64, Air Force 58

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST

New Mexico at TCU, 6:30 p.m.

Texas A&M at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.

Sam Houston St. at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.

Texas St. at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, 7 p.m.

Texas at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.

MIDWEST

Buffalo at Cent. Michigan, 11 a.m.

Miami (Ohio) at Ball St., 6 p.m.

Toledo at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.

La Salle at Dayton, 6 p.m.

Ohio at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.

N. Illinois at Kent St., 6 p.m.

Akron at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.

Louisville at Marquette, 7 p.m.

Kansas at Missouri, 7 p.m.

Iowa St. at Nebraska, 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

Kansas St. at Colorado, 8 p.m.

CS Bakersfield at Cal State Fullerton, 9 p.m.

BYU at San Diego St., 9 p.m.

Wyoming at UNLV, 9 p.m.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED TUESDAY

1. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Texas A&M, Sunday.

2. Connecticut (18-1) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Wednesday.

3. Duke (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Wednesday.

4. Stanford (16-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.

5. Tennessee (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Thursday.

6. Texas A&M (17-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Oklahoma, Wednesday.

7. Xavier (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Rhode Island, Saturday.

8. West Virginia (19-1) lost to No. 19 Georgetown 65-60. Next: at No. 12 DePaul, Sunday.

9. Notre Dame (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.

10. Michigan State (18-2) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Iowa, Thursday.

11. UCLA (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.

12. DePaul (20-2) beat Cincinnati 87-46. Next: vs. No. 8 West Virginia, Sunday.

13. Oklahoma (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Texas A&M, Wednesday.

14. Maryland (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Friday.

15. North Carolina (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Friday.

16. Miami (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Thursday.

17. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.

18. Iowa (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Michigan State, Thursday.

19. Georgetown (16-5) beat No. 8 West Virginia 65-60. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.

20. Georgia (16-3) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Thursday.

21. Florida State (16-4) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.

22. Wisconsin-Green Bay (18-1) did not play. Next: at Butler, Thursday.

23. Iowa State (13-5) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Wednesday.

24. Ohio State (13-6) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.

25. Georgia Tech (17-5) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	50	33	12	5	71	174	136
Pittsburgh	50	31	15	4	66	154	114
N.Y. Rangers	52	29	20	3	61	148	126
N.Y. Islanders	48	15	26	7	37	117	158
New Jersey	48	16	29	3	35	100	143

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	49	27	15	7	61	150	111
Montreal	50	27	18	5	59	130	123
Buffalo	49	23	21	5	51	137	144
Toronto	49	19	25	5	43	124	153
Ottawa	50	17	25	8	42	108	165

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	51	31	15	5	67	154	154
Washington	50	27	14	9	63	140	128
Atlanta	51	25	18	8	58	[illegible]	166
Carolina	49	24	19	6	54	149	153
Florida	48	22	21	5	49	130	129

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	48	29	13	6	64	163	142
Nashville	49	27	16	6	60	133	117
Chicago	50	26	20	4	56	157	139
St. Louis	48	22	19	7	51	129	142
Columbus	49	23	21	5	51	130	152

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	49	30	10	9	69	163	120
Colorado	49	25	18	6	56	159	160
Minnesota	49	25	19	5	55	130	134
Calgary	50	23	21	6	52	140	151
Edmonton	48	15	25	8	38	121	165

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	49	29	15	5	63	144	136
Anaheim	52	28	20	4	60	140	146
Phoenix	50	24	17	9	57	144	143
San Jose	49	25	19	5	55	137	136
Los Angeles	49	26	22	1	53	140	122

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

Tuesday's Scores

Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3

Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Islanders 0

Anaheim 3, Columbus 2

Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2

Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, OT

Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 0

Minnesota 4, Chicago 2

Edmonton 4, Phoenix 3

Today's Games

Florida at Boston, 6 p.m.

Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Colorado, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Nashville at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES

PENGUINS 1, ISLANDERS 0

N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	— 0
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—None.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—1, Pittsburgh, Adams 3 (Letang, Asham), 8:35.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 12-7-10—29. Pittsburgh 9-14-8—31.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Poulin. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,225 (18,087). T—2:19.

DUCKS 3, BLUE JACKETS 2

Anaheim	2	0	1	— 3
Columbus	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—1, Anaheim, Selanne 15 (Ryan, Visnovsky), 4:12 (pp). 2, Anaheim, Fowler 5 (Visnovsky, Koivu), 6:13 (pp). 3, Columbus, Nash 23 (Brassard, Clitsome), 17:42 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—4, Anaheim, Blake 10 (Koivu, Selanne), 4:38. 5, Columbus, Brassard 12 (Vorasek, Tyutin), 9:54 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 8-9-5—22. Columbus 12-12-13—37.

Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller. Columbus, Mason. A—11,700 (18,144). T—2:24.

PANTHERS 4, RANGERS 3

Florida	1	2	1	— 4
N.Y. Rangers	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—1, Florida, Olesz 4 (Higgins, Wideman), 12:35.

Second Period—2, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 14 (Wolski, Zuccarello), 2:17. 3, Florida, Ellerby 1 (Kulikov, Matthias), 3:03. 4, Florida, Santorelli 13 (Allen, Dvorak), 4:11.

Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Prust 7 (Sauer, Zuccarello), 1:14. 6, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 18 (Gaborik, Zuccarello), 3:05 (pp). 7, Florida, Weaver 2 (Olesz, Santorelli), 11:41.

Shots on Goal—Florida 4-12-1—17. N.Y. Rangers 12-12-11—35.

Goalies—Florida, Vokoun. N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:27.

LIGHTNING 2, BLUE JAYS 0

Toronto	0	0	0	— 0
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Gagne 9 (Hedman, Purcell), 5:11. 2, Tampa Bay, Purcell 8 (Clark, Bergenheim), 12:44 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 4-13-9—26. Tampa Bay 17-4-10—31.

Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—14,385 (19,758). T—2:27.

FLYERS 5, CANADIENS 2

Montreal	0	1	1	— 2
Philadelphia	2	2	1	— 5

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Carter 23 (Richards, Pronger), 17:42 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Timonen 3 (Pronger, Richards), 18:45 (pp).

Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Carcillo 3 (Pronger), :23. 4, Montreal, Desharnais 3 (Gill, Darche), 12:43. 5, Philadelphia, Giroux 19 (Hartnell, Briere), 16:52 (pp).

Third Period—6, Montreal, Darche 9 (Moen, Hamrlik), 15:17. 7, Philadelphia, Briere 26 (Pronger), 19:35 (en).

Shots on Goal—Montreal 9-15-7—31. Philadelphia 10-16-9—35.

Goalies—Montreal, Price. Philadelphia, Bobrovsky. A—19,878 (19,537). T—2:35.

SABRES 3, SENATORS 2, OT

Buffalo	2	0	0	1	— 3
Ottawa	1	0	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, Ottawa, Kelly 11 (Foligno), 4:28. 2, Buffalo, Byron 1 (Ennis, Stafford), 10:05. 3, Buffalo, Hecht 8 (Myers, Vanek), 15:49.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—4, Ottawa, Gonchar 6 (Karlsson, Fisher), 13:56 (pp).

Overtime—5, Buffalo, Morrisonn 1 (Pominville, Vanek), 1:59.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 15-6-2-3—26. Ottawa 12-12-5-0—29.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Ottawa, Elliott. A—16,990 (19,153). T—2:25.

WILD 4, BLACKHAWKS 2

Minnesota	1	2	1	— 4
Chicago	2	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Minnesota, Havlat 14 (Brodziak), 1:47. 2, Chicago, Sharp 26 (Kane, Toews), 3:49 (pp). 3, Chicago, Brouwer 15 (Toews, Campbell), 9:24.

Second Period—4, Minnesota, Kobasew 9 (Spurgeon, Bouchard), 2:31. 5, Minnesota, Miettinen 9 (Brunette, Koivu), 16:33.

Third Period—6, Minnesota, Bouchard 4 (Cullen, Kobasew), 10:23.

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 8-9-5—22. Chicago 12-11-10—33.

Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom. Chicago, Crawford. A—21,242 (19,717). T—2:20.

OILERS 4, COYOTES 3

Edmonton	0	1	3	— 4
Phoenix	1	1	1	— 3

First Period—1, Phoenix, Upshall 13 (Vandermeer, Stempniak), 5:27 (pp).

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Turris 8 (Ra. Whitney, Yandle), 1:54. 3, Edmonton, Jacques 3 (Stortini, Foster), 7:11.

Third Period—4, Edmonton, Hall 16 (Horcoff, Petry), 2:56 (pp). 5, Edmonton, Omark 3 (Gagner, Paajarvi), 4:08. 6, Phoenix, Upshall 14 (Doan, Turris), 6:29. 7, Edmonton, Penner 15 (Hall, Horcoff), 19:36.

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 9-14-12—35. Phoenix 9:10-8—27.

Goalies—Edmonton, Dubnyk. Phoenix, Bryzgalov. A—10,057 (17,125). T—2:16.

Leaders

Through Monday

Goal Scoring

Name Team	GP	G
Steven Stamkos Tampa Bay	50	38
Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh	41	32
Ryan Kesler Vancouver	49	27
Daniel Sedin Vancouver	49	27
Danny Briere Philadelphia	46	25
Corey Perry Anaheim	51	25
Patrick Sharp Chicago	48	25
Eric Staal Carolina	49	23
Jeff Carter Philadelphia	49	22
Logan Couture San Jose	48	22
Rick Nash Columbus	47	22
Bobby Ryan Anaheim	51	22

Assists

Name Team	GP	A
Henrik Sedin Vancouver	49	50
Martin St. Louis Tampa Bay	50	40
Brad Richards Dallas	49	37
Daniel Sedin Vancouver	49	36
Henrik Zetterberg Detroit	48	36
Nicklas Backstrom Washington	50	34
Sidney Crosby Pittsburgh	41	34
Kris Letang Pittsburgh	49	34
Mike Ribeiro Dallas	49	34
Tobias Enstrom Atlanta	50	33
Anze Kopitar Los Angeles	49	33
Lubomir Visnovsky Anaheim	50	33
Keith Yandle Phoenix	49	33

ALPINE SKIING

Men's World Cup Slalom

Tuesday

At Schladming, Austria

1. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 1 minute, 46.54 seconds (54.62-51.92).
2. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:46.58 (53.77-52.81).
3. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:47.14 (54.22-52.92).
4. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:47.47 (54.92-52.55).
5. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:47.54 (54.42-53.12).
6. Axel Baeck, Sweden, 1:47.69 (55.48-52.21).
7. Jens Byggmark, Sweden, 1:47.72 (56.45-51.27).
8. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:47.83 (55.20-52.63).
9. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:47.84 (55.35-52.49).
10. Naoki Yuasa, Japan, 1:47.90 (56.12-51.78).
11. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:47.95 (55.77-52.18).
12. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:48.26 (55.03-53.23).
13. Nolan Kasper, United States, 1:48.74 (57.08-51.66).
14. Michael Janyk, Canada, 1:48.89 (56.43-52.46).
15. Markus Vogel, Switzerland, 1:49.07 (57.07-52.00).
16. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 1:49.35 (56.57-52.78).
17. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 1:49.40 (56.12-53.28).
18. Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 1:49.42 (56.71-52.71).
19. Ted Ligety, United States, 1:49.44 (56.38-53.06).
20. Urs Imboden, Moldavia, 1:49.63 (57.15-52.48).
21. Steve Missillier, France, 1:49.77 (55.55-54.22).
22. David Chodounsky, United States, 1:49.82 (57.00-52.82).
23. Trevor White, Canada, 1:50.09 (56.93-53.16).
24. Anton Lahdenperae, Sweden, 1:50.51 (56.49-54.02).
25. Paul Stutz, Canada, 1:50.54 (57.00-53.54).

Also

Tommy Ford, United States, 58.03, did not qualify for second run.

Will Brandenburg, United States, did not finish first run.

Bode Miller, United States, did not start first run.

World Cup Slalom Standings

(After seven races)

1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 478 points.
2. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 380.
3. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 333.
4. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 328.
5. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 226.
6. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 204.
7. Cristian Deville, Italy, 188.
8. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 180.
9. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 160.
10. Reinfried Herbst, Austria, 150.

Also

23. Ted Ligety, United States, 65.
38. David Chodounsky, United States, 32.
51. Will Brandenburg, United States, 7.

Overall World Cup Standings

(After 23 events)

1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1,075 points.
2. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 643.
3. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 585.
4. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 573.
5. Romed Baumann, Austria, 516.
6. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 469.
7. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 464.
8. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 463.
9. Ted Ligety, United States, 434.
10. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 433.

Also

12. Bode Miller, United States, 382.
76. Steven Nyman, United States, 43.
84. David Chodounsky, United States, 32.
90. Travis Ganong, United States, 28.
103. Tim Jitloff, United States, 15.
123. Will Brandenburg, United States, 7.
123. Warner Nickerson, United States, 7.
138. Marco Sullivan, United States, 1.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Jan. 28

At Salle Harcha, Algeria, Ajose Olusegun vs. Ali Chebah, 12, WBC junior welterweight eliminator.

At Temecula, Calif. (ESPN2), Cristobal Arreola vs. Joey Abell, 10, heavyweights; Michael Dallas Jr. vs. Josesito Lopez, 10, junior welterweights.

At UIC Pavilion, Chicago, David Diaz vs. Robert Frankel, 10, lightweights.

Jan. 29

At Brakpan, South Africa, Argenis Mendez vs. Cassius Baloyi, 12, IBF junior lightweight eliminator; Nkosinathi Joyi vs. Katsunari Takayama, 12, for Joyi's IBF strawweight title.

At Pontiac, Mich. (HBO), Devon Alexander vs. Timothy Bradley Jr., 12, for Alexander's WBC super lightweight and Bradley's WBO junior welterweight titles; Tim Coleman vs. Vernon Paris, 10, junior welterweights; Julio Diaz vs. Pavel Miranda, 10, welterweights.

At Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, N.Y., Jason Estrada vs. Franklin Lawrence, 10, the WBC Caribbean heavyweight title.

At Culiacan, Mexico, Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs. Billy Lyell, 10, middleweights.

At Guadalajara, Mexico, Nehomar Cermeno vs. Victor Terrazas, 12, WBA junior featherweight eliminator; Jesus Jimenez vs. Jean Perez, 12, for the interim WBA World flyweight title.

Jan. 31

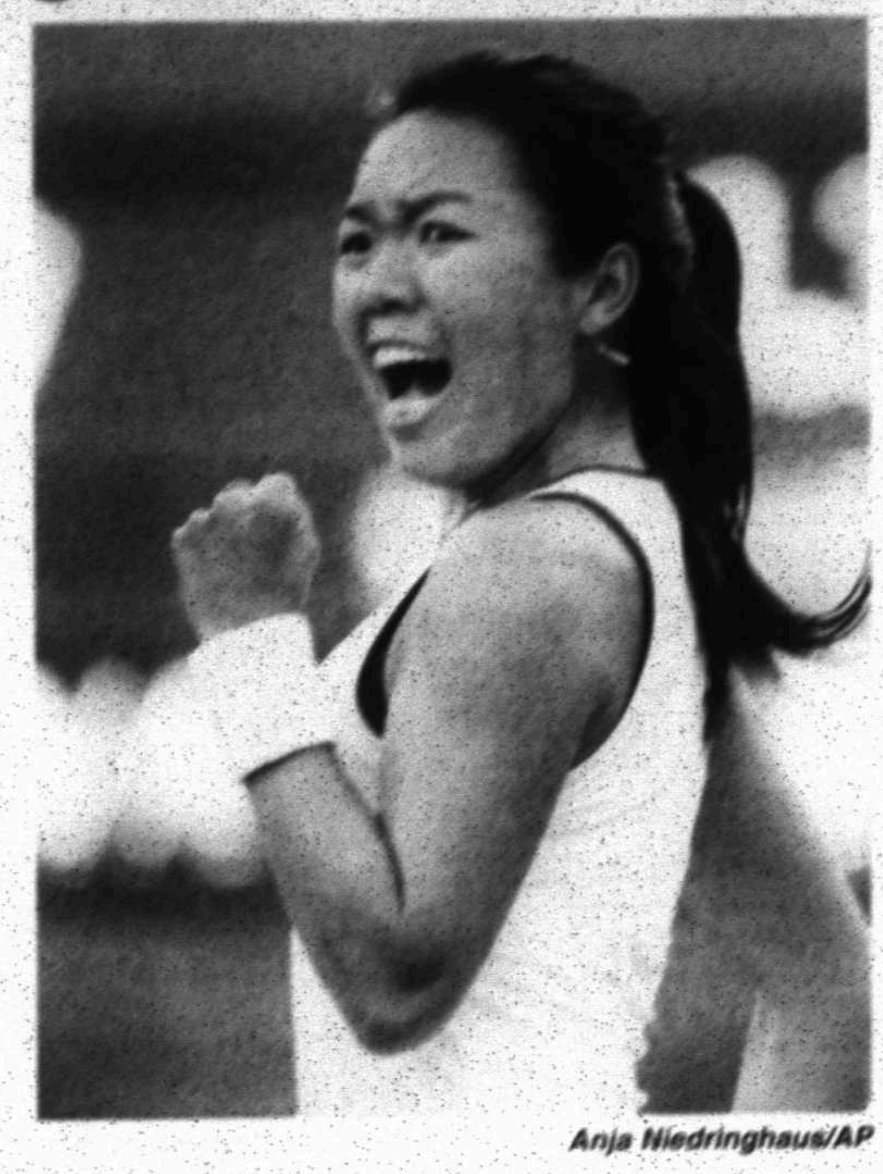
At Tokyo, Ryol Li Lee vs. Akifumi Shimoda, 12, for Lee's WBA World super bantamweight title; Takashi Uchiyama vs. Takashi Miura, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA World super featherweight title.

Feb. 4

At Fort Worth (ESPN2), Sergio Mora vs. Brian Vera, 10, middleweights.

Vania King takes Venus' spot

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press



Anja Niedringhaus/AP

ON THE TEAM Vania King reacts during her match against Daniella Hantuchova on June 22 at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England. King has been chosen to take the U.S. Fed Cup roster spot originally expected to be filled by Venus Williams.

Vania King is taking the U.S. Fed Cup roster spot originally expected to be filled by Venus Williams at next month's quarterfinal against Belgium.

U.S. captain Mary Joe Fernandez announced King's addition to the team Tuesday, along with the rest of her squad, which includes surprise 2009 U.S. Open quarterfinalist Melanie Oudin, Bethanie Mattek-Sands and leading doubles player Liezel Huber.

"I have my same core group returning," Fernandez said in a call with reporters from the Australian Open.

Fernandez had been figuring that seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Williams would be a part of the team for the first time since 2007. But Williams told Fernandez she couldn't participate after injuring her hip at the Australian Open last week.

Williams stopped playing only minutes into her third-round match at the Australian Open. She was hurt during a second-round victory, then tried to play again two days later, but conceded the match after seven points — the first time in her career the 30-year-old Williams has retired from a Grand Slam match due to injury.

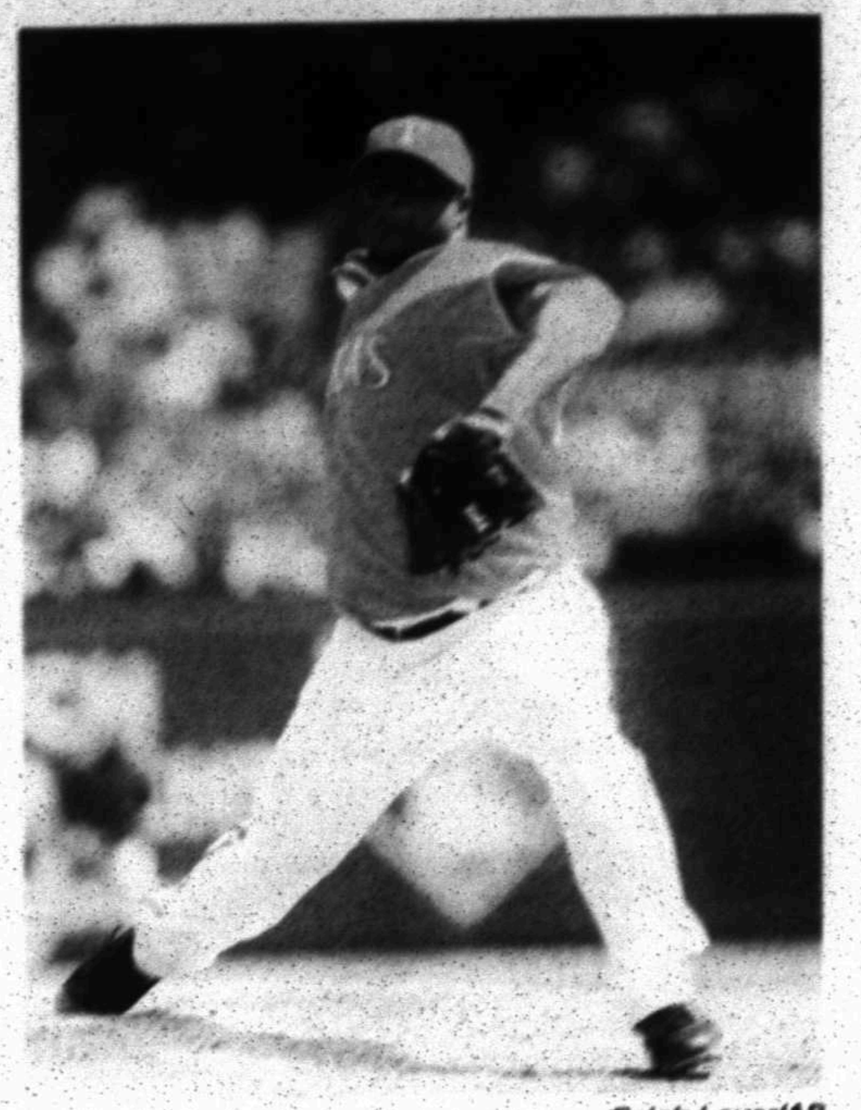
"Venus was going to play and, unfortunately, she got hurt during the Australian Open," Fernandez said. "I just confirmed with her a couple of days ago about her injury, and that she wouldn't be able to go" to Belgium.

Her absence means neither Williams sister will play in the best-of-five series Feb. 5-6 on an indoor hard court at the 14,000-seat Antwerp Sports Palace. Williams' younger sister, 13-time major champion Serena, has not played a tournament match since July because of a foot injury.

King is 4-6 in Fed Cup play, 3-2 in doubles. She won two Grand Slam doubles titles with Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan in 2010, at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Rangers trade Francisco to Blue Jays

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press



Ralph Lauer/AP

OFF TO TORONOT Former Texas Rangers closer Frank Francisco pitches during a game in Arlington. The Rangers traded Francisco to the Toronto Blue Jays for catcher-first baseman Mike Napoli on Tuesday.

The Texas Rangers traded former closer Frank Francisco and cash to Toronto for catcher-first baseman Mike Napoli on Tuesday, giving the AL champions a much-needed versatile bat off the bench and the Blue Jays more bullpen depth.

It was the second time in five days Napoli was traded, quickly returning to the AL West. Toronto acquired Napoli and outfielder Juan Rivera from the Los Angeles Angels on Friday for outfielder Vernon Wells.

"It's been a crazy couple of days," Napoli said. "I know the division well and the lineup they have, the type of players they have."

Napoli was on a cruise last week when he found out he had been traded the first time. He didn't even talk to Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos until Tuesday, then found out he was going to Texas.

"It was kind of weird to me. Obviously there was something going on," Napoli said. "It's great. I'm excited. I can't wait to get to spring training and try to win a job and help these guys win."

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Napoli "brings a lot to the table" in his ability to catch, play first base or designated hitter.

Anthopoulos said he had inquired previously about Francisco, and a deal came together when Texas was among several teams who had already asked him about Napoli. The deal involves arbitration-eligible players that have not settled their 2011 contracts.

"Frank Francisco is a guy we've liked for quite some time," Anthopoulos said. "He has closing experience and will compete for a chance to close. This is going to be an open competition."

Kevin Gregg agreed to a two-year contract with Baltimore this winter after saving 37 games for Toronto last season. Octavio Dotel saved 22 games while with Pittsburgh, the Dodgers and Colorado last year and Jon Rauch, who signed with Toronto last week, had 21 saves filling in for injured Joe Nathan in Minnesota.

Francisco accepted salary arbitration in December instead of becoming a free agent. He asked for $4,875,000 and Texas offered $3.5 million, only a slight bump from his $3,265,000 salary last season.

Napoli, who hit .238 with team-leading 26 home runs and 68 RBIs in 140 games last season, requested $6.1 million from the Angels for 2011 while they proposed $5.3 million.

After beginning last season as the Texas closer, Francisco blew two save chances the first week of the season. Hard-throwing Neftali Feliz was then given a chance in that role, and went on to set a major league rookie record with 40 saves and become the AL rookie of the year.

Francisco was 6-4 with a 3.76 ERA in 56 appearances before missing the final month of the season and the postseason with a muscle strain. He has a career mark of 17-15 with 32 saves and a 3.75 ERA in 277 appearances for Texas since 2004.

4 languages offer quadruple fun for Roger Federer

By Rohan Sullivan
Associated Press

■ Australian Open Notebook

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tell Roger Federer a joke in French, and he might not laugh as he would if it were told in English. Or Swiss German, for that matter.

Tennis' multilingual maestro says his sense of humor is different, depending on what gear his mind is running in at the time.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion is fluent in English, French, German and Swiss German, the distinctly different version of the Germanic lingo spoken in his homeland. Add into the mix some South African blood on his mother's side and Federer appears a bit like a one-man United Nations.

The downside is that after each match, the 29-year-old Swiss appears at news conferences where he is asked in English to talk about his game, rivals, standings and prospects for becoming the greatest tennis player ever. Then he does it again in French. Then German. And so on.

"Sometimes I wish I never told anybody I learned French," Federer said Tuesday, quickly adding that he's proud to have learned the language along with the others because it gives him a chance to relate to more people.

He said it's all part of "what I have to do in the tennis world."

"That it comes at a cost, sure, but I don't mind it. I try to have fun with it," he said during his news conference after beating countryman Stanislas Wawrinka 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 to reach his eighth consecutive Australian Open semifinal.

"I have almost, I don't want to say characters, but I have different humor in all the different languages, which is kind of fun for me, too," he said. "Getting to know myself through different languages is actually quite interesting for me."

One language Federer does not speak is Spanish, the native tongue of Rafael Nadal. The top two players in men's tennis are on track to meet Sunday in their eighth Grand Slam final.

Federer said the two have become friendlier over the years. While they don't exactly hang out together, they chat and regularly see each other.

"We talk about many things, but tennis probably being one of them at times, yeah," Federer said.

DOUBLING UP: Flavia Pennetta is using her exit from the singles draw of the Australian Open as inspiration in doubles.

Pennetta and Argentinian partner Gisela Dulko are the top seeds in the doubles and defeated South Africa's Natalie Grandin and Vladimira Uhlirova of the Czech Republic 6-0, 6-3 Tuesday to reach the semifinals.

That match came a day after her fourth-round defeat to Petra Kvitova in the singles, which kept her from her third Grand Slam quarterfinal.

"Sometimes it is not easy to back up after a loss in the singles, because you are angry and you really do not want to touch the racket," Pennetta wrote in a newspaper column.

She does it out of loyalty to her friend, she said, and because it's fun.

"But I can see why the top-ranking men tend not to play doubles," Pennetta wrote. "Playing five sets is completely different to the women's game. It is like another sport and I can understand if they have just completed a five-setter then they may think it is better to use the next day for recover rather than play doubles."

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match points in the U.S. Open semifinals last September. It was a lapse that cost Federer.

"I was playing good enough to win," Federer said. "But I was a bit confused mentally, maybe, because we played the second session. ... Maybe I just felt like I have to get out of this match as quick as I could to save energy to play Rafa the next day. I think it ended up hurting me losing the match at the end."

It ended a sequence for Federer of six straight finals appearances in New York.

And then Djokovic lost to Nadal in the final, giving the Spaniard his first U.S. Open title. That set him on the path toward his Rafa Slam — Nadal is aiming to be the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four major titles at once.

Federer has twice won three consecutive majors, only to be deprived by Nadal — both times at the French Open.

Nadal plays the night quarterfinal Wednesday against David Ferrer. He has an 11-3 lead in head-to-heads. A win could set up a semifinal against Andy Murray, the only man to beat Nadal in a major in 2010. Murray takes on Alexandr Dolgopolov, the breakthrough player of the tournament in Wednesday's other quarterfinal.

Dolgopolov has already beaten Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and two-time French Open finalist Robin Soderling in his run to his first major quarterfinal.

Quarterfinals in the bottom half of the women's draw feature No. 2 Vera Zvonareva against No. 25 Petra Kvitova and No. 3 Kim Clijsters against Agnieszka Radwanska.

Wozniacki is already through to her first Australian Open semifinal and the top-ranked Dane will next meet Li, who made the semis last year. Li lost to eventual champion Serena Williams last year, and is growing in confidence.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SCORES

Early Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $24.7 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Women
Quarterfinals

Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia, def. Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

Tuesday
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Women
Quarterfinals

Li Na (9), China, def. Andrea Petkovic (30), Germany, 6-2, 6-4.

Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Francesca Schiavone (6), Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals

Eric Butorac, United States, and Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands Antilles, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Oliver Marach (4), Austria, 6-3, 6-4.

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (6), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Women
Quarterfinals

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (9), United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-3.

Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Maria Kirilenko (12), Russia, def. Chuang Chia-jung and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Liezel Huber, United States, and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Anastasia Rodionova (5), Australia, 6-1, 6-4.

Mixed
Second Round

Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Daniel Nestor (2), Canada, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, 4-6, 6-4, 10-4 tiebreak.

Maria Kirilenko, Russia, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN GLANCE

WEATHER: Cloudy, high of 77 degrees.

ATTENDANCE: Day: 22,028; Night: 15,849; TOTAL: 37,867.

WINNERS: Men: No. 2 Roger Federer, No. 3 Novak Djokovic.

Women: No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 9 Li Na.

LOSERS: Men: No. 6 Tomas Berdych, No. 19 Stanislas Wawrinka.

Women: No. 6 Francesca Schiavone, No. 30 Andrea Petkovic.

STAT OF THE DAY: 8 — Federer's streak of qualifying for the semifinals at the Australian Open.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "She has this sneaky aggressive play." — Petkovic, who lost to Li, compliments the Chinese player and predicts she will win the tournament.

On Court Today: Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Kim Clijsters, Vera Zvonareva.

Today's Forecast: Chance of showers, high of 77.

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up and stretch and start the workout at 8 a.m. I workout until around 10 a.m. then go eat right after. At noon, I go back and have my second session until about 2 p.m., after my second session I go eat again and get a deep tissue massage for about an hour. I'm usually done around 2:30 p.m. Typically I go to sleep around 9 p.m. and then wake up and do it all over again! I do have weekends off though, which is awesome.

I don't know if my body has ever been this sore. I know that I say this quite often, but I am standing by it this time. About once a night I wake up to some part of my body cramping up, but the first week is always the worst. As far as the soreness and cramps go, its only downhill from here!

Living in a hotel is a different experience. I've never stayed in a hotel for longer than a week until now. Hotel living has both its perks and negatives. One positive thing about living in a hotel is that I never have to clean! It's always nice to come back to a clean room with the bed made after a long day. Having a king-sized bed which I have never had is also pretty awesome.

The only negative thing that I have encountered so far is the little old Mexican cleaning lady that likes to only knock once before she opens the door and barges in. I know some of you might be thinking, "Well that's not that big of a deal."

Yes, typically I would agree with you all about it not being a big deal that the cleaning lady only knocks once. However, in the event that you are standing naked in your hotel room after taking a shower and you have the 'one knock' cleaning lady roaming your floor, this then becomes an issue. Yes it happened. I had just stepped out of the shower and no I didn't have a towel on. What's the point? It's not like anyone can see me naked, I have my own room; or so I thought. Knock knock, or more like just knock, and in storms the little old cleaning lady vacuum in hand! Needless to say she saw more than a bed that needed to be made and a floor that needed vacuuming. The awkwardness hasn't gotten any better considering that I see her ever morning in the hall when I'm leaving to workout. Tomorrow I'll just wink at her to really crank the awkwardness level up a bit!

The more I think about my future the more uncertain it seems. The more I think about the uncertainty, the more excited I get because I know that as awesome of a plan and career I can envision for myself, God's plan for me is that much better. If that's not a reason to get excited I don't know what is.

I hope that all of you have a spectacular week, and be sure to use a towel when you get out of the shower because you just never know what might happen!

God Bless.

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Hornung thinks Favre will be forgiven

By Will Graves
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Paul Hornung believes Brett Favre will one day be welcomed back with open arms by the Green Bay faithful. The Hall of Famer just thinks it will take time.

Having the Packers win a Super Bowl with another quarterback while Favre limps into retirement — perhaps for real this time — would help speed up the healing process.

"Then everybody will be over it," Hornung said with a laugh.

The former Green Bay star said Favre's departure from the team three seasons ago was difficult for all involved, but added those days seem like a distant memory now that the Packers are soaring under budding superstar Aaron Rodgers.

"He's getting better every game and he's the best quarterback in the league right now," Hornung said.

Rodgers will get a chance to prove it on the game's biggest stage when he leads Green Bay into the Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Feb. 6.

The 75-year-old Hornung is picking his old team — naturally — to beat the Steelers by a field goal and thinks this could be the start of a dynasty similar to the one he helped the team build in the 1960s, when coach Vince Lombardi led Green Bay to five NFL titles and victories in the first two Super Bowls.

Mike Roemer/AP

PACKER PICK Green Bay Packer legend Paul Hornung waves to the crowd on Sept. 6, 2003 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis.

Hornung pointed to the large number of injuries Green Bay had this season as proof even better days are ahead. The Packers placed 16 players on injured reserve during the season. When those players are healthy, watch out.

"Next year when everybody's back, they're going to have the best football team in America, they're really going to be special," Hornung said.

Some of the Packers already are in Hornung's mind, namely Rodgers, who has deftly guided the team to its fifth Super Bowl appearance while stepping out of Favre's considerable shadow.

"This quarterback has had a special year, he's been absolutely double-sensational," Hornung said. "He's the best passer I've ever seen running to his left. I've never seen somebody come out of the pocket and control the ball like he does. He is very, very accurate."

Hornung would know. He played alongside fellow Hall of Famer Bart Starr in Green Bay and was a pretty decent passer in his own right during his career Notre Dame, where he won the 1956 Heisman Trophy and earned the nickname "The Golden Boy" for his flowing locks and his playmaking ability on both sides of the ball.

That kind of versatility is hard to find these days, one of the reasons he thought it was important to find a way to honor players who serve as throwbacks to a bygone era. Hornung, working with the Louisville Sports Commission, created the Paul Hornung Award to salute the most versatile players in college football.

Stanford fullback/linebacker Owen Marecic beat out Kentucky's Randall Cobb and TCU's Jeremy Kerley to become the inaugural winner. Hornung and Marecic celebrated Tuesday at a banquet in the player's honor.

Jeff Siner/Charlotte Observer

CONFIDENT Clint Bowyer, left, and Kevin Harvick laugh Tuesday as Bowyer answers a question in Welcome, N.C., during a stop at Charlotte Motor Speedway's annual NASCAR media tour.

Childress confident his team can dethrone Johnson

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

WELCOME, N.C. — There's a sign at the top of the road leading into Richard Childress Racing trumpeting next month's season-opening Daytona 500.

"Can U Feel it?" it shouts at everyone making the turn onto Childress property.

There's no mistaking the excitement inside the RCR complex, where one of NASCAR's storied race teams is certain it can end Jimmie Johnson's five-year grip on the Sprint Cup championship.

"This year is the year to kick Jimmie off that throne. It's going to be RCR. I feel certain," Childress said Tuesday during a stop at Charlotte Motor Speedway's annual media tour.

It was the loudest shot fired so far this offseason toward Johnson and mighty Hendrick Motorsports, which have been beating up RCR and everyone else in NASCAR for the better part of a decade.

But Childress has poured a seemingly endless amount of resources into his race team, which rebounded from a miserable 2009 season to become NASCAR's comeback story of the year. RCR put all three of its drivers in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field, and despite cheating allegations that derailed Clint Bowyer's title bid, Kevin Harvick went down to the wire with Johnson for the title.

Although Harvick settled for third in the final standings, the overall improvement at RCR was enough to convince everyone the team is capable of continuing its forward progress.

"I'm glad Richard has the confidence to say we can win it — I'd be real nervous if he didn't," driver Jeff Burton said. "We believe we can. Other teams do, too, especially this time of year, everybody beats their chest pretty hard.

"But the fact is there are a lot of capable people at RCR who can get it done. There's something to be learned from coming close and not getting it done."

It's been a long time coming for RCR, which won its last Cup championship in 1994 with the late Dale Earnhardt.

The organization thought it was championship-ready in 2001, only to lose Earnhardt in a fatal accident on the last lap of the season-opening Daytona 500.

The decade since has been a trying cycle of ups and downs for Childress, who weathered that awful 2001 season only to see the team's production fall off, improve, then fall off again. Adding a fourth team in 2009 stretched the organization too thin, and when all four drivers failed to make the Chase, Childress ordered massive restructuring.

It was clear early last season that RCR had improved: Harvick won three races, Bowyer won two and Burton came close in several races to earning his own trip to Victory Lane. Harvick also led the points for most of the "regular season" and was in contention for the title all the way to the season finale.

NFL stars get ready as Pro Bowl returns to Hawaii

By Jaymes Song
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Atlanta Falcons coach Mike Smith figures it shouldn't be too difficult to draw up plays for his NFC stars in the Pro Bowl this Sunday.

Getting the right mix on special teams, that's more tricky.

"I don't think there's going to be a whole lot of differences in terms of playing offense and defense," Smith said Tuesday.

"I think the biggest challenge is that a lot of these guys have not been involved in special teams. ... We have a plan for that," he said.

The Pro Bowl has returned to its island home, a place where many players thought it should never left.

Despite player complaints about holding the event in a city they visit during the regular season, the NFL shipped the all-star game to Miami last year. It also was scheduled before the Super Bowl, an experiment to draw more attention and viewers.

Hawaii, which started hosting the game in 1980, is paying $4 million per game to hold the Pro Bowl this year and 2012. The site beyond hasn't been determined.

Ratings were up for the AFC-NFC matchup that was televised on ESPN. It was watched by an average of 12.3 million viewers, the most since 2000. That's up 40 percent from the 2009 Pro Bowl in Honolulu on NBC, which drew 8.8 million viewers when the event was held after the Super Bowl.

This year, while the game is back in Hawaii, the NFL is sticking with its strategy of keeping the Pro Bowl ahead of the Super Bowl.

"Our fans have clearly responded to the change in the format," said Ray Anderson, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations. "We think it's great for the NFL. We think it's great for the state of Hawaii."

The change means the Pro Bowl will feature no Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers on the field or the sidelines. They are getting ready for the Super Bowl in Arlington, Texas, on Feb. 6. There are 10 Pro Bowl selections in the Super Bowl, including six Packers.

Last year, Pro Bowlers who were in the Super Bowl were introduced at the stadium but didn't play. This year, they're far from the beaches and umbrella-adorned mai tais that their colleagues will be enjoying this week.

Anderson said the NFL was "delighted to be back here," and talked about the strong ratings in Miami.

"We had 12.3 million viewers in 2010, we certainly expect to surpass that this year back in beautiful Hawaii," he said.

In an interview, Smith said not having any Packers does leave his NFC squad short, "but I really do believe the Super Bowl should be the last game of the season and be the climax of the season."

Smith's top-seeded Atlanta Falcons lost in the playoffs to the Super Bowl-bound Packers 48-21. The Falcons have the most players on the NFC with nine selections while the New England Patriots lead the AFC with eight.

"It's a pleasure to be here in Hawaii. I know I speak for our coaching staff, there's no better place on earth than to be in Honolulu this week," he said.

Smith, however, would probably would've traded his ticket to the Aloha State for one to the Lone Star State.

His AFC counterpart, Patriots coach Bill Belichick, was nowhere to be found at the Pro Bowl's news conference Tuesday where the NFL showed off its new trophy and a few cheerleaders.

Belichick had trouble flying into Hawaii and was expected to arrive late Tuesday, a day before practices start. He also had a difficult end to the season. The Patriots were 14-2 heading into the playoffs, but lost to the New York Jets 28-21.

Joining Smith and Belichick will be two college coaches from Japan.

The AFC and NFC will each have a Japanese coach as the NFL and Hawaii tries to broaden the game's appeal in Asia.

Ritsumeikan University coach Akira Yonekura will be on the NFC sideline and Waseda University offensive line coach Hiroyuki Yabe will be on the AFC's coaching staff.

Waltrip to tribute Dale Earnhardt car at Daytona

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Waltrip will run a No. 15 car in this year's Daytona 500 to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of his first Daytona victory — and the death of his late boss and friend, Dale Earnhardt.

Waltrip was driving the No. 15 car for Earnhardt's team when he broke a 0-for-462 winless streak in the 2001 Daytona 500 driving for Earnhardt's team. That day was anything but a celebration for Waltrip, as Earnhardt died in an accident on the final lap of the race.

Waltrip and sponsor Napa unveiled the commemorative car Tuesday.

Waltrip, a two-time Daytona 500 winner, owns a NASCAR team and has cut back his racing schedule. It will be his 25th consecutive Daytona 500.

A new year for Tiger, with lingering questions

By Doug Ferguson
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■ Column

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods can't start a new year without being reminded of the last one.

And the last one wasn't very good.

Some of his peers couldn't help but chuckle when the pro-am tee times for the Farmers Insurance Open were posted in the locker room. For more than a decade, Woods had the first available tee time, a perk for being the best player on the PGA Tour, or not far from it. Those pro-am times are determined by the previous year's money list.

Woods was No. 68 on the money list.

He tees off at 11 a.m., which is about the time he used to finish.

"I can't imagine he'll be too thrilled with that," Pat Perez said.

And then there's the world ranking.

Woods lost his No. 1 spot nearly three months ago to Lee Westwood, so that's old news. He dropped yet another spot to No. 3 this week when Martin Kaymer won the Abu Dhabi Championship by eight shots. And if Woods doesn't return to his former self quickly, it won't be long before he slips even farther. The last time he was not in the top three was May 11, 1997.

What's more noteworthy about the world ranking, however, is it's the first time Woods has been ranked behind someone younger than him. He turned 35 over the holidays.

Woods

Woods has known this day was coming, even when his game appeared untouchable. In time, there would be a player — or players, in this case — younger than him and not as intimidated.

Sure, there was a brief challenge from Sergio Garcia. Adam Scott reached as high as No. 3, and Paul Casey did the same a year later.

Now, the youth brigade is coming in bunches.

Ahead of him in the ranking is Kaymer, the 26-year-old German who won the PGA Championship last year to become the youngest major champion since Woods. Kaymer also won the European Tour money title, and started the year with an eight-shot victory over what will be one of the strongest fields the European Tour will see all year.

"He's probably the most formidable player in the world when he is leading," Padraig Harrington said.

That's what they used to say about Woods. But in his most recent tournament, the Chevron World Challenge, Woods blew a four-shot lead in the final round to U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell. It was the first time Woods had lost a lead that large.

"He used to appear invincible," McDowell said that day. "Of course, he's made himself appear more human in the last 12 months. But there's something a bit special about his golf game, and I fully expect that mystique to return."

McDowell is 31, and right behind Woods in the world ranking at No. 4.

Woods also has to contend with younger players like Rory McIlroy, Paul Casey and perhaps even Luke Donald from Europe, not to mention Dustin Johnson and Anthony Kim from the American side.

So many talented, young players will not make Woods' task any easier. The bigger question is whether Woods is equipped for the fight.

Some of the answers might arrive this week at Torrey Pines, a public course along the Pacific bluffs that Woods has owned like no other. His epic U.S. Open title in 2008 was the seventh time he had won as pro on Torrey Pines. He has not lost on this golf course since 2004, although he missed the last two years. He has never finished out of the top 10.

But just like last year, no one is quite sure what to expect.

His new swing coach, Sean Foley, said he spent about four hours a week with Woods on the practice range at Isleworth the last few months, and he liked what he saw. He said Woods no longer has to think as much about what he's doing. The swing repeats more easily. What he feels matches up with the mechanics.

How will that translate with a scorecard in hand?

"If you want to anticipate what happens in the future, look to the past," Foley suggested. "What people lose touch of, because we're such a bandwagon society, is that for a decade there, it might have been one of the greatest 10-year runs in the history of athletics. Obviously, he struggled last year. But I look forward to watching him compete."

When Kaymer won in Abu Dhabi, it was his ninth win in his 100th start on the European Tour. That still doesn't compare with Woods, who won 28 times — including six majors — in his first 100 starts on the much stronger PGA Tour.

History is easily forgotten, although in this case, it's understandable.

Woods has overcome swing changes in 1998 and 2004. He has overcome knee surgeries, one at the end of 2002, two during 2008. Even so, he has never been humbled like he was last year, when his private failures became so public, and so embarrassing.

Really, the only thing No. 3 can do now is try to play like he did when he was No. 1.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 6 KANSAS 82, COLORADO 78: At Boulder, Colo., freshman Josh Selby scored 17 points and No. 6 Kansas scored its last nine points from the free throw line to hold off Colorado 82-78 on Tuesday night.

The Jayhawks (19-1, 4-1 Big 12) bounced back from their first home loss since 2007 to beat the Buffaloes for the 16th straight time.

Alec Burks had 25 points for Colorado (14-7, 3-3), which had its 14-game home winning streak snapped.

SETON HALL 90, NO. 9 SYRACUSE 68: At Syracuse, N.Y., Jeremy Hazell led a long-range Seton Hall barrage with 28 points and the Pirates handed Syracuse its third straight loss.

Syracuse (18-3, 5-3 Big East) had lost two straight to top 10 conference foes, on the road at Pittsburgh a week ago and on Saturday at home to Villanova.

NO. 24 FLORIDA 104, GEORGIA 91, 2OT: At Athens, Ga., Chandler Parsons scored half of his 18 points in the second overtime for Florida.

Trey Thompkins put back a missed shot just ahead of the buzzer at the end of regulation, capping Georgia's rally from an eight-point deficit in the final 3 minutes. Florida (16-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) forced a second overtime when Erving Walker hit a long 3-pointer with 1 second remaining.

Women

NO. 19 GEORGETOWN 65, NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA 60: At Washington, Sugar Rodgers scored 30 points, including a falling-down driving layup with 50 seconds to play, as No. 19 Georgetown topped No. 8 West Virginia 65-60 Tuesday night for the Hoyas' second win over a Top 10 team this season.

Rodgers' acrobatic shot gave Georgetown the lead for good, capping a turnover-filled, come-from-behind win for the Hoyas (16-5, 4-3 Big East), who earlier this year topped then-No. 4 Tennessee.

NO. 12 DEPAUL 67, CINCINNATI 48: At Cincinnati, Sam Quigley set a career high with seven 3-pointers and tied her season high with 23 points as DePaul rolled to its 17th win in 18 games with a victory over Cincinnati.

Taylor Pikes added 11 points for the Blue Demons (20-2, 7-0 Big East), who will take a seven-game winning streak into their home game against eighth-ranked West Virginia on Sunday.

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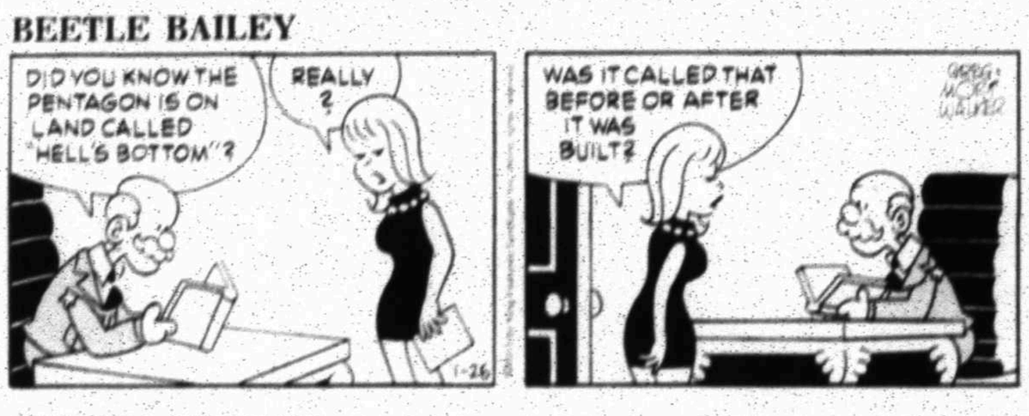

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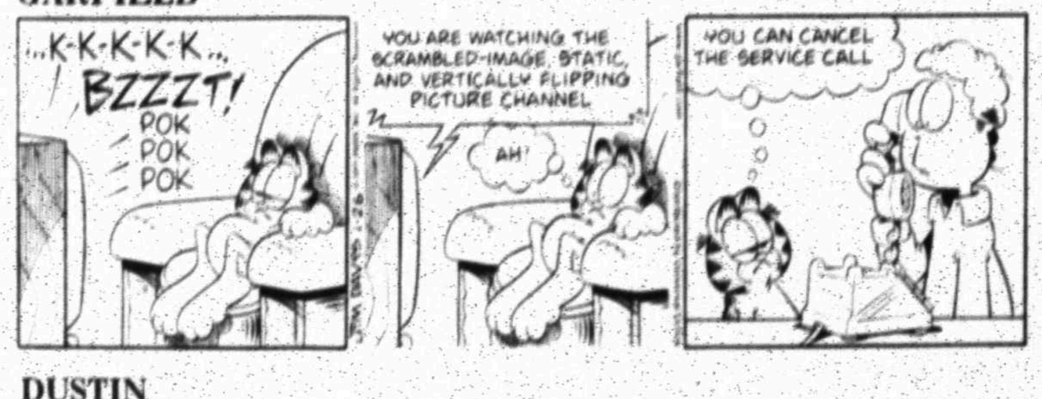

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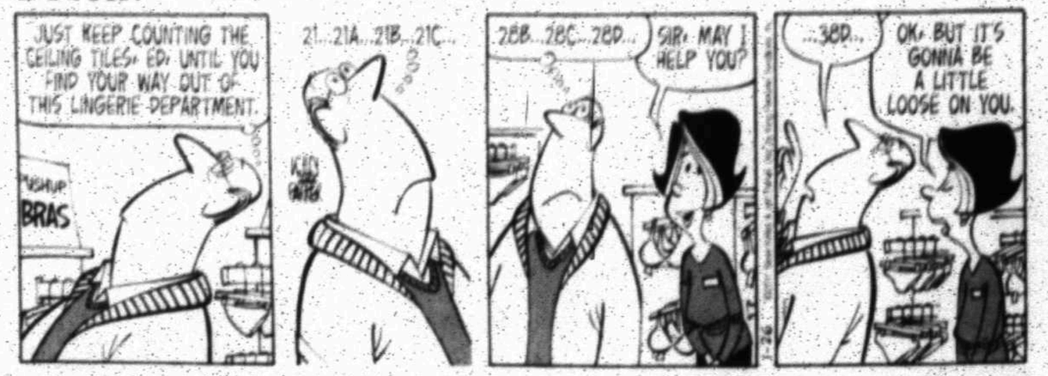

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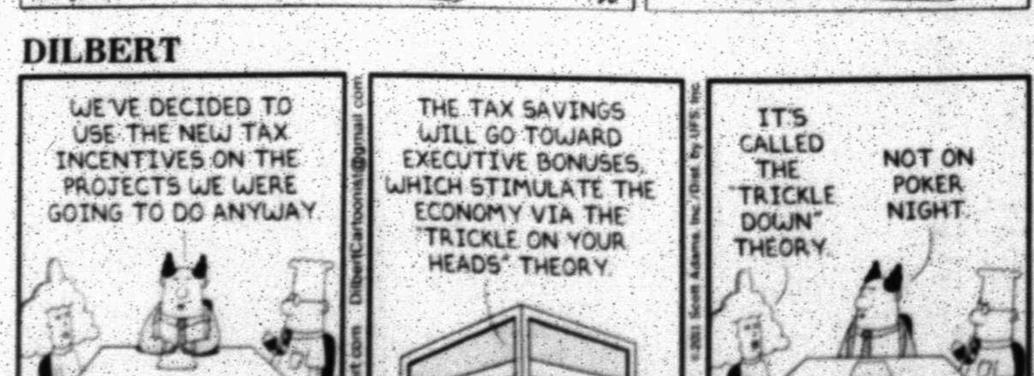

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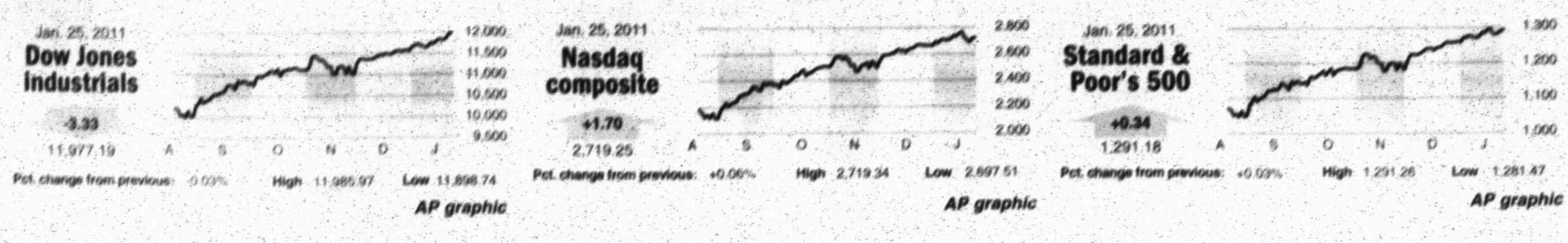

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CONFIDENCE BOOST In this photo taken Dec. 6, 2010, visitors at shopping mall in Springfield, Ill. The Consumer Confidence Index rose in January to its highest point in eight months but remains well below the levels indicating a healthy economy.

Consumer Confidence Index hits 8-month high

By Martin Crutsinger
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WASHINGTON — Consumer confidence hit an eight-month high in January. The increase suggests the rising spirits that fueled a holiday shopping boom are carrying over into the new year as people feel better about the job market.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index climbed to 60.6 this month from 53.3 in December.

While confidence is still far from the 90 that signals a healthy consumer mindset, the January improvement was better than expected. Some economists said the big tax relief package Congress passed in late December may have helped.

"So much for a ho-hum January," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "The signing of the stimulus bill and all that it is intended to bring is buoying sentiment."

The $858 billion package extended the Bush-era tax relief at all income levels for two years, provided tax breaks for businesses and reduced Social Security payroll taxes by 2 percentage points this year.

The Social Security reduction means an estimated $1,000 in additional after-tax income for the average family, according to White House estimates.

Other analysts suggested that the recent gains in the stock market and improving labor market conditions were trumping higher gasoline prices and falling home prices.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index showed home prices falling in most of America's largest cities and hitting their lowest point since the housing bust in nine markets.

The January rise in confidence is a good sign for consumer spending, said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

"A confident consumer buys a new car," he said. "A cautious consumer repairs the old one."

The January confidence figure was the highest last May's 62.7. At that time, consumer attitudes were improving as economic growth seemed to be taking off. However, the economy stalled in the summer, and so did confidence.

Confidence has been depressed by unemployment that surged during the country's worst recession since the 1930s and has stayed stubbornly high even though the downturn ended in June 2009. Confidence has not been above 90 since the recession began in December 2007.

In the Conference Board survey, the percentage of people surveyed who felt jobs were hard to get fell slightly to 43.4 percent from 46 percent in December. The share who expected to see more jobs six months from now rose to 16 percent from 14.2 percent.

That finding supported a separate report Monday from the National Association for Business Economics that showed the number of firms expressing positive views on hiring had climbed to the highest level in 12 years.

While confidence has stayed weak since the recession ended in summer 2009, consumer spending has been picking up. During the 2010 holiday shopping season, sales increased at the fastest rate in six years.

Economists are hoping that consumer confidence will keep rising in 2011 as the economy improves and unemployment declines.

Employers added 1.1 million jobs for all of 2010, but the nation still has 7.2 million fewer jobs than it did in December 2007, when the recession began.

Oil prices settle below $87

Oil continued to drop Tuesday on mixed economic news and the possibility Saudi Arabia and other OPEC countries will step up production.

Benchmark crude for March delivery lost $1.68 to settle at $86.19 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil hasn't been below $87 since Dec.1. It's fallen more than 4 percent since Thursday, when it was approaching $92 a barrel. About half of the drop happened in the last two days.

One of the main reasons for the decline this week is comments on Monday by the Saudi oil minister, which many analysts and investors took to mean that Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil producer, thought oil had gotten too expensive and could threaten global economic growth. He seemed to imply that the Saudis and other members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries could raise production to bring down the price of oil.

Dollar jumps vs pound

Surprising weakness in the British economy drove the dollar higher against the pound Tuesday.

The British economy shrank 0.5 percent in the last three months of 2010. Economists had expected the economy to grow 0.4 percent.

The pound dropped to $1.5798 late Tuesday from $1.5995 Monday.

Meanwhile, the euro rose to $1.3675 from $1.3638 after the European Financial Stability Facility said its $6.83 billion bond sale to finance a rescue loan for Ireland was almost nine times oversubscribed.

The dollar traded in both directions elsewhere amid a mixed bag of U.S. corporate earnings, a drop in U.S. home prices and a bump up in consumer confidence.

Gold for February delivery fell $12.20 to settle at $1,332.30, its lowest level since November.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	4142965	4.82	-.04
BkofAm	2967427	13.63	-.29
S&P500ETF	1541658	129.17	+.07
GenElec	957884	19.98	-.06
SPDR Fncl	663699	16.41	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bonker	23.25	+2.96	+11.3
HHF Inc	12.17	+1.20	+10.9
EthanAl	23.09	+2.23	+10.7
EvergE rs	2.50	+.20	+8.7
HarleyD	39.43	+2.94	+8.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TAL Ed n	13.04	-2.20	-14.4
EKodak	4.52	-.70	-13.4
JingSol n	27.96	-3.66	-11.6
BP Pru	109.81	-10.85	-9.0
GencoShip	11.91	-1.98	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,623
Declined	1,392
Unchanged	119
Total issues	3,134
New Highs	108
New Lows	17
Volume	4,655,523,699

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Hyperdyn	96004	4.36	-1.35
NthgtMg g	75741	2.49	+.02
NovaGld g	55336	12.88	-.25
GoldStr g	49848	1.60	+.04
NwGold g	47461	7.75	+.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Engex	4.54	+.68	+17.6
OrionEngy	4.67	+.61	+15.0
Barnwell	7.25	+.90	+14.2
CCA Inds	5.60	+.36	+6.9
SagaCmms	26.63	+1.48	+5.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Hyperdyn	4.36	-1.35	-23.6
HMG	4.83	-1.05	-17.9
OnMedRur	4.50	-.72	-13.8
Aerosonic	3.35	-.30	-8.2
ChiSenghM	2.85	-.22	-7.2

DIARY

Advanced	201
Declined	286
Unchanged	39
Total issues	526
New Highs	6
New Lows	
Volume	154,567,715

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	713713	21.54	+.37
Intel	702067	21.65	+.31
PwShs QQQ	525393	56.53	+.06
MicronT	519673	9.98	-.08
Totalfin	415947	5.69	-1.35

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoodTim rs	4.73	+1.73	+57.7
Cavico	2.65	+.95	+55.9
JefferonB	4.50	+1.14	+33.9
PluratomT	3.96	+.71	+21.8
TuesMrn	4.88	+.86	+21.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MarshE rsh	2.16	-.64	-22.9
Momenta	12.50	-3.30	-20.9
Totalbs	5.69	-1.35	-19.2
GenelecT h	3.10	-.50	-14.6
Iridium un	9.62	-1.64	-14.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,210
Declined	1,428
Unchanged	123
Total issues	2,761
New Highs	62
New Lows	22
Volume	1,892,542,386

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $16.41 Down 0.01

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $79.43 Down 0.25

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $86.98 Down 2.13

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.41 Up 0.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.41 Down 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.88 Down 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.89 Up 0.08

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	.20	43	15.57	+1.11	-4.9
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.76	+.28	-2.1
Abraxas	...	...	**4.26**	**-.03**	**-6.8**
Adams&Ex	**.51e**	...	**11.11**	**+.01**	**+3.4**
AMD	...	12	7.48	-.20	-8.6
Alcoa	.12	71	16.24	-.19	+5.5
AlonUSA	.16	...	6.95	-.01	+16.2
Amgen	...	**12**	**57.16**	**-.13**	**+4.1**
Anadarko	**.36**	**43**	**75.70**	**-1.56**	**-.6**
Apache	**.60**	**15**	**122.64**	**-1.28**	**+2.9**
Apple Inc	...	19	341.49	+3.95	+5.8
ApldMatl	**.28**	**22**	**15.37**	**+.01**	**+8.4**
Assured G	.16	3	15.06	-1.01	-14.9
ATMOS	**1.36f**	**15**	**33.03**	**+.03**	**+5.9**
AutoData	1.44f	21	48.69	+.17	+7.4
BP PLC	...	...	**47.21**	**-.87**	**+6.9**
BakrHu	.60	42	62.32	+3.82	+9.0
BkofAm	.04	21	13.63	-.29	+2.2
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	31.19	-.39	-17.1
BasicEnSv	...	...	16.41	-.01	-.4
BerkHa A	...	**1712468**	**80.00**	**+280.00**	**+3.5**
BerryPet	**.30**	**19**	**43.28**	**-.39**	**-1.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.44**	**18**	**31.12**	**+.34**	**+3.7**
BostonSci	...	...	7.03	-.11	-7.1
BrkfySq	**1.32f**	**13**	**26.03**	**+.03**	**-1.7**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**22**	**67.11**	**-.02**	**-3.3**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**22**	**67.46**	**+.16**	**-3.1**
CVS Care	.50f	14	35.16	+.17	+1.1
Cameron	...	24	50.32	-.95	-.8
Caterpillar	1.76	31	94.39	+.18	+.8
Celestic g	...	14	9.33	-.11	-3.8
CntryLink	2.90	12	42.20	+.21	-8.6
ChesEng	.30	19	27.43	-.72	+5.9
Chevron	**2.88**	**11**	**94.08**	**-.02**	**+3.1**
Chicos	.16	17	10.88	-.20	-9.6
Cimarex	.32	15	87.05	-.71	+9.6
Cisco	...	16	21.54	+.37	+6.5
Citigrp	...	14	4.82	-.04	+1.9
ClayEng	...	...	**79.43**	**-.25**	**-5.4**
CocaCl	**1.76**	**19**	**62.96**	**-.29**	**-4.3**
ColgPal	**2.12**	**17**	**80.12**	**+.29**	**-.3**
CompPrdS	...	...	26.82	+.06	-9.9
ConAgra	**.92**	**16**	**23.58**	**+.06**	**+4.4**
ConchoRes	...	...	**86.98**	**-2.13**	**-.8**
ConocPhil	**2.20**	**11**	**67.46**	**-.82**	**-.9**
Corning	.20	10	21.21	+1.57	+9.8
CrackerB	.88	14	52.44	+.08	-4.3
CrosTim	**2.62e**	**16**	**42.20**	**-.00**	**+5.8**
DCP Mid	2.44	55	38.05	-.20	+1.7
DTE	2.24	14	46.89	-.01	+3.5
Dataram h	...	...	1.78	+.05	+13.4
Dawson	...	...	**31.41**	**+.18**	**-1.5**
DeltaAir	...	12	11.63	-.39	-7.7
DevonE	**.64**	**8**	**64.53**	**-1.17**	**+7.7**
DrSCBear rs	...	...	15.64	-.08	+.2
DirFnBear	...	...	8.57	+.02	-9.3
DrxFBull s	...	...	30.17	+.02	+8.4
Disney	**.40f**	**20**	**39.86**	**-.08**	**+6.3**
DowChm	**.60**	**24**	**35.28**	**+.29**	**+3.3**
DryShips	...	23	4.76	-.15	-13.3
EMC Cp	...	31	24.39	+.56	+6.5
EOG Res	**.62**	**50**	**99.87**	**-1.86**	**+9.3**
EKodak	...	5	4.52	-.70	-15.7
EmpDist	**1.28**	**17**	**21.85**	**+.15**	**-1.6**
Energen	.52	14	54.40	+.21	+12.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	37	52.89	+.09	+2.1
EnPro	...	**37**	**42.17**	**+.31**	**+1.5**
EntPrPt	2.36f	21	43.03	+.03	+3.4
EricsnTel	.28e	...	12.19	+.46	+5.7
ExterranH	...	**4**	**23.24**	**-.25**	**-3.0**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**14**	**78.68**	**+.09**	**+7.5**
FordM	...	9	17.89	-.04	+6.6
ForestOil	...	23	36.63	-.97	-3.5
FrozenFd	...	...	**4.15**	**-.08**	**-5.9**
GATX	**1.12**	**18**	**32.28**	**-.23**	**-8.5**
GabGloM	**.80**	...	**6.46**	**+.03**	**+3.9**
GAInv	**.43e**	...	**27.14**	**+.19**	**+1.2**
GenElec	**.56f**	**20**	**19.98**	**-.06**	**+0.2**
Goltsmith	...	...	3.51	+.01	+45.0
Goodrich	**1.16f**	**22**	**90.99**	**+.06**	**+3.3**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**12**	**19.95**	**-.07**	**+2.9**
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**20**	**40.20**	**+.65**	**-1.5**
Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**49.23**	**-.04**	**-.5**
HewlettP	.32	12	47.08	-.47	+11.8
Hitachi	...	...	**55.00**	**+.41**	**+3.1**
HuntBnk	.04	36	6.90	-.01	+.4
iShJapn	.14e	...	11.12	+.10	+1.9
iShSilver	...	...	26.23	-.13	-13.1
iShEMkts	.84e	...	46.56	-.29	-2.3
iShR2K	.89e	...	77.86	+.12	-.5
IntegrysE	2.72	29	48.17	+.09	-.7
Intel	**.72f**	**11**	**21.65**	**+.31**	**+2.5**
InterDig	.40	13	47.28	-.40	+13.5
JPMorgCh	.20	11	44.87	-.15	+5.8
JohnJn	**2.16**	**13**	**61.06**	**-1.14**	**-1.2**
Keycorp	.04	...	8.91	+.30	+.7
KimbClk	**2.80f**	**14**	**65.61**	**+1.84**	**+4.1**
KindME	4.52f	37	72.59	-.11	+3.3
KindMM	4.52f	83	64.69	-.36	-3.3
LVSands	...	...	45.04	-.79	-2.0
LegacyRes	2.10f	...	29.41	-.09	+2.4
Lubys	...	...	**6.04**	**+.04**	**-3.7**
MGM Rsts	...	...	14.58	-.52	-1.8
MktVGold	.40e	...	53.12	-.31	-13.6
MassCp	**2.16**	...	**31.19**	**+.07**	**+2.1**
McDnlds	2.44f	16	75.48	+.10	-1.7
Merck	1.52	17	33.36	-.44	-7.4
MerltMod	...	**31**	**14.36**	**-.11**	**-9.3**
MexcoEn	...	38	7.88	-.27	+3.0
MicronT	...	5	9.98	-.08	+24.4
Microsoft	.64	7	28.45	+.07	+1.9
Nabors	...	...	22.25	-.21	-5.2
NatGrid	**7.04e**	...	**44.04**	**-.57**	**-.8**
NOilVarco	.44f	18	68.13	-.12	+1.3
NewsCpA	.15	15	15.65	-.12	+7.5
NokiaCp	.56e	...	10.59	-.32	+2.6
NvMAd	**.99**	...	**12.78**	**+.05**	**-2.3**
NvPMI	**.87**	...	**12.62**	**+.04**	**-3.3**
NuvPI	**.92**	...	**12.69**	**+.03**	**-1.0**
NSTFI3	**.84**	...	**13.11**	**+.06**	**+.1**
NTXGI	**.86**	...	**15.50**	**+.15**	**+3.9**
Nvidia	...	67	23.97	-.76	+55.6
OcciPet	**1.52**	**18**	**97.15**	**-.03**	**-1.0**
Oracle	.20	24	32.29	-.11	+3.2
ParTech	...	**33**	**6.01**	**+.19**	**+5.3**
ParkDrl	...	...	**4.12**	**+.06**	**-9.8**
PattUTI	**.20**	**72**	**20.75**	**+.35**	**-3.7**
PenRE	**.60**	...	**13.58**	**+.31**	**-6.5**
Primsn	1.38e	15	20.90	-.97	-7.8
Pfizer	**.80f**	**10**	**18.47**	**+.08**	**+6.5**
Pichfnl	.08	18	68.45	-2.06	+1.9
PlainsAA	**3.83f**	**29**	**63.86**	**-.19**	**+1.7**
PwShs QQQ	.33e	...	56.53	+.08	+3.8
Praxair	1.80	20	91.24	-.20	-4.4
PrmEgy	...	...	**20.40**	**+.40**	**+5.4**
PrUShS&P	...	...	22.53	-.01	-5.2
ProUShL20	...	...	38.16	-.74	+3.0
ProctGam	**1.93**	**16**	**66.70**	**+.12**	**+3.7**
RAM Engy	...	54	1.61	-.03	-12.5
RangeRs	.16	...	46.54	-.18	+3.5
RegionsFn	.04	...	7.02	-.28	+.3
Rowan	...	...	**33.08**	**-.02**	**-5.2**
RoyDShllA	3.36e	28	69.08	-.45	+3.4
SpdrDJIA	2.92e	...	119.49	-.07	+3.3
SpdrGold	...	...	130.10	-.26	-6.2
S&P500ETF	2.37e	...	129.17	+.07	+2.7
SabinR	3.80e	17	58.45	-2.14	-1.8
SanderFm	**.60**	**7**	**40.80**	**-.18**	**+4.2**
SandRdge	...	**7**	**7.15**	**-.23**	**-2.3**
Sapient	**.35e**	**17**	**12.36**	**-.10**	**+2.1**
SaraLee	.48f	26	19.64	+1.28	+12.2
Schlmbrg	1.00f	24	83.25	-1.00	-.3
SignaAld	**.64**	**21**	**63.82**	**+.27**	**-4.1**
SilvWhtn g	...	46	29.24	-1.33	-25.1
SiriusXM	...	79	1.58	...	-3.1
Smucker	1.60	15	63.11	-.64	-3.9
SprintNex	...	...	4.36	-.01	+3.1
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	16.41	-.03	+2.9
SunocoLg	4.68f	9	85.40	-1.20	+2.2
Synovus	.04	...	2.80	-.10	+6.1
TelefEsp s	**1.75e**	...	**25.22**	**-.06**	**+10.6**
Tellabs	.08	10	5.69	-1.35	-16.1
Tesoro	...	23	17.98	-.12	-3.0
3M Co	2.10	16	88.50	-1.82	+2.5
Trchmrk	**.64**	**11**	**62.26**	**+.56**	**+4.2**
TriContl	**.25e**	...	**14.01**	**-.04**	**+1.8**
TylerTech	...	**30**	**20.42**	**+.08**	**-1.6**
UBWV	**1.20**	**18**	**29.26**	**+.42**	**+.2**
US NGsFd	...	...	6.09	-.15	+1.6
USSteel	.20	...	57.30	+2.86	-1.9
Vale SA	.76e	...	35.50	-.54	+2.7
ValeroE	.20	...	24.32	-.09	+5.2
VerizonCm	1.95	...	35.79	+.55	
VulcanM	**1.00**	...	**42.23**	**+.21**	**-4.8**
WalMart	1.21	14	57.26	+1.21	+6.2
Walgrn	**.70**	**18**	**41.24**	**-.25**	**+5.9**
WealthInt	...	99	21.86	.39	-4.1
WellsFargo	.20	15	32.70	...	+5.5
WstnRefin	...	...	10.27	-.11	-2.9
WhitingPet	...	32	113.81	-2.31	-2.9
WmsCos	.50	37	26.35	-.19	+6.6
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**14**	**24.07**	**...**	**+2.2**
Xerox	**.17**	**16**	**11.40**	**+.17**	**-1.0**
Yahoo	...	21	16.02	-.07	-3.7

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
11,982.94	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	11,977.19	-3.33	-.03	+3.45	+17.49
5,256.80	3,742.01	Dow Jones Transportation	5,050.59	-25.93	-.51	-1.10	+25.81
416.47	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	414.58	-1.01	-.24	+2.37	+6.96
8,200.24	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,141.13	-16.29	-.20	+2.22	+15.83
2,225.49	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,142.23	-15.39	-.71	-3.00	+18.03
2,768.17	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,719.25	+1.70	+.06	+2.50	+23.39
1,296.06	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,291.18	+.34	+.03	+2.67	+18.22
13,770.32	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	13,652.88	+2.72	+.02	+2.19	+20.36
807.89	580.49	Russell 2000	779.96	+.68	+.09	.47	+27.41

PLACING AN AD:

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commissions for a Mixed Beverage Permit and Mixed Beverage Late hours Permit by Derek Wingo dba Blue Max to be located at 7409 W. Industrial Ave, Midland, Midland, Texas. Officers of said corporation Wingo NBM, LLC are Derek Wingo Owner

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FOUND BIG brown dog at Whataburger on Big Spring St. Call 770-7719 to identify.

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BMW 1998 Z3 convertable, standard, silver/black, 1-owner, loaded, 112K miles. $9995 OBO 249-1343

BMW 2001 740i. Excellent condition, 133k miles, $7,500 OBO. 432-689-3842

Passenger Cars

BMW 2007 328i, hard top convertible, silver, 20K miles, beautiful. $29,900. 528-8828

BMW 2008 535i
32k Miles, Nav
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BMW 2008 X5
AWD, 3rd Seat
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CADILLAC 1979 CoupeDeville. 50K mi. 1 owner. $5000 OBO. GMC 1991 Suburban $1000 OBO 853-7905.

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CHEVROLET 2010 Camaro 2SS, red with black hockey stripes, loaded, 5300 miles. $35,000. Call 432-557-9534.

Passenger Cars

CHEVY 2008 HHR LT, dark metallic gray, lots of extras sporty & econimical. Asking $9000 obo, 432-230-2006, 432-366-0666

CHRYSLER 2003 PT Cruiser, Touring edition, Blue, Excellent condition, 67k miles, $5,100 Must see. Call 432-349-0041

DODGE 2004 Stratus #112. We finance. B&B Auto Sales. 683-6222.

DODGE 2007 CALIBER silver, new tires clean, 53k mi, $9500, 699-6287.

FORD 2005 Mustang Convertible, 46,000 miles, like new in/out, tan leather interior, white with black racing stripes. $14,000 obo. 661-6301

FORD 2006 Mustang Pony package with leather interior and premium sound system, 54k miles. Asking $11,800. Call 432-269-9851

FORD 2007 Focus #56, 11,315 miles, 4dr, auto. B&B Auto Sales. 683-6222.

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MERCEDES 2006 E350. White/tan, warranty, 70k miles, extremely nice. $22,000. 553-8549

MERCEDES 2006 R350. Silver with black leather interior, loaded, 69K miles. $21,000. 934-7777

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$27,500

2009 BMW 535i
Silver/Gray, Prem. Sport Pkg., Nav., Heated Seats, 19k Miles
$24,900

2006 MERCURY PREMIER
Blk/Tan, 58K Miles, Heated Seats
$14,900

2010 FORD EXPLORER
Eddie Bauer, Black/Tan, 3rd Row Seat, Radio, 4x4, 16K Miles
$28,800

2004 BMW 525i
Silver/Gray Leather, Premium Package
$13,900

2007 HUMMER H3
White/Beige, 4x4, 41K Miles
$22,900

2005 FORD MUSTANG GT
White/Red Leather, Red Stripes, 9K Miles

2007 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5
Gray/Gray Leather, Rear Entertainment, 2WD, 56K Miles
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TOYOTA 2000 Corolla 143k, nice condition, auto, cold A/C, $3,195 obo. 432-230-8368.

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CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

Stk# 11353 2008 Mazda 3i Touring	$14,880
Stk# 1775TA 2007 Mazda MX-5 Miata GT	$17,885
Stk# 1775TG 2008 Mazda CX-9 Sport	$22,995
Stk# 11366A 2008 Mazda CX-9 Grand Touring	$25,995

PRE-OWNED

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Stk#11341 2005 Nissan Altima	$7,995
Stk#11300B 2004 Ford Expedition XLT	$12,880
Stk#1765TA 2007 Pontiac Solstice	$17,880
Stk#11360 2007 Mercedes CLK 350	$20,980
Stk#11345 2010 Nissan Maxima	$23,995
Stk#11378G 2007 Chevy Suburban LT	$25,880
Stk#11317A 2008 Chevy Tahoe	$25,995
Stk#11389 2010 Toyota Tundra	$27,995
Stk#11377 2008 Mercedes C300	$28,995

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FORD 2008 Shelby GT500. Navigation, 9500 miles, loaded. $36,000. 432-889-5464.

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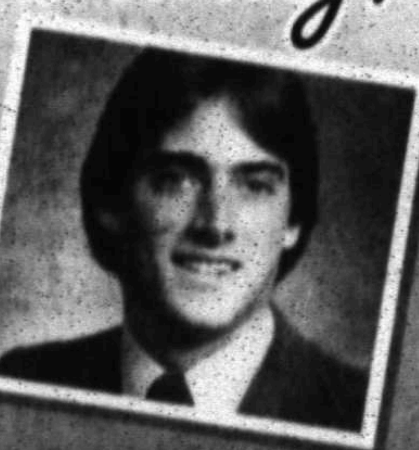
Birthdays



Antique & Vintage

FORD 1966 Thunderbird. Perfect condition, blue with dark blue seats. 10,200 miles. REDUCED PRICE $14,000 obo. Please call 432-694-1429

Pickup Trucks

CHEVY 2004 Silverado, good condition, 4dr, 3/4 ton, short bed. $8000 OBO 695-4313.

DODGE 2007 MEGA Cab Ram 3500 4X4, manual 6-speed transmission, 118,000k miles, $24000 OBO, call 817-240-2100

FORD 1996 Ranger XLT. Regularly maintained, 5 speed. $3,200 OBO. 563-3215 or 563-9816

FORD 2002 F150, single cab, 8 cylinder, 149K, locking tool box, $2,750. 432-520-3900.

FORD 2003 F250, 4 door extended cab, 4x4. Good condition. $14K OBO 416-0079.

FORD 2009 F350 King Ranch Dually, 53K, clean and loaded. $38,500 432-561-5880

GMC 2008 Sierra 1500. Great starter truck with low mileage. Call 432-269-9007

MAZDA 2000 SE V6, White, standard, 79k miles. Good condition. $4900. 682-5157.

TOYOTA 2003 Tacoma extra cab pre-runner, 1 owner, excellent condition, 72K, 432-296-0400.

TOYOTA 2007 Tacoma PU #123. V6. Financing W.A.C. B&B Auto Sales. 683-6222.

TOYOTA T-100 pickup, 1995. Extended cab, good running condition, dependable. $2,500. 432-634-4764.

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DODGE 2002 Grand Caravan fair condition, runs good. New brakes, good tires. $3,500. 230-6169

FORD 2004 Freestar Limited, 92K miles, dvd, back up censor. Black/silver. $4800. Call 432-935-3013.

HONDA 2001 Odyssey EX DVD, 158k miles, excellent condition. $6,400. 432-553-2172

HONDA 2007 Odyssey EX-L. 53K miles, exceptionally clean. $21,500. Call 432-218-5741.

Vans & Minivans

TOYOTA 2001 Sienna LE 122,000 miles. Excellent condition, new tires, leather interior. $6900 obo. 432-218-7228, after 4pm. 817-308-0398 daytime

TOYOTA 2004 Sienna EXL. Loaded, DVD, 117k miles, garaged. $9,900. Excellent condition. 432-631-0296.

4WD & SUV

2006 Chevy Trailblazer for sale in Mint condition gold 89K miles, gold/black interior, very clean, tires like new. Must sell 8,500 obo. 806-317-7066.

CHEVROLET 2002 Tahoe LT 4WD, leather, very clean, always garaged, non smoker, 104,200 miles. $10,500 432-556-0331

CHEVROLET 2003 Tahoe, 89K miles, leather interior. 557-2570

CHEVROLET 2006 Tahoe LT, #58, 59,000 miles. $16,999. B&B Auto Sales. 683-6222.

DODGE 2001 Grand Caravan. Wheelchair accessible minivan. Side power door, power folding ramp, auto kneel. Great shape, low mileage. $17,000. 425-8171, Weldon.

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GMC 1999 Suburban, 4WD, leather, after market rims, excellent condition. Can text you pictures. $3900. 556-1168 218-7097.

GMC 2002 Envoy SLT. Pewter metallic, leather with all accessories. Always garaged, never smoked in, 77k miles, schecdule maintenance, recently new tires $9,500. 432-699-6405, 528-6504

GMC 2004 YUKON black w/tan interior, 119k mi, 1 owner, $9,750. 432-294-2054

HONDA 2006 CRV 4 cylinder, 2wd, silver, 25K miles. Very clean. $13,500. Call 432-694-1398.

HUMMER 2006 H3, 41K miles, 4WD with luxury package. $23,000. 296-1819.

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Saturday 9AM-12PM

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Lots of kitchen, & the usual household misc.

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

3404 WEST GOLF Course Rd. Fri. & Sat. 8am -? Furniture, TV's & numerous other items. Hide-a-bed & loveseat, several tables & chairs, pictures, mirrors & lamps.

Yard & Garage Sales

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3330 CALDERA Blvd. Moving. Selling furniture and misc. Saturday 29th, 8am.

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Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Permian Basin Community Centers is seeking proposals for the provision of the following services:

Licensed Chemical Dependency Services for the Outpatient Treatment Youth Program in Howard County.

The contract shall be for a twelve (12) month period with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year contract terms.

A copy of the Request for Proposal **(RFP) #SA/LCDC 11-01** may be obtained by submitting a written or faxed request for the RFP to:

Permian Basin Community Centers
401 E. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
Contact: Keysha Kidd
kkidd@pbmhmr.com
Phone: 432-570-3312
Fax: 432-570-3346

Or proposals can be downloaded off the Permian Basin Community Center website at www.pbmhmr.com under the contract category.

Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm February 15th, 2011

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 25, 2011
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 8, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0269078
Status/Permit No. 707119

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. (RRC Operator No. 665748) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Bk. , WRIGHT, S Survey, A-1009, AZALEA (STRAWN) Field, MIDLAND County, being 15.07 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: AZALEA (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name	E.T. O'DANIEL
Lease/Unit Well No.	58
Lease/Unit Acres	2110.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1359.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1035.0

Lease Lines: 1480.0 F NORTH L, 1359.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 1480.0 F NORTH L, 1290.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SPRABERRY (TREND AREA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

AZALEA (STRAWN)
GAS Special Rules 660/2640, 320.0 acres
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Sitters/CNA's
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Midland, TX 79701
Seeking Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 (Office Hours: M-Th. 8-5pm, Fri. 8-12). E.O.E.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hospitality Associates
Texas Western Hospitality FT
Residence Inn by Marriott is looking for F/T & P/T Breakfast, housekeepers & Maintenance to join our dynamic team. Must have a can do attitude and excellent customer service skills and be available to work any day of the week including weekends and Holidays. Fill out application in person at 5509 Deauville, Midland.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Midland's Premier Country Club has openings for:

Golf Cart Mechanic / Maintenance
Needs to have experience in small engines and light building maintenance. Position is full time, and in addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Assistant Manager
Walgreens Full-time
Assistant Manager Position now available in the Midland/Odessa area. Experience required. Benefits and 401K available. Apply at Walgreens.com/careers.

Manager
Oreck Vacuums **10AM-4PM Weekdays**
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MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Quality Inspector

Peak Completion Technologies **FT**

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Apply in Person 8am-5pm **FT**
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Odessa, TX **325-721-4137**

Seeking person to work at Odessa, TX. Facility (located between Midland and Odessa). Mon.-Fri. 8-5 Honest, dependable. Must be over 23. Tuesday January 25 or Wednesday January 26, 2011.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Apartment Personnel

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Needed Management, leasing agent and maintenance technician for apartment complex in Midland. Call 432-520-3751.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Restaurant Positions

Warfield Restaurant **FT**

Warfield Restaurant is Hiring for all positions/all shifts. 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788. Pre employ drug screen & background.

Line Cooks

Midland's Premier Country Club
6101 N. Hwy 349
Midland, TX 79705

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SALES JOBS

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PartyLite Independent Consultant **FT/PT**

Work Part-Time and Make Great Money! Looking for 6 consultants for a direct sales company to sell high quality candles and accessories! Average pay is $25/hour. Work as little or as much as you want per month and get paid weekly. No experience necessary, must have an outgoing personality, and an interest in candles, home décor, spa products, and gourmet food. ZERO start up cost! For more info, contact: Stephanie @ 715-933-2035 or visit www.partylite.biz/stephaniehuse.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701
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Midland Reporter-Telegram **EOE**

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Sales Professional

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Home improvement company in need of a Sales Professional. We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated & energetic sales representative. Candidates should have at least 3 years experience. Must provide own transportation. Salary is based on commission. Send resume to: M-59, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

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CDL Drivers/Laborers

Nolan H. Brunson, Inc. **FT**

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is hiring experience electricians for commercial project. Drug test and background check required. Monday - Friday 9am to 3pm. Call 806-543-5998.

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4 C Construction **FT**
12100 W. Interstate 20
Midland, TX 79703

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Sharyland Utilities FT
Stanton, TX EOE

Sharyland Utilities, an electric utility is seeking qualified applicants for the position of System Dispatcher in our Stanton Division. This position is responsible for maintaining the Operations Control Center on a 24 hours a day/7 days per week basis with constant monitoring of the radio, phone and SCADA System. The System Dispatcher will answer the incoming service and outage calls and dispatch crews as required, document service orders and updates to the computer database in a timely manner, and maintain an accurate and legible set of records at all times. Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to observe all applicable safety rules and regulations and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for the position, please complete the online application by clicking on the *Career Opportunities* link at **www.sharylandutilities.com**.

For further information, please contact Human Resources at (432) 684-0318 or (432) 684-0339.
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CDL Drivers

Confidential FT

CDL Drivers needed for belly dumps and end dumps. For more information call 432-661-5215.

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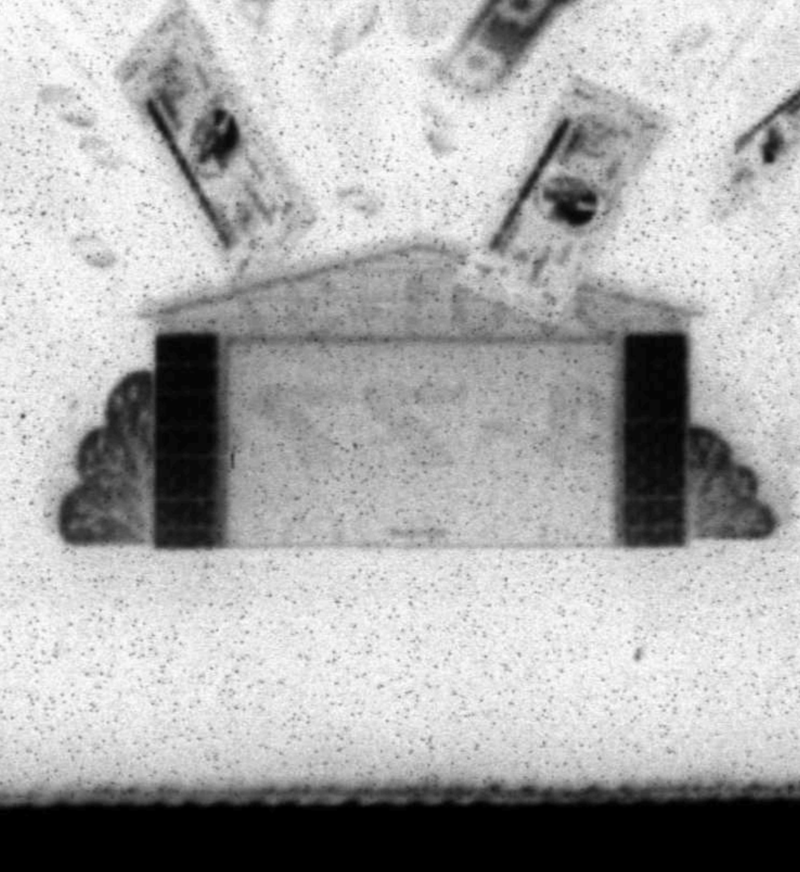

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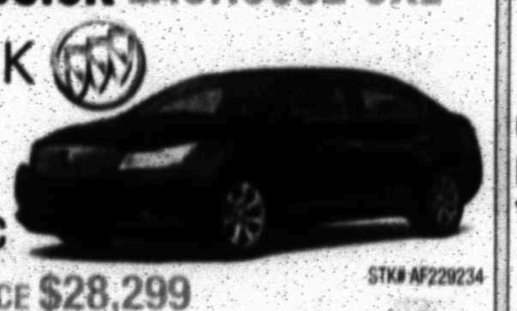

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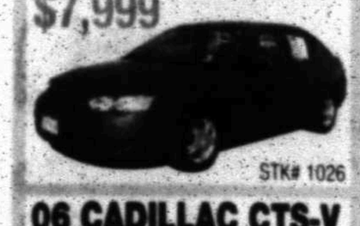

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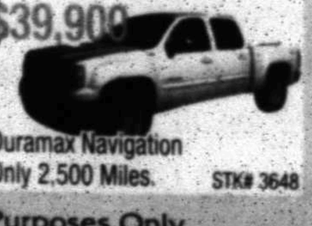

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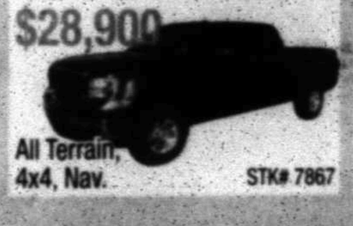

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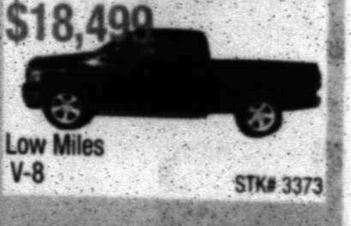

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