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Russians probe adoptee's death in West Texas

Ector County is also investigating why boy adopted by Gardendale family died

Associated Press

DALLAS — Russian authorities have blamed "inhuman treatment" for the death of a 3-year-old boy adopted by an American family, but Texas officials say they are still investigating claims that the child was abused before his death.

Russia's Investigative Committee said Monday that it had questions about the death of an adoptee authorities identified as Maxim Kuzmin. The committee is the country's top investigative agency.

Texas Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins confirmed the agency had received a report on Jan. 21 of the death of a 3-year-old named Max Shatto, and that the Ector County Sheriff's Office in West Texas was investigating.

Crimmins said CPS had received allegations of physical abuse and neglect, but had not determined whether those allegations were true. Sgt. Gary Duesler, spokesman for the Ector County Sheriff's Office, said no arrests have been made and authorities are waiting for autopsy results.

An obituary for Max Shatto published Jan. 26 by the Reporter-Telegram says he was born on Jan. 9, 2010, in the town of Pskov, near Russia's western border with Estonia. The boy lived with a family in Gardendale, about 20 miles west of Midland, before his death on Jan. 21, according to the obituary.

The boy's listed adoptive parents, Alan and Laura Shatto, did not return a phone message Monday.

The death comes weeks after Russia announced it was banning all American adoptions in retaliation for a new U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators. The ban also reflects lingering resentment over the 60,000 Russian children adopted by Americans in the past two decades, of which at least 19 have died.

Russian Foreign Ministry official Konstantin Dolgov said in a statement that

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PRESIDENT'S DAY PLAY

From left, 3-year-old Citlani Duenas, Christina Duenas and Travis Hudson fly a kite at C.J. Kelly Park on a windy President's Day.

PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Public funds go to Gov. Perry's nonprofit

By Patricia Kilday Hart and Lise Olsen
Houston Chronicle

Last November, as Austin traffic inched toward a newly constructed race course for the Formula One auto race, a helicopter ferrying Gov. Rick Perry sliced through the air, delivering its passenger directly into the arena. Perry's comfortable, and expensive, transportation was paid for by a nonprofit group known as TexasOne, the same group that financed his trip to California last week.

By the end of that November weekend, TexasOne's tab at the racing extravaganza totaled some $159,000 for helicopters, vans, hotels and a $92,000 hospitality suite.

Touted as an "economic development" tool, TexasOne operates as a nonprofit corporation managed by the governor's office. Perry appoints the TexasOne board, and the group's budget has no legislative oversight. The arrangement long has drawn criticism from Perry foes, who say it allows major corporate sponsors — who legally cannot give to his campaign accounts — to underwrite an operation that advances Perry's political career and lifestyle as much as it promotes the state's business climate.

And while the governor consistently claims that no tax money is used to finance his travel, records obtained by the Houston Chronicle show that some 45 percent — more than $2 million of the $4.7 million raised in the last three years — came from local governments or their economic development corporations, which are funded entirely through sales taxes.

Chambers of commerce

In addition, TexasOne receives donations from many chambers of commerce,

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Snyder rich in oil history even before Cline Shale

By John Mangalonzo
Abilene Reporter-News

SNYDER — When you open the Development Corporation of Snyder's website, you will be greeted with an instantly recognizable tune from the 1960s popular sitcom, "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Of course, who doesn't know the story of Jed Clampett's oil-filled swamp that made him millions of dollars, making it possible for him to move his family to "Californy."

Snyder has a very rich history — and that can be taken literally — with oil. In fact, the city and Scurry County still rely heavily on oil.

And it is expected to explode yet again with the Cline Shale play, an emerging unconventional resource play on the eastern flank of the Midland basin that runs 140 miles north to south and is 70 miles wide, including portions of Coke, Fisher, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Nolan, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Initial estimates indicate the Cline holds more that 30 billion barrels of recoverable oil, exceeding both the Bakken Shale in North Dakota and Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas.

The first boom in Scurry County in the late 1940s is a history worth repeating, according to those who worked and witnessed the oil fields of yesteryears.

But caution is advised; slowly but surely is the approach. Times are different now, but the lessons of the past still hold a certain degree of importance.

It was Nov. 21, 1948, when Standard Oil Co. brought in a well on a piece of private property southwest of Snyder. It struck oil where oil wasn't supposed to be: the Canyon Reef formation.

And with that, the rush was on.

"When the boom hit, you can look in any direction and all you see are rigs," said Snyder resident Pat Cornett, 79.

Please see **SNYDER**/3A

MC VP interviews to become Navarro College president

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland College's Vice President of Instruction, Rex Peebles, is one of three finalists interviewing this week to become the next president at Navarro College in Corsicana.

Peebles will interview with the Navarro College board of trustees and participate in a public forum with faculty, staff and community members from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today at the college's Corsicana campus.

Peebles came to MC from Austin Community College as VP of Instruction on Oct. 1, 2005, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. In that position, Peebles is responsible for all areas of instruction — transfer, technical, distance learning and continuing education and the department of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

Navarro College President Richard Sanchez is set to retire on Aug. 31 after serving since 1998, according to information posted on the Navarro College website.

An 18-member presidential search committee, comprising trustees, faculty, staff and community members, began searching for a replacement in August, according to the website.

Peebles has more than 30 years administrative and teaching experience and holds a doctorate in government

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JUMP FOR HEARTS

Georgia Austin clears the rope as she jumps during last week's Hoops for Heart/Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser at the Hilander School. See more photos from the event on **PAGE 6B**. Get the latest education news on **PAGE 1B**.

PHOTO BY TIM FISCHER REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Gas prices rise

The average price of gas rose by more than 15 cents in the past week, according to statistics from TexasGasPrices.com.

The price of gas averaged $3.585 for regular unleaded, according to the website, an increase from $3.427 last week. The increase also was more than 10 cents compared to the price of gas reported Thursday.

The cheapest gas Monday in Midland was $3.49. The most common prices were $3.55 and $3.59. The most expensive gas was $3.65.

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Meetings schedule

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

Rescheduled
Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. today
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
5 p.m. Feb. 25
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Community calendar

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 6:30-9 p.m. today at 1709 W. Wall St. For more information,or to RSVP, call Patci Lewis or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

■ A job fair for people 55 and older is planned for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays at Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin, 3510 N. 'A' St. Those attending should inquire about the Experience Works Program. For more information contact Liz Cox at 325-641-1319 or iz_cox@experience-works.org.

Online today

■ New restaurant reports from the city's commercial kitchens are now available to be viewed on Mywest-Texas.com/restaurants.

■ **Photo Galleries:**
Midland College vs. Western Texas men's and women's basketball games Monday.
Permian vs. Lee High boys soccer match today.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

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

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

■ TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

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

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

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

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

Public meeting for Community Development program

The city of Midland will hold the following public meetings on the city's community development program:

■ 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana Ave.;

■ 7 p.m. March 7 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane

The city encourages residents to attend a meeting to help plan the 2013-14 year's community development program. The city received $699,035 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the 2012-13 program. These funds are primarily intended for programs and projects to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. For more information, call the Community Development Office at 685-7472 or 685-7408.

Lottery

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Daily 4 day: 1-4-8-2
Daily 4 night: 7-1-3-6
Cash Five: 5-8-26-29-35
Texas Two Step: 2-14-24-29 BB: 3
All or Nothing (morning): 1-2-4-5-7-10-12-14-15-17-20-24
All or Nothing (day): 3-6-7-8-12-16-17-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-5-6-9-10-11-14-16-17-21-23
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-4-5-7-11-13-14-17-18-21-23

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2013. There are 315 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1846, the Texas state government was formally installed in Austin, with J. Pinckney Henderson taking the oath of office as governor.

In 1878, Thomas Edison received the U.S. patent for "an improvement in phonographic or speaking machines."

AP file photo

Comptroller Susan Combs, from left, Nick Craw, of FIA, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are pictured at the Formula One United States Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas in Austin in November 2012. A nonprofit group known as TexasOne paid for Perry's comfortable, and expensive, transportation into the arena.

PERRY

From 1A

many of which also receive significant funding from local governments. Over the past three years, the largest single donor to TexasOne has been the Greater Houston Partnership, which last year received more than $1 million out of its $14.2 million in revenue from the city of Houston, Harris County and the Port of Houston Authority. However, a spokesman said the partnership's TexasOne membership was paid from private donations, kept in a separate account from public funds.

The San Antonio Economic Development Corporation, also a major TexasOne contributor, received $1 million of its $2.6 million budget from the city of San Antonio and Bexar County last year, according to foundation president, Mario Hernandez. TexasOne's remaining funding comes from corporate sponsors.

The organization may get scrutiny from a new Texas House committee reviewing "transparency" in government.

"These are the type of agencies or quasi-agencies we are tasked to look at. They have very little oversight," said Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, a committee member. "It's the committee's will ... but this most likely will be an issue."

TexasOne's defenders say Perry's economic development activities bring benefits to the state without burdening taxpayers. In its annual report, TexasOne claimed credit for bringing 38,218 new jobs to Texas and more than $12 billion in capital investments since it was created by Perry in 2004.

On Friday, Perry announced 600 new jobs in Matagorda County, which he attributed to economic development meetings conducted during the Formula One race and a trip to Italy last year.

"It's not the taxpayers' dollars," said Allison Castle, Perry's communications director. "It's a membership organization where individual members choose to join."

Though cities and counties are using tax dollars to purchase memberships, Castle said, "that is something each of these individual economic development corporations and cities make a decision on. It is not state tax dollars."

'Slush fund'

Austin attorney Buck Wood, an expert in state ethics laws, noted that Perry cannot accept campaign contributions from corporations under state law. Setting up a nonprofit to accept the corporate money permits Perry to skirt that law, he said.

"It's just a slush fund for whatever he wants to use it for," Woods said. "He takes credit for every job that appears in Texas."

Since 2009, 15 TexasOne trips carried price tags of $50,000 to $500,000, including three trips to the U.S. Open tennis championship in New York. Either the governor, his wife or former Secretary of State Hope Andrade, a Perry appointee, went on the priciest excursions. A trip to the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai cost a whopping $500,480, which covered travel expenses for the Texas entourage led by Perry and his wife, Anita, and a $325,000 contribution to support the USA pavilion.

8 million visitors

Texas joined the state of Hawaii, the city of San Antonio and many corporate sponsors in backing the United States' $60 million pavilion, which attracted 8 million of the event's 60 million visitors, said Jose H. Villarreal, a San Antonio lawyer who served as the expo's U.S. commissioner.

"If it were a state like Indiana, I don't know that it would have made sense, but it sure made sense for a state like Texas," he said.

Former Perry chief of staff Ray Sullivan, who accompanied his boss on that trip to China, was not surprised by the expo's cost. "We had a very large delegation of local economic development and government officials," he said. The event "was an opportunity to showcase Texas products and businesses" to a worldwide audience.

He noted the governor also stopped in Taipei, Taiwan and Seoul, South Korea, and met with Samsung officials who had "just announced a multibillion dollar investment in Austin."

Sporting events

Since 2009, TexasOne also has foot the bill for three trips to the tennis U.S. Open.

Regarding those three trips, former TexasOne chairman David Cabrales said the tennis event traditionally has been used to introduce professional site selectors to Texas community and corporate partners, members of the governor's economic development and other state officials.

Last September, the group paid for Perry to attend the Italian Grand Prix and tout the new Formula One race in Austin, as well as Texas' business-friendly climate. Other TexasOne-financed international destinations have included Germany, Switzerland, Brazil and Canada. For Austin's Formula One event, TexasOne spent $36,740 for "staff lodging," including a hotel room for a Dallas board member, and another $2,231 for Andrade, who lives in San Antonio, to stay in a hotel.

Andrade said through a spokesperson that she considered it part of her job to "act as an ambassador for Texas and that included participating in economic development missions."

San Antonio businessman Red McCombs, a member and contributor to TexasOne, is a major investor in the $400 million Formula One racing facility, which received a $25 million grant from the state's tax-supported Major Events Fund.

McCombs said he was not aware that TexasOne purchased a hospitality suite at the auto race, but said the group "would have been stupid not to have" because of the wealthy, worldwide clientele who attended. He praised TexasOne, especially for introducing Texas to Asian markets. "We were way behind in not playing in that market," he said.

Different donor levels

TexasOne annual memberships range from $1,000 to $50,000, with benefits that increase with higher dues. At the $50,000 level, members are promised a seat on the Governor's Economic Development Partnership Council, which meets semi-annually; invitations to attend "signature events" and participate in recruiting trips; a display of corporate logo on TexasOne marketing materials; and "a pair of TexasOne custom-made signature boots."

As top donor since 2009, the Greater Houston Partnership has spent $385,000 to support TexasOne. Until last June, the partnership was led by Jeff Moseley, whom Perry named that same month to serve on the Texas Transportation Commission. Before his job at the partnership, Moseley served as executive director of TexasOne.

AT&T had the second-highest total payments to TexasOne, at $203,162 over three years, followed by the Brownsville Economic Development Council, which spent $192,250.

A spokeswoman for the Brownsville organization said it is funded through an economic development corporation that levies a local sales tax. Likewise, the city of Conroe paid its membership through sales tax proceeds collected through its industrial development corporation, said City Manager Paul Virgadamo.

Virgadamo said he considered the TexasOne membership valuable because "we get to travel with the governor when he is out on these recruiting trips." City officials are allowed access to Perry, his staff, and "CEOs who are looking to relocate. That's what we get out of it."

COLLEGE

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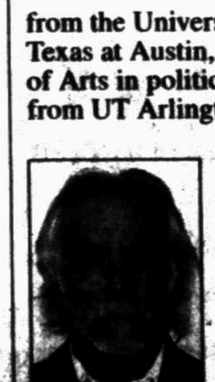
from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Arts in political science from UT Arlington and a bachelor's degree in political science from UT Dallas.



Peebles

Before coming to MC, Peebles served eight years as dean of social and behavioral sciences at Austin Community College, according to archives.

Peebles, Roni Liss, vice president for learning at New Mexico's Santa Fe Community College, and Barbara Kavalier, president at California's San Jose City College were selected as the three finalists.

Following Peebles' interview today, Liss will interview Wednesday and Kavalier Thursday.

Trustees will likely visit the final candidate's institution in March before announcing the lone finalist for the District President of Navarro College in late March, according to a timeline posted online.

It is expected the board will appoint a new district president in mid-April.

According to the presidential position profile posted online, "Navarro College is a comprehensive, student-focused community college with a beautiful main campus located in Corsicana, Texas, and campuses in Waxahachie, Mexia, and Midlothian."

"The college serves a 10,000 diverse student body in a wide range of excellent academic and career/technical programs. The innovative Oil and Gas Technologies program recently received a multi-million dollar grant to continue its technology development and instructional programs. There are strong academic partnerships with area universities, a Higher Education Center as part of the Midlothian Campus, and dual-credit programs with many of the area high schools."

Sources: Lanza aimed to upstage Norway massacre

Hearst Newspapers

NEWTOWN — When Adam Lanza blasted his way into Sandy Hook Elementary School, his goal was to kill more than the 77 people slaughtered by the Norwegian mass murderer in his 2011 rampage, two sources familiar with the shootings investigation have told Hearst Connecticut Newspapers.

After he had gunned down 20 first-graders and six teachers and administrators, Lanza was thwarted when police arrived swiftly at the elementary school, prompting him to take his own life.

The 20-year-old shooter's desire to eclipse the death toll amassed by Anders Breivik in his July 22, 2011, bomb attack and gun rampage in Norway was first reported Monday by CBS News, which cited two unidentified sources in its account.

None of the sources detailed how authorities learned of Lanza's intentions, but in recent weeks investigators have made substantial strides. Hearst Newspapers reported Sunday that technicians were able to restore one hard drive to a computer Lanza used. That success, in turn, unlocked information that led them to obtain subpoenas for access to computers used by individuals believed to be in contact with Lanza through online gaming activities.

Much of the probe has centered on Lanza's reported obsession with violent online games. Lanza tried to destroy the hard drives of the computers in the home he shared with his mother, Nancy, on Yogananda Street in Newtown, apparently to foil attempts to trace his online history and gaming activity.

A trove of violent video and computer games were found in the house, where Lanza had killed his mother by shooting her in the head multiple times.

The state police probe of the Dec. 14 shootings is expected to take until the summer to complete, said Stephen J. Sedensky III, the state's attorney in Danbury, who is in charge of the investigation.

In August, Breivik was sentenced to 21 years for committing acts of terror in his bombing in Oslo and mass shooting on Utoya Island.

After detonating fertilizer bombs that damaged government buildings in Oslo and killed eight, Breivik, posing as a police officer, hunted down and killed 69 at a summer youth camp on the nearby island. A right-wing ultranationalist, Breivik said his victims deserved to die because they embraced multiculturalism and Muslim immigration.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MFD: Midland man arrested on arson charge

A Midland man was arrested Monday for allegedly setting a vehicle on fire during a domestic dispute, according to the city's assistant fire marshal.

Jesse Bernie Mendoza, 32, is being held on a second-degree felony charge of arson. Bond information was not available.

Midland police and the Midland Fire Department responded to the incident at about 9:45 a.m. Monday in the 910 block of North Edwards Street.

Mendoza was involved in an argument with his mother when he allegedly poured gasoline onto a vehicle and set it on fire, said David Hickman, assistant fire marshal.

No one was injured but the vehicle's exterior sustained superficial damage, Hickman said.

MFD: Dryer unit caught fire at apartment

A dryer unit that caught fire Sunday night caused minor damage to facilities at the Thornwood Apartments.

The Midland Fire Department responded to the fire at 11:21 p.m. at 2601 N. "A" St.

A dryer unit in the laundry room caught fire and flames spread upward into the attic and the exhaust duct near the front office, said David Hickman, city assistant fire marshal. The fire was contained to the laundry room but the front office sustained some minor smoke and water damage, he said.

No injuries were reported. Hickman said the fire likely was caused by ignited lint that accumulated in ducts behind the dryer units; the dryer's heat may have ignited that lint.

ADOPTEE

From 1A

the boy's death was "yet another case of inhuman treatment of a Russian child adopted by American parents."

Duesler said he could not immediately confirm or deny Russian allegations of abuse. Most U.S. government offices were closed Monday in observance of a federal holiday.

Dolgov also accused the U.S. Department of State of not helping Russian consular officials investigate the death. A State Department official said the government is aware of the case and "takes very seriously the welfare of children, particularly children who have been adopted from other countries."

"We will continue to assist the Russian Embassy and consulate officials in making contact with the appropriate authorities in Texas," said the State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the record about the matter. Crimmins said the Russian consulate had contacted Child Protective Services.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Isaac Fernandez, 40, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Joseph L. Johnson, 43, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Wayne G. Milburn, 38, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated and two charges of obstruction or retaliation.

Zachary R. Valdez, 19, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of probation.

Colleen T. Winn, 29, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Sponsor of liquor bill cites ease for families

■ Case being made for businesses to have option to work in a 24/7 world.

PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

A proposal to allow liquor stores to sell whiskey on Sundays might be called a lot of things. Family-friendly might not be the first term that comes to mind.

But that's how Rep. Senfronia Thompson describes her bill to eliminate the Sunday ban on selling liquor for off-site consumption.

"I want to be able to give families an opportunity to do all their shopping on a Sunday, including distilled spirits, if they want to," she said.

Thompson pointed out that stores can sell beer and wine on Sundays and that people can buy liquor — but with liquor, "you must drink it where you buy it." That's where a problem can come in, she said, as it can any day of the week when people drink in restaurants or bars.

"Most individuals do not get designated drivers. However, they get behind a steering column, and they try to steer their way home," she said. "I don't want to be — nor any member of your family to be — a target for those individuals in the effort to make it home."

Thompson, a Houston Democrat who is carrying the proposal with Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, also put in a pitch for free enterprise.

"I don't believe that companies that don't want to be open on Sundays should force everybody else to be closed," she said, calling the Sunday liquor sale restriction an "antiquated, outdated" vestige of a time when blue laws limited many Sunday sales.

Those who sell booze, however, don't necessarily like House Bill 421 by Thompson or the identical Senate Bill 236 by Hinojosa. Liquor interests are divided.

"Texans should be offered the convenience to purchase distilled spirits just like they purchase beer and wine," said Alan Gray, executive director of the Licensed Beverage Distributors, representing wine and distilled spirits wholesalers. Distillers and some liquor stores also favor it, he said.

Lance Lively, executive director of the Texas Package Store Association, said his group opposes the measure. He said it would just spread six days' profits over a week and that some mom-and-pop liquor stores can't afford to be open every day.

"People will tell you it's permissive. In the real world, if your competitor's open on Sunday, you have to be open on Sunday," Lively said. "It really hurts those smaller retailers out there."

The Legislative Budget Board in 2011 said such a measure would bring in a net $7.4 million in taxes to the state general revenue fund over two years. It assumed some loss in mixed-drink tax revenue.

Its estimate said some people who buy liquor across the border in Mexico might shift their business to Texas on Sundays if they were able, but it didn't add up to any potential gain.

Some have cast doubt on the estimate. And aside from any revenue boost and family-friendly benefits touted by Thompson, some say the change would divert people from church and family.

Thompson said there's no such message: "People who are going to church are going to go to church anyway."

Bee Moorhead, of Texas IMPACT, said the interfaith group doesn't have a position on the measure. But Moorhead, an elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), described the lingering restriction on sales as little more than a holdover of bygone days.

"It's nice to have a Sabbath. But at this point, everything is operating on a 24/7 schedule," Moorhead said. "It's kind of artificial to pick one thing or another and say this one's not allowed to."

TEXASROUNDUP

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AUSTIN

Funds for sex predator cases clear hurdle

Lawmakers have approved a measure that would pay for more expert testimony to help keep violent sex offenders off the streets.

The proposal gained support from a House Appropriations subcommittee on Monday and would provide $128,000 to hire a second expert witness in complex cases.

Lawmakers were told that each year the Judiciary Section of the Comptroller's Department seeks the civil commitment of about 50 sex offenders after their prison sentences expire. The funds would provide a second witness in about 17 of those cases.

Budget analysts said for example that both a psychologist and a psychiatrist could be called to testify.

The subcommittee chairman, Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner, turned down a draft of other proposals to increase funds for staffing at criminal justice agencies.

ATLANTA

Coast Guard: Cause of cruise ship fire was a leak

A leak in a fuel oil return line caused the engine-room fire that disabled a Carnival cruise ship at sea, leaving 4,200 people without power or working toilets for five days, a Coast Guard official said. Monday.

Cmdr. Teresa Hatfield addressed the finding in a conference call with reporters and estimated that the investigation of the disabled ship, the Carnival Triumph, would take six months.

Hatfield said the Bahamas —where the ship is registered, or flagged — is leading the investigation, with the Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board representing U.S. interests in the probe. The vessel was in international waters at the time of the incident.

She said investigators have been with the ship since it arrived Thursday in Mobile.

Since then, she said, interviews have been conducted with passengers and crew and forensic analysis has been performed on the ship.

She said the crew responded appropriately to the fire. "They did a very, good job," she said.

In an email after Monday's conference call, Coast Guard spokesman Carlos Diaz described the oil return line that leaked as stretching from the ship's No. 6 engine to the fuel tank.

A Carnival Cruise Lines spokesman said in an email Monday that the company agrees with the Coast Guard's findings about the fire source.

BROWNSVILLE

Texas baby gorilla going to Cincinnati Zoo

A gorilla born at a South Texas zoo last month is headed to Ohio to be introduced to a troop at a zoo there because the baby's mother has been ignoring her.

Officials from the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville have been caring for the yet-unnamed western lowland gorilla born Jan. 29. She will be moved this week to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, where experts hope she will bond with two adult female gorillas kept there.

The mother moved to the Gladys Porter Zoo in 2011 as part of an Association of Zoos and Aquariums species survival breeding plan. The mother was from the Pittsburg Zoo & PPG Aquarium but was on a breeding loan transfer from the Cincinnati Zoo.

EL PASO

2 brothers rescued from El Paso water reserve pipe

Two West Texas brothers have been rescued from 50-foot deep water retention pipe where the boys became stranded after using homemade devices to rappel to the bottom.

The El Paso Fire Department says the boys — ages 13 and 14 — were not injured during Sunday afternoon's incident.

Authorities said the pipe had no water in it when four brothers decided to attempt to rappel down to the base.

Investigators said two siblings made it to the bottom but then realized they could not get out on their own.

The other two brothers at the top of the water reserve area then summoned help.

Names of the four siblings haven't been released.

DAYTON

Boy, 12, burned while trying to kill ants

Investigators say a 12-year-old Southeast Texas boy has been critically burned in a fire he started when using gasoline to try to get rid of some ants.

The Liberty County Sheriff's Office said the boy from Dayton suffered burns over 80 percent of his body Sunday and was transported to a Houston hospital.

The name of the child hasn't been released and further details on his condition were not immediately available Monday.

Capt. Ken DeFoor said the boy accidentally set himself on fire as he poured gasoline on the ant hills and tried to burn the insects.

DeFoor said the flame from the ant hills reached a plastic container of gasoline that the boy was using outside his home in Dayton.

GALVESTON

Thousands of water meters in malfunction

Thousands of water meters in a Southeast Texas city have been malfunctioning and officials are estimating usage while repairs are made.

The Galveston County Daily News reported more than a quarter of Galveston's water meters have failed in recent weeks.

The provider, Badger Meters, has been replacing and upgrading the defective transmitters at no cost to the city.

City Manager Michael Kovacs updated council members Thursday night.

SNYDER

From 1A

"It looked like Christmas all over the county. And when they came in with those rigs, they have to go across the (town) square because we didn't have a lot of the roads that we have now."

Cornett's late husband, Jimmie Cornett, worked in the oilfield industry from 1950 until he retired in 1992. As the activity increased, the boom almost immediately transformed Snyder from a sleepy, dusty ranch community into a full-fledged oil town.

Even Hollywood superstars Bob Hope and Bing Crosby got into the action and owned leases on land north of the city. Eventually, the pool of oil was outlined in an area 20 miles long and from 3 to 6 miles wide, and extended diagonally across the county, the northeast corner in Kent County and the southwest corner in Borden County.

"We had people that came in here, especially men, and they would go north of the square and stand, waiting to get a job," Cornett said.

Floyd Payne, 82, who now lives in San Angelo, worked for Texaco for 39 years, starting in the 1950s.

"In 1949, 1950, there were about 140 rigs running in Scurry County alone," Payne said. "Snyder grew from about 4,000 people to probably 15,000, maybe more."

Other businesses in town also thrived, including restaurants, filling stations, salons and more. Cornett said during that time, Snyder had six elementary schools — and administrators brought in portable buildings for additional space — two junior high schools and a high school, which was erected in 1953.

Soon, roads were built around town to accommodate the extra traffic. Motels, several of them, seemed to have sprung overnight:

"They built a new highway (Highway 350) from here to Big Spring," Cornett said. "There are jobs for everybody back then and we had plenty of people coming in from out of state."

Key players of the Cline Shale play, the oil companies, expect to begin major drilling by the end of the year or early 2014.

The Cline reservoir of oil is believed to be 200 to 550 feet deep, the equivalent of 10 Eagle Ford shales stacked on each other. The shale contains 85 percent oil and liquids-rich gas.

In September, Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy closed a $1.4 billion joint venture agreement with Japan's Sumitomo Corp. The agreement will cover 650,000 acres in the Cline and Midland-Wolfcamp shales. In light of the potential boom, those living in the counties over Cline Shale are meeting once a month to stay informed of the latest oil industry news, as well as fact-checking what residents have been hearing about the Cline.

Bob Colvard, of Dallas-based Roundstone Development, said the company will be building a 150-unit apartment complex in Snyder. The land is under contract and the deal closed in a few weeks. The Scurry County Commission recently voted to use 126 acres of county-owned land for residential housing development, said County Judge Ricky Fritz.

This is the first time Fritz has heard of a county subdividing and developing county land for residential construction.

Several trailer parks are springing up in Scurry County, Cornett said.

When it comes to finding work, Payne said there are plenty of jobs for those who are willing to work hard and stay with it.

"It's a different way of life," he said. "The job is there, the work is there and it's good money."

Those who have lived through the oil-rich days said they have instilled in their minds that a boom need not to be followed by a bust, so long as people understand the situation and handle it accordingly.

"You go through booms, and you go through dry spells," Cornett said. "We'll make it. I know we will."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

MOSCOW

Russian scientists recover meteor fragments

Scientists have found more than 50 tiny fragments of a meteor that exploded over Russia's Ural Mountains, and preliminary tests are turning up information about its contents.

However, local residents seem more interested in the black market value of the fragments. As they search for their own pieces of the meteor, sales offers already are filling the Internet, and police are warning all purchasers to prepare for possible fraud.

The meteor — which injured nearly 1,500 people and caused widespread property damage in Chelyabinsk city on Friday — was the largest recorded space rock to hit Earth in more than a century. Health officials said 46 of the injured remain hospitalized.

Viktor Grokhovsky, who led the expedition from Urals Federal University, said Monday that 53 fragments of the meteor have been plucked from the ice-covered Chebarkul Lake. He said they are less than a centimeter (half an inch) in size, about 10 percent iron, and belong to the chondrite type, the most common variation of meteorites found on Earth.

Friday's meteor left a six-meter-wide (20-foot-wide) hole in the ice covering the lake. Divers inspecting it have found nothing at the bottom, but Grokhovsky said a fragment as large as 50-60 centimeters (20-24 inches) could eventually be found there.

Meanwhile, workers in the city remained busy replacing acres of windows shattered by a powerful shockwave caused by the meteor's strike, which NASA said released 500 kilotons of energy, the power equivalent to more than 30 Hiroshima bombs.

VENEZUELA

Ailing Chavez returns to Venezuela from Cuba

CARACAS — President Hugo Chavez returned to Venezuela early Monday after more than two months of treatment in Cuba following cancer surgery, his government said, triggering street celebrations by supporters who welcomed him home while he remained out of sight at Caracas' military hospital.

Chavez's return was announced in a series of three messages on his Twitter account, the first of them reading: "We've arrived once again in our Venezuelan homeland. Thank you, my God!! Thank you, beloved nation!! We will continue our treatment here."

They were the first messages to appear on Chavez's Twitter account since Nov. 1. Vice President Nicolas Maduro said on television that Chavez arrived at 2:30 a.m. and was taken to the Dr. Carlos Arvelo Military Hospital in Caracas, where he will continue his treatment.

Chavez's announced return to Caracas came less than three days after the government released the first photos of the president in more than two months, showing him looking bloated and smiling alongside his daughters.

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Pope Benedict XVI meets with Italian Premier Mario Monti during a private audience at the Vatican on Saturday. The Vatican traditionally wields influence on Italy's politics and the visit during the electoral campaign raised questions on how much political weight an endorsement from a lame-duck pope might carry in the upcoming Italian general elections where Monti is running for premier.

How many votes is a photo op with the pope worth?

Associated Press

ROME — How much weight does an endorsement from a lame-duck pope carry in the upcoming election?

No, not that election — the one to pick the next leader of the Catholic church. Another key ballot is looming even closer, when Italians go to the polls this Sunday to choose a new premier. And with Italy in a solemn mood over the historic resignation of Benedict XVI, the "moral vision" of incumbent Mario Monti may get a boost to the detriment of the flamboyant, scandal-plagued Silvio Berlusconi.

Even though a large majority of Italian Catholics don't regularly attend Sunday Mass, the Vatican traditionally wields influence on politics in Italy, a country where Christian Democrats held sway for decades. Just about anything the pope does or says is big news.

And Pope Benedict XVI has made no secret of his preference for Monti, a practicing Catholic, whom he greeted warmly on Saturday in one of his last private audiences with an Italian political leader.

On the other hand, the Vatican has expressed its horror over the string of sex and corruption scandals swirling around the billionaire media mogul Berlusconi. And with the dignity of the papal transition very much on Italian minds, Benedict's clear preference for Monti could be a factor in making voters think twice about backing a figure who has become synonymous with an amoral, me-first way of life.

Experts do warn: Don't expect the papal factor to sway the election. But it's clear that the candidates may be adjusting their rhetoric to the spirit of the times.

Frontrunner Pier Luigi Bersani, who as a veteran of Italy's left espouses a more secular kind of ethical vision, hammered away at the issue of "morality" at a campaign rally Sunday in the critical region of Lombardy.

While he comes from a different political tradition from the center-right Monti, the two share an emphasis on economic reform that could very well make them a good match in a future coalition government.

Italian law bans publication of opinion polls in the last two weeks before elections, so it's hard to tell if the sudden focus on religious affairs has caused undecided Catholics to shift toward Monti, the only practicing Catholic among the main candidates.

Germany: Tighter controls are needed on meat products

Associated Press

BERLIN— German officials on Monday vowed tighter controls on meat products and stronger penalties for companies that violate food-labeling rules as more items marketed as "all beef" were pulled from supermarket shelves after testing positive for horse meat.

Germany, Europe's largest economy, is one of several countries across the continent investigating the improper use of horse meat and mislabeling of meat products in a still-unfolding scandal.

Consumer Protection Minister Ilse Aigner and her state counterparts announced a 10-point plan seeking to allay Germans' fears after five national supermarkets recalled lasagna, chili, tortellini and goulash — all with traces of horse meat. Most recently, German discount supermarket Lidl on Monday said it had recalled Combino brand "Beef Tortelloni," sold at its stores in Austria, after tests showed it contained horse meat.

Aigner said Germany will step up testing and look for any meat not clearly noted on the label — not just horse. "I can't say this is the end," she told reporters. "We have to count on other cases being discovered."

In addition to implementing a European Union action plan on testing meat products, some of Germany's other plans include making sure consumers are more quickly informed as soon as a company has detected that its product may be mislabeled, and facilitating better information flow between state and federal agencies.

Horse meat has turned up across Europe in frozen supermarket meals such as burgers and lasagna, as well as in in beef pasta sauce, on restaurant menus, in school lunches and in hospital meals.

Millions of products were pulled from store shelves in Britain, Ireland, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway after the scandal broke, and supermarkets and food suppliers were told to test processed beef products for horse DNA.

European officials have said the scandal is the result of fraud, and possibly an international criminal conspiracy to pass off cheap horse meat as more expensive beef.

And although officials say that eating horse meat is not generally dangerous, the scandal has upset people in places where such meat traditionally is not eaten.

France agreed on Monday to partially restore the health certification of a meat seller at the heart of the uproar.

In a decision just ahead of a meeting between French government officials and workers at the Spanghero company, French Agriculture Minister Stephane Le Foll said he would allow it to resume production of ground meat, sausages and some cooked goods after inspectors found nothing amiss there over the weekend.

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OPINION

What happened to patriotism in our schools?

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ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

A Pew Research Center report — "Second-Generation Americans: A Portrait of the Adult Children of Immigrants" — recently verified something that has been the case throughout most of the nation's history: Children who grow up in this country become proud Americans.

Prepare for that to change.

I say this as a daughter of immigrants who, like roughly six out of 10 adult children of these newcomers, considers herself a "typical American." And like the overwhelming majority of second-gen Hispanics and Asians, I also believe the holiest of America's promises — that most people can get ahead if they're willing to work hard.

My peers and I didn't get this way just based on our parents' sunny dispositions. It was drilled into us by that great assimilation machine called public school. It's an education system that, as I learned while earning a graduate degree in education, has its roots in the mission to teach students patriotism and moral values.

Well, just forget about it these days. Morals are not something that schools want to touch with a 10-foot pole. Even the watered-down character programs — such as "Character Counts!" — seem to be going extinct in favor of more general campaigns that merely implore students to "Just Be Nice" or put their "Values in Action!"

And patriotism in school is dead.

Take this headline that came to me from the Education Action Group Foundation, which has been described as either a promoter of sensible education reform or a tool of the far-right fringe, "Radical education officials try to impose anti-American curriculum."

The e-blast claimed that Minnesota's education officials are proposing new social studies standards that would "no longer require students to learn about Martin Luther King Jr., the War on Terror, the Soviet Union or the importance of patriotism."

"Students would be required to learn about America's 'institutional racism,' 'the rise of big business,' and the problems posed by an 'unregulated capitalist economy.' In other words, some want to change the curriculum so history instructors teach children that the United States is a bad country with an evil past."

A level-headed independent thinker might wonder if such heated rhetoric is nothing more than the bizarre assertions of Ayn Rand-worshiping conservatives. But this doesn't mean there isn't some truth to it.

As a second-generation minority who came of age with similar peers in urban classrooms that resembled a mini-United Nations, I can say that my schools taught us to love our parents' adopted country with all our hearts. We grew up feeling as American as apple pie, even when we preferred comfort foods like leche flan or empanadas.

Today, as an ex-educator and the mother of two middle-school children attending schools staffed by left-leaning teachers trained more in the art of social justice than the science of pedagogy, I can tell you that when the current crop of school-age children of immigrants are grown, they may look at America as an imperialist, corporate-driven oppressor, not a source of pride.

In the name of inclusiveness, diversity, ethnic and gender studies, the education pendulum has swung to the point where, to read some of the worksheets that are given out as class work, you could forget that we are a nation molded by a group of enterprising Founding Fathers.

In the Howard Zinn "A People's History of the United States" version of the past that most new teachers seem to have been weaned on, America was instead developed by wealthy, slave-owning white males whose real claim to fame was capitalizing on the Native American genocide that Columbus and the first colonists took part in.

Don't laugh. This is not only how I've heard real teachers describe the roots of our nation, but almost exactly the terms in which social studies instruction was couched when I was going through formal teacher training.

We want to teach our students to think critically about their history, to be outraged at past wrongs. But too often, criticism is delivered to impressionable young minds with no real sense of historical context. The result is a constant drumbeat about how terrible America is.

In a nation where lawsuits are filed in order to avoid the supposed tyranny of having to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, the prospects for inspiring patriotism in our children are bleak. Prepare for the next wave of second-generation Americans to be far less admiring of their country than their predecessors were.

OUR VIEW

Midland ISD is better off transforming than reforming

Once again Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren is about the business of shaking up the school district. He has sent notice to the administration and teachers of impending change and has told Midlanders to expect big announcements later this spring regarding a transformation of MISD's schools.

Warren wants to present a plan at future board meetings about "which campuses will be redesigned and re-staffed to truly meet the needs of our children in our specific programs." Particulars of the plan include program and campus designations.

MISD's bilingual and limited-English proficiency students have struggled to meet state performance levels since at least 2004. Warren wants to change that.

Simply being in compliance with state-mandated criteria isn't working, so Warren wants to stop being in the compliance mode and move into transformational mode. The key to helping make greater educational gains, according to Warren, lies in better preparing teachers to be in the classroom.

This will be a bold transformation if pulled off. And we stand behind this effort if it will improve the district. We especially favor the idea of transformation for the good of the district without the rules coming from Austin. We know our problems, and we should find a way to fix them. We prefer local decision-making when it comes to the fundamental roots of change for the public good.

We also like the determination behind this decision to go beyond what is required to really make an attempt to fix some serious problems that face the school district.

This is not unchartered territory for MISD. We have seen other bold innovations that have served the district well, such as the talented and gifted program at Carver, the early childhood education program and development of Early College High School at Midland College.

It is our hope that this transformation will serve Midland in the same manner and ultimately will become popular and will help shape our education system well into the future.

As long as we are looking at initiatives to improve MISD, we also hope the community will consider what more can be done for teachers. Warren is right to target two major components — limiting class size and higher teacher pay. There are monetary and logistical problems with these issues. Money is tight and the teacher talent pool isn't overflowing, but these changes could be key cogs in any transformation plan. That's why they rank high on our list.

We look forward to transformation rather than reform for reform's sake. This is the kind of change that absolutely can make a difference for our children.

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Education has role in immigration debate

■ Better education opportunities will "give immigrant children a shot at economic and social mobility."

WILLIAM McKENZIE
Dallas Morning News

Elections have consequences, so we're finally resuming the conversation about immigration that had been stalled since former President George W. Bush last launched a dialogue. In last week's State of the Union message, President Barack Obama ramped up the exchange he and legislators from both parties have been having since the election. They've been discussing securing the border, creating a better way for people to come here to work and legalizing immigrants who reside in the U.S. illegally.

But let me add one more element: the role schools need to play in assimilating first- and even second-generation immigrants.

Public schools are the primary way that children of recent immigrants will become part of the American mainstream. We should want them to assimilate instead of living their three score and ten in a parallel universe. Countries that don't integrate arriving families create nasty tensions, as we've seen in France's struggle to absorb Muslim immigrants.

Latinos are the major players in our immigration narrative. The Pew Hispanic Center reported recently that second-generation Hispanics are integrating better than their parents into American society. They have better jobs, more college degrees, greater homeownership rates and live less in poverty.

Assimilation is not automatic, especially for Latinos whose families are new to the United States.

Florida's GOP Sen. Marco Rubio has stepped up to deal with some of the Latino education needs through a renewed version of the DREAM Act. Rubio would let law-abiding, English-speaking children attend college here, even though they came illegally with their parents.

This is a big part of the immigration education discussion, but it's not the only element.

We also need to discuss how well Latino immigrants are doing from kindergarten through high school. Their progress in learning English, mastering core subjects so they can attend college or get a good job, and absorbing the history and culture of this country is central to how well they will move beyond their parents' world.

Their assimilation also will shape the destiny of big states like Texas and California. In our state, more than half of public school students are Hispanic. Many come from hardworking but low-income homes.

In Texas, the achievement data about students who come from disadvantaged homes is not good. Evidence from the state's latest school finance lawsuit reveals that 47 percent of low-income ninth-graders failed at least one of their high school end-of-course exams last year — after three tries. Collectively, low-income ninth-graders failed 262,343 end-of-course exams last year — after three tries. (Only ninth-graders took those tests.)

Now not all of those failing students are Latinos, but many are. So what are we going to do to change their trajectory?

Here's one suggestion: Get more quality teachers and principals before them. Dallas Superintendent Mike Miles is trying to do that with a project focused on feeder patterns of low-performing schools, whose student bodies are largely Hispanic. (About 70 percent of Dallas public school students are Latino.)

He wants to attract some of the district's best teachers and principals to underperforming schools. The Gates Foundation recently presented data that shows strong teachers can put struggling students on a different course. So this approach could benefit Dallas' many Latino students.

The Texas Teaching Commission has recommendations, too. The commission, a project of Educate Texas, wants the state to better screen colleges and alternative certification programs that prepare teachers for the classroom. It would have legislators and districts provide economic incentives for educators to teach in underperforming schools. And it wants districts and the state to create stronger mentoring programs for struggling instructors.

These strategies would help all students gain access to engaged teachers, but they particularly would give immigrant children a shot at economic and social mobility.

Those students will write the next chapter for many communities and states. Let's figure out how to include them and their schools into our new conversation about immigration. This discussion need not be limited to their parents, visas and borders.

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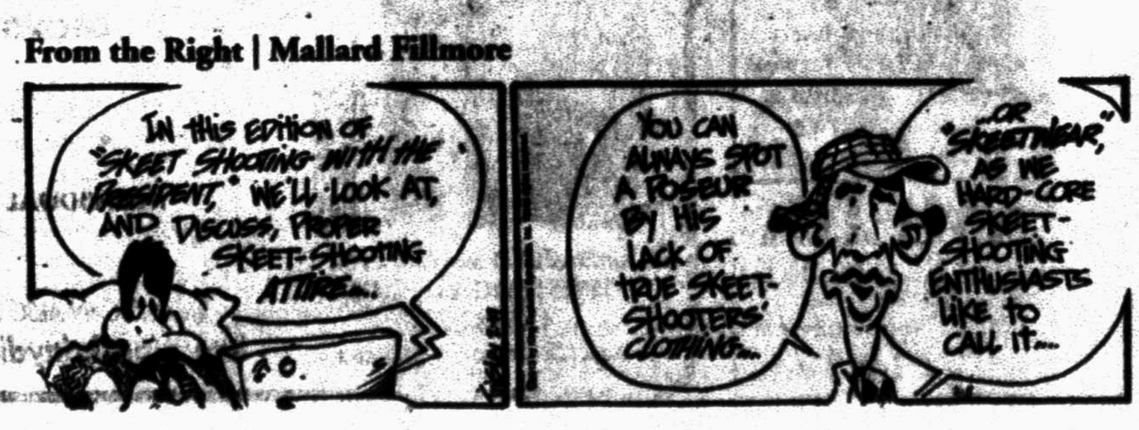

NRA's position on background checks for guns evolves

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association was for background checks before it was against them.

In 1999 right after the mass shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado, the NRA's CEO, Wayne LaPierre, told a congressional panel that "it's reasonable to provide mandatory instant background checks for every sale at every gun show. No loopholes anywhere, for anyone."

Fast forward 14 years to another Capitol Hill appearance, this time to testify on gun-control measures in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., mass shooting.

Asked to reconcile his 1999 testimony with NRA's thumbs-down position on expanding background checks to private transactions at gun shows and elsewhere, LaPierre declared it wouldn't do "any good to extend the law to private sales between hobbyists and collectors."

He called the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) "a failure." NICS permits federally licensed firearms dealers to check prospective gun buyers' qualifications.

And last week in a fiery call to arms after President Obama's State of the Union address, LaPierre said that while universal background checks "sounds like a reasonable, good idea," they would be ineffective against criminals who steal weapons or get them on the black market.

"The only people who will be checked are law-abiding, normal, sane, decent Americans," LaPierre said. "It will (be) our names — the names of good people — that will be put into a massive database, subject to potential federal registration and abuse of privacy."

Since the contrast between LaPierre's acquiescent 1999 statement and his current finger-pointing surfaced in a Super Bowl ad funded by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns, veteran NRA watchers on both sides of the issue have struggled to explain what some characterize as a flip-flop.

Was it really a "gotcha" moment? Or politics as usual for the nation's gun-owners group with more than four million members?

The NRA's long history of traversing the fault lines of background checks stretches back to the original Brady bill, which was named after Ronald Reagan's press secretary, James Brady, who was seriously wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt against the president.

Sales of guns to felons and the mentally ill had been illegal since 1968, but there was no mechanism for firearms dealers to check customers.

After the assassination attempt, Brady and his wife Sarah founded an organization now known as the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to push a background-check system through Congress.

The NRA mounted full resistance, spending millions to convince gun owners that the bill, which required a five-business-day waiting period while police checked a buyer's qualifications, would threaten Second Amendment rights.

But even though the NRA succeeded in stalling the bill, strategists realized that a Democratic-controlled Congress eventually would approve it.

So while the NRA battled it frontally, its lobbyists fought a quieter rearguard action to neutralize the measure. What emerged when Congress finally approved the Brady act in 1993 was a compromise: The five-day waiting period would go forward, Washington would send $200 million a year to states to help them computerize criminal records, and a completely computerized check system — NICS — would be up and running by 1998.

"The NRA was smart enough to see the handwriting on the wall," said Richard Feldman, an NRA lobbyist against the Brady law in the early days who now is president of the Independent Firearm Owners Association. "It wasn't so much about liking it as it was liking it better than the alternative."

Ultimately, Feldman said, "the Brady campaign got their bill, even if it was our bill!"

The NRA continued to fight the Brady law in court, battling the provision requiring local police to do manual background checks before the NICS computerized system going online. They won a victory in 1997 when the Supreme Court said the requirement was unconstitutional. But the high court refused the NRA's bid to scuttle Brady entirely.

NRA officials grudgingly accepted NICS when it started providing instant background checks in 1998. But, despite LaPierre's post-Columbine statement, they continued lobbying against it around the edges.

The NRA pushed the Justice Department of President George W. Bush to destroy background checks within 24 hours — even though the GAO found that quick disposal risked letting mistaken gun-purchase approvals go uncorrected.

With a nod from Congress, the 24-hour destruction rule went into effect in 2004.

Despite a rough start, NICS has matured into a dependable way for firearms dealers to check customers' backgrounds, with most queries answered in less than a minute.

Since 1998, NICS has processed 162.9 million requests and issued approximately a million denials. Its database contains nine million records. States have been slow to submit mental health records, with 17 states submitting 10 records or fewer to NICS as of October 2011, according to a Government Accountability Office report.

But the same report noted an eight-fold increase in states inputting mental health records between 2004 and 2011.

Obama's immigration plan is a backup

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House is downplaying its draft immigration proposal as merely a backup plan if lawmakers don't come up with an overhaul of their own. It won't be necessary, Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike are telling the Obama administration.

White House chief of staff Denis McDonough said Sunday that President Barack Obama wants to "be prepared" in case the small bipartisan group of senators fails to devise a plan for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States. In response, lawmakers assured the White House they are working on their own plan — and warned that Obama would be heading toward failure if the White House gets ahead of them.

Even so, the administration is moving forward on its own immigration agenda should one of Obama's top priorities get derailed.

The administration's proposal would create a visa for those in the country illegally and allow them to become legal permanent residents within eight years.

The proposal also requires businesses to know the immigration status of their workers and adds more funding for border security.

Many of the details in the administration's draft proposal follow the broad principles that Obama previously outlined. But the fact the administration is writing its own alternative signaled Obama wants to address immigration sooner rather than later and perhaps was looking to nudge lawmakers to move more quickly.

Hagel's GOP foes signal vote should go on

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Republican opponents are sending signals that Chuck Hagel's bid to become defense secretary will probably come to an up-or-down vote soon in the Senate.

That's unless more information damaging to the nominee — and the Obama administration — surfaces in the coming week.

Critics maintain the decorated Vietnam combat veteran and former senator is unqualified to lead the U.S. military. Republicans angered President Barack Obama by delaying a vote on Hagel last week and preventing him from rounding out his second-term national security team, which includes Hagel and John Brennan, the White House counterterrorism adviser who is awaiting confirmation to become CIA director.

Associated Press

High-stakes fight over soybeans at high court

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vernon Hugh Bowman seems comfortable with the old way of doing things, right down to the rotary-dial telephone he said he was using in a conference call with reporters.

But the 75-year-old Indiana farmer figured out a way to benefit from a high-technology product, soybeans that are resistant to weed-killers, without always paying the high price that such genetically engineered seeds typically bring. In so doing, he ignited a legal fight with seed-giant Monsanto Co. that has now come before the Supreme Court, with arguments taking place today.

AP file photo

A farmer holds Monsanto's Roundup Ready Soy Bean seeds at his family farm in Bunceton, Mo., in 2008. A high stakes dispute over soybeans comes before the Supreme Court, with arguments taking place today.

The court case poses the question of whether Bowman's actions violated the patent rights held by Monsanto, which developed soybean and other seeds that survive when farmers spray their fields with the company's Roundup brand weed-killer. The seeds dominate American agriculture, including in Indiana where more than 90 percent of soybeans are Roundup Ready.

Monsanto has attracted a bushel of researchers, universities and other agribusiness concerns to its side because they fear a decision in favor of Bowman would leave their own technological innovations open to poaching. The company's allies even include a company that is embroiled in a separate legal battle with Monsanto over one of the patents at issue in the Bowman case.

The Obama administration also backs Monsanto, having earlier urged the court to stay out of the case because of the potential for far-reaching implications for patents involving DNA molecules, nanotechnologies and other self-replicating technologies.

Monsanto's opponents argue that the company has tried to use patent law to control the supply of seeds for soybeans, corn, cotton, canola, sugar beets and alfalfa. The result has been a dramatic rise in seed prices and reduced options for farmers, according to the Center for Food Safety. The group opposes the spread of genetically engineered crops and says their benefits have been grossly overstated.

"It has become extremely difficult for farmers to find high-quality conventional seeds," said Bill Freese, the center's science policy analyst.

Consumer groups and organic food producers have fought Monsanto over genetically engineered farm and food issues in several settings. They lost a campaign in California last year to require labels on most genetically engineered processed foods and produce. Monsanto and other food and chemical companies spent more than $40 million to defeat the ballot measure.

Monsanto says the success of its seeds are proof of their value. By and large, "farmers appreciate what we do," David Snively, Monsanto's top lawyer, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Herbicide-resistant soybean seeds first hit the market in 1996. To protect its investment in their development, Monsanto has a policy that prohibits farmers from saving or reusing the seeds once the crop is grown. Farmers must buy new seeds every year.

Like almost every other farmer in Indiana, Bowman used the patented seeds for his main crop. But for a risky, late season crop on his 300 acres in Sandborn, about 100 miles southwest of Indianapolis, Bowman said, "I wanted a cheap source of seed."

He couldn't reuse his own beans or buy seeds from other farmers who had similar agreements with Monsanto and other companies licensed to sell genetically engineered seeds. And dealers he used to buy cheap seed from no longer carry the unmodified seeds.

So Bowman found what looked like a loophole and went to a grain elevator that held soybeans it typically sells for feed, milling and other uses, but not as seed.

Bowman reasoned that most of those soybeans also would be resistant to weed killers, as they initially came from herbicide-resistant seeds, too. He was right, and he repeated the practice over eight years.

He didn't try to keep it a secret from Monsanto and in October 2007, the company sued him for violating its patent. Bowman's is one of 146 lawsuits Monsanto has filed since 1996 claiming unauthorized use of its Roundup Ready seeds, Snively said.

A federal court in Indiana sided with Monsanto and awarded the company $84,456 for Bowman's unlicensed use of Monsanto's technology. The federal appeals court in Washington that handles all appeals in patent cases, upheld the award. The appeals court said that farmers may never replant Roundup Ready seeds without running afoul of Monsanto's patents.

The Supreme Court will grapple with the limit of Monsanto's patent rights, whether they stop with the sale of the first crop of beans, or extend to each new crop soybean farmers grow that has the gene modification that allows it to withstand the application of weed-killer.

The company sees Bowman's actions as a threat both to its Roundup Ready line of seeds and to other innovations that could be easily and cheaply reproduced if they were not protected.

"This case really is about 21st century technologies," Snively said.

Bowman and his allies say Monsanto's legal claims amount to an effort to bully farmers.

The Center for Food Safety's Freese points out that Monsanto's biggest moneymaker is corn seed, which cannot be replanted. "So seed-saving would have no impact on the majority of Monsanto's seed revenue," he said.

The case is Bowman v. Monsanto Co., 11-796.

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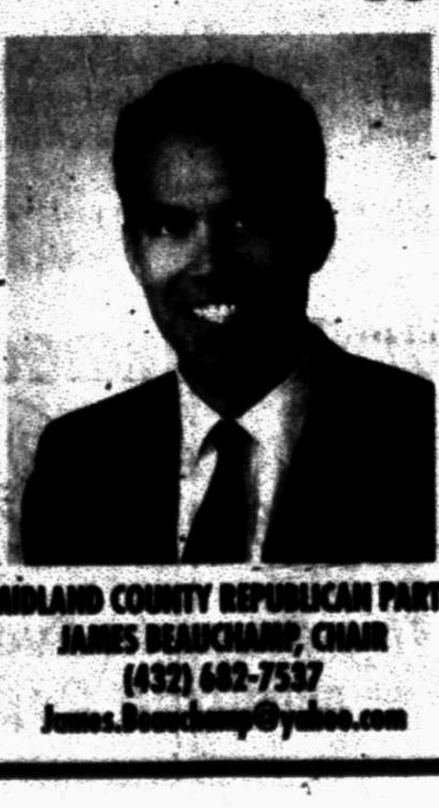
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LOS ANGELES

Long-missing WWII medals awarded in Los Angeles

A Southern California woman who grew up knowing little of her father — a heroic casualty of World War II — is now the proud owner of his long-lost battle medals, including a Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Hyla Merin's mother never spoke about the Army officer who died before she was born. The scraps of information she gathered from other relatives were hazy: 2nd Lt. Hyman Markel was a rabbi's son, brilliant at mathematics, the brave winner of battlefield honors who died sometime in 1945. Aside from wedding photos of Markel in uniform, Merin never glimpsed him.

About four months ago, the manager of a West Hollywood apartment building where Merin's mother lived in the 1960s found a box containing papers and the Purple Heart while cleaning out some lockers in the laundry room, Merin said.

NEW YORK

Burger King plans apology after Twitter hack

Somebody hacked Burger King's Twitter account on Monday, posting obscene messages and changing its profile picture to a McDonald's logo.

The tweets stopped after a little more than an hour, and Burger King said it had reached out to Twitter to suspend the account. A Twitter spokesman did not immediately respond to a phone message left on Monday.

Burger King, which usually tweets several times a week, said it was working to get the account back up. Typical tweets promoted sales on chicken sandwiches, or asked how many bites it takes to eat a chicken nugget.

But just after noon EST on Monday, someone tweeted via Burger King's account, "We just got sold to McDonalds!" They also changed the icon to rival McDonald Corp.'s golden arches and the account's background picture to McDonald's new Fish McBites.

WASHINGTON

Climate contradiction: Less snow, more blizzards

With scant snowfall and barren ski slopes in parts of the Midwest and Northeast the past couple of years, some scientists have pointed to global warming as the culprit.

Then when a whopper of a blizzard smacked the Northeast with more than 2 feet of snow in some places earlier this month, some of the same people again blamed global warming.

How can that be? It's been a joke among skeptics, pointing to what seems to be a brazen contradiction.

But the answer lies in atmospheric physics. A warmer atmosphere can hold, and dump, more moisture, snow experts say. And two soon-to-be-published studies demonstrate how there can be more giant blizzards yet less snow overall each year. Projections are that that's likely to continue with man-made global warming.

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Other groups hope to grow amid Boy Scout turmoil

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the Boy Scouts of America entangled in a furor over its ban on gays, lesser-known youth organizations across the ideological spectrum see an opportunity. They wonder if the turmoil might prompt some families to give them a closer look as options for their boys.

They range from Bible-based programs run by conservative religious organizations to coed, inclusive groups, including one founded on the basis of pagan beliefs.

None of the groups has the size or iconic status of the BSA, though some have been around for many decades.

Leaders of several of the groups, in public statements and interviews with The Associated Press, made clear they are following the Boy Scouts' predicament with interest and pondering possible ramifications for their own prospects — though not seeking to profit from "someone else's misfortune," as one leader said.

The BSA, founded in 1910 and now serving about 2.66 million boys, is deliberating a possible shift in its long-standing policy of excluding gays as youth members or adult leaders.

In May, the BSA's 1,400-member National Council is expected to consider a proposal to ease the ban by allowing sponsors of local Scout units to decide for themselves whether to admit gays. Gay-rights groups say the plan is inadequate, and that no units should be allowed to discriminate, while some conservative religious leaders and advocacy groups want the ban to stay in place nationwide.

As a result, there has been consternation on both the left and right of the Scouting community, and warnings of possible defections depending on what decision is made in May.

For families that do seek an alternative to the Boy Scouts, here are some of the options:

Associated Press

Camp Fire members investigate a creek during a backpacking trip in Texas in November 2012. Founded in 1910 as Camp Fire Girls of America, this organization changed its name and became coed in 1975. Boys now comprise almost half of its 300,000 youth participants, according to spokeswoman Catherine Lufkin.

FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS

The Southern Baptist Convention's Royal Ambassadors

Founded in 1908, this is a program run by Southern Baptist churches for boys in first through sixth grade.

The SBC's Women's Missionary Union, which oversees the program, estimates that it has about 6,300 adult leaders and 31,000 youth members.

Its curriculum shares many features with the Boy Scouts — including camping trips and model race-car competitions — but it also stresses a goal of providing boys with "godly characteristics" and a "biblical worldview."

Of the major religious denominations which sponsor large numbers of Boy Scout units, the Southern Baptists have been among the most outspoken in urging the BSA to keep the ban on gays.

The SBC's official news agency, Baptist Press, recently reported that the Royal Ambassador program might spread to more Southern Baptist churches if the BSA's ban is lifted.

The article quoted Don Hinkle, editor of the Missouri Baptist Convention's newspaper, as reminiscing fondly about his boyhood experience with the Royal Ambassadors.

"Perhaps in these sad, self-destructing days for the Boy Scouts of America, God will use RAs in a new and powerful way to bring honor and glory to Him," Hinkle told Baptist Press.

In addition to the Royal Ambassadors, the SBC also oversees the Challengers, a program for boys aged 12-17.

The Assemblies of God's Royal Rangers

Founded in 1962 by one of the largest Pentecostal denominations, the Royal Rangers have about 81,000 youth members in about 4,000 units, according to church headquarters.

"We provide Christ-like character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment," said the Rangers' mission statement.

Every four years, the organization brings together several thousand boys and adult leaders for a "Camporama" at the Rangers' campground in Eagle Rock, Mo. Last summer's event featured a high-ropes course, two zip lines, a water slide, and a lumberjack show.

Like the Southern Baptists, the Assemblies of God considers homosexuality immoral and has urged the Boy Scouts not to lift the ban on gays. A statement to that effect, from the denomination's leader, has been posted on the Rangers' website.

"We are saddened and disappointed to hear that Boy Scouts of America, an organization long devoted to biblical values, is now considering loosening the principles in which it was founded," said the Rev. George O. Wood. "We pray the BSA will give careful consideration to this matter and hold firm to the beliefs that have made it a strong and influential organization for more than 100 years."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Pathfinders

Dating back more than 60 years, the coed Pathfinders program serves about 35,000 boys and girls ages 10-15 in the U.S. and Canada, according to James Black, the church's director of youth ministries for North America.

Black said the program resembles the Boy Scouts in many respects, with an emphasis on camping, plus an array of honors and patches that the youth members can work for.

Unlike the Scouts, however, the Pathfinders operate as a church-based ministry, with a priority placed on community service. However, Black said boys and girls are welcome to join even if not from Seventh-day Adventist families.

Amid the Boy Scouts' turmoil, there's been an upsurge of inquiries from parents about possible participation in the Pathfinders, Black said.

"We don't want to gain off of someone else's misfortune — but we want to be there as an available option for healthy, meaningful programs," he said. "We wish the best for the Boy Scouts. ...Our hearts and prayers go out to them."

The Calvinist Cadet Corps

Founded in 1952, with a headquarters in Grand Rapids, Mich., this is a non-denominational but staunchly religious scouting-style program.

Office manager Kathy Door, said the corps currently serves about 9,900 boys in 550 clubs in the U.S. and Canada, with strong bases of support in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and the Pacific Coast.

"When someone who hasn't heard of us asks questions, we tell them we're sort of along the lines of Scouting but we are much more conservative," Door said. "There are Bible lessons at every meeting."

Most of the participants come from churches with Calvinist roots, such as the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church.

The Knights of Columbus' Columbian Squires

This organization for Roman Catholic boys and young men ages 10-18 was founded in 1925 and claims a youth membership of more than 25,000, including some in units in Mexico and the Philippines.

The Squires, said the program's website, "is an athletic team, a youth group, a social club, a cultural and civic improvement association, a management training course, a civil rights organization and a spiritual development program all rolled into one."

SECULAR PROGRAMS

Camp Fire

Founded in 1910 as Camp Fire Girls of America, this organization changed its name and became coed in 1975. Boys now comprise almost half of its 300,000 youth participants, according to spokeswoman Catherine Lufkin.

While the Boy Scouts have drawn some criticism for excluding gays and atheists, Camp Fire stresses its inclusiveness and said it welcomes youth and families regardless of race, creed, gender, social status, disability or sexual orientation.

Lufkin said young people view Camp Fire's diversity as an asset and enjoy making friends who are different from themselves. Like the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts of the USA, and other major youth organizations, Camp Fire has seen its membership ranks decline in recent decades, though Lufkin said the numbers have stabilized in recent years.

Nonetheless, Camp Fire adopted a new logo last year and has striven to develop "rebranding" strategies to attract new participants.

Navigators USA

This alternative scouting organization has its roots in a Boy Scout troop based in New York City's East Harlem neighborhood and sponsored by the Unitarian Church of All Souls.

The troop broke away from the BSA in 2003 out of disagreement with the exclusionary membership policies, and some of the volunteer leaders decided to continue independently as a coed, inclusive movement.

The group's growth outside New York was slow at first, but founder and executive director Robin Bossert said the number of chapters has surged from 16 to 42 in the past year, with an average of about a dozen youths per unit. He attributes the growth in part to the controversies surrounding the Boy Scouts.

Bossert said Navigators USA emphasizes outdoor activities — "to combat nature-deficit disorder" — as well as community service projects.

The Baden-Powell Service Association

The BPSA was founded in 2008 by David Atchley of Washington, Mo., who as a leader of his son's Cub Scout pack had a rift with regional BSA leaders over his efforts to adopt a nondiscrimination code.

Atchley, a software engineer, said the BPSA has grown steadily in the past two years, from just a handful of units to 19 now, ranging from Kingston, N.Y., and Exeter, N.H., to Albuquerque, N.M., and Sunnyvale, Calif.

Like the Navigators, the group is coed, with an inclusive membership policy, and Atchley said the contrast with the Boy Scouts has been a factor in its growth.

The organization takes its name from Robert Baden-Powell, whose initiatives in Britain in starting in 1907 launched the international Scouting movement.

Atchley said the BPSA, inspired by its namesake, focuses on outdoor skills and community service.

"It's back to basics, instead of broadening the program to appeal to everybody under the sun," he said, referring to the Boy Scouts' efforts to modernize and diversify their activities.

SpiralScouts International

This coed organization originated in 2001 at the Aquarian Tabernacle Church in Index, Wash., which serves a Wiccan community.

Though developed on the basis of pagan beliefs and practices, it is open to youth and families of any faith — or no religious affiliation. Its units are known as circles; it also welcomes individual families who are designated as "hearths."

Spokeswoman Rachel Scott said the U.S. component comprises about 150 adult volunteers and 350 youth scouts, ages 3-18, in 45 circles and hearths.

The mix of genders is a key principle, according to the group's website.

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Indonesian immigrant headed to regional bee

9-year-old Santa Rita fourth-grader barely spoke English 3 years ago

By Meredith Moriak
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Ramadhan

When Santoso Utomo and his wife, Maya Electrisna, moved to Midland three years ago from Indonesia, finding an English tutor for their 6-year-old son Nabil was a top priority.

They enlisted the help of Dru Keith, a retired English as a second language teacher, who worked with Nabil three times a week, teaching him to read and write in English.

"He was 6 and could hardly speak any English. He drew lots of pictures at the beginning because that's all he knew," said Keith of her first encounter with Nabil Ramadhan.

Just three years later, Nabil exceeded all expectations set by his teachers, parents and tutor when the fourth-grader won the Santa Rita Elementary spelling bee at just 9 years old.

"We never expected something like this," said Utomo, who is an engineer for Chevron. "We arrived here three years ago, and this is very new for him. We're really surprised."

Nabil and 39 other students from Midland and Big Spring will compete in the Reporter-Telegram's 26th annual Regional Spelling Bee at 9 a.m. Saturday in Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building.

"We are very proud of him because we just moved here from another country and it's amazing he's been able to succeed in a language that's totally new for my son," said Electrisna, who works with her son each evening, quizzing him on the spelling of five to 10 words each day after he writes each word three times apiece.

Nabil said he wants to learn new words and win the spelling bee so he can visit Washington, D.C., for the Scripps National Spelling Bee from May 28-30.

With a strong phonics background, Keith said Nabil "can sound out just about anything." In preparing for the bee, they've learned the origin of all words and focused on those words that have silent letters and break the spelling rules, Keith said.

"Working with Nabil has been easy. He teaches himself and is every teacher's dream," Keith said. "He's like a little sponge. I used to teach sixth grade and he knows more words than some of those sixth-graders."

Having worked as Nabil's tutor for the past three years, Keith said she is thrilled for his successes.

"Honestly, he doesn't really need me much anymore. I'm just his security blanket," said Keith, who mentioned she often answers text messages from Nabil asking about

"Please see **BEE**/2B

ROCKY'S GREAT DAY

Courtesy photos

ABOVE: Rocky, the mascot for the Midland RockHounds, visits with students in Claire Lindley's first grade class at Greathouse Elementary on Feb. 14. Valentine's Day was especially sweet for Greathouse Elementary first-grader John Ryan Jaramillo, shown at right with Rocky. Jaramillo, a 7-year-old in Lindley's class, wrote Rocky a letter asking him to visit his school. Rocky brought cupcakes, coloring books and Valentine's cards for the entire class. "I love the Midland RockHounds! They are my favorite team. My mom and dad take my little brother and me to games all the time," Jaramillo wrote in his letter. "(Rocky) would make my whole entire year if he came to visit us. My friends would all give him high fives and hugs. My teacher loved sports, too, so it's too perfect for him not to pick our class!"

MISD seeks feedback on 2013-14 calendar

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland ISD seeks feedback on three proposed school calendars for the 2013-14 academic year. Community members may cast their vote online at midlandisd.net.

With all three calendars including an Aug. 26 start date, two-week winter break and March 10-14 spring break, the main differences between calendars is in the length of Thanksgiving break and when the last week of school occurs.

For drafts one and three, the school year ends May 30, with graduation on May 31, and only three vacation days at Thanksgiving, much like the current year's calendar.

Draft two includes a full week off at Thanksgiving and extends the school year until June 6, with graduation on June 7.

All three calendars contain the same winter break, with a two-hour early release Dec. 20 and the district closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 3.

The second semester start date varies between drafts. Draft one proposes a Jan. 6 student start date and no professional development days, and draft two proposes three days of staff development and a Jan. 9 student start date.

The placement of teacher staff development/student holidays and bad weather make-up days vary slightly in the calendar drafts.

New this year, MISD will add three more early-release days to its calendar

Please see **CALENDAR**/3B

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

By Meredith Moriak

Greenwood to discuss elections; MISD to change meetings days

Last week's marathon-style school board meetings yielded a generous amount of information and story ideas, not all of which immediately made it into the paper.

While I did report Greenwood ISD's STAAR results, the architecture firms Midland ISD selected to work on the $163 million bond package and how high construction costs for an addition to and renovation of Midland College's Jack E. Brown Dining Hall have stalled the project, not everything was reported for the following day's paper because many meetings lasted into the night, past my 10 p.m. deadline.

Below are some interesting items to note about our local schools — everything from early release times for the Easter holiday to UTPB changing the name of two of its departments.

■ Greenwood ISD trustees will hold a special board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 to discuss calling a bond election and Chapter 41 election for May 11.

GISD is considered a "property wealthy" school district by the state and must return funds to the state each year. A Chapter 41 election will allow taxpayers to decide how they will be giving their money back to the state, either by paying money directly to the state and allowing them to disperse it to the poor school districts, or paying the money directly to a poor school district.

■ Name changes for two UT Permian Basin divisions were approved by the UT System Board of Regents at Thursday's meeting in Austin.

Regents approved changing the UTPB School of Business to the UTPB College of Business and Engineering and the UTPB School of Education to the UTPB College of Education. These name changes are pending final approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

■ Beginning in July, regular Midland ISD trustee meetings will move from Tuesday evening to Monday evening.

Superintendent Ryder Warren asked the board to move meetings because many student activities occur on Tuesday evenings that he and other administrators are not able to attend because of board meetings.

Beginning in July, board meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the MISD administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

■ In the coming months, MISD's local policy manual will undergo a comprehensive audit by the Texas Association of School Boards. MISD's last comprehensive policy review and update was in summer 2002. Warren said it is necessary to complete another update to ensure all policies are current.

Please see **NOTEBOOK**/2B

Change made on STAAR writing tests is a good thing

REBECCA RANDOLPH
Greenwood High School

As our educational system in Texas continues to change, I watch as teachers, students and parents attempt to evolve with these changes. We are surrounded by interviews and news reports full of negativity regarding new testing and graduation requirements. As I worry about our students and our schools, I refuse to spend my time complaining. Teachers must stay positive in the classroom because a child will not learn from adults who dislike what they are teaching. My realm is the area of English language arts, and I will address only the reading and writing STAAR and EOC tests.

A few years ago, administrators announced future plans for "expository" writing to be a new feature on the upcoming tests. I finally had found my comfort lessons with the TAKS writing and reading tests, so I was very nervous to learn something new all over again. As both veteran and new teachers googled "expository" on our smart phones, we learned that this was a different word for something practical, useful and a little scary.

Expository is meant to explain or describe. STAAR and EOC tests now contain expository reading passages and an expository writing prompt. As I taught this new terminology to students, I shared my opinion with my classes, which happens to be a positive one.

The TAKS world was not made up of real-life reading or writing. It absolutely had value related to English language skills, but it did not translate to a business world. Now, our students may be tested with reading passages that are newsworthy and informative. My fellow teachers and I are using New York Times, Newsweek and Midland Reporter-Telegram articles to teach our students to analyze and interpret. Our students are deciphering informative texts similar to what they will need to read before operating equipment or installing items such as electronics. I feel that I am preparing my students for a successful future on their own and not just for a test.

Expository writing has been the biggest challenge for most English teachers and students, but it's a benefit for these students. Our students will be able to apply this style of writing to their

Please see **RANDOLPH**/5B

Obituaries

Inez Armstrong Bragg Willis

Inez Armstrong Bragg Willis passed away at the age of 89 Friday evening, February 15, 2013 in her home at Harrison House in Greenville surrounded by her children.

Visitation will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Coker Mathews Funeral Home in Greenville and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ellis Funeral Home, with burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Inez was born June 9, 1923 in Olney, Texas to Henry Lee and Vera Chaney Armstrong. She was the oldest of four children and grew up in and around Roby and Sylvester, Texas.

Inez married John H. Bragg in Roby on May 10, 1941. During World War II she and John lived in Odessa, then California and Utah as he worked in Civil Service at shipyards and military bases. Inez was a devoted wife and mother and was always there for her family and friends.

Inez and John raised their children in Midland where they were members of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. They were married 49 years when John died June 24, 1988 in Midland. She had a wonderful second marriage and life when she wed James B. Willis, Jr. June 17, 1991 and lived near Poteet until his death April 28, 2002. She then moved to Greenville to be near her daughters.

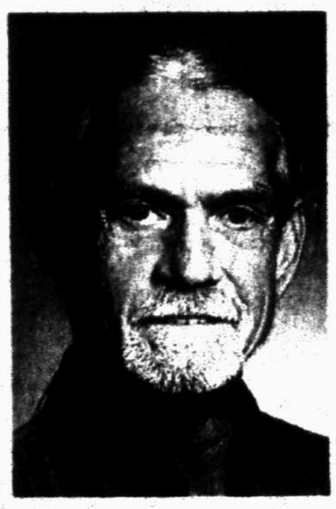
Inez is survived by her children, Phyllis Van Dyke and husband, Charlie of Van Alstyne; Jeanette Moser and husband, Ralph of Greenville; Johnny Bragg and wife, Polly of Midland; along with her wonderfully loved grandchildren, Teri (Mike) Taylor of Salado; Jeff (Elizabeth) Smith of Van Alstyne; Jason (Lacy) Bragg and Michael Bragg of Midland; and Chris (Traci) Moser of Lone Oak; and eight great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her brother, J. W. Armstrong of Amarillo and sister, Lavell Wallace of Aztec, NM. Inez was excitedly awaiting the birth of her twin great-great grandsons due in March.

Preceding her in death were her husbands, John Bragg and James Willis, Jr.; her parents; and sister, Bessie Lee Pugh.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jeff Smith, Jason Bragg, Michael Bragg; great-grandsons, Sean Taylor and Nathan Smith; and family friend, Jerry Dunn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

For more information or to express condolences, visit www.cokermathews.com



Kenneth Edward Barnett, Jr.

Kenneth Edward Barnett, Jr. died February 15, 2013 at his home. He was born March 8, 1955, in Texarkana, Arkansas, to Bessie Mae Fish Barnett and the late Kenneth Edward Barnett, Sr.

Ken was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, served as an elder and sang in the choir. He was a handy man and mechanic; and loved playing golf.

He is survived by his mother, Bess Barnett; sister, Margaret Erickson and her husband, Richard; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a dear friend, Terry Turner.

Memorial service will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 10:00a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 B. Garfield, Midland, Texas. Arrangements by: Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, TX 432-683-8229.

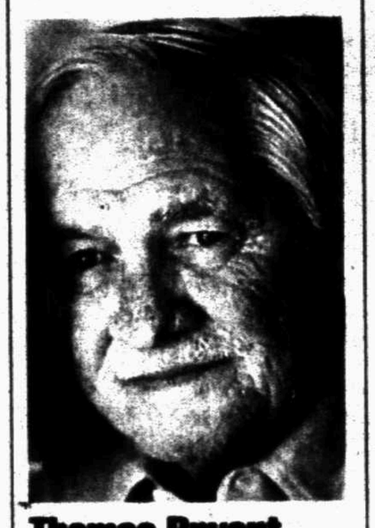
Maria Lourdes "Luly" Anchondo

Maria Lourdes "Luly" Anchondo, age 48, of Pecos, NM, passed away at her residence on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. She was born in Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua, Mexico on November 1, 1964 to Cezar Muñoz and Hilda Hernandez. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband: Miguel Aceves Rodriguez of Pecos, NM; mother: Hilda Hernandez of Silver City, NM; son: Jose Rendon and wife Faviola of Odessa; four brothers: Omar Hernandez, Tony Hernandez, Bobby Hernandez and Arturo Anchondo, all of Silver City, NM; three sisters: Marisol Hernandez and Yvonne Hernandez, both of Silver City, NM and Maria Garcia of Odessa; and one grandson: Jeremiah Rendon of Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her father, one son: Eric; and her sister: Marisella Jiminez.

Visitation and prayer services will be held at the church, Templo Piedra Angular, 209 W. Wolcott, Midland, TX. Funeral services will be 10:00 am Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at Templo Piedra Angular, officiated by Pastor Jose Luis Chavez. Interment will follow in the Peaceful Garden section of Ector County Cemetery in Odessa. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel of Odessa and condolences to the family may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.



Thomas Bryant White

Thomas Bryant White, 74, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away peacefully at his Baytown, Texas home, early Friday, February 15, 2013. Born in Lamesa, Texas on May 16, 1938, he was one of five children born to Louie C. White and Florence Roberta Garrett White. A 1956 graduate of Lamesa High School, he attended Texas A & M from 1956 to 1957, and Midland College from 1964 to 1973. Tom had a stellar career in law enforcement, serving as a trooper with the Texas Department of Safety from 1959 to 1963; as a patrolman, Lieutenant Detective and police inspector with the Midland Police Department from 1963 to 1976; and the Chief of Rockdale Police Department. He also attended the FBI National Academy in 1969. In 1976, Tom left law enforcement and began a second career in oil and gas, as the National Sales Manager, for Oil Center Research. After his retirement he continued to serve as a consultant up until his passing.

On August 14, 1994, Tom married Glenda Meadows Grimsley in Baytown, and they attended Cedar Bayou United Methodist Church. He enjoyed gardening, watching baseball, collecting baseball cards, sculpting lead soldiers, late night radio and storytelling.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Robert Max White, Buddy White and Totsy White. In addition to his wife of 18 years, Glenda Grimsley White, Tom is survived by his children, Thomas B. White, Jr., and his wife, Marcey, of Prescott, AZ, Jennifer LaBouff, and her husband, Brian, of Oklahoma City, Snow Ferguson of Fort Worth; their mother, Patsy Marie White; Glenda's children, Ben Grimsley of Baytown, and Ginny Grimsley of Tallahassee, FL; his sister, Gerry Phillips; thirteen grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Tom's life was held on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Cedar Bayou United Methodist Church, in Baytown, his nephew, Dr. Stephan Haney will officiate. Interment followed at Cedar Bayou Methodist Cemetery. Honoring the family as pallbearers, Tommy White, Ben Grimsley, Joshua Grimsley, Jason LaBouff, Ian LaBouff, Dani Paine, Danny Paine and Craig Haney; honorary pallbearers, Dennis Dowling, Bob Wise, and Bob Arabi.

Arrangements entrusted to Crespo and Jirrels Funeral and Cremation Services, 6123 Garth Road, Baytown, Texas, 77521, tel: 281-839-0700. To view an obituary or post a tribute to the family, visit www.crespoandjirrels.com.

Death Notices

Dudley Jenkins

Dudley Jenkins, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, February 17, 2013, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife: Ora Jenkins of Big Sprig; two daughters: Sandra Hughey of Odessa and Virginia Taylor and her husband Dale of Big Spring; one son: Bill Jenkins and his wife Dolores of Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Francisco "Kid" Estrada

Francisco "Kid" Estrada, 43, of Andrews passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013 in Andrews.

Funeral services 2:00 PM February 20, 2013 at Calvary Baptist Church. Burial in Andrews North Cemetery directed by McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his son, Jordan Estrada of Andrews; daughter, Chelsee Estrada of Andrews; mother, Maria Salerno of Andrews; father, Francisco Estrada, Sr. of Andrews; two brothers; five sisters; two grandchildren, his longtime girlfriend, Anita McCane and her children.

Larry Boyd Jones

Larry Boyd Jones, 54, of Midland, passed away Friday, February 15, 2013.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, TX.

Mattie Louise Zinanni

Mattie Louise Zinanni, age 85, of Monahans passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013 in Monahans.

Services 2 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Third and Dwight Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors: Son, Mike McKnight of Odessa; daughter, Marsha Sredanovich of Midland; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother; and one sister.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Compass Hospice in Odessa at 1330 E. 8th Street, Suite 410.

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MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Greenwood ISD students who have the highest grade point average and who don't have disciplinary action or absences during the third six weeks were recognized as members of the Superintendent's Honor Roll during Tuesday's board of trustees meetings.

Students recognized were first-grader **Grant Crossland**, second-grader **Kate Crunk**, third-grader **Braige Griffin**, fourth-graders **Maggie Brockman** and **Drew Crunk**, fifth-grader **Christian Bell**, sixth-graders **Alana Blake** and **Haley Russell**, seventh-grader **Jarod Rose**, eighth-grader **Sammy Magallan**, freshman **Garrett Grafe**, sophomore **Amanda Bell**, junior **Kevin Campbell** and senior **Bailey Brooks**.

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GEORGETOWN — Midlander **Alejandra Benitez** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Southwestern University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.6 GPA.

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Lee High School sophomore **Wilson Clark** has been honored with a President's Volunteer Service Award and a state-level Certificate of Excellence from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

Clark was recognized for organizing "Toys for Cops." He collected toys that were donated to law enforcement agencies to hand out to kids.

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NORMAN, Okla. — Three Midlanders recently received degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Reed Eastburn Stevens received a master of science, **Rebecca Mills Bledsoe** received a bachelor of business administration and **Cade Kauffman** received a juris doctor.

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KERRVILLE — Midlander **Garland Lucas Burge** has been named to the President's List for the fall semester at Schreiner University.

To be eligible, students must maintain at least a 3.7 GPA.

NOTEBOOK

From 1B

"Our principals and staff are protected by policies and if we don't review, and update them occasionally, we may be doing our staff a disservice," Warren said.

The policy review process will cost MISD $2,200, plus travel costs for the policy consultant and review session copies. Additional charges for updating and printing a new manual, estimated at about $1,500, will be billed once the review is complete, according to a letter from TASB to Warren. The TASB policy consultant will conduct a workshop with MISD administrators and trustees to discuss necessary changes, according to a policy review session agreement.

■ Midland College trustees approved the 2012 Midland College Police Department Motor Vehicle Racial Profiling report during Tuesday's meeting.

The report must be filed annually with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and shows that 53 traffic stops were made by MCPD during 2012.

According to the report, 30 of those stopped were females and 23 were males. Of those stopped, 46 were Caucasian, three black and four were Hispanic. Only one stop resulted in an arrest and it was based on an outstanding warrant.

All individuals stopped received a written warning or citation as a result of the stop, according to the report.

■ Greenwood ISD trustees approved an Easter holiday early release for noon March 28 during the Feb. 11 board meeting. Good Friday, March 29, was previously scheduled as a school holiday.

■ Midland ISD will release two hours early March 29 for the Easter holiday.

BEE

From 1B

the definition and meaning of unfamiliar words. "They're the neatest family and we've just become very close friends over the past few years."

Nabil will compete against 39 other students from Midland and Big Spring, hoping to spell P-E-R-F-E-C-T-L-Y and come out a winner on Saturday.

Eleven of the competitors have experience at the regional bee, including Burnet Elementary's Dominic Fernandez.

"I got out in the first round last year and I'd really like to make it to the top 10 this year," said Dominic, a fifth-grader who studies each evening with his parents.

Abell Junior High's Sophia Koo, placed third in last year's bee and hopes to win the bee during her last year of eligibility.

"I think spelling is really fun and a good way to learn new words and expand my vocabulary," Sophia said.

Sophia studies daily with her sister, Gloria, who won the Carver Center bee, but opted out of participating in the regional bee because of a conflict with the Destination Imagination competition.

Spelling also runs in the family for Alamo Junior High's Gabby Rubio, who has attended the Scripps National Spelling bee as a spectator three times, watching sister Danielle compete in 2006 and brother Thomas in 2011 and 2012.

Though she doesn't consider spelling to be her main hobby, Gabby said she's motivated to participate because of the prizes winners are awarded.

Her mother, Mildred Rubio, recognizes her daughter has different gifts and talents than her other children.

"She doesn't always want to stay put and study, but we're not going to push her to do something she doesn't want to," Rubio said. "I tell (my kids) to do their best and leave it to the Lord."

At the regional bee, prizes are presented through fifth place.

In addition to an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, the first-place winner will receive a Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a 2013 U.S. Mint Proof Set, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, a $125 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

The second-place winner will receive a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, a $75 Amazon gift card and a trophy. The third-place winner will receive a $65 Amazon gift card and a trophy. The fourth-place and fifth-place winners each will receive a $50 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

All the buzz about the bee

The contestants are:
- Abell Junior High: Sophia Koo*
- Alamo Junior High: Gabrielle Rubio*
- Big Spring Junior High School: Rachel McCalister*
- Bonham Elementary: Jared Chavez
- Bowie Fine Arts Academy: Marin Bullock*
- Burnet Elementary: Dominic Fernandez*
- Bush Elementary: Madyson Navarez
- Carver Center: Cole Pool
- Crockett Elementary: Brittney Mancha*
- DeZavala Elementary: Christina Castillo
- Emerson Elementary: Lindley Hobbs
- Fannin Elementary: Jae Karson Brandon
- Goddard Junior High: Christopher LoNigro
- Goliad Elementary, Big Spring: Marli Norman
- Greathouse Elementary: Rachel Stansell*
- Greenwood Elementary: Christian Bell
- Henderson Elementary: Juan Reza*
- Hillander School: Claire Keck
- Houston Elementary: Matthew Arizpe
- Jones Elementary: Nicholas Subia
- Lamar Elementary: Mario Holguin
- Long Elementary: America Miranda
- Marcy Elementary, Big Spring: Daniel Roberts
- Midland Academy Charter: Michael Flowers
- Midland Christian School: Sarahann Adams
- Midland Classical Academy: Emily Spaulding
- Milam Elementary: Jacob Villa
- Moss Elementary, Big Spring: Anthony Sarmiento*
- Parker Elementary: Marcus Montez
- Pease Communication and Technology Academy: Luis Ornelas
- Rusk Elementary: Campbell Crowell
- San Jacinto Junior High: Quarria Scott*
- Santa Rita Elementary: Nabil Ramadhan
- Scharbauer Elementary: Amaris Martinez-Guedry
- South Elementary: Aracely Rios
- St. Ann's School: Joshua Harrington
- Travis Elementary: Clarisannet Renteria
- Trinity School: Nikkie Galindo*
- Washington Elementary, Big Spring: Mikayla Paredez
- Washington Math & Science Institute: Tanner Lallmann

** designates a repeat performer*

The Carver Center and Washington MSI competitors are the second-place winners.

Carver's first-place winner, Gloria Koo, is unable to participate because she is attending the Destination Imagination tournament, which is the same day as the bee.

Washington's winner, Brianna Gonzales, decided not to enter the regional bee.

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1993 Jeremy Gengler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1998 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo 2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chiraag Alur, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo 2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jase Brandt, Scharbauer Elementary; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2012 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High

By school since 1993

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

Teacher suspended for putting pencil shavings in student's mouth

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A teacher at a North Texas school was suspended after she deposited pencil shavings in the mouth of an eighth-grader who had fallen asleep in class.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported the teacher at Boles Junior High School was disciplined following the incident last month. The district did not identify the teacher.

The actions of the teacher were "unacceptable" and the school district informed the student's mother of the incident, the district said in a statement.

DAN PATRICK
Texas Senator, District 7

Let's prepare Texas students for the technology age

■ Old school reform debates are out of date.

For nearly two decades, the debate over how to improve Texas schools has largely been a battle between voucher proponents and advocates for more funding. Meanwhile, other states have developed new education models that are producing higher-achieving students nationwide.

Texas must move past this old, narrow debate and implement the best thinking from around the country to dramatically improve our schools.

The situation is urgent. Only three in 10 Texas fourth-graders scored proficient or advanced for reading, according to national measurements. And though Texas has made some progress in achievement, it's not nearly enough to keep us competitive. In fact, our workforce remains alarmingly under-educated.

While 80 percent of the new jobs created in Texas over the next decade will require some form of education or training beyond high school, less than one out of four Texas students completed any certificate or degree program within six years of high school graduation.

Texas must close this learning gap or we will fall hopelessly and permanently behind. Putting to work the most effective education policies from around the nation is the leap forward Texas needs to achieve lasting education reform. Leading foundations, policy experts and civic leaders, united as Texans Deserve Great Schools, have thoroughly studied what works in education. The resulting best practices will transform Texas schools.

For example, all Texas students should be allowed to take state-approved courses online, particularly when their school doesn't offer those courses in the classroom. By combining innovative, online learning techniques with personal instruction, blended learning can benefit students and teachers alike through personalized instruction.

Using the nationally recognized School of One blended learning program in New York State, students are learning at a rate of 50 to 60 percent higher than those in traditional classrooms. Yet today, only one-quarter of 1 percent of Texas' 4.9 million students is permitted to access online learning for school credit.

Texas should award credit to all students who can pass an exam that proves their knowledge of the course material, regardless of how much time they have spent in a classroom. Students also should have greater access to career technologies and vocational specialties like health care training and other skilled trades, while still receiving an educational foundation for college.

Zip codes should no longer limit Texas students' access to a quality education. Students should be allowed to attend whichever public school they choose with priority given to local students. Texas also should remove the arbitrary cap on public charter schools to meet the demand from across the state, while ensuring strong accountability for all schools' performance.

It shouldn't take six years or more of committee reviews and bureaucratic intervention before the state or parents can intervene to fix a failing school. Expedited fixes after two years of failing are proven to work, as they have in the Louisiana Recovery District where graduation rates doubled in only four years.

We know constructive competition among schools of all types improves education for all children. We know innovation, rigor, transparency, empowerment and flexibility form the equation for meaningful education reform. Texas should seize this opportunity to apply best practices that are proven to improve education. It's our best chance to create great schools for all Texas students.

Patrick bill seeks to lift charter school cap

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The head of the Texas Senate Education Committee has filed a bill lifting the cap on the number of charter schools allowed to operate statewide, and authorizing them to receive public facilities funding.

Current state law restricts to 215 the number of charter school licenses. But Sen. Dan Patrick's measure would allow an unlimited number of charters.

Charter schools already receive state funding for operations and educate about 135,000 of Texas' more than 5 million public school students. But operators say that another 100,000 students are on waitlists to attend charter schools.

Meanwhile, state rules prohibit charter schools from receiving state funding for facilities, or from seeking taxpayer permission to issue bonds for school construction like traditional public schools. Patrick's bill also seeks to change that.

Senate committee OKs Board of Education chairwoman

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Barbara Cargill's nomination for a second term as chairwoman of the State Board of Education is headed to the full Texas Senate for consideration.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Cargill in 2011, but the Senate wasn't in session. Now Perry has reappointed her, and the Nomination Committee voted Monday to refer it to the full chamber.

The Senate voted to reject board chairs in 2007 and 2009. But Monday's vote makes Cargill's confirmation more likely.

A Republican from The Woodlands and ex-biology teacher, Cargill has voted to require that "weaknesses" in the theory of evolution be taught in Texas schools.

The board's fight over evolution and intelligent design in science curriculum made national headlines in 2009. That's when it adopted standards encouraging public schools to scrutinize "all sides" of scientific theory.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Hereafter" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "History" (N)		Vegas "Two of a Kind" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Chris O'Donnell		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Suicide"	Rules of Engage.	Hart of Dixie "The Gambler" (N)		Cult "You're Next" (P) (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Apology"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Raising Hope (N)	New Girl "Fluffer"	New Girl (N)	MindyProject (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		American Experience "Billy the Kid"		After Newton: Guns in America		Frontline "Raising Adam Lanza"		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) Reckless Dis...		★★ Talk Radio ('88, Dra) Eric Bogosian.				★★★ Citizen Ruth ('96, Com) Laura Dern.				Color of Justice	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) Chronicle		Beyonce: Life Is But a Dream			Girls	Real Sports (N)		Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the Ho...			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:25) In and Out		★★★ This Means War ('12, Com) Chris Pine, Reese Witherspoon.						Making	Girls	(:05) Boxing	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:15) The Lucky O...		The Sopranos		★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.				(:15) ★ The American George Clooney.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) The Runni...		(:15) ★★ What's Your Number?				★ Virtuosity			(:45) Working Girls in Bed		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:50) ★★★ Seven Morgan Freeman.				★★ The Descendants George Clooney.				Erotic Traveler "Object"			Movie
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ The Man From Left Field				★★ The Next Karate Kid			(:50) ★★★ Streets of Fire Michael Paré.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Raw Deal		★★ Tupac: Resurrection ('03, Doc)				Lies	Califor.	Tim Minchin and		(:10) Shameless	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Rosencrantz...		★★ Dracula 2000			(:40) Bloodrayne: The Third...			★★★ The Crying Game Stephen Rea.			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Gone in 60...		★★ Marked for Death Steven Seagal.				★★★ The Fugitive ('93, Thril) Sela Ward, Harrison Ford.					
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		Wayans	Wayans	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wayans	Husbands	Wayans	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Millionaire		Shahs "Reunion"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Marijuana Inc		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Survival "Zambia" (N)		Dual Survival (N)		Yukon Men (N)		Dual Survival		Yukon "On the Brink"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Austin	The Princess and the Frog			(:45) Ferb	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Jessie	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Indiana vs. Michigan State (L)				NCAA Basketball Florida vs. Missouri (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Florida State vs N.C. State (L)				NBA Coast to Coast (L)				NFL Live (N)		Basketb.	NASCAR
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Liar "Hot Water" (N)		The Lying Game (N)		Liar "Hot Water"		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Courtside Jones	Stars Insider	UEFA Soccer Champions League Bayern Munich vs. Arsenal					RodeoHoustonPrev	Cowboys Legends	SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker World Championship	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.				Ultimate Fighter (N)		Justified (N)		The Americans (N)		Justifie "Money Trap"	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income Property		HouseH	House	Income Property		Income Property	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		Ultimate Soldier		Top Gear "RVs"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms "Rotten to the Core"		Dance Moms "You've Been Unfriended" (N)		Double Divas (N)	Double Divas	Double Divas	Double Divas	Dance Moms "Rotten to the Core"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!		NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks vs. St. Louis Blues (L)					NHL Live!	FB Talk	Overtime	Ski U.S. Grand Prix	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Marvin	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Dra) David Morse, Tom Hanks.						The Joe Schmo Show		WaysD	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off "Eye Candy"		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Blackout	Blackout	Face Off		Blackout	Blackout
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Wait Out"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town	Big Bang Theory	Conan Josh Hopkins, Lisa Loeb		Cougar Town	The Office
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TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Ashley's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" Melissa begins her seven-year weight loss journey.				My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" Melissa begins her seven-year weight loss journey.			
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Eye of the Beholder"		Castle "Undead Again"		Castle "Always"		Castle "Flowers for Your Grave"		Southland "Bats and Hats"		CSI: NY	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	Hot In	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sin"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Responsible"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Screwed"		White Collar "Shoot the Moon" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Greed"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Justice"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

CALENDAR

From 1B

— Oct. 9, Feb. 19 and April 16.

Students will be released two hours early on those select Wednesdays and teachers will remain on campus for planning and collaboration, said Teresa Moore, executive director of student services.

"Lots of districts across the state do that to give teachers the time to plan and collaborate. With the really short planning period, they can't get a lot done during the school day," Moore said, noting the state permits districts to have six early-release days. MISD will continue its standard of having early release on the school days preceding Thanksgiving, winter and summer breaks.

"We chose Wednesdays because we thought it would deter families from making a long weekend out of them and so attendance wouldn't be affected," Moore said.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said the idea for afternoon early release planning periods came directly from classroom teachers who serve on the campus and district educational improvement councils.

"That time can be used for everything from work sessions to parent conferences," Warren said. "Great comments regarding this were made by staff and we wanted to incorporate that into next year's schedule."

While a 1:20 p.m. release time may be inconvenient for some elementary school parents, Moore said the district is hopeful it won't become an issue.

"It's only three days in addition to what we're accustomed to," Moore said. "Our schools are already over well before people get off work and a lot of working parents already have after-school care arranged so we hope that won't cause a big problem for them."

When creating a school calendar, MISD must follow requirements listed in the Texas Education Code, which prohibits a school start date before the fourth Monday of August, requires 180 instructional days and allows a maximum of six instructional days to be replaced with staff development days.

The code also requires teachers to be on-duty for 187 days total during their 10-month contract. These days may fall outside the required 180 instructional days, according to the code.

Calendar drafts one and three contain 176 instructional and four professional development days. Draft two contains 178 instructional and two professional development days.

Warren said the annual survey involves parents and provides the district with valuable feedback.

"There is usually a clear winner among the calendars," he said in a news release.

Cast your vote

Visit http://midlandisd.net/Page/19 to view Midland ISD's three calendar drafts for the 2013-14 school year and vote on your favorite.

Arizona AG, lawmaker want to arm school employees

Associated Press

PHOENIX — School teachers who undergo special training would be allowed to have a gun in a locked area of a school, including their classroom, under a bill being pushed by a Republican lawmaker and Attorney General Tom Horne.

Rep. David Stevens said Monday that his bill is voluntary for school districts and allows then to designate any employee to receive weapons training and keep them in a classroom lockbox or other secured spot on campuses. That includes teachers, principals or even school maintenance staff.

Stevens, R-Sierra Vista, said the training provisions and the voluntary nature of the proposed law gives school districts a way to add to security in case an incident that threatens children happens.

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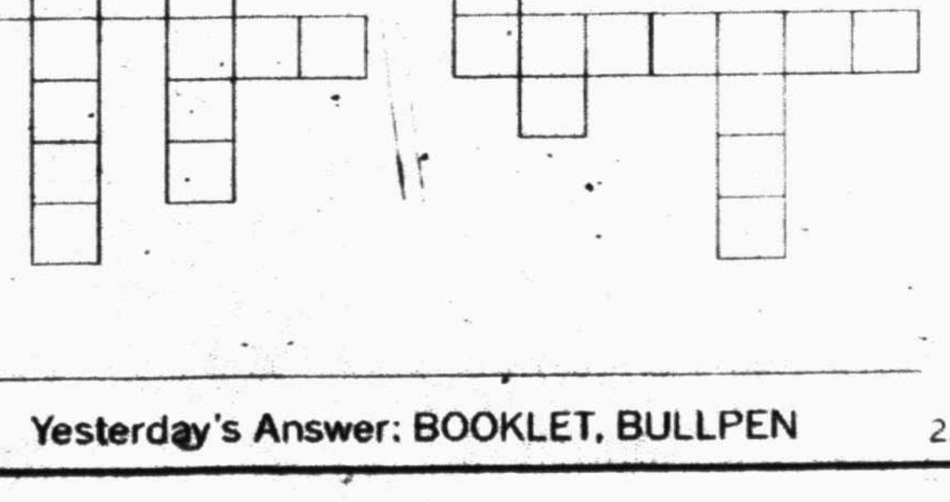

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Yesterday's Answer: BOOKLET, BULLPEN

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OUTOFBOUNDS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jessica Mason, a Midland College student studying art, rolls paint onto part of an art exhibit called Out of Bounds on Feb. 6 in the McCormick Gallery at Midland College. Mason is part of a group that is working with visiting artists to create art projects that will be on display at the college for two months that began Feb. 8.

MISD releases early childhood application timeline

The MISD Early Childhood Programs (pre-kindergarten and Head Start) have released the Early Childhood Application timeline for entrance in the fall 2013 semester. Application packets will be available beginning March 25, at West, 2101 W. Missouri Ave.

The MISD Early Childhood Programs are for children who turn 4 on or before Sept. 1; are from low-income families or in foster care; have limited English proficiency, disabilities, or family members on active military duty; or whose family receives public assistance.

Families may contact the MISD Early Childhood Office at 689-1580 to determine eligibility. Students selected for the programs attend classes at area neighborhood elementary school campuses.

Application timeline:

March 25: Application packets will be available for pick-up from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. during school days at West, 2101 W. Missouri Ave.

April 1- 5: Parents/guardians should bring the completed application packet, child's birth certificate, proof of residency, proof of income for the previous 12 months, child's current immunization record, letters of eligibility for TANF, Social Security, SSI, Medicaid and/or CHIP, child's custody records, child's Social Security card and a copy of child's most recent dental and physical exams (if child is enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP) to West for review.

Once staff members ensure all documents are submitted, early childhood staff members will schedule appointments with families.

Interviews will be held by appointment April 8-12, April 22-25 and May 7 and 8.

For more information, contact West at 689-1580.

MHS club opens cafe at central office

Midland High School is expanding its reach and service through a bistro at Central Office. The "Opportunity Club Café" is operated by MHS Opportunity Club students, and is open from 8 to 10 a.m. each school day on the fourth floor of Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

The shop is coordinated by MHS Life Skills teacher Steven Darst, who also leads his students to gain work experience in the MHS coffee shop and school store. The Central Office shop serves coffee and breakfast items, and accepts cash or checks.

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

San Jacinto musicians to perform in Austin today

San Jacinto Junior High band, choir and orchestra students will participate in today's State of Texas Remembrance Day celebration in Austin.

They will perform from noon to 1 p.m. on the Capitol Rotunda as part of an event coordinated by The State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day Foundation. The event marks the 167th anniversary of the statehood of Texas.

In addition to performance, they will be included in an induction ceremony for The First Pioneers and Leaders of the State Hall of Honors. Students will take a walking tour of the Capitol, and the school's social studies teachers have developed lessons to incorporate information about the Capitol and Texas Congress.

MISD hosts UIL practice meet

Midland ISD's annual math and science practice meet was Feb. 9 at Lee High School, drawing teams from academic UIL teams and individual competitors from across the region.

Students competed both as teams and individuals in the meet, with the top scoring high school students earning college scholarships. Results are listed below.

Elementary team results

Overall sweepstakes: Pease CTA first place; Washington MSA second place

Number sense: Midland Classical Academy first place; Trinity School second place

Calculator: Pease CTA first place; Washington MSA second place

Mathematics: Trinity School first place; Pease CTA second place

Science: Washington MSA first place; Pease CTA second place

High school team results

Overall sweepstakes: Lee second place large school; Trinity School first place large school; Lee Freshman first place freshman school

Number sense: Lee second place large school; Trinity School first place large school; Lee Freshman first place freshman school

Calculator: Lee first place large school; Lee Freshman first place freshman school

Mathematics: Lee second place large school; Trinity School first place large school; Lee Freshman first place freshman school

Science: Lee second place large school; Trinity School first place large school; Lee Freshman first place freshman school

Computer science: Lee second place

Individual top scorers and scholarship winners

Top biology score large school: Tucker Matis, Lee HS

Top biology score small school: Veena Agusala, Trinity School

Top chemistry score small school: Walden Hughes, Trinity School

Top physics score large school: Matt Fitzgerald, Midland HS

GHS students play in All-State Band

Four Greenwood High School band members performed Saturday in San Antonio as members of the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band, made up of the top students from 1A to 3A high schools.

Greenwood students were Clayton Richardson on clarinet, Megan Sitzman on bassoon, Connor Brockman on baritone saxophone and Isaiah Flores on percussion. Alyson Drennan was named as an alternate.

Conaway to hold Service Academy Day

SAN ANGELO — U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway is planning Service Academy Day 1:30-4 p.m. March 2 at Angelo State University.

He will talk to parents, students and educators about the process of receiving a nomination to West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, the service academies and ROTC also will attend.

The event is to be at MCS Building, room 100. For more information, call JoAnne Powell at 325-659-4010.

Nomination forms are available at http://conaway.house.gov/constituentservices/serviceacademynominations.htm

Lee HS culinary students advance to state contest

Lee High School culinary students Chad Maytubby, Oksanna Loya and Hannah Rodriquez placed third in the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Region I culinary arts competition Feb. 8 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

The team will advance to the state competition in Dallas in April. Each student received a $2,500 scholarship to the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts, which has campuses in Austin and Boulder, Colo.

MISD students qualify for state competition

Twenty-five high school students from MISD enrolled in career and technology education courses will advance to the Skills USA state tournament April 4-7 in Corpus Christi.

Students qualified in baking, cosmetology and diesel equipment technology categories at the district meet Friday and Saturday in San Angelo.

Nine MHS students from Patsy Wallis' culinary arts classes and seven MHS cosmetology students qualified for state. MHS students Kim Fox and Marina Granado qualified in commercial baking, Veronica Rendon in job interview, and Jalissa Blaylark, Schronda Montana and Shawanda Montana in baking projects.

Dual enrollment students enrolled in diesel equipment technology courses at Midland College took home first-, second- and third-place wins in the hands-on competition. Winners were MHS' Joshua Dean, first; MHS' Julian Oviedo, second; and LHS' Heath Edgerton, third.

Also advancing to the state competition is Ruben Rodriquez, Midland High School, who won a blue ribbon (superior rating) and Best of Show Award for his alternator project.

Other blue ribbon individual project winners who will compete at the state competition are MHS students Dean, Alonso Hernandez, Oviedo and Yahvel Urias; and LHS students Edgerton, Dante Lopez, Stephen Mizzles, Edgar Valdez and Javier Vela.

BILL HAMMOND
President and CEO, Texas Association of Business

Our schools are broken not broke

■ Somehow schools will get more money and not be held accountable.

Educators, school board members and superintendents were popping champagne corks this month when Judge John Dietz ruled that their wallets should be fattened by an average of $2,000 per student. That will cost us $11 billion a year.

The judge ruled that the school finance system creates an unconstitutional property tax that is inadequate to fund the high standards placed on it by the state.

TAB was an intervener in the lawsuit, and asked Judge Dietz to rule that the system was inefficient and not producing an educated workforce, which I believe should be the core mission of our school system. Judge Dietz agreed, saying that schools are inefficient with their dollars, and they are not graduating enough career and college ready students. Unfortunately, Dietz did not include that issue in his final court ruling, saying those were legislative issues.

I guess it is possible that Dietz believes that simply spending $2,000 more per student will get us the results that we want. It will not. We have been spending more money on education for a decade, even including last session's cuts, and we still are left with a broken system that isn't giving us the kind of results we all should be demanding.

Without efficiency changes like classroom size flexibility and at-will employment of teachers, more money won't change very much. Eric Hanushek testified that if we were able to remove the least productive 8 percent of teachers and replace them with teachers just producing at an average level, our education system would be as good as Finland, which is the best in the world.

What different would spending $2,000 more per student really make? We already are spending $10,000 per student and only getting 23 percent of graduates career or college ready based on ACT scores. That's simply not acceptable, and it won't be changed by $2,000. I don't remember a lot of testimony during the trial that would support the argument that $2,000 would bring the level of career of college ready graduates up to 65 percent, which is what we need to be economically competitive in the short term.

People may argue that it's a small price to pay and that the "state" has the money to spend. The "state" only has money because it gets it from you. That is your money. When you are buying something you want to make sure to get your money's worth. Is 23 percent of graduates career or college ready getting your money's worth? No, it isn't.

Much of the case presented to Dietz was based on the argument that school districts are being asked to do more because of higher standards placed on them by what I believe is the strongest accountability system in the country. At the same time that they are arguing in court for more money, they are arguing before the legislature to dismantle that accountability system. So, the basic fight for the school districts is this: We want more taxpayer money without being held accountable to those taxpayers for preparing their children for life after school. Parents, that gimmick should make you very upset.

While there are some issues of school finance that need to be addressed, simply adding $11 billion a year to the education budget won't produce the results that we need. Maybe the real lawsuit should have been taxpayers suing to get a refund for money paid to schools because they have not done their primary job, graduating career and college ready students.

Embattled El Paso high school gets new principal

Associated Press

EL PASO — A new principal will take the reins of a West Texas high school that's mired in a cheating scandal, which landed the superintendent in jail and put the school district on probation.

Jesse Teran will begin his work at Bowie High School on Tuesday, filling the position that's been vacant since Jesus Chavez was reassigned in April, the El Paso Times (http://bit.ly/Yts5NC) reported.

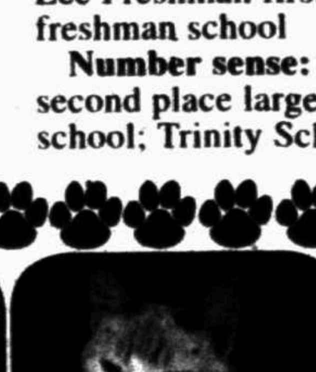
Teran said he's the person to rebuild the trust broken during the scandal.

"I really do feel I'm the perfect person for the job," Teran told the El Paso Times. "I care about and have the passion for Bowie, for the community.

"I grew up six blocks away. I've roamed the halls. I've been where the students are," said the 1989 Bowie High graduate.

Teran was selected by a committee among a pool of 12 candidates. Bowie Alumni Association President Jaime Rodriguez said the El Paso Independent School District provided three candidates to consider in November, but the committee didn't think any were the right fit, so they asked the district to re-open the job posting. Teran was in that second group of candidates.

As part of a scheme to raise the district's rating and secure funding and bonuses for former Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia, dozens of students with low academic scores were kicked out of Bowie or placed in another grade so they would not participate in state testing.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Kids' suspensions renew debate over zero tolerance

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

Waiting in line for the bus, a Pennsylvania kindergartener tells her pals she's going to shoot them with a Hello Kitty toy that makes soap bubbles. In Maryland, a 6-year-old boy pretends his fingers are a gun during a playground game of cops and robbers. In Massachusetts, a 5-year-old boy attending an after-school program makes a gun out of Legos and points it at other students while "simulating the sound of gunfire," as one school official put it.

Kids with active imaginations? Or potential threats to school safety?

Some school officials are taking the latter view, suspending or threatening to suspend small children over behavior their parents consider perfectly normal and age-appropriate — even now, with schools in a state of heightened sensitivity following the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in December.

The extent to which the Newtown, Conn., shooting might influence educators' disciplinary decisions is unclear. But parents contend administrators are projecting adult fears onto children who know little about the massacre of 20 first-graders and six educators, and who certainly pose no threat to anyone.

"It's horrible what they're doing to these kids," said Kelly Guarna, whose 5-year-old daughter, Madison, was suspended by Mount Carmel Area School District in eastern Pennsylvania last month for making a "terroristic threat" with the bubble gun. "They're treating them as mini-adults, making them grow up too fast, and robbing them of their imaginations."

Mary Czajkowski, superintendent of Barnstable Public Schools in Hyannis, Mass., acknowledged that Sandy Hook has teachers and parents on edge. But she defended Hyannis West Elementary School's warning to a 5-year-old boy who chased his classmates with a gun he'd made from plastic building blocks, saying the student didn't listen to the teacher when she told him repeatedly to stop.

The school told his mother if it happened again, he'd face a two-week suspension.

"Given the heightened awareness and sensitivity, we must do all that we can to ensure that all students and adults both remain safe and feel safe in schools," Czajkowski said in a statement. "To dismiss or overlook an incident that results in any member of our school community feeling unsafe or threatened would be irresponsible and negligent."

Jimmy May/AP

In this Feb. 10 photo, Kelly Guarna's 5-year-old daughter, Madison, poses for a portrait in Mount Carmel, Pa. The kindergartener was suspended from school for making a "terroristic threat" last month after her mother said she talked about shooting a Hello Kitty bubble gun.

The boy's mother, Sheila Cruz-Cardosa, said school officials are responding irrationally in the wake of Sandy Hook. She said they should be concentrating on "high school kids or kids who are more of a threat, not an innocent 5-year-old who's playing with Legos."

Though Newtown introduces a wrinkle to the debate, the slew of recent high-profile suspensions over perceived threats or weapons infractions has renewed old questions about the wisdom of "zero tolerance" policies.

Conceived as a way to improve school security and maintain consistent discipline and order, zero tolerance was enshrined by a 1994 federal law that required states to mandate a minimum one-year expulsion of any student caught with a firearm on school property. Over the years, many states and school districts expanded zero tolerance to include offenses as varied as fighting, skipping school or arguing with a teacher.

Some experts say there's little evidence that zero tolerance — in which certain infractions compel automatic discipline, usually suspension or expulsion — makes schools safer, and contend the policies leads to increased rates of dropouts and involvement with the juvenile justice system. Supporters respond that zero tolerance is a useful and necessary tool for removing disruptive kids from the classroom, and say any problems stem from its misapplication.

The original 1994 federal law, and most state and local zero tolerance policies, give school administrators the flexibility to tailor punishments to fit the circumstances, noted school safety expert Kenneth Trump.

"Contrary to the myth of zero tolerance, most school board policies provide options and flexibility for administrators. What you see is poor decision-making and poor implementation of the policies, rather than the fact school administrators are handcuffed in terms of their discretion," he said.

Trump said most school officials bend over backward to be fair. But he added there's no question that Sandy Hook weighs heavily.

"It's a normal occurrence to have a heightened sensitivity after a high-profile tragedy, but that does not negate the need for common sense," he said.

Maryland father Stephen Grafton said common sense was in short supply in a case involving his 6-year-old son, who he said was suspended from White Marsh Elementary School in Trappe for using his hand as a "gun" during recess.

Grafton, a staff sergeant in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, said administrators were criminalizing play. He said he told his son he shouldn't shoot pretend guns because it makes some children upset, "but it was a difficult conversation to have because he didn't do anything wrong."

The school lifted the suspension after a day and removed it from his record, Grafton said.

"It's a very hypersensitive time," he said. "But, still, common sense has to apply for something like this, and it looks like common sense just went completely out the window."

The school principal did not respond to messages.

Zero tolerance traces its philosophical roots to the "broken windows" theory of policing, which argues that if petty crime is held in check, more serious crime and disorder are prevented. So it's no accident that students are often harshly punished over relatively minor misbehavior, said Russell Skiba, a zero tolerance expert at Indiana University's Center for Evaluation and Education Policy.

"We've seen literally thousands of these kinds of episodes of zero tolerance since the early 1990s," said Skiba, who co-authored a 2006 study for the American Psychological Association that concluded zero tolerance has not improved school security.

In the Pennsylvania case, Guarna, a former police officer, said she was summoned to her daughter's school last month and told that 5-year-old Madison had talked about shooting her pink bubble gun.

The kindergartener was initially suspended for 10 days and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, according to documents supplied by Guarna's attorney. The suspension was later reduced to two days, and the incident was reclassified as "threat to harm others."

But Guarna wasn't satisfied. The counselor who evaluated Madison indicated she was a "typical 5-year-old in temperament and interest." Guarna and her attorney, Robin Ficker, demanded the district expunge Madison's record, apologize and make policy changes.

The parties met recently and Guarna went away happy, though she said she was asked not to reveal the terms of her agreement with the district. The district's attorney declined to comment, citing privacy law.

Guarna said she intends to push for changes in state law.

"My daughter had to suffer. I don't want to see other kids suffering," Guarna said.

Mark Terry, a Texas principal and president of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, said most principals he knows are "not big supporters" of zero tolerance policies because they discount professional judgment.

But when discipline policies do provide leeway, he said: "I would hope that principals would, number one, use discretion and common sense. And if you do make a mistake, apologize and say, 'Hey, that was a boneheaded move.' Our sensitivities are just too high and we need to back off a little bit and take a look at what our real safety plan is."

Texas lawmaker proposes gun class for high schools

By Tim Eaton
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — So far this legislative session, bills have been discussed to allow for pistol-packing principals, and for concealed handgun permit holders to carry on college campuses. Now a state House member from East Texas wants to allow schools to offer courses on firearms and how to shoot them.

With his House Bill 1142, state Rep. James White, R-Hillister, has further cemented Texas' pro-gun reputation in the ongoing gun debate, which has heated up since the December shooting in Newtown, Conn. White joins Gov. Rick Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott and other conservative state leaders who have advocated recently for gun rights.

White said his bill is all about training and educating young people on their rights and responsibilities, based on the Second Amendment, liberty, constitutionalism and being members of a free society.

"This course would be one piece of that solution," he said. "You have to educate the populace on their rights and responsibilities as a free people."

White's proposal says that school districts may choose to offer elective courses to students in grades nine through 12 that teach the safe use of firearms, hunter safety and the Second Amendment.

The potentially hands-on firearms courses also could involve training in the safe use of pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotguns, according to the bill.

White also said the teachers must be qualified handgun instructors certified or law enforcement officers.

Dax Gonzalez, spokesman for the Texas Association of School Boards, supports districts having local control, but also appreciates that White's bill would not require the courses to be taught.

But the measure is not without worries, Gonzalez said.

For example, there could be additional insurance costs to school districts, Gonzalez said.

There are "just a lot of things to consider that this bill doesn't really address," Gonzalez said.

White, a former high school teacher, countered by saying there is nothing particularly novel about his bill. Junior ROTC groups have practiced with firearms for years, he said. There also are lots of other dangerous activities taking place at high schools every day, such as welding, chemistry classes and football, White said.

With an issue as incendiary as guns, opposition is never too far away, and some members of the Legislature's minority party are ready to fight White's measure.

State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, said school legislation should be about getting students ready for college or careers.

"We need to focus on educating our kids and not on guns," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said he is working with state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, on a bill that would require background checks at gun shows. He also plans to get behind a measure to ban magazines that hold more than 10 bullets.

H.B. 1142 represents just one of many pro-weapons stances being taken by White. He co-authored a bill this session to allow concealed handgun permit holders to carry on college campuses. And he supports the legalization of fully automatic weapons because, he said, criminals don't care about laws, and private citizens need to be ready for society's bad elements.

He asked: "Why would I want to put a law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage?"

UT-Austin announces 9 open online courses

By Reeve Hamilton
Texas Tribune

Through a nonprofit provider of free online content, the University of Texas at Austin will offer nine massive open online courses in the coming year, officials announced Monday.

The courses, open to anyone anywhere, include titles like "Introduction to Globalization," "Energy Technology & Policy," "Jazz Appreciation" and "Mathematics and Effective Thinking."

Four of the courses offered through the partnership will be available in fall 2013, and another five will come online in spring 2014.

In October 2012, the University of Texas System entered into a partnership with edX, which began in early 2012 as a joint venture between Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At the time, the system committed to providing the service five courses by the end of 2013.

Harrison Keller, UT-Austin's vice president for higher education policy and research, said that a call to the faculty yielded 23 strong proposals for courses. "Our faculty are not just open to but enthusiastic about experimenting with this new delivery mechanism," he said.

In February, an open online course that the Georgia Institute of Technology offered through Coursera, a for-profit rival of edX — ironically on the subject of how to plan online courses — had to be yanked over concerns from students over how it was being run.

"This is highly experimental, and sometimes things aren't going to work out for folks," Keller said. "It's a good lesson of being careful about the technologies that you use. These projects are on the frontier of what's known and what's not known for online course development."

While some universities have announced plans to begin providing credit for massive open online courses, Keller said, "At this point, we're not planning to use the first nine MOOC's as credit-bearing courses, but as these issues get worked through, it would be terrific if we could figure out ways to use the platform for credit-bearing courses. We're part of those conversations with edX."

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Yoiks and away!

Greenwood High basketball fans participate in a paper airplane contest at halftime during the game against Big Spring recently at Greenwood.

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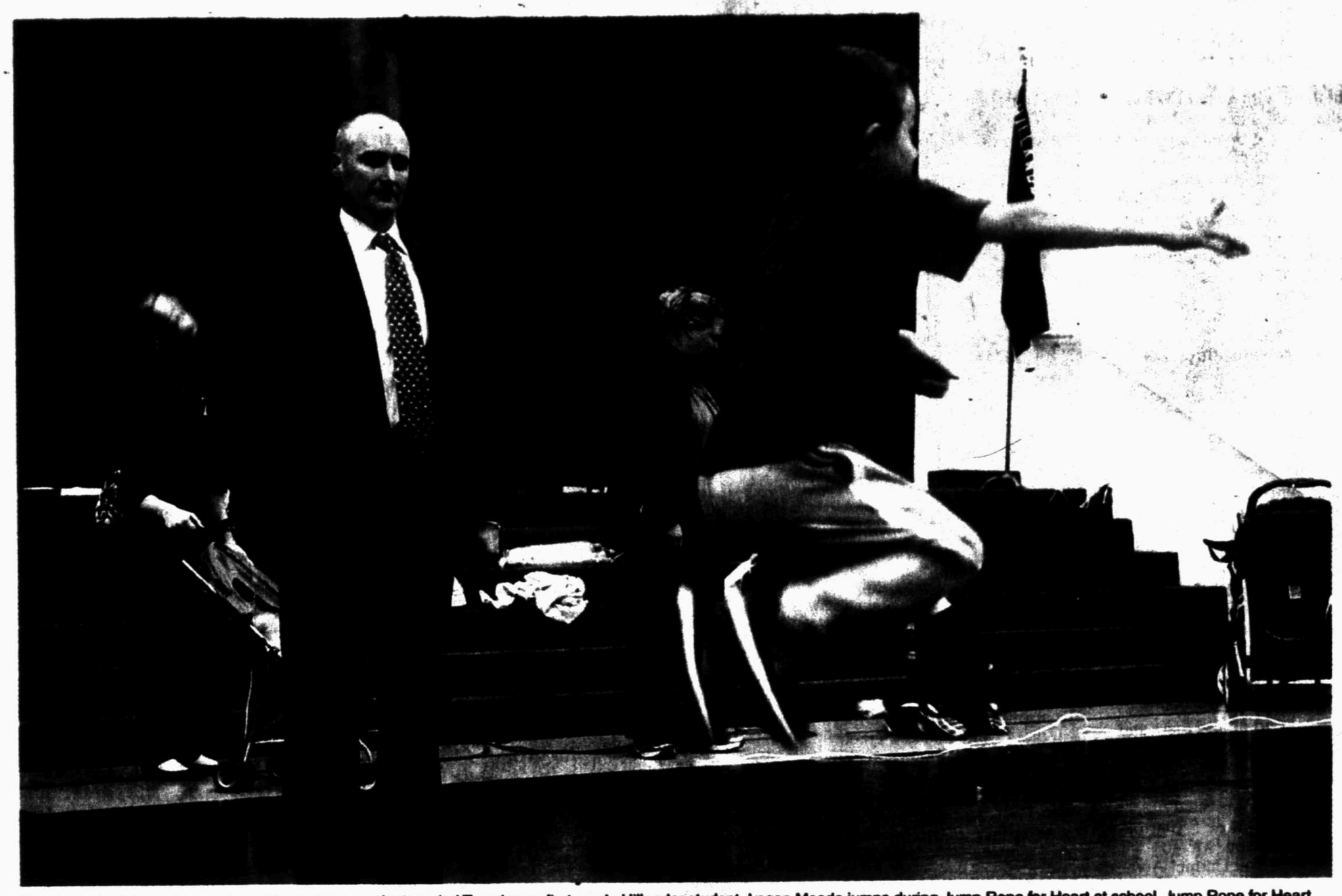
future endeavors much more than they had with narrative writing. Narrative writing prompts were personal, such as: "Write about a time that you thought you were right." Now, we are also teaching students to respond to prompts like: "Explain how volunteerism helps a community." I believe that explaining is far more beneficial than just telling, and the new expository component to testing requires more critical analysis and explanation.

From an employee's standpoint, our new tests are allowing and even requiring more cooperative teaching and learning. I spend more time planning with other teachers and sharing ideas than I ever did in the past. My co-workers and I know that we need help from each other because we are all doing something new. I am excited to be a part of a profession that is transforming to meet the needs of our modern students. We will continue to work together and to create new lessons for the good of our students.

I will not claim to agree with all of the changes and new challenges that accompany our new testing standards in Texas, but my students will never hear it from me. My job is not only to teach skills, but also to lead by example and to teach life lessons. As long as our situation is current, we need to do our best. It bothers me to hear about small children who complain about the curriculum or testing standards. I do not feel that students should hear negativity from teachers, administrators or parents regarding school. We should make the most of every day and teach or learn all that we are able.



Rob Crumpler takes a turn spinning the rope as a volunteer dad Tuesday as first-grade Hillander student, Logan Meade jumps during Jump Rope for Heart at school. Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart are two ways schools raise money for the American Heart Association while kids learn skills that can help them become heart-healthy, according to the association's website. At most schools the fundraiser is part of PE class.

JUMP Rope For a ♥

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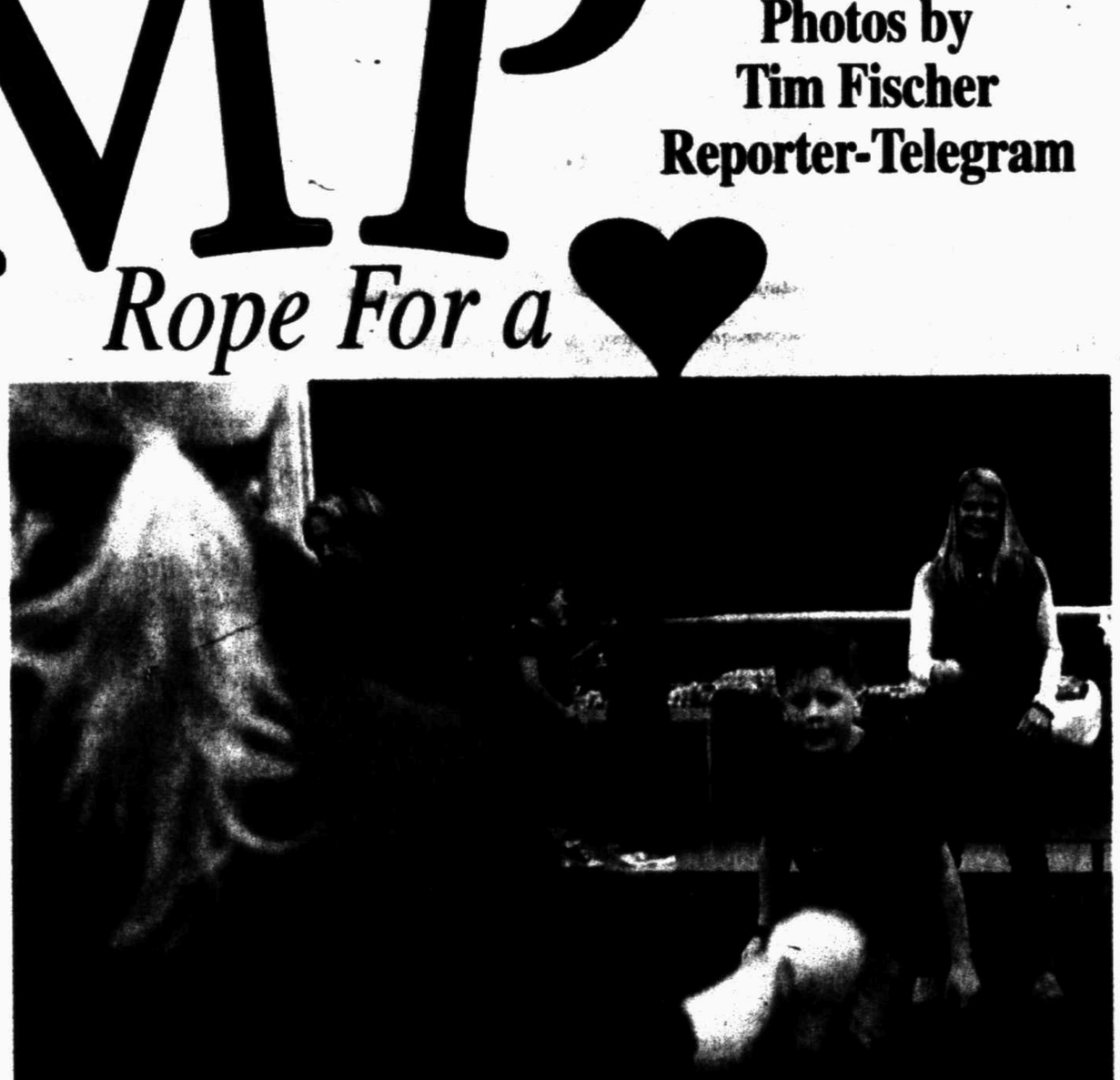
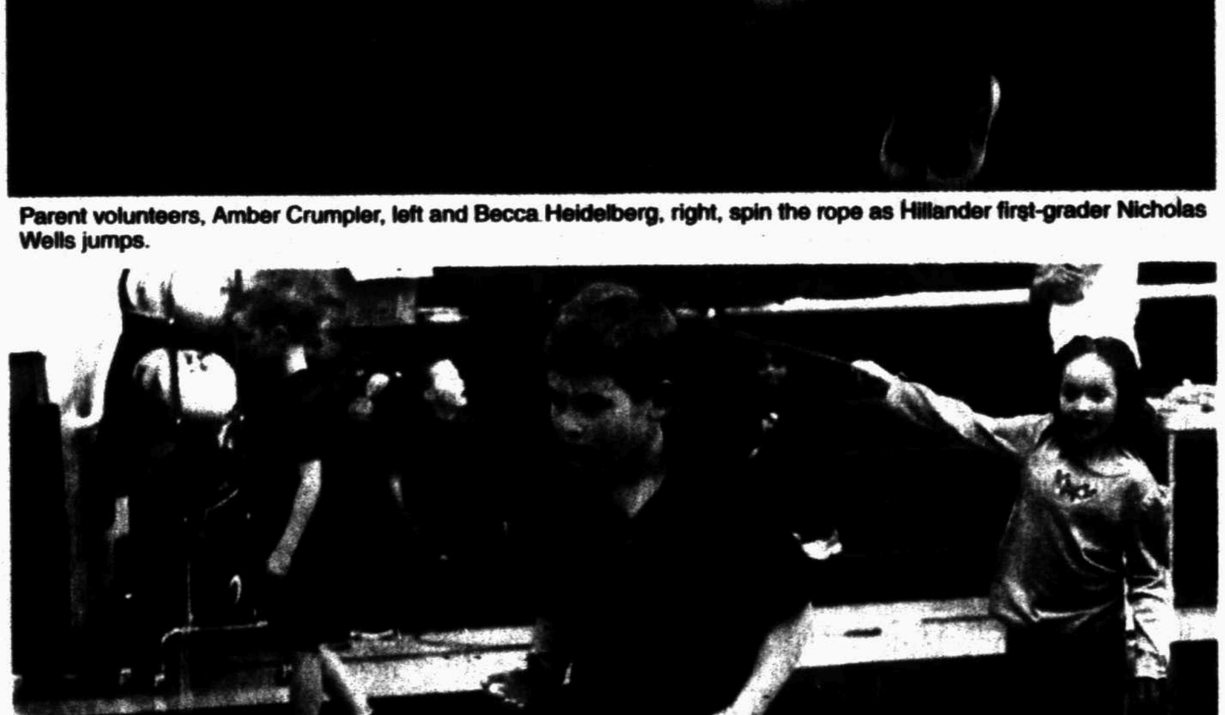
April Renee Buck jumps rope at one of the stations set up in the gym.



Parent volunteers, Amber Crumpler, left and Becca Heidelberg, right, spin the rope as Hillander first-grader Nicholas Wells jumps.



Mackenzie Clark swings one end of the jump rope as her Hillander classmate Wyatt Ahlstrand times the rope.

Lady Chaparrals roll past WTC

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Gabriela Martins, right, and Western Texas' Breanna Burton tumble while fighting for possession of the ball Monday at Chaparral Center.

By Oscar LeRoy
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Lady Chaparrals	91
Lady Westerners	50

At this point of the season, the No. 18 Midland College women's basketball team not only wants to be in a position for a conference title but start preparing for next month's regional tournament.

On Monday, Western Texas College just got in the way of the Lady Chaparrals' quest to improve as MC overwhelmed the Lady Westerners 91-50 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action at Chaparral Center.

With the victory, the Lady Chaps improve to 22-6 overall and stayed tied with Odessa College for first place in the WJCAC standings with 10-2 records and with two regular season games remaining for each team. OC outlasted Howard College 65-57 in Big Spring.

All 10 Lady Chaps available scored with five scoring in double figures. Catherine Kruschke led the way with 18 points and nine rebounds, Daneichka Canales had 15, Meghan Braeuer and Achiri Ade each had 14 and Tia Dixon added 11. Diamalieses Rivera chipped in with a game-high 11 rebounds to go with her

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Chaparrals hold off Westerners

Chaparrals	69
Westerners	65

By Oscar LeRoy
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An early wake-up call might have done the Midland College men's basketball team some good Monday against Western Texas College.

Two of MC's biggest problems this year have been missed free throws and turnovers and those have cost the Chaparrals in losses during Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

But not only did the Chaparrals hit more of their free throws but they only turned the ball over seven times to beat Western Texas, 69-65, in a must-win game for MC at Chaparral Center.

Thanks to the victory, the Chaps (17-7, 8-5 in WJCAC) move into a fourth place tie with idle South Plains College with three games left in the regular season. The Chaps need to finish in the top four to qualify for next month's Region V Tournament in Lubbock.

If the Chaps want to have any hope of making the postseason, they know that they have to hit free throws and cut down on turnovers. In order to get the point across to his team, second-year MC coach Chris Craig called a 6 a.m. practice on Monday morning, and that message appeared to work, although the Chaps' shooting might have suffered as they hit only 39.1 percent of their shots. However, MC was 15 of 23 at the free-throw line.

"We practiced hard this morning at 6, so it was my fault they were a little tired," Craig said. "But clearly they got the message of taking care of the ball. It swung in the opposite direction where

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Midland College's Justin Coleman (21) goes up for a layup against Western Texas' Jean Michael Mudiay, left, and Bunja Yaboe, right, on Monday at Chaparral Center.

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Rangers into area round with rout of Clint

Rangers	68
Lions	52

By Jordan Mason
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ALPINE — After Monday's game against Clint, Jody Lively couldn't help but swipe at his bloodied nose, the result of an errant elbow late in the game.

Yet even with his left nostril plugged, and Lively checking to make sure the plug was still there every time he ran down court, Clint was no match for the senior post, as he repeatedly pounded the Lions inside to lead Greenwood to a 68-52 win in a Class 3A bi-district game at Pete P. Gallego Center.

Lively scored 24 points and snagged 12 rebounds, both game-highs, to help propel Greenwood (18-14) into the area round of the Class 3A playoffs, where it will take on No. 17 Perryton at 7 p.m. Thursday in Dimmit.

Lively

Franklin

"(My teammates) kept looking at me, and I was making the move, and it was just there," Lively said of his night.

"Jody, he's a monster," Rangers junior Grant Franklin said. "We knew he had the size advantage on them. So, our mindset was to get it to him first, and then if he got in trouble or needed help then he'd kick it out to us on the (3-pointer). But (Monday), he was tearing it up down there, he didn't have to kick it out very much."

After Clint went up 6-2 just 1:58 into the game — causing coach Zach Boxell to call timeout and question his team's effort — Greenwood seized control of the game behind Lively, who scored 11 of his 15 first-half points on five straight baskets — the Rangers' first five field goals in the game.

Yet Clint was able to pull within 20-18 heading into the second quarter behind a red-hot start behind the arc, hitting 4 of 8 3-pointers in the first. Eight of the Lions' 11 first-quarter attempts came from downtown, and when they finally cooled off, going 0 for 2 on 3-pointers in the second, Greenwood pulled away.

The Rangers turned up the defensive pressure on the perimeter and sped up the pace of the game, scoring nine points, including six on transition layups, after Clint went to its press in the final 1:22 of the first half.

"The few times we did (run) we got some easy buckets on them," Greenwood coach Zach Boxell said, "and that helped get the lead up."

Clint, meanwhile, had no answer for Lively, who continued to exploit the size mismatch down low.

The Lions' biggest player, 6-foot-4, 175-pound Nick Alarcon, began front the 6-4, 245-pound Lively in the second with a double team coming from behind when Lively caught the ball.

Yet even after Clint cut the lead to 47-38 on a 7-0 run at the 5:03 mark in the third, Lively responded with a 5-0 run of his own, scoring two straight buckets with multiple defenders collapsing on him.

The second basket came after one of his seven offensive rebounds, which

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Hinton ready to help Lady Knights to state title

By Jonathan Hull
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The Game

TAPPS 3A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
FORT WORTH TEMPLE CHRISTIAN AT MIDLAND CLASSICAL

When: 6:30 p.m. today
Where: Midland Classical Academy gym

Amy Hinton has seen what it's like to win a state championship. Now she's ready to feel it.

Hinton is a senior guard for the Midland Classical girls basketball team, and one of the team's leaders as the No. 15 Lady Knights (24-3) prepare to host Fort Worth Temple Christian in a TAPPS 3A bi-district playoff game at 6:30 p.m. today.

For Hinton, today's game is the first step in achieving a feat she watched her sister Emily accomplish in 2008 — win a state championship at Midland Classical.

"It was a fun game," Hinton recalled from watching the 2008 TAPPS 3A state title game. "I remember sitting in the stands thinking, 'I can't wait to be a part of a team like that.' I still get butterflies thinking about that game. I want that so bad."

Now Hinton is a part of a team much like the one in 2008, boasting both experience and talent. Hinton believes it is easily the best team she has played on during her three years of varsity basketball at MCA.

"It's been fun, largely because we've been doing well, but also because of this team," Hinton said. "We are the epitome of a team, a family. There are no personality differences between us. We win together, lose together, play together all the time. It makes it all worth it."

Hinton has emerged as the Lady Knights' second leading scorer this season, using her quickness to penetrate the lane and serve as a nice complement to the team's strong shooting sisters, Kayla and Alissa Beattie.

"Amy has tremendous athletic ability," MCA coach Jim Beattie said. "When she is playing at the top of her game, she's a good scorer, defender and rebounder. She's a terrific penetrater. She's quick, can take it to the basket, has a nice little pull-up jump shot and she can shoot it from outside as well."

As a senior, Hinton said she has a "natural leadership role just like any senior on any team should have." She's taken it on herself to be a sort of mentor to the younger girls on the team, particularly freshman Alissa Beattie.

Hinton played on varsity as a freshman herself, but decided not to play as a sophomore, choosing to focus more on volleyball. She returned to the sport

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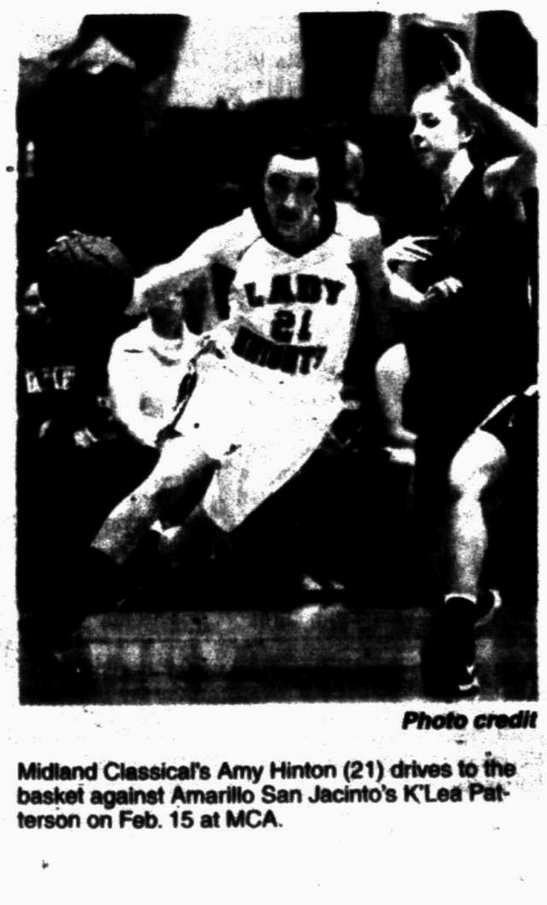

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Midland Classical's Amy Hinton (21) drives to the basket against Amarillo San Jacinto's K'Lee Patterson on Feb. 15 at MCA.

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Girls

MONDAY'S GAME
CLASS A
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
NO. 13 GARDEN CITY 39
STERLING CITY 25

COAHOMA — Garden City advanced to regional tournament with a victory against District 14-A, Division II rival Sterling City in a Class A, Division II regional playoff game Monday.

The No. 13 Lady Bearkats shutout Sterling City, 8-0, in the third period, allowing them to seize control of the game. Holly Halfmann led with 14 points, while Lexi Schaefer had eight points and eight rebounds, while going 6 of 6 at the free throw line.

Garden City plays either Paducah or Clyde Eula in the regional semifinals at 5 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum.

NO. 13 GARDEN CITY 39, STERLING CITY 25

Garden City (28-5) — Brylee Schaeffer 8, Hope Halfmann 3, Hannah Halfmann 6, Lexi Schaeffer 8, Holly Halfmann 14

Sterling City () — Rauch 5, Jones 16, Horwood 1, Barrett 3

Garden City	14	8	8	9	—39
Sterling City	7	10	0	8	—25

Free throws — GC 10-16, SC 8-13. 3-point goals — GC 5 (B. Schaefer 2, Ha. Halfmann 2, Hope Halfmann); SC 3 (Jones 2, Barrett). Total fouls — GC 15, SC 18. Fouled out — SC, Horwood.

Next: Garden City vs. Paducah-Clyde Eual winner, 5 p.m. Friday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

TODAY'S GAMES
TAPPS 3A
FW TEMPLE CHRISTIAN AT MIDLAND CLASSICAL

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Midland Classical Academy gymnasium

Records: FW Temple n/a; MCA 24-3

Last game: Midland Classical 54, Lubbock Christian 21

Notes: By winning Saturday's seeding game with Lubbock Christian, Midland Classical ensured itself two home games to start the postseason, which coach Jim Beattie said could play a significant role in the Lady Knights' playoff success. "It can be a good or bad thing, but you like to think it's going to be a good thing," Beattie said. "You don't have to travel. You get to sleep in your own bed and eat the food you're accustomed to eating. You keep your own routine and that helps." ... Beattie said he doesn't know much at all about Fort Worth Temple Christian as he wasn't able to get any film or a scouting report on it, meaning the Lady Knights need to simply do what they normally do. ... Beattie said he feels the Lady Knights are peaking at the right time. After losing three games in a short span in the middle of the year, the Lady Knights have caught fire on both ends of the floor and should be a threat in the postseason.

Next: Winner plays the winner between Amarillo San Jacinto-Fort Worth Calvary Christian in a TAPPS 3A area playoff game.

CLASS A, DIVISION I
FORSAN VS. NO. 6 PLAINS

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Tiger Pit, Wolfforth

Records: Forsan 23-9; Plains 30-4

Last game: Forsan 43, Christoval 32; Plains 73, Iraan 49

Last meeting: Plains 69, Forsan 44 on Jan. 29

Notes: Forsan and Plains have already played twice this season with the No. 6 Cowgirls winning both meetings. They beat Forsan, 69-44, on Jan. 29 and, 64-41, on Jan. 11. ... Forsan used a strong second half to beat Christoval in the area round. The game was tied 15-15 at half, but the Lady Buffaloes ended up winning, 43-32. Brittney Hergert scored 17 points, while Raegan Haggard posted 11.

Next: Winner plays the winner between Claude-Clarendon in a regional semifinal playoff game, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

CLASS A, DIVISION II
BORDEN COUNTY VS. NO. 8 GRADY

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Seminole High School gymnasium

Records: Borden County 24-7; Grday 26-4

Last game: Borden County 53, Rankin 36; Grady 63, Balmorhea 34

Last meeting: Grady 50, Borden County 44 on Jan. 18

Notes: Grady defeated Borden County twice this season, but got its biggest test of the District 6-A, Division II schedule with a narrow 50-44 victory against the Lady Coyotes on Jan. 18. The Lady Wildcats had a much easier time with Borden County in the first meeting between the two teams on Dec. 14. Grady won that affair, 66-40. ... Grady hasn't lost a game to a team from its classification this season.

Next: Winner plays the winner between Witharral-Valley in regional semifinal playoff game, 1 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Boys

TAPPS 3A
MIDLAND CLASSICAL AT FW CALVARY CHRISTIAN

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Calvary Christian Academy, Fort Worth

Records: Midland Classical 12-14; Fort Worth Calvary Christian 13-7

Last game: Amarillo San Jacinto 61, Midland Classical 37; Fort Worth Calvary 42, Flower Mound Corem Deo 28

Notes: The Knights are playing in their first playoff game in three years and will have to go on the road to do it. Midland Classical lost its regular season finale against district champion Amarillo San Jacinto on Saturday, but their playoff position was set before the game. ... Fort Worth Calvary finished second in TAPPS 2-3A this season, finishing with a 7-3 mark in district play. ... Midland Classical's last playoff game was in 2010 when the Knights lost to Colleyville Covenant 65-55.

Next: Winner will play Amarillo San Jacinto or Arlington Burton Adventist, TAPPS 3A area round, TBA

CLASS A DIVISION I
FORSAN VS. BOVINA

When/where: 8 p.m. today, Lubbock Roosevelt High School

Records: Forsan 18-9, Bovina 9-12

Last game: Smyer 51, Forsan 41; Bovina 61, Springlake-Earth 44

Notes: The Buffaloes have been idle for more than 10 days as they had a bye during the final day of the District 6-A Division I season. Forsan ended its season with a 51-41 loss to district champion Smyer. ... Bovina finished third in District 5, and earned its playoff spot by beating Springlake-Earth in the final game of the season.

Next: Winner will play Farwell, Class A Division I area round, TBA

CLASS A DIVISION II
NO. 19 GARDEN CITY VS. HERMLEIGH

When/where: 8 p.m. today, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Records: Garden City 21-7, Hermleigh 21-8

Last game: Garden City 81, Blackwell 37; Highland 42, Hermleigh 36

Notes: The Bearkats return to the postseason as the No. 2 seed out of District 14-A Division II and finished the season with a big win against Blackwell last Monday. The Bearkats played a playoff warm-up game in Sterling City against Menard on Saturday and fell, 52-39. ... Hermleigh is the third seed from District 15 and finished the regular season winning two straight games.

Next: Winner will play May, Class A Division II area round, TBA

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HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

Class 5A
Region I
Area

Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-7) 72, El Paso Franklin 45
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 35-1) 40, Arlington Martin 26
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 29-7) 47, Killeen Ellison 35
Mansfield Timberview (R7, 31-5) 63, Lewisville 48
Arlington Bowie (W3, 31-5) 61, El Paso Eastwood 31
El Paso Bel Air (W1, 28-3) 73, Richland 61
Duncanville (W7, 37-0) 66, Hurst L.D. Bell 29
Cedar Hill (T7, 26-9) 50, Flower Mound 36

Regional

Southlake Carroll (W4, 20-7) vs. Lubbock Coronado (W2, 35-1), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University, Abilene
Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 29-7) vs. Mansfield Timberview (R7, 31-5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Irving MacArthur HS
Arlington Bowie (W3, 31-5) vs. El Paso Bel Air (W1, 28-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, OC Sports Center
Duncanville (W7, 37-0) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 26-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Timberview HS

Class 4A
Area

Plainview (W4, 27-8) 59, San Elizano 20
El Paso Hanks (W2, 24-8) 65, Lubbock Monterey 42
Waco High (W8, 28-5) 47, Denton Guyer 41
Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 20-12) 63, Crowley 48
Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 24-7) 70, El Paso Andress 32
Canyon (T3, 28-6) 38, El Paso Chapin 29
Aledo (W7, 28-6) 59, Saginaw High 30
Granbury (T7, 22-13) 54, Wichita Falls Rider 46

Regional

Plainview (W4, 27-8) vs. El Paso Hanks (W2, 24-8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Odessa High Fieldhouse
Waco High (W8, 28-5) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 20-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glen Rose HS
Amarillo Palo Duro (W3, 24-7) vs. Canyon (T3, 28-6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon Randall HS
Aledo (W7, 28-6) 55, Granbury 37

Class 3A
Region I
Area

Levelland (T2, 22-13) 42, Abilene Wylie 37
Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-4) 74, Sweetwater 37
Mineral Wells (T6, 24-9) 45, Liberty Hill 41
Kennedale (W6, 26-6) 80, Glen Rose 57
Shallowater (R2, 28-4) 66, Clint 24
Perryton (W1, 25-4) 70, Greenwood 49
Stephenville (W7, 25-8) 53, Burkburnett 24
Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 18-13) 60, Burnet 52

Regional

Levelland (T2, 22-13) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2, 29-4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Mineral Wells (T6, 24-9) vs. Kennedale (W6, 26-6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Weatherford HS
Shallowater (R2, 28-4) vs. Perryton (W1, 25-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS
Stephenville (W7, 25-8) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 18-13), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Bridgeport HS

Class 2A
Region I
Area

Lamesa (W4, 26-4) 49, Spearman 46
Childress (R3, 28-5) 45, Littlefield 40
Bowie (W8, 24-11) 51, Brady 46
Wall (W6, 24-7) 36, Comanche 32
Idalou (W3, 26-7) 53, Olton 41
Canadian (W1, 25-5) 50, Slaton 34
Merkel (W7, 33-1) 60, Jim Ned 51
Sonora (W5, 31-3) 66, Nocona 44

Regional

Lamesa (W4, 26-4) vs. Childress (R3, 28-5), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Bowie (W8, 24-11) vs. Wall (W6, 24-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Clyde HS
Idalou (W3, 26-7) vs. Canadian (W1, 25-5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M's First United Bank Center, Canyon
Merkel (W7, 33-1) vs. Sonora (W5, 31-3), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City HS

Class A, Division I
Region I
Area

Claude (T2, 21-8) 48, New Deal 26
Clarendon (W2, 26-3) 51, Quanah 38
Forsan (T6, 23-9) 43, Christoval 32
Plains (W6, 30-4) 73, Iraan 49
Wellington (W3, 24-5) 53, Panhandle 39
Gruver (W1, 19-7) 46, Hale Center 26
Smyer (R6, 29-6) 58, McCamey 41
Springlake-Earth (W5, 22-7) 65, Miles 32

Regional

Claude (T2, 21-8) vs. Clarendon (W2, 26-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Borger Community Activities Center, Borger
Forsan (T6, 23-9) vs. Plains (W6, 30-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Tiger Pit, Wolfforth
Wellington (W3, 24-5) vs. Gruver (W1, 19-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Tascosa Activity Center, Amarillo
Smyer (R6, 29-6) vs. Springlake-Earth (W5, 22-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Coronado HS

Class A, Division II
Region I
Area

Whitharral (W4, 33-3) 43, Miami 42
Valley (W2, 16-5) 55, Lazbuddie 45
Borden County (T6) 53, Rankin 36
Grady (W6, 26-4) 63, Balmorhea 34
Hartley (W3) 65, Silverton 46
Follett (W1, 23-5) 47, Nazareth 44
O'Donnell (R6) 60, Sierra Blanca 40
Petersburg (W5, 20-12) 68, Marathon 31

Regional

Whitharral (W4, 33-3) vs. Valley (W2, 16-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hale Center HS
Borden County (T6, 24-7) vs. Grady (W6, 26-4), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS
Hartley (W3) vs. Follett (W1, 23-5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Stinnett West Texas HS
O'Donnell (R6) vs. Petersburg (W5, 20-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton HS

Region II
Area

Paducah (R9) 46, Roby 28
Clyde Eula (T12, 19-12) 55, Crowell 48
Sterling City (T14, 18-11) 40, Priddy 21
Garden City (W14, 28-5) 55, May 15
Guthrie (T9) 28, Gratford 23
Baird (R12, 25-6) 56, Aspermont 55
Water Valley (R14) 43, Cross Plains 32
Roscoe Highland (W13) 48, Zephyr 29

Regional

Paducah (R9) vs. Clyde Eula (T12, 19-12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hamlin HS
Garden City (W14, 28-5) 39, Sterling City 25
Guthrie (T9) vs. Baird (R12, 25-6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Merkel
Water Valley (R14) vs. Roscoe Highland (W13), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Ballinger HS

Other Pairings
TAPPS 1-4A
Area

Midland Christian (T1, 20-13) at Dallas Christian (R2), 2 p.m. Saturday

TAPPS 1-3A
Bi-District

Fort Worth Temple Christian at Midland Classical (24-3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Bi-district

Keller (W4, 22-10) vs. Arlington Lamar (F3, 7-20), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Grapevine HS
El Paso Bel Air (R1, 25-4) vs. Abilene High (T2, 21-8), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans
Odessa Permian (W2, 24-6) vs. El Paso Franklin (F1, 18-14), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gallego Center Alpine
Arlington Martin (R3, 25-7) vs. Southlake Carroll (T4, 19-13), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Saginaw HS
Killeen Ellison (W8, 28-6) 51, Duncanville 46
Flower Mound (R5, 25-10) vs. Grapevine (T6, 22-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thomas Coliseum, Haltom City
Colleyville Heritage (W6, 22-8) vs. Lewisville (F5, 16-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Keller HS
South Grand Prairie (R7, 32-3) vs. Killeen Harker Heights (T8, 23-9), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Hillsboro
North Crowley (W3, 27-7) 53, Justin Northwest 47
Lubbock Coronado (R2, 25-7) vs. El Paso Montwood (T1, 26-4), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton
El Paso Coronado (W1, 31-1) vs. San Angelo Central (F2, 18-12), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton
Richland (R4, 22-8) vs. Arlington Bowie (T3, 23-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Grand Prairie HS
DeSoto (W7, 29-2) vs. Copperas Cove (F8, 20-11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Highlands, Waco
Irving MacArthur (R6, 19-11) vs. Coppell (T5, 16-17), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Carrollton R.L. Turner HS
Lewisville Hebron (W5, 32-2) vs. Euless Trinity (F6, 13-14), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Southlake Carroll HS
Killeen Shoemaker (R8, 25-8) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 19-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Hillsboro

Class 3A
Region I
Bi-district

Abilene Wylie (W4, 29-4), bye
Pampa (R1, 12-18) 67, Lubbock Cooper 53
Seminole (W2, 25-7), bye
Clint Mountain View (R3, 17-12) vs. Monahans (T4, 23-7), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Gallego Center, Alpine
Liberty Hill (W8, 30-3), bye
Burkburnett (R5, 22-9) vs. Mineral Wells (T6, 17-16), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Bowie
Kennedale (W6, 21-0), bye
Glen Rose (R7, 13-10) vs. Gatesville (T8, 16-15), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Waco Midway HS
Fabens (W3, 20-10), bye
Lubbock Estacado (R2, 13-17) vs. Dalhart (T1, 16-14), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Palo Duro HS
Perryton (W1, 24-2), bye
Greenwood (R4, 17-14) 68, Clint 52
Stephenville (W7, 24-7), bye
Springtown (R6, 21-10) vs. Graham (T5, 6-17), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jacksboro HS
Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 19-8), bye
Burnet (R8, 15-13) vs. Alvarado (T7, 16-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Waco Midway HS

Class 2A
Region I
Bi-district

Brownfield (W4, 20-5), bye
Bushland (R1) 74, Littlefield 70
Abernathy (W2, 19-4), bye
Childress (R3) vs. Denver City (T4, 19-5), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Holliday (W8, 29-3), bye
Kermit (R5, 16-11) vs. Early (T6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Junell Center, San Angelo
Wall (W6), bye
Clyde (R7) vs. Bowie (T8, 15-20), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Olney HS
Idalou (W3), bye
Dimmitt (R2, 20-10) vs. Boys Ranch (T1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS
Canadian (W1), bye
Lamesa (R4, 19-11) vs. Floydada (T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Breckenridge (W7), bye
Tuscola Jim Ned (R6) vs. Alpine (T5, 15-10), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, McGraw Special Events Center
Tornillo (W5, 26-6), bye
Henrietta (R8, 19-3) vs. Cisco (T7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Graham HS

Class A
Division I
Region I
Bi-district

Hale Center (W4, 20-4), bye
Gruver (R1, 16-10) vs. Vega (T2, 17-9), 8 p.m., Tuesday, Tascosa Activity Center, Amarillo
Panhandle (W2, 20-3), bye
Wellington (R3) vs. Crosbyton (T4, 7-6), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock HS
Christoval (W8, 17-11), bye
Morton (R5) vs. Tahoka (T6), TBA Tuesday, Levelland HS
Smyer (W6), bye
Iraan (R7, 18-8) vs. Ozona (T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Junell Center, San Angelo
Memphis (W3, 20-6), bye
Clarendon (R2, 16-7) vs. Booker (T1, 7-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Frank Phillips College, Borger
Stratford (W1, 8-4), bye
New Deal (R4, 10-9) vs. Shamrock (T3, 19-7), 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock HS
El Paso Harmony (W7, 23-3), bye
Forsan (R6) vs. Bovina (T5), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Roosevelt HS
Farwell (W5), bye
San Angelo TLCA (R8) vs. Wink (T7, 11-14), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Class A
Division II
Region I
Bi-district

Whitharral (W4, 18-4), bye
Miami (R1, 12-9) vs. Kress (T2), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon Randall HS
Turkey Valley (W2), bye
Nazareth (R3) vs. Hart (T4), TBA
Rankin (W8, 18-9), bye
Ropes (R5) vs. Borden County (T6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS
Grady (W6), bye
Balmorhea (R7, 12-7) vs. Buena Vista (T8), 6:30 p.m Tuesday, Pecos HS
Texline (W3, 23-6), bye
Groom (R2, 16-7) vs. Darrouzett (T1, 12-12), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Borger HS
Fort Elliott (W1), bye
Anton (R4) vs. Happy (T3), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Hale Center HS
Fort Davis (W7, 23-3), bye
Sands (R6) vs. Meadow (T5), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Roosevelt HS
Petersburg (W5), bye
Grandfalls-Royalty (R8, 9-4) vs. Sierra Blanca (T7), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Class A
Division II
Region II
Bi-district

Clyde Eula (W12), bye
Spur (R9) vs. Harrold (T10), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Guthrie HS
Crowell (W10), bye
Graford (R11) vs. Roby (T12), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Albany HS
Zephyr (W16), bye
Highland (R13, 15-14) vs. Robert Lee (T14, 16-8), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Ballinger HS
Water Valley (W14, 28-2), bye
Panther Creek (R15) vs. Gustine (T16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Bangs HS
Throckmorton, bye
Knox City (R10) vs. Paducah (T9), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Guthrie HS
Aspermont (W9, 23-3), bye
Trent (R12) vs. Woodson (T11), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Eastland HS
May (W15), bye
Garden City (R14, 21-7) vs. Hermleigh (T13, 21-8), 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring
Ira (W13), bye
Priddy (R16) vs. Cross Plains (T15, 13-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Bangs HS

RANGERS

From 1C

he put back in while being fouled, hitting the free throw to push the lead back to 14.

"They did a good job looking for Jody down low, and he, for the most part, was able to finish for us," Boxell said.

Greenwood went up by as many as 19 in the fourth, when the game was never close.

Now, the Rangers turn their attention to 1-3A champion Perryton, who is 24-2 on the season and ranked 17th in the state in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 3A poll.

Greenwood has gone 1-2 against ranked teams this year — losing twice to No. 5 Abilene Wylie and blowing out then-No.21 Monahans — and Boxell said his team will need to be better Thursday.

"It's a game that we're going to have to definitely be ready to play in," Boxell said. "And, defensively, (we have to) step it up a lot more than we did tonight."

But the Rangers will still have Lively, who showed what he's capable of Monday, even with a bloody nose, when Greenwood calls his number.

Follow Jordan on Twitter: @JordanMasonMRT

GREENWOOD 68, CLINT 52

Greenwood (18-14) — Jody Lively 24, Taylor Hollingsworth 10, Kam Williams 10, Grant Franklin 9, Cade Jones 7, Timmy Murphey 7

Clint (17-15) — John Segura 22, Marco Hernandez 11, Daniel Gonzalez 9, Daniel Vasquez 5, Nick Alarcon 3, Hazael Lara 2

Greenwood	20	22	12	14	—68
Clint	18	10	13	12	—52

Free throws — Greenwood 10-14, Clint 9-23. 3-point goals — Greenwood 3 (Hollingsworth, Jones, Williams), Clint 7 (Segura 4, Gonzalez 3). Total fouls — Greenwood 19, Clint 15. Fouled out — Clint, Gonzalez. Rebounds — Greenwood 42 (Lively 12), Clint 23 (Hernandez 11). Assists — Greenwood 8 (Hollingsworth 2, Murphey 2), Clint 7 (Segura 4). Turnovers — Greenwood 6, Clint 5.

Next: Greenwood vs. No. 17 Perryton, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dimmit, Class 3A area round

HINTON

From 1C

as a junior and made an immediate impact for the Lady Knights. She believes she probably put too much pressure on herself to play basketball earlier in her high school career, and wants to make sure Beattie doesn't have the same experience.

"I've kind of taken Alissa under my wing," said Hinton, who is also a four-year letter-winner for the MCA volleyball team. "Not only is she a Beattie, with people expecting a lot from her, but she's a freshman starting on varsity. I just let her know that it's OK for people to expect you to be good, but don't let it weigh you down.

"She's a freshman. This is supposed to be a year where she can make mistakes and learn. I needed someone to tell me that badly."

From being an overwhelmed freshman to now being an experienced senior leader, Hinton now hopes her basketball career at Midland Classical ends much like her sister's did. But the focus isn't completely on a state title quite yet.

"We haven't been to the state tournament since 2008 when my sister was playing," Hinton said. "We really want to get there. I think we've got a good chance, but we've got to play one game at a time like we've been doing. That's how we get there."

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MONDAY'SNHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SENATORS 2
DEVILS 1

NEWARK, N.J. — Jakob Silfverberg beat Martin Brodeur to his stick side in the shootout and goalie Ben Bishop turned aside 30 shots for his first victory of the season, giving the Ottawa Senators a 2-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Monday.

Silfverberg, who assisted on the Senators' regulation goal, skated in on Brodeur in the shootout and fired a right-handed wrist shot that caught the NHL's all-time wins leader by surprise.

Bishop stopped former Senator Bobby Butler on the Devils' third shootout attempt to give Ottawa only its third road win of the season. Ilya Kovalchuk and Patrik Elias were both stopped by Bishop in the shootout.

Stephen Gionta scored his second goal of the season in the opening minutes of the game, but the Devils were silenced the rest of the way by Bishop. Brodeur had 29 saves for New Jersey.

Daniel Alfredsson scored for Ottawa in the third period, tying the game at 1 with 11:46 remaining on his 420th career goal.

MAPLE LEAFS 3
PANTHERS 0

SUNRISE, Fla. — Ben Scrivens notched his second consecutive shutout, and Clarke MacArthur and Nazem Kadri each had a goal and an assist to lead Toronto to a win over Florida.

Scrivens, who got his first shutout last Saturday in a 3-0 victory over Ottawa, stopped 37 shots.

Phil Kessel also scored for the Maple Leafs, who won for the sixth time in seven games. Toronto is off to its best road start since opening 7-2-0 away from home during the 1940-41 season. The Leafs beat the Panthers for the first time in seven games dating to a 4-3 shootout win on Feb. 1, 2011.

Jose Theodore made 30 saves for Florida, which lost its fifth straight and sixth in the past seven at home.

FLYERS 7
ISLANDERS 0

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — The line of Claude Giroux, Matt Read and Jakub Voracek combined for three goals and 10 points, helping Philadelphia break a slump with a victory over New York.

Giroux scored two goals and added an assist, Read had a goal and two assists and Voracek had four assists. Ilya Bryzgalov made 19 saves for his first shutout of the season and 30th in the NHL.

Zac Rinaldo scored his first goal of the season, Brayden Schenn also had a goal and Danny Briere closed the scoring with a pair in the third period as the Flyers moved to 2-3 on a six-game trip.

Evgeni Nabokov played much better than his statistics showed and finished with 18 saves for the Islanders, who trailed 1-0 after the first period.

CANADIENS 3
HURRICANES 0

MONTREAL — Tomas Plekanec and Max Pacioretty scored 18 seconds apart in the third period to seal Montreal's fourth straight win with a victory over Carolina.

Pacioretty added an assist and Brandon Prust also scored for Montreal in the third.

Peter Budaj made 19 saves for his second win and first shutout in a Canadiens uniform.

Cam Ward stopped 23 shots for Carolina, which saw its three-game winning streak snapped.

After a fairly uneventful opening 40 minutes, Prust finally broke the scoreless deadlock 2:06 into the third. Lars Eller led the rush through the neutral zone before dishing off to Alex Galchenyuk. The rookie evaded Bobby Sanguinetti before finding Prust driving to the net.

AVALANCHE 6
PREDATORS 5

DENVER — Paul Stastny and Jamie McGinn scored 13 seconds apart in the second period and Colorado snapped a nine-game losing streak against Nashville with a win over the Predators.

Shea Weber scored with 1:18 left to make it a one-goal game, the only score of the final period.

Matt Duchene and Aaron Palushaj each had a goal and two assists, and Chuck Kobasew and Tyson Barrie also scored for Colorado, which was outscored by Nashville 34-14 over the past two seasons.

The Predators pulled to 4-3 on Colin Wilson's goal before Stastny and McGinn restored the cushion and forced Nashville coach Barry Trotz to yank Chris Mason, who allowed six goals on 18 shots.

Mike Fisher, Sergei Kostitsyn and Jonathon Blum had goals for Nashville.

COYOTES 4, FLAMES 0

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mike Smith stopped 30 shots, Keith Yandle scored in the opening minute of the first period and Mikkel Boedker did the same to start the third, lifting Phoenix to its sixth win in eight games.

Yandle knocked in a rebound 41 seconds into the game for his fourth point in two games and Boedker scored 30 seconds into the third by squeezing a puck between Calgary goalie Danny Taylor's pads in front of a standing-room only crowd at Jobing.com Arena.

That was enough for Smith, who was sharp all night for his 22nd career shutout and third this season.

Munguia leads MCS to season-opening win

From staff reports

ABILENE — Midland Christian opened the season with a non-district victory Monday, scoring two runs int he seventh inning to knock off Abilene High.

Trailing 2-1 in the top of the seventh, Morgan Munguia hit a RBI double down the left field line, scoring Nolan Schattel to tie the game. Munguia later scored what turned out to be the winning run on a passed ball.

Colton Chalker came on to pitch the bottom of the seventh and pick up a save. Hayden Wood got the win after pitching the sixth inning, allowing just two hits and no runs.

Midland Christian returns to action at 6 p.m. today, playing host to Andrews at Christensen Stadium.

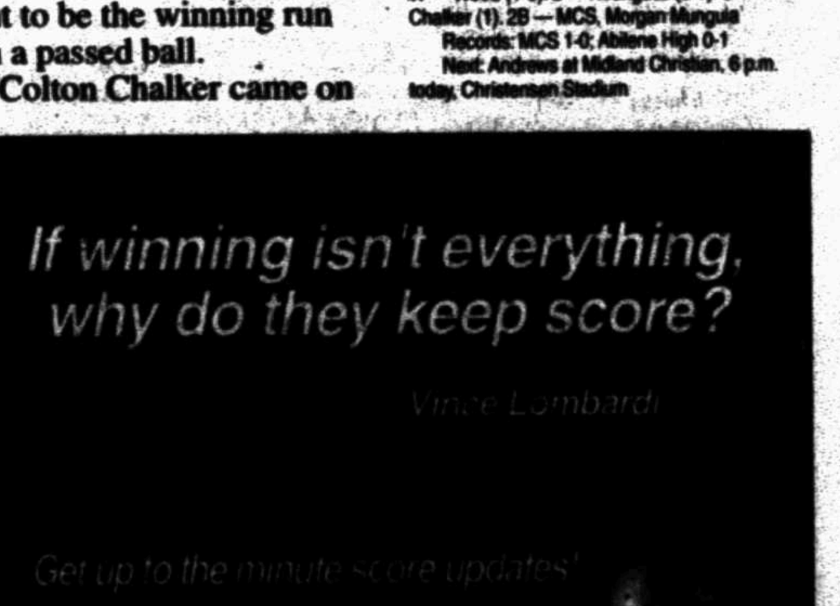
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 3, ABILENE HIGH 2

MCS	000	100	2	—3	5	1
Abilene High	000	020	0	—2	9	2

Daniel Crooks, Korey Rasure (5), Hayden Wood (6), Colton Chalker (7) and Nolan Schattel. Eli Rodriguez, Payton Coffman (7) and Matt Loftin. W — Wood (1-0). L — Rodriguez (0-1). S — Chalker (1). 2B — MCS, Morgan Munguia.

Records: MCS 1-0; Abilene High 0-1

Next: Andrews at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. today, Christensen Stadium



NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	18	.640	—
Brooklyn	31	22	.585	2 1/2
Boston	28	24	.538	5
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	10 1/2
Toronto	21	32	.396	12 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7 1/2
Washington	15	36	.294	21 1/2
Orlando	15	37	.288	22
Charlotte	12	40	.231	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	21	.604	—
Chicago	30	22	.577	1 1/2
Milwaukee	26	25	.510	5
Detroit	21	33	.389	11 1/2
Cleveland	16	37	.302	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Memphis	33	18	.647	7 1/2
Houston	29	26	.527	13 1/2
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
New Orleans	19	34	.358	22 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	—
Denver	33	21	.611	6 1/2
Utah	30	24	.556	9 1/2
Portland	25	28	.472	14
Minnesota	19	31	.380	18 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	—
Golden State	30	22	.577	7
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	13
Sacramento	19	35	.352	19
Phoenix	17	36	.321	20 1/2

Sunday's Score

West 143, East 138

Today Games

Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through Feb. 17, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina	2-0	495	2
2. Arkansas	2-1	493	1
3. Vanderbilt	2-1	492	3
4. Louisiana St.	3-0	489	4
5. Oregon	3-0	486	6
6. UCLA	2-1	484	5
7. South Carolina	2-1	481	7
8. Kentucky	2-0	478	8
9. Oregon St.	3-0	475	10
10. Rice	2-1	472	20
11. Stanford	1-2	471	9
12. Mississippi St.	4-0	468	13
13. N.C. State	0-1	467	11
14. Oklahoma	4-0	465	14
15. Arizona	3-0	462	18
16. Mississippi	3-0	460	25
17. Georgia Tech	3-0	457	17
18. Florida St.	3-0	455	19
19. Cal. St. Fullerton	4-0	454	23
20. Miami, Fla.	3-0	454	28
21. U.C. Irvine	3-0	449	30
22. San Diego St.	3-0	446	—
23. Arizona St.	2-1	444	16
24. Florida	2-1	442	24
25. Texas	2-1	440	21
26. Louisville	2-1	438	22
27. Texas A&M	2-1	435	26
28. Clemson	2-1	433	27
29. Virginia	2-0	432	35
30. Southern Miss.	3-0	429	36

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through Feb. 17 and ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Team	Record	Pv
1. North Carolina	2-0	1
2. Vanderbilt	2-1	2
3. Arkansas	2-1	3
4. Louisville	2-1	4
5. Mississippi State	4-0	5
6. Oregon State	3-0	6
7. South Carolina	2-1	7
8. Mississippi	3-0	13
9. Louisiana State	3-0	10
10. North Carolina St.	0-1	8
11. Kentucky	2-0	11
12. UCLA	2-1	12
13. Rice	2-1	18
14. Oregon	3-0	15
15. Stanford	1-2	9
16. Georgia Tech	3-0	16
17. Florida	2-1	17
18. Oklahoma	4-0	19
19. Florida State	3-0	20
20. Cal State Fullerton	4-0	22
21. Southern Miss.	3-0	23
22. Texas Christian	0-3	14
23. Arizona	4-0	24
24. Virginia Tech	4-0	NR
25. UC Irvine	3-0	NR

Golf

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through Feb. 17

Rank Player	Points	YTDMoney
1. Brandt Snedeker	1,262	$2,859,920
2. Phil Mickelson	605	$1,232,760
3. Brian Gay	582	$1,089,161
4. John Merrick	565	$1,298,014
5. Dustin Johnson	516	$1,154,125
6. Russell Henley	515	$1,033,080
7. Charles Howell III	508	$991,944
8. Tiger Woods	500	$1,098,000
9. Chris Kirk	480	$990,013
10. Jimmy Walker	427	$812,620
11. Josh Teater	416	$870,934
12. Charlie Beljan	347	$785,800
13. Tim Clark	344	$638,529
14. James Hahn	330	$704,788
15. Scott Piercy	307	$645,592
16. Bill Haas	307	$770,300
17. Steve Stricker	300	$665,000
18. Hunter Mahan	287	$537,965
19. David Lingmerth	283	$526,008
20. Kevin Stadler	276	$533,888
21. Matt Kuchar	262	$487,000
21. Webb Simpson	262	$496,042
23. Robert Garrigus	255	$484,310
24. Fredrik Jacobson	251	$552,825
25. Keegan Bradley	240	$464,793

PGA Tour Statistics
Through Feb. 17

Scoring Average

1, Brandt Snedeker, 68.83. 2, Fredrik Jacobson, 68.92. 3, Chris Kirk, 69.28. 4, Charles Howell III, 69.40. 5, Jimmy Walker, 69.56. 6, Jim Furyk, 69.64. 7, Brian Gay, 69.72. 8, Brian Stuard, 69.73. 9, Robert Garrigus, 69.74. 10, Kevin Stadler, 69.79.

Driving Distance

1, Ryan Palmer, 309.6. 2, Nicolas Colsaerts, 307.2. 3, Steven Bowditch, 306.3. 4, Sean O'Hair, 304.9. 5, John Daly, 304.7. 6, Luke List, 304.2. 7, Gary Woodland, 303.9. 8 (tie), Robert Garrigus and J.B. Holmes, 303.7. 10, Brad Fritsch, 303.6.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1, Jim Furyk, 75.68%. 2, Kevin Sutherland, 75.26%. 3, David Toms, 72.73%. 4, Jeff Maggert, 72.24%. 5, Tim Clark, 71.19%. 6, Jin Park, 71.08%. 7, Bart Bryant, 70.10%. 8, Ken Duke, 69.71%. 9, D.J. Trahan, 69.47%. 10, Richard H. Lee, 69.08%.

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1, Camilo Villegas, 78.40%. 2, Nick Watney, 77.38%. 3, Brandt Snedeker, 77.19%. 4, Bubba Watson, 76.54%. 5, Peter Tomasulo, 75.46%. 6, Justin Hicks, 75.35%. 7, Robert Garrigus, 75.00%. 8, Nicholas Thompson, 74.81%. 9, Richard H. Lee, 74.44%. 10, Bill Haas, 74.38%.

Total Driving

1, Boo Weekley, 37. 2, D.J. Trahan, 49. 3, Brendon de Jonge, 62. 4, Kevin Streelman, 65. 5, Kevin Stadler, 76. 6 (tie), Billy Horschel, Henrik Norlander and Peter Tomasulo, 79. 9, Matt Jones, 87. 10, Ross Fisher, 92.

Putting Average

1, Kevin Na, 1.641. 2, Chris Kirk, 1.643. 3, Russell Henley, 1.654. 4, Bryce Molder, 1.660. 5, Charlie Wi, 1.668. 6, Aaron Baddeley, 1.676. 7, Phil Mickelson, 1.679. 8, Brian Gay, 1.682. 9, Robert Garrigus, 1.685. 10, Brandt Snedeker, 1.686.

Birdie Average

1, Brandt Snedeker, 5.63. 2, Robert Garrigus, 5.13. 3, Russell Henley, 5.07. 4, Brian Gay, 5.00. 5, Billy Horschel, 4.95. 6, Kevin Na, 4.87. 7 (tie), John Rollins and Phil Mickelson, 4.80. 9, Jeff Overton, 4.78. 10, David Toms, 4.75.

Eagles (Holes per)

1, Joe Ogilvie, 45.0. 2, Doug LaBelle II, 46.0. 3, Chris Kirk, 48.9. 4, Jim Herman, 54.0. 5, D.H. Lee, 57.6. 6, Dustin Johnson, 58.5. 7, Five tied with 63.0.

Sand Save Percentage

1, Brad Fritsch, 76.67%. 2, Kevin Chappell, 76.47%. 3, Patrick Reed, 72.00%. 4 (tie), Jason Day, Matt Kuchar and Kevin Sutherland, 71.43%. 7, K.J. Choi, 70.83%. 8, Nicholas Thompson, 70.59%. 9, Hank Kuehne, 68.75%. 10, Six tied with 66.67%.

All-Around Ranking

1, Robert Garrigus, 209. 2, Russell Henley, 236. 3, Brandt Snedeker, 277. 4, Kevin Stadler, 316. 5, Jason Day, 319. 6, Billy Horschel, 320. 7, Brad Fritsch, 324. 8, Kevin Streelman, 345. 9, Jimmy Walker, 349. 10, Brian Stuard, 456.

PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders

1, Brandt Snedeker, (5), $2,859,920. 2, John Merrick, (5), $1,298,014. 3, Phil Mickelson, (5), $1,232,760. 4, Dustin Johnson, (5), $1,154,125. 5, Tiger Woods, (1), $1,098,000. 6, Brian Gay, (4), $1,089,161. 7, Russell Henley, (4), $1,033,080. 8, Charles Howell III, (5), $991,944. 9, Chris Kirk, (5), $990,013. 10, Josh Teater, (6), $870,934.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

The Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Indiana (43)	23-3	1,597	1
2. Miami (20)	21-3	1,571	3
3. Gonzaga (2)	25-2	1,428	5
4. Michigan St.	22-4	1,416	8
5. Florida	21-3	1,387	7
6. Duke	22-3	1,308	2
7. Michigan	22-4	1,284	4
8. Syracuse	21-4	1,125	6
9. Kansas	21-4	1,077	14
10. Louisville	21-5	1,011	12
11. Georgetown	19-4	952	15
12. Arizona	21-4	924	9
13. Kansas St.	20-5	848	10
14. Oklahoma St.	19-5	786	17
15. Butler	21-5	659	11
16. New Mexico	22-4	654	19
17. Marquette	18-6	524	18
18. Ohio St.	18-7	458	13
19. Wisconsin	18-8	408	20
20. Pittsburgh	20-6	370	16
21. Memphis	22-3	362	22
22. Colorado St.	21-4	307	24
23. Oregon	21-5	216	23
24. VCU	21-5	123	—
25. Notre Dame	20-6	79	21

Others receiving votes: Saint Louis 58, Minnesota 52, Louisiana Tech 48, Illinois 46, Cincinnati 20, NC State 20, Akron 16, Missouri 4, Middle Tennessee 3, Maryland 2, Saint Mary's (Cal) 2, Creighton 1, Wichita St. 1.

USA Today Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 17, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Indiana (19)	23-3	757	2
2. Miami (7)	21-3	728	4
3. Gonzaga (3)	25-2	710	3
4. Florida (2)	21-3	685	6
5. Michigan State	22-4	658	8
6. Duke	22-3	594	1
7. Michigan	22-4	561	5
8. Syracuse	21-4	541	7
9. Kansas	21-4	518	13
10. Louisville	21-5	511	12
11. Georgetown	19-4	457	15
12. Arizona	21-4	415	9
13. Kansas State	20-5	365	11
14. Oklahoma State	19-5	351	16
15. Butler	21-5	321	10
16. New Mexico	22-4	299	18
17. Wisconsin	18-8	258	19
18. Ohio State	18-7	239	14
19. Memphis	22-3	191	25
20. Marquette	18-6	190	20
21. Colorado State	21-4	182	24
22. Pittsburgh	20-6	161	17
23. Oregon	21-5	92	—
24. VCU	21-5	91	—
25. Notre Dame	20-6	50	21

Others receiving votes: Saint Louis 23, Akron 19, Saint Mary's 19, Cincinnati 16, Creighton 16, Middle Tennessee 15, Louisiana Tech 12, Illinois 9, Minnesota 7, San Diego State 3, UCLA 3, Wichita State 3, Missouri 2, Oklahoma 2, Kentucky 1.

Top 25 Fared
Monday

1. Indiana (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Michigan State, Tuesday.
2. Miami (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Tuesday.
3. Gonzaga (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Wednesday.
4. Michigan State (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Indiana, Tuesday.
5. Florida (21-3) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Tuesday.
6. Duke (22-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
7. Michigan (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.
8. Syracuse (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
9. Kansas (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
10. Louisville (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
11. Georgetown (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
12. Arizona (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Wednesday.
13. Kansas State (21-5) beat West Virginia 71-61. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
14. Oklahoma State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Kansas, Wednesday.
15. Butler (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Tuesday.
16. New Mexico (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Colorado State, Saturday.
17. Marquette (18-6) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.
18. Ohio State (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Wednesday.
19. Wisconsin (18-8) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
20. Pittsburgh (20-7) lost to No. 25 Notre Dame 51-42. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
21. Memphis (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Wednesday.
22. Colorado State (21-4) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Wednesday.
23. Oregon (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
24. VCU (17-8) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Tuesday.
25. Notre Dame (21-6) beat No. 20 Pittsburgh 51-42. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 76, Prairie View 47
Texas Southern 73, MVSU 57

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 64, Howard 50
Delaware St. 52, Morgan St. 50
Md.-Eastern Shore 64, Coppin St. 62, 2OT
Morehouse 108, Fort Valley St. 99, 3OT
NC Central 71, SC State 52
New Orleans 100, Central Baptist 59
Norfolk St. 62, Hampton 59
Savannah St. 56, NC A&T 49
Southern U. 81, Alabama A&M 67
Stillman 79, Miles 67
West Liberty 113, Shepherd 103
William & Mary 75, Georgia St. 63
Xavier (NO) 75, Tougaloo 54

EAST

Bucknell 61, Lehigh 55
Drexel 63, Hofstra 54
Fairfield 66, Iona 64
Notre Dame 51, Pittsburgh 42
Villanova 71, Rutgers 63

FAR WEST

Utah Valley 73, Pacific Union 43

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOX

ARK.-PINE BLUFF 76, PRAIRIE VIEW 47

ARK.-PINE BLUFF (13-14): Haynes 3-4 1-4 7, Jackson 2-7 2-3 8, Hammond 4-6 0-0 9, Broughton 0-3 0-0 0, Kennedy 4-8 4-4 12, Mosley 4-5 0-1 10, Floyd 1-2 0-0 2, Boyd 0-0 0-0 0, Whiting 2-2 0-0 4, Savage 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 10-18 1-1 24, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Young 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-56 8-13 76.

PRAIRIE VIEW (11-16): DeMuynck 0-7 1-2 1, Blair 1-5 1-2 3, Montgomery 4-13 1-3 9, Gesiakowski 3-12 2-2 9, Riathin 2-5 0-0 4, Eleby 3-6 2-3 8, Wright 0-3 0-0 0, Aina 0-0 0-2 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Afolayan 0-0 0-0 0, Agho 2-3 2-5 6, Jenkins 0-1 1-2 1, Scott 0-2 2-2 2, Chapman 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 17-61 12-23 47.

Halftime—Ark.-Pine Bluff 36-25. 3-Point Goals—Ark.-Pine Bluff 8-19 (Anderson 3-6, Mosley 2-2, Jackson 2-7, Hammond 1-3, Floyd 0-1), Prairie View 1-14 (Gesiakowski 1-8, Scott 0-1, Blair 0-1, Wright 0-1, DeMuynck 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Ark.-Pine Bluff 37 (Anderson 8), Prairie View 41 (Montgomery, Riathin 6). Assists—Ark.-Pine Bluff 15 (Hammond 5), Prairie View 8 (Blair, Jones, Scott 2). Total Fouls—Ark.-Pine Bluff 21, Prairie View 14. A—1,412.

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Today

No. 1 Indiana at No. 4 Michigan State, 6 p.m.
No. 2 Miami vs. Virginia, 8 p.m.
No. 5 Florida at Missouri, 8 p.m.
No. 15 Butler vs. Duquesne, 6 p.m.
No. 17 Marquette at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
No. 24 VCU at Saint Louis, 8 p.m.

Wednesday

No. 3 Gonzaga vs. Santa Clara, 10 p.m.
No. 8 Syracuse vs. Providence, 6 p.m.
No. 9 Kansas at No. 14 Oklahoma State, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Georgetown vs. DePaul, 6 p.m.
No. 12 Arizona vs. Washington, 10 p.m.
No. 18 Ohio State vs. Minnesota, 6 p.m.
No. 19 Wisconsin at Northwestern, 8 p.m.
No. 21 Memphis vs. Houston, 8 p.m.
No. 22 Colorado State at UNLV, 9:15 p.m.

Women

The Women's Top Twenty Five

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (38)	24-1	998	1
2. Notre Dame	24-1	955	2
3. UConn (2)	24-1	927	3
4. Stanford	24-2	868	4
5. Duke	24-1	843	5
6. California	23-2	805	6
7. Penn St.	21-3	724	8
8. Kentucky	22-3	698	9
8. Maryland	21-4	698	7
10. Texas A&M	20-5	622	11
11. Tennessee	20-5	599	12
12. Louisville	21-5	540	10
13. Georgia	21-4	530	13
14. Dayton	21-4	448	17
15. South Carolina	21-5	412	16
16. North Carolina	23-4	383	14
17. UCLA	19-6	372	15
18. Delaware	22-3	295	20
19. Florida St.	20-5	267	19
20. Colorado	20-5	253	21
21. Syracuse	21-3	196	23
22. Purdue	19-6	151	18
23. Oklahoma St.	18-6	103	25
24. Nebraska	19-6	81	—
25. Green Bay	21-2	65	—

Others receiving votes: Iowa St. 64, Michigan 36, Oklahoma 29, Toledo 15, Washington 7, West Virginia 5, SMU 4, LSU 3, San Diego St. 3, Michigan St. 1.

Women's Top 25 Fared
Monday

1. Baylor (25-1) beat No. 3 UConn 76-70. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (24-1) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Sunday.
3. UConn (24-2) lost to No. 1 Baylor 76-70. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
4. Stanford (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday.
5. Duke (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Florida State, Friday.
6. California (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
7. Penn State (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Wednesday.
8. Kentucky (23-3) beat No. 10 Texas A&M 70-66. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
8. Maryland (21-4) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
10. Texas A&M (20-6) lost to No. 8 Kentucky 70-66. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
12. Louisville (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Wednesday.
13. Georgia (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
14. Dayton (22-1) beat Duquesne 58-57. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Thursday.
15. South Carolina (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Sunday.
16. North Carolina (23-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Friday.
17. UCLA (19-6) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Tuesday.
18. Delaware (22-3) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Tuesday.
19. Florida State (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Friday.
20. Colorado (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
21. Syracuse (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.
22. Purdue (19-6) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Wednesday.
23. Oklahoma State (18-6) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
24. Nebraska (19-6) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
25. Green Bay (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Kentucky 70, Texas A&M 66
Prairie View 62, Ark.-Pine Bluff 59
Texas Southern 84, MVSU 70

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 64, Southern U. 47
Alabama St. 58, Alcorn St. 53
Appalachian St. 63, W. Carolina 32
Chattanooga 67, Georgia Southern 50
Coll. of Charleston 63, Samford 62
Coppin St. 55, Md.-Eastern Shore 50
Davidson 67, Wofford 54
E. Kentucky 61, Tennessee Tech 55
ETSU 69, Kennesaw St. 65
Florida Gulf Coast 68, N. Kentucky 53
Hampton 83, Norfolk St. 42
Howard 61, Bethune-Cookman 27
Kentucky Wesleyan 80, Oakland City 68
Lynchburg 83, Randoph 70
Mercer 55, SC-Upstate 54
Morehead St. 68, Jacksonville St. 54
Morgan St. 69, Delaware St. 68, OT
NC A&T 67, Savannah St. 45
Randolph-Macon 72, Roanoke 64
SC State 40, NC Central 39
Stetson 68, Lipscomb 54
UNC-Greensboro 60, Furman 59
UT-Martin 77, Tennessee St. 58
Washington & Lee 69, Emory & Henry 48
Xavier (NO) 71, Tougaloo 61

MIDWEST

Baker 60, Evangel 53
Dayton 58, Duquesne 57
E. Illinois 88, Austin Peay 59
Illinois 60, Wisconsin 53
SIU-Edwardsville 79, Murray St. 68

EAST

Bryant 69, Mount St. Mary's 62
CCSU 65, Wagner 54
Monmouth (NJ) 69, LIU Brooklyn 60
Quinnipiac 60, Robert Morris 46
Sacred Heart 81, St. Francis (Pa.) 56
St. Francis (NY) 56, Fairleigh Dickinson 50

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

No. 1 BAYLOR 76, No. 3 UCONN 70

BAYLOR (25-1): Williams 2-7 3-6 7, Griner 10-21 5-5 25, Sims 3-15 2-3 9, Hayden 4-7 1-2 11, Madden 1-2 2-2 4, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Prince 0-3 0-0 0, Pope 9-16 0-2 18. Totals 30-72 13-20 76.

UCONN (24-2): Mosqueda-Lewis 11-14 2-2 26, Dolson 4-13 2-2 11, Doty 0-4 0-0 0, Hartley 5-12 0-0 13, Faris 4-7 0-0 9, Tuck 5-12 0-0 11, Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0, Stewart 0-2 0-0 0, Stokes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 4-4 70.

Halftime—UConn 29-26. 3-Point Goals—Baylor 3-8 (Hayden 2-2, Sims 1-3, Griner 0-1, Prince 0-2), UConn 8-24 (Hartley 3-5, Mosqueda-Lewis 2-5, Dolson 1-2, Tuck 1-3, Faris 1-4, Stewart 0-1, Doty 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 42 (Griner, Pope 9), UConn 39 (Mosqueda-Lewis 15). Assists—Baylor 20 (Sims 7), UConn 19 (Dolson, Hartley 5). Total Fouls—Baylor 10, UConn 16. A—16,294.

No. 8 KENTUCKY 70, No. 10 TEXAS A&M 66

KENTUCKY (23-3): O'Neill 3-13 1-3 9, Mathies 5-13 2-3 13, Stallworth 6-16 0-1 12, Walker 3-5 3-6 9, Evans 5-9 0-0 12, Thompson 1-2 4-4 6, Pinkett 0-0 0-0 0, Goss 2-4 2-2 7, Drake 0-1 0-0 0, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0, Bishop 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-64 12-19 70.

TEXAS A&M (20-6): Williams 3-7 1-2 7, Bone 4-8 1-2 9, Bellock 5-10 2-2 12, Pratcher 5-11 0-2 12, Walker 7-11 6-7 20, Scott 0-2 0-0 0, Little 1-5 0-0 2, Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Gilbert 1-2 0-3 2. Totals 27-57 10-18 66.

Halftime—Kentucky 40-34. 3-Point Goals—Kentucky 6-23 (Evans 2-5, O'Neill 2-11, Goss 1-2, Mathies 1-3, Stallworth 0-2), Texas A&M 2-9 (Pratcher 2-5, Walker 0-1, Little 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Kentucky 38 (Stallworth 12), Texas A&M 41 (Bellock 15). Assists—Kentucky 14 (O'Neill 6), Texas A&M 15 (Bellock, Bone 4). Total Fouls—Kentucky 20, Texas A&M 15. Technicals—Walker, Williams. A—6,814.

HS Football

Texas Sports Writers Association
1A all-state team
FIRST TEAM
Offense

Guards — Victor Acevedo, Stratford, 6-0, 200, sr. and Troy Holdman, Sundown, 5-11, 250, sr.

Tackles — Tanner Jones, Alto, 6-1, 290, sr. and Logan Groves, Munday, 5-9, 230, sr.

Center — B.J. Araujo, Munday, 5-7, 183, sr.

Tight end — Dustin Barton, Sabinal, 6-2, 206, sr.

Spit ends — James Washington, Stamford, 6-0, 175, jr. and Brandon Green, Burton, 6-5, 201, sr.

Quarterback — Hagen Hutchinson, Stamford, 6-2, 184, sr.

Athlete — Dee Paul, Munday, 6-0, 165, sr.

Running backs — Jacolby Whitaker, Alto, 6-0, 190, jr.; Hunter Ammons, Mount Enterprise, 5-11, 185, sr.; and Terry Gilbreath, Wellington, 5-10, 170, jr.

Placekicker — Rodney Ortiz, San Saba, 5-6, 166, jr.

Offensive Player of the Year: Hagen Hutchinson, Stamford, 6-2, 184, sr.

Co-Coaches of the year: Patrick Corcoran, Munday and Wayne Hutchinson, Stamford.

Defense

Linemen — Jake Myers, Munday, 6-0, 185, sr.; Trent Andrews, Bosqueville, 6-1, 275, jr.; L.J. Collier, Munday, 6-3, 240, jr.; and Shannon Cordell, Mart, 6-1, 190, jr.

Linebackers — Eric Wiatrek, Falls City, 5-5, 115, jr.; Harrison Hull, Bremond, 5-10, 185, jr.; Collin Nall, Mart, 5-10, 200, soph.; and R.J. Bell, Bosqueville, 5-10, 215, sr.

Backs — Dee Paul, Munday, 6-0, 165, sr.; Joe Cruz, Alto, 5-10, 180, sr.; Marvin Cox, Italy, 5-9, 165, sr.; and Juwan Mathis, Burton, 5-10, 155, sr.

Punter — Rio Schmidt, Mason, 5-10, 185, sr.

Kick returner — Dee Paul, Munday, 6-0, 165, sr.

Defensive Player of the Year: Dee Paul, Munday, 6-0, 165, sr.

SECOND TEAM
Offense

Guards — Trent Andrews, Bosqueville, 6-1, 275, jr. and Kyle Zavala, Mason, 6-0, 245, soph.

Tackles — Rob Montgomery, Albany, 6-3, 305, sr. and Ja'Braylin Thomas, Weimar, 6-6, 320, sr.

Center — Tyler Neatherlin, Stamford, 6-4, 260, jr.

Tight end — Andy Flusche, Muenster, 6-3, 230, jr.

Spit ends — Travis Hammer, Panhandle, 5-10, 170, sr. and Jared Reagan, Booker, 5-10, 160, soph.

Quarterback — Hunter Lile, Booker, 5-9, 168, soph.

Athlete — De'Nerian Thomas, Mart, 5-9, 160, soph.

Running backs — Roddrick Taylor, Munday, 5-11, 165, sr.; D'Marcus Cosby, Mart, 5-10, 160, fr.; and Demontrae Finney, Honey Grove, 6-1, 175, sr.

Placekicker — Hunter Klement, Muenster, 6-3, 180, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Denzel Williams, Tenaha, jr.; Sam Gibson, Burton, 6-4, 275, sr.; Draven Denison, Bremond, 6-2, 250, sr.; Fabian Gomez, Thorndale, 6-2, 260, sr.

Linebackers — Hunter Cabral, West Sabine, 5-10, 170, jr.; Ryheem Walker, Italy, 6-1, 210, sr.; Tyrone Dockins, Munday, 5-9, 240, sr.; Jeremy Gover, Springlake-Earth, 6-5, 210, sr.

Backs — Dalton Mathis, Stamford, 5-10, 146, sr.; Brandon Green, Burton, 6-5, 201, sr.; Wyatt Hairgrove, Joaquin, 5-11, 163, sr.; Quentin Bryant, Mart, 6-1, 180, sr.; Isuro Rivas, Brackett, jr.

Punter — Dawson Halfmann, Miles, 6-0, 170, sr.

Kick returner — Ty'Aundra Taylor, San Augustine, 5-8, 165, jr.

THIRD TEAM
Offense

Guards — Derek Mankins, Windthorst, 6-5, 290, sr. and Edgar Tellez, Wellington, 6-0, 205, jr.

Tackles — Roy Alaniz, Stamford, 5-8, 275, sr. and Colby Wiganowski, Bremond, 6-3, 210, jr.

Center — Jeffery Collins, Wellington, 6-0, 165, soph.

Tight end — Caleb Herring, Maud 6-2, 255, sr.

Spit ends — Keontas Davis, Tenaha, jr. and River Hall, Hamlin; 5-8, 155, sr.

Quarterback — Klark Ashmore, Wellington, 6-0, 180, jr.

Athlete — Chance Barlow, D'Hanis, 6-1, 185, sr.

Running backs — Rio Schmidt, Mason, 5-10, 185, sr.; Chavis Gregory, Tenaha, 5-10, 210, jr.; (tie) Seth Shanklin, Rocksprings, 5-10, 165, sr.; and Devonya Bell, Detroit, 5-11, 175, sr.

Placekicker — Oscar Chavez, De Leon, soph.

Defense

Linemen — J.J. Casarez, McCamey, 5-9, 185, sr.; Dylan Cheatham, Falls City, 5-9, 150, sr.; Tyler Wilson, Bremond, 6-0, 195, sr.; Keontay Smith, Stamford, 6-1, 260, sr.

Linebackers — Lorenzo Young, Timpson, 5-8, 175, sr.; De'Aaron Rowland, Tenaha, 6-1, 235, sr.; Daniel Medina, Stamford, 5-8, 150, sr.; and Andy Flusche, Muenster, 6-3, 230, jr.

Backs — Elijah Ramon, Springlake-Earth, 5-8, 155, soph.; Abraham Villarreal, New Deal, 5-9, 175, sr.; Shadow Sanders, Carlisle, 5-9, 160, sr.; and Trevor Burchett, Santa Maria, soph.

Punter — Nick Cheatwood, Joaquin, 5-11, 183, sr.

Kick returner — Austin Camber, Falls City, 5-5, 115, jr.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Whelen Modified Series, Fla., 6 p.m., Speed

NASCAR, K&N Pro Series, 7:30 p.m., Speed

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Oklahoma, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Indiana at Michigan St., 6 p.m., ESPN

Florida St. at NC State, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Florida at Missouri, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Malaga at Porto, 1:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

UEFA Champions League, Bayern Munich at Arsenal (same-day tape), 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Class A, Forsan vs. Bovina, 8 p.m., Lubbock Roosevelt HS

Class A, Garden City vs. Hermleigh 8 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

TAPPS 3A, MCA at Fort Worth Calvary Chrsitian, 6 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Class A, Grady vs. Borden County, 6 p.m., Seminole HS

Class A, Forsan vs. Plains, 6 p.m., Tiger Pit, Wolfforth

TAPPS 3A, Fort Worth Temple Christian at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m., Shotwell Stadium

Odessa Permian at Lee, 5:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 7 p.m., Shotwell Stadium

Odessa Permian at Lee, 7:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lubbock Cooper at Midland High, 4 p.m., Zachery Field

Andrews at Midland Christian, 6 p.m., Christensen Stadium

Greenwood at Ozona, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Andrews at Midland Christian, 5:30 p.m., MUGS

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Trinity at Monahans, 3 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

Midland College at Splitrail Invitational, Aledo

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Darren O'Day on a two-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Luke Putkonen, RHP Bruce Rondon, LHP Duane Below, LHP Darin Downs, LHP Kyle Lobstein, C Ramon Cabrera and INF Jeff Kobernus on one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Wilmer Font, RHP Roman Mendez, RHP Alexi Ogando, LHP Joe Ortiz, LHP Martin Perez, RHP Tanner Scheppers, RHP Matt West, RHP Coty Woods, INF Leury Garcia, INF Mitch Moreland and INF Jurickson Profar on one-year contracts.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Acquired OF Tony Campana from the Chicago Cubs for RHP Jesus Castillo and RHP Erick Leal. Placed RHP Daniel Hudson on the 60-day DL.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Signed RHP Thomas Hoenshell and RHP Max Whieldon.

EL PASO DIABLOS—Traded INF Jordan Marks to Schaumburg for LHP Adam Tollefson.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Sold the contract of OF Rony Rodriguez to Chicago (NL).

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed RHP Jose Velazquez to a contract extension.

JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed OF David Christensen to a contract extension.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Signed INF Gibby Birones and INF T.J. Gavlik.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed INF Jason Ganek and RHP Reese McGraw to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Named Yannick Colaco managing director, NBA India.

MIAMI HEAT—Assigned C Dexter Pittman to Sioux Falls (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Jeremy Pargo for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released C Jeff Saturday.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Husain Abdullah.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Steve Hoffman assistant special teams coach. Promoted Arthur Smith to offensive line/tight ends assistant coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled G Jonas Gustavsson from Grand Rapids (AHL). Assigned G Petr Mrazek to Grand Rapids.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Mike Santorelli from San Antonio (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with G Cam Talbot. Recalled F Brandon Mashinter from Connecticut (AHL).

COLLEGE

ILLINOIS—Named Marcus Berry director of football player personnel.

MISSISSIPPI STATE—Suspended sophomore F Roquez Johnson indefinitely for violating team rules.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE—Joanne Dow men's and women's cross country coach.

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

U.S. National Indoor Championships
Results
Monday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: Men, $1,353,550 (WT500); Women, $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2).

Marin Cilic (1), Croatia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Rhyne Williams, United States, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Women
First Round

Kirsten Flipkens (1), Belgium, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-2, 6-2.

Jamie Hampton, United States, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.

Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Maria Sanchez, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Sofia Arvidsson (2), Sweden, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Victoria Duval, United States, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Silver Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-0.

Kristina Mladenovic (8), France, def. Courtney Collins, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, and Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-1, 5-7, 10-5.

James Blake and Jack Sock, United States, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Horia Tecau (2), Romania, 3-6, 6-3, 11-9.

Women
First Round

Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (1), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-4, 10-4.

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Heather Watson (3), Britain, def. Ashley Murdock, United States, and Mariya Slupska, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-0.

Lindsay Lee-Waters and Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, and Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, and Eva Hrdinova, Czech Republic, def. Taylor Townsend and CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-4, 6-0.

ATP

Copa Claro Results
Monday
At Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Purse: $570,470 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-1, 6-4.

Diego Sebastian Schwartzman, Argentina, def. Thomaz Bellucci (4), Brazil, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Albert Ramos (8), Spain, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-1, 6-0.

Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, def. Horacio Zeballos (5), Argentina, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Nicolas Almagro (2), Spain, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Carlos Berlocq and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Paolo Lorenzi and Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

Daniele Bracciali, Italy, and Lukas Dlouhy (2), Czech Republic, def. Lucas Arnold Ker and Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-2, 0-6, 11-9.

Open 13 Results
Monday
At Palais des Sports
Marseille, France
Purse: $800,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Jerzy Janowicz (7), Poland, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Martin Klizan (8), Slovakia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Doubles
First Round

Sanchai and Sonchat Ratiwatana, Thailand, def. Maxime Chazal and Martin Vaisse, France, 6-4, 6-3.

Julian Knowle, Austria, and Filip Polasek (3), Slovakia, def. David Guez and Josselin Ouanna, France, 6-2, 6-2.

ATP World Tour Rankings
By The Associated Press
Through Feb. 17
Singles

1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia	12960
2. Roger Federer, Switzerland	9855
3. Andy Murray, Britain	8480
4. David Ferrer, Spain	6865
5. Rafael Nadal, Spain	5755
6. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic	4485
7. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina	4410
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France	3515
9. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia	3125
10. Richard Gasquet, France	2880
11. Nicolas Almagro, Spain	2540
12. Marin Cilic, Croatia	2535
13. Gilles Simon, France	2370
14. Milos Raonic, Canada	2305
15. Juan Monaco, Argentina	2220
16. John Isner, United States	2125
17. Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland	1990
18. Tommy Haas, Germany	1815
19. Andreas Seppi, Italy	1730
20. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany	1720

WTA

Copa Claro Colsanitas Results
Monday
At Club Campestre el Rancho
Bogota, Colombia
Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.

Alize Cornet (2), France, def. Elina Svitolina, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Stephanie Dubois, Canada, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 7-5, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Severine Beltrame and Laura Thorpe, France, def. Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, and Amra Sadikovic, Switzerland, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 11-9.

Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, and Tatiana Panova (1), Russia, def. Richel Hogenkamp, Netherland, and Katarzyna Piter, Poland, 6-2, 6-4.

Dubai Duty Free Championships
Results
Monday
At Dubai Tennis Stadium
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Marion Bartoli, France, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-1, 6-3.

Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (6).

Doubles
First Round

Lisa Raymond, United States, and Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-1.

Julia Goerges and Angelique Kerber, Germany, def. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Zhang Shuai, China, 7-6 (9), 7-5.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	LOT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	22	42	38
Pittsburgh	16	11	5	0	22	52	38
N.Y. Rangers	14	8	5	1	17	38	35
Philadelphia	17	7	9	1	15	45	49
N.Y. Islanders	15	6	8	1	13	45	54

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	15	10	4	1	21	43	34
Boston	13	9	2	2	20	37	31
Toronto	16	10	6	0	20	46	36
Ottawa	16	8	6	2	18	37	31
Buffalo	16	6	9	1	13	46	54

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	14	8	5	1	17	41	40
Tampa Bay	14	7	6	1	15	55	45
Florida	15	4	7	4	12	35	56
Washington	15	5	9	1	11	41	51
Winnipeg	14	5	8	1	41	35	46

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	15	12	0	3	27	51	31
Nashville	16	7	4	5	19	35	35
St. Louis	15	9	5	1	19	52	48
Detroit	15	7	6	2	16	40	44
Columbus	15	4	9	2	10	34	48

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	14	8	3	3	19	41	33
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	16	33	38
Edmonton	14	6	5	3	15	35	38
Calgary	14	5	6	3	13	39	51
Colorado	14	6	7	1	13	37	43

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	14	11	2	1	23	50	37
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	18	44	41
Dallas	16	8	7	1	17	41	43
San Jose	14	7	4	3	17	37	33
Los Angeles	13	5	6	2	12	39	36

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

Monday's Scores

Ottawa 2, New Jersey 1, SO
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Islanders 0
Colorado 6, Nashville 5
Montreal 3, Carolina 0
Toronto 3, Florida 0
Phoenix 4, Calgary 0
Columbus at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Today's Games

Winnipeg at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARIES

MAPLE LEAFS 3, PANTHERS 0

Toronto	1	2	0	— 3
Florida	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—1, Toronto, Kessel 3 (van Riemsdyk), 17:04.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Kadri 5 (Phaneuf, MacArthur), 12:13 (pp). 3, Toronto, MacArthur 3 (Kadri, Franson), 13:57.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 12-14-7—33. Florida 14-11-12—37.

Goalies—Toronto, Scrivens. Florida, Theodore. A—17,177 (17,040). T—2:28.

CANADIENS 3, HURRICANES 0

Carolina	0	0	0	— 0
Montreal	0	0	3	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—1, Montreal, Prust 2 (Galchenyuk, Eller), 2:06. 2, Montreal, Plekanec 8 (Pacioretty, Emelin), 12:03. 3, Montreal, Pacioretty 1 (Desharnais, Diaz), 12:21.

Shots on Goal—Carolina 5-8-6—19. Montreal 7-11-8—26.

Goalies—Carolina, Ward. Montreal, Budaj. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:18.

AVALANCHE 6, PREDATORS 5

Nashville	1	3	1	— 5
Colorado	2	4	0	— 6

First Period—1, Colorado, Palushaj 2 (Jones, Hejda), 3:43. 2, Colorado, Barrie 1 (Duchene, Parenteau), 9:30 (pp). 3, Nashville, Kostitsyn 2 (C.Smith, C.Wilson), 17:20 (pp).

Second Period—4, Colorado, Duchene 6 (Parenteau), 3:18. 5, Nashville, Fisher 3 (Weber, Kostitsyn), 10:16. 6, Colorado, Kobasew 1 (Stastny, Palushaj), 11:06. 7, Nashville, C.Wilson 5 (Erat, Blum), 13:17. 8, Colorado, Stastny 4 (Jones, Palushaj), 13:33. 9, Colorado, McGinn 3 (Duchene), 13:46. 10, Nashville, Blum 1, 19:10.

Third Period—11, Nashville, Weber 2 (Fisher, Hornqvist), 18:42.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 9-12-17—38. Colorado 8-15-5—28.

Goalies—Nashville, Mason, Rinne. Colorado, Varlamov. A—15,099 (18,007). T—2:25.

SENATORS 2, DEVILS 1, SO

Ottawa	0	0	1	0	— 2
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	— 1

Ottawa won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, New Jersey, Gionta 2 (Bernier), 1:19.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Ottawa, Alfredsson 4 (Silfverberg, Turris), 8:12.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Ottawa 1 (Alfredsson NG, Silfverberg G), New Jersey 0 (Kovalchuk NG, Elias NG, Butler NG).

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 9-9-9-3—30. New Jersey 17-4-10-0—31.

Goalies—Ottawa, Bishop. New Jersey, Brodeur. A—17,625 (17,625). T—2:44.

FLYERS 7, ISLANDERS 0

Philadelphia	1	3	3	— 7
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Giroux 4 (Read, Voracek), :26.

Second Period—2, Philadelphia, Read 7 (Giroux, Voracek), :15. 3, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 4 (Voracek, Briere), 7:57 (pp). 4, Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Read, Voracek), 14:45.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Rinaldo 1 (Zolnierczyk, L.Schenn), 3:31. 6, Philadelphia, Briere 4 (Couturier, Gustafsson), 10:27 (pp). 7, Philadelphia, Briere 5 (B.Schenn, Simmonds), 17:46.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 11-6-8—25. N.Y. Islanders 8-6-5—19.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—16,170 (16,234). T—2:20.

COYOTES 4, FLAMES 0

Calgary	0	0	0	— 0
Phoenix	1	0	3	— 4

First Period—1, Phoenix, Yandle 2 (Moss, Torres), :41.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Phoenix, Boedker 3 (Ekman-Larsson, Vermette), :30. 3, Phoenix, Vermette 4 (Doan, Ekman-Larsson), 9:27. 4, Phoenix, Torres 2 (Moss, Gordon), 16:49.

Shots on Goal—Calgary 8-13-8—29. Phoenix 14-10-13—37.

Goalies—Calgary, Taylor. Phoenix, M.Smith. A—17,208 (17,125). T—2:31.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 44-55 degrees; 10.26' low. Black bass are slow to fair on jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 45-52 degrees; 12.07' low. Black bass are slow to fair on jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 44-53 degrees; 11.16' low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 45-54 degrees; 20.1' low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 45-53 degrees; 17.46' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 46-54 degrees; 34.46' low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 47-53 degrees; 9.81' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 43-51 degrees; 18.64' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 44-52 degrees; 29.65' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 61-65 degrees; 48.68' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, jerkbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits under birds. White bass are good on slabs and small crankbaits under birds. Catfish are good over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 62-66 degrees. Black bass are very good on watermelon and watermelon red spinnerbaits, crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and black/blue tube jigs over brush piles. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; 60-64 degrees; 6.76' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are good on live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and live bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 58-62 degrees; 10.45' low. Black bass are good on black/blue Bass Hogg jigs, Persuader crankbaits, and GrandeBass 4" Trickster worms over brush piles. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies and spinnerbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on Li'l Fishies and minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water lightly stained; 60-64 degrees; 27.82' low. Black bass are fair on pumpkin Curb's jigs, jerkbaits, and Carolina rigged JDC lizards along break lines in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait in 20-30 feet. White bass are fair on Pirk Minnows, slabs, and crankbaits in creeks. Crappie are good on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

CANYON LAKE: Water lightly stained; 60-64 degrees; 8.86' low. Black bass are fair on black/chartreuse Curb's hair jigs, jerkbaits, and Texas rigged Scoundrel worms on shaky jigheads in 20-30 feet. Striped bass are good trolling white Curb's striper jigs and vertically jigging Pirk Minnows. White bass are fair jigging Pirk Minnows and Blade Baits. Crappie are good on minnows and crappie jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 59-63 degrees; 13.60' low. Black bass are fair on soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are good on green pumpkin Carolina rigged soft plastics, spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Senkos, flukes, and soft plastics. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 58-62 degrees; 5.39' low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Catfish are slow.

GRANGER: Water stained; 60-64 degrees; 0.17' high. Black bass are fair on chartreuse jigs and soft plastic worms upriver in heavy timber. White bass are fair upriver. Crappie are fair on minnows upriver under lights at night. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits and on juglines baited with cut bait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water clear; 61-65 degrees; 0.36' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair jigging Pirk Minnows and Curb's jigs. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 0.34' low. Black bass are fair on silver slabs. Crappie are fair on chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water lightly stained; 57-61 degrees; 5.17' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon crankbaits and soft plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are fair on Li'l Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 10-18 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on live shad and goldfish. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 60-64 degrees; 1.66' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and black tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Water lightly stained; 59-63 degrees; 6.03' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and crankbaits. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 60-64 degrees; 49.52' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse jigs, smoke grubs, and watermelon crankbaits in 8-20 feet. Striped bass to 4 pounds are fair on white spoons in 20-35 feet. White bass are fair on white spoons and chrome crankbaits in 20-35 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water lightly stained. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are good on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water lightly stained; 58-62 degrees; 8.51' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and stinkbait.

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BY LEN HAYWARD

Boys

ODESSA PERMIAN AT LEE

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 8-3-4, 5-0-2 (17 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 8-4-2, 6-0-1 (19 points)

Last district game: Lee 2, Midland High 2; Odessa Permian 1, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Notes: The top teams in the District 2-5A table face off today in a game that could feature fast-paced play. Both teams possess some speed all around the field, and both have scored plenty of goals this season. Permian had outscored its opponents, 18-4 before Saturday's 1-1 draw against last-place Amarillo Tascosa. Lee, meanwhile, has remained unbeaten in District 2-5A play after Saturday's tie against rival Midland High. ... The Rebels will be without junior midfielder Cesar Gonzalez, who was given a red card in Saturday's game against Midland High. Gonzalez will sit out today's game, and coach Scott Hicks said they could use a number of different players in his spot. ... Both of Lee's goals on Saturday came on free kicks, as Felipe Sinisterra converted a penalty kick and Omar Alvidrez connected on a kick just outside the 18-yard box. ... If Lee wins it will move into first, and if the Rebels tie or lose they will remain in second place. ... Permian beat Lee twice in 2012 on the way to winning the district title, 3-1 and 4-1.

Next: Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m. Saturday; Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

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

Records: Midland High 7-3-3, 4-2-1 (13 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 5-5-2, 4-3-0 (12 points)

Last district game: Lee 2, Midland High 2; Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Notes: The Bulldogs finish the first half of the District 2-5A slate with a tough road game against Abilene Cooper. Midland High picked up a key point in Saturday's 2-2 draw with rival Lee, and moved into third place in the District 2-5A standings. The Bulldogs are one point ahead of the Cougars and San Angelo Central. ... Midland High coach Warren Cottle said that he expects the Cougars to come out ready to play today after losing to crosstown rival Abilene High on Saturday. "I think they have to come out fired up, because that's one game you can't lose," Cottle said. "They've got to get points on us, and we've got to get points on them." ... Alex VonHolle and Jason Carter each scored goals for Midland High in Saturday's tie against Lee.

Next: Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. Feb. 26

ABILENE HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

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

Records: Abilene High 7-6-4, 2-4-1 (7 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 8-4-1, 4-3-0 (12 points)

Last district game: San Angelo Central 5, Lubbock Coronado 3; Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ODESSA HIGH

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

Records: Lubbock Coronado 4-12-0, 1-6-0 (3 points); Odessa High 7-5-2, 2-4-1 (7 points)

Last district game: San Angelo Central 5, Lubbock Coronado 3; Odessa Permian 2, Odessa High 1 on Feb. 12

Next: Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene High at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
San Angelo Central	7	0	0	21	11	5	0
Midland High	5	1	1	16	8	6	4
Odessa High	4	1	2	14	8	2	3
Odessa Permian	4	2	1	13	10	4	1
Abilene High	3	4	0	9	9	6	1
Lee	3	4	0	9	4	9	0
Lubbock Coronado	1	5	1	4	3	10	1
Abilene Cooper	1	5	1	4	6	5	2
Amarillo Tascosa	0	6	2	2	2	11	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 2, Lee 1; San Angelo Central 2, Lubbock Coronado 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Abilene High 0; Odessa Permian 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0. Odessa High was idle

Today's Games

Odessa Permian at Lee, 5:30 p.m.; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High. Amarillo Tascosa is idle. All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
Odessa Permian	6	0	1	19	8	4	2
Lee	5	0	2	17	8	3	4
Midland High	4	2	1	13	7	3	3
Abilene Cooper	4	3	0	12	5	5	2
San Angelo Central	4	3	0	12	8	4	1
Odessa High	2	4	1	7	7	5	2
Abilene High	2	4	1	7	7	6	4
Lubbock Coronado	1	6	0	3	4	12	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	6	2	2	5	9	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Saturday's Scores

Lee 2, Midland High 2; San Angelo Central 5, Lubbock Coronado 3; Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 1, Amarillo Tascosa 1. Odessa High was idle.

Today's Games

Odessa Permian at Lee, 7:30 p.m.; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at San Angelo Central; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High. Amarillo Tascosa is idle. All games at 7 p.m.

Girls

ODESSA PERMIAN AT LEE

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 4-9-0, 3-4-0 (9 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 10-4-1, 4-2-1 (13 points)

Last district game: Midland High 2, Lee 1; Odessa Permian 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Notes: This is a key game for both teams, but it's probably bigger for Lee. The Lady Rebels need some points in this game to stay in the hunt for one of the four playoff spots in the district heading into the second half. The Lady Rebels' three victories have come against the three teams below them in the standings, while their three losses have come to the top three teams in the district. "We are definitely getting into must-win games, and (today) is a real character challenge, and we will see what this group is made of," Pollard said. "It's an important match for us in trying to catch a team that is ahead of us." ... Lee held Midland High scoreless for nearly 60 minutes on Saturday, but Midland High scored two goals in less than five minutes to clinch the victory. Deo'nna Calhoun scored Lee's lone goal. ... The Lady Rebels' defense has been decimated the last few weeks and five starters, including a goalkeeper, will be out for today's game. Senior defender Amanda Peterson, who missed Saturday's game, will be out with a back injury, and Pollard said her status for the rest of the season is in doubt. Also out today will be sophomore goalkeeper Morgan Barr (head injury) junior defender Ashley Lopez (knee injury), senior defender Alyssa Carr (foot injury) and sophomore defender Chaselyn Richardson (concussion). ... Permian and Lee split their two games last season, as the Lady Panthers won 1-0 and Lee won 2-0.

Next: Lee at Lubbock Coronado, noon Saturday; Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon Saturday

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

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

Records: Midland High 5-5-4, 5-1-1 (16 points); Abilene Cooper 6-5-2, 1-5-1 (4 points)

Last district game: Midland High 2, Lee 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Abilene High 0

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs return to the field today with an eye on keeping league-leading San Angelo Central within striking distance as the first half of the District 2-5A season ends. Midland High picked up a key three points on Saturday with a 2-1 victory against Lee as Adrienne Almodova and Madison Scribner scored for the Lady Bulldogs. MHS is five points behind the Lady Bobcats in second place, and two points ahead of third-place Odessa High. ... Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said he doesn't know much about the Lady Cougars but said they should be fired up after beating crosstown rival Abilene High on Saturday. "We need to make sure we show up ready to take care of business," Dunlevy said. "We don't have much room to spare." ... Dunlevy said that senior defender Megan Martin is questionable for today's game as she is working to come back from a concussion.

Next: Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. Feb. 26

ABILENE HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

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

Records: Abilene High 9-6-1, 3-4-0 (9 points); San Angelo Central 11-5-0, 7-0-0 (21 points)

Last district game: Abilene Cooper 2, Abilene High 0; San Angelo Central 2, Lubbock Coronado 1

Next: Abilene High at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ODESSA HIGH

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

Records: Lubbock Coronado 3-10-1, 1-5-1 (4 points); Odessa High 8-2-3, 4-1-2 (14 points)

Last district game: San Angelo Central 2, Lubbock Coronado 1; Odessa High 1, Odessa Permian 1

Next: Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene High at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Saturday

LADY CHAPS

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seven points.

"We wanted to come out how we played New Mexico and Odessa here and wanted to have that energy and intensity in this game," Kruschke said. "Everyone is working hard and contributing."

But more than their scoring, the Lady Chaps were solid in all phases of the game. They shot 45.6 percent from the floor, out-rebounded a smaller Western Texas team 53-26, held the Lady Westerners (9-20, 2-11) to 32.1 percent shooting, and more impressively, only turned the ball over nine times, including just once in the first half.

"We've been seeing a lot of zone (defense), so we have worked on trying to do a little bit better with our zone offense and I think we got easier shots," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We kind of slowed down a little on our halfcourt execution. I think that's important because coaches scout and see if we have trouble with zones, they're going to run zones."

Jones added that because Western Texas is out of the race, it probably aided in the blowout.

"I they've got a good team but I think it's kind of hard for them mentally and I'm proud that we hung in there and kept playing," Jones said. "It was a tough game to play after a while but we did what we needed to and did a good job."

The way the Lady Chaps took care of the ball helped them race out to a 46-29 halftime advantage.

MC then pretty much put the game away when it started the second half with a 15-0 run.

Breanna Burton was the only Lady Westerner in double figures with a game-high 20 points.

The Lady Chaps will have the bye on Thursday before hosting Clarendon College next Monday.

"We're going to get an extra day of rest and also get an extra day of shooting," Jones said. "But we're going to try to take advantage of having an extra day of rest that we don't normally have during the week."

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Women's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Midland College	10	2	22	6
x-Odessa College	10	2	20	5
South Plains	8	3	21	5
New Mexico JC	8	3	19	5
Howard College	5	7	17	11
Clarendon	2	9	12	15
Frank Phillips	2	9	9	18
Western Texas	2	11	9	20

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 91, Western Texas 50; Odessa College 65, Howard College 57; New Mexico JC 70, Frank Phillips 34; South Plains and Clarendon College were open

Thursday's Games

Howard College at Western Texas; Odessa College at South Plains; New Mexico JC at Clarendon College

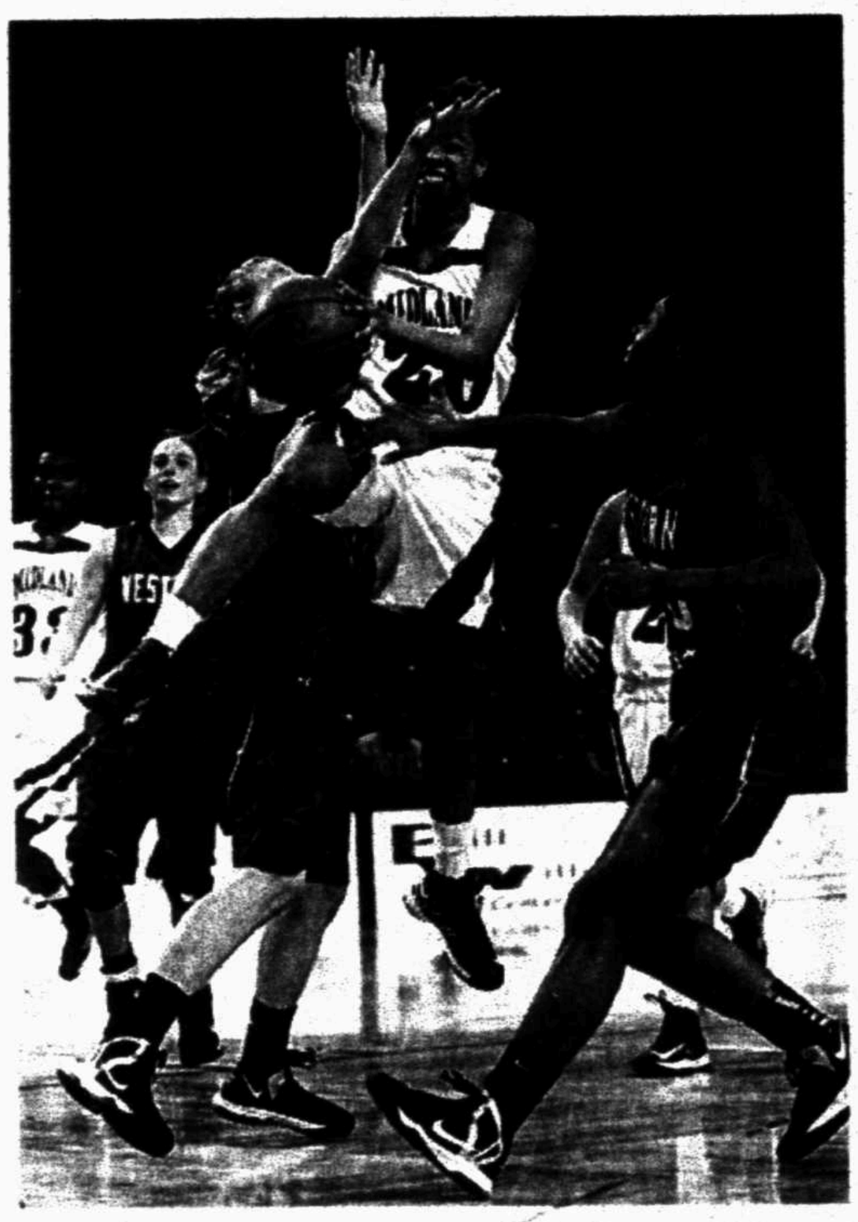
NO. 18 MIDLAND COLLEGE 91
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 50

Western Texas (9-20, 2-11) - GeorgiaAnn Tucker 2-6 0-0 6, Tiara Mitchell 2-7 0-0 4, Breanna Burton 7-13 2-4 20, Miranda Grier 1-3 0-0 2, Brianna Sifford 3-15 1-1 9, Corrynn Englerth 2-7 1-2 5, Rose Maldonado 0-1 0-0 0, Jacoree Brooks 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 18-56 6-9 50

Midland College (22-6, 10-2) -- Gabriela Martins 1-5 0-0 3, Meghan Braeuer 4-8 2-2 14, Darnetta Jackson 1-2 0-0 3, Daneichka Canales 6-8 3-4 15, Chanelle DiCroce 2-5 1-2 5, Tia Dixon 4-10 0-0 11, Catherine Kruschke 4-9 10-11 18, Sabrina Ochoa 0-5 1-2 1, Achin Ade 6-10 2-2 14, Diamalieses Rivera 3-6 1-1 7. Totals 31-68 20-24 91

Halftime - MC 46, WTC 29. 3-point goals - WTC 8-23 (Burton 4-9, Tucker 2-6, Sifford 2-6, Mitchell 0-1, Ochoa 0-4), MC 9-27 (Braeuer 4-7, Dixon 3-9, Martins 1-4, Jackson 1-2, Canales 1-2). Total fouls - WTC 17, MC 9. Fouled out -- None. Rebounds - WTC 26 (Grier 5), MC 53 (Rivera 11). Assists - WTC 5 (Sifford 2), MC 9 (Braeuer 3). Turnovers - WTC 14, MC 6. Steals - WTC 3 (Grier 2), MC 8 (Braeuer 2).

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25



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Midland College's Daneichka Canales is fouled while attempting a layup against Western Texas' Corrynn Englerth and Brianna Sifford Monday at Chaparral Center.

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field goal was (49) to (39), but we turned the ball over seven times.

"The things that have been our Achilles heel all year, we definitely showed improvement tonight. I'll take that moving forward."

MC sophomore forward Justin Coleman, who scored a team-high 16 points plus nine rebounds, said Craig has been using different methods to get the point across to his team, including his own suggestion of running around Chaparral Center.

"Surprisingly it's working, 'cause I don't think our team wants to run anymore," Coleman said.

As for the 6 a.m. practice, Coleman said "We didn't come in with the right focus and intensity (for Sunday's practice). We basically got kicked out, there's no better way to word it. But we came back at six in the morning and we only had three turnovers the entire practice, so it was the right decision."

Even with the improvement in those troublesome areas, the Westerners (13-15, 3-11) stayed close as MC only had a 32-26 lead at the half.

The Chaps extended the lead to as much as 54-41 on a steal, dunk and ensuing free throw by Coleman midway through the second half.

But WTC wouldn't go away as the Westerners got to within 66-60 late in the game thanks to a three-point play by Devonta Walker, before MC closed out the game by going 5 for 6 at the charity stripe.

"I was disappointed with us defensively in the second half," Craig said. "It's not we weren't giving energy, I just don't think we did a good enough job of taking them out of things and we were sitting back and letting them throw it where they wanted to throw it. Western Texas does a good job of using the clock and making you guard the whole possession."

Even with the second-half defensive breakdowns, the Chaps got a much-needed win and did it against a team that was coming in with some momentum, thanks to a 62-54 upset victory over South Plains last Thursday.

"I thought all the guys were pretty focused," Coleman said. "We knew it was a big game and (Western Texas) had a lot confidence after beating a team we can't seem to beat. It was more of a statement game that we were making to ourselves that we're not going to let another team come in and basically steal our season away."

In addition to Coleman's 16, Corey Hilliard added 14 and Gary Akbar had 10 for the Chaps.

WTC was led by Bunja Yoboe with 16 points and Jean Michael Mudiay with 14.

Midland College next heads to Roswell, N.M., on Thursday to face New Mexico Military Institute, which fell on Clarendon College, 102-84, on Monday night.

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Men's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Odessa College	11	3	21	6
Howard College	10	3	23	4
New Mexico JC	10	3	22	5
South Plains	8	5	19	7
Midland College	8	5	17	7
Clarendon	4	9	15	12
Frank Phillips	4	10	14	14
Western Texas	3	11	13	15
New Mexico Military	2	11	6	20

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 69, Western Texas 65; Clarendon College 102, NMMI 84; New Mexico JC 78, Frank Phillips 70; Howard College 94, Odessa College 83; South Plains was open

Thursday's Games

Midland College at NMMI; New Mexico JC at Clarendon College; Odessa College at South Plains; Howard College at Western Texas

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Midland College's Gary Akbar, left, looks for a way around Western Texas' Austin Shockley on Monday at Chaparral Center.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 69, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 65

Western Texas (13-15, 3-11) -Austin Shockley 1-3 0-0 3, Justin Roberson 3-6 0-0 6, Joseph Gray 3-4 0-0 7, Jean Michael Mudiay 5-9 4-6 14, Devonta Walker 4-6 1-1 9, Marqous Barnes 0-4 0-0 0, Bunja Yoboe 6-10 4-5 16, Terrance Nelson 1-5 0-0 2, Chris Kemp 3-6 2-2 8. Totals 26-53 11-14 65

Midland College (17-7, 8-5) — Collin Weasby 2-6 0-0 5, Gary Akbar 3-7 4-7 10, Willis Nicholson 2-5 5-7 9, Corey Hilliard 5-12 2-4 14, Justin Coleman 7-17 2-3 16, Ede Egharevba 1-6 2-2 5, Brandon Lucas 1-4 0-0 2, DJ Billingsley 0-0 0-0 0, Aly Ahmed 4-7 0-0 8. Totals 25-64 15-23 69

Halftime - MC 32, WTC 26. 3-point goals - WTC 2-8 (Shockley 1-2, Gray 1-2, Roberson 0-1, Mudiay 0-1, Yoboe 0-1, Nelson 0-1), MC 4-22 (Hilliard 2-8, Weasby 1-5, Egharevba 1-4, Coleman 0-3). Total fouls - WTC 17, MC 7. Fouled out — None. Rebounds - WTC 35 (Yoboe 6), MC 39 (Coleman 9). Assists - WTC 6 (Shockley 2, Roberson 2), MC 9 (Nicholson 3, Hilliard 3). Turnovers - WTC 13, MC 7. Steals - WTC 4 (four with 1), MC 8 (Hilliard 2, Lucas 2).

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 7:30 p.m. (CST) Thursday

Elements get to Chaps in 1st round of tourney

From staff reports

ALEDO — Midland College sits in fifth place in the team standing of the Split Rail Invitational golf tournament after enduring a cold, windy first round at Split Rail Links and Golf Club on Monday.

The Chaparrals shot 328 as a team, placing them in a fifth-place tie with Ranger College. Odessa College leads the tournament after the first day with a 314.

Sean Nee led the Chaps with a first-round score of 79, while David Ryan shot 81 and Blake Brorman 82. Tyler Brown posted an 86 and Sean Lawrie rounded out the Chaps with an 88.

Coach Delnor Poss said the 30-to-50-mile-per-hour winds and cold conditions definitely took their toll Monday.

"Some players let the conditions overcome play," Poss said. "We need to be tougher mentally. This is a very difficult course when the elements are perfect so we've got to overcome adversity."

The Chaps play their second round of the tournament today, and wrap up play in Aledo on Wednesday.

Midland College hits 7 doubles in win

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — Midland College scored six runs in the first three innings, then put up five more in the eighth to take a 12-5 non-conference victory against Cloud County (Kan.) Community College on Monday.

The Chaparrals hit seven doubles in the victory, including two by Midland Christian grad Hunter Redman. Redman finished the day 2 for 4 with two RBI and a run scored.

Jeremie Fagnan was also 2 for 4 with a double, two runs scored and three RBI, while Jay Gonzlaes went 2 for 5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored. Matt Reyes was 4 for 5 with two runs scored.

The Chaps play another non-conference opponent at a neutral site when they take on Hill College in a double header beginning at noon Wednesday at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 12
CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 5

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Rinne, Forsyth (7) and Zagurski. Michael Brosig, Cody Brown (5), Jake Holifield (7), Clay O'Dell (7), Keanu Ramos (9) and Hunter Redman. W — Brown (1-0). L — Rinne. 2B — MC, Jeremie Fagnan, Blair Beck, Tyler Barlow, Jay Gonzales, Redman 2, Ethan Kohnle.

Record: Midland College 5-2

Next: Midland College vs. Hill College (DH), Noon Wednesday, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

WEEKENDROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DRILLERS WIN HOME OPENER, 35-0

The West Texas Drillers beat the West Texas Scorpions 35-0 on Saturday night in the squad's home opener.

Quarterback Chris Ware threw for 184 yards and four touchdown passes, as he connected with Kenneth Duby, Jerry Don Zachery, Micah Burdett and Nick Tipton. Ware also rushed for 87 yards.

The Drillers will return to action with a road game on Sunday against the Texas Skyforce.

GREENWOOD DOUBLES TEAMS WIN IN SWEETWATER

A pair of Greenwood boys doubles teams won their flights during this past weekend's Sweetwater team tournament.

The duo of Kevin Campbell and Payden Merryman won the Flight 1 boys doubles, and Derick Parsley and Lane Richardson combined to win the Flight 2 boys doubles.

Robert Walker and Tanner Graham finished third in Flight 3 boys doubles.

In girls doubles, Alex McConnel and Ally McCarty were second in Flight 2 girls doubles and Rebekah Knapp and Aimee Quesada teamed up to finish third in Flight 3.

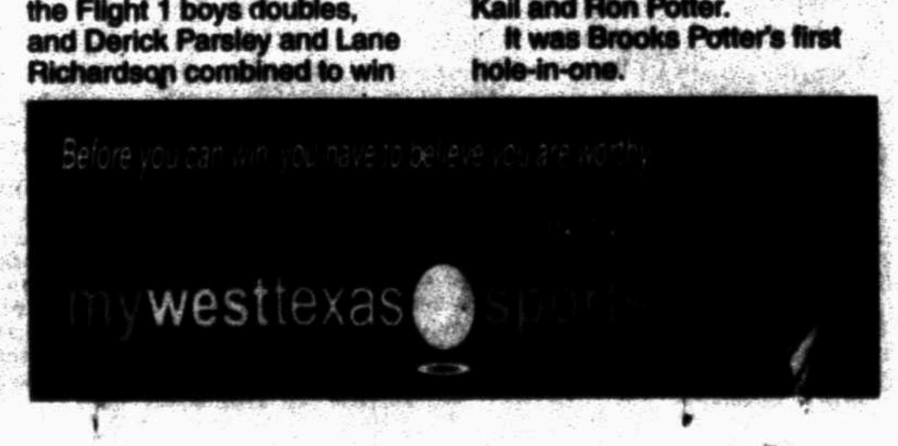
In boys singles, Merryman was third in Flight 2 boys singles, Richardson was second in Flight 3, Parsley third in Flight 4, Graham second in Flight 5 and Walker third in Flight 6.

McCarty took third in Flight 5 of girls singles.

POTTER ACES AT HOGAN

Brooks Potter recorded a hole-in-one at Hogan Park on Feb. 11. Potter aced No. 13 on the Quail Course using a 3-wood. Witnesses were Gean Kail and Ron Potter.

It was Brooks Potter's first hole-in-one.



Shaq, Brees headline Texas sports hall honorees

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

WACO — Shaquille O'Neal was a star in an overlooked Texas sport. Drew Brees was an overlooked player in the star of Texas high school athletics: football.

They were supposed to share a stage Monday night for induction into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame before O'Neal canceled hours after the NBA All-Star game in Houston, citing a family matter.

O'Neal was a four-time NBA champion who won the Class 3A title at San Antonio Cole in 1989. Brees, a Super Bowl-winning quarterback for New Orleans, won a state title at Austin Westlake in 1996.

The agent for the star known simply as Shaq told Texas sports hall officials late Sunday that O'Neal had to fly to California for personal reasons. It wasn't clear whether O'Neal's change of plans was connected to the death Monday of Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss. O'Neal won three straight titles with the Lakers starting in 2000 and played eight of his 19 seasons in Los Angeles.

The Texas sports hall normally requires living honorees to attend the ceremony, but Director Steve Fallon said O'Neal's induction would stand. Representative from his high school were still planning to attend, Fallon said.

"I have been looking forward to this ceremony for months," O'Neal said in a statement released by the hall. "I have a great love for the state of Texas and the city of San Antonio and would have loved to attend in person, if at all possible."

The other inductees Monday were Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams and softball star Cat Osterman of the Texas Longhorns, the late baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews, Walt Garrison of the Dallas Cowboys and former Lubbock Monterey baseball coach Bobby Moegle.

O'Neal's fame came after he left Texas, where basketball has always been overshadowed by football. He played at LSU before Orlando made him the top pick in the 1992 draft. He went to the finals with the Magic in 1995, losing to Houston, before joining the Lakers in 1996. He lost in the finals to Detroit with the Lakers in 2004 and won his fourth title in 2006 with Dwyane Wade and Miami when the Heat beat Dallas.

The 40-year-old O'Neal went to LSU before becoming the top pick in the 1992 draft by Orlando. He went to the finals in 1995 with the Magic, who got swept by Houston. He lost to Detroit in the 2004 finals with the Lakers and won his fourth title in 2006 with Dwyane Wade and Miami when the Heat beat Dallas.

Brees went to Purdue after he said he was the "backup plan" for Texas A&M, where he really wanted to go, and Texas. Both those schools signed their first choices at quarterback, so Brees instead remains the Purdue and Big Ten career leader in every major passing category and took the Boilermakers to their first Rose Bowl in 34 years as a senior in 2001. He started his NFL career in San Diego, but left two years after the Chargers drafted Philip Rivers.

The Saints won the Super Bowl in Brees' fourth season with them, and he's now eighth in NFL career passing yards at 45,919 and holds the single-season record of 5,476 set in 2011.

"It all worked out the way it's supposed to," Brees said. "I wouldn't trade it for the world. I've been lucky enough to be able to do some pretty cool things and play football a long time. One of my greatest moments will always be 1996, winning the 5A state championship in the state of Texas."

Williams joined Earl Campbell as the only Texas Longhorns to win the Heisman when he won college football's top prize in 1998. He set the NCAA's single-season rushing mark and won back-to-back rushing titles. He finished an 11-season NFL career 10,009 yards.

"I've been the kind of person that whatever I do I make sure I enjoy it," Williams said. "I squeezed every drop of joy out of my time at Texas."

Buss, Lakers' flamboyant owner, dies at 80

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

Jerry Buss built a glittering life at the intersection of sports and Hollywood.

After growing up in poverty in Wyoming, he earned success in academia, aerospace and real estate before discovering his favorite vocation when he bought the Los Angeles Lakers in 1979. While Buss wrote the checks and fostered partnerships with two generations of basketball greats, the Lakers won 10 NBA titles and became a glamorous worldwide brand.

With a scientist's analytical skills, a playboy's flair, a businessman's money-making savvy and a die-hard hoops fan's heart, Buss fashioned the Lakers into a remarkable sports entity. They became a nightly happening, often defined by just one word coined by Buss: Showtime.

"His impact is felt worldwide," said Kobe Bryant, who has spent nearly half his life working for Buss.

Buss, who shepherded his NBA team from the Showtime dynasty of the 1980s to the current Bryant era while becoming one of the most important and successful owners in pro sports, died Monday. He was 80.

"Think about the impact that he's had on the game and the decisions he's made, and the brand of basketball he brought here with Showtime and the impact that had on the sport as a whole," Bryant said a few days ago. "Those vibrations were felt to a kid all the way in Italy who was 6 years old, before basketball was even global."

Under Buss' leadership, the Lakers became Southern California's most beloved sports franchise and a worldwide extension of Los Angeles glamour. Buss acquired, nurtured and befriended a staggering array of talented players and basketball minds during his Hall of Fame tenure such as Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and Dwight Howard.

Associated Press

In this June 15, 1987 file photo, Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss gets doused with champagne from members of his team as he holds the NBA Championship trophy after the Lakers defeated the Boston Celtics, 106-93, to win the NBA Championship 4-2in Inglewood, Calif. Buss, the Lakers' playboy owner who shepherded the NBA franchise to 10 championships died Monday.

Few owners in sports history can approach Buss' accomplishments with the Lakers, which made the NBA finals 16 times during his nearly 34 years in charge, winning 10 titles between 1980 and 2010. Whatever the Lakers did under Buss' watch, they did it big — with marquee players, eye-popping style and a relentless pursuit of success.

"His incredible commitment and desire to build a championship-caliber team that could sustain success over a long period of time has been unmatched," said Jerry West, Buss' longtime general manager and now a consultant with the Golden State Warriors. "With all of his achievements, Jerry was without a doubt one of the most humble men I've ever been around. His vision was second to none; he wanted an NBA franchise brand that represented the very best and went to every extreme to accomplish his goals."

Buss died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, said Bob Steiner, his assistant and longtime friend. Buss had been hospitalized for most of the past 18 months while undergoing cancer treatment, but the immediate cause of death was kidney failure, Steiner said.

"Anybody associated with the NBA since 1980 benefited greatly from Jerry Buss' impact on the game," Steiner said. "He had a different way of looking at things than I did, and people who had been raised in basketball."

Griner reaches 3,000 points as Baylor tops UConn

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Lady Bears	76
Huskies	70

HARTFORD, Conn. — Brittney Griner scored 25 points, including the 3,000th of her career, to help No. 1 Baylor rally past third-ranked Connecticut 76-70 on Monday night, extending the Lady Bears' winning streak to 23 games.

Griner became the eighth player in Division I history to reach the milestone, doing it on two free throws with 1:05 left. She finished with 21 points in the second half.

The defending national champion Lady Bears' only loss this season came in Hawaii against Stanford back in November. Baylor (25-1) went 40-0 last season en route to the school's second national championship.

Baylor led 54-53 midway through the second half before Griner took over. She scored seven points during the burst, and her putback made it 67-61 with 5 minutes left.

UConn rallied behind Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis to make it a 67-65, but Griner answered with a putback. Then she hit the two free throws 1:30 later to make it 73-67 and seal the win.

Griner had missed key free throws down the stretch when she was a sophomore and her team lost at Connecticut by one point. She wasn't going to let that happen again, beating the only team in the country that she didn't have a winning record against.

The game, hyped up all season, lived up to its billing — even though neither coach wanted to put too much emphasis on this one, knowing there will be a lot more at stake if the schools meet again in the NCAA tournament.

UConn led by three at halftime and expanded the advantage to 41-34 after Griner was called for a flagrant foul for grabbing Stefanie Dolson in the backcourt after the 6-foot-8 center had turned the ball over.

That just seemed to fuel Griner and the Lady Bears, who scored the next eight points to take a 42-41 lead with 14:03 left.

The teams went shot for shot over the next 5 minutes, with neither able to gain more than a four-point lead.

Griner answered a 3-pointer by Dolson with a three-point play of her own that started the key run. She then hit a hook shot to give Baylor a 59-56 lead with 8 minutes left.

No. 8 Kentucky women beat No. 10 Texas A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Wildcats	70
Aggies	66

COLLEGE STATION — DeNesha Stallworth had 12 points, 12 rebounds and a school-record seven blocks as No. 8 Kentucky held off 10th-ranked Texas A&M 70-66 on Monday night.

Courtney Walker scored four quick points, the last two when she drove hard to the basket for a layup, to trim Texas A&M's deficit to 66-64 with about a minute remaining.

Kentucky (23-3, 11-2 SEC) missed a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired, but it bounced off the rim and Stallworth batted the rebound to Bria Goss for an easy layup that made it 68-64.

Walker was fouled on a made jump shot with 4 seconds left and purposely missed the ensuing free throw. But Goss grabbed the rebound and hit two free throws to seal it.

Walker's 20 points led Texas A&M (20-6, 10-2), which lost for the first time since a 65-62 defeat Jan. 10 at Kentucky in the first-ever meeting between the teams.

The Aggies reeled off eight straight wins after that, before Kentucky extended its winning streak to four games with Monday's win.

Kentucky had just finished a big run when the Aggies went on one of their own, using a 16-6 spurt to cut the lead to 64-60 with about 4 1/2 minutes remaining. Kentucky's offense went cold during that stretch and the Wildcats didn't score for 3 minutes.

Walker had six points to power the run for the Aggies.

Texas A&M got within two early in the second half before Kentucky went on a 16-4 run to push the lead to 58-44 midway through the period. The Aggies went without scoring for more than 5 minutes and had four turnovers to help the Wildcats build the lead.

Texas A&M's Kelsey Bone, who won Southeastern Conference player of the week honors after scoring 31 points in the Aggies' last game, was held to nine points with 10 rebounds on Monday.

A'dia Mathies added 13 points, all in the second half, for the Wildcats. Kastine Evans scored 12 and Samarie Walker had nine points and 11 rebounds.

The Aggies committed 18 turnovers that led to 29 points for Kentucky.

Kristi Bellock had 12 points and 15 rebounds for A&M, and Adrienne Pratcher scored 12.

Texas A&M jumped out to a 9-2 lead and was up by six points with about 14 minutes left in the first half. The Wildcats used a 19-6 run to overcome the deficit and take a 28-21 advantage with 6 minutes left before halftime. Walker and Janee Thompson scored six points apiece during that span, and the Aggies had three turnovers.

Clemens says he won't 'lose sleep' over HOF vote

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Roger Clemens said little publicly in the immediate aftermath of the Hall of Fame vote.

Over a month later, he's willing to share his thoughts — but the 354-game winner is not about to start a lobbying campaign.

"I'm not going to lose any sleep over it," Clemens said. "If those guys feel I deserve to be there, then I deserve to be there. If they feel I don't, then that's OK, too."

Clemens was at spring training Monday as a special instructor for the Houston Astros, and he spoke for a bit with the team's pitchers about his mental approach to the game. Later, he watched some of the Astros throw live batting practice.

The 50-year-old Clemens seemed relaxed after a turbulent year. Clemens was acquitted in 2012 on charges he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs to extend his career. Last month, Clemens fell short of the necessary votes to make the Hall of Fame. Superlative stats weren't enough to offset suspicions of PED use.

"I've had a great time when I've gone to Cooperstown," Clemens said. "I know a lot of people that work over there, too. If you're around my groups of people, and the same thing when I go to the cities I've played in, the people have been nothing but great down on the streets to me."

When Clemens met with reporters Monday, he began by handing out a written statement about the death of country star Mindy McCready, who made headlines in April 2008 when she claimed a longtime relationship with Clemens. Published reports at the time said she met the pitcher at a Florida karaoke bar when she was 15 and he was 28 and married. Clemens has denied the relationship.

Authorities said McCready died Sunday at her home in Heber Springs, Ark., of an apparent suicide.

"Yes, that is sad news," Clemens' statement said. "I had heard over time that she was trying to get peace and direction in her life. The few times that I had met her and her manager/agent they were extremely nice."

The Astros are moving to the American League this year after losing 213 games in two seasons. Clemens said if he were a player, he'd be excited because of all the job openings available on the roster.

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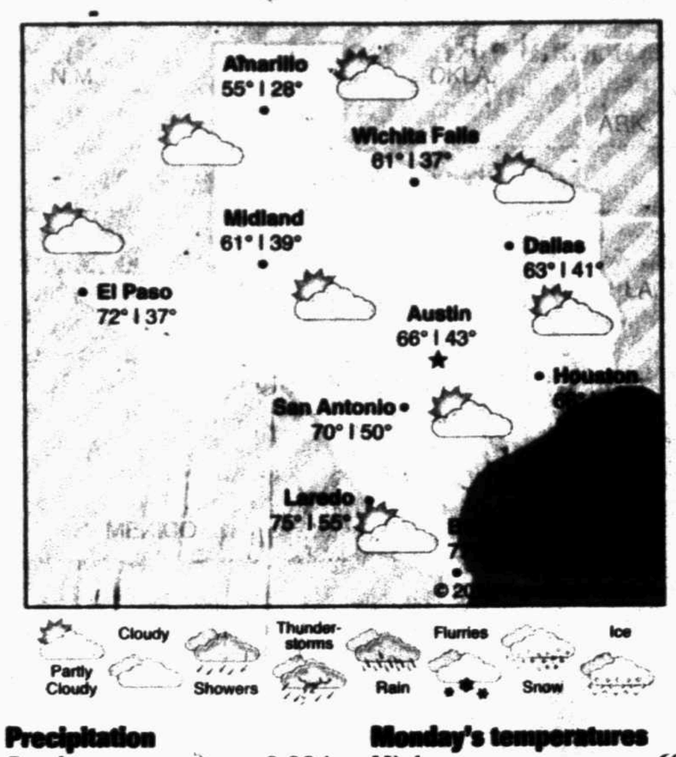
Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 63 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 48 and southeast winds between 15 and 20 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph after midnight. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 64 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 39 and south winds around 15 mph becoming west after midnight. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Thursday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 61 and a low around 37.

The high on Monday reached 69, while the low dropped to 43. The record high for Feb. 18 is 87 set in 1996. The record low is 12 set in 1942 and 1936.



Precipitation

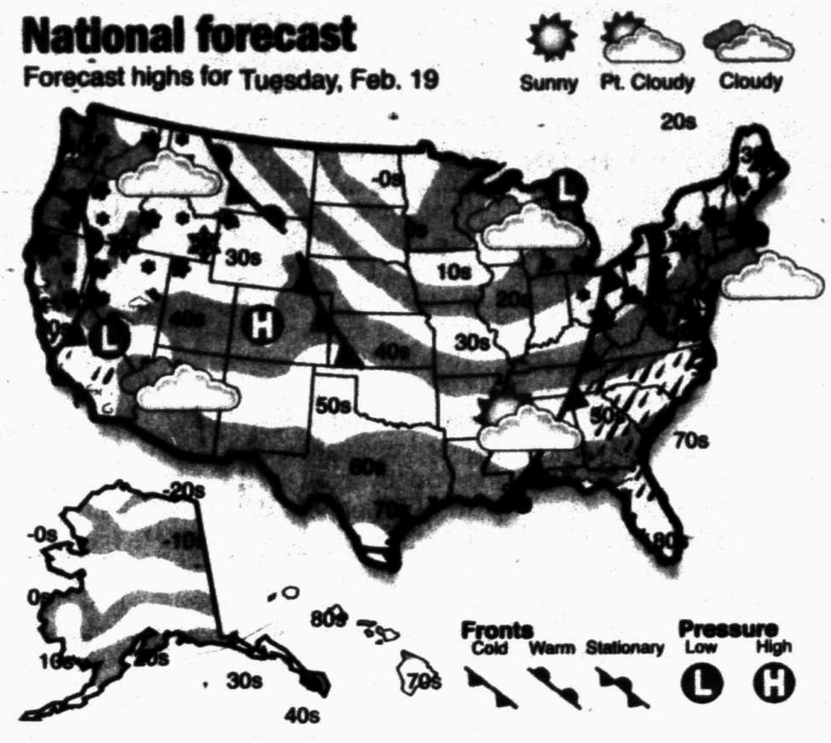
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.03 in.
Year total	1.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.03 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	69
Low	43
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:27 a.m.
Sunset	6:39 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 19



Son no longer living at home should move his stuff

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: While I always enjoy your column, I thought your advice to "Wants My Space" (Dec. 14), whose son "Dustin" moved away five years ago and expects her to keep his room as he left it, was off the mark. I would have told Dustin what I have told both of my daughters several times: It is not "your" room; I merely let you use it.

Not only is "Wants" not obligated to use her home as a storage facility, she's doing her son a disservice by doing it under these circumstances. At 24, he needs to learn that if he wants a service, it's his obligation to procure it. There are plenty of businesses that can fulfill his needs at a reasonable price. — MATT IN PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA.

DEAR MATT: For the most part, readers agreed with you, and they offered their own "take" on how to accomplish the removal of the young man's belongings:

DEAR ABBY: An acquaintance of mine had a similar problem with his son. The son expected his dad to provide storage space at no charge for an indefinite length of time. My friend told his son: "No way! You get it out of here within six months, or I'll sell it and keep the money for storage fees."

He didn't think his father would actually do it. Well, he was wrong. And now the younger siblings don't even think of leaving any of their stuff at the father's house. — SHIRLEY IN CHULA VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: My parents, while not upset with still having their four adult children's belongings in their home, solved their dilemma in a unique way. One Christmas we all gathered at their house and were delighted to find heaps of presents under the tree. Concerned that our folks had way overspent, imagine our surprise when we unwrapped the packages and found all of our own belongings! It was an inventive and effective way to clear out the attic and basement. We still talk about it to this day — a warm Christmas memory. — KATIE IN NEWARK, DEL.

DEAR ABBY: "Wants" is blessed that Dustin voiced his desire for his mom to keep his stuff. My mother continued asking me if I wanted my stuff for years. I said no, until one day, yes, I did. My parents are no longer alive, and I treasure the little stuffed dog that was my very first Christmas present.

I'd advise "Wants" to return some of the items to her son from time to time in the form of gifts. To him, they are treasures, and they can be returned in a way that won't make him feel betrayed. — IRENE IN OWOSSO, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: Dustin should either pay rent to his mother or move his stuff out. If he doesn't, he has abandoned it and she can dispose of it as she sees fit, because it's her house to do with as she pleases. In all fairness, a deadline is reasonable, but it's been five YEARS — why give him six more months? Enough mollycoddling. — ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

DEAR ABBY: Dustin may be lucky his mom wants his stuff out. My mom insisted on keeping my room exactly as I had left it as a shrine. I was glad not to have to move all my coin, toy and stamp collections and the other things from my first 18 years.

However, subsequently Mom allowed a young male relative to use my room, and he lost, stole or destroyed all of my memories. I was and am still sad, but I never told my mom 'cause "that's life." — CHARLIE IN FLORIDA

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013:

This year you experience some tension regarding what you want to do and the way in which you go about executing those goals. Others might feel as if you are sending them mixed signals. You can go from being deeply emotional to highly intellectual within a few minutes. Confusion surrounds your communication. If you are single, you could have a few starts-ups to relationships with different people. Potential partners might be confused by your varying needs, but the right person won't be. If you are attached, the two of you need to work on your communication. Many events happen quickly around you. GEMINI can't understand your feelings, yet he or she loves your ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have a way with words that is clear and concise. Right now, whether confusion lies on your side or someone else's, do your best to clear it up. Not pointing fingers leads to good will and continued ease when relating on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Be clear and direct.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might have made an error financially — or maybe someone else has, yet you're the one who has to deal with it. Don't turn down someone's offer to help. Once your finances are back in order, you can make that purchase you've been eyeing. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Go full speed ahead. Don't worry about the outcome of a situation. Rethink a personal matter involving a child or a new friend. Clearly there is a lot of caring between the two of you. If a misunderstanding occurs, don't take it personally. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are able to make a difference, and you will do your best to make someone feel more comfortable. Don't worry so much about the long-term implications of a situation, as it might not be the best time to clear the air. Tonight: Get a little extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. You might sense that someone has distorted the story or left out an important fact. Show interest and ask questions. Others appreciate your attention. A meeting takes a positive turn, which leads to success. Tonight: Find your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Others will look to you to take the lead, so do so. You might be confused by recent events. Ask questions and trust your judgment. Your friends and loved ones will demonstrate their caring because of your kind personality. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Take an overview. You know what you did wrong, but you also might be curious about others' reactions. Explore this further by asking questions. Your creativity and gentleness might seem like a ploy to some, but that is who you really are. Tonight: Watch someone open up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Work with individuals rather than groups, and you will be happier with the results. You might need to sort out some recent confusion. How you feel about someone could change once you put a misunderstanding to bed. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You always have strong opinions. Allow others to make the first move and express their ideas and feelings. Everyone, including you, gets to see the end results of his or her actions. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Focus on each task on your to-do list, and work toward meeting your goals. Your ability to move through a problem marks your interactions. Others trust you to get the job done. Understand what your expectations are from a certain situation. Tonight: Lighten up and relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and you might profit from the outcome of handling it the way you want. Others might take a little while to regroup. If you are wondering what's going on, try to walk in their shoes. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Stay close to home. You might want to reconsider an investment involving real estate or your domestic life. Investigate and discuss different courses of action with a family member or roommate. Tonight: Order in.

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BORN TODAY

Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (1473), actor Benicio del Toro (1967), singer/songwriter Smokey Robinson (1940)

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NORTH
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♡ A 7 6 3
◇ A 2
♣ A 9 7 6

WEST
♠ A 7 3
♡ 5 2
◇ J 8 7 5 4
♣ ? 3 2

EAST
♠ K 10 8 5 4
♡ K 8
◇ 10 6 3
♣ ? 8 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 6
♡ Q J 10 9 4
◇ K Q 9
♣ K J 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ◇

Study the diagram above, then decide: After the lead of the five of diamonds, can you avoid having to guess the location of the queen of clubs?

North's two no-trump is a forcing raise in hearts, guaranteeing four-card support. South's jump to four hearts is the Principal of Fast Arrival, showing a minimum opening bid and no singleton or void. Substitute bidding three hearts for two no-trump and you have a standard auction.

Declarer won the opening lead in hand with the king and immediately ran the queen of hearts to East's king. East returned a diamond, won with the ace, and another round of trumps removed the enemy's fangs. Here the declarers' paths diverged.

One declarer cashed the queen of diamonds, pitching a club from the table, and then led the queen of spades. East rose with the ace and continued with a spade. Declarer finessed dummy's nine, losing to the 10. The return of the king of spades was ruffed in the closed hand, and declarer tried to guess the location of the queen of clubs. Unfortunately, he was not up to the task.

The three finesses South took combined to be 8-to-1 in favor of landing the contract. But at the other table a veteran internationalist showed there was no need for the club finesse.

When the queen of diamonds was cashed, declarer discarded a spade from the table, then exited with a spade! The defenders could take two spade tricks, but then had either to lead a club, solving declarer's problem in that suit, or a plain suit and give a ruff-sluff. That permitted declarer to trump on the table while discarding a club from hand.

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ACROSS

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5 Haka dancers of New Zealand
10 NetZero, e.g., briefly
13 South American chain
15 36-year Senator Hatch of Utah
16 Neither partner
17 Reached an agreement
19 Civil War nickname
20 Bordeaux buddy
21 Mothers on a farm
22 "I'd like to say something"
23 Thoroughly evil
28 Laundromat lineup
29 Snug as a bug in a rug
30 Followers: Suf.
31 Doesn't enunciate
33 Magazine VIPs
34 Very eager
38 Atty.'s group
41 Naval slammers
42 Peril
46 Rainy season
48 Family support group for some rehab patients
50 "My pleasure!"
53 Squeezes (out)
54 "__ Yankees"
55 California ball club, in sports crawl lines
56 Census datum
57 Sibling who stereotypically feels left out, and a hint to the little one hiding in 17-, 23-, 34- and 50-Across
61 Having four sharps, in music
62 Bit of broccoli
63 Singer Tennessee __ Ford
64 Do simple math
65 Hal Prince's record 21
66 Quaint oath

DOWN

1 Rum brand with a cocktail named for it
2 Bewitches
3 "Fess up!"
4 Golf bag item
5 Choral work
6 Childish comeback
7 Bruin great Bobby
8 Part of most eyeglasses
9 Car owner's pmt.
10 Having serious debts
11 Got serious
12 Docs-in-training
14 Herd member
18 Holds
22 Make a move
24 New Ager John
25 Letter-shaped fasteners
26 Haus husband
27 Pump name seen in Canada
31 Stretch
32 Fireplace fuel
35 Wind in the orchestra
36 Walked all over
37 Air __: Florida-based carrier
38 Memory malady
39 Shelf support
40 Took over, as territory
43 Hint
44 Horn of Africa country
45 Prepared for baking, as bread dough
47 French possessive
48 [Sigh!]
49 With 58-Down, judge in '90s news
51 Not in a predictable way
52 Spills the beans
57 Rockies hrs.
58 See 49-Down
59 "The __ Patrick Show": sports talk program
60 Centuries-long realm dissolved in 1806: Abbr.

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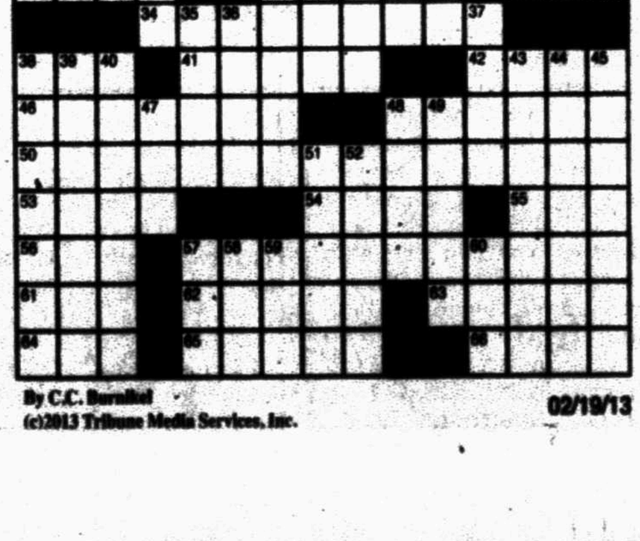

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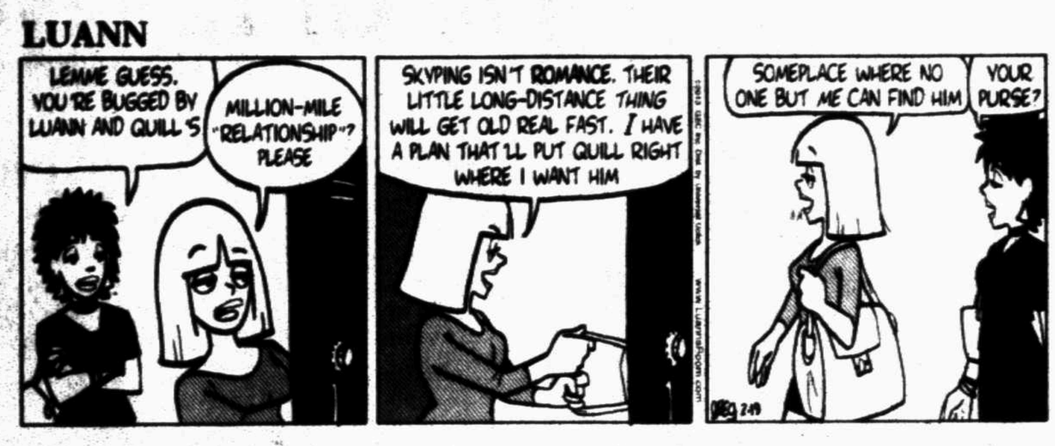

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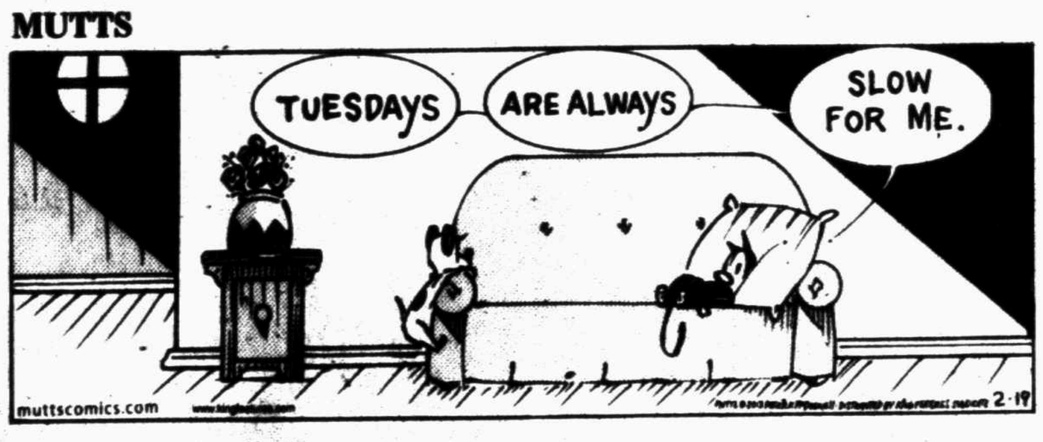

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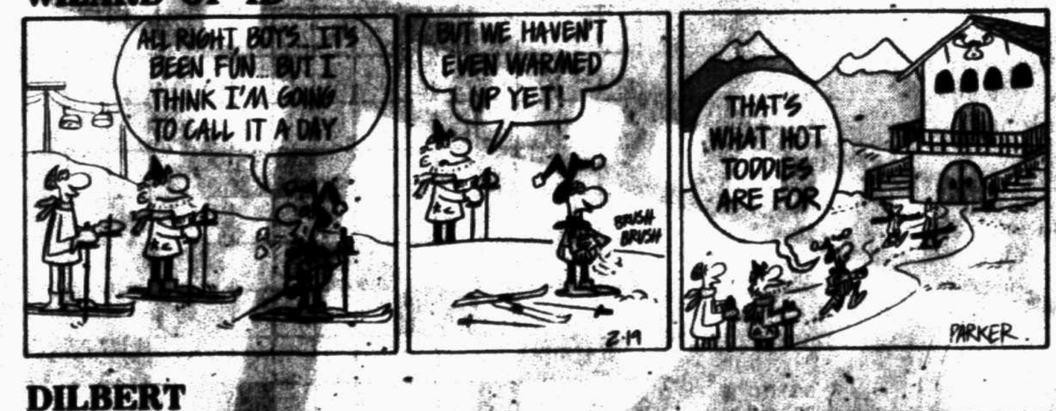

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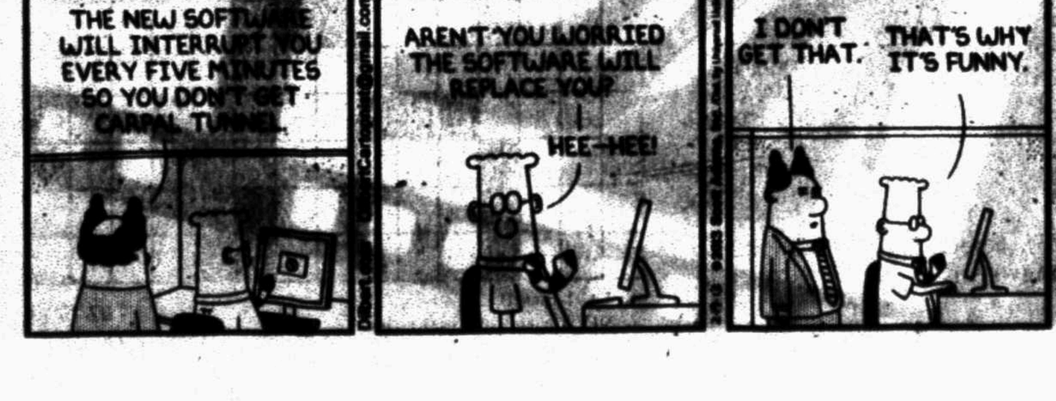

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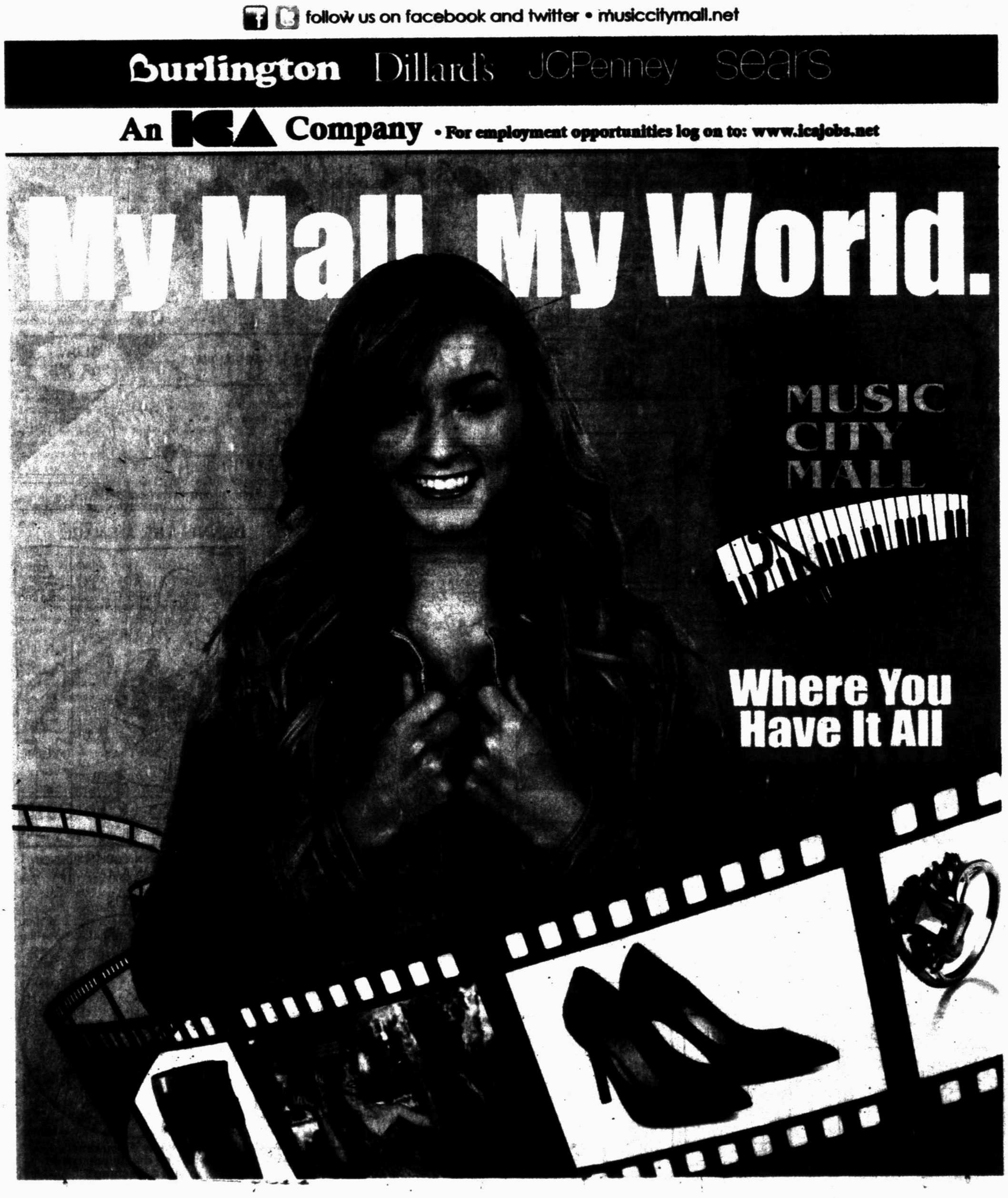

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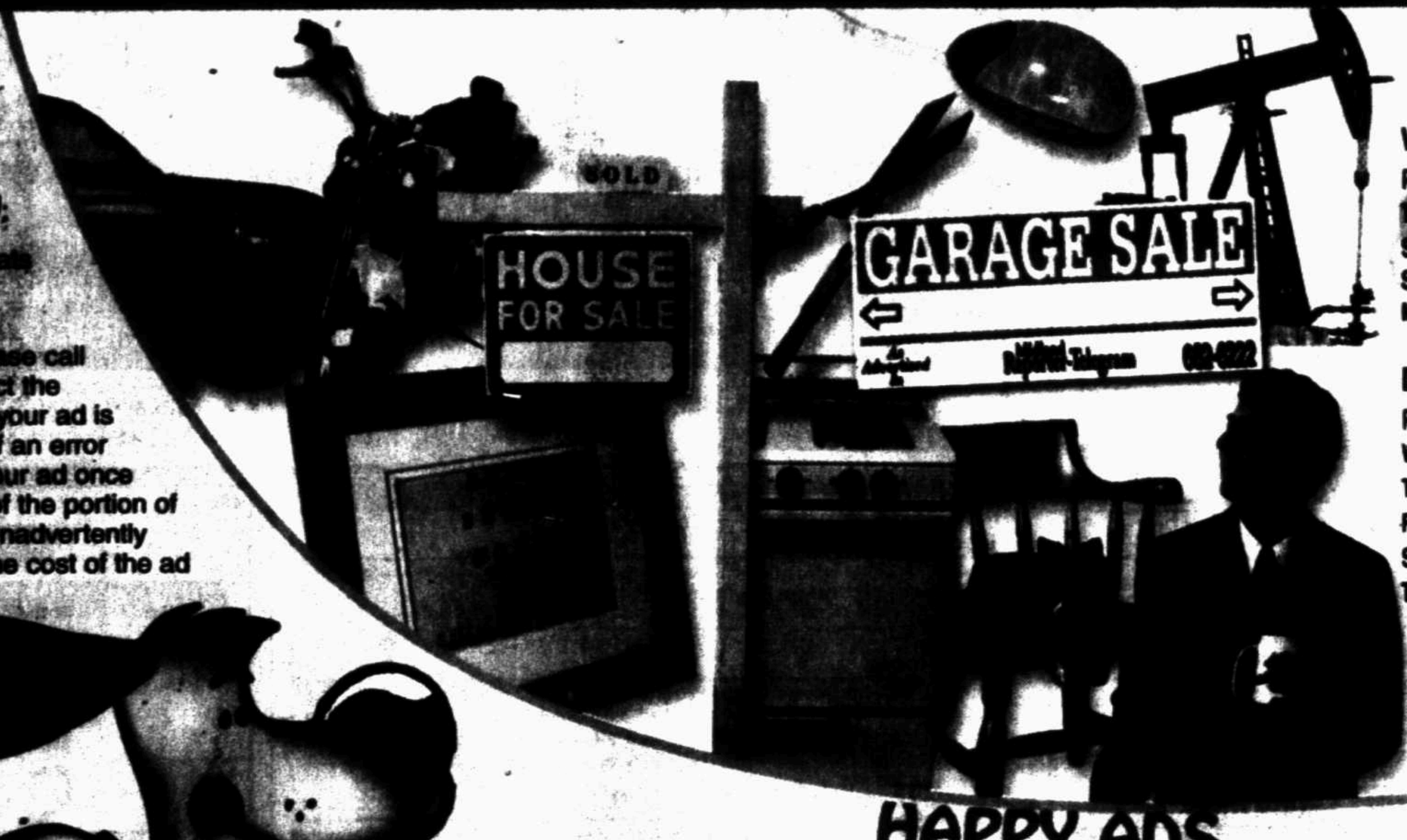

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 15, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com

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HEALTHCARE

Medical Assistant

Busy Dr.'s office looking for FT experienced Receptionist, Medical Assistant & Insurance Verification. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

Now Hiring

St. Luke's Child Development Program FT/PT

We are currently hiring for full and part time positions, must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or its equivalency. We offer vacation, sick and personal time/401k/Health plan/paid holidays for fulltime positions. Apply in person at 3011 W. Kansas, Midland TX.

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. All shifts available. E.O.E. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes for the following positions: Front desk, bar tenders, maintenance, and housekeeping. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigniamgmt.com or fax resume to 432-699-0979 or apply in person to 4410 N Midkiff Rd. Suite D 212, Midland, TX. 79705

Housekeepers/ Maintenance & Set Up Personnel

Grand Texan Hotel FT

Seeking Experienced Housekeepers, Maintenance & Set Up personnel. Apply in person at 4300 W. Wall St. Grand Texan Hotel.

OTHER JOBS

Available Openings

Midtown Hotel: GM/ Front Office Manager, Food & Beverage Director, Front desk, Housekeeping, Laundry & Breakfast Attendants. Full/ Part time will train the right person. Pay based upon experience. Email resume to gposmantur@jyihotels.com or bring resume to 3100 W. Wall Street

Babysitter/Housekeeper

Seeking Babysitter/Housekeeper. Part-time may lead to Full-time. Must have a valid Tx. Drivers License. No criminal background. Must be able to cook; non-smoker. Bilingual a plus but not required. Call 325-514-7336 after 4pm.

Midland County Now Hiring

Midland County FT

Midland County has an opening for the following positions:
*Building Maintenance * Crime Victim Coordinator
*Newtork Adminstrator

Please see our website www.co.midland.tx.us for more details and other openings. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number to: Midland County Human Resources Office, 500 N. Loraine St. Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701 or hr@co.midland.tx.us EOE

Painters

Experienced steel painters needed in Midland, Tx. $20 per hour. Safety OSHA, Aerial Lift Certs a plus. Drug test required, we are an Equal Opportunity Employer. 602-694-3471

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Commercial CSR

Seeking full time position with an insurance agency in Midland, TX. Must have experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. License preferred but not required. 432.683.4619

Foster Care Administrator

Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, and the ability to develop a team focused on improving the lives of children and meeting their developmental needs. Must be able to monitor a high volume of documentation requirements. position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a GRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 2/28/13. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Cattle Baron FT

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All Positions

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Midland Country Club FT

Is looking for a Line Cook. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. 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.

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•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **casale@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

General Manager, Dishwashers & Servers

Lori's Cafe is looking for the following: • Dishwashers $10.00/ hr., • Servers, • Restaurant General Manager - Experience required in breakfast, pay commensurate with experience. Please email resume to loriscafe@att.net or bring resume or application in between 9-11 or 1-2. Hours of operation are 6AM-2PM.

Kitchen and Waitstaff

Torino's Pizza Bar FT

Now hiring for kitchen and waitstaff. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa. 432-218-6943.

Mulitple Positions

The Garlic Press FT
Midland, TX 79705

The Garlic Press is hiring for Multiple Positions. Apply in person at Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 2pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

Swensen's Now Hiring Daytime Servers!

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Administrative Assistant

Administrative assistant with an eye for detail and a commitment to customer service needed for busy women's retail store. Responsibilites include complete revenue cycle: daily balancing and reports, accounts receivable and statements, customer service and cashiering. Applicant must be organized, a strong multi-tasker, very people oriented and a team player. Full time position includes Saturdays and offers benefits. Send resume to **ginger@juliangold.com** or apply in person at **Julian Gold, 2101 W. Wadley, Ste. 16.**

SALES JOBS

General Maintenance

Person needed to perform general maintenance on shop equipment and help trouble shoot equipment problems. Candidate should be mechanically inclined with a knowledge of general maintenance procedures. Please send resume to Lupe@centurygs.com, or apply in person at 501 W. Industrial between the hours of 10:00am and 5:00pm Monday thru Friday. We do perform background checks and pre-employment drug testing is required.

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Odessa, TX

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Shop/Field Mechanics
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Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools and Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland, TX.

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Midland, TX 79701
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Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Guaranteed Pay. Please call 432-699-4468.

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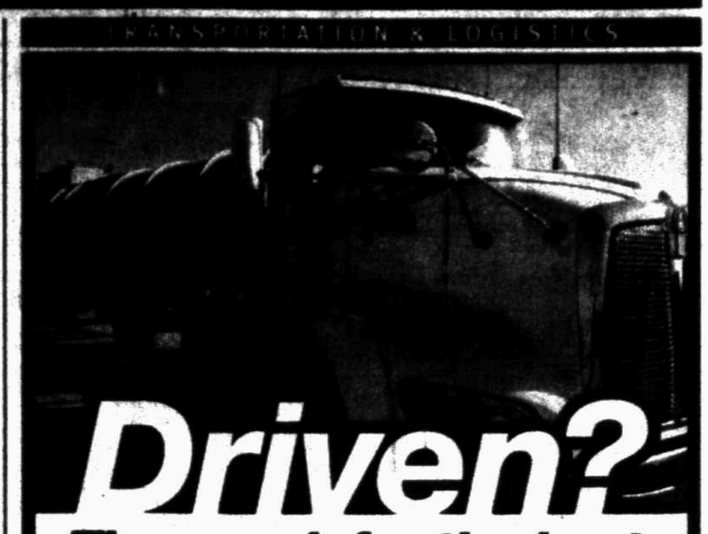

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Qualified drivers must have 1-3 years experience, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements.

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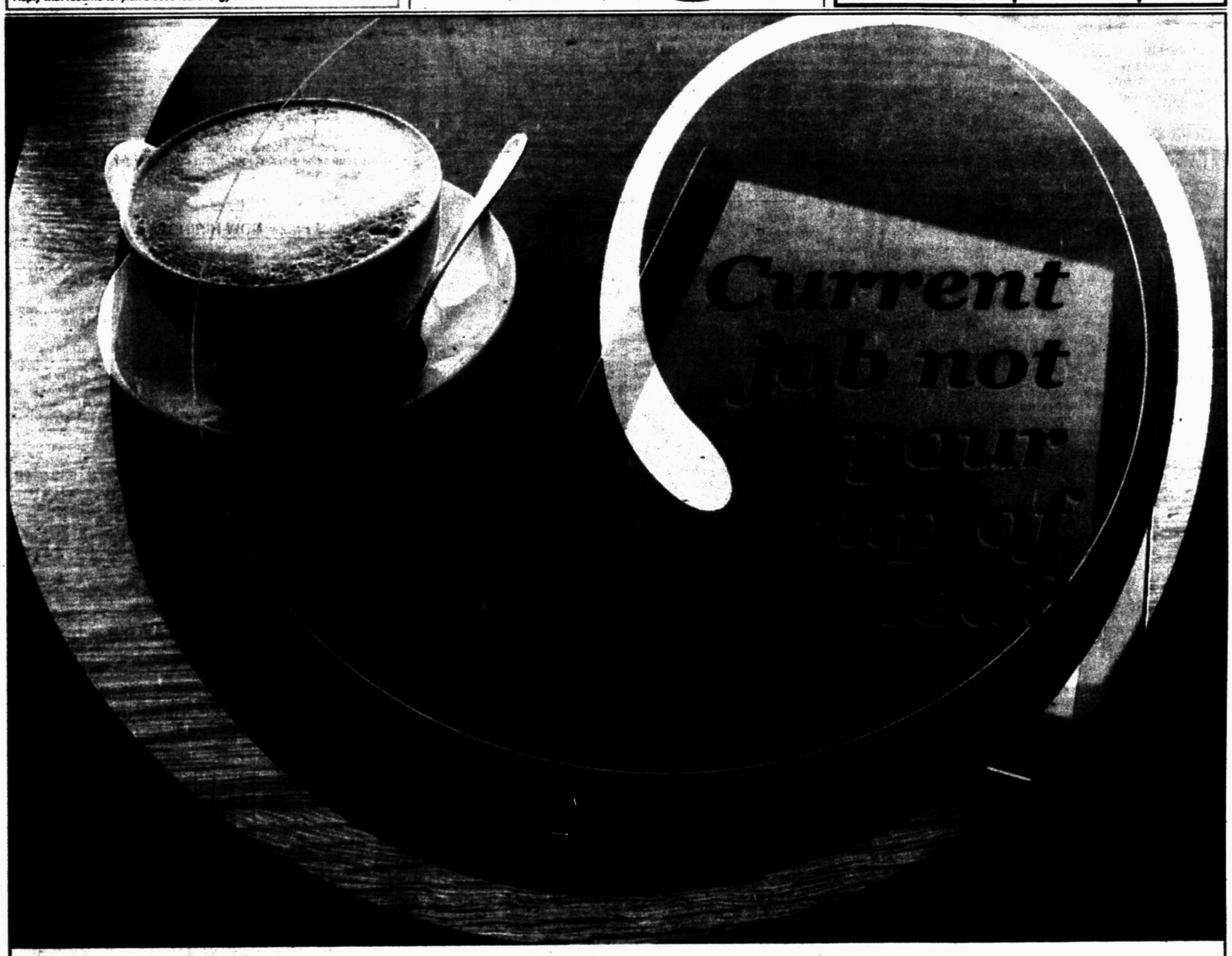

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Appliances

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Pickup Trucks

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Vans & Minivans

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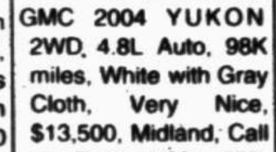

GMC 2004 YUKON 2WD, 4.8L Auto, 98K miles, White with Gray Cloth, Very Nice, $13,500, Midland, Call or Text (432) 557-0255

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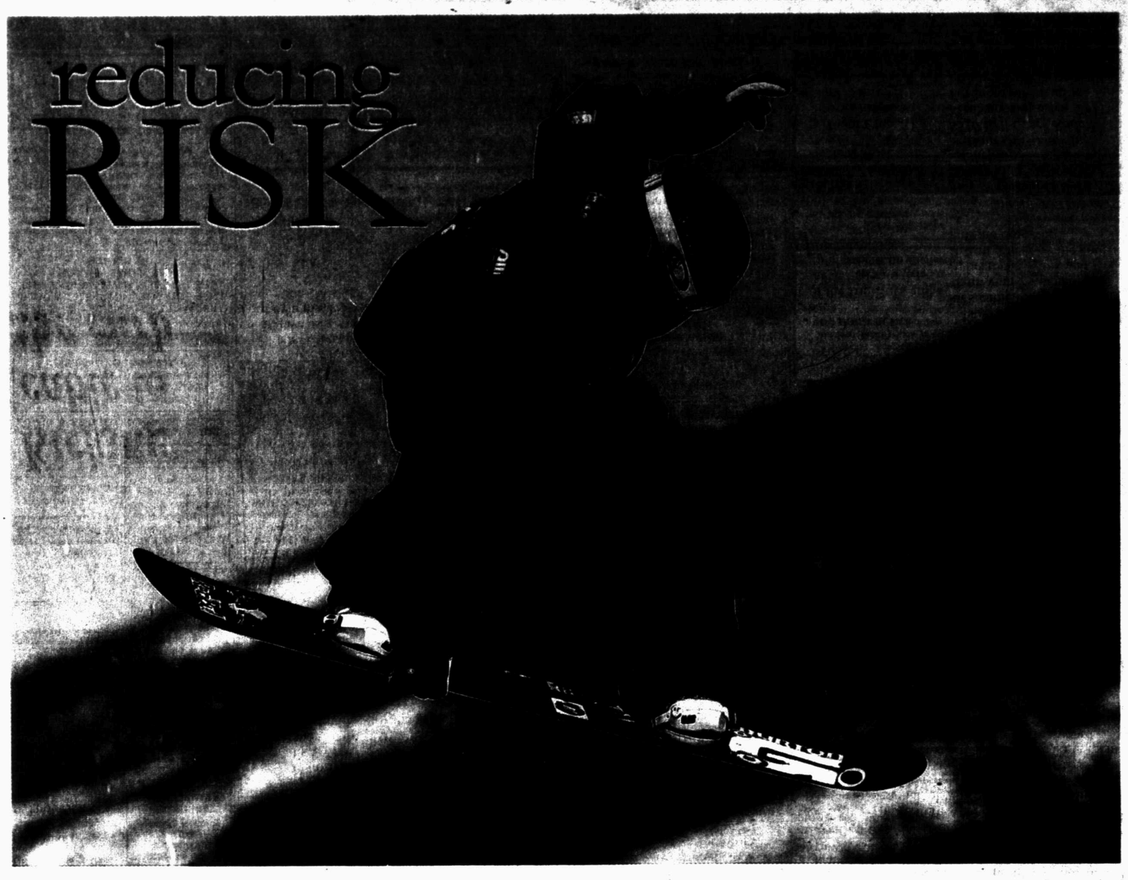

Hitting the slopes? Wear a helmet

By Gretchen Reynolds
N.Y. Times News Service

Recently, researchers from the department of sport science at the University of Innsbruck in Austria stood on the slopes at a local ski resort and trained a radar gun on a group of about 500 skiers and snowboarders, each of whom had completed a lengthy personality questionnaire about whether he or she tended to be cautious or a risk taker.

The researchers had asked their volunteers to wear their normal ski gear and schuss or ride down the slopes at their preferred speed. Although they hadn't informed the volunteers, their primary aim was to determine whether wearing a helmet increased people's willingness to take risks, in which case helmets could actually decrease safety on the slopes.

What they found was reassuring.

To many of us who hit the slopes with, in my case, literal regularity — I'm an ungainly novice snowboarder — the value of wearing a helmet can seem self-evident. It protects your head from severe injury. During the Big Air finals at the Winter X Games last month in Aspen, Colo., for instance, Halldor Helgason, a 23-year-old Icelandic snowboarder, over-rotated on a triple back flip, landed headfirst on the snow and was briefly knocked unconscious. But like the other competitors he was wearing a helmet, and didn't fracture his skull.

Indeed, studies have concluded that helmets reduce the risk of a serious head injury by as much as 60 percent, But a surprising number of safety experts and snow sport enthusiasts remain unconvinced that helmets reduce overall injury risk.

Why? A telling 2009 survey of ski patrollers from across the country found that 77 percent did not wear helmets because they worried that the headgear could reduce their peripheral vision, hearing and response times, making them slower and clumsier. In addition, many worried that if they wore helmets, less-adept skiers and snowboarders might do likewise, feel invulnerable and engage in riskier behavior.

In the past several years, a number of researchers have tried to resolve these concerns. And in almost all instances, helmets have proved their value.

In the Innsbruck speed experiment, the researchers found that people whom the questionnaires showed to be risk takers skied and rode faster than those who were by nature cautious. No surprise.

But wearing a helmet did not increase people's speed, as would be expected if the headgear encouraged risk taking. Cautious people were slower than risk-takers, whether they wore helmets or not; and risk-takers were fast, whether their heads were protected or bare.

Interestingly, the skiers and riders who were the most likely, in general, to wear a helmet were the most expert. Off the slopes, other new studies have brought skiers and snowboarders into the lab to test their reaction times and vision with and without helmets. Peripheral vision and response times are a serious safety concern. But when researchers asked snowboarders and skiers to wear caps, helmets, goggles or various combinations of each for a 2011 study, and then had them sit before a computer screen and press a button when certain images popped up, they found that volunteers' peripheral vision and reaction times were virtually unchanged when they wore a helmet, compared with wearing a hat. Goggles slightly reduced peripheral vision and increased response times. But helmets had no significant effect.

So why do up to 40 percent of skiers and snowboarders still avoid helmets?

"The biggest reason, I think, is that many people never expect to fall," said Dr. Adil H. Haider, a trauma surgeon and associate professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and co-author of a major new review of studies related to winter helmet use. "That attitude is especially common in people, like me, who are comfortable on blue runs but maybe not on blacks, and even more so in beginners."

But a study published last spring detailing snowboarding injuries over the course of 18 seasons at a Vermont ski resort found that the riders at greatest risk of hurting themselves were female beginners. I sympathize.

The take-away from the growing body of science about ski helmets is in fact unequivocal, Haider said.

"Helmets are safe," he said. "They don't seem to increase risk taking. And they protect against serious, even fatal head injuries."

The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, of which Haider is a member, has issued a recommendation that "all recreational skiers and snowboarders should wear safety helmets," making them the first medical group to go on record advocating universal helmet use.

Perhaps even more persuasive, Haider has given helmets to all of his family members and colleagues who ski or ride.

"As a trauma surgeon, I know how difficult it is to fix a brain," he said. "So everyone I care about wears a helmet."

Kicking cable to the curb

Dear PropellerHeads: I hear that kicking the cable habit is the "cool" thing to do, but I still want to watch good TV. Is this really possible?

A: Yes, and it's cheap and easy. And don't think of cheap and easy as meaning "lesser than" and "tawdry," think of it as meaning "what the heck have you been waiting for?"

The advent of DVRs helped feed the need for speed in our television consumption. It gave us a way to build our own playlists, eliminate commercials, impress our friends with how much we liked Mad Men, and hide our Dr. Phils in a folder labeled National Geographic Documentaries. Saying goodbye to the cable company is really just one more step of the techy kind, and you have some options.

First you need to choose your device. Roku was made just for this purpose (roku.com). Their small boxes stream HD quality with search capabilities, sports options and now gaming functionality. The cost is $50-$100 for the box, allowing you to stream your subscriptions and check out free content as well. With more than 700 channels this may be a good place to start.

If you already have a gaming system at home, you may not need to go much further to get started. If you have a PS3, XBOX360, or Wii/Wii U, you have all you need to start streaming your subscriptions. Each of these systems will run you about $300 starting from scratch, but it's a nice option for gamers.

For the hipsters, let's take a look at Apple TV (apple.com/appletv). It touts the user simplicity that Apple is famous for, plus offers AirPlay to stream content from your other iOS devices or iTunes library, straight to your fancy big screen. It's easy on the wallet at $99 for the device and invaluable in cool points.

For the real penny-pinchers, do you have a Blu-ray player or a computer? Do you know how to order a $15 HDMI cable from Amazon? Many Blu-ray players boast compatibility with Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Instant Video and other streaming options. If you are still lost in the land of DVDs (we'll take care of that later), you can hook up your laptop directly to your TV and get the same result. Also, don't forget the rabbit ears. An antenna can get you network channels over the air, for free in HD.

So, now that you've picked your device you need to decide on content. The "Big Boys," Netflix (netflix.com) and Hulu Plus (hulu.com/plus), work on any device and both cost about $8/month. Netflix offers movies and has a huge library of TV series, so if you feel so inclined to watch the entire new season of Arrested Development over a long weekend while eating a roll of cookie dough in your footie pajamas, you can.

Hulu Plus airs major network shows the next day so you will be no further behind in true fan discussions than those suckers still using their DVRs. You do have to watch limited commercials, but just as we got used to never seeing one, it's surprising how quickly you don't notice they're back.

Both of the Big Boys are running head first into their own original programming to help you forget that once you cut cable, you are also saying goodbye to the sublime swearing and nudity that HBO and Showtime's original series have perfected. Most notably, Netflix has David Fincher's (Fight Club, The Social Network) House of Cards and Orange is the New Black by Weeds creator Jenji Kohan coming soon. You will be able to watch the entire season from beginning to end. No more teasers, no more waiting. Take that, Boardwalk Empire.

Amazon Instant Video (included with your $79 Amazon Prime account, http://amzn.to/WpytYl) and iTunes are going to be pricier because of their pay-per-view-style setups, but they have newer movies and content than currently offered on Netflix.

Now you're ready to kick cable to the curb and claim your inalienable rights to sit, snack and stream. I hear all the cool kids are doing it.

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