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Craddick files 'sexting' bill in Texas House

By Kathleen Thurber
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Minors caught sending explicit text messages may no longer be at risk of landing on the sex offender registry if a bill filed Monday by Rep. Tom Craddick is passed.

Mirroring a bill filed in the Senate by Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, House Bill 1309 creates a class C misdemeanor charge for minors caught for the first time "sexting" or texting one another photos depicting sexual conduct. On subsequent offenses, the charge would be increased to a class B and then class A misdemeanor, according to the bill. Presently, youth can be charged with possession or distribution of child pornography, a third-degree felony, for sending or receiving such messages.

"The old cliché holds true that the punishment does not fit the crime in sexting cases," Craddick said in a statement. "These harsh penalties associated with child pornography charges would forever change this young person's life with a felony conviction, possible jail time and a requirement to register as a sex offender."

Craddick said the issue came to his attention in the fall when an Andrews senior was charged with possession of child pornography after a younger girl sent photos to his phone. Charges were dropped, but Craddick said there should have been options other than the felony charge to consider in the case.

"There needs to be a more appropriate law to address this harmful behavior," Craddick said. "House Bill 1309 would provide an alternative punishment to deter minors from engaging in this alarming practice, along with educational opportunities to learn about the consequences of sexting."

District Attorney Teresa Clingman said sexting is increasingly becoming an issue among youth with kids sending photos they assume are private and then seeing them pop up online or on someone else's phone later. Some type of sexting-specific law would be helpful in prosecution, she said.

"Do we know that it goes on way more than we see the cases? Absolutely," Clingman said.

In addition to establishing charges specific to sexting, the bill gives a judge the ability to require youth and their parents to attend an educational course that talks about the psychological, social and criminal consequences of sending explicit messages on their phone, according to the bill. The bill also has a provision allowing youth to expunge their record of the charge upon reaching 17.

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QUEEN OF THE BALL

Mayor Wes Perry gives a kiss to Ollie Rae Burton Monday after she was crowned Valentine Winter Ball Queen at Trinity Haven.

104-year-old resident crowned at annual event

"For God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians, as you still do"
— Hebrews 6:10

On most days, Ollie Mae Burton can be found in her wheelchair in the lobby of Kissito Healthcare Midland (formerly Trinity Haven Healthcare Center) greeting guests and talking with fellow residents.

"She sits at the front entrance and is very observant," said business development Director Rosie Lopez. "She always has a word of wisdom."

Visitors may have been surprised Monday afternoon when they entered the lobby and didn't find Burton in her familiar spot. That's because the 104-year-old woman was at the first annual Kiss the Cupid Winter Ball and being crowned queen.

Sitting in her chair, a nurse wheeled her to the front of the dining room where Mayor Wes Perry placed a silver crown in her salt-and-pepper hair, draped a red royal robe over her shoulders and handed her a bouquet of red roses and baby's breath. Fellow resident Robert Rios was then crowned king by Perry.

"It was definitely a surprise," she said.

Burton, born in 1907, was raised in the small East Texas town of Paris before moving to Midland, where she worked as a nurse and for President Bush and his family. Most of her family now lives in Atlanta and Dallas, and she has a son in

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Valentine's Day proves popular for weddings

When Juan Rivera asked his girlfriend Evangelina Milan to marry him on Monday, he said he didn't realize exactly how many people also choose that holiday to tie the knot.

"When I asked her to marry me, it didn't occur to me that so many people get married on Valentine's Day," he said.

The couple have been together for five years and said they knew they were going to get married, so they chose Feb. 14 as their date in a private ceremony with their 2-year-old daughter, best friends and grandmother before the justice of the peace Monday morning.

"It makes it a little more special," Milan said.

The two picked up their marriage license two weeks ago and scheduled an appointment with Judge David Cobos for 11 a.m. at his court.

Standing before the judge in jeans and T-shirts — his was black with the word "Groom" on the front and hers was white with "Bride" written in the middle — the couple recited their vows as their daughter Marialena played in the courtroom.

"What's more relaxed than

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VALENTINE'S WEDDING Liliana Garcia Lerma and Oscar Lerma exchange vows as they are married Monday by Justice of the Peace David Cobos.

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KING OF THE BALL Sheila Ford pins a corsage on her father after he was crowned king of the Valentine Winter Ball at Trinity Haven.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

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Katman, she said.

For Monday's celebration, members from her church family at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, including Pastor George A. Bell, came out to watch her be crowned queen for the day.

He presented her with a plaque and a Scripture verse from the book of Hebrews engraved on it.

Her church family said they used to pick her up on Sundays and take her to church, but that they aren't able to anymore because it's hard to disorient her from what she's familiar with and her surroundings.

Lopez said the Kinsito Healthcare company wanted to start an annual winter ball event at each of their nine facilities in Texas, Virginia and New Mexico. She began planning the Valentine's Day ball back in December and sent out invites to all the family members of the residents there.

"Some may not have family members, so this is one way of showing our love for them in hosting this Valentine's event," she said. "We want to make them feel like it was their home."

Members of the Midland Christian Junior Varsity Choir attended Monday afternoon and sang at the ball to those in attendance.

As she sat at a table eating a red heart-shaped cookie and drinking punch, Burton picked up a handmade Valentine's card donated by students at Santa Rita and flipped it open. She leaned back in her chair and listened to the music and the songs being sung.

"I like it," she said adding that her favorite part of Valentine's Day every year is being with her family. "I just like for my children all to be around me."

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Life in the US in 1907

From staff reports

- Also born in 1907: Katharine Hepburn, John Wayne, Orville Redenbacher, Robert A. Heinlein, Gene Autry.
- Theodore Roosevelt was the president.
- Sam Rayburn is sworn into the Texas House, beginning a 17-year stint, the longest in U.S. history.
- Thomas Mitchell Campbell was governor of Texas.
- The Midland Independent School District was established.
- The average life expectancy was 47 years.
- Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads.
- The average wage in 1907 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average worker made between $200 and $400 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- The country was sent into a recession when the 'Panic of 1907' sent stock prices plummeting 27 percent.
- The American flag had 45 stars. New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii were not states yet. Oklahoma was admitted in November.
- The population of Las Vegas was 30.
- One out of every five adults couldn't read or write.
- Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- Marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health.'
- There were about 230 reported murders in the entire nation.
- The Broncho Billy series, with 400 episodes, popularized westerns. Gilbert Anderson became the first cowboy hero and perhaps the first recognizable character in American films.

Details emerge in stabbing

■ Suspect claims self defense, mom says victim was defending her.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A 36-year-old man charged with murder over the weekend initially told Midland police and detectives he was acting in self defense, an arrest affidavit obtained Monday states.

However, Vicky Evans told investigators that her son Aaron Lee Evans was assaulting her in the kitchen when the victim, Jeffery Colen Edwards, intervened in defense and the men began fighting.

That fight then led to the fatal stab wound in Edwards' right torso allegedly by Evans, police said.

Midland police stated that when they arrived on the scene at 2504 Hoya Drive on Saturday at 8:07 p.m., an officer spotted a man walking in the back alley toward the residence.

Aaron Lee Evans

Windows were broken in the home, the front door was open and blood was on the floor, authorities said.

Edwards was found by officers lying on the floor between the kitchen and garage. Vicky Evans was standing over him crying, and, when Aaron Evans entered from the alley into the home, she screamed "He did this!" to officers, the affidavit states.

When police placed him in handcuffs, Evans told officers he acted in self defense and that Edwards "shouldn't have come at him," the affidavit states.

Another detective later questioned him and Evans told him that he did wield the knife during the altercation, but refused to make a formal statement after his Miranda rights were read, according to authorities.

Edwards was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Evans was arrested and charged with murder Saturday evening. He remained detained Monday at the Midland County Detention Center on a bond of $200,000.

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Online
Read the entire arrest affidavit at http://www.mywesttexas.com

GM to pay more than $400 million in worker bonuses

Associated Press

DETROIT — Less than two years after entering bankruptcy, General Motors will extend millions of dollars in bonuses to most of its 48,000 hourly workers as a reward for the company's rapid turnaround after it was rescued by the government.

The payments, disclosed Monday in company documents, are similar to bonuses announced last week for white-collar employees. The bonuses to 76,000 American workers will probably total more than $400 million — an amount that suggests executives have increasing confidence in the automaker's comeback.

In the four years leading up to its 2009 bankruptcy, GM piled up more than $80 billion in losses and was burdened by enormous debt and costly labor contracts.

"On the whole, we made tremendous progress last year," CEO and Chairman Dan Akerson said Monday in an e-mail message to employees announcing the payments. "With our collective teamwork, this can be just the beginning."

The company made $4.2 billion in the first nine months of 2010 and is expected to announce a fourth-quarter profit soon.

Most of GM's hourly workers will get a record payment of more than $4,000 — more than double the previous record in 1999, at the height of the boom in sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. Nearly all 28,000 white-collar workers such as engineers and managers will get 4 to 16 percent of their base pay. A few — less than 1 percent — will get 50 percent or more.

Bill Selesky, an auto industry analyst with Argus Research in New York, called the recovery "dramatic" and said the payments were needed to stop talent from jumping to other automakers, especially crosstown rival Ford.

The company, he added, is also trying to send a message: "It's the new GM."

But the bonuses drew criticism from an opponent of the auto industry bailout in Washington who said GM should repay its entire $49.5 billion loan before offering bonuses.

"Since the taxpayers helped these companies out of bankruptcy, the taxpayers should be repaid before bonuses go out," said Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa. "It sends a message that those in charge take shareholders, in this case the taxpayers, for a sucker."

The government has been repaid $23 billion but needs $26.4 billion more to recoup its whole investment. The government still owns 500 million shares of GM common stock, which would have to sell for roughly $53 per share to get all the money back.

The GM documents show that the company plans to pay hourly workers at least $189 million in bonuses next month. About 45,000 workers at GM factories will get more than $4,000 each. Another 3,000 workers at old parts plants that GM is trying to sell will get $3,000 each.

The company would not say how much the white-collar bonuses will cost, but calculations made by The Associated Press show the total will probably top $200 million.

Most GM salaried workers earn in excess of $100,000 per year. A bonus of 8 percent, the midpoint of the range, would give them roughly $8,000 each.

SEXTING

From 1A

Those who report to a law enforcement agency that they've received an explicit message within 48 hours of the time it was sent would not be charged with a crime, according to the bill.

Clingman said she's been working with Craddick's office to amend the bill slightly and make the initial sexting charge a more severe misdemeanor.

"This (puts) that type of behavior on the same level as a traffic ticket and we think it's more serious than that," Clingman said.

Even with sexting being connected to a felony now, Clingman said young people don't seem to understand the gravity of their actions. And while she doesn't think kids need to be charged with a felony for sexting, Clingman said she still wants it to be seen as a serious issue.

If passed, Texas' sexting law would join more than a dozen others that already have been added in other states, according to the National Council on Legislatures, including some that look similar to the one proposed by Craddick and Watson. Some school districts also have passed codes making sexting an offense punishable by suspension or expulsion.

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 39 percent of teens surveyed admit to sending an explicit text message while another 20 percent said they'd posted nude or partially nude photos of themselves online or through a text message.

Craddick said the bill is meant to help educate youth on the issue so it doesn't continue to escalate and giving prosecutors options when dealing with kids.

"Minors do not realize that when they send or receive sexually explicit images via text message, commonly known as sexting, that they are actually committing a punishable crime," Craddick said.

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WEDDINGS

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jeans and a T-shirt?" Milan asked with a smile.

The two added they plan to have a reception and would like to have a formal ceremony. But because all of their family members live out of town, they chose to have the private ceremony as not to bother them.

Valentine's Day has always been a popular day in Midland for weddings. The four precinct justice of the peace judges were busy Monday, performing a total of 13 ceremonies.

In Texas, there is a 72-hour waiting period after obtaining a marriage license before it can be used. On Friday — the last day for those wanting to get a license in time to wed on Valentine's — staff with the Midland County Clerk's Office said they issued a record of 11 licenses and another 11 were issued by the close of Monday afternoon.

Those wanting to get married the same day they obtained their license would need a waiver from a family court judge, and officials said two of the licenses picked up Monday did include such waiver.

Judges Joe Matlock and Billy Johnson performed a total of eight weddings Monday morning and evening, while Judge George Zimmerman performed one from his office.

On-call Judge David Cobos had three scheduled with one walk-in Monday afternoon, his staff said.

Cobos said he believes many choose to wed on Valentine's Day because it's symbolic and represents a day of love.

"I think that's why people pick it; it's romantic," he said.

Over the years, the most he's ever had to marry in one day, he added, was a few years ago when he married eight couples at different venues around town.

Still, performing a marriage ceremony is one of the more fun parts of his job, Cobos said adding that he and the other judges are usually involved more in civil matters and making death notifications.

"It's the pleasant part," he said.

After he pronounced the Riveras as husband and wife, Evangelina turned and said she thought she was going to cry through the ceremony.

Her grandmother reached out and embraced Rivera in a hug as she told him, "Congratulations, mijo!"

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Children's event, Super Hero Tuesday, 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Classic Movie Club presents "Follow the Fleet," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

Airport Planning and Development Board
9 a.m. today
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

Midland Association of Churches
11:15 a.m. today
Midland ISD Administrative offices
615 W. Missouri Ave.
Note: Ryder Warren to speak.

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

Midland College
4 p.m. today
Gibson Board room, Administration Building
Midland College campus

It's going to be hot

After a cold start to February, the weather has done a 180 and temperatures are expected to reach record highs this week.

The facts and forecast
High Monday: 69
Normal high temperature for Feb. 14-16: 63

Forecasted highs (records in parentheses)
Tuesday 81 (84 set in 2000)
Wednesday 84 (81 set in 2006)
Thursday 83 (83 set in 2000)
Note: Four record lows already have been set this month at Midland International Airport, most recently on Feb. 10.

Radio talk show schedules

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

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

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

Other radio options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7)
NPR - KOCV (FM 91.3)

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2011. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

On this date:

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush said the Pentagon should review its policy on civilian participation in military exercises like the emergency ascent drill a Navy submarine was performing when it collided with and sank a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii.

Source: Associated Press

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Obama hoping for Reagan-like rebound

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — Betting on an improving economy to reduce government deficits worked for Ronald Reagan, and it may for Barack Obama as well.

But the president's big budget submission for 2012 does not deal with the deep problems of huge benefit programs such as Social Security, something Reagan did address. And it doesn't cut nearly as deeply as today's Republicans want. That guarantees a stormy — and probably lengthy — fight with congressional Republicans.

Despite GOP rhetoric, the bulk of the current budget deficit has little to do with Obama's stimulus spending or other Democratic policies. It is basically due to a shortfall in tax revenues because of the recession combined with "structural" deficits — fast-rising costs of Social Security, Medicare and other guaranteed-benefit programs — carried over from previous budgets.

And these longer-term issues are not addressed directly — either in Obama's new budget or in various GOP proposals.

"My view is that the president's budget punted on the structural deficits issue. He did not give us any clear path forward to deal with them," said David Walker, former U.S. comptroller general and now head of the balanced-budget advocacy group Comeback America Initiative.

Obama told Congress his budget embraced "hard choices" to chip away at the government's mountain of debt.

But a large chunk of the deficit reduction he envisions would come from higher tax revenues, both from a return of healthy corporate profits and from selective new tax increases, and from lower recession-fighting costs associated with an improving economy.

And tax revenues are coming back. His budget projects revenues growing from $2.16 trillion in 2010 to $2.6 trillion next year and $3 trillion in 2013.

Reagan's GOP lost 26 House seats in 1982, two years after his sweeping presidential victory. The losses were due in large part to the deep recession of 1981-82. But by 1984, the economy was once again humming. And Reagan was re-elected in a landslide.

As part of bringing down deficits then, Reagan signed a big tax increase in 1982, reversing much of his signature tax cuts of the year before. Obama also is proposing some tax increases, including a long-promised — but so far delayed — tax hike for households earning above $250,000 a year, beginning in 2013, after the next election.

"I don't think there's any question that the Obama team is focused on the Reagan re-election strategy," said GOP consultant Rich Galen. "Reagan won 49 states in 1984 because it was 'morning in America' again because the economy had come back. I think the Obama people are rolling the dice."

Reagan also later teamed with Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill to rescue Social Security from bankruptcy by raising the retirement age and Social Security tax rates while briefly lowering some benefits.

Obama did not embrace the key recommendations of his own deficit commission, which in December proposed stiff tax hikes and spending cuts it said would save $4 trillion over 10 years. Obama's new budget would trim just $1.1 trillion over that period. The commission also proposed an eventual rise in the Social Security retirement age to 69.

White House Budget Director Jacob Lew, who was O'Neill's top domestic-policy adviser during the Reagan years and worked on that earlier Social Security compromise, said Obama's budget "draws heavily on the ideas of the commission."

"They put a lot of good ideas on the table," Lew said. "We've done what's most constructive and productive." He said Social Security's finances are not adding to budget deficits right now, and that crisis can be dealt with later.

In the earlier rebound of 1982, jobs returned relatively quickly.

Now the unemployment rate is at 9 percent even though the recession officially ended in the summer of 2009, and private forecasts suggest it will still be 8 percent or higher by Election Day 2012.

Obama's own budget document projects jobless rates falling to just 8.2 percent in the final three months of 2012.

That's still high, of course. But David Wyss, chief economist at Standard and Poor's in New York City, said, "At least it will be going in the right direction, down."

Still, Wyss suggested, deficits will keep rising even in the face of big spending cuts "if you don't get tax revenues back."

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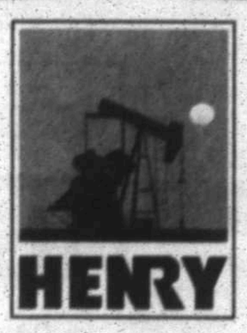

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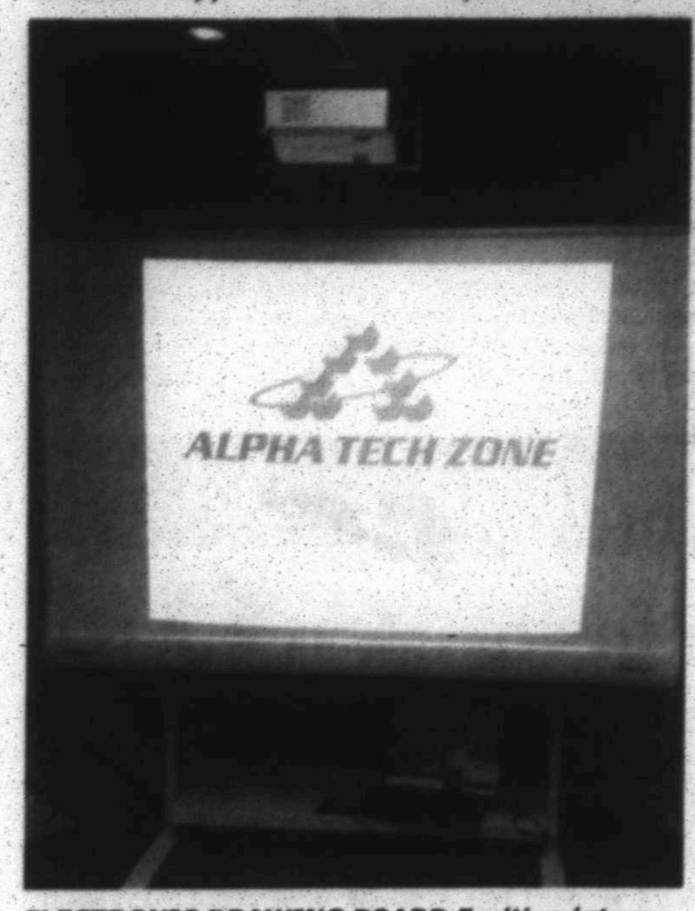

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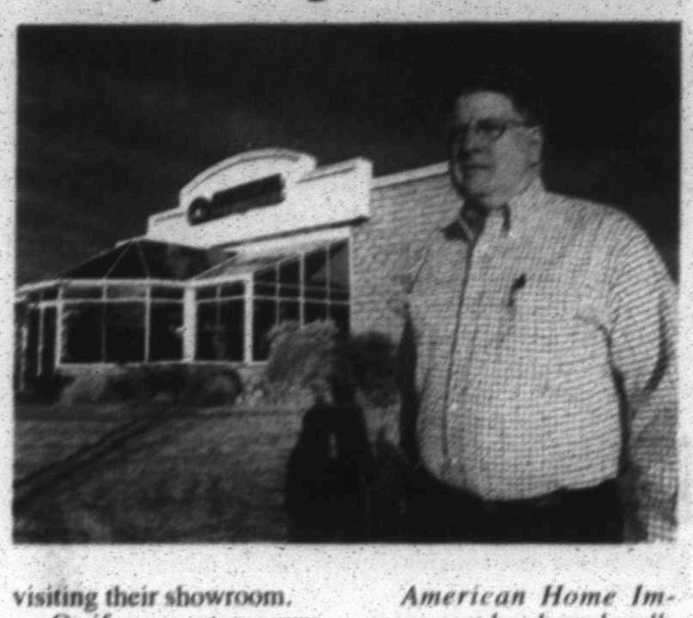

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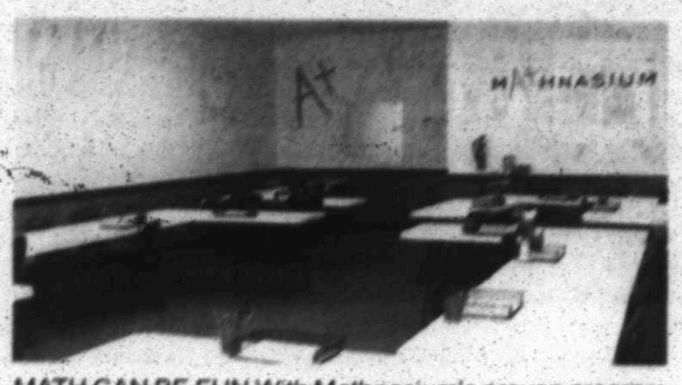

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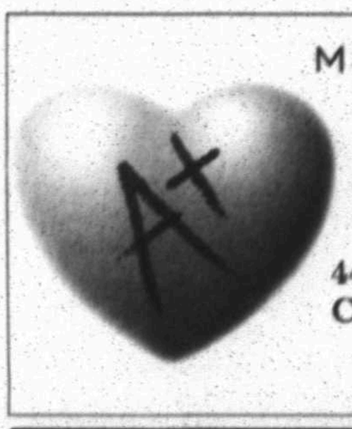

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Reporting doesn't tell story of Egypt's dim future

■ Despite images of freedom and liberation during the protests, country's future course could be set by the Muslim Brotherhood.

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The events of recent days in Egypt offer a sober lesson to westerners who think the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak resembles the American Revolution.

Much of the television commentary revealed complete ignorance about the history of the region and of Egypt and especially the clear and present danger of a theocratic coup by the Muslim Brotherhood. First prize for those who are clueless about what is transpiring before their blind eyes goes to James Clapper, director of National Intelligence (though the runner-up prize goes to a TV commentator who compared demonstrators in Tahrir Square to America's tea party movement).

Clapper told a congressional hearing that the Muslim Brotherhood is a "heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried al-Qaida as a perversion of Islam."

Perhaps Clapper can explain then why the Brotherhood endorsed Hitler's goal of eradicating the Jews and conspired to assassinate the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and his predecessor Gamal Abdel Nasser.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, "The Muslim Brotherhood no longer openly conducts terrorist operations; it is primarily a political organization that supports terrorism and terrorist causes. Many of its members, however, have engaged in terrorist activities and the group has spawned numerous terrorist groups, such as Hamas and Egyptian Islamic Jihad."

The Muslim Brotherhood is not just one of "a variety of movements" within Egypt, as Clapper asserted, but a powerful and influential religious-political force any "democratic" movement must reckon with. According to a 2009 study by WorldPublicOpinion.org, 64 percent of Egyptians view the Muslim Brotherhood positively, while only 16 percent have negative views. Sixty-nine percent think the Brotherhood favors democracy. Just 22 percent say they are too extreme and not really democratic.

Douglas Schoen has advised four Israeli prime ministers, as well as the prime minister of Turkey. In a commentary for Foxnews.com, Schoen writes he believes there is "at least a 50 percent chance, if not more, that a candidate from the Muslim Brotherhood or a party with a generally similar approach and orientation will win the next presidential election."

Why? Consider a Pew poll conducted last year which showed 48 percent of Egyptians say that Islam plays a large role in politics in Egypt and 85 percent say Islam's influence in politics is positive. Only 2 percent said it is negative. "Not surprisingly," writes Schoen, that a Zogby poll found two-thirds of Egyptians think, "Egyptian life would improve when clerics play a more central role in the political life of the country."

The fanatics know how to "play" the West, using images and words such as "freedom" and "liberation" to make us think they mean what we mean by those words.

Thanks to the reporting by The New York Times and other media sycophants more than 50 years ago, Fidel Castro, following the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista, also was seen by many as a liberator of Cuba. "I am not a communist and neither is the revolutionary movement," Castro said at the time. Only after he consolidated power, did he tell the truth: "I am a Marxist-Leninist and I will be one until the last day of my life."

Deception is not limited to communists like Castro. Deception is also a strategy of others who would dominate the world by religious-political doctrines. Last Saturday, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood announced it will not try to win the presidency of Egypt, nor will it attempt to win a majority in parliament. Given the Brotherhood's statement of purpose and past record, this announcement should be seen as a tactical maneuver designed to fool Western governments, rather than a change in objectives.

I'm betting on the Muslim Brotherhood, or an affiliated organization with similar goals, to eventually gain political power in Egypt.

OUR VIEW

Change in Egypt will come at what cost?

Many of us spent hours last week following the events in Egypt unfold before our eyes in Tahrir Square in Cairo. There was this unquestionable desire to see history being made as we looked on from afar.

Also, there was this intriguing story of a possible new democracy unfolding as the pages of world history began to turn another page. You couldn't help but cheer for the Egyptian citizens pleading for freedom from the tyrant President Hosni Mubarak.

Most of us cheered with the crowd when the announcement came that Mubarak had decided to step down. It was an understandable reaction with all the emotion that had stamped this stunning turn of events.

But now we realize that democracy doesn't arrive with the battles, the wars or the bloodless coups. Democracy lies waiting in the balance of decisions made after the conflicts take place. Now Egypt has the opportunity to create a democracy and that will cause great turmoil in itself over the coming months — even years.

As far as history goes, we are breaking new ground in Egypt. This may be the first real Internet revolution. After all, Tahrir Square was the epicenter of the stunning protest movement that was started by a small core of secular, liberal youth activists on the Internet and turned into the biggest popular uprising in the Arab world.

While the dangerous Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest opposition group, largely remained in the background, it is possible that this radical group has the most to gain from this revolt of the people. The Muslim Brotherhood really has only about 15 percent of the support of the people, but as the only organized opposition of the Mubarak regime, it could become the ultimate standard bearer for the movement. That would send shivers throughout all the Middle East, particularly in Israel, where further support in the region would be eroded.

There is no question that this 18-day revolt was spectacular in both creation and result, but it may have created more potential dangers for Egypt than the freedom it sought. The movement is leaderless. There is no plan or real goals in place and other countries in the region may be encouraged to form similar uprisings in hope of tossing out repressive leadership.

In the end, we hope the cries for democracy don't end up as the mechanism for radical Islam to gain more control in an area already beset with problems where freedoms are undercut and even eliminated.

Yes, we cheered the many of the incredible events in Egypt, but we are finally left to wonder if we were witnessing something far different than the creation of a new democracy and stabilization of the region.

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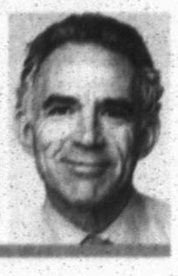
It's clearly time to use the Rainy Day Fund

■ Balancing the budget with just cuts isn't good leadership.



ROBERT RIVARD
San Antonio Express-News Editor

John Folks writes a weekly column called the "Monday Message," which the superintendent of San Antonio's largest school district e-mails to 13,000 employees. It's posted on the Northside Independent School District website, if you'd like to sample his style.

The column is, well, folksy. Teachers, cafeteria workers and bus drivers alike are given a refreshingly candid take on school news, public policy and elected officials, all served up matter-of-factly by a guy who moonlights as a Sunday school teacher.

Folks' latest effort, like many a casual conversation, begins with the weather, the Feb. 4 "snow day." But he quickly gets down to business, recounting a high-profile meeting of the state's superintendents in Austin. It's yet another leadership group that opposes plans by Gov. Rick Perry and the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature to drastically cut education funding to keep campaign pledges of balancing the budget without raising new revenue.

Folks has served as NISD superintendent for nine years. There were 65,000 students when he arrived. There are 95,000 now. With the district's annual growth of 3,000 students, the state's fourth-largest district soon will have more than 100,000 students. More than 92 percent graduate.

Yet Perry and Senate and House leaders now expect NISD to make do with the kind of budget it had years ago when there were far fewer students. In fact, since the 2006 Republican-controlled Legislature promised to reduce property taxes and make up the lost revenue with an enhanced business margins tax, NISD taxpayers have seen $141 million in property tax growth negated by equal reductions in state payments.

Folks knows the proposed budget cuts would force him to tear down what he's built. How can you cut tens of millions of dollars from a school district budget when all but 13 percent goes to salaries? The only recourse is to fire thousands.

As lawmakers look to make up a $27 billion shortfall, it is time to use the state's Rainy Day Fund precisely for the reasons it was established. Oil and gas taxes will slowly replenish it as planned.

If elected officials confront some of the flaws in our tax structure, they will have less need of it in two years. But that will require the closing of loopholes that allow businesses to evade an estimated $5 billion-$6 billion in taxes each year, one reason why such taxes do not make up for lost property tax revenue — a shortfall the governor has yet to acknowledge despite his assurances to the contrary five years ago.

Until increased business tax collections help meet state needs, a temporary sales tax increase would help bridge the difference and keep education and social services spending at current levels. Texas would still spend less than almost all other states.

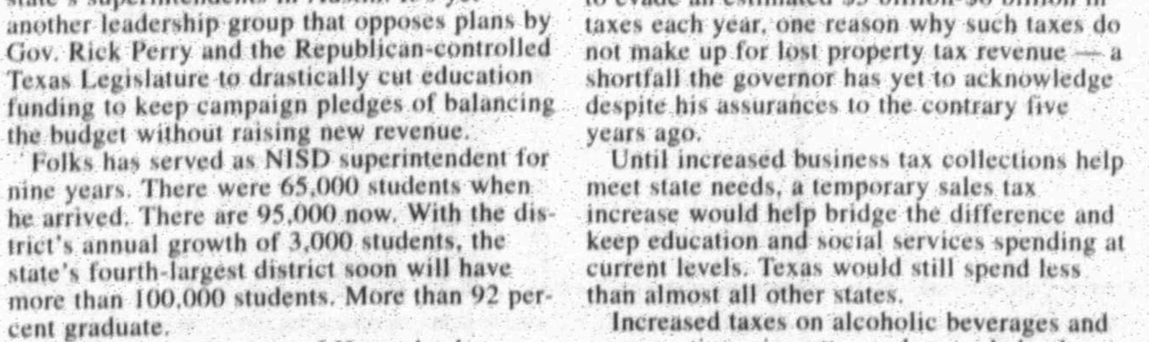
Increased taxes on alcoholic beverages and consumption, cigarettes and sugar-laden beverages would contribute a few billion more and reduce consumption, which would enhance public health and reduce health care costs.

An increased gas tax hardlywould be felt compared to what consumers have experienced at the pumps in recent years, but it would go a long way toward funding state highway maintenance and mass transit initiatives.

Finding new revenues means not losing billions more in matching federal funds.

There is no logic in balancing the budget only through cuts. It makes for a slick campaign commercial. Don't confuse that with good leadership.

DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau



NEWSROUNDUP

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OHIO

Cops: Teen shot brother after Apple store dispute

COLUMBUS — An Ohio teen has been charged with shooting his younger brother in the head in front of shoppers after a dispute inside an Apple store.

Columbus police said in a news release Monday that they charged 16-year-old Andrew Kelley with one count of felonious assault in the Saturday night shooting at Easton Town Center. It wasn't immediately clear if Kelley has an attorney.

His 15-year-old brother, Andrake Kelley, remains hospitalized in critical condition.

Police say the shooting in an outdoor area of the shopping center followed some sort of dispute at the mall's Apple store.

Easton is located about 8 miles northeast of downtown Columbus. Its other tenants include upscale retailers such as Tiffany & Co. and Nordstrom.

CAIRO

Labor unrest, protests grow after Egypt's uprising

Thousands of state employees, from ambulance drivers to police and bank workers, protested on Monday demanding better pay, in a growing wave of labor unrest rekindled by the democracy uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak's regime. Egypt's military rulers asked for an end to the protests in what could be a final warning before an outright ban.

The military said it needed calm to implement what it promises will be an eventual handover to civilian rule under a new, more democratic system. It has set a swift timetable, saying it aims to have constitutional amendments drawn up within 10 days and a referendum to approve them within two months ahead of elections for a civilian government, according to youth activists who met two of the top generals.

The coalition of young activists who organized the unprecedented protest movement pressured the military Monday for new steps to ensure the autocratic system that has pervaded Egypt for the past 30 years is dismantled. Protesters welcomed the military's takeover after Mubarak's resignation, but many remain wary of the military's ultimate intentions.

ECUADOR

Chevron fined $8.6 billion for drilling contamination

QUITO — An Ecuadorean judge ruled Monday in an epic environmental case that Chevron Corp. was responsible for oil drilling contamination in a wide swath of Ecuador's northern jungle and ordered the oil giant to pay $8.6 billion in damages and cleanup costs.

The amount was far below the $27.3 billion recommended by a court-appointed expert.

But whether the plaintiffs — including indigenous groups who say their hunting and fishing grounds in the headwaters of the Amazon River were decimated by toxic wastewater — can collect remains to be seen.

In a statement Chevron called the decision "illegitimate and unenforceable" and said it would appeal. It has long contended it could never get a fair trial in Ecuador and has removed all assets from this politically volatile Andean country, whose leftist president, Rafael Correa, had voiced support for the plaintiffs. Chevron it did not believe the judgment "enforceable in any court that observes the rule of law."

ITALY

Tunisians vote with feet, flee country

LAMPEDUSA — A month after massive protests ousted Tunisia's longtime dictator, waves of Tunisians are voting with their feet, fleeing the country's political limbo by climbing into rickety boats and sailing across the Mediterranean to Europe.

More than 5,000 illegal immigrants have recently washed up on Italy's southern islands — an unintended consequence of the "people's revolution" that ousted autocrat Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and inspired the uprisings in Egypt and beyond.

IRAN

Police disperse protesters with tear gas

TEHRAN — Clashes between Iranian police and tens of thousands of protesters wracked central Tehran on Monday killing one person, as opposition supporters tried to evoke the spirit of Egypt's recent popular uprising.

The opposition called for a demonstration Monday in solidarity with Egypt's popular revolt that a few days earlier forced the president there to resign after nearly 30 years in office. The rally is the first major show of strength for Iran's cowed opposition in more than a year.

Police used tear gas against the protesters in central Tehran's Enghelab, or Revolution, square and in Imam Hossein square, as well as in other nearby main streets. Demonstrators responded by setting garbage bins on fire to protect themselves from the stinging white clouds.

The pro-government Fars News Agency reported that a bystander was shot dead at the hands of protesters.

Eyewitnesses said at least three protesters injured by bullets were taken to a hospital in central Tehran while dozens of others were hospitalized because of severe wounds as a result of being beaten.

"An Iranian dies but doesn't accept humiliation," demonstrators chanted. "Death to the dictator," they said, in a chant directed at hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Security forces on motorcycles could also be seen chasing protesters through the streets, according to eyewitnesses.

Fars, which is linked to the Revolutionary Guard, Iran's most powerful military force called protesters "hypocrites, monarchists, ruffians and seditionists," and ridiculed them for not chanting any slogans about Egypt as they had originally promised.

Feds play cat-and-mouse with border smugglers

By Chris Hawley
Associated Press

MASSENA, N.Y. — Border Patrol agent Glenn Pickering slowed his rumbling snowmobile to a stop and eyed two trails of churned-up snow running down a riverbank.

They were snowmobile tracks leading out onto the ice of the frozen St. Lawrence River that runs between upstate New York and Canada. At night smugglers race across the ice with bags of marijuana. Pickering shielded his eyes with his hand as the wind covered the tracks; he couldn't see whether they went all the way across the border.

"There are all these islands out here, and the snowmobiles just come shooting across," Pickering said. "It's a constant battle."

This is the United States' forgotten border, where federal agents and police play cat-and-mouse with smugglers and illegal immigrants along 4,000 miles of a mostly unmarked and unfortified frontier with Canada. Unlike the southern border with Mexico, where drug-related violence has exploded in recent years, the northern border rarely makes headlines.

That changed this month after the U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report warning that the terrorist threat from Canada was higher than from Mexico because of the vast swaths of unprotected frontier. Just 32 miles of the 4,000-mile border have an acceptable level of Border Patrol security, with agents available to make on-site arrests, the report said.

Senators from northern border states urged the Obama administration to deploy military radar and more unmanned planes. The head of the Senate's Homeland Security committee, Conn. Sen. Joe Lieberman, suggested the government should examine whether to require visas of Canadian visitors.

"Our country is so focused on the southern border," said Rep. Candice Miller, R-Michigan, who will chair a hearing about the report on Tuesday. "At the same time the northern border is essentially wide open."

Recent drug arrests have highlighted the border's porousness. In May, a Canadian kingpin confessed to running 2,000 pounds of marijuana a week through the forests of upstate New York. A gang arrested in November imported doses of the painkiller oxycodone. And in December, Canadian officials arrested 29 smugglers on charges of using boats to run tons of marijuana, Ecstasy and methamphetamine across the Great Lakes to Michigan and New York.

President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed a Feb. 4 agreement to share more information on travelers and better coordinate cross-border investigations. The Department of Homeland Security has tripled the number of agents on the northern border in recent years and is building a $30 million intelligence-gathering center at a Michigan Air National Guard base.

Some critics say the Canadian threat is overblown, saying the volume of most drugs seized along its border is still a tiny fraction of 1 percent compared to seizures at U.S.-Mexico crossings.

Residents complain that increased patrols are scaring away Canadian visitors.

"There are more drugs on Wall Street than here," said Jonathan Maracle, 35, who owns a gift shop on the 12,000-member Akwesasne Mohawk reservation, straddling New York and Canada on both sides of the St. Lawrence River. "All they're trying to do is make us look bad up here because they can't control up here. The United States government is nothing but bullies."

Few places show the challenges border agents face like the reservation, a frigid archipelago a few miles downriver from where Pickering rode his snowmobile on a recent afternoon, offering the Associated Press a tour of his territory.

About 20 percent of all the high-potency marijuana produced in Canada — "multiple tons" each week — is smuggled through a patch of border less than 10 miles wide on the reservation, the U.S. Department of Justice reported in May. Since 2008, U.S. prosecutors say they have broken up four major smuggling rings operating on the Mohawk territory.

The river here is scattered with small islands that smugglers can use for cover as they hopscotch across the border in boats and snowmobiles. Thick forest on both sides provides cover from surveillance planes.

The political landscape is even more complicated than the geography. The Mohawk territory sprawls across both sides of the river and spills into both Quebec and Ontario.

Tribal leaders and police officials declined the AP's interview requests. But two huge signs at a main intersection spell out a common sentiment toward outside authorities threatening the tribe's autonomy.

"Yes, 'terrorists' come thru Akwesasne. They are N.Y.S.P. (state police), Border Patrol, ATF, FBI, etc., etc.!"

U.S. Border Patrol agents rarely go onto the territory without a tribal police escort, said Wade Laughman, agent in charge at the Massena Border Patrol.

"You get a lot of intimidation techniques: blocking in of your vehicles, people yelling at you, screaming at you, guys surrounding you," Laughman said. "It's not safe for one agent to go down there by himself."

Smugglers run contraband in both directions, Laughman said: marijuana, Ecstasy and methamphetamine come south while money, tax-free cigarettes, weapons and cocaine smuggled from Mexico goes north.

One admitted smuggler, Steven Sarti, described to a U.S. judge in May how he and an 18-man crew stuffed high-potency marijuana into black duffel bags used for hockey gear, then coded the bags with numbers representing different buyers. The gang smuggled 2,000 pounds of marijuana a week.

There have been no confirmed cases of terrorists coming through the reservation, but U.S. officials say they're worried it could happen.

"The folks we're dealing with, both in drug trafficking and terrorist activities, are not stupid," said James Burns, who directs Drug Enforcement Administration operations along the New York-Canada border. "We don't want to have anybody exploit a weak point."

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By Keith Berrymore
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

UMS – Midland area residents who find their zip code on the Distribution List will feel like they just won the lottery.

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The only thing residents need to do is look for their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code appears on the list, they need to immediately call the Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline to get the Vault Stack containing three protective bankers portfolios each loaded with its own full uncut sheet of never circulated $2 bills. But only the first 7,127 residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List can even get the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of real money.

"The Gov't shut down printing of $2 bills in September 2006 and likely won't print more next year, so the money is being released until our last remaining $2 bills are completely gone," said Jefferson Marshall, Executive Director of the private World Reserve.

"That's why we've set up a Toll Free Distribution Hotline to make sure residents get them now," he said.

"But everything in our vault may soon be gone. So residents who want to get the uncut sheets of never circulated $2 bills had better hurry and call right now," Marshall said.

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"You would expect to only see uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at the Smithsonian," he said.

"In fact, they are so seldom seen, banks don't even have them. That's why I've issued a directive to release a limited number of never circulated uncut sheets of valuable $2 bills from our private vault reserve to residents of the Midland area. Residents whose zip code is not on the Distribution List can't have our Vault Stacks of these full uncut sheets of $2 bills," Marshall said.

"These full uncut sheets of $2 bills will be highly sought after and are extremely popular to hand out as gifts for friends and family," he said.

Most people have never even seen a single $2 bill featuring President Thomas Jefferson on the front and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back let alone one of these full uncut sheets of never circulated bills.

"We're bracing for all the calls. With just hours left, we're doing our best to make sure Midland area residents get through. But, it is important that residents find their zip code on the Distribution List and call the Toll Free Hotline right away to beat the deadline. Because when our release is over, it's over," he said.

"We're allowing residents whose zip code appears on the Distribution List to claim as many as 10 Vault Stacks. But, since you can't get these Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios full of uncut sheets of money at banks, credit unions or even the Federal Reserve the limits will be strictly enforced," Marshall said.

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■ **VALUABLE:** Pictured to the left are the Vault Stacks containing three protective bankers portfolios, each loaded with a valuable uncut sheet of never circulated $2 bills. It's impossible to predict how much the bills will be worth in the future. But, since the Gov't shut down printing in 2006 on all $2 bills you better believe at just forty-eight dollars and shipping the bankers portfolio is a real steal.

How to get the money

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County to consider pavilion at cemetery

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Graveside services may take on a new format if Midland County moves forward on a proposal to add a pavilion to Fairview Cemetery.

County commissioners on Monday authorized a request for proposal to be released regarding such a facility. If constructed, it could provide a place for graveside services to be held and create a room for the internment of cremated remains.

"I'd say it's been a long time coming," said Jimmy Smith, commissioner for Precinct 1.

David Sapp, cemetery supervisor, showed the court drawings of what a pavilion-type building could look like. He said the facility would be an open-air pavilion that would have sliding glass doors on both sides of the building and a front door.

A vaulted room at the back of the building would contain spaces for holding urns with cremated remains, Sapp said. By placing the remains in an indoor space instead of in the ground, Sapp said it would allow staff to more easily retrieve an urn and provide it to families when requested.

In the case of indigent burials, Sapp said sometimes a family will return later and request the remains. Without this type of facility, the county has to pay the fees associated with uncovering and recovering the grave site where the urn had been.

County Judge Mike Bradford said the building also could help provide a solution to some space issues the county may have because of the number of indigent burials that take place at the

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INSIDE

Proposed cuts to mental health and mental retardation funds will strain jail, judicial system, officials say.

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MAGNANIMOUS MIDLAND

Roger Primera/MRT contributor

A crew from Whiteye Enterprises clears rubble at the site of a fire that claimed Bobby Gann's home. The owner of Whiteye Enterprises donated laborers and equipment to help the elderly veteran recover.

Veteran grateful for reader generosity after mobile home fire

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

'Do you mind if I say grace?"

"Of course not," I replied to the 82-year-old Army veteran who just the week before had lost everything in a mobile home fire.

So Bobby Gann, his daughter, granddaughter and I bowed our heads before the meal at a local diner.

With a gentle, cracking voice and through a few sobs he thanked God for what everyone agreed was nothing short of amazing.

There indeed was much to be thankful for Sunday night.

And that has everything to do with Reporter-Telegram readers who reached out to him in his time of need.

Within hours of a column about his ordeal rolling off the press last Tuesday, readers called and e-mailing the newspaper wanting to know how they could help. Some came to our office; others went directly to the address listed in the original story about the fire. That's where Gann was staying with his five dogs in a trailer previously used for storage.

One man brought three dog houses, just ahead of the latest arctic front. Others brought dog food. Still others delivered needed clothing and household items.

"I think the dogs understood when I told them to quit barking at people because they're bringing you dog food," the canine-loving veteran explained.

By the time I arrived to the office early that afternoon, there were phone messages, someone waiting at the front desk and a full e-mail inbox. So I got on the phone with his daughter, Tina Hobbs, as we figured out how best to channel the response.

"Honestly, it's overwhelming," Hobbs said while we broke bread together. "There's really no other way to describe the outpouring from the community. It renews your faith in mankind."

Just a week earlier, we were strangers, but suddenly it seemed like we were all friends.

"I'd say we definitely made some new friends along the way," Hobbs said.

"Me, too," her father added with a smile. A fellow Korean War veteran who jumped in to help is among those new friends.

At last count, his daughter reported $4,900 was deposited by strangers into the recovery account. Someone even dropped off a $200 gift card at the newspaper for Gann. On top of all this, he got his part-time job back after recently being laid off and starts this week.

And if you recall, the clearing of rubble the fire left behind was weighing heavily on Gann's heart last week.

One generous reader with expertise sent a crew of men and heavy equipment, and on Monday the charred remains were being cleared away.

How amazing is that? And he wasn't the only reader who offered free physical labor.

Clearly, these generous acts not only have met his immediate needs but also deeply touched Gann.

"I've been a tough old guy all my life, but this got to me," Gann remarked before we parted ways. "It's hard to believe. I never knew there were such good people around."

But as has been shared in this space previously, we've seen this kind of thing before.

Thank you, Midland, for your generous hearts and all the good you've done for this elderly veteran.

He wasn't the only one touched by your kindness.

An account has been established at Community National Bank, Nancy Brooks benefit for Bobby Gann, 10241245.

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P&Z OKs cell tower, zone change, alcohol permit

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Miniature golfers could be in the shadow of a cell phone tower in the coming months if a request approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday is given the go ahead by the City Council.

The Sprint Spectrum tower, which would be constructed in the southernmost point of the parking lot at the Putt Putt Fun Center near Loop 250 and Holiday Hill Road, would bring better service to customers in Northwest Midland, said Matt Faudree, who made the application on behalf of Sprint.

With two additional spaces open, the tower also could host service for Verizon or some other carrier in the future, staff said.

Jim Compton, senior planner for the city, said the tower would be 150 feet tall, the maximum height allowed. The nearest home is more than 1,000 feet away from the proposed site, he said, and no letters of opposition were submitted.

An AT&T tower planned for just more than 3,100 feet away was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in late January.

Compton said while the towers will be in close proximity, studies by the companies' engineers show that the two locations are just different enough to be filling different needs.

"We do have a basis to support two towers this close together," he said.

As part of the city code, the tower would reserve space for the city to use for emergency communications if it chooses, Compton said. Any cell tower constructed and then abandoned for 180 days or more is required to be dismantled by the owner, Compton said.

The tower would be constructed in May at the earliest.

In other business, the commission, in a 4-2-1 decision, approved a zone change on Wadley Avenue just east of "A" Street. The site, if given approval by the City Council, will be the home to an upscale self-storage facility with 550 to 600 spaces for rent, said developer Michael Postar.

Commissioner Bill Woodruff and chairman Brian Carney voted against the motion while Commissioner Jane Wolf abstained.

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City officials visit Austin for utility district bill

From staff reports

Bills regarding the proposed Midland County Utility District are expected in the House and Senate in the coming weeks.

City Council members Vicky Hailey, for District 2, and Michael Trost, for District 4, met Monday with Rep. Tom Craddick and Sen. Kel Seliger about the Midland County Utility District. They, along with City Attorney Keith Stretcher, made the trip in hopes of working with legislators and representatives of the water district to craft legislation that would serve all parties involved.

"They need to make sure everybody's on the same page," said Hailey, speaking via telephone from Austin.

The legislation being worked on in both Seliger and Craddick's offices would allow for the creation of the Midland County Utility District, a taxing entity being propsed to serve the residents of Midland County by providing water.

Dr. Shelton Viney, who has been working on the effort for several years, said he wants to bring a stable and safe source of water to Midland County

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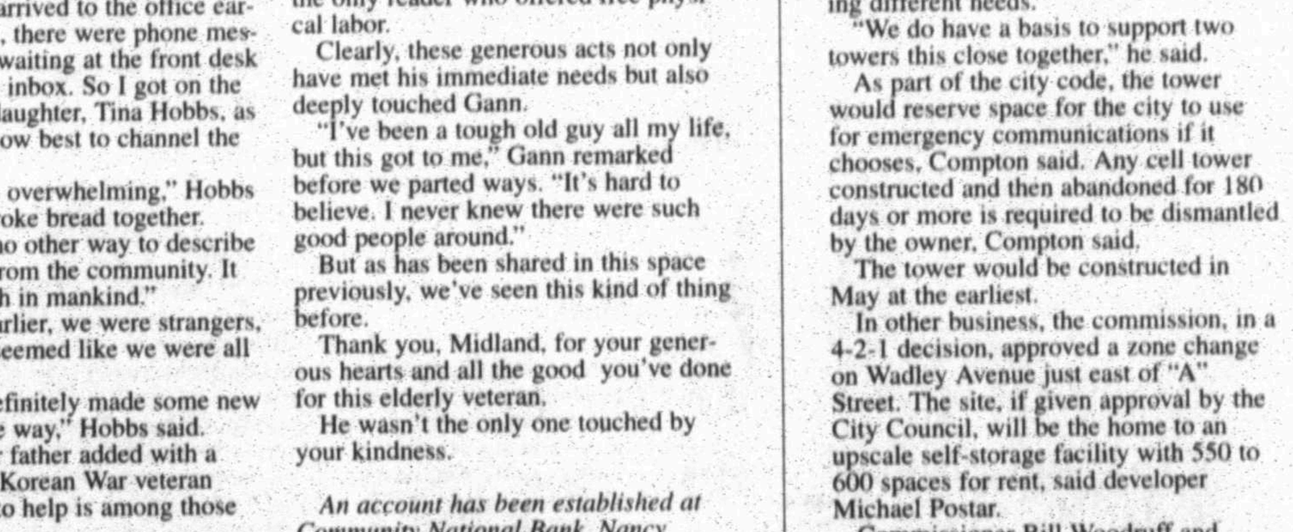

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Planned Parenthood protested

Anti-abortion activists protest outside Planned Parenthood of Midland. Demonstrators gathered nationwide Monday in part to raise awareness about underage sex trafficking.

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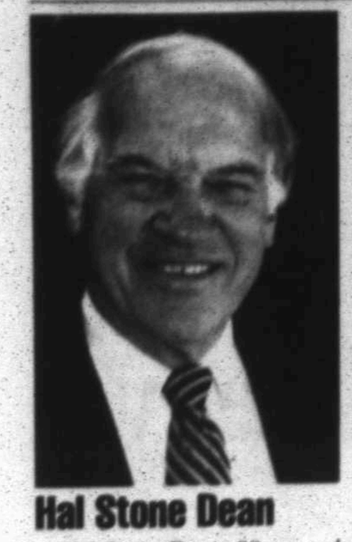

Hal Stone Dean

Hal Stone Dean, 88, passed away Saturday, February 12, 2011.

Hal was born October 30, 1922 to Forest William Dean and Vernon Stone Dean in Wooster, Ohio. He attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade. At the age of 15, Hal earned his Eagle Scout badge. He attended Wooster High School and was co-captain of the football team, which went undefeated. After graduating from Wooster High School in 1940, Hal enrolled at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, earning a B.S. degree (1947) in Geology. He made many lifelong friends as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. While at Ohio State, Hal played football for the Buckeyes under Hall of Fame coach Paul Brown. Starting every game at left guard, Hal was a member of the Ohio State 1942 team that won the Big 10 and the NCAA National Championship football titles.

Hal was a member of the Advanced ROTC at Ohio State, and in December 1942, he was ordered to Ft. Hayes in Columbus, Ohio for active duty. He attended Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, receiving his Paratroop Wings. In August 1944, Hal was assigned to the 541st Parachute Regiment at Camp Mackall, North Carolina. Initially, he was ordered to Ft. Meade, Maryland to depart for the European Theater but after Allied victories, he was sent to Ft. Ord, California to depart for the Pacific Theater. He arrived in the city of Manila, Philippines, shortly after the Japanese had been defeated, working patrol duty and searching for Japanese hideouts. He joined the 187th Regiment, 11th Airborne Division and began intensive airborne training in preparation for the invasion of the mainland of Japan at Lipa in the Luzon. In August 1945, following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Hal's regiment was immediately airlifted to Okinawa to prepare to invade the Japanese at Atsugi Airfield, Tokyo, Japan and was among the first troops to land on the Japanese homeland. Hal was captain of the 11th Airborne football team that won the All-Pacific title. In May 1946, Hal returned to the United States and was discharged from the military as company commander and captain 1st Battalion, 187th Glider Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division. He earned two bronze stars for his military service.

Hal had an outstanding football season when he returned to the Ohio State campus in 1946 and was voted to the All-Big Ten team. He was mentioned on several All-American selections and played in the East-West Shrine game. Hal was inducted into Sphinx, a senior honorary at Ohio State, and in June 1947, Hal married his high school sweetheart Estella Graber. They moved from Ohio to Los Angeles after Hal was drafted in the 1947 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams. He played for the Rams during the 1947, 1948 and 1949 seasons, and was a member of the NFL Western Division Championship team. Hal played in the 1949 NFL Championship Game, predecessor to the modern Super Bowl. During the off-season, he attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, California to pursue his M.S. degree (1950) in Geology. After graduation, he and Stella moved to San Antonio, Texas for his first oil geology position with Magnolia Petroleum Corp. Five years later, he joined Pauley Petroleum, owned by Ed Pauley, part-owner of the Los Angeles Rams.

In 1960, Hal moved his family to Midland and opened an office for El Paso Natural Gas. He also worked in Midland as district manager for Apache Corporation and Union Texas Petroleum. He eventually became an independent explorer in partnership with Bill Moss and J. Howard Marshall, forming the Petroleum Corporation, which explored for oil and gas in West Texas and New Mexico. He continued working as an independent geologist until his death.

In 1970, Hal had the honor of inducting his former Los Angeles Rams teammate, Tom Fears, into the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Hal and Stella later moved to Rancho Santa Fe, California. After Stella's death in 1987, Hal married Nancy Bartling. He eventually returned to Midland to be closer to his family and friends. Hal enjoyed watching football games, especially Ohio State, and proudly wore his National Championship ring. He also enjoyed ranching in Terrell County, Texas. His friends and family will always remember his laughter and stories. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and will be missed dearly every single day.

Hal was a member of the AAPG, NFL Alumni, Varsity "O" Alumni, and an Emeritus Board Member of the Petroleum Investment Committee of Stanford University. He also established a fellowship in his name at Stanford University. Hal was a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. He was inducted into the Wayne County, Ohio Sports Hall of Fame in June 1978 and enshrined in the Wooster High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

Hal is survived by his children, Hal "Rocky" Dean Jr of Midland, Ann Creamer and her husband Don of Midland, Amy Robnett and her husband Steve of Midland, and Nancy Dean of Midland; his brothers, Forest "Bill" Dean Jr. and his wife Vi of Wooster, Ohio and Dr. Donald Dean and his wife Mary Jane of Santa Rosa, California; his grandchildren, Alyson Creamer McLane and her husband Matt of Midland, Shannon Creamer of New York, New York, Courtney Robnett Goodwin and her husband John of Midland, Claire Robnett of Midland, and Spencer Robnett of Midland; and his great-grandchildren, Sloan Goodwin and Connor Goodwin of Midland.

Memorial services are scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 West Texas Avenue. Honorary pallbearers are: Robin Brown, Charles Dean, Phil Drake, Jim Geitgey, Steve Hartman, Jeff Johnson, Richard Link, Bill Marshall, Richard Masterson, Buzz Mills, and Bill Moss. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

lieu of flowers, memorial may be directed to the In Touch Ministries at First Presbyterian Church, 800 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701; OARDC Secrest Arboretum "Growing for You" Fund, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, Ohio 44691; or The Tressel Family Fund for Cancer Prevention Research, The James Development Office, P.O. Box 183112, Columbus, Ohio 43218.

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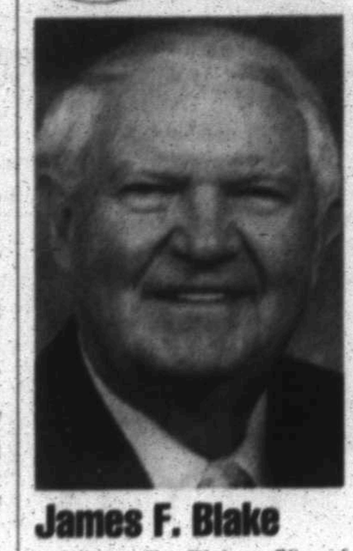

James F. Blake

James F. Blake, 78, of Midland passed away peacefully at home on February 12, 2011. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, with Scott Sheppard officiating.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home from 7:00-9:00 pm

James was born on December 21, 1932 in Brownwood, Texas. He attended Brownwood High School, where he starred on the football and basketball teams. He went on to play college basketball at Daniel Baker College. In 1952 he joined the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Korean War. He received an Honorable Discharged from the military in 1955 and returned to Howard Payne University to complete his Master's degree in Education in 1957. He also received degrees and certifications from Texas Tech University and Sul Ross University.

On May 9, 1954, he married his best friend, Patsy Blake of Blanket, Texas. They celebrated 56 years of marriage this past year. Following his graduation from college, James began a 45-year career in public education. He spent over 35 years as a Coach, Teacher and Superintendent in the Forsan, Sands, Seminole and New Home school districts. James and Pat moved to Midland to retire in 1992; however, after a two week "retirement" James was hired by Midland Christian, where he coached another 10 years. Through the years his teams won and played in multiple state championships in football, basketball, track, golf and volleyball.

James dedicated his life to honoring his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Fairmont Park Church of Christ, where he had served as an Elder and Bible class teacher. James also served as an Elder at Churches in New Home and Ackerly, as well as a Deacon with the Church in Seminole.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Blake of Midland, son Scott Blake and wife Sara of Magnolia, TX; daughter Mitzi Maynard and husband Mark of Midland; grandsons, Jordan Blake and wife Ashley of Plano and Joel Blake and wife Kendra of The Woodlands; two granddaughters, McKenzi and Megan Maynard of Midland.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur Blake and his parents, Vance and Cora Blake.

The family requests memorials be directed to the building fund at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707 or Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver DR, Midland, TX 79705.

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

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Death Notices

Elva Graves

Elva Pauline Graves, 86, of Denton, died on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Services will 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Coleman Cemetery, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Survived by children, Barbara Stone (David), Billy Graves (Antonia), Johnny Graves (Donna), Arthur Graves (Mary); 5 sisters, 2 brothers, 20 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Harold Ervin, Sr

Harold Ervin Sr., 84, of Midland, died on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Service will be at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Survived by daughter, Deborah Ervin-Longo; sons, Duane Ervin, Harold Ervin, Jr. (Tobi); 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

James Rogers

James Madison Rogers, 77, died on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Survived by wife, Barbara Rogers; daughters, Debbie Rogers, Tammy Rogers; brother, W.A. Rogers.

Jerry Joplin

Jerry Edgar "Jop" Joplin of Odessa, 77, died on Thursday, Feb. 10, in Odessa.

Services will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Survived by wife, Charlie Joplin; son, Jerry Joplin; daughters, Janyce Short, Cymantha McCracken; sisters, Barbra LaBaron, Debbie Joplin; six grandchildren.

Peggy Thompson

Peggy Elaine Thompson, 54, of Midland, died on Friday, Feb. 11.

Services today at 1:00 p.m. at West Kentucky Baptist Church. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Survived by husband Robert Thompson; daughter Sherry Baze (Bret); son, Greg Chambers; 5 grandchildren; sister, Angela James (Pat); brother, Jimmy (Jay) Mathis; step-father Donald (Corky) Ritter; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Officials: MHMR funding cut would put strain on jail, judicial system

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

If Mental Health and Mental Retardation services are cut as proposed at the state level, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said the result will be a higher crime rate and fewer open beds at the Detention Center.

Texas already ranks 49th in its spending on mental health care. Painter said with reductions that have been proposed, the 40,000 to 45,000 individuals already in the Department of Corrections system with mental health issues would decrease as would the number of those being treated in other programs. When those people have no where else to go, they typically end up in county jails, Painter said.

"If they reduce the MHMR population, we will see increases in the jail, in medical costs to us and the hospital district," said Painter, speaking Monday during the County Commissioners' Court. "I think the crime rate will increase."

In their preliminary budget bills, the Senate and House propose cutting the reimbursement rate for Health and Human Services by 10 percent on top of cuts that already have been assessed. Agencies also will be short the money they would been allotted from stimulus dollars during the present biennium.

At the Permian Basin Community Centers, Executive Director Larry Carroll said they would lose about $2.6 million if the proposed bills were passed. State funding in previous years has accounted for about $6.4 million of the organization's roughly $18.5 million budget. Medicaid reimbursement decreases also would affect the center.

"If this funding is eliminated, there will be more people going to the emergency rooms, more people having issues that will be affecting them in school, jobs, families," Carroll said. "We just kind of want to keep that front and center."

Crisis and transitional mental health services from the center help identify individuals who can benefit from emergency assistance and referrals rather than placement in a hospital or jail. With less of that taking place, Painter said more individuals will end up in jail or at the hospital where they often receive medical treatment at the cost of the taxpayer.

Already about 30 percent of the jail population is dealing with a mental health issue for which they're being treated, Painter said. "Our costs will be increased."

With fewer treatment options, District Attorney Teresa Clingman said many with mental health issues will be handled through the penal system. When suspects dealing with mental health issues commit an offense, Clingman said their issues are more likely to be at the root of their behavior than a true criminal intent that another suspect might have. However, she said, if there aren't other places in the system to catch those individuals, then they'll have to be dealt with in court like anyone else.

Carroll, who is in Austin today for Midland-Odessa Legislative Day, said at this point the organization doesn't plan to cut any programs, but it likely will see a reduction in budget for each of its outreaches.

"I'm hopeful it won't be as bad as it appears. The state economy is getting better, so we're hopeful that the cuts won't be this severe," he said. "We're all trying to conserve resources ... preparing ourselves to have less in September."

In other business, commissioners:

■ Authorized a one-year renewal of the contract with Carl R. Griffith & Associates Inc. to continue consulting services at the Midland County Jail through the end of construction. Commissioners also made a final authorization for the firm to assess the Culver Juvenile Justice Center at a fee not to exceed $40,000. Consulting work there already has begun and a second visit will take place next week, County Judge Mike Bradford said.

■ Authorized District Attorney Teresa Clingman to sign an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety for asset forfeitures. A change in the agreement will mean the DA's office can retain funds of less than $5,000. The previous limit was $2,000.

■ Agreed to amend the Midland County Investment policy to allow for investing in CDs at credit unions. The change will allow the county to take advantage of low interest rates, said County Treasurer Mitzi Wohleking.

■ Accepted bids on two properties held in trust by the county. The sale will get the properties back on the tax roll, officials said. One was sold for $900 after being valued at $1,410 and another for $500. It was valued at $810.

■ Authorized the replacement of routers that have been with the county since 2001.

■ Received an annual donation from the Rachel Lyman Trust of $2,992 for the Midland County Library. The library also received just more than $100 in donations during the past month and donations of 166 books, 48 DVDs, four audio books and 11 CDs.

■ Passed a resolution in support of House Joint Resolution 56, a bill that would ban the state from passing down unfunded mandates to counties and other local governments.

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cemetery. Presently, the cemetery is open only for indigent burial to veterans and to those who already own plots within the site off "A" Street. The county does not sell plots.

"We're not talking about reopening Fairgrounds to the public," Bradford said. "It's part of a possible solution to indigent burials."

Tim Harris, facilities director for the county, said the pavilion would be about three times the size of the tent the county presently sets up for graveside services and would hold 50 to 100 people. Because of the sliding doors, the facility also would allow individuals standing outside to hear the service, Sapp said.

Sapp said similar facilities already exist in surrounding counties. In addition to helping alleviate the space issues, he said the pavilion gives families a place to hold services in inclement weather without having to battle the elements.

Bradford said a central place for services also would help keep individuals from walking over other graves to get to a funeral proceeding. Traditional graveside services with a tent would still be available if requested, Sapp said.

The estimated price for the facility will be determined through the request for proposal process, Sapp said.

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Neighbors from the Lafayette Place Townhomes opposed the request saying it will increase traffic and decrease their property values.

"It's all offices," said Gary Pumroy, explaining why the storage units don't match the intended use of the property. "I think it's unfair what they're doing."

Postar said he understands nobody wants their properties devalued but that they're planning to build a nice facility that will not fit the run-down-storage-unit stereotype many have. He said the property will add to the tax rolls not decrease values.

Having already built a facility on Thomason Drive and several in other towns, Postar said he is willing to work with the neighbors.

The storage facility would consist of one-story buildings surrounded by a solid block fence. Entrance would be allowed only from Wadley Avenue and all lighting would be placed inside the complex, Postar said.

A specific use permit for alcohol for a Mexican restaurant intended for Big Spring Street and West Parker Avenue was approved unanimously. Planned for the former location of La Frontera and the Red Rooster, the restaurant will be called Dos Margaritas if given the nod from the City Council. The restaurant will be run by the Hernandez family and is the 11th they've opened, with others existing in Lubbock, Minnesota and Iowa.

A request for a specific use permit by Jesus Alcocer for a facility on South Terrell Street and East Missouri Avenue was denied on a 4-3 vote. Alcocer intended the facility to be open for rental for events such as wedding receptions and quinceaneras. One neighbor said the facility already has hosted parties that have been loud and left beer bottles littered in the area. Applicants said they plan to oppose the decision to the City Council.

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UTILITY

From 1B

residents, including some who've been dealing with chromium contamination for nearly two years. Providing a water source would spur growth, provide a healthy environment for residents and increase property values, he said.

City officials, not in disagreement with his points, said they simply wanted to be sure the city's interests are protected. After their meeting Monday, both Trost and Hailey said they've been assured the city's requests will be included in the bills.

Craddick said he wanted to ensure the city and the water district representatives were working together before putting together a bill.

"If one group is against another it doesn't show (well) for our area," Craddick said. "I just think it's real positive for us to all be together."

Among its list of items the city asked be included in the bill, Trost said they wanted to be sure the city maintained its ability to annex without having to take in the whole district. Typically, when a water district is formed, a municipality can annex all of it or none of it.

Hailey and Trost said Craddick, Seliger and attorneys for the water district agreed the bill could contain a provision that will allow the city to annex parts of the district if the city chooses to grow.

The city also will not assume any of the district's debt at any time. The water district, in turn, is not allowed to assert eminent domain power when it comes to city limits, it can't contest any future annexation proceedings by the city and it can't provide water services inside the city limits as it's drawn when the legislation is drafted, according to a memorandum provided by the city attorney's office.

"They agreed to everything," said Trost, adding the city doesn't have immediate plans to annex but wants to keep its options open, particularly when it comes to the area east of Midland.

Hailey said the addition of water could help encourage growth in southeast Midland, which she's long been in favor of. She said they just wanted to be sure the city was able to be a part of the conversation as the district works to become a reality.

"I'm really hoping that it spurs development of that particular area and that we can begin to see it blossom like Northwest Midland," she said.

"I want to thank Rep. Craddick and Sen. Seliger for assisting the city of Midland legislatively."

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HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★ "I Love You, Beth Cooper"			"The Sunset Limited" (2011)			REAL Sports Gumbel		Big Love		R. Gervais	Funny, Die
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Big Love		"Percy Jackson & the Olympians"				Real Time/Bill Maher		★★ "Clash of the Titans" (2010)			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★★ "Crazy Heart" (2009) Jeff Bridges.				★★ "Indecent Proposal" (1993) Robert Redford.				★★ "Pirate Radio" (2009) Bill Nighy			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Blind Side	★★★ "Public Enemies" (2009) Johnny Depp. 'R'					★ "Our Family Wedding" (2010)			Life on Top	"Alien Sex Files"	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller.				★★ "It's Complicated" (2009) Meryl Streep.				Co-Ed-4	(:35) ★★ "Domino" (2005)		
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ "Blue Sky" (1994) Jessica Lange.				★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989) Sally Field.				★★★ "Nothing in Common" (1986) Tom Hanks.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:45) "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"			★★ "Youth in Revolt" (2009) 'R'			Californ.	Episodes	Shameless "Killer Carl"		Episodes	Soul Men
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) "Bottle Shock"		★★★ "Elegy" (2008) Penélope Cruz. 'R'				★ "Push" (2009) Chris Evans. 'PG-13'				"D.O.A. Dead"	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 Gunned down in front of family.		The First 48 Investigation on Easter Sunday.		The First 48 Stabbing death in Louisville.		The First 48 The creator of a dance is killed.		The First 48 The mother of Derrick Burrus.		(:01) The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) "The Brave One"		★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins.						★★★ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994).			
BET	58	26		40		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		★★ "The Longshots" (2008) Ice Cube.				The Game	Together	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
BRAV	65	63		41		Housewives/OC		Housewives/Atl.		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Happens	Real Housewives		Happens
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		CNBC Reports		Executive Vision		60 Minutes on CNBC		Mad Money		Fast Money	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Pitchmen (N)		Gold Rush: Alaska		Dirty Jobs (N)		Auction	Sons	Gold Rush: Alaska		Dirty Jobs	
DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	Wizards	★★★★ "WALL-E" (2008) 'G'			Fish Hooks	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Wizards	Hannah	Hannah
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball Mississippi State at Kentucky.				College Basketball Michigan State at Ohio State.				SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	College Basketball Texas Tech at Missouri. (Live)				NBA Coast to Coast (Live)				Boston	Boston	SportsNation	
FAM	53	54	34	42	33	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Challenge		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped Pasta dishes.		Private Chefs		Cupcake Wars	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Motorhead Garage TV	Spotlight	Stars Insider (N)	Stars Live (Live)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers. From Rexall Place in Edmonton, Alberta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)					Stars Live (Live)	World Poker Tour: Season 9 (Part 1 of 2)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Two Men	★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008) Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan.					Lights Out (N)		Lights Out		Justified	
HALL	54	49	58		34	Dance On Ice		Little House on Prairie		"The Long Shot" (2004, Drama) Julie Benz.				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	First Place	First Place	Selling NY	Estate	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Selling NY	Estate
HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Top Shot		Larry the Cable Guy		Larry the Cable Guy		Top Shot (N)		Shootout!		Larry the Cable Guy	
LIFE	28	25	25	28	48	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Reba	Reba	Seriously Funny Kids	Seriously Funny Kids	One Born Every Minute (N)		How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Frasier	Frasier
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show		The Ed Show (N)		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	3 Sheets	MANswers	MANswers	Ultimate Fight Night	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Next		Requiem	Requiem	Gurren	Gurren
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office "Diwali"	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Conan		Lopez Tonight Diane Kruger, Justin Bieber	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	"Hannah-Sisters"		★★★ "My Man Godfrey" (1936) William Powell.				★★★ "Cimarron" (1931) Richard Dix.				"Lilies of the Field"	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (SS)		Herederos-Monte		Alguien te Mira (SS)		Noticiero	Decisiones (SS)		Decisiones
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids-Count	19 Kids-Count	What Not to Wear "Amanda"		What Not to Wear "Azi" (N)		Fabulous Cakes Las Vegas. (N)		What Not to Wear "Amanda"		What Not to Wear "Azi"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones A lonely teenager is murdered.		★★ "Four Brothers" (2005, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin.				Southland Lydia is suspended from duty. (N)		Memphis Beat Dwight discovers a secret.		Southland Lydia is suspended from duty.	
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Retired at	Cleveland	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Flight"		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Closing Night. The closing night of the annual event, from Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live)						Royal Pains Hank saves a park ranger.		Fairly Legal A cooking show star.	
VS.	38	39				Whacked	NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Montreal Canadiens. (Live)					Hockey	Sports	NHL Overtime (Live)		Boxing	
WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams, possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams:
Jason Bail Barrera, 29, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 3000 block of West Loop 250 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and two charges of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon:
Edgar Enrique Flores, 33, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies in the 9900 block of West County Road 50 on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Burglary of a habitation, failure to appear bail jumping:
Arandal Derrick Goodley Jr., 18, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 700 block of South Lincoln Street on a charge of burglary of a habitation and three charges of failure to appear bail jumping.

Prohibited substance in a correctional facility:
Jacqueline Ann Osborne, 52, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 700 block of South Lincoln Street on a charge of prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Driving while intoxicated:
Timothy Junior Rogers, 57, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police in the 2300 block of Camp Drive on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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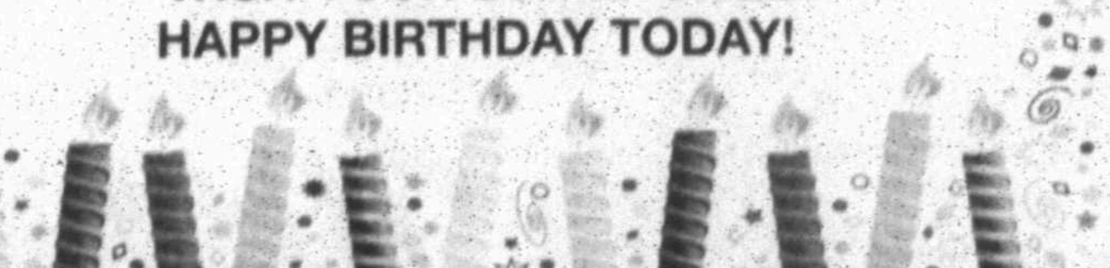

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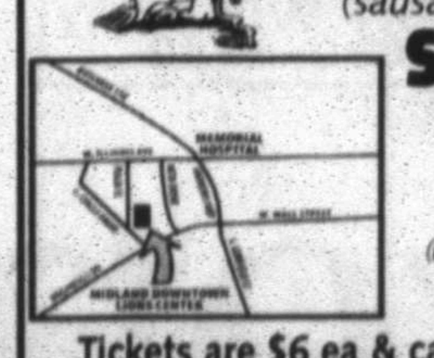

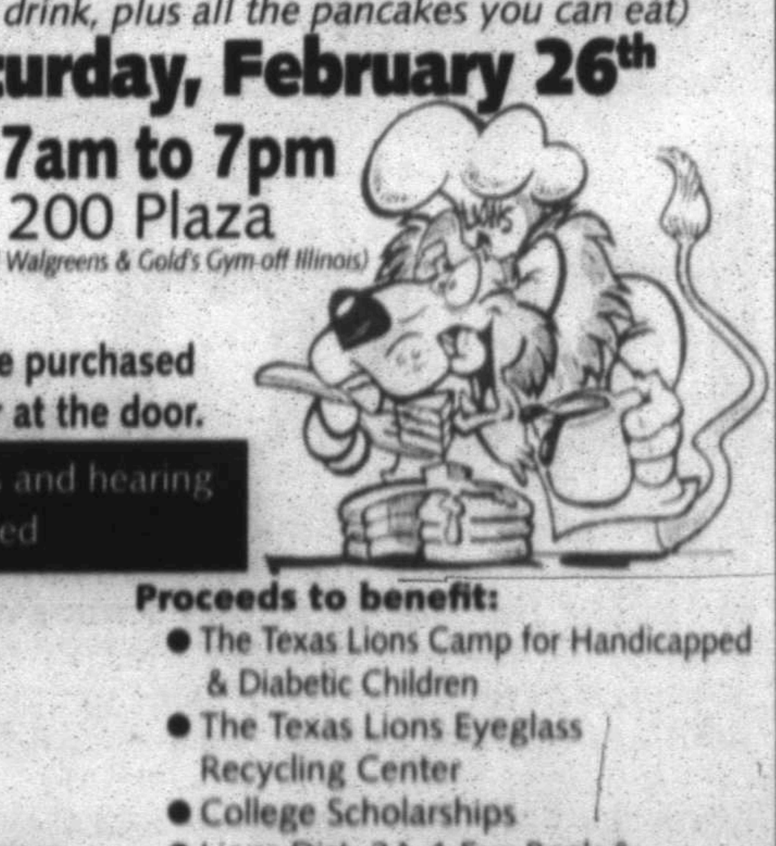
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Ex-inmate: He denied abuse because of fear

By Besty Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A former inmate at a now-shuttered Texas juvenile prison testified Monday that he initially denied being sexually abused by the principal of the prison's school because he was afraid of retaliation.

The 26-year-old man testified that former Texas Youth Commission school principal John Paul Hernandez molested him about 18 times but that he had been afraid to acknowledge the alleged attacks when questioned by another former administrator, who was later convicted of sexually abusing others at the West Texas State School in Pyote.

"I was scared. I was nervous," the young man testified. "I didn't want anything to come back on me. I wanted to get out."

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify the alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Hernandez, 45, has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts, including one sexual assault charge. His attorney, Albert G. Valadez, has said inmates made up the allegations so they would be released from the facility, which closed last summer.

Prosecutors say Hernandez and former assistant superintendent Ray Brookins gave inmates special treatment before sexually abusing them.

2nd man involved in woman's torture-slaying to die

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — When shots from a pellet gun and arrows fired from a crossbow didn't kill their intended victim and provide the adrenaline rush they desired, Michael Wayne Hall and Robert Neville switched to a .22-caliber rifle.

"Target practice," they bragged to reporters after they were arrested two weeks later for the torture-slaying of Amy Robinson, a 19-year-old mentally challenged woman they knew.

Hall, 31, was set to be executed Tuesday exactly 13 years to the day since Robinson was abducted as she rode her bike to work at an Arlington supermarket. He would be the first convicted killer executed this year in Texas. Neville was put to death five years ago.

Lawyers for Hall argued that he was mentally impaired and ineligible for lethal injection under a U.S. Supreme Court mandate barring capital punishment for those with an IQ under 70, but courts rejected the appeals. A new appeal, focusing again on what attorneys said was Hall's mental impairment, was turned down Monday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Last week, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected a clemency request.

Hall was 18 when the slaying occurred and a ninth-grade dropout. Neville, 23, had been on parole for about eight months after serving two years of a 10-year sentence for burglary. Both had been fired from jobs at the Kroger store where Robinson worked.

Evidence at their trials showed they decided to kill someone and targeted Robinson. She had the genetic disorder Turner's syndrome, a rare chromosome condition found only in women and characterized by short stature and lack of sexual development at puberty.

"She was suffering anyway," Hall told investigators. "So I guess we just gave her a back door."

Prosecutors described Robinson as mentally challenged, sweet natured, trusting and "easy prey," which is how Neville and Hall characterized their victim. They told reporters following their arrests how they laughed as Robinson pleaded for her life.

Hall declined interview requests as his scheduled execution neared.

Two weeks after their arrests, Neville told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he and Hall wanted to become serial killers whose victims were racial minorities.

"We had a bet going to see who could shoot and kill the most people between the two of us," Neville said. "No matter if it was blacks or Mexicans ... Anybody as long as they weren't our color."

Robinson was part Native American. The day she was killed, the pair went to the Kroger store, learned Robinson was due in shortly, then went to find her along the bike route they knew she always took from home. Offered a ride the rest of the way to work, she went with them.

Instead, the evidence showed that they drove her about 12 miles to a remote area of Tarrant County where Neville shot at her repeatedly with a crossbow but missed. Hall shot her in the leg with the pellet gun and Neville shot her in the chest with the rifle. Hall added several more pellet gun shots to her chest before Neville shot her in the head because Hall worried someone would hear the loud noises their victim was making.

"Michael Hall, he had a ... pellet gun, and he started popping pellets into her chest and face and stuff like that," Neville told a Texas Ranger. "My first two shots rang out — one hit her in the chest and the other hit her in the head. Then he — Michael — picked up his rifle and fired another set of shots into her.

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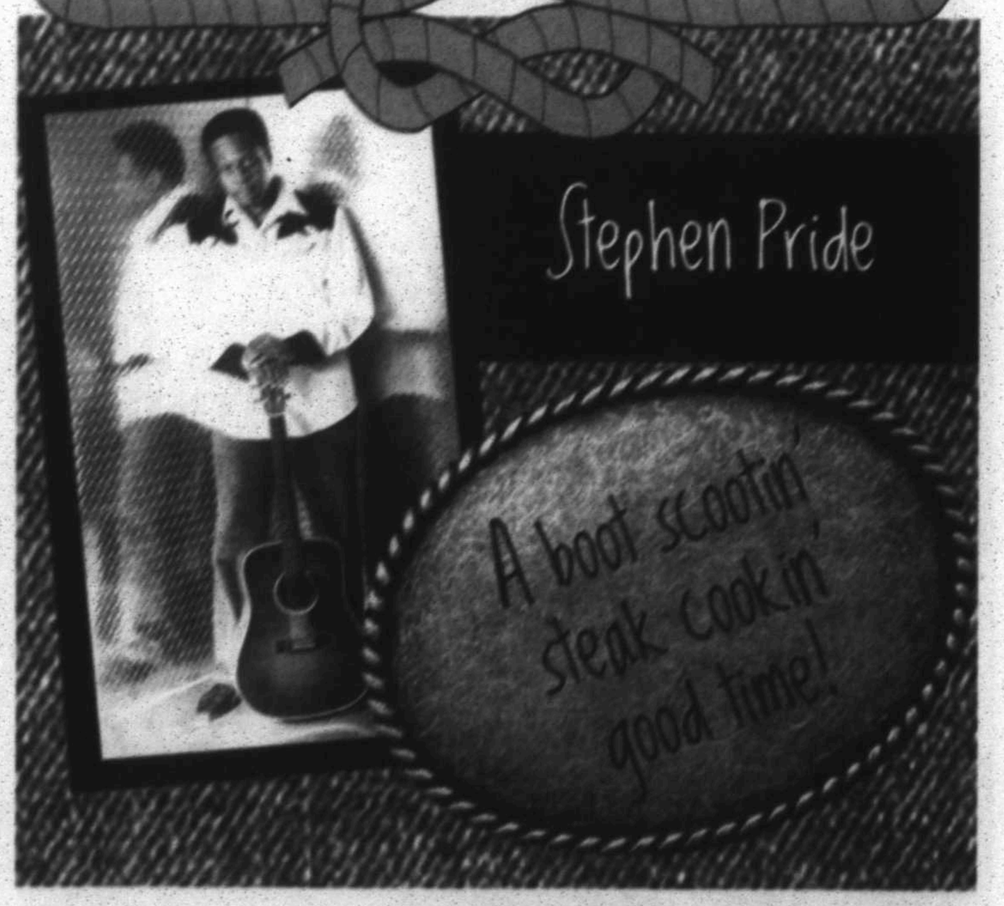

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WEDNESDAY — Mostly sunny — high 84 low 45

THURSDAY — Mostly sunny — high 83 low 44

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 81 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 38 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 84, a low around 45 and southwest winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 83 and a low around 44.

The high on Monday reached 69 while the low dropped to 30. The record high for Feb. 14 is 86 set in 1979. The record low is 15 set in 1951.

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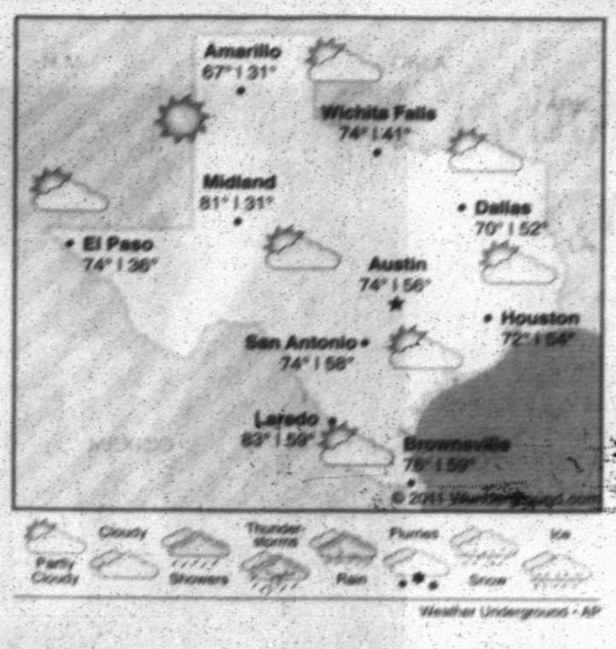
Much of the East will remain dry today because of two areas of high pressure. One center will move into western Pennsylvania, while the other lies over the Four Corners region. Scattered flurries will depart northern New England.

While the wind is expected to ease over the Midwest, much of the day will be blustery in New England.

The warming trend will continue with ample sunshine in most areas of the Plains, the Southwest and the Southeast.



Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.05 in.
Total for year	0.07 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.83 in.

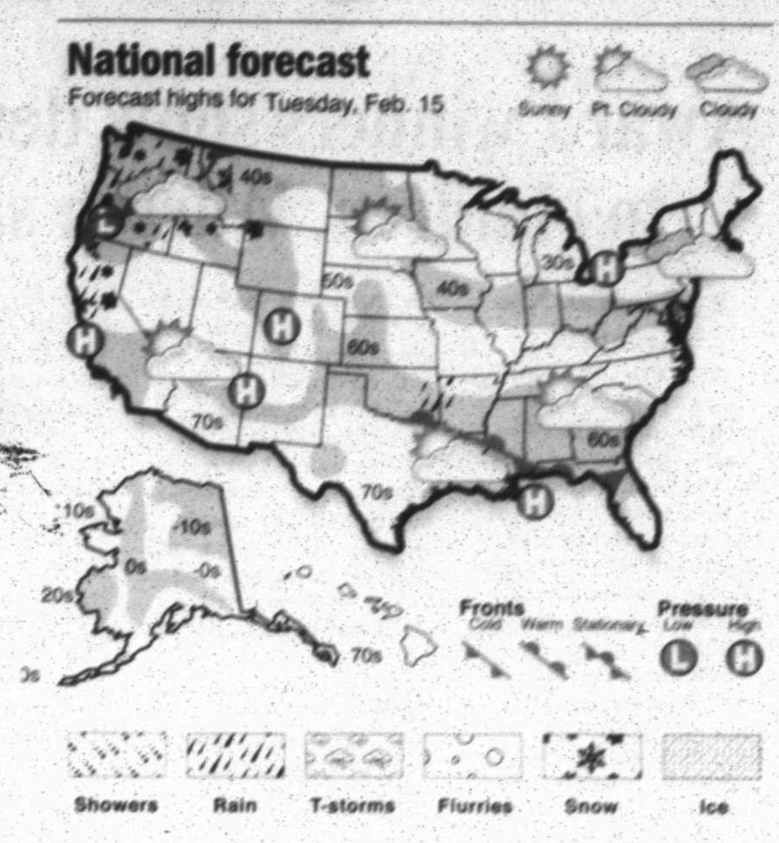
Monday's temperatures

High	69
Low	30
Normal high	63
Normal low	34

Sunrise ... 7:31 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:35 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 15



Obesity is health issue best approached with tact

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: Allow me to respond to the column about obesity in the United States (Dec. 27). Why has obesity in the U.S. become the "elephant in the room," off-limits to discuss? Obesity is a serious health problem and should be talked about. Obese people need to understand the potential dangers of their condition, just as smokers do.

I was berated by my family, friends and the media for being a smoker. Did I disown them all? No, I sucked it up and quit. Overweight people should take control of their lives, and people like you, Abby, should stop coddling them! — PETER IN BEND, ORE.

DEAR PETER: Ouch! Many readers also felt I should eat my words — including health care professionals. Read on for more insights:

DEAR ABBY: As a public health nutritionist, I would like to bring another perspective to "Brother Black Sheep," whose sister banned him from family events because he mentioned the obesity epidemic. Because obesity has far- reaching implications for our children, our future and our economy, it is well worth talking about.

Declaring the topic off-limits won't make it go away. Researchers at Stanford University have found that more than 40 percent of parents of obese children described them as "about the right weight." Another study showed that only 30 percent of pediatricians addressed weight issues with their patients. Those who did were more likely to see positive changes in their patients' nutrition and activity habits.

Tact is, of course, important, and it appears "Brother" could use some help in that department. Acknowledging the difficulty of maintaining a healthy weight when we are surrounded by hyper-palatable foods and live in an environment that discourages activity is a good conversation starter. Using the phrase "high BMI" (Body Mass Index) is better received than the word "fat." Hopefully, families can learn to talk productively about how to support each other to eat right and stay active instead of banning the subject. — ANITA COURTNEY, M.S., R.D.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a fourth-year medical student, and you wouldn't believe the number of patients we see who don't believe they have a weight problem, or who think they're "slightly overweight" when they're actually morbidly obese. A main reason for weight gain is that most Americans have no concept of portion control and healthy eating habits.

Many people would prefer a magic pill instead of attempting difficult behavioral changes. While weight is obviously a sensitive topic for many individuals, and "Brother" was mistaken in assuming it would be acceptable dinnertime conversation, ignoring the topic is what got us into this epidemic in the first place.

I challenge "Brother" to introduce his relatives to the sensible habits he learned abroad — walking, healthier meals with smaller portions, and less fried, salted, sugary processed foods. Supportive family members are often far more effective than a doctor's lecture on the perils of obesity, and I wish him luck in his endeavors. — MED STUDENT WITH NO MAGIC PILL

DEAR READERS: If, after reading this, any of you are interested in a tried-and-true program for weight loss, Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step self-help group that started in 1960. It has been mentioned in this column many times. Its website is www.oa.org; the phone number is (505) 891-2664. There are more than 9,000 O.A. groups in the U.S. and internationally.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Have a Heart!

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 6 4
♡ Q 6
♢ A 10 4
♣ A 7 6 2

WEST
♠ J 9 7 5 2
♡ K
♢ J 7 6 5
♣ 5 4 3

EAST
♠ 10 3
♡ J 7 5 3
♢ K Q 9 8 3
♣ J 8

SOUTH
♠ Q 8
♡ A 10 9 8 4 2
♢ 2
♣ K Q 10 9

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♢
Pass	2♡	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♡
Pass	4♢	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Five of ♢

This deal is from the 2010 European Championship. The popular contract was six clubs, at most tables defeated by the bad heart split. At one or two tables, where declarer took repeat heart finesses, the slam came home. At one table, where Norway's Geir Helgemo declared, he found a far superior line.

South's two diamonds after his partner opened one no-trump was a transfer to hearts. Over South's three-club rebid, North drove to slam via a series of cue-bids.

After the lead of the five of diamonds, at most tables declarer won the ace and drew trumps, ending in dummy. The queen of hearts was run to the king, declarer ruffed the diamond return and cashed the ace of hearts. When West showed out declarer could make no more than 11 tricks.

Helgemo found a line which would lose only if East held K J x x (x) of hearts and did not cover. He too drew trumps, ending in dummy, and led the queen of hearts but when East did not cover, he rose with the ace, and great was the fall thereon. He simply conceded a heart trick and claimed the slam.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011:

This year, you will be juggling many responsibilities with your ability to be extremely innovative. The question might be where it would be most effective to streamline the process. Explore creative options. Those at a distance don't seem to be as receptive or as caring as in the past. If you are single, you could meet a fun playmate to share with in the spring. If you are attached, the two of you do a lot more sharing and bond even more strongly. A CANCER in your daily life adds to the quality of your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Stay centered. Your time will come. Calming down a volatile situation might be a problem. Perhaps letting it go might be best. Through observing, an unexpected insight becomes plausible. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Others might be in a unique position of facilitating one of your long-wished-for goals. You will gain a perspective about others as a result of what occurs. Know when to say "enough" or to delegate. You cannot be everything to all people. Tonight: Visit with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might not appreciate being on a budget, yet you might not be able to do otherwise. Your sense of direction comes into play, as well as long-term goals. An unexpected offer or opportunity could color your perspective. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your smile goes a long way toward making you a winner. Evaluate and consider your options with more depth. Unexpected avenues will open up if you are willing to let go of your comfort level mentally. Look at your rigidity about issues. Perhaps that locked thinking is really about protection. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Know when not to get involved. Someone you count on reveals unusual unpredictability. Decide to trust his or her judgment and sit on the sideline in order to see what comes up. Fatigue could mark your decisions. Buy time rather than act. Tonight: Much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A meeting clears the air. The spirit of cooperation is renewed. Still, you find others to be full of surprises. Honor each person's uniqueness. A great idea floats in from out of left field. Knowing your limits is key. Tonight: Only where there are crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A must appearance is clearly the only way to go. Investigate a new technique or technology. You don't need to understand what is motivating someone; simply decide if you can deal with his or her energy. Negativity needs to be curbed, in either case. Tonight: Forget obligations. Be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Follow through on a lead. Think about what is presented. An unusual idea comes forward that at first you might need to rethink. Be careful if you feel that you are heading in the wrong direction. Tonight: Follow an emotional suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Work with individuals, knowing full well what is happening and your choices. A meeting could be difficult, creating an underlying sense of tension. Postpone dealing with a private matter until you have the time to process and really think it through. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Keep talking and sharing. People in general might command a lot of attention. You know how far you are willing to go. Reveal more of your thoughts, yet be willing to deal with different ideas as well. A boss could be difficult. Tonight: Go with another's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Remain easygoing, but don't allow your finances to get involved with a choice of direction. You might wonder what is the best way to handle someone who feels that he or she has more say-so in your life than you would like. Perhaps an honest chat is needed. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity keeps bubbling up. The real decision is which idea you want to follow through on. You could jolt not only others but also yourself with the decisions you make. Remain easygoing. Tonight: Lighten up.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Chris Farley (1964), actress Jane Seymour (1951), actor John Barrymore (1882)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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15 Like some vaccines
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17 Diamond team
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26 Overcharge, in slang
30 Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
31 Point a finger at
33 Satisfied sound
36 Drink away, as sorrows
39 Largest of the Philippines
40 Stick to formalities
43 Reef material
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45 Place for buoys and gulls
46 Gibson of tennis
48 Let us know, in an invite
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58 It has banks and a mouth
59 Penultimate, and where you might see the first words of 18-, 23-, 40- and 51-Across
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4 Ready-made home
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8 __ Island, former immigration center
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11 Guided
12 Big Band __
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19 It may be half-baked
21 Wrap, as an infant
24 Saver of the day
25 Maine college town
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29 Land of Obama's father
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53 Anti-racism gp. since 1909
54 Classic Procter & Gamble soap brand
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62 Jilted lover's need, briefly
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education

Award winners show devotion to children, Warren says

By Rebekah Nix Granbery
MRT Correspondent

Three Midlanders — Trudie Thomason, Linda Hancock and Virginia Conner — were among 13 educators honored earlier this month with statewide awards from the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

"I don't think TCTA could have picked any three educators who have done more for children," said Midland Independent School District Superintendent Ryder Warren. "Our three honorees have proven time and time again during their careers their love and devotion for the children of Midland. It is an honor to be working with them."

Thomason, principal of Bowie Fine Arts Academy, received the administrator of the year award in the elementary school category. She has worked in public education for more than 25 years and served in administrative posts for the past 18 years.

She received the award based on her leadership skills, relationship with teachers, commitment to site-based decision-making, support of teacher participation in professional activities and interaction with community leaders and district parents, according to the TCTA.

Thomason was hired at Bowie to lead the transition from traditional elementary school to fine arts magnet school. She said it took a lot of preparation and work, but the effort paid off.

"Bowie is a wonderland for children. We are always presenting something — piano recitals, dance recitals, plays. It's great fun."

Hancock, librarian at San Jacinto Junior High School, received the leader of the year award for her exceptional service and commitment to TCTA and her unique ability for leading local efforts. She has worked in public education for 35 years and has held virtually every office at the Midland CTA, the local TCTA affiliate. She has also served on several committees at the state level and was the statewide TCTA president in 2001-2002.

Whether she garners information locally or at TCTA events, Hancock said she is committed to providing important updates to her peers and to the TCTA.

"Since 1983, I've missed, at most, 15 school board meetings. I communicate what I learn at these meetings to everybody," she said.

Of her job as a librarian, Hancock said, "I like helping children discover what they like to read. Becoming readers makes them better test-takers and will help them in whatever they do in the future."

Conner received the retiree of the year award for her outstanding service to education, students, community, and the TCTA during her career. Conner was a bilingual/ESL teacher in MISD for more than 20 years before retiring from Abell Junior High School in 2009. She was a member of TCTA for 22 years and served in various leadership roles.

As a retiree, Conner remains active in two teacher sororities as well as the Midland chapter of Retired Teachers, and the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. She also participates in MISD events, such as last summer's recovery walk to visit at-risk students who had not enrolled in school by September.

A TCTA judge said, "this nominee continues to be involved in everything even though she is retired, and she enjoys giving her time to help others improve things."

Conner also was praised for being a strong role model for the Hispanic community.

"I was an advocate for the ESL students," she said. "I enjoyed helping them gain confidence and showing them how to network. I always looked for opportunities to promote the kids who were successful and doing well."

The TCTA is an association for Texas teaching professionals and serves 50,000 members. The awards were granted at a banquet before the group's annual convention in Austin. Twenty-one delegates represented Midland at the convention.

Members are first nominated at the local level. Each local affiliate can submit one candidate per award for statewide consideration. The nominees remain anonymous to the statewide committee until after the awards are decided.

The association grants 13 statewide awards annually. That three of those awards went to Midland educators "speaks very highly of the caliber of teachers who work for MISD," said Terrill Littlejohn, president of the Midland Classroom Teachers Association.

Warren said both he and his wife were members during their time in the classroom, and he has a lot of respect for the organization and its advocacy for teachers.

"The best thing about TCTA is our dues stay here in Texas. It's a Texas-only professional association, so all of it goes to support our members," Hancock said.

EDUCATORS Trudie Thomason, second from left, Virginia Conner and Linda Hancock, were honored at the Texas Classroom Teachers Association convention banquet Feb. 3 in Austin. With them is Midland Independent School District Superintencent Ryder Warren.

Making the Grade

Robb

Midland Christian School senior **William Robb** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Bennett and Sheree Robb.

He is a member of the cross country and track teams, Student Council and D-FY-IT. He is a Texas Scholar and football and track letterman.

He attends First Presbyterian Church and Teen CBS.

Robb plans to attend TCU and major in broadcast journalism.

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Logan

Midland High School senior **Nicole Logan** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Keith and Barbara Logan.

She is Student Council secretary, newspaper editor, Model Organization of American States team captain and a member of UIL journalism and spelling and vocabulary teams, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She is a Texas Scholar, academic letterman and People to People ambassador.

She is a member of First United Methodist Church and Young Life, volunteers for Safe Place, Midland Fair Havens and Breaking Bread Kitchen and is an Opportunity Camp counselor and a Symphony Belle.

Logan plans to attend University of Texas and major in business.

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Lee High School senior **Megan Downing** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Jerry Downing and Deanna Downing.

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She is a member of orchestra, National Honor Society and French Honor Society. She is an academic and orchestra letterman and has competed at state UIL solo/ensemble.

Downing plans to attend Sul Ross State University to study psychology and art.

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ABILENE— Nunmerous Midlanders have been named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at Hardin-Simmons University.

Named to the President's List are: **Kayla Bender, Kelly Craig, Christian Rankin, Joshua Roberson** and **Susan Strange.**

Named to the Dean's List are: **Wesley Dearen, Brianna Dory, Jordan Gengler, Kristin Gengler** and **Taylor Harrison.**

To be eligible for President's List, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA. To be eligible for Dean's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.75..

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DENTON — Four Midlanders were named to the President's List for the fall semester at University of North Texas: **Adriana M. Diaz, Hillary Julia Ellis, Laura Christine Pharr** and **Tyler Pace Snelson.**

To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0. GPA.

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Lee High School AVID students **Elizabeth Roman** and **Juan Porras** have been named Dell Scholar semi-finalists.

Finalists for the scholarship, which is presented by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, are to be announced in April, said Betty Newman, MISD executive director of student and scholar development.

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CANYON — Numerous Midlanders have been named to the honor rolls for the fall semester at West Texas A&M University.

Named to the President's List are: **Alexander M. Bowen, Blain Emerson Doggett, Amanda K. Jones, Peter Wayne Sunderland, Sarah J. Thomas** and **Kaitlyn R. Witte.**

Named to the Dean's List are: **Taryn E. Albin, Michelle E. Campbell, Remy Nicole Carmichael, Jordan D. Frazier, Stephen A. Galvan, Sarah J. Glenn, Breanna M. Munoz, Jovan L. Munoz, Mallarie A. Munoz, Reba M. Purvis, Robert A. Reyes, Aaron Wade Rhynes, Jennifer L. Spann, Haley E. Sparks** and **Sarah R. Whitley.**

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

Education in Brief

MISD Family Fair is planned for Saturday

The second MISD Family Fair is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday at the Greater Ideal Family Life Center, 301 S. Tyler St.

The family fair is an opportunity for Midland Independent School District parents and students to learn about the opportunities in the district and the community, said Dolores Cano, District Title I Parent Engagement Coordinator.

"Our goal here is to bridge that gap between home and school, and to show there's so much here for our district to support them. When parents plan for their children, they can be well-versed on what is offered."

The fair, which is open to the community, will showcase school and community programs, she said.

Ex-Newcomer Academy students to speak

Several former MISD Newcomer Academy students will be speaking at a parent meeting planned for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at room 101 of the Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

The meeting is to provide information for parents of current students in Newcomer Academy, located on the campuses of San Jacinto Junior High School, Lee Freshman High School and Lee High School.

Students in the program, which was implemented in 2007, advance from Newcomer classes to English as a Second Language classes to regular classes, according to Les Vela, facilitator and auditor of the district's English Language Proficiency Assessment Commitee.

Scholarship applications being accepted

■ Permian Basin Area Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

Information on eligibility and selection criteria and application forms are on foundation's website, www.pdaf.org.

For more information, call Vickie Rice, scholarship administrator, at 617-3213.

■ AUSTIN — Texas high school seniors have an opportunity to win a scholarship in the eighth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by Dow Chemical Co. in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

The first-place winner will receive $3,000; second- and third-place winners each will receive $1,000.

The scholarship is open to any senior who plans to attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university in Texas.

The application includes a 300- to 350 word-essay identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it.

Application and other details are available at www.DontMessWithTexas.org. Deadline to apply is March 28.

Some kids are born readers; Others have the passion awakened in them

Stacey Callaway

Stacey Callaway teaches sixth-grade English language arts at Scharbauer Elementary School.

I have a picture of my son just days after he was born. My mother had him in one arm and a book in the other. She wasn't trying to multitask — she was reading to him.

Reading is that important. Children need to be read to early and often. Since he's been read to literally since he was born, it's no wonder Carter loves to read. Children who are read to from a young age have an advantage over other students. Most start school with a good sense of print and book awareness. They understand the way books work.

I come from a family of readers. My parents, both educators, read to me from the time I was born. Readers are born. But not every child has been read to since birth. I believe readers can be made as well.

I married a reluctant reader. Whereas I would rather read than do just about anything else, my husband is the exact opposite. He tells of an early visit to my parents' house. My mom, dad, brother and I were all sitting in the living room, reading. Cory didn't know what to think. He didn't realize this was a typical night at my house. We just enjoy reading.

I truly believe any child can become a passionate reader. Instead of being a reluctant reader, I have a new favorite term. Donalyn Miller, fellow sixth-grade teacher and author of "The Book Whisperer," calls them dormant readers. Inside every child lies a reader just waiting to be awakened.

How do we awaken these readers? The key is in book choice. Finding the right book makes all the difference. When a dormant reader gets interested in a book or series of books, they will want to read.

To awaken our dormant readers, parents and teachers can model good reading behaviors. We still need to read to our children on a daily basis. If you're not a good reader, check out books on CD. My husband wanted to read the "Harry Potter" books. He knew that pouring through each massive tome would take him a seriously long time. So instead, he rented each audio book and listened to each one. (With an average time of about 20 hours, he found all kinds of creative times to listen.)

When I read to any child, I want to leave them wanting more. Carter and I are currently reading the "Magic Tree House" series, a wonderful group of books that find siblings Jack and Annie time-traveling in their tree house. Our rule is two chapters every night. Even if something really exciting is happening, I won't read any further. That way Carter looks forward to finding out how Jack and Annie get themselves out of different problem situations.

If your child hasn't found the perfect book or author, ask his or her reading or English teacher. Even if I haven't read all of the latest books, I can tell you what I see the other kids reading. I try to stay current on the books my students are reading. Last summer, I gathered up all the books from my classroom library that students wanted me to read. I ended up with an extra large laundry basket full of books.

I had great intentions, but ran into a problem. Many young adult books are parts of series. I would read the first one, and then find myself so engrossed in the world that I would need to read the remainder of the books. I read more than 150 books last summer, but I only got to a portion of my intended reading. Even though I didn't meet my goal, I have a ton of new books I can recommend from personal experience.

To help students choose books, I look at their interests. I match video game fanatics with action/adventure books. If they liked the movie, go back and read the book. Or better yet, find a book that is being made into a movie. After reading the book and then watching the movie, you can have some really great conversations about the similarities and differences.

Most importantly, reading needs to be seen as a privilege. Don't make reading a chore. If books don't work, try magazines. Reading is reading, no matter what the reading material is. Rereading books is OK, too. Picking up a particular favorite is like finding an old friend.

Reading is a lifelong skill, and whether born or made, a reader is a reader. We must do everything possible to put our kids on the path of reading.

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TRYING TO FIND SOME OFFENSE Lee's Cindy Benavides, right, drives to the basket while being defended by North Crowley's Nyesha Clark, left, Monday during the fourth quarter of the Lady Rebels' 84-23 loss in the Class 5A bi-district playoff game at Abilene Wylie High School in Abilene.

North Crowley flattens Lady Rebels

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

ABILENE — You can't coach athleticism. That's something an individual is blessed with at birth.

It took less than two minutes to figure out how much more natural athleticism North Crowley had than Lee on Monday night.

No. 8 North Crowley ran, ran and ran some more as the Lady Panthers blasted the Lady Rebels out of the Class 5A playoffs with an 84-23 victory in the bi-district round at Abilene Wylie High School.

"They have athletes from their No. 1 player to very deep on their bench," Lee coach Rosalind Lawrence said. "They're a very good team. There were a lot of college recruiters in the stands. When you start seeing coaches from Texas and Texas Tech that just tells you the caliber of players they have."

For the first 60 seconds of the matchup, it appeared the Lady Rebels might be competitive. After North Crowley's Chelsea Jennings grabbed and offensive board and got a put back for the contest's first points, Lee calmly broke the Lady Panthers press and Landry Johnson hit a jumper from the right elbow to tie the game with 7:17 left to play.

Lady Panthers	84
Lady Rebels	23

But then North Crowley (33-2) shifted into a gear only an elite team can find and the rout was on. Lee (13-18) didn't score another bucket for more than four minutes, and by the time senior post Alex Ramos got her first points on a put-back at 2:52 mark, the Lady Rebels were already down 20-4.

Not helping matters for Lee was being forced to commit 13 turnovers in the first period alone as North Crowley overwhelmed the Lady Rebels with its high-pressure defense.

"I thought our intensity was very good for the first half," North Crowley coach Stephani Gray said. "We came out in our pressure defense like we typically do. These kids have a goal this year and they're taking it one game at a time. I thought it showed in this game."

But even when the Lady Panthers did back off defensively in the second period, the turnovers continued to pile up for Lee. Lawrence believes that was a case of the Lady Rebels not understanding how to respond to the situations they were placed in.

"Not that (North Crowley) didn't play good, hard defense, but some of the problem was these girls having the experience of being in these type of situations. It's a learning process," Lawrence said. "You learn from experiences. That's just the way human nature is. This was a learning experience."

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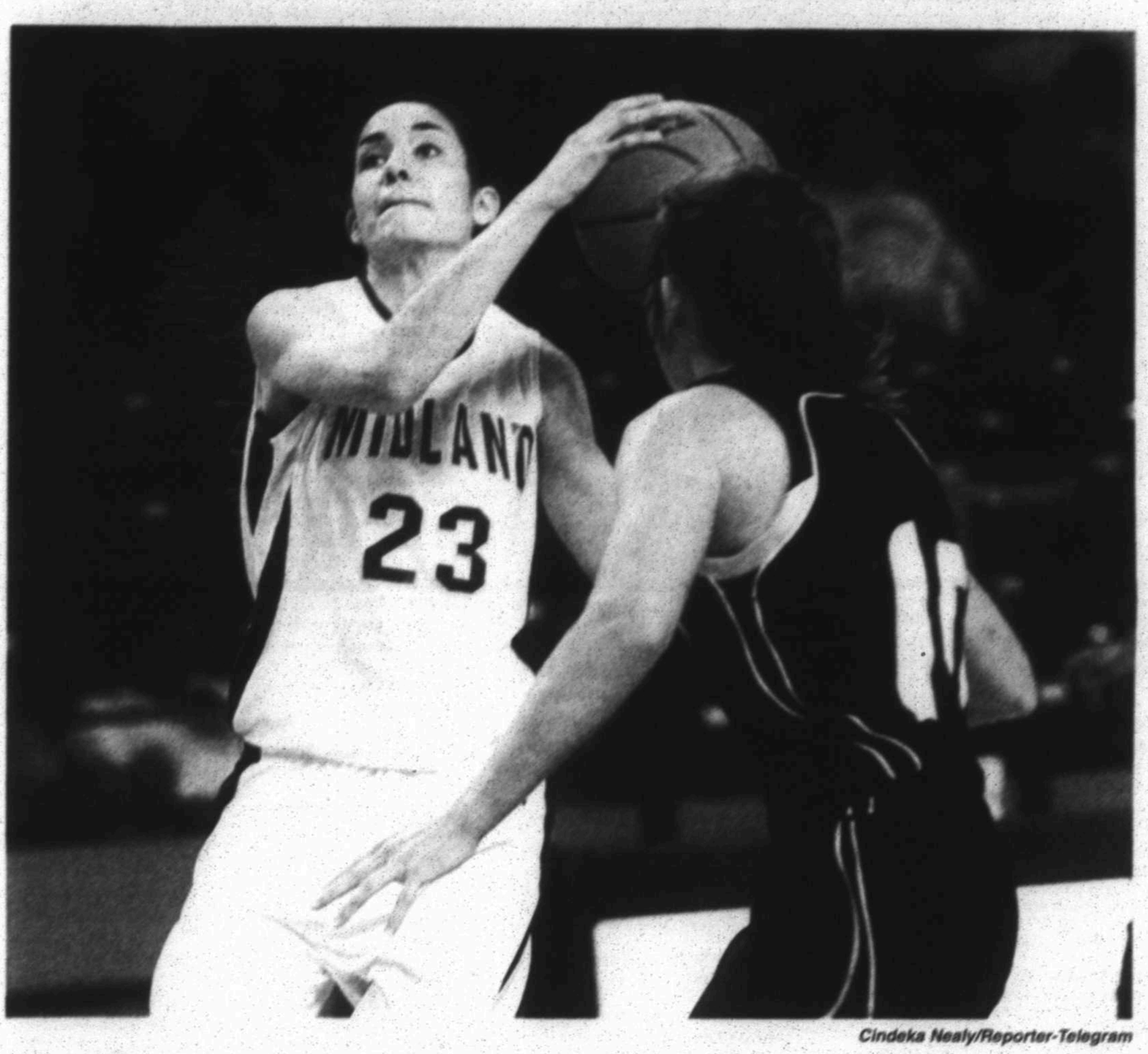
PLAYOFF BONDING



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GETTING OPEN Midland High's Kelsey Hoppel (2) prepares to lay against Canyon Randall on Dec. 28 during the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at Chaparral Center. The Hoppel sisters and Midland High hope for a long playoff run.

Hoppel sisters want to make playoffs memorable

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Kelsey Hoppel is obviously looking forward to her fourth trip into the Class 5A state playoffs.

For one, as a Midland High senior, it's Hoppel's final shot at going deeper in the playoffs than the Lady Bulldogs have been during her time there.

But making this postseason experience, which begins at 6 p.m. today when the No. 21 Lady Dawgs (28-4) face Arlington Martin (20-8) at Merkel High School, even sweeter for Hoppel is having her little sister along for the ride.

"It's fun to have her along and try to be a role model for her on the court and in life," Hoppel said. "I'm glad I get to share the experience with her and my team. I'm glad that she's there. She's worked hard to make her way onto varsity."

M. Hoppel

Sophomore Megan Hoppel just completed her first full regular season as a member of the Lady Dawgs' varsity squad after getting moved up late last season to gain some experience as a freshman.

And while the younger Hoppel did play some in the playoffs a year ago, her role has increased during her sophomore season and she'll be a key reserve coming off the bench in tonight's game and down the road in the postseason.

"It's my senior year so I want this experience to be the best," Kelsey said, "but to have her in the playoffs with me makes it even more special. For both of those reasons, I want to make this our best trip to the playoffs yet."

While their bond may be strong, the Hoppel sisters certainly have their differences. One of the most difficult questions Midland High coach T.C.

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PLENTY OF TRAFFIC Midland College's Lindsay Ansley goes up in traffic as Howard College's Porsche Young guards Monday night at Chaparral Center.

Lady Chaps clinch berth in Region V Tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones knows the key for his team to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference lies in his team playing well on the defensive end.

After Monday night's 62-56 victory over rival Howard College, Jones couldn't have been more pleased. His Lady Chaparrals kept their defensive intensity throughout the game and held a good scoring Howard team to 39.7 percent shooting and almost 18 points below its season average.

Lady Chaps	62
Lady Hawks	56

Danesha Long had 11 points and 10 rebounds, Morgan Schwartz also had 11 points to go with six rebounds, and Anfisa Shulha added 10 for the Lady Chaps, who improved to 23-5 overall and 8-2 in the WJCAC and also clinched a spot in next month's NJCAA Region V Tournament in Lubbock for the 17th consecutive season.

"For the most part we accomplished what we were trying to accomplish defensively," MC coach Ron Jones said. "The only thing I was disap-

Please see **LADY CHAPS**/4C

Hawks storm back to beat Chaparrals

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland College men's basketball team had an 18-point lead midway through the second half against Howard College on Monday night, but with the way this rivalry has gone over the last few years, one could sense that the lead for the No. 5-ranked Chaparrals wasn't safe.

It wasn't. The Hawks stormed back behind 3-point shots and some defensive stops to beat the Chaps, 76-74, in a key Western Junior College Athletic Conference game at Chaparral Center.

Carlos Emory had the go-ahead 3-pointer with 14 seconds remaining and the Chaps were 2 of 6 from the free-throw line in the final 40 seconds, as Midland College's 15-game winning streak was snapped. It was also the first loss for MC at Chaparral Center in two years when New Mexico Junior College beat the Chaps in a WJCAC game.

Hawks	76
Chaps	74

"We might have lost the first 30 minutes. We were just fortunate to win the last 10," said Howard coach Mark Adams. "A lot of credit goes to our guys. They didn't give up. As a coach that's the character and attitude you want to see to close out a game."

MC coach Ross Hodge said he wasn't as upset with his team's missed shots but the fact his team was beat often on the defensive boards in the second half.

"Several times (the Hawks) had multiple shot opportunities," Hodge said. "Then we couldn't keep them off the foul line."

It also didn't help the Chaps that half their key players in foul trouble, including Ty Nurse, who fouled out in the second half.

"We just have to do a better job of playing without the foul," Hodge said.

With the victory, the Hawks (19-6 9-2) are now one game back of the Chaps (24-3, 10-1) in the WJCAC standings with three games remaining in the regular season. In addition to ending a few MC streaks, the Hawks also prevented MC from claiming at least a share of the league title.

The loss spoiled a big game from MC's Rodney Milum, who had a game-high 23 points. Dwayne Davis added 19 points, Jordan Walker had 16 and Guy Landry added 11.

Howard was led by Jerry Dixon and Emory with 18 points each. Shavon Coleman had 16 and Jonnie Lacy added 11. Neither Dixon or Lacy played in the teams' last meeting on Jan. 20 in Big Spring, won by MC 67-63.

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TRYING TO DISRUPT THE SHOT Midland College's Jordan Walker puts up a shot over Howard College's Corey Stern on Monday night at Chaparral Center.

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TODAY

DISTRICT 3-5A MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Central High, San Angelo

Records: MHS 18-11, 9-2 in District 3-5A; Central 16-13, 4-7

Last game: Midland High 68, Odessa Permian 50; Abilene High 67, San Angelo Central 59

Last meeting: Midland High 72, San Angelo Central 52 (Jan. 21)

Notes & Quotes: With one round of games left to go in the District 3-5A season, one pretty important thing has yet to be decided — a district champion: Both Midland High and Odessa High are tied at 9-2 in district play and split the season series. Both are in action tonight on the road. If both win, they will be co-champions. If both lose, they will still be co-champions. In anticipation of that, the Midland High and Odessa High coaches flipped this morning for who will be the No. 1 seed and who will be the No. 2 seed entering the playoffs. But the coin toss could be a moot point should one team lose and the other win tonight. Midland High coach Justin Hardin said the Bulldogs are determined to finish the regular season with a victory. "It's one game and our mentality is to do whatever it takes to win this game," Hardin said. "We're going to lay it all on the line for a gold ball. Don't leave anything to regret." ... Hardin said the Bulldogs are feeling a mix of emotions entering this game because even though they're on the brink of a district title, it's something they expected to contend for all season. "I think we're pretty excited," Hardin said. "The guys are really trying to take it one game at a time. For me it's hard because it's been such a long season. It's what we expected since we've been preaching it all season. It's the expectation to be there versus the excitement of being there and they both kind of play against each other. The guys are fired up but with a business-like approach." ... Should Midland High claim the top seed out of District 3-5A, it will play either Arlington Lamar or Arlington Martin, which are tied for fourth in District 4-5A going into today. Should Midland High take the second seed, it will play Arlington High, which has wrapped up third place in 4-5A. Hardin said Midland High is tentatively scheduled to play its bi-district round game at Clyde High School next Tuesday. Today's game at San Angelo Central, a notoriously hard place to play on the road, should prepare the Bulldogs for the postseason. "It'll be huge. The atmosphere will be big," Hardin said. "With district title implications and a good crowd to play in front of, hopefully that'll carry over. If you lose you don't go home, but you don't win a district title."

Next game: Midland High vs. TBA, Class 5A bi-district, TBA; End of season for San Angelo Central

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AROUND THE DEFENSE Midland High's T.J. Brown (12) takes the shot as he's guarded by Lee's Adrian Horton (21) during their Jan. 25 game at Chaparral Center.

Midland High Season Stats

Player	G	FG	FTM-FTA	PTS	PTS/G	REB	REB/G
T.J. Brown	29	136	118-167	427	14.7	123	4.4
Mercedes Lane	29	130	82-120	391	13.5	90	3.2
Kane Bonsal	3	6	6-8	30	10.0	4	4.0
Konnie Lewis	29	77	57-106	221	7.6	62	2.3
Jamal Sanders	26	45	7-15	114	4.4	75	2.9
Harley Davis	26	35	36-56	112	4.3	98	3.8
Donovan Lee	26	30	11-22	71	2.7	25	1.5
Jordan McReynolds	24	18	7-13	47	2.0	40	1.9
Jacoby Jeffries	29	14	11-32	44	1.5	37	1.3
Brandon Wright	23	14	2-7	32	1.4	23	1.5
Mazelle Justice	19	7	8-19	23	1.2	22	1.2
Sean Matchus	19	8	4-6	23	1.2	5	0.3
Josh Miller	20	3	0-0	7	0.4	0	0.0
Ryan Evans	24	2	3-7	8	0.3	14	0.6
Totals	29	527	370-586	1590	54.9	622	22.2

*Incomplete

Lee Season Stats

Player	G	FG	FTM-FTA	PTS	PTS/G	REB	REB/G
Trai Collins	25	138	64-95	387	15.9	87	3.5
Devin Savage	28	124	86-151	334	11.7	215	8.3
Jordan Salazar	12	28	23-43	93	7.8	22	1.8
Corey McPherson	25	85	25-40	191	7.6	155	6.2
Jake Pryor	26	39	28-49	113	4.3	55	2.1
Austin Brown	16	14	23-35	56	3.5	19	1.2
Ray Douglas	23	21	8-10	50	2.3	14	0.6
Adrian Horton	26	23	6-14	52	2.0	96	3.6
Gabriel Portillo	22	9	12-17	30	1.4	17	0.8
Kelsey Maddy	20	7	3-5	21	1.1	10	0.5
Austin Kounce	2	0	1-2	1	0.5	1	0.5
Zane Cox	17	2	3-6	7	0.4	23	1.4
Ryan Russell	6	1	0-0	2	0.3	3	0.5
Justin Tarango	3	0	0-0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Totals	26	466	287-469	1327	51.0	725	27.9

BOYS DISTRICT 3-5A STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Midland High	9	2	18	11
x-Odessa High	9	2	17	11
x-Abilene Cooper	7	4	13	16
x-Lee	6	6	13	16
San Angelo Central	4	7	16	13
Odessa Permian	2	9	3	17
Abilene High	2	9	4	25

x-Clinched playoff berth

Friday's Scores

Midland High 68, Odessa Permian 50; Odessa High 68, Lee 46; Abilene High 67, San Angelo Central 59; Abilene Cooper was open.

Today's Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Lee is open. All games at 7:30 p.m.

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Abilene High, Abilene

Records: OHS 17-11, 9-2 in District 3-5A; AHS 4-25, 2-9

Last game: Odessa High 68, Lee 46; Abilene High 67, San Angelo Central 59

Last meeting: Odessa High 58, Abilene High 43 (Jan. 21)

Next game: Odessa High vs. TBA, Class 5A bi-district, TBA; End of season for Abilene High

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Permian High, Odessa

Records: Cooper 13-16, 7-4 in District 3-5A; Permian 3-17, 2-9

Last game: Abilene Cooper 77, Midland High 68 (Feb. 8); Midland High 68, Odessa Permian 50

Last meeting: Abilene Cooper 44, Odessa Permian 42 (Jan. 21)

Next game: Abilene Cooper vs. Arlington Bowie, Class 5A bi-district, TBA; End of season for Odessa Permian

DISTRICT 4-3A FORT STOCKTON AT NO. 23 GREENWOOD

When/where: 8 p.m. today, Greenwood

Records: Fort Stockton 14-16, 0-6 in District 4-3A; Greenwood 25-7, 5-2

Last game: Seminole 67, Fort Stockton 49; Greenwood 45, Andrews 44

Last meeting: Greenwood 83, Fort Stockton 45 (Jan. 28)

Next game: End of season for Fort Stockton; Greenwood vs. Presidio, Class 3A bi-district, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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BIG PLAY Lee's Alex Ramos (5) pulls down a rebound over North Crowley defenders Monday during the first quarter in the Class 5A bi-district playoff game at Abilene Wylie High School in Abilene.

LADY REBELS

From 1C

Jennings got North Crowley's first rally going, scoring eight of the Lady Panthers' first 11 points and igniting a 20-2 run to start the game. Even after Ramos scored Lee's second basket of the game at the 2:52 mark in the first period, the Lady Panthers answered with an 8-0 run to close the opening period.

The second period opened with an 18-0 North Crowley run and Lee managed a single field goal — a pull-up jumper by Shanses Ray with 3:44 to go in the first half — in the quarter. North Crowley was up 51-6 at halftime and the third period essentially played out the exact same way as the second.

Senior guard Natalie Ventress, a TCU commit, led all scorers with 27 points, while Jennings, a junior guard, finished with 22. Senior point guard Lindsey Mann had 10 points. And while the Lady Panthers had the look of a team talented enough to contend for a Class 5A state title, Gray wouldn't give up exactly what the team's expectations were, only saying they were taking it "one game at a time."

No player for Lee scored in double figures, but Ramos closed out her strong senior season with eight points and eight rebounds to lead the Lady Rebels. All but three players — Ramos, Diana Welch and Kaylee Rogers - will be back next season for Lee, which leaves Lawrence excited about the postseason appearance regardless of the final outcome.

"We're going to take away the pride of knowing we made it this far," Lawrence said. "We came from being a three-win team a year ago. Our goal this year was to make it to the playoffs. Next season, we start pushing for the second or third round."

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NO. 8 NORTH CROWLEY 84, LEE 23

North Crowley (33-2) — Natalie Ventress 27, Chelsea Jennings 22, Lindsey Mann 10, Rachel Garrett 9, Kiara Davis 4, Nyesha Clark 4, Jaurrae Moss 4, Brianna Holmes 2, Courtney Hutcherson.

Lee (13-18) — Alex Ramos 8, Shauna Standard 6, Landry Johnson 2, Kortni Edwards 2, Kaylee Rogers 2, Shanses Ray 2, Jaylean Lee 1

North Crowley	28	23	23	10	—84
Lee	4	2	2	15	—23

Free throws — NC 11-16, Lee 7-10. 3-point goals — NC 5 (Mann 2, Jennings 2, Ventress), Lee 0. Rebounds — NC 27 (Ventress 6, Garrett 6), Lee 21 (Ramos 8). Assists — NC 7 (Mann 2), Lee 4 (Cindy Benavides 2, Edwards 2). Turnovers — NC 15, Lee 37. Total fouls — NC 17, Lee 13. Fouled out — NC, Hutcherson.

Next game: North Crowley vs. El Paso Coronado-Lubbock Monterey winner, TBA

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYOFF CAPSULES

CLASS 5A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS NO. 21 MIDLAND HIGH VS. ARLINGTON MARTIN

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

Records: Midland High 28-4; Martin 20-8.

Last game: Midland High 54, Abilene Cooper 27; No. 8 North Crowley 72, Martin 52.

Last meeting: Midland High 54, Martin 39 in Class 5A area playoff on Feb. 19, 2010.

Notes & Quotes: This marks the sixth straight postseason appearance for Midland High. During that span, the Lady Dawgs have failed to advance past the first round just once. ... The Lady Bulldogs defeated Arlington Martin in the area round of the playoffs last season, 54-39. In the game, MHS went up 12-3 after the first period, but struggled to put Martin away. The Lady Dawgs led 21-16 at halftime. The game wasn't in hand until the fourth period. Paris Webb had 16 points to lead the Lady Dawgs. ... Martin returned several players from last year's team, including guard Amanda Barnes, who led Martin in scoring against MHS last season with 14 points. ... When comparing this season's team to the regional qualifying squad from a year ago, MHS coach T.C. Willis sees both positives and negatives. "This year's team is much more patient," Willis said. "I think the girls understand their roles specifically better. But we do have a lack of depth and experience. We have several girls that haven't been in the playoffs before." ... One advantage Martin does have against MHS is quality of competition during the regular season. Other than Midland High, only Odessa Permian posted a winning record for the season in District 3-5A. Meanwhile, Martin played in a league that featured four 20-win teams. Willis still believes the Lady Dawgs have been tested enough to overcome this issue, though. "It's about our practice habits and work ethic," Willis said. "We put a lot of emphasis on the couple of workouts we have during each day to make sure we're ready to play at a high level. I believe the girls are ready." ... With a win, Midland High would face either Amarillo High or El Paso Americas -- two teams the Lady Dawgs have already beaten this season -- in the area round. MHS defeated Amarillo High 50-40 on Nov. 23, 2010, at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center. The Lady Dawgs opened their host Byron Johnston Holiday Classic with a 63-22 victory against Americas on Dec. 27.

Next game: Winner faces the winner of Amarillo High-El Paso Americas in a Class 5A area playoff.

Midland High Season Stats (Through 32 games)

Player	G	FG	FTM-FTA	PTS	PTS/G	REB	REB/G
Kelsey Hoppel	32	190	47-67	521	16.3	113	3.5
Dreamika Merchant	32	198	52-95	459	14.3	349	10.9
Paris Webb	32	166	50-74	390	12.2	100	3.1
Krystal Valdez	32	98	28-45	251	7.8	51	1.6
Sabrina Banks	32	44	25-58	113	3.5	129	4.0
Catarina Rendon	17	15	12-24	42	2.5	33	1.9
Rebecca Gallegos	29	19	3-10	49	1.7	28	1.0
Skeesha Bowers	29	18	11-24	47	1.6	68	2.3
Megan Hoppel	30	17	11-26	46	1.5	21	0.7
Andrea Sadler	30	10	7-13	27	0.9	11	0.4
Meg Woodard	30	11	2-7	24	0.8	38	1.3

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DIVING AFTER THE BALL Greenwood's Tori Murry, left, charges after a loose ball Thursday during a Dec. 2 game against Midland Christian at Greenwood High School. The Rangerettes play Pecos today in the Class 3A bi-district round of the playoffs.

CLASS 3A BI-DISTRICT GREENWOOD VS. PECOS

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Crane High School.

Records: Greenwood 13-21; Pecos 9-12

Last game: Lee 41, Greenwood 35.

Last meeting: Greenwood 64, Pecos 35 on Dec. 3.

Notes & Quotes: This is the third consecutive trip into the postseason for Greenwood under coach Quint Anthony. In the two previous seasons, the Rangerettes advanced to the area round before being knocked out by Abilene Wylie each time. ... Greenwood dominated Pecos, 64-35, during a game that was part of the Rangerette Shootout on Dec. 3 at Greenwood High School. Junior guard Alyssa Anthony had 16 points, while Peyton Pyle added 14 and Courtney Waters chipped in 11. ... Greenwood opened District 4-3A play with a 4-0 mark, but dropped three of their last four games. Anthony said it's not going to be easy for the Rangerettes to get back on track. "It's going to take some dedication and hard work by the girls," he said. "They've always worked hard, but I don't think this year's group understood that starting district the way they did put a target on their backs." ... The winner between Pecos and Greenwood moves on to meet Levelland, which won District 2-3A and received a first-round bye. Greenwood already played Levelland this season, losing 48-42 on Jan. 4 in a game Anthony said was one of the Rangerettes' best performances of the year. It gave him more confidence in believing this might be the year Greenwood finally breaks through to the third round of the playoffs. "That would be a huge thing for us," he said. "Levelland is coached well and they have a tradition there. It seems we have some good match against them, though."

Next game: Winner faces Levelland in a Class 3A area playoff.

CLASS A, DIVISION II BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF GRADY VS. ROPES

When/where: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Post High School

Records: Grady 20-10; Ropes 18-12.

Last game: Grady 33, Wellman-Union 31; Ropes 34, Meadow 21.

Last meeting: Grady 40, Ropes 30 on Nov. 19.

Notes & Quotes: Grady had to defeat Wellman-Union on Friday in order to qualify for the postseason. Kelly Cook had 14 points for the Lady Wildcats in the win. ... In what was the third game of the season for both teams, Grady defeated Ropes, 40-30 in a non-district game on Nov. 19. ... No. 14 Paducah awaits the winner of this game.

Next game: Winner plays Paducah in Class A, Division II area playoff.

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GIRLS HS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

Class 5A

North Crowley (33-2) 84, Lee 23

El Paso Coronado (R1, 25-8) vs. Lubbock Monterey (T2, 22-10), Odessa College, Time TBA, Tuesday

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 21-10) vs. El Paso Bel Air (F1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Odessa Permian (R3, 20-9) vs. Arlington Lamar (T4, 23-10), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Merkel HS

Plano West (27-6) 71, Saginaw 41

Cedar Hill (R5, 22-9) vs. Grapevine (T6, 19-11), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Bowie HS

Irving MacArthur (W6, 30-2) vs. Mansfield (F5, 17-18), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Sam Houston HS

Lewisville (25-9) 80, Keller 53

Midland High (W3, 28-4) vs. Arlington Martin (F4, 20-8), 6 p.m., Tuesday, Merkel HS

Amarillo High (R2, 22-10) vs. El Paso Americas (T1), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS

El Paso Franklin (W2, 24-3) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 10-16), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole HS

Arlington Bowie (R4, 22-8) vs. Abilene High (T3, 10-17), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mineral Wells

Southlake Carroll (28-6) 48, Flower Mound Marcus 43

Colleyville Heritage (R6) vs. Mansfield Timberview (T5, 24-10), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Martin HS

Duncanville (29-6) 55, Euless Trinity 37

Plano East (R8, 26-7) vs. Coppell (T7, 22-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Colony HS

Class 4A

Denton Ryan (W4, 20-9) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (F3, 19-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Vernon HS

El Paso Irvin (R1, 24-6) vs. Clint Horizon (T2, 25-6), 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, El Paso Irvin HS

Canutillo (W2, 23-6) vs. El Paso Andress (F1, 16-14), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Canutillo HS

Plainview (R3, 28-4) vs. The Colony (T4, 16-13), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Plainview HS

Waco Midway (W8, 20-9) vs. Granbury (F7, 18-16), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Legacy HS

Springtown (R5, 18-11) vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (T6, 19-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Haltom HS

Fort Worth Trimble Tech (W6, 22-10) vs. Saginaw Boswell (F5, 17-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Fossil Ridge HS

Arlington Seguin (R7, 17-11) vs. Killeen (T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, West HS

Canyon (32-0) 60, Wichita Falls 31

El Paso Riverside (R2, 20-12) vs. El Paso Burges (T1, 25-6), 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, El Paso Riverside HS

El Paso Chapin (W7, 27-4) vs. El Paso Del Valle (F2, 12-19), 8 p.m. Tuesday, El Paso Chapin HS

Wichita Falls Rider (R4, 23-6) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (T3, 21-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Childress HS

Mansfield Summit (W7, 23-6) vs. Waco (F8, 14-17), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Ennis HS

Fort Worth Eastern Hills (R6, 26-5) vs. Keller Timber Creek (T5, 14-8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fossil Ridge HS

Aledo (W5, 27-2) vs. Fort Worth Southwest (F6, 11-18), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Saginaw HS

Stephenville (R8, 19-12) vs. Crowley (T7, 19-11), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Mineral Wells HS

Class 3A

Andrews (W4, 20-6), bye

Dalhart (R1, 15-14) vs. Cooper (T2, 21-11), 6 p.m. Tuesday, First Bank Center, Canyon

Levelland (W2, 24-6), bye

Pecos (R3, 9-12) vs. Greenwood (T4, 13-21), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Crane HS

Kennedale (W6, 22-7), bye

Brownwood (R5, 21-9) vs. Iowa Park (T6, 14-16), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge HS

Burkburnett (W5), bye

Bridgeport (R7, 22-4) vs. West (T8, 13-16), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Midlothian HS

Clint (W3), bye

Shallowater (R2, 23-6) vs. Borger (T1, 11-18), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hutcherson Center, Plainview

Perryton (W1, 22-8), bye

Seminole (17-13) 60, Fabens 32

Decatur (W7), bye

Graham (R6, 16-14) vs. Snyder (T5, 17-11), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge HS

Abilene Wylie (W5, 17-13), bye

Glen Rose (R8, 19-11) vs. Mineral Wells (T7, 17-14), 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Worth Brewer HS

Class 2A

Kermit (W4, 11-17), bye

Dimmitt (22-11) 37, Bushland 29

Floydada (W2, 24-4), bye

Slaton (R3, 20-8) vs. Crane (T4, 10-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews HS

Harper (W8, 18-5), bye

Merkel (R5, 29-4) vs. San Saba (T6), 6 p.m. Angelo State University's Junell Center, San Angelo

Bangs (W6, 25-7), bye

Brady (R7, 18-12) vs. Comfort (T8, 8-19), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Llano HS

Lubbock Roosevelt (W3, 22-7), bye

Littlefield (R2, 27-8) vs. Childress (T1, 10-18), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Tascosa Activities Center, Amarillo

Spearman (W1, 25-2), bye

Tornillo (R4, 18-11) vs. Denver City (T3, 17-11), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Pecos HS

Wall (W7, 25-4), bye

Hico (R6, 22-9) vs. Clyde (T5, 23-9), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Brownwood Coliseum, Brownwood

Jim Ned (W5, 26-8), bye

Blanco (R8, 17-6) vs. Ballinger (T7, 14-17), Tuesday, Lampasas HS, Time TBA

Class A Division I

New Deal (W4, 13-15), bye

Gruver (R1, 25-7) vs. Claude (T2, 23-11), late

Panhandle (W2), bye

Quanah (R3, 18-9) vs. Ralls (T4, 15-16), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Tascosa Activities Center, Amarillo

Van Horn (W8, 13-4), bye

Springlake-Earth (R5, 21-9) vs. Tahoka (T6, 21-9), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University

Smyer (W6, 28-2), bye

Reagan County (R7) vs. Fort Hancock (T8, 7-11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS

Wellington (W3, 12-5), bye

Vega (R2) vs. Sunray (T1, 16-17), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Panhandle HS

Canadian (W1, 27-2), bye

Lockney (R4, 13-18) vs. Wheeler (T3, 17-12), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock HS

Irion County (W7, 20-6), bye

Sundown (R6, 22-6) vs. Olton (T5, 15-13), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University

Sudan (W5, 25-7), bye

Marfa (R8, 12-10) vs. Eldorado (T7, 18-8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS

Division II

Region I

Shamrock (W4, 21-8), bye

Hartley (R1, 19-6) vs. Nazareth (T2, 19-11), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo Caprock HS

Happy (W2, 18-13), bye

Briscoe Fort Elliott (R3, 18-7) vs. Groom (T4), TBA

Borden County (W8, 20-7), bye

Anton (R6, 17-14) vs. Third place 6, TBA

Paducah (W6, 24-5), bye

Ropes (R7, 18-12) vs. Grady (T8, 20-10), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Post HS

Miami (W3, 18-10), bye

Silverton (R2, 21-10) vs. Adrian (T1, 12-12), 6 p.m. Tuesday, West Texas A&M Fieldhouse, Canyon

Texline (W1, 22-7), bye

McLean (R4, 17-13) vs. Follett (T3, 9-15), Tuesday, time and site TBA

Lorenzo (W7, 23-4), bye

Valley (R6) vs. Whiteface (T5, 19-12), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Idalou HS

Whitharral (W5, 25-6), bye

Klondike (R8, 20-9) vs. Meadow (T7, 17-14), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Lamesa HS

Region II

Bronte (W12, 16-9), bye

Balmorhea (R9, 20-5) vs. Marathon (T10, 9-13), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sul Ross State

Wink (W10, 21-3), bye

Highland (R11) vs. Robert Lee (T12), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Bronte HS

Newcastle (W16), bye

Knox City (R13) vs. Woodson (T14, 11-15), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Seymour HS

Throckmorton (W14, 24-4), bye

May (R15) vs. Strawn (T16, 22-7), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gorman HS

Roby (W11, 23-7), bye

Rankin (21-10) 49, Dell City 29

Sierra Blanca (W9), bye

Water Valley (R12) vs. Loraine (T11), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Howard College, Big Spring

Baird (W15), bye

Aspermont (R14, 18-12) vs. Vernon Northside (T13, 6-13), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Seymour HS

Crowell (W13, 17-9), bye

Lipan (R16) vs. Gorman (T15, 17-9), late

SISTERS

From 1C

Willis says he has had to answer this season involved comparing the two sisters.

"Everyone asks me to do it," Willis said. "It's kind of unfair. They're two totally different players with two totally different personalities. I know Megan looks up to Kelsey and she's focusing on following in her footsteps. All I know is it's a pleasure to have both in this program."

The younger Hoppel isn't ashamed to admit she's striving to be like her older sister. It's probably her greatest motivation on the court.

"I've always looked up to my sister and I've always wanted to be as good as her," Megan said. "I set a goal for myself that next year I will be a starter and have a shot like hers. I've always wanted to follow in her footsteps."

Megan is off to a nice start in emulating Kelsey, too. Last season, she wanted to make varsity as a freshman just like her sister did. It was a goal she achieved. She scored her first points shortly after being moved to varsity and Kelsey had the assist that set up Megan's first varsity bucket.

Having her older sister there for every step along the way thus far has been a comfort for Megan.

"I was nervous (when I first got on varsity)," Megan said, "but I had my sister there to support me and help me through everything. I'm still nervous (about the playoffs), but I'm also excited. I got to play some in the playoffs last year, so that experience there has helped me with this year."

Being a part of the support system that has made her younger sister's transition to varsity basketball smoother doesn't bother Kelsey at all. It's actually a role she's embraced.

"She always tells me she looks up to me so I try to be a good role model," Kelsey said. "She knows she can talk to me about whatever. I'll always listen if she wants to talk. I just try to be the best big sister she can have."

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Boys

STERLING CITY 48, NO 20. GARDEN CITY 42

STERLING CITY — On the wrong end of the foul and free throw differential, No. 20 Garden City ended its regular season with a 48-42 loss at Sterling City.

Sterling City benefited from shooting 11 more free throws and being called for 14 fewer fouls. Sterling City used those extra free throws to make six more points from the stripe, which proved to be the difference in the game.

Sterling City did itself some favors by sinking nine 3-pointers. Garden City did its best to keep pace with seven 3-pointers of its own. Although eight Bearkats scored, none reached double figures. Sam Miller came the closest with nine points.

Garden City will play a practice game at No. 11 Grady at 4 p.m. Friday.

STERLING CITY 48, NO. 20 GARDEN CITY 42

Garden City (13-6, 11-3) — Sam Miller 9, Hayden Halfmann 8, Brett Chuda 7, Reggie Halfmann 6, Aaron Long 5, Peyton Schaefer 3, Brian Hirt 2, Josh Colunga 2.

Sterling City — Rawles 15, Hughes 12, Foster 7, Munoz 6, Wright 5, Horwood 3.

Garden City	8	9	12	13	—42
Sterling City	10	10	16	12	—48

Free throws — GCHS 3-6, SCHS 9-21. 3-point goals — GCHS 7 (Miller 3, R. Halfmann 2, Schaefer 1, Long 1), SCHS 9 (Rawles 3, Munoz 2, Hughes 2, Foster 2). Total fouls — GCHS 18, SCHS 4. Fouled out — GCHS: Long.

Next game: Garden City at Grady, 4 p.m. Friday

NO. 11 GRADY 68, TAHOKA 57

Tahoka — Hall 12, Abell 14, Hood 8, Smith 6, Garcia 2, Turner 15.

Grady (26-3) — Jacob Rodriquez 6, Bryley Pinkerton 7, Johan Wiebe 4, Branson Richards 4, Zeke Clay 12, Shane Teague 35.

Tahoka	14	24	12	7	—57
Grady	13	21	13	21	—68

Free throws — THS 2-10, GHS 11-21. 3-point goals — THS 7 (Turner 3, Smith 2, Abell 2), GHS 3 (Teague 2, Pinkerton 1). Total fouls — THS 15, GHS 12. Fouled out — THS: Hall.

Next game: Garden City at Grady, 4 p.m. Friday

Compiled from staff reports

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee playoff site announced

The Lee boys basketball team will play No. 4 North Crowley at 6 p.m. Monday at Clyde High School.

The Rebels finished in fourth place in District 3-5A after Friday's regular season finale at Odessa High. Meanwhile North Crowley finished first in District 4-5A with a 13-0 district mark entering today.

In 2008, the Panthers knocked the Rebels out of the playoffs in the regional finals by a final score of 111-57.

TABC

Texas high school basketball rankings

SUGAR LAND (AP) — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Tax Pogo Basketball magazine for the week of Feb. 14:

BOYS

Class 5A

1. Garland Lakeview, 29-1; 2. Lewisville Marcus, 31-1; 3. Cedar Hill, 29-2; 4. North Crowley, 27-5; 5. DeSoto, 30-3; 6. Pflugerville, 26-4; 7. SA Churchill, 29-4; 8. SA Reagan, 28-5; 9. Fort Bend Travis, 29-4; 10. Houston Strake Jesuit, 25-3; 11. Duncanville, 24-6; 12. Katy Morton Ranch, 28-5; 13. Edinburg, 28-2; 14. Killeen Harker Heights, 26-5; 15. Richardson Berkner, 25-6; 16. Humble Dekaney, 27-5; 17. Katy Seven Lakes, 29-6; 18. SA Taft, 28-5; 19. Austin High, 26-3; 20. The Woodlands, 28-3; 21. Houston Madison, 24-7; 22. N. Richland Hills, 22-5; 23. League City Clear Springs, 27-4; 24. League City Clear Creek, 22-7; 25. Coppell, 26-6.

Class 4A

1. Dallas Kimball, 30-2; 2. Dallas Lincoln, 27-2; 3. Houston Yates, 22-3; 4. FW Arlington Heights, 28-3; 5. Galveston Ball, 27-3; 6. FW Trimble Tech, 27-4; 7. Killeen, 30-3; 8. Ennis, 23-5; 9. La Marque, 26-4; 10. Dallas Wilson, 23-6; 11. SA Alamo Heights, 28-3; 12. New Braunfels Canyon, 26-5; 13. Bryan Rudder, 26-5; 14. Pflugerville Hendrickson, 26-8; 15. Everman, 20-5; 16. Azle, 24-4; 17. Houston Jones, 26-5; 18. Boerne Champion, 30-5; 19. Mansfield Summit, 24-8; 20. Nederland, 28-4; 21. Denton Ryan, 22-6; 22. Tyler, 24-3; 23. Friendswood, 22-11; 24. Rosenberg Terry, 20-10; 25. Kerrville Tivy, 18-12.

Class 3A

1. Lubbock Estacado, 30-1; 2. Argyle, 28-3; 3. Cleveland, 26-4; 4. Burkburnett, 27-2; 5. CC West Oso, 28-3; 6. Kennedale, 28-2; 7. Silsbee, 28-2; 8. Liberty Hill, 28-4; 9. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 29-6; 10. Mexia, 25-5; 11. SA Houston, 21-6; 12. Lucas Lovejoy, 23-7; 13. Prosper, 24-6; 14. Dallas Madison, 18-12; 15. Dallas Smith, 20-9; **16. Seminole, 20-6**; 17. Waco La Vega, 22-7; 18. Somerset, 20-9; 19. Hondo, 22-5; 20. Decatur, 25-3; 21. Coldspring-Oakhurst, 12-3; 22. Sweeny, 20-6; **23. Midland Greenwood, 25-7**; 24. Groesbeck, 23-10; 25. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, 19-5.

Class 2A

1. Melissa, 31-0; 2. Brock, 29-2; 3. Crockett, 26-3; 4. Wall, 26-3; 5. Hallettsville, 27-4; 6. Idalou, 25-1; 7. SA Cole, 29-3; 8. Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill, 25-2; 9. Sunnyvale, 29-5; 10. Eastland, 27-3; 11. White Oak, 26-3; 12. Whitewright, 23-5; 13. Hempstead, 24-6; 14. Italy, 22-6; 15. Tatum, 25-7; 16. New Waverly, 21-10; 17. Childress, 28-4; 18. Jarrell, 28-5; 19. Winnie East Chambers, 24-6; 20. Bushland, 24-6; 21. Santa Rosa, 24-8; 22. Hico, 32-2; 23. Karnes City, 29-4; 24. Crawford, 21-6; 25. Daingerfield, 13-2.

Class 1A Division I

1. Clarendon, 19-5; 2. Clarksville, 21-5; 3. Eula, 24-2; 4. Rankin, 19-3; 5. Milano, 25-2; 6. Farwell, 26-1; 7. Cayuga, 25-6; 8. Olney, 27-7; 9. Stamford, 24-9; 10. White Deer, 21-6; 11. Martin's Mill, 22-11; 12. La Rue La Poynor, 20-9; 13. Grapeland, 24-6; 14. Slocum, 23-10; 15. Hubbard, 23-7; 16. Sabinal, 22-5; 17. Yorktown, 22-5; 18. Wheeler, 19-5; 19. Iraan, 22-2; 20. Albany, 18-3; 21. Pineland West Sabine, 17-5; 22. Muenster, 19-5; 23. Stratford, 18-7; 24. Mumford, 25-6; 25. Burton, 12-9.

Class 1A Division II

1. Bronte, 26-2; 2. Anton, 25-3; 3. Paducah, 22-5; 4. Dodd City, 31-0; 5. Laneville, 20-6; 6. Throckmorton, 13-4; 7. San Isidro, 30-1; 8. Marysville, 25-3; 9. Wells, 28-3; 10. Sands, 27-4; **11. Grady, 25-3**; 12. Ira, 21-4; 13. Saltillo, 27-4; 14. Frost, 21-4; 15. Calvert, 15-3; 16. Waelder, 23-6; 17. Austwell-Tivoli, 22-5; 18. Knippa, 20-8; 19. Zephyr, 20-4; **20. Garden City, 13-5**; 21. Meadow, 19-9; 22. Kopperl, 21-6; 23. Ropesville Ropes, 19-9; 24. Graford, 17-9; 25. Lipan, 18-12.

Large Private Schools

1. Houston Westbury Christian, 27-1; 2. Plano Prestonwood, 17-6; 3. Arlington Grace Prep, 16-6; 4. Lubbock Trinity, 28-2; 5. Houston St. Thomas, 26-9; 6. SA Central Catholic, 32-5; 7. Trinity Cedar Hill, 27-2; 8. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 15-7; 9. Austin Hyde Park Baptist, 21-13; 10. Plano John Paul II, 24-11; 11. Houston Second Baptist, 18-12; 12. FW All Saints, 19-10; 13. Dallas Episcopal, 10-10; 14. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 24-7; 15. Houston St. John's, 18-12; 16. Trinity Addison, 16-14; 17. Houston St. Pius X, 16-13; 18. Bellaire Episcopal, 20-11; 19. Austin St. Michael's, 15-12; 20. Sugar Land Fort Bend Baptist, 31-7; 21. SA Antonian, 15-11; 22. Argyle Liberty Christian, 10-10; 23. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 19-15; 24. SA St. Anthony, 19-10; 25. EP Cathedral, 20-12.

Small Private Schools

1. Kingwood Northeast Christian, 27-2; 2. San Marcos Baptist, 23-2; 3. Irving The Highlands, 25-3; 4. Austin Waldorf, 29-4; 5. Colleyville Covenant, 24-9; 6. Arlington Burton Adventist, 21-8; 7. Dallas Lakewood Presbyterian, 15-4; 8. SA St. Gerard, 19-4; 9. Flower Mound Coram Deo, 21-4; 10. The Woodlands Christian, 18-14; 11. Dallas Shelton, 16-8; 12. SA Lutheran, 20-9; 13. New Braunfels Christian, 22-8; 14. Abilene Christian, 14-2; 15. Bullard Brook Hill, 10-6; 16. Garland Christian, 18-10; 17. Waco Vanguard, 18-7; 18. FW Calvary, 8-4; 19. Houston Beren, 14-7; 20. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 15-18; 21. Tomball Rosehill, 20-13; 22. Round Rock Christian, 18-9; 23. Baytown Christian, 18-11; 24. Amarillo San Jacinto, 23-6; 25. Conroe Covenant, 17-8.

GIRLS

Class 5A

1. Cypress Falls, 34-1; 2. Georgetown, 29-3; 3. Galena Park North Shore, 33-2; 4. DeSoto, 29-4; 5. Irving MacArthur, 30-2; 6. Alief Elsik, 26-5; 7. League City Clear Springs, 30-2; 8. North Crowley, 32-2; 9. Fort Bend Hightower, 32-4; 10. Pflugerville, 26-6; 11. Dallas Skyline, 25-5; 12. Duncanville, 28-7; 13. Humble Dekaney, 31-4; 14. Katy Taylor, 30-6; 15. Atascocita, 31-5; 16. Northside Jay, 29-5; 17. SA Wagner, 27-7; 18. Plano West, 26-6; 19. The Woodlands, 24-5; **20. Midland, 28-4**; 21. Southlake Carroll, 27-6; 22. Plano East, 25-7; 23. SA Stevens, 24-7; 24. CC King, 26-7; 25. SA Reagan, 27-7.

Class 4A

1. Canyon, 31-0; 2. Frisco Wakeland, 34-2; 3. Cedar Park, 33-3; 4. Aledo, 29-2; 5. Mansfield Summit, 29-6; 6. Beaumont Central, 29-3; 7. Beaumont Ozen, 29-3; 8. Houston Yates, 28-4; 9. Rockwall, 28-6; 10. Plainview, 28-4; 11. Frisco Liberty, 24-6; 12. Dallas Lincoln, 22-3; 13. Barbers Hill, 29-6; 14. Bryan Rudder, 27-5; 15. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 28-5; 16. Smithson Valley, 28-4; 17. West Mesquite, 21-7; 18. Mesquite Poteet, 25-7; 19. Montgomery, 25-6; 20. Huntsville, 25-5; 21. Austin LBJ, 20-4; 22. Livingston, 30-3; 23. Castroville Medina Valley, 25-7; 24. Waco Midway, 20-9; 25. EP Chapin, 27-4.

Class 3A

1. Kennedale, 23-7; 2. Rockport-Fulton, 31-3; 3. Levelland, 24-7; 4. Shallowater, 24-6; 5. Liberty Hill, 25-6; 6. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, 21-7; 7. Sanger, 27-7; 8. Longview Spring Hill, 26-5; 9. Bullard, 25-7; 10. Lorena, 26-4; 11. Emory Rains, 27-6; 12. Hondo, 26-5; 13. Abilene Wylie, 20-14; 14. Yoakum, 26-6; 15. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 28-6; 16. Celina, 22-7; 17. Lucas Lovejoy, 22-10; 18. Giddings, 18-12; 19. Brownwood, 21-9; 20. Decatur, 22-6; 21. Bridgeport, 24-5; 22. Brownsboro, 25-7; 23. Fairfield, 22-10; 24. Ingleside, 27-8; 25. West Columbia, 23-3.

Class 2A

1. Brock, 28-5; 2. Godley, 30-3; 3. Crockett, 33-0; 4. Wall, 27-4; 5. Tuscola Jim Ned, 27-8; 6. Winnsboro, 28-6; 7. Poth, 24-5; 8. Merkel, 28-4; 9. Gunter, 28-4; 10. Melissa, 25-2; 11. Jewett Leon, 21-4; 12. Jarrell, 26-5; 13. Tatum, 20-2; 14. Daingerfield, 27-5; 15. New Waverly, 22-7; 16. Skidmore-Tynan, 25-5; 17. Ponder, 30-5; 18. Spearman, 23-2; 19. Bangs, 25-7; 20. Marion, 22-10; 21. Edgewood, 24-8; 22. Bogata Rivercrest, 23-7; 23. Hico, 21-9; 24. Floydada, 24-4; 25. Woden, 26-4.

Class 1A Division I

1. Goldthwaite, 25-2; 2. Smyer, 29-2; 3. Martin's Mill, 31-3; 4. Honey Grove, 28-3; 5. Canadian, 28-2; 6. Muenster, 27-5; 7. Panhandle, 27-6; 8. Sudan, 26-7; 9. Kerens, 21-7; 10. Louise, 25-4; 11. Lovelady, 24-8; 12. Slocum, 26-6; 13. Falls City, 22-3; 14. Mertzon Irion County, 22-3; 15. Snook, 24-4; 16. Campbell, 26-2; 17. Mason, 24-7; 18. Albany, 23-6; 19. Santo, 23-6; 20. Gruver, 26-7; 21. Meridian, 25-6; 22. Zavalla, 28-5; 23. Evadale, 26-7; 24. La Rue La Poyner, 21-8; 25. Cayuga, 21-10.

Class 1A Division II

1. Saltillo, 29-1; 2. Neches, 30-4; 3. Goodrich, 25-5; 4. Rochelle, 28-1; 5. Throckmorton, 25-5; 6. Whitharral, 25-7; 7. Newcastle, 27-4; 8. Roby, 23-7; 9. Lorenzo, 23-5; 10. Knippa, 26-4; 11. Fayetteville, 22-5; 12. Texline, 22-7; 13. Slidell, 21-6; 14. Savoy, 21-9; 15. Bordon County, 21-7; 16. Paducah, 24-5; 17. Valley, 20-7; 18. Lipan, 22-9; 19. Evant, 18-5; 20. Miami, 19-10; 21. Crowell, 17-9; 22. Strawn, 22-7; 23. Leggett, 15-14; 24. Bellevue, 20-9; 25. Hartley, 15-5.

Large Private Schools

1. Houston Westbury Christian; 2. Argyle Liberty; 3. Plano John Paul II; 4. Dallas Bishop Lynch; 5. Dallas Ursuline; 6. Tomball Concordia; 7. SA Incarnate Word; 8. Houston St. Agnes; 9. Houston St. Pius X; 10. Houston Second Baptist; 11. Lubbock Trinity; 12. FW Christian; 13. Houston Bellaire Episcopal; 14. Houston Christian; 15. Plano Prestonwood; 16. Houston St. John; 17. FW Nolan; 18. Tyler Bishop Gorman; **19. Midland Christian**; 20. SA Texas Military Institute; 21. Austin Hyde Park Baptist; 22. Tyler Grace Community; 23. Trinity Addison; 24. Arlington Grace Prep; 25. Tyler All Saints Episcopal.

Small Private Schools

1. Sherman Texoma; 2. Victoria Faith; 3. Shiner St. Paul; 4. Marble Falls Faith; 5. Amarillo San Jacinto; 6. FW Lake Country; 7. DeSoto The Canterbury School; 8. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills; 9. SA Cornerstone; 10. Granbury Happy Hill Farm; 11. Muenster Sacred Heart; 12. New Braunfels Christian; 13. Tomball Rosehill; 14. Amarillo Arbor; 15. Colleyville Covenant; 16. Conroe Covenant; 17. Baytown Christian; 18. Richardson Canyon Creek; 19. Dallas Lutheran; 20. Round Rock Christian; 21. SA Sunnybrook; 22. Austin Brentwood; 23. Austin Waldorf; 24. Katy Faith West; 25. Red Oak Ovilla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

School	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (22)	24-1	1,549	2
2. Ohio St. (14)	24-1	1,536	1
3. Texas (23)	**22-3**	**1,535**	**3**
4. Pittsburgh (6)	23-2	1,478	4
5. Duke	23-2	1,348	5
6. San Diego St.	25-1	1,256	6
7. BYU	24-2	1,217	7
8. Notre Dame	21-4	1,212	8
9. Georgetown	20-5	1,103	11
10. Wisconsin	19-5	1,044	13
11. Purdue	20-5	941	14
12. Arizona	21-4	795	15
13. Connecticut	19-5	786	10
14. Florida	20-5	775	17
15. Villanova	19-6	710	9
16. Louisville	19-6	683	16
17. Syracuse	20-6	496	12
18. Vanderbilt	18-6	471	23
19. North Carolina	18-6	420	20
20. Missouri	19-6	404	19
21. Texas A&M	**19-5**	**377**	**22**
22. Kentucky	17-7	320	18
23. Temple	19-5	208	24
24. Xavier	18-6	83	—
25. Utah St.	23-3	75	21

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 58, Saint Mary's, Calif. 32, Coastal Carolina 32, UCLA 32, George Mason 28, St. John's 26, Washington 23, Alabama 13, Florida St. 11, Marquette 6, **Baylor 5**, Belmont 5, Colorado St. 5, Minnesota 4, UNLV 3.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 13, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

School	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (14)	24-1	753	2
2. Texas (13)	**22-3**	**746**	**3**
3. Ohio State (3)	24-1	706	1
4. Pittsburgh (1)	23-2	697	4
5. Duke	23-2	647	5
6. San Diego State	25-1	623	6
7. Notre Dame	21-4	588	7
8. Brigham Young	24-2	560	8
9. Georgetown	20-5	526	11
10. Wisconsin	19-5	460	14
11. Purdue	20-5	458	12
12. Connecticut	19-5	405	9
13. Arizona	21-4	383	16
14. Villanova	19-6	359	10
15. Florida	20-5	341	19
16. Louisville	19-6	332	15
17. Texas A&M	**19-5**	**201**	**22**
18. Vanderbilt	18-6	188	24
19. North Carolina	18-6	186	21
20. Syracuse	20-6	185	13
21. Missouri	19-6	159	20
22. Kentucky	17-7	140	18
23. Saint Mary's	22-4	139	23
24. Utah State	23-3	123	17
25. Temple	19-5	58	NR

Others receiving votes: George Mason 30, Coastal Carolina 19, Xavier 13, Washington 11, **UTEP 8**, UCLA 8, Wichita State 7, St. John's 5, Virginia Commonwealth 5, West Virginia 5, Florida State 4, Minnesota 4, Valparaiso 4, Cleveland State 2, **Baylor 1**.

Women

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

School	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Baylor (24)	**23-1**	**982**	**1**
2. Connecticut (15)	24-1	972	2
3. Stanford (1)	22-2	918	3
4. Tennessee	24-2	881	4
5. Texas A&M	**21-2**	**838**	**6**
6. Xavier	21-2	776	7
7. Duke	23-2	755	5
8. Notre Dame	22-4	729	8
9. UCLA	21-2	679	9
10. DePaul	23-3	638	10
11. Michigan St.	22-3	609	11
12. North Carolina	22-4	510	13
13. Miami	22-3	504	20
14. Oklahoma	18-6	447	14
15. Florida St.	20-5	428	19
16. Maryland	20-5	355	12
17. Wis.-Green Bay	24-1	354	18
18. Georgetown	20-6	338	16
19. Kentucky	19-6	303	15
20. Iowa St.	17-7	179	22
21. West Virginia	20-6	170	17
22. Marquette	19-5	156	21
23. Penn St.	21-6	138	23
24. Marist	22-2	106	25
25. Gonzaga	22-4	52	—

Others receiving votes: Iowa 40, **Houston 36**, Georgia 34, Georgia Tech 19, Louisiana Tech 17, Temple 16, St. John's 10, Boston College 8, Vanderbilt 3, BYU 2, Princeton 1.

Monday's Texas Box Score

No. 1 BAYLOR 67, No. 5 TEXAS A&M 58

TEXAS A&M (21-3): Elonu 0-6 0-0 0, Adams 4-15 1-2 9, Carter 3-10 0-0 8, White 10-18 8-10 29, Colson 1-12 2-2 4, Baker 1-2 0-0 2, Pratcher 0-0 0-0 0, Gilbert 3-10 0-0 6, Assarian 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-71 11-14 58.

BAYLOR (24-1): Williams 3-8 1-2 7, Griner 9-18 8-10 26, Sims 5-16 10-14 22, Hayden 2-6 0-0 4, Jones 2-5 2-5 6, Madden 0-0 0-0 0, Condrey 0-0 0-0 0, Pope 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-54 21-31 67.

Halftime—Tied 29-29. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 3-13 (Carter 2-5, White 1-4, Adams 0-2, Colson 0-2), Baylor 2-5 (Sims 2-4, Hayden 0-1). Fouled Out—Carter, Gilbert. Rebounds—Texas A&M 44 (Adams 9), Baylor 45 (Griner 11). Assists—Texas A&M 8 (Colson 4), Baylor 11 (Sims 5). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 24, Baylor 16. Technical—Assarian. A—10,299.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	14	.736	—
New York	27	26	.509	12
Philadelphia	26	28	.481	13 1/2
New Jersey	17	39	.304	23 1/2
Toronto	15	40	.273	25

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	39	15	.722	—
Atlanta	34	20	.630	5
Orlando	35	21	.625	5
Charlotte	24	31	.436	15 1/2
Washington	15	38	.283	23 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	16	.692	—
Indiana	24	28	.462	12
Milwaukee	21	33	.389	16
Detroit	20	36	.357	18
Cleveland	9	46	.164	28 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	46	9	.836	—
Dallas	38	16	.704	7 1/2
New Orleans	33	23	.589	13 1/2
Memphis	30	26	.536	16 1/2
Houston	26	30	.464	20 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	34	19	.642	—
Portland	31	24	.564	4
Utah	31	24	.564	4
Denver	31	25	.554	4 1/2
Minnesota	13	42	.236	22

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	18	.679	—
Phoenix	26	26	.500	10
Golden State	24	29	.453	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	20	35	.364	17 1/2
Sacramento	13	38	.255	22 1/2

Monday's Scores

Charlotte 109, L.A. Lakers 89
San Antonio 102, New Jersey 85
Atlanta 94, Detroit 79
Milwaukee 102, L.A. Clippers 78
Portland 95, Minnesota 81
Houston 121, Denver 102

Today's Games

Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Box Scores

SPURS 102, NETS 85

SAN ANTONIO (102): Jefferson 3-5 0-0 7, Duncan 7-12 1-3 15, Blair 2-6 6-8 10, Parker 5-13 3-6 13, Ginobili 6-14 8-8 22, Bonner 1-5 0-0 3, Hill 5-9 2-2 13, Neal 5-10 0-0 11, McDyess 1-3 3-4 5, Quinn 0-1 0-0 0, Novak 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 36-80 23-31 102.

NEW JERSEY (85): Outlaw 4-13 1-1 11, Favors 1-3 2-2 4, Lopez 5-16 1-2 11, Harris 2-6 6-6 10, Morrow 3-10 0-0 7, Vujacic 2-9 3-3 8, Humphries 1-5 2-4 4, Petro 2-5 0-0 4, Farmar 4-11 0-0 10, Ross 2-3 1-2 5, Graham 3-5 0-0 6, Uzoh 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 31-89 17-21 85.

San Antonio 27 32 21 22 — 102
New Jersey 23 25 18 19 — 85

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 7-16 (Ginobili 2-4, Novak 1-1, Neal 1-2, Hill 1-2, Jefferson 1-3, Bonner 1-3, Parker 0-1), New Jersey 6-18 (Farmar 2-3, Outlaw 2-5, Morrow 1-3, Vujacic 1-6, Graham 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 65 (Blair, Duncan 11), New Jersey 49 (Lopez 10). Assists—San Antonio 21 (Parker 7), New Jersey 15 (Farmar 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 20, New Jersey 29. A—13,433 (18,500).

ROCKETS 121, NUGGETS 102

DENVER (102): Anthony 4-14 8-10 16, Ken Martin 1-2 0-2 2, Nene 5-10 2-4 12, Billups 5-11 3-3 15, Afflalo 5-10 5-5 17, Harrington 4-11 3-3 12, J.Smith 2-8 2-2 6, Forbes 2-3 3-4 7, Lawson 1-4 2-4 4, Andersen 3-5 5-7 11. Totals 32-78 33-44 102.

HOUSTON (121): Battier 3-7 0-0 7, Scola 3-10 4-4 10, Hayes 2-5 2-2 6, Lowry 3-9 0-0 7, Kev.Martin 3-11 5-6 13, Lee 8-14 1-1 22, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 6-13 4-5 18, Budinger 6-11 2-2 15, Hill 5-7 1-1 11, Patterson 1-1 0-0 2, I.Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-89 19-22 121.

Denver 32 22 14 34 — 102
Houston 19 39 30 33 — 121

3-Point Goals—Denver 5-20 (Billups 2-4, Afflalo 2-5, Harrington 1-6, Lawson 0-1, J.Smith 0-1, Anthony 0-3), Houston 14-32 (Lee 5-7, Battier 3-3, Kev.Martin 2-6, Brooks 2-7, Lowry 1-4, Budinger 1-5). Fouled Out—Brooks. Rebounds—Denver 50 (Nene 9), Houston 55 (Scola 8). Assists—Denver 15 (Billups, Anthony 3), Houston 31 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—Denver 18, Houston 27. Technicals—Denver defensive three second. Houston defensive three second. A—16,450 (18,043).

BUCKS 102, CLIPPERS 78

L.A. CLIPPERS (78): Gomes 1-3 2-2 5, Griffin 7-19 5-7 19, Jordan 2-5 2-4 6, Davis 8-15 4-4 22, Foye 5-14 6-6 16, Aminu 1-5 2-2 4, Bledsoe 1-2 0-0 2, Cook 1-5 1-2 4, Diogu 0-1 0-0 0, Butler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-70 22-27 78.

MILWAUKEE (102): Delfino 9-15 1-2 26, Ilyasova 0-0 0-0 0, Bogut 5-9 0-4 10, Jennings 8-17 2-2 20, Salmons 5-13 5-6 16, Mbah a Moute 3-4 7-8 13, Brockman 3-3 5-6 11, Dooling 2-8 1-2 6, Temple 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-68 21-30 102.

L.A. Clippers 17 28 20 13 — 78
Milwaukee 22 25 24 31 — 102

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 4-17 (Davis 2-6, Cook 1-2, Gomes 1-3, Griffin 0-1, Bledsoe 0-1, Foye 0-4), Milwaukee 11-26 (Delfino 7-10, Jennings 2-5, Dooling 1-4, Salmons 1-5, Temple 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1). Fouled Out—Bogut. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 47 (Griffin 12), Milwaukee 44 (Mbah a Moute 10). Assists—L.A. Clippers 15 (Davis, Griffin 6), Milwaukee 25 (Salmons 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 24, Milwaukee 21. A—13,111 (18,717).

TRAIL BLAZERS 95, TIMBERWOLVES 81

PORTLAND (95): Batum 1-5 1-1 3, Aldridge 8-19 5-5 21, Cunningham 9-14 0-0 18, Miller 3-11 0-0 6, Matthews 8-18 4-6 23, Przybilla 0-1 1-2 1, Fernandez 6-10 2-2 18, Mills 1-4 0-0 2, Babbitt 0-0 0-0 0, Marks 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-84 13-16 95.

MINNESOTA (81): W.Johnson 0-6 1-2 1, Love 3-7 6-7 12, Milicic 7-15 1-1 15, Flynn 0-3 0-0 0, Brewer 0-2 0-0 0, Ridnour 6-13 1-1 16, Webster 5-10 3-4 17, Ellington 6-14 0-0 13, Koufos 1-3 1-2 3, Tolliver 0-0 0-0 0, Pekovic 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 30-77 13-17 81.

Portland 29 27 21 18 — 95
Minnesota 14 34 13 20 — 81

3-Point Goals—Portland 8-18 (Fernandez 4-7, Matthews 3-6, Marks 1-1, Mills 0-1, Batum 0-3), Minnesota 8-18 (Webster 4-6, Ridnour 3-5, Ellington 1-5, Love 0-1, Flynn 0-2). Fouled Out—Cunningham. Rebounds—Portland 54 (Cunningham 13), Minnesota 47 (Love 11). Assists—Portland 23 (Miller 7), Minnesota 15 (Ellington 5). Total Fouls—Portland 23, Minnesota 20. A—11,227 (19,356).

HAWKS 94, PISTONS 79

ATLANTA (94): Smith 11-17 4-4 27, Horford 5-8 0-0 10, Collins 0-0 2-2 2, Bibby 7-12 0-1 17, Johnson 6-13 0-0 14, Williams 3-8 8-8 15, Ja.Crawford 1-2 2-2 4, Wilkins 1-1 0-0 2, Pachulia 0-1 1-2 1, Teague 0-1 0-0 0, Powell 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-62 17-19 94.

DETROIT (79): Prince 5-13 0-0 10, Monroe 2-4 0-0 4, Wallace 0-3 0-0 0, Stuckey 4-9 4-6 12, McGrady 3-9 6-6 14, Daye 3-6 2-2 11, Gordon 2-7 0-0 5, Villanueva 5-9 0-0 13, Wilcox 0-1 0-0 0, Bynum 2-7 3-4 8, Summers 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-70 15-19 79.

Atlanta 20 33 21 20 — 94
Detroit 27 24 17 11 — 79

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 7-16 (Bibby 3-6, Johnson 2-3, Williams 1-3, Smith 1-3, Ja.Crawford 0-1), Detroit 10-19 (Daye 3-5, Villanueva 3-7, McGrady 2-2, Bynum 1-1, Gordon 1-3, Prince 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Smith 14), Detroit 33 (Wallace 7). Assists—Atlanta 26 (Bibby 7), Detroit 20 (Bynum 7). Total Fouls—Atlanta 16, Detroit 14. Technicals—Atlanta defensive three second. A—11,844 (22,076).

BOBCATS 109, LAKERS 89

L.A. LAKERS (89): Artest 4-11 2-2 10, Gasol 6-9 5-6 17, Bynum 3-6 3-4 9, Fisher 3-4 0-0 6, Bryant 8-20 3-4 20, S.Brown 2-9 0-0 4, Odom 4-9 0-0 9, Blake 0-3 0-0 0, Walton 3-4 0-0 7, Caracter 2-3 0-0 4, Ebanks 0-2 3-4 3. Totals 35-80 16-20 89.

CHARLOTTE (109): Wallace 9-16 0-2 20, Diaw 5-9 3-3 16, K.Brown 4-8 0-0 8, Augustin 3-7 0-0 7, Jackson 3-10 3-4 9, Livingston 3-6 3-3 9, Mohammed 7-11 2-2 16, Najera 0-1 0-0 0, Henderson 6-9 5-5 18, Carroll 1-2 0-0 3, Collins 0-2 0-0 0, D.Brown 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 42-82 17-21 109.

L.A. Lakers 22 21 17 29 — 89
Charlotte 24 25 29 31 — 109

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 3-19 (Walton 1-1, Odom 1-3, Bryant 1-4, Fisher 0-1, Ebanks 0-1, Artest 0-2, Blake 0-3, S.Brown 0-4), Charlotte 8-21 (Diaw 3-6, Wallace 2-4, Carroll 1-2, Henderson 1-2, Augustin 1-4, Najera 0-1, Collins 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 52 (Gasol 10), Charlotte 41 (Wallace 11). Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (Gasol, Artest 5), Charlotte 28 (Augustin 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 24, Charlotte 15. Technicals—L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—19,488 (19,077).

TENNIS

ATP

ATP World Tour Money Leaders
Through Feb. 13

1. Novak Djokovic	$2,199,340
2. Andy Murray	$1,122,597
3. Roger Federer	$596,874
4. Robin Soderling	$546,175
5. David Ferrer	$504,508
6. Rafael Nadal	$288,787
7. Alexandr Dolgopolov	$286,359
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	$284,156
9. Tomas Berdych	$280,642
10. Stanislas Wawrinka	$279,837

ATP World Tour Copa Claro Results
Monday
At Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Purse: $547,900 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Albert Montanes (4), Spain, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (0).

Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Federico del Bonis, Argentina, 7-6 (1), 7-5.

Tommy Robredo (6), Spain, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 7-5, 6-2.

Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Juan Ignacio Chela (8), Argentina, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Fernando Ferreiro and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Daniel Munoz-de la Nava, Spain, and Joao Souza, Brazil, 2-6, 6-1, 10-7 tiebreak.

Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, and David Marrero, Spain, def. Carlos Berlocq and Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 1-6, 7-6 (0) 10-5 tiebreak.

Igor Andreev, Russia, and Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Pablo Andujar and Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 2-6, 6-3, 10-4.

ATP World Tour Open 13 Results
Monday
At Palais des Sports
Marseille, France
Purse: $780,250 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Illya Marchenko, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-3.

Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Doubles
First Round

Marin Cilic and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, def. Frank Moser, Germany, and David Skoch, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 tiebreak.

WTA

WTA Money Leaders
Through Feb. 13

1. Kim Clijsters	$2,181,058
2. Li Na	$1,136,529
3. Vera Zvonareva	$436,226
4. Caroline Wozniacki	$417,550
5. Petra Kvitova	$352,801
6. Flavia Pennetta	$328,876
7. Andrea Petkovic	$249,178
8. Gisela Dulko	$242,505
9. Agnieszka Radwanska	$219,864
10. Victoria Azarenka	$218,213

WTA Copa BBVA Colsanitas Results
Monday
At Club Campestre el Rancho
Bogota, Colombia
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Germany, def. Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Simona Halep (3), Romania, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Catalina Castano, Colombia, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues (8), Spain, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 7-6 (5).

Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Doubles
First Round

Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, and Alexandrina Naydenova, Bulgaria, 6-3, 6-4.

Lindsay Lee-Waters and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino and Arantxa Parra Santonja (3), Spain, 7-6 (5), 0-6, 13-11 tiebreak.

Bianca Botto, Peru, and Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, def. Anna Rodionova, Russia, and Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

WTA Dubai Duty Free Championships Results
Monday
At Dubai Tennis Stadium
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.05 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Zhang Shuai, China, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4.

Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Alisa Kleybanova (15), Russia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Marion Bartoli (10), France, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (16), Russia, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Lisa Raymond, United States, and Sam Stosur (7), Australia, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, and Tatiana Poutchek, Belarus, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, and Darya Kustova, Belarus, 7-5, 7-6 (1).

Jarmila Groth, Australia, and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Kristina Barrois and Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 10-5 tiebreak.

Other

RMK Championships & the Cellular South Cup Results
Monday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Purse: Men, $1,226,500 (WT500); Women, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Robert Kendrick, United States, def. Kevin Anderson (8), South Africa, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Women
First Round

Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (1), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3.

Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Olga Govortsova (5), Belarus, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 1-6, 6-0, 7-6 (5).

Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, 6-2, 6-2.

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Julie Ditty, United States, 6-1, 6-3.

Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-3, 6-4.

Rebecca Marino (6), Canada, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-4, 6-1.

Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Catherine Harrison, United States, 6-2, 6-2.

Alexandra Stevenson, United States, def. Sofia Arvidsson (2), Sweden, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles
Women
First Round

Vania King, United States, and Michaella Krajicek (3), Netherlands, def. Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 2-6, 6-3, 10-7 tiebreak.

Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Alla Kudryavtseva (2), Russia, def. Ahsha Rolle and Mashona Washington, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

GOLF

PGA

PGA Tour Leaders
Through Feb. 13

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Mark Wilson	1,008	$2,098,700
2. D.A. Points	688	$1,465,350
3. Jhonattan Vegas	672	$1,248,280
4. Bubba Watson	584	$1,143,134
5. Jonathan Byrd	566	$1,174,666
6. Hunter Mahan	475	$973,834
7. Bill Haas	441	$809,934
8. Phil Mickelson	411	$827,334
9. Steve Marino	372	$771,550
10. Gary Woodland	356	$675,526
11. Jason Dufner	349	$696,118
12. Robert Garrigus	300	$635,000
13. Tim Clark	299	$571,000
14. Dustin Johnson	290	$549,772
15. Nick Watney	283	$626,000
16. Matt Kuchar	283	$561,125
17. Jimmy Walker	265	$476,834
18. Vijay Singh	264	$477,492
19. Matt Bettencourt	258	$373,599
20. Tom Gillis	245	$527,722
21. Spencer Levin	226	$381,565
22. Brian Gay	212	$366,636
23. Martin Laird	211	$405,800
24. Ryan Palmer	210	$360,200
25. Bill Lunde	200	$294,877
26. Anthony Kim	198	$364,086
27. Steve Stricker	195	$429,500
28. Chris Couch	195	$349,139
29. Marc Leishman	190	$277,791
29. Graeme McDowell	190	$412,000
31. Keegan Bradley	182	$304,925
32. Rory Sabbatini	179	$265,019
33. Chris Kirk	173	$224,417
34. Stuart Appleby	167	$262,723
35. J.B. Holmes	166	$361,120
36. Justin Rose	160	$272,541
37. Aaron Baddeley	158	$265,716
38. Ben Crane	157	$257,750
39. Zack Miller	154	$237,489
40. Kevin Na	153	$247,357
41. Webb Simpson	153	$260,848
42. Cameron Beckman	152	$235,377
43. Brandt Snedeker	148	$315,500
44. Daniel Summerhays	144	$193,226
45. Alex Prugh	143	$189,116
46. Brendon de Jonge	139	$152,219
47. Bryce Molder	132	$248,699
48. Jerry Kelly	127	$223,556
49. Carl Pettersson	123	$287,288
50. Jason Day	123	$219,357
51. Fredrik Jacobson	122	$111,733
52. Charles Howell III	111	$195,351
53. Alex Cejka	111	$157,956
54. Matt Jones	111	$144,687
55. Pat Perez	110	$141,874
56. Michael Connell	110	$115,467
57. Vaughn Taylor	108	$101,715
58. Steven Bowditch	107	$201,426
59. Rickie Fowler	105	$176,212
60. J.J. Henry	104	$142,993
61. Tommy Gainey	103	$188,010
62. Kevin Sutherland	103	$137,060
63. David Duval	102	$139,853
64. Chris Riley	101	$168,310
65. Arjun Atwal	100	$166,925
66. Y.E. Yang	99	$182,796
67. Brian Davis	99	$113,871
68. Davis Love III	99	$170,780
69. Boo Weekley	97	$121,256
70. Ian Poulter	95	$201,500
71. Derek Lamely	93	$135,556
72. Ryuji Imada	91	$146,193
73. Jeff Overton	89	$89,428
74. Chris DiMarco	88	$100,445
74. Shigeki Maruyama	88	$177,375
74. Roland Thatcher	88	$177,375

Champions

Champions Tour Leaders
Through Feb. 13

Rank Player	Points	Money
1. Tom Lehman	454	$454,000
2. John Cook	305	$328,991
3. Jeff Sluman	244	$244,000
4. Russ Cochran	197	$197,200
5. Rod Spittle	144	$172,000
6. Tom Watson	130	$130,000
7. David Frost	100	$99,209
8. Olin Browne	97	$97,200
9. Corey Pavin	80	$95,450
10. Tom Kite	70	$73,690
11. Hale Irwin	65	$79,550
11. Jim Rutledge	65	$64,800
11. Jay Don Blake	65	$64,800
14. Keith Fergus	51	$56,600
14. Mark McNulty	51	$55,620
14. Michael Allen	51	$50,600
14. Mark O'Meara	51	$50,600
18. Larry Mize	49	$61,225

Rodeo

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through Feb. 13

All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $32,844
2. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas $15,759
3. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $14,077
4. Cody Ohl, Hico, Texas $13,513
5. Rhett Kennedy, Chowchilla, Calif. $10,408

Bareback Riding

1. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas $29,809
2. Joe Gunderson, Agar, S.D. $14,186
3. Chris Harris, Itasca, Texas $13,127
4. Bo Casper, Fort Scott, Kan. $12,799
5. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $10,358
6. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, Texas $10,192
7. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $9,868
8. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $9,490
9. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $8,909
10. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, Texas $8,296

Steer Wrestling

1. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $22,422
2. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $19,881
3. Darrell Petry, Beaumont, Texas $13,780
4. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D. $11,954
5. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D. $11,919
6. Justin Blaine Davis, Bartonville, Texas $11,509
7. Dane Hanna, Berthold, N.D. $10,578
8. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo. $9,395
9. Dru Melvin, Tryon, Neb. $8,766
10. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $8,271

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $18,531
2. Joel Bach, Millsap, Texas $17,368
3. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $12,847
4. Chad Masters, Clarksville, Tenn. $12,733
5. Ty Blasingame, Ramah, Colo. $11,986
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $11,366
7. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $9,186
8. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif. $9,035
9. Caleb Mitchell, Pollok, Texas $7,420
10. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $7,311

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $18,531
2. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas $17,368
3. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $12,733
4. Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas $11,366
5. Cody Hintz, Spring Creek, Nev. $10,283
6. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas $9,186
7. Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif. $9,035
8. Matt Garza, Las Cruces, N.M. $8,607
9. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $8,005
10. Jhett Johnson, Casper, Wyo. $7,323

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $24,464
2. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $14,811
3. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $12,956
4. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas $11,398
5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D. $9,678
6. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $9,386
7. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $9,141
8. Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D. $8,378
9. Mert Bradshaw, Eagle Point, Ore. $8,367
10. Ty Atchison, Jackson, Mo. $7,900

Tie-down Roping

1. Clint Cooper, Decatur, Texas $19,855
2. E.J. Roberts, Stephenville, Texas $16,664
3. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $16,212
4. Justin Macha, Needville, Texas $14,000
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $13,914
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $12,382
7. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas $11,622
8. Jud Nowotny, La Vernia, Texas $10,805
9. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas $10,276
10. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga. $10,145

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $9,096
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $6,237
3. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $5,806
4. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $5,767
5. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas $5,709
6. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $5,299
7. Cody Ohl, Hico, Texas $3,724
8. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas $3,640
9. Bryce Davis, Abilene, Texas $3,597
10. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $3,261

Bull Riding

1. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $39,297
2. Douglas Duncan, Alvin, Texas $21,527
3. Chance Smart, Philadelphia, Miss. $18,618
4. Jacob O'Mara, Prairieville, La. $17,119
5. Seth Glause, Rock Springs, Wyo. $16,318
6. Clayton Savage, Casper, Wyo. $14,854
7. J.W. Harris, Mullin, Texas $14,644
8. Bryan Richardson, Dallas, Texas $14,006
9. Beau Schroeder, China, Texas $13,429
10. Howdy Cloud, Kountze, Texas $13,282

Barrel racing

1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas $25,251
2. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore. $19,362
3. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas $19,302
4. Jill Moody, Letcher, S.D. $17,182
5. Susan Kay Smith, Hodgen, Okla. $17,134
6. Jane Melby, Backus, Minn. $14,719
7. Jana Bean, Fort Hancock, Texas $14,000
8. Kenna Squires, Fredonia, Texas $12,987
9. Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas $11,133
10. Mattie Little-Jackson, Ardmore, Okla. $10,276

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TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Rapid City	50	29	17	4	62	165	159
Colorado	49	29	17	3	61	180	149
Quad City	48	27	20	1	55	140	130
Bloomington	44	25	16	3	53	125	133
Missouri	46	24	17	5	53	138	130
Wichita	46	24	18	4	52	175	161
Dayton	45	22	19	4	48	132	134
Fort Wayne	45	21	19	5	47	128	134
Evansville	46	16	24	6	38	131	166

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Allen	44	34	9	1	69	190	139
Bossier-Shreveport	46	25	19	2	52	165	142
Tulsa	48	25	21	2	52	173	171
Texas	43	23	15	5	51	143	135
Mississippi	49	23	22	4	50	150	156
Odessa	**48**	**20**	**22**	**6**	**46**	**166**	**175**
Rio Grande Valley	48	19	24	5	43	144	164
Arizona	48	18	25	5	41	143	184
Laredo	47	16	24	7	39	143	169

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OL column, not the loss column.

Monday's Scores

No Games Scheduled

Today's Games

Wichita at Bossier-Shreveport, 6:35 p.m.
Texas at Loredo, 7 p.m.
Allen at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Evansville at Mississippi, 7:05 p.m.
Missouri at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Rapid City, 7:35 p.m.
Odessa at Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	25	9	.735	—
Erie	23	9	.719	1
Fort Wayne	14	19	.424	10 1/2
Maine	14	21	.400	11 1/2
Dakota	11	23	.324	14
Springfield	10	23	.303	14 1/2
Sioux Falls	5	24	.172	17 1/2

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Rio Grande Valley	23	10	.697	—
Tulsa	23	10	.697	—
Reno	22	12	.647	1 1/2
Bakersfield	20	12	.625	2 1/2
Utah	17	15	.531	5 1/2
Texas	16	17	.485	7
Austin	13	19	.406	9 1/2
Idaho	13	19	.406	9 1/2
New Mexico	14	21	.400	10

Monday's Scores

Utah 99, Austin 93
Texas at Bakersfield, late

Today's Game

Iowa at Sioux Falls, 8 p.m.

Boxing

Fight Schedule By The Associated Press National TV in parentheses

Feb. 18

At Salisbury, Md. (ESPN2), Fernando Guerrero vs. Derrick Findley, 10, for Guerrero's NABF middleweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Adrian Mora, 10, NABF welterweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Adrian Mora, 10, welterweights.

Feb. 19

At Stuttgart, Germany, Felix Sturm vs. Ronald Hearns, 12, for Sturm's WBA middleweight title.

At Panama City, Panama, Anselmo Moreno vs. Lorenzo Parra, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World bantamweight title.

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas (HBO), Fernando Montiel vs. Nonito Donaire, 12, for Montiel's WBC-WBO bantamweight titles; Mike Jones vs. Jesus Soto-Karass, 12, welterweights; Mark Melligen vs. Gabriel Martinez, 10, welterweights.

Feb. 25

At Tulsa, Okla. (ESPN2), Juan Carlos Burgos vs. Frankie Archuleta, 10, featherweights; Maxim Vlasov vs. Isaac Chilemba, 10, super middleweights.

Feb. 26

At Atlantic City, N.J., Gabriel Rosado vs. Jamaal Davis, 12, junior middleweights.

At Grand Island, Neb. (SHO), Antonio DeMarco vs. Reyes Sanchez, 12, WBC lightweight eliminator.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mississippi State at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN
Texas Tech at Missouri, 6 p.m., ESPN
Michigan State at Ohio State, 8 p.m., ESPN

SOCCER

Valencia vs. Schalke, UEFA Champions League, 1:30 p.m., FSS

NHL

Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., Versus
Dallas at Oilers, 9 p.m., FSS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Nebraska at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS

WHAT'S ON DECK

CHL

Jackalopes at Arizona, 7:05 p.m.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Sterling City, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Lubbock Roosevelt, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Monahans, 7 p.m.
Coahoma at Denver City, 6 p.m.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Class 5A, MHS vs. Arlington Martin, 6 p.m., Merkel HS
Class 3A, Greenwood vs. Pecos, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Crane HS
Class A, Grady vs. Ropes,

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Odessa High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Odessa High at Midland High, 6:30 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. w OA art

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

New Mexico JC at Midland College, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m.
Midland High at San Angelo Lake View, 4 p.m.
Midland Christian at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Lamesa, 5 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF

Midland College at Western Texas College Invitational, Diamond Back GC, Abilene

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Designated RHP Brian Schlitter for assignment. Agreed to terms with OF Andruw Jones to a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Voided the contract of RHP Brian Stokes.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Carlos Marmol on a three-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Named Brian Chickto minor league training coordinator, Joe Golia athletic trainer for Buffalo (IL) and Matt Hunter athletic trainer for Binghamton (EL).

Southern League

TENNESSEE SMOKIES—Extended their affiliation with the Chicago Cubs for two years through the 2014 season.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Released RHP Ron Hill, RHP DJ Mattox, OF Jonathan Reynoso and INF JD Reininger.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Sold the contract of C Matt Kramer to Boston (AL).

Frontier League

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Traded LHP Ronnie Morales to York (Atlantic) for a player to be named.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Released G-F Sasha Pavlovic.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Fined F-C DeMarcus Cousins for fighting with a teammate after a Feb. 12 game against Oklahoma City.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Bob Bratkowski quarterbacks coach.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed coach John Harbaugh to a three-year extension through 2014.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Chris Beake offensive coach, Chuck Bullough defensive coach, Shawn Mennenga special teams coach, Ray Rhodes senior assistant-defense coach, Keith Gilbertson senior assistant-offense coach. Announced running backs coach Gary Brown, tight ends coach Steve Hagen, defensive backs coach Jerome Henderson, strength and conditioning coach Kent Johnston, assistant strength and conditioning coach Rick Lyle, assistant to the head coach Luke Steckel and offensive line coach George Warhop will be retained from last year's staff.

NEW YORK JETS—Named Bill Hughan strength and conditioning coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Rod Woodson cornerbacks coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned D Arturs Kulda to Chicago (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned F Zac Dalpe to Charlotte (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Announced the retirement of F Peter Forsberg.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Robin Lehner and F Bobby Butler from Binghamton (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Traded F Kris Versteeg to Philadelphia for 2011 first- and third-round draft picks. American Hockey League

PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Announced F Jordan Caron was assigned to the team by Boston (NHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS—Announced F Chris Bright has been returned from Hershey (AHL). Loaned F Ryan Cruthers to Hershey. Announced Toronto (AHL) recalled F Justin Hodgman.

Central Hockey League

FORT WAYNE KOMETS—Announced F Chris Francis was recalled by Springfield (AHL).

ODESSA JACKALOPES—Suspended D Mike Schutte.

TULSA OILERS—Placed G Rob Mattson on waivers.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS—Waived F Jason Yeisley.

LA GALAXY—Agreed to terms with MF Paolo Cardozo, MF Hector Jimenez, MF Dan Keat, D Ryan Thomas and MF Dustin McCarty.

PHILADELPHIA UNION—Waived MF Eduardo Coudet.

REAL SALT LAKE—Re-signed D Nat Borchers to a four-year contract. COLLEGE

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE—Reprimanded San Diego State basketball coach Steve Fisher after he criticized Wyoming for firing coach Heath Schroyer last week.

BOSTON COLLEGE—Named Kevin Rogers offensive coordinator.

NYU—Named Ryan Casey men's assistant volleyball coach.

TEXAS—Named Duane Akina defensive backs coach.

WISCONSIN-STOUT—Named Ryan Raulus women's soccer coach.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	55	36	14	5	77	182	139
Pittsburgh	58	35	19	4	74	173	141
N.Y. Rangers	58	30	24	4	64	162	144
New Jersey	56	22	30	4	48	120	158
N.Y. Islanders	56	20	29	7	47	151	186

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	56	31	18	7	69	172	135
Montreal	57	31	20	6	68	151	143
Buffalo	54	26	22	6	58	161	162
Toronto	56	23	27	6	52	144	174
Ottawa	56	18	30	8	44	126	186

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	56	34	17	5	73	172	172
Washington	57	29	18	10	68	153	143
Carolina	57	27	22	8	62	168	175
Atlanta	58	25	23	10	60	167	188
Florida	55	24	24	7	55	146	148

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	56	34	16	6	74	187	163
Nashville	56	30	19	7	67	150	133
Chicago	56	28	22	6	62	177	158
Columbus	56	28	23	5	61	152	168
St. Louis	55	25	21	9	59	148	164

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	57	36	12	9	81	192	136
Minnesota	55	30	20	5	65	146	145
Calgary	58	28	22	8	64	168	172
Colorado	56	25	25	6	56	170	186
Edmonton	56	16	32	8	40	137	193

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	58	30	19	9	69	165	162
Dallas	56	31	19	6	68	159	158
Anaheim	57	32	21	4	68	159	157
San Jose	57	30	21	6	66	158	151
Los Angeles	56	31	22	3	65	156	132

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

Monday's Scores

St. Louis 3, Vancouver 2
Phoenix 3, Washington 2
Calgary at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Monday's Summaries

COYOTES 3, CAPITALS 2

Washington 0 1 1 — 2
Phoenix 0 2 1 — 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Washington, Johansson 8 (Laich, Semin), 8:46. 2, Phoenix, Hanzal 12 (Whitney, Vrbata), 9:35. 3, Phoenix, Whitney 11 (Vrbata, Doan), 17:43 (pp).

Third Period—4, Phoenix, Fiddler 6 (Upshall, Yandle), 4:24. 5, Washington, Bradley 4 (Steckel, Schultz), 5:04.

Shots on Goal—Washington 5-17-9—31. Phoenix 5-6-7—18.

Goalies—Washington, Neuvirth. Phoenix, Bryzgalov. A—13,856 (17,135). T—2:28.

BLUES 3, CANUCKS 2

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

First Period—1, St. Louis, McDonald 10 (Nikitin, Pietrangelo), 5:10 (pp). 2, Vancouver, H.Sedin 13 (Salo, Burrows), 10:15. 3, St. Louis, Steen 16, 12:17.

Second Period—4, St. Louis, Berglund 15 (Pietrangelo, McDonald), 17:29 (pp).

Third Period—5, Vancouver, Hansen 7 (Torres, Ehrhoff), 1:47.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 6-8-11—25. St. Louis 11-14-9—34.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo. St. Louis, Halak. A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:19.

SKIING

Alpine World Championships Results
Monday
At Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
Men
Super-Combined

1. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2 minutes, 54.51 seconds (1:59.49-55.02).
2. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 2:55.52 (2:00.67-54.85).
3. Peter Fill, Italy, 2:56.41 (2:00.83-55.58).
4. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:56.68 (2:02.50-54.18).
5. Ondrej Bank, Czech Republic, 2:56.90 (2:01.00-55.90).
6. Paolo Pangrazzi, Italy, 2:57.35 (2:02.66-54.69).
7. Lars Elton Myhre, Norway, 2:57.50 (2:03.39-54.11).
8. Natko Zrncic-Dim, Croatia, 2:57.71 (2:03.25-54.46).
9. Andreas Romar, Finland, 2:58.05 (2:01.19-56.86).
10. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:58.42 (2:02.56-55.86).
11. Georgi Georgiev, Bulgaria, 2:58.86 (2:02.74-56.12).
12. Joachim Puchner, Austria, 2:58.96 (2:03.26-55.70).
13. Bjoern Sieber, Austria, 2:59.44 (2:03.49-55.95).
14. Mirko Deflorian, Moldova, 3:00.29 (2:04.00-56.29).
14. Tim Jitloff, United States, 3:00.29 (2:06.02-54.27).
16. Ferran Terra, Spain, 3:01.01 (2:03.70-57.31).
17. Martin Vrablik, Czech Republic, 3:01.48 (2:05.97-55.51).
18. Tin Siroki, Croatia, 3:01.52 (2:04.74-56.78).
19. Jaroslav Babusiak, Slovakia, 3:02.30 (2:05.93-56.37).
20. Yuri Danilochkin, Belarus, 3:02.37 (2:04.63-57.74).
21. Kevin Esteve Rigail, Andora, 3:02.53 (2:01.81-1:00.72).
22. Nikola Chongarov, Bulgaria, 3:02.94 (2:03.79-59.15).
23. Igor Laikert, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3:07.78 (2:09.43-58.35).
24. Matej Falat, Slovakia, 3:09.83 (2:10.63-59.20).
25. Rostyslav Feshchuk, Ukraine, 3:11.22 (2:09.86-1:01.36).
26. Taras Pimenov, Kazakhstan, 3:14.26 (2:11.40-1:02.86).
27. Michal Klusak, Poland, 3:20.12 (2:05.58-1:14.54).
28. Roger Vidosa, Andora, 3:25.25 (2:04.89-1:20.36).

Did Not Finish Downhill

Romed Baumann, Austria; Dalibor Samsal, Croatia; Maciej Bydlinski, Poland; Roberts Rode, Latvia; Cristian Javier Simari Birkner, Argentina; TJ Baldwin, Britain; Hans Olsson, Sweden.

Did Not Finish Slalom

Dominik Paris, Italy; Beat Feuz, Switzerland; Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland; Ted Ligety, United States; Bode Miller, United States; Dmitry Koshkin, Kazakhstan.

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TODAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Boys

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Midland High 5-4-4, 1-2-0-0 (3 points); Odessa High 2-9-1, 0-2-0-1 (1 point)

Last game: Lee 1, Midland High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0

Notes & Quotes: The word desperate may come to mind as these two teams play for the first time this season. Midland High has garnered one victory in its first three games, and have three points in the 3-5A standings. Odessa High, meanwhile, has scored a lone point in a shootout loss to Abilene High. Both, though, are coming of losses to their crosstown rivals on Saturday. ... The Bulldogs put together a solid performance against Lee on Saturday, but the Rebels took advantage of one of the few opportunites either team had in the 56th minute on Dustin Beal's goal. Midland High had chances on the attack late in the second half, but they went wide or were stopped. The Bulldogs' attack will be bolstered today as forward Robert Gonzalez returns to the lineup after having to sit out Saturday's game because of two yellow cards from the previous Tuesday. "That's the beauty of this team, we will come back even harder," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said Saturday. "OHS is the next one up, and they will get our best." ... Odessa High also heads into today's game after missing some opportunities in Saturday's loss to rival Permian. The Bronchos' Fred Koepp had a penalty kick in the 14th minute careen off the post.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, 2 p.m. Saturday; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Lee 5-6-2, 2-0-0-0 (6 points); Odessa Permian 4-7-1, 2-0-0-1 (7 points)

Last game: Lee 1, Midland High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0

Notes & Quotes: This game is between the two top teams in District 3-5A, and Lee has scored the maximum amount of points in the first two games. Permian, meanwhile, came back from a shootout loss to Abilene Cooper to beat rival Odessa High on Friday. Lee coach Scott Hicks said with the way the 3-5A system is set up, the key is trying to get some points each game. "When you are in the points system you have to look at each game individually," Hicks said. "When you think about what's coming in March, it's how many points you've got to have and that's what matters. We've got to try to get points every game, if possible." ... Lee's lone goal on Saturday was scored by junior Dustin Beal, who headed in a throw-in from Miles Vincent. ... Permian's goal came from Christian Korner in the 44th minute against the Bronchos.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

OUT IN FRONT Midland High's Kierre Woods and Lee's Ben Bradbery both chase after the ball Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Records: San Angelo Central 7-4-1, 1-1-0-0 (3 points); Abilene Cooper 3-5-1, 0-1-1-0 (2 points)

Last game: Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Midland High 3, San Angelo Central 1 on Feb. 8

Next: Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Lee, 2 p.m. Saturday

Abilene Cooper; Abilene High is open. All games at 6:30 p.m.

Girls

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Midland High 10-5-1, 2-0-1-0 (8 points); Odessa High 8-5-2, 0-2-1-0 (2 points)

Last game: Midland High 1, Lee 0; Odessa Permian 2, Odessa High 0

Notes & Quotes: The Lady Bulldogs survived a tough three-game stretch by tallying eight of a possible nine points in those games, and it culminated with a 1-0 victory against rival Lee on Saturday. Savannah Ross' corner kick in the 5th minute was the difference in the one-goal victory. Midland High coach Kent Rivas said even though those three games are over with, they still have to maintain their intensity. "We still need to be up and adam," Rivas said. "We've just go to play." ... After a promising non-district slate, the Lady Bronchos have had a rough start to the 3-5A schedule. The Bronchos have suffered losses to rival Permian and a district-opening loss to Lee, and won a shootout against Abilene High on Feb. 8.

Next: Midland High at Abilene High, noon Saturday; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

3-5A Boys Standings

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Odessa Permian	2	0	0	1	7	5	7	1
Lee	2	0	0	0	6	5	6	2
Abilene High	1	1	1	0	5	5	8	0
San Angelo Central	1	1	0	0	3	7	4	1
Midland High	1	2	0	0	3	5	4	4
Abilene Cooper	0	1	1	0	2	5	4	0
Odessa High	0	2	0	1	1	2	10	1

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

Saturday's Scores

Lee 1, Midland High 0; Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central is open.

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High is open. All games at 6:30 p.m.

District 3-5A Girls Standings

Team	District W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Midland High	2	0	1	0	8	10	5	1
Odessa Permian	2	1	0	0	6	8	4	1
San Angelo Central	1	0	0	1	4	5	3	3
Lee	1	1	0	0	3	6	2	5
Odessa High	0	2	1	0	2	8	5	2
Abilene Cooper	0	1	1	0	2	3	5	1
Abilene High	0	2	0	1	1	2	5	6

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 1, Lee 0; Abilene Cooper 1, Abilene High 0, SO; Odessa Permian 2, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central is open.

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High is open. All games at 4:30 p.m.

Stadium, Odessa

Records: Lee 6-2-5, 1-1-0-0 (3 points); Odessa Permian 8-4-1, 2-1-0-0 (6 points)

Last game: Midland High 1, Lee 0; Odessa Permian 2, Odessa High 0

Notes & Quotes: The Lady Rebels had as promising a start to the 3-5A season as they could've hoped with a win against Odessa High on Feb. 5, but Saturday's loss to Midland High may be the test to see how the team rebounds. And Lee will have to do it against one of the top teams in the district. Lee gave up a goal in the fifth minute on a corner kick, and then held the Lady Bulldogs scoreless the rest of the game. But Lee could never come up with an equalizer after that goal. "We are disappointed with the result, but I was happy with our effort and the way we responded," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "But we have to use it as a learning experience." ... Paige Strahan scored both goals for the Lady Panthers in their victory against the rival Lady Bronchos on Saturday. Strahan's second goal came in the 70th minute, shortly after an Odessa High opportunity was stopped.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, noon Saturday; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: San Angelo Central 5-3-3, 1-0-0-1 (4 points); Abilene Cooper 3-5-1, 0-1-1-0 (2 points)

Last game: Abilene Cooper 1, Abilene High 0, SO; Midland High 3, San Angelo Central 2, SO (3-2)

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, noon Saturday; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon Saturday

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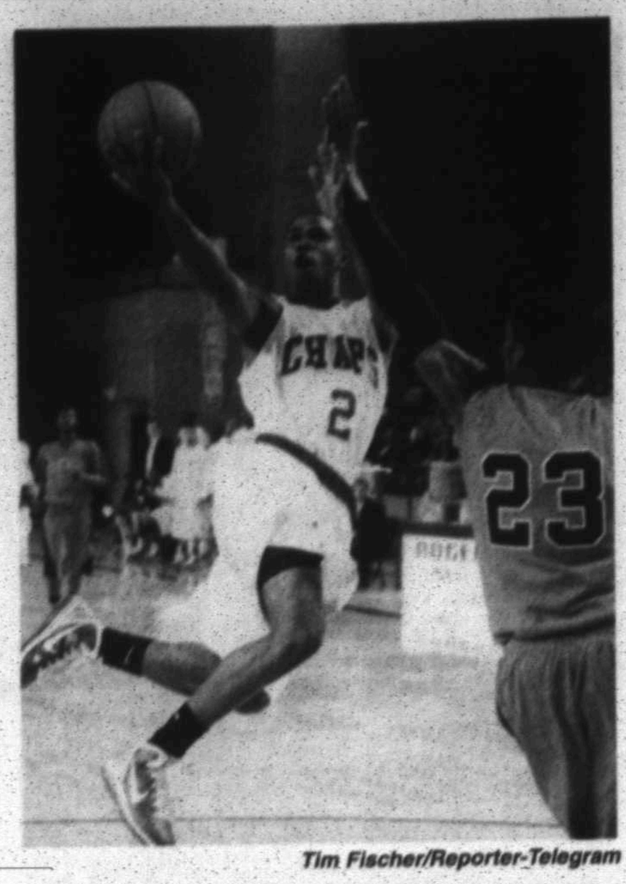

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FLIPPING UP A TWO Midland College's Bobby Hatchet lays one in for 2 as Howard College's Shavon Coleman tries to block Monday night at the Chaparral Center.

CHAPARRALS

From 1C

Midland College had a 32-23 lead at the half then built 57-39 lead with more than 10 minutes remaining in the game.

That's when the Hawks woke up and charged back as Howard went on a 14-2 run to cut the lead to 59-53 with less than six minutes remaining. It was a dogfight from that point on.

MC took a 72-65 lead with 1:01 left on a three-point play by Walker. Four combined free throws by Dixon and Lacy and then a 3 by Coleman then pulled HC to within 73-69.

The Chaps still could have closed it out at the charity stripe down the stretch but Bobby Hatchett split a pair and then Davis, usually a solid free throw shooter, missed both of his attempts with 20 seconds remaining.

That opened the door for Emory, who nailed the 3-point shot from the right wing, to send the Hawks bench and fans into a frenzy as he gave the Hawks their first lead of the second half, 75-74.

The Chaps had one last opportunity to win the game but Davis' 3-point attempt from the beyond the top of the key bounced off the back iron.

"It hurts," Hodge said. "I told our guys that this one should sting a little bit. But when they come out of the locker room, they need to put it behind them and we need to learn from it. Hopefully we'll be in a situation where we have 18-point leads again and just have to finish the game a little better."

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WJCAC Standings

MEN

Team	Conference W	L	Overall W	L
x-Midland College	10	1	24	3
x-Howard College	9	2	19	6
Odessa College	8	3	22	5
New Mexico JC	5	6	18	7
Western Texas	4	7	18	8
South Plains	3	8	14	12
Frank Phillips	3	8	11	16
New Mexico Military	2	9	10	15

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Howard College 76, Midland College 74; Odessa College 95, South Plains 82; Western Texas 82, New Mexico JC 68; New Mexico Military Institute 90, Frank Phillips 73

Thursday's Games

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

HOWARD COLLEGE 76, NO. 5 MIDLAND COLLEGE 74

Howard College (19-6, 9-2) — Jerry Dixon 5-10 6-7 18, Johnnie Lacy 1-7 11-14 14, Tramel White 1-4 1-2 3, Shavon Coleman 6-13 3-4 16, Corey Stern 0-2 1-2 1, Jermaine Winfield 1-2 0-1 2, Carlos Emory 6-13 3-5 18, Joe Bright 1-6 12 4. Totals 21-5 26-37 76

Midland College (24-3, 10-1) — Bobby Hatchett 0-2 1-5 1, Ty Nurse 0-3 0-0 0, Guy Landry 3-6 4-4 11, Xavier Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Majok Majok 1-1 0-2 2, Jamaal Trice 0-2 0-0 0, Rodney Milum 9-14 2-2 23, Dwight Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Dwayne Davis 4-13 10-14 19, Jordan Walker 7-8 2-3 16. Totals 25-50 19-30 74

Halftime — MC 32, HC 23. 3-point goals — HC 8-23 (Emory 3-6, Dixon 2-4, Lacy 1-6, Coleman 1-4, Bright 1-2 Stern 0-1), MC 5-18 (Milum 3-8, Landry 1-3, Davis 1-3, Milum 0-2, Nurse 0-2). Total fouls — HC 24, MC 31. Fouled out — Nurse, Landry. Technical fouls — Milum. Rebounds — HC 42 (Emory 9), MC 34 (Majok 6). Assists — HC 8 (White 5), MC 17 (Davis 5). Turnovers — HC 17, MC 14. Steals — HC 4 (White 3), MC 7 (Hatchett 2).

Next: New Mexico Military Institute at Midland College, 7 p.m. Thursday; Western Texas College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Chaps lead Western Texas College Invite

From staff reports

ABILENE — With one round to go in the Western Texas College Invitational at the Diamondback Golf Club, both Midland College and Chaparrals golfer Neil Gowan are sitting pretty.

As a team, Midland College (585) leads Odessa College (589) in the team standings by four strokes while Gowan leads the pack at 7-under after posting a 66 and 69 in his first two rounds.

"Neil Gowan was sensational," MC coach Delnor Poss said. "He's leading the tournament individually and we're leading as a team. I'm really proud of the performance of the guys (Monday)."

Gowan and the Chaps will look to retain their lead on the competition as the tournament concludes today.

WTC Invitational
Diamondback Golf Club, Abilene
Monday's Scores
Team Standings

1. Midland College, 287-298—585; 2. Odessa College, 304-285—589; 3. New Mexico JC, 296-293—591; 4. McLennan CC, 303-291—594; 5. Midland College II, 310-296—606; Western Texas College, 309-298—606; 7. Western Texas College II, 304-311—615; 8. McMurry, 319-298—617; 9. Ranger College, 319-299—618; 10 New Mexico JC II, 309-316—620; 11. Paris College, 318-307—625; Hill College, 315-310—625.

Individual Scores
Midland College

Neil Gowan 66-69—135*, Nathan Park 76-73—149, Marc Dobias 73-80—153, Richie Farmer 75-76—151, Chance Nichols 73-86—159

*Overall leader
Midland College II

Alex Sobstad 76-73—149, Jameson Fenner 76-75—151, Luke Richardson 79-70—149, Brett Holly 88-78—166, Garrett Fotu 79-91—170

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

pointed in, and a lot of credit goes to Howard, was our turnovers (23). I thought we wasted a few opportunities offensively. We're working on it, it's getting better. But other than that, I was proud of our effort and we did a lot of good things defensively because (the Hawks) are really good offensive players."

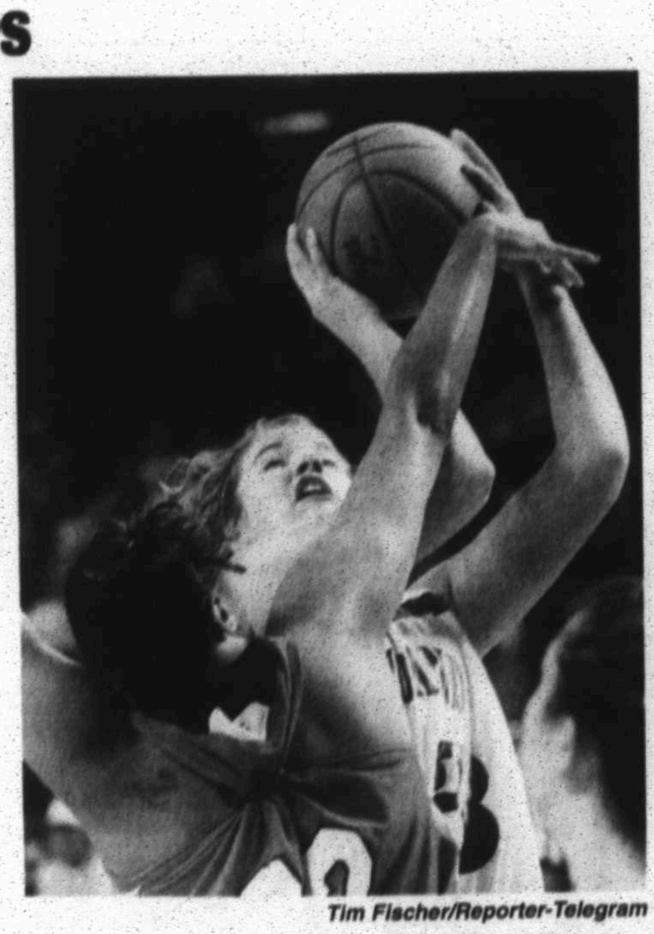
MC also earned a split in the WJCAC series with the Hawks and won for the second time in three meetings with Howard this season.

"It's a big win," Long said. "It gave us more confidence because we had lost to them before and it qualified us for (regionals). They kept coming at us but we kept fighting and finally pulled it out."

Howard (20-7, 5-4) was led by Kali Jerrell with 12 points and Tasha Tubbs with 10, which was 14 points fewer than what she had in a 74-71 victory by the Hawks on Jan. 20 in Big Spring. The Lady Chaps also did a good job of keeping post Taniqua Ards in check for just seven points, 15 fewer than what she had in the last meeting.

"I think we just made it a lot more difficult for Ards and Tubbs to get easy opportunities," Jones said. "Tubbs didn't get to catch and shoot the open shots and Ards didn't get many one-on-one, easy opportunities.

"Our posts are really guarding under-sized forwards and guards and I thought our posts did a good job on Tubbs and Ards."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

CONTACT Midland College's Morgan Schwartz is fouled by Howard College's Taniqua Ards as she puts a shot up Monday night at Chaparral Center.

Added Long, "Our defense was pretty good. Coach talks about shutting down key players and make the other players win the game."

Midland College took a 32-26 halftime lead and had as much as a 59-45 lead in the second half after a layup by Schwartz with 5:30 remaining.

Howard answered with 6-0 run to cut it to single digits but couldn't get enough shots to fall in the final minutes to pull out the victory.

Oscar LeRoy can be reached at oleroy@mrt.com.

WJCAC Standings

WOMEN

Team	Conference W	L	Overall W	L
x-Midland College	8	2	23	5
Odessa College	7	2	17	9
South Plains	6	4	16	8
Howard College	5	4	20	7
New Mexico JC	4	5	18	8
Western Texas	3	7	13	15
Frank Phillips	0	9	4	21

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Monday's Scores

Midland College 62, Howard College 56; Odessa College 63, South Plains 59; Western Texas 70, New Mexico JC 66; Frank Phillips was open

Thursday's Games

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

NO. 17 MIDLAND COLLEGE 62, HOWARD COLLEGE 56

Howard College (20-7, 5-4) — Porsche Young 2-4 0-0 5, Kali Jerrell 5-8 1-2 12, Sarah Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Twyla Ards 2-8 2-2 6, Leona Allen 4-7 0-0 9, Zeslie Johnson 3-10 0-0 6, Taniqua Ards 3-5 1-2 7, Tasha Tubbs 4-15 1-2 10, Brushea Daniels 0-1 1-6 1. Totals 23-58 6-14 56

Midland College (23-5, 9-2) — Denaya Brazzle 0-1 0-0 0, Tanica Anderson 2-3 1-2 6, Anfisa Shulha 3-7 1-2 10, Jessi Cowden 1-4 0-0 3, Titania Simmons 2-3 0-0 6, Lindsay Ansley 2-9 3-4 7, Traci DeVance 1-3 0-0 2, Morgan Schwartz 4-6 2-5 11, Daneshia Long 5-14 0-2 11, Ornela Bacchini 2-3 0-1 4, Nety Sousa 0-3 2-4 2. Totals 22-56 9-20 62

Halftime — MC 32, HC 26. 3-point goals — HC 4-17 (Young 1-2, Jerrell 1-3, Allen 1-2 Tubbs 1-6, Tw Ards 0-3, Z. Jonnson 0-1) , MC 9-21 (Shulha 3-7, Simmons 2-3, Anderson 1-1, Schwartz 1-2, Long 1-2, Brazzle 0-1, Ansley 0-1, DeVance 0-1). Total fouls — HC 17, MC 15. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — HC 37 (Ta. Ards 5, Tw. Ards 5), MC 45 (Long 10). Assists — HC 9 (Tw. Ards 4), MC 12 (Anderson 6). Turnovers — HC 20, MC 23. Steals — HC 12 (Young 3, Z. Johnson 3), MC 11 (Anderson 3, DeVance 3).

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HS GOLF

Golf
Boys
Big Spring Invitational
Big Spring Country Club
Friday-Saturday

Team standings: 1. Big Spring A 303-319—622; 2. Abilene Cooper 316-316—632; 3. Snyder A 322-317—639; 4. Abilene Wylie 319-321—640; 5. Plainview 321-326—647; 6. San Angelo Central 340-334—647; 7. Lee 328-354—682; 8. Sweetwater 344-339—683; 9. San Angelo Lake View 341-354—695; 10. Amarillo Caprock 344-359—703; 11. Wolfforth Frenship 12 353-353—706; 12. Lubbock High 350-356—706; 13. Lubbock Cooper 352-355—707; 14. Greenwood 345-372—717; 15. Snyder B 365-365—730; 16. Big Spring B 379-387—766; 17. Amarillo Palo Duro 441-430—871; Kermit 362-NS; Lamesa 403-NS; Midland Christian 449-NS

Medalist standings: 1. Cory Churchman, Abilene Cooper 68-71—139; 2. Trey Bearden, Abilene Wylie 72-73—145; 3. Blake Brorman, Big Spring 73-73—146; 4. Zach Hanson, Abilene Cooper 71-77—148; 5. Andrew Fillingim, Big Spring 72-77—149; 6. Ryan Mercer, Sweetwater 75-75—150; 7. Jacob Rogers, Plainview 76-76—152; 8. Julia Villanueva, Snyder 77-76—153; 9. (tie) Matt Jolly, Plainview 77-82—159; Kaleb Presley, Snyder 76-83—159

Area indivdiual results

Big Spring A (303-319—622): Blake Brorman 73-73—146; Andrew Fillingim 72-77—149; Tate Kennedy 77-85—162; Ryan Pollard 81-84—165; Devin Roberson 87-89—176

Big Spring B (379-387—766): Jason Guevara 81-80—161; Nolan Beal 98-98—196; Matt Davila 98-106—204; Tyler Hester 106-103—209; Stormy Emery 102-NS

Greenwood (345-372—717): Tanner Young 78-85—163; Calvin Adams 83-85—168; Zac Martin 96-95—191; Jarid Larson 88-107—195; Sean Spicer 105-110—215

Midland Christian (449-NS): Carron Horton 104-101—205; Logan Garnett 118-115—233; Remy Angel 130-115—245; Denton Rea 97-NS

Lee (328-354—682): Nathan Solis 81-85—166; Blake Roberson 79-88—167; Corbin Melton 82-89—171; Kyle Wanta 86-92—178; Blake Lloyd 96-94—190

JACKALOPES TODAY

ODESSA AT ARIZONA

When/where: 8:05 p.m. today, Tims Toyota Center, Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Records: Odessa 20-22-6 (46 points), Arizona 18-25-5 (41 points)

Jacks' last game: Allen 6, Odessa 5, OT

Notes: The Jackalopes are on the road again after a road trip to the Metroplex that garnered one point in two games. Both losses to the Berry Conference-leading Allen Americans were one-goal losses, and of the Jacks last 10 games, seven have been decided by one goal. ... The overtime loss on Saturday helped the Jacks in the Berry Conference standings as they have a three-point lead on Rio Grande Valley in the sixth spot. The Jacks are four points behind fifth place Mississippi. ... Jacks defenseman Phil Plante scored his 100th career goal in Saturday's game against Allen. Also, Jacks forward Todd Robinson scored the 1,100 points of his career with an assist during Friday's game. ... Arizona is clinging to the final playoff spot in the Berry Conference in eighth place and is two points ahead of ninth-place Laredo and two points behind Rio Grande Valley.

Next: Odessa at Texas, 7:30 p.m. Friday, NYTEX Brahmas Center, North Richland Hills; Arizona at Colorado, 8:05 p.m. Friday

Compiled by Len Hayward

TEXAS NBA ROUNDUP

SPURS 102, NETS 85: At Newark, N.J., Manu Ginobili scored 10 of his 22 points in a game-breaking second-half run and the Spurs put in another dominant performance with a victory over the Nets.

Tim Duncan added 15 points and 11 rebounds, Tony Parker had 13 points, six rebounds and seven assists and DeJuan Blair had 10 points and 11 rebounds as the Spurs won for the ninth time in 11 games and 17th in 20.

San Antonio's 46-9 record is tops in the NBA and the best 55-game mark since the Avery Johnson-coached Dallas Mavericks had the same mark in 2006-07 en route to a franchise-best, 67-win season.

Brook Lopez had 11 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Nets, who never led in the final roughly 30 minutes.

ROCKETS 121, NUGGETS 102: At Houston, the Houston Rockets misfired early, and seemed on the verge of getting routed by Carmelo Anthony and the Denver Nuggets.

When Courtney Lee and the rest of the Rockets' reserves sparked the rally, the Nuggets had no answer.

Lee scored 22 points and Aaron Brooks added 18 off the bench and Houston shook off the sluggish start to shoot well from 3-point range in a 121-102 win over Denver on Monday night.

Associated Press

No. 1 Baylor makes it 21 in row, 67-58 over A&M

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Odyssey Sims saw 6-foot-8 sophomore sensation Brittney Griner running down the court, and saw the look that only meant one thing for top-ranked Baylor.

That led to a go-ahead layup with 3 minutes left, the first of three consecutive baskets by Griner late that put the Lady Bears ahead to stay. And they survived another close call against fifth-ranked Texas A&M with a 67-58 victory Monday night.

Earnhard

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

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VIRGINIA WATER England — Tiger Woo apologized after he wa fined an undisclosed s by the European Tour Monday for spitting o green during the final round of the Dubai De Classic.

The tour said in a st ment that tournament director Mike Stewart reviewed the matter a "feels there has been breach of the tour cod conduct."

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Russell Williams/AP

STILL MISSING YOU Dale Earnhardt waves to fans on Feb. 18, 2001 during race introduction before the start of the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Earnhardt was involved in a serious crash in the race. The 10-year anniversary of Earnhardt's fatal accident falls on Friday just two days before the season-opening Daytona 500.

This season, the past has a chokehold on the season's biggest race. The typical excitement and optimism that comes with each new year have been overshadowed by memories of The Intimidator, whose death still very much defines NASCAR and those he left behind.

There's Dale Earnhardt Jr., the prodigal son forced out of his father's shadow the day Dale Sr. died. Savvy marketing had made the introverted and sometimes socially awkward kid a star, but it didn't prepare him for the crush of attention from his father's adoring fan base. He's been stoic in facing the anniversary questions, but it's clear he wants everyone to move on.

Richard Childress, the team owner who never wanted to return to a race track after the loss of his best friend, has tried so hard to block the memories of that day. The topic still makes him obviously uncomfortable, though he understands the public interest that still accompanies Earnhardt.

Then there's Waltrip, who talks freely about the friend who gave him his big break at the journeyman age of 38. He found some peace this past year in writing the memoir released last month "In the Blink of an Eye."

For all, Earnhardt's death remains a raw, open wound. No matter the approach to the anniversary, the reality is the same: Everything changed the day Earnhardt died — for the people who loved him and for the sport he left behind — and it has taken every bit of the last decade to recover.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was 26, starting his second full season at NASCAR's highest level, when his father was killed. Although he'd won two championships in NASCAR's second-tier series, two 2000 Cup races as a rookie with Dale Earnhardt Inc., and was being marketed like a rock star by Budweiser, he was very much under his father's thumb.

The irony of Earnhardt's son winning the top starting spot for the 10-year anniversary race of Earnhardt's death wasn't lost on fellow Hendrick driver Jeff Gordon, who surmised "things are certainly lining up in an interesting way."

But perhaps not the way Earnhardt Jr. wanted. It has been so obvious in the buildup to this week that he would rather focus on racing and leave his father out of it.

"I know how I feel in my heart. I don't feel a real need to discuss it a lot," he said. "I just feel like it's too personal for me. There are depths of it that I'm not comfortable discussing, and I don't want to have it out in the media or on the internet. I want to honor him and respect him and please his fans and do things that make them feel good. But I don't want to drag on about details and things of the past."

Earnhardt's legacy, 10 years later: a safer NASCAR

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It was a major change for a sport that had been at the back of the pack when it came to driver safety.

"If you were in my shoes 10 years ago, 11 years ago, and you said to me then, 'Ten years from now all these things are going to happen,' I'd say, 'You're nuts. There's not the willingness, the mindset, the dedication; it will never happen,'" Jeff Burton said. "I would have been wrong. We take for granted a lot of stuff. Drivers coming in today have no concept of what this was like 10, 11 years ago. No concept."

Earnhardt's death, and the national scrutiny it brought to NASCAR, resulted in several significant safety improvements:

■ Adopting the HANS device, a head and neck restraint collar that was being used in other forms of auto racing but went largely ignored in NASCAR until Earnhardt's death.

Waltrip remembers Brett Bodine bringing a HANS to the track before Earnhardt's wreck.

"I looked at him and said, 'You can't race with that thing around your head. How are you going to see?'" Waltrip said. "He said, 'Doesn't bother me at all. It's comfortable; I like it.' I was like, 'Well, you can't wear that.' That just shows you how different things were."

Head and neck restraints now are required in NASCAR and may be responsible for preventing several deaths or serious injuries.

Would a HANS have saved Earnhardt, and a handful of other drivers who died of similar injuries before him?

"I believe that when Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s car hit the wall and the belts from his safety harness were loaded by the impact that a HANS Device would have kept his head back," said Jim Downing, co-founder of HANS Performance Products. "That likely would have produced a better outcome under the different scenarios that have been proposed by experts. This is what it seems like to me, but we don't really know for sure."

■ SAFER barriers, impact-absorbing walls that were being developed before Earnhardt's death. Increased interest and investment from NASCAR accelerated their implementation, and today the so-called "soft" walls line tracks from coast to coast.

"If you made me pick one (safety improvement), I would pick SAFER barriers," Waltrip said. "That'd be my saving grace."

■ Better seats and improved cockpits.

Looking back, drivers can't believe how unsafe their seats were before Earnhardt's death.

"It didn't have to be the way it was," Mark Martin said. "The seats that we drove in were ridiculous. Ridiculous."

And Earnhardt's might have been one of the worst.

"(Today's seats) compared to his seat? Night and day," Robby Gordon said. "I don't know how to explain it any other way than that. But that's what he chose to drive in, and that's what made him comfortable in all those races prior to that. Us race car drivers, we become invincible — this is what I've done forever, and it hasn't hurt me."

Since then, teams have switched to carbon-fiber seats similar to those used in open-wheel racing and installed braces to prevent drivers' heads from violently snapping from side to side during a hard hit.

"(Earnhardt's) seat, and the way he sat in the car, and maybe even somewhat the way he wore his belts was more relaxed than we have today," Waltrip said. "And what we learned over the years we needed to do to withstand the impacts we were facing, we just didn't know. We thought (we knew). We just didn't know."

Phillies aces take the field for first time

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Cliff Lee didn't hesitate, raising his hand right away when a reporter asked which of the Philadelphia Phillies' aces is the best hitter.

"That's me," Lee said with a smile.

Cole Hamels quickly chimed in.

"I'm going to compete against him," said Hamels, who's been used as a pinch-hitter in the past. "I think Joe (Blanton) is the only one with a home run."

Not true. Roy Oswalt put his hands up to point out that he also has gone deep in his career.

"Oh, I forgot, I forgot," Hamels said. "Yours wasn't in the World Series, sorry."

The one guy left out of the conversation was Roy Halladay, who does his best work on the mound. Then again, that's what all of these guys are paid to do. And, they each do it very well.

The Phillies have assembled — on paper — a starting rotation that's being compared to some of the all-time best in the majors. Halladay, Lee, Oswalt and Hamels would be the No. 1 guy on most staffs. Blanton is probably the best fifth starter around.

After pitchers and catchers held their first workout of spring training on Monday, the Fab Five took the stage for a joint news conference. Lee put all the hype into perspective.

"I think we haven't thrown a single pitch as a group yet, so it's kind of early to say we're one of the best rotations in the history of the game," Lee said. "Obviously, we're a very talented group, and there is potential for all of that. But it's just that, it's potential."

Only two clubs have ever had four 20-game winners in a season. The Baltimore Orioles had Dave McNally (21), Mike Cuellar (20), Pat Dobson (20) and Jim Palmer (20) in 1971. The Chicago White Sox had Red Faber (23), Lefty Williams (22), Eddie Cicotte (21) and Dickey Kerr (21) in 1920.

The Atlanta Braves ruled the NL East with dominant pitching for more than a decade, beginning in the early 1990s. Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz were the top three starters, and are likely headed to the Hall of Fame. Steve Avery, Denny Neagle and Kevin Millwood were the most notable of Atlanta's fourth starters.

In 1998, the Braves became just the ninth team and first since 1930 to have five 15-game winners. Glavine (20), Maddux (18), Smoltz (17), Millwood (17) and Neagle (16) combined for 88 of Atlanta's 106 wins.

"I think the best rotation I can remember is the Braves back with Glavine, Smoltz, Avery and Maddux," Lee said. "I don't even remember who the fifth guy was, but those four were pretty dang good."

If Blanton isn't traded away to cut payroll, the Phillies have a chance to match that. Halladay won 21 games last year, threw a perfect game, a no-hitter in his first career postseason start and earned his second career Cy Young Award. Lee won the AL Cy Young award in '08. Oswalt has an NLCS MVP award in his trophy case and he's been a 20-game winner twice. Hamels was MVP of the NLCS and World Series in '08. Blanton has a 16-win season on his resume.

Cardinals, Pujols extend contract deadline

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — The St. Louis Cardinals and representatives for Albert Pujols have agreed to a 24-hour extension to reach a new contract out of respect for Stan Musial.

The Cardinals Hall of Famer will be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in Washington on Tuesday and general manager John Mozeliak said Monday the club did not want to distract from Musial's special day. Chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. and Mozeliak will accompany the 90-year-old Musial to Washington.

Pujols

Pujols' agent, Dan Lozano, originally set a Tuesday deadline, the first workout day for pitchers and catchers in Jupiter, Fla. Mozeliak said the new deadline is noon (EST) Wednesday.

Pujols is due to make $16 million this season in the final year of his contract, with $4 million of the total deferred without interest.

The 31-year-old Pujols is seeking a contract, perhaps as long as a decade in length, that would make him one of the highest paid players in the major leagues and allow him to retire as a Cardinal.

Even if a deal can't be reached by Wednesday, the Cardinals were hopeful of keeping the All-Star first baseman. Numerous times the last few seasons and again at last month's Winter Warmup fan festival in St. Louis, Pujols has expressed his desire to stay with the Cardinals.

Pujols is the only player in major league history to hit 30 or more home runs in his first 10 seasons, belting 42 with 117 RBI last year while finishing second in MVP balloting behind the Reds' Joey Votto. He's had 100 RBIs all 10 seasons, has scored 100 runs in all except one season, finishing with 99 runs in 2007, and has drawn 100 walks in each of the last three seasons.

DeWitt has referred to Pujols as "irreplaceable," but he would be 41 at the end of a 10-year contract and presumably not nearly so productive.

Mozeliak would not characterize the tenor of the negotiations, sticking to an agreement about keeping the process private.

"Given the timing of everything we will remain quiet at this time," Mozeliak said. "I don't want to lead people on or characterize something one way or the other. Our approach has been pretty consistent since Day 1 and that's to allow this to be done in a confidential state. Given we are only 48 hours from the deadline I'll remain that way."

Mozeliak said there was no frustration from the Cardinals' side.

Woods apologizes after fine for spitting in Dubai

Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Tiger Woods apologized after he was fined an undisclosed sum by the European Tour on Monday for spitting on the green during the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

The tour said in a statement that tournament director Mike Stewart reviewed the matter and "feels there has been a breach of the tour code of conduct."

"The Euro Tour is right — it was inconsiderate to spit like that and I know better," Woods said on Twitter. "Just wasn't thinking and want to say I'm sorry."

The tour would not give the amount of the fine but it is probably between $400 and $16,000 for a minor breach.

Woods

Woods spit on the 12th hole after missing a par putt on his way to a 3-over 75. He began the final day one shot off the lead but never recovered after making two bogeys in his first three holes.

The 14-time major winner, now ranked No. 3, tied for 20th place at 4-under 284. Woods has gone 17 tournaments without a victory for the first time since turning professional in 1996.

Almost a year ago, following a sex scandal that ended his marriage and rocked the golf world, Woods promised to "make my behavior more respectful of the game."

The tour's code of conduct states that when a player becomes a member he "voluntarily submits himself to standards of behavior and ethical conduct beyond those required of ordinary golfers and members of the public."

Television cameras spotted Woods spitting in an earlier round in the Dubai tournament. Ewen Murray, a commentator for Britain's Sky Sports, said on air after seeing Woods spit on the second tee during the second round that it was "one of the ugliest things you will ever see on a golf course."

On Sunday, after Woods spit on the 12th green, Murray said that "somebody now has to come behind him and maybe putt over his spit. It does not get much lower than that."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer

RONALDO RETIRES, ENDING A GREAT SOCCER CAREER: At Sao Paulo, Ronaldo retired from soccer Monday because his body can no longer meet the demands of the game, ending a magnificent career in which he won two World Cups with Brazil and thrived with some of Europe's top teams.

With tears on his cheeks, the 34-year-old striker announced his decision at a news conference. He played 18 years despite repeated knee trouble and leaves as a three-timer FIFA player of the year and the top goal scorer in World Cup history.

He said a string of injuries the past two years kept him from performing at a high level with the Brazilian club Corinthians. He also learned four years ago he had hypothyroidism, a condition that made it difficult for him to lose weight and stay in shape.

NHL

FORSBERG'S COMEBACK CUT SHORT: At Denver, Colorado Avalanche forward Peter Forsberg is retiring from the NHL after playing in just two games during his latest comeback.

A chronic foot ailment cut short Forsberg's career. He made a brief return in 2008 and didn't play in the NHL again until this month. After a visa delay, he took the ice in just two road games, scoring no points, before deciding to call it a career.

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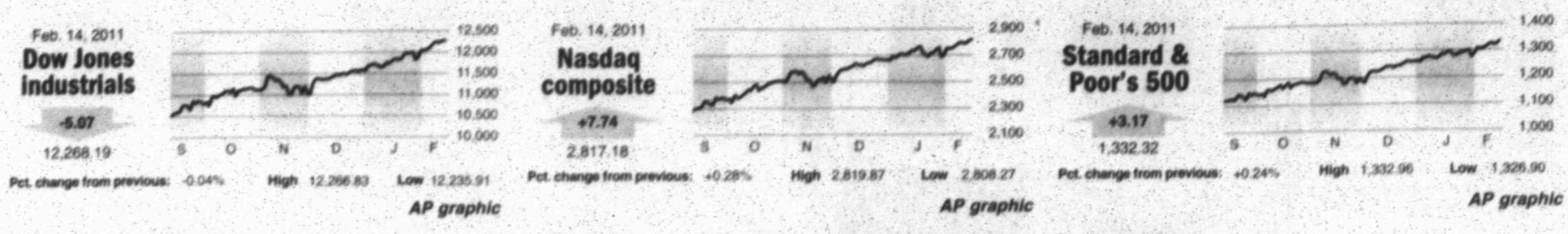

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday:	$84.81
Previous:	$85.58

POSTED

Monday:	$81.25
Previous:	$82.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday:	$75.75
Previous:	$76.50

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$3.925
Previous:	$3.910

Associated Press

COTTON PRICE GROWS Wrangler jeans are displayed at a store in Hayward, Calif, on Feb. 4. Cotton has more than doubled in price over the past year, reaching the highest since the Civil War, and the price of other synthetic fabrics has jumped almost just as much as demand for alternatives and blends has risen.

Clothing prices to rise 10 percent

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shoppers looking to update their wardrobes may find their money won't stretch as far.

As the world economy recovers and demand for goods rises, a surge in raw material and labor costs is squeezing retailers and manufacturers who have run out of ways to pare expenses.

Clothing prices had dropped for a decade as tame inflation and cheap overseas labor helped hold down manufacturers' costs. During the recession, retailers and clothing makers cut frills and experimented with fabric blends to keep prices in check.

But cotton has more than doubled in price over the past year, hitting all-time highs. The price of synthetic fabrics has jumped roughly 50 percent as demand for alternatives has risen.

Clothing prices are expected to rise about 10 percent in coming months, with the biggest increases in the second half of the year, said Burt Flickinger III president of Strategic Resource Group.

Brooks Brothers' wrinkle-free men's dress shirts now cost $88, up from $79.50. Levi Strauss & Co., Wrangler jeans maker VF Corp., J.C. Penney Co., Nike and designer shoe seller Steve Madden also plan increases.

More specifics on price increases are expected when clothing retailers such as J.C. Penney Co. and Abercrombie & Fitch Co. report financial results this month.

"All of our brands, every single brand, will take some price increases," said Eric Wiseman, chairman and CEO of VF Corp., which makes clothes for The North Face, Nautica, Wrangler and Lee brands. Cotton accounts for half the production cost of jeans, which make up about one-third of VF's sales. Wiseman told investors in November.

Higher costs also will affect how clothes are made. Clothing makers are using more synthetics like rayon and designing jeans with fewer beads and other embellishments. Shoppers also will have fewer color choices.

Retailers are trying to figure out whether the consumer demand that gave them strong holiday sales will last. The fear is higher prices will nip it in the bud. Stores that cater to low- and middle-income shoppers will have the hardest time passing along price increases.

"We have been so used to deflation for years and years," said David Bassuk, managing director in the retail practice of Alix-Partners. "Customers are going to be surprised."

Cotton has jumped to a 150-year-high, hitting $1.90 per pound on Friday. That's more than double the price a year ago and just ahead of the $1.89 record during the Civil War, according to the International Cotton Advisory Committee. But the Civil War-era price isn't adjusted for inflation, and the cotton group says it doesn't have an adjusted figure available. The government inflation calculator only goes back to 1913, but at that point $1.89 had the same general power buying power as $41.63 does today.

Cotton prices began soaring in August of 2010 after bad weather cut harvests in major producing countries including China, the U.S., Pakistan and Australia.

Restrictions on exports from India, the world's second-largest cotton exporter behind China, have also produced cotton shortages. On top of that, worldwide demand for cotton has risen as the global economy improves.

Raw materials account for 25 percent to 50 percent of the cost of producing a garment. Labor ranges from 20 percent to 40 percent, depending on how complicated it is to make, Bassuk said.

Euro slides

The dollar gained against the euro Monday as European finance ministers fought over how to tackle the region's debt crisis, worrying investors that a more comprehensive solution won't be coming soon.

The euro skidded to $1.3470 late Monday from $1.3541 Friday. Elsewhere, the British pound edged up to $1.6030 from $1.6024 and the dollar fell to 83.32 Japanese yen from 83.49 yen.

In other trading Monday, the dollar rose to 98.84 Canadian cents from 98.78 Canadian cents.

April gold gained $4.70 to settle at $1,365.10 an ounce.

Oil prices fall

The price of benchmark crude fell to its lowest level in 12 weeks Monday as oil traders weighed growing U.S. oil supplies against unrest in the Middle East.

West Texas Intermediate crude fell 77 cents to settle at $84.81 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. U.S. supplies of oil are rising, while demand for energy products remains tepid.

"The U.S. market is not reacting to anything because it's just so oversupplied," said Tom Bentz, analyst at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures.

Meanwhile, Brent crude rose $2.14 to settle at $103.08 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London, with traders concerned that unrest in several Middle East countries may disrupt oil supplies in the region. Brent is used to price oil in Asia and in Europe. It also goes to some East Coast refineries to produce gasoline.

There were anti-government protests in Iran, Bahrain, Yemen and Algeria after the resignation of Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak last week. Traders are concerned that the unrest could interfere with shipments of oil from OPEC countries such as Iran, analysts said.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	3261970	4.91	+.03
BkofAm	1085217	14.89	+.12
NokiaCp	962716	8.84	-.52
S&P500ETF	819533	133.43	+.32
iShEMkts	782041	45.40	-.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KV PrmA	6.53	+2.15	+49.1
KV PhB II	6.40	+1.99	+45.0
BkADJ4-15	11.94	+1.91	+19.0
GrayTvA	2.09	+.24	+13.0
GrayTelev	2.30	+.19	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GerovaF rs	12.00	-3.14	-20.7
EMS	62.92	-7.74	-11.0
AmrRlty	4.10	-.46	-10.0
TrnsRty	3.80	-.39	-9.3
NeoPhoto n	18.75	-1.80	-8.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,678
Declined	1,348
Unchanged	129
Total issues	3,155
New Highs	354
New Lows	11
Volume	3,595,799,241

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Rubicon g	60863	5.15	-.44
MadCatz g	59995	1.61	+.16
AvalRare n	55102	7.62	+.15
KodiakO g	49584	6.49	+.43
DenisnM g	40488	4.45	+.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TianyinPh	3.24	+.65	+25.1
NIVS IntT	2.92	+.44	+17.7
AlmadrM g	4.42	+.62	+16.3
Procera rs	8.69	+1.14	+15.1
Augusta g	5.07	+.46	+10.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Express-1	2.28	-.41	-15.2
Engex	4.55	-.56	-11.0
IncOpR	2.65	-.29	-10.0
Rubicon g	5.15	-.44	-7.9
Hyperdyn	4.50	-.34	-7.0

DIARY

Advanced	237
Declined	239
Unchanged	39
Total issues	515
New Highs	25
New Lows	2
Volume	149,537,663

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	1060132	18.81	+.11
SiriusXM	867202	1.83	-.01
MicronT	663059	11.65	+.33
Microsoft	557260	27.23	-.02
Intel	440948	21.57	-.19

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrincNtl	5.53	+1.34	+31.9
Tangoe n	5.12	+.95	+22.8
RandLogist	6.35	+1.06	+20.0
HercOffsh	4.27	+.65	+18.0
OptiBk rsh	2.84	+.43	+17.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
vjSeahawk	4.65	-3.25	-41.1
Stewrdshp	6.24	-1.30	-17.2
QuantFu rs	6.00	-1.18	-16.4
AXT Inc	9.67	-1.55	-13.8
RuralMet	13.73	-1.96	-12.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,449
Declined	1,229
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,794
New Highs	284
New Lows	22
Volume	1,927,396,226

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $18.46 Up 0.23

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $94.16 Up 2.26

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.96 Up 1.93

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $39.37 Up 1.30

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.47 Up 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $29.81 Up 0.44

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $7.61 Down 0.54

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.46	-.01	-3.1
Abraxas	...	...	**4.74**	**+.18**	**+3.7**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	**...**	**11.55**	**-.02**	**+7.5**
AMD	...	14	8.63	+.35	+5.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	4.61	-.08	+55.7
Alcoa	.12	76	17.59	+.22	+14.3
AlonUSA	.16	...	10.55	+.74	+76.4
Amgen	**...**	**11**	**53.86**	**+.12**	**-1.9**
Anadarko	**.36**	**53**	**79.97**	**+1.48**	**+5.0**
Apache	**.60**	**14**	**121.18**	**+1.45**	**+1.6**
ApidMatl	**.28**	**23**	**16.20**	**+.19**	**+15.3**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**17**	**33.50**	**...**	**+7.4**
AutoData	1.44	21	49.76	+.03	+7.5
BP PLC	**.42e**	**...**	**46.69**	**+.89**	**+5.7**
BakrHu	.60	34	67.80	+.67	+18.6
BkofAm	.04	23	14.89	+.12	+11.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	18.46	+.23	+12.0
BerkHa A	**...**	**18**	**127850.00**	**+450.00**	**+6.1**
BerryPet	**.30**	**20**	**45.87**	**+.72**	**+5.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46f**	**17**	**30.30**	**-.21**	**+1.0**
BostonSci	...	...	6.97	+.09	-7.9
BrMySq	**1.32f**	**14**	**25.56**	**+.34**	**-3.5**
Broadcom	.36f	22	42.93	-.70	-1.4
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**22**	**67.42**	**+.08**	**-2.9**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**22**	**66.67**	**...**	**-4.2**
CVS Care	.50f	13	32.77	-.26	-5.8
Cameron	...	25	58.84	+2.30	+16.0
Caterpillar	1.76	25	103.26	-.28	+10.2
Celestic g	...	14	11.43	-.05	+17.8
CntryLink	2.90	13	45.14	+.04	-2.2
ChesEng	.30	21	31.53	+.69	+21.7
Chevron	**2.88**	**10**	**96.95**	**+1.22**	**+6.2**
Chicos	.16	19	11.80	-.20	-1.9
Cimarex	.32	17	109.09	+3.22	+23.2
Cisco	...	14	18.81	+.11	-7.0
Citigrp	...	14	4.91	+.03	+3.8
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**94.16**	**+2.26**	**+12.1**
CocaCl	**1.76**	**13**	**63.14**	**+.43**	**-4.0**
ColgPal	**2.12**	**17**	**79.01**	**+.09**	**-1.7**
Comcast	.38	19	23.87	-.13	+9.1
CompPrdS	...	25	26.42	+.42	-10.6
ConAgra	**.92**	**15**	**22.72**	**+.20**	**+.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**100.96**	**+1.93**	**+15.2**
ConocPhil	**2.64f**	**11**	**73.77**	**+2.19**	**+8.3**
CrackerB	.88	14	52.62	+.31	-3.9
CrosTim	**2.62e**	**17**	**47.10**	**+1.32**	**+18.1**
Ctrip.com	...	39	40.65	-2.32	+.5
DCP Mid	2.47f	60	41.60	+.66	+11.2
DTE	2.24	13	46.64	-.30	+2.9
Dataram h	...	...	2.39	-.07	+52.2
Dawson	**...**	**...**	**39.37**	**+1.30**	**+23.4**
Dell Inc	...	13	14.09	+.12	+4.0
DeltaAir	...	13	11.82	-.08	-6.2
DevonE	**.64**	**8**	**88.24**	**+1.80**	**+12.4**
DirFnBear	...	...	7.51	-.04	-20.5
DrxFBull s	...	...	33.85	+.18	+21.6
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**43.24**	**-.17**	**+15.3**
DowChm	**.60**	**22**	**38.49**	**+.11**	**+12.7**
EMC Cp	...	31	27.27	+.23	+19.1
EOG Res	**.62**	**52**	**104.90**	**+1.60**	**+14.8**
EMS	...	20	62.92	-7.74	-2.6
EmpDist	**1.28**	**17**	**21.58**	**-.11**	**-2.8**
Energen	.54f	15	58.47	+.53	+21.2
EngyTsfr	3.58	37	53.87	+.69	+4.0
EnPro	**...**	**38**	**43.05**	**+.27**	**+3.6**
EntPrPt	2.36f	21	43.25	+.59	+3.9
EricsnTel	.35e	...	12.58	-.09	+9.1
Expedia	.28	15	21.69	+.38	-13.6
ExterranH	**...**	**4**	**23.67**	**-.04**	**-1.2**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**14**	**84.91**	**+2.09**	**+16.1**
FordM	...	8	16.09	-.29	-4.2
ForestOil	...	24	39.21	+.89	+3.3
FMCG s	1.00a	12	56.14	+2.62	-6.5
FrozenFd	**...**	**...**	**4.36**	**+.02**	**+1.1**
GATX	**1.16f**	**21**	**35.89**	**-.12**	**+1.7**
GabGloM	**.80**	**...**	**8.78**	**+.11**	**+6.9**
GAInv	**.43e**	**...**	**28.46**	**+.19**	**+6.1**
GenElec	**.56**	**22**	**21.50**	**+.17**	**+17.6**
Golfsmith	...	...	4.05	+.06	+67.4
Goodrich	**1.16f**	**20**	**92.24**	**-.26**	**+4.7**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**12**	**19.89**	**-.09**	**+2.6**
GreenMtC s	...	87	46.35	+2.89	+41.1
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**23**	**45.64**	**+1.00**	**+11.8**
Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**48.12**	**+.11**	**-2.7**
HercOffsh	...	...	4.27	+.65	+22.7
Hitachi	...	...	**59.76**	**+.45**	**+12.0**
HudsCity	.60	10	11.36	-.12	-10.8
iShJapn	.14e	...	11.43	+.11	+4.8
iSilver	...	...	29.96	+.75	-.7
iShChina25	.63e	...	41.92	+.24	-2.7
iSharesEMkts	.64e	...	45.40	-.23	-4.7
iShR2K	.89e	...	82.49	+.42	+5.4
IntegrysE	2.72	29	49.25	...	+1.5
Intel	**.72f**	**11**	**21.57**	**-.19**	**+2.6**
InterDig	.40	16	56.90	+1.50	+36.6
JDS Uniph	...	...	27.89	-.27	+92.6
JPMorgCh	.20	12	46.54	-.03	+9.7
JohnJn	**2.16**	**13**	**60.70**	**...**	**-1.9**
KimbClk	**2.80f**	**14**	**65.06**	**-.79**	**+3.2**
KindME	4.52f	36	71.88	+.31	+2.3
KindMM	4.52f	83	64.98	+.38	-2.8
LVSands	...	96	48.01	+.79	+4.5
LegacyRes	2.10f	...	29.81	+.44	+3.8
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**5.69**	**-.08**	**-9.3**
MGM Rsts	...	...	15.07	-.47	+1.5
MassCp	**2.16**	**...**	**31.33**	**+.10**	**+2.5**
McDnlds	2.44	17	76.24	+.10	-.7
Merck	1.52	16	32.82	-.25	-8.9
MeritMed	**...**	**33**	**15.67**	**+.02**	**-1.0**
MexcoEn	...	36	7.61	-.54	-.5
MicronT	...	6	11.65	+.33	+45.3
Microsoft	.64	7	27.23	-.02	-2.4
Nabors	...	...	26.44	+.73	+12.7
NatGrid	**7.04e**	**...**	**46.11**	**+.05**	**+3.9**
NOilVarco	.44f	20	79.60	+1.74	+18.4
NewsCpA	.15	16	16.92	-.48	+16.2
NokiaCp	.55e	...	8.84	-.52	-14.3
NvMAd	**.99**	**...**	**12.74**	**-.04**	**-2.6**
NvPMI	**.87**	**...**	**12.50**	**-.16**	**-4.2**
NuvPI	**.92**	**...**	**12.39**	**-.09**	**-3.4**
NSTFI3	**.64**	**...**	**13.00**	**...**	**-.8**
NTXQI	**.86**	**...**	**15.25**	**-.05**	**+2.2**
Nvidia	...	64	23.11	-.36	+50.1
OcciPet	**1.84f**	**18**	**101.25**	**+1.51**	**+3.2**
Oracle	.20	25	33.29	-.18	+6.4
ParTech	**...**	**24**	**5.30**	**+.18**	**-7.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**4.59**	**-.01**	**+.4**
PattUTI	**.20**	**34**	**25.70**	**-.08**	**+19.3**
PenRE	**.60**	**...**	**15.10**	**-.04**	**+3.9**
Petsian	1.38e	15	20.71	+.31	-8.6
Petrobras	1.20e	...	36.74	+.50	-2.9
Pfizer	**.80f**	**19**	**19.05**	**+.22**	**+8.8**
PioNtrl	.08	19	98.69	+2.29	+13.7
PlainsAA	**3.83f**	**27**	**63.80**	**+.34**	**+1.6**
PwShs QQQ	.36e	...	58.58	+.14	+7.6
Praxair	**2.00f**	**25**	**96.79**	**-.21**	**+1.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**23.45**	**+.05**	**+21.2**
PrUShS&P	...	...	21.05	-.08	-11.4
ProctGam	**1.93**	**18**	**64.54**	**-.19**	**+.3**
Qualcom	.76	27	58.17	+.57	+17.5
QwestCm	.32	53	7.42	+.00	-2.5
RAM Engy	...	53	1.58	-.01	-14.1
RangeRs	.16	...	49.17	+.39	+9.3
Rowan	**...**	**16**	**39.11**	**+1.10**	**+12.0**
RoyDShllA	3.36	21	68.30	-.10	+2.3
SpdrDJIA	2.92e	...	122.61	-.04	+6.0
S&P500ETF	2.37e	...	133.43	+.32	+6.1
SabnR	3.78e	18	63.71	-.03	+7.0
SanderFm	**.68f**	**7**	**42.12**	**+.34**	**+7.6**
SandRdge	**...**	**8**	**8.72**	**+.19**	**+19.1**
Sapient	**.35e**	**18**	**13.24**	**+.15**	**+9.4**
SaraLee	.46	33	16.74	-.26	-4.4
Schlmbrg	1.00f	27	92.24	+1.87	+10.5
SigmaAld	**.72f**	**20**	**62.49**	**+.09**	**-6.1**
SiriusXM	...	92	1.83	-.01	+12.3
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SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	17.09	+.01	+7.1
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TelefEsp s	**1.75e**	**...**	**24.68**	**-.24**	**+8.2**
Tellabs	.08	14	5.67	-.12	-16.4
Tesoro	...	11	23.66	+1.74	+27.6
3M Co	2.20f	16	91.90	+.10	+6.5
Trchmrk	**.64**	**11**	**63.02**	**-.42**	**+5.5**
TriContl	**.25e**	**...**	**14.65**	**+.04**	**+6.4**
TylerTech	**...**	**31**	**21.23**	**+.03**	**+2.3**
UBWV	**1.20**	**17**	**28.54**	**-.25**	**-2.3**
US OilFd	...	...	35.88	-.17	-8.0
Vale SA	.76e	...	35.13	+.76	+1.6
ValeroE	.20	62	29.08	+1.16	+25.8
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12,285.94	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,268.19	-5.07	-.04	+5.97	+21.48
5,256.80	3,781.29	Dow Jones Transportation	5,217.90	-17.61	-.34	+2.18	+33.19
416.47	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	409.76	-3.58	-.87	+1.18	+12.40
8,386.43	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,405.15	+30.26	+.36	+5.54	+22.26
2,286.37	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,275.87	+9.41	+.42	+3.06	+23.63
2,810.56	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,817.18	+7.74	+.28	+6.19	+29.02
1,330.79	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,332.32	+3.17	+.24	+5.94	+23.88
14,118.20	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	14,148.34	+42.56	+.30	+5.90	+26.31
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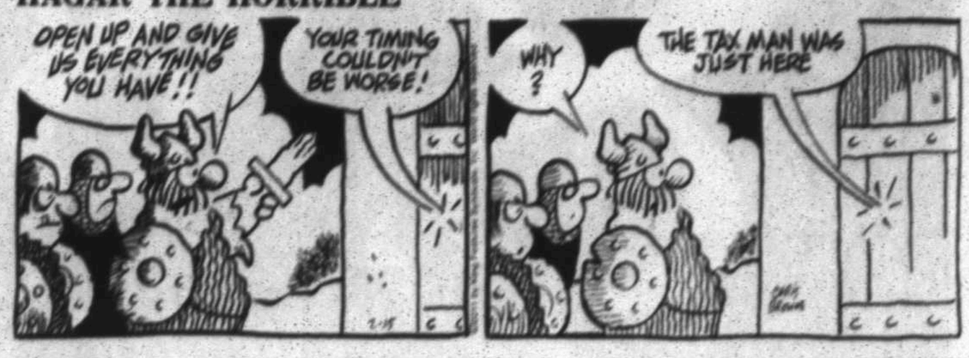

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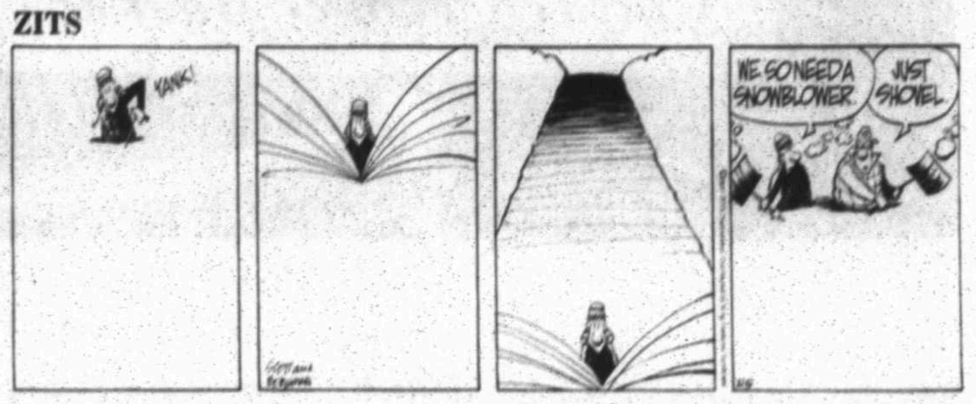

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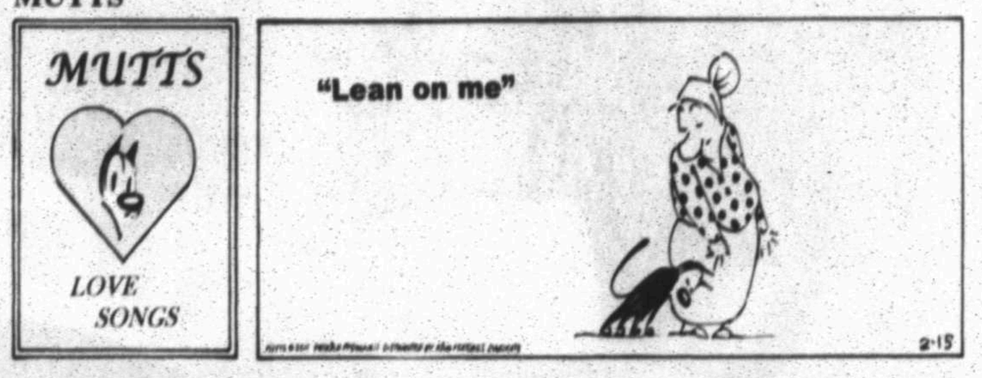

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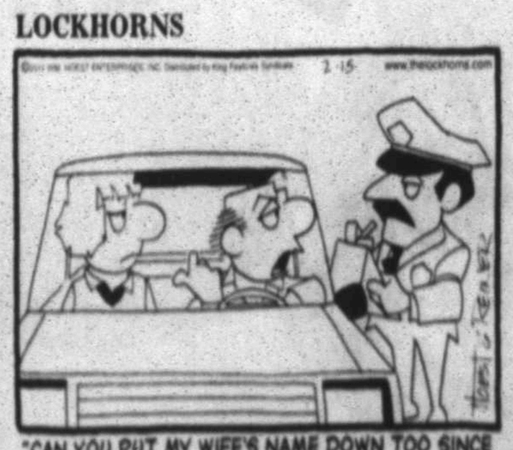

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Percy Q. Tate
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 14th day of February, 2011.

Law Office of Brandon W. Pinson, P.C.

By: Brandon W. Pinson

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WALTER JACKSON LIVINGSTON, Deceased, were issued on February 8, 2011, in Cause No. P16515, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Stephen Ray Livingston.

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

c/o: L. Shane Stokes

DATED the 14th day of February, 2011.

/s/ L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Stephen Ray Livingston
State Bar No.: 19273500
800 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
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DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 24, 2011
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 7, 2011
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-0269054
Status/Permit No. 708356

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 9, Bk. 37 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-260, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 8 miles SW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Lease/Unit Well No. :	3
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1321.0
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SALE RANCH (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

SALE RANCH (STRAWN) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

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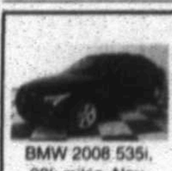

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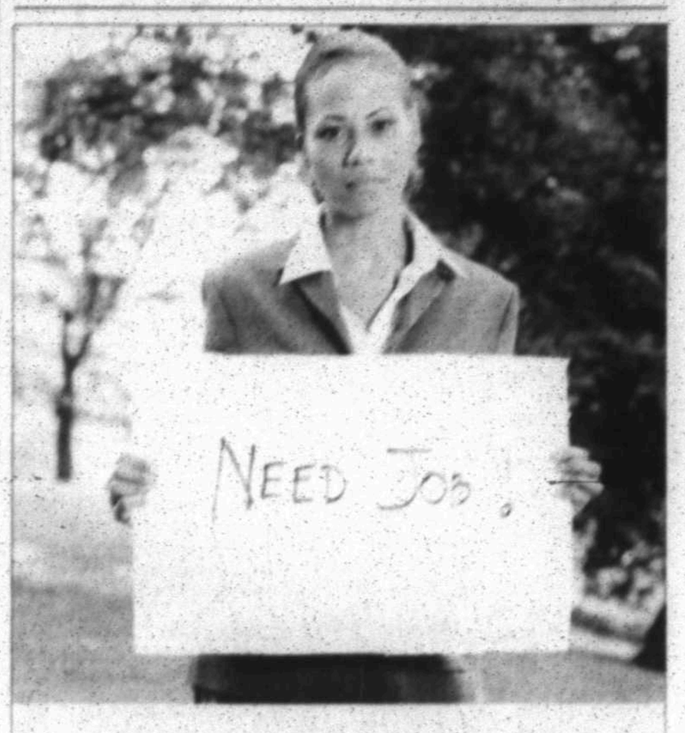

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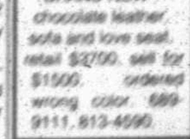

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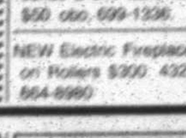

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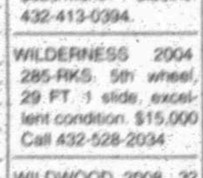

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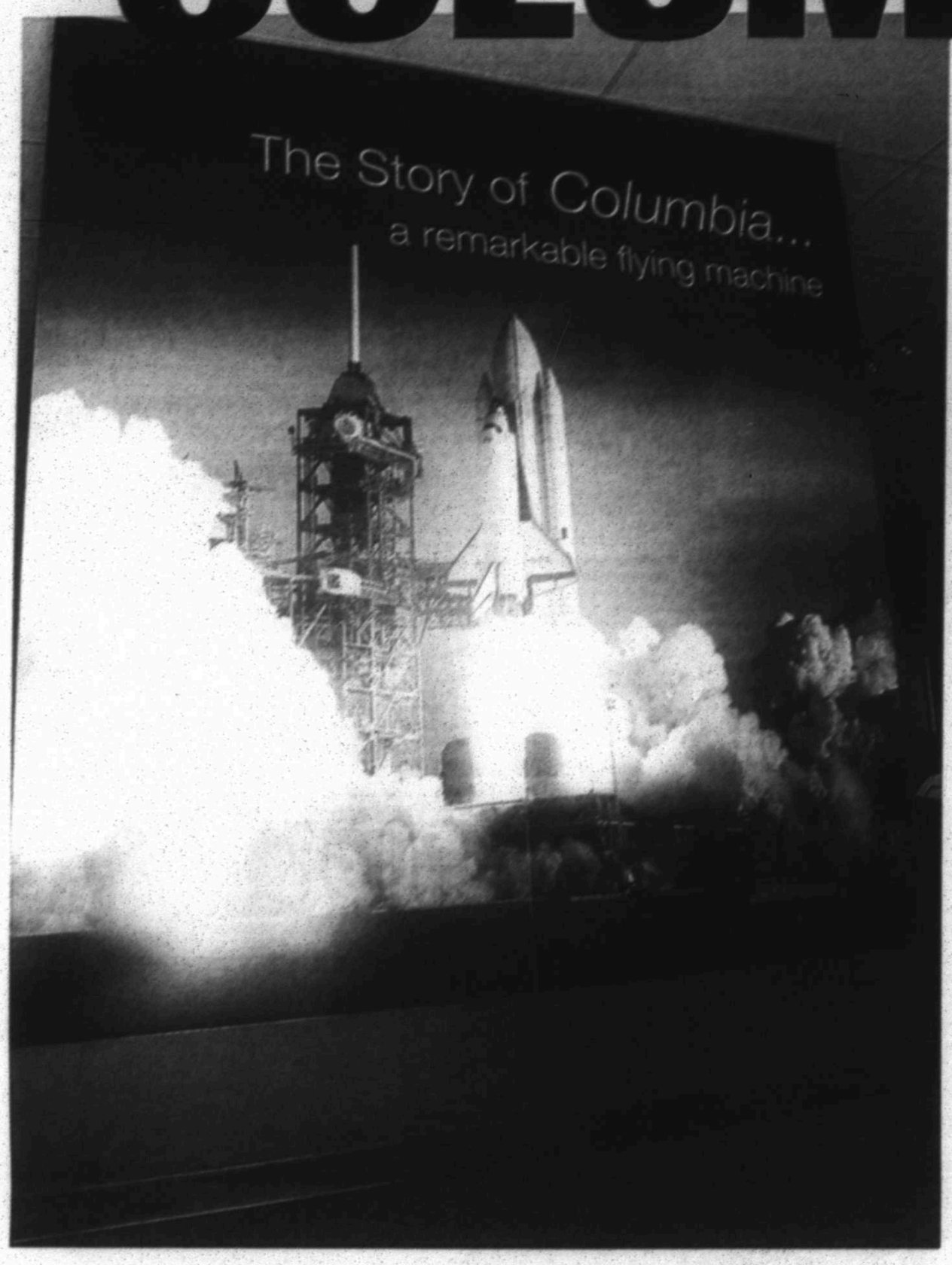

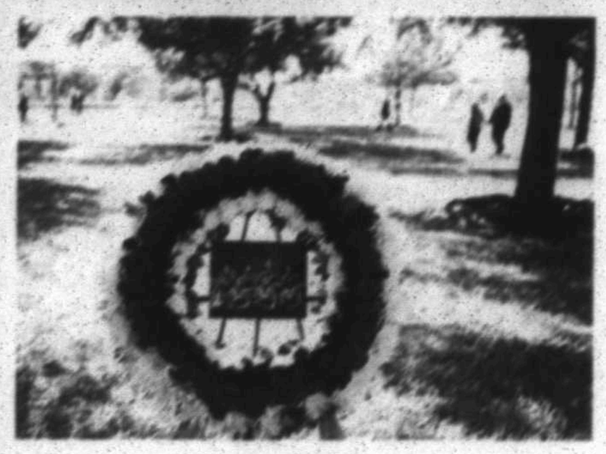

The first thing a guest will see, left, entering the new Patricia Huffman Smith Museum that houses the NASA Remembering Columbia permanent exhibition is this floor to ceiling photograph of the Columbia lifting off from the launch pad, as seen in this Feb. 1 photo in Hemphill. Eight years later and the name of the space shuttle that broke apart in the sky over Texas on re-entry and left debris scattered around the town of about 1,000 remains on the tip of everyone's tongue. Hemphill opened a museum in honor of the seven astronauts who died Feb. 1, 2003. ABOVE A wreath commemorating the seven astronauts who perished in the space shuttle Challenger accident rests in the Astronaut Memorial Tree Grove during the annual National Day of Remembrance ceremony at the Johnson Space Center on Jan. 27, in Houston. TOP RIGHT A replica of the space shuttle Columbia flies near the entrance of the new museum in Hemphill.

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Texas museum remembers 2003 shuttle tragedy

By Heather Nolan
Beaumont Enterprise

HEMPHILL — Eight years later and the name of the space shuttle that broke apart in the sky over Texas on re-entry and left debris scattered around the town of about 1,000 remains on the tip of everyone's tongue.

"They still talk about it like it was yesterday," said 65-year-old Cecelia Hetchler, sitting on a black leather stool at Lane's restaurant and grocery in Hemphill, one of the more popular hangouts in town.

To mark the recent anniversary of the Columbia tragedy, Hemphill opened a museum in honor of the seven astronauts who died Feb. 1, 2003.

The Columbia broke apart after a slab of foam broke loose, gouged a wing and let superheated air of more than 2,650 degrees into the left wing.

As it traveled at more than 13,000 mph, the heated air further damaged the wing. Columbia began to tumble and the crew could not regain control. It eventually ripped apart.

The Sabine County Columbia Memorial Committee partnered with NASA and the astronauts' family members to get biographical information, pictures and artifacts for the museum.

In an odd sense, the Columbia STS-107 disaster put Hemphill and Sabine County on the map.

Residents remember hearing their town's name mentioned in national news reports, and the media's reports about the volunteers who gathered debris — including a shuttle version of the all-important flight data recorder — was always positive, townsfolk say.

Cruising around the city, it's hard to find anyone who doesn't have a recollection from the disaster. Even more difficult is finding someone who wasn't impacted by it.

If they didn't help with the search, they cooked for the volunteers. If they didn't find any debris, they welcomed strangers into their home who told stories about the debris they found.

Hetchler, who lives in Milam, a town seven miles north of Hemphill, cooked about 40 pounds of meat loaf and enormous pots of green beans and corn for the 400 volunteers who were in town in the weeks following the Columbia tragedy.

That's what people call it in East Texas — a tragedy or a disaster.

"A lot of people were weeping and crying," Hetchler remembered. "It was very emotional. Everybody was like ... I don't know how to describe it. They were sad all the time."

Retired Texas Forest Service worker Mark Gandy still remembers the people who came from around Texas to help search for shuttle debris and the astronauts' remains.

Boom shook store

One man had no feet and walked around using his fists, Gandy recalled. Another told Gandy he drove from Dallas as soon as he heard what happened in Sabine County. And one man asked Gandy where the bathroom was when they were searching in the woods.

"Some of these people had never been out of the city," he said, chuckling as he remembered that man's reaction when he told him to relieve himself anywhere in the woods. "All they wanted to do was come in and help."

Gandy, 60, was at Fat Fred's Grocery on Sabine Street around 8 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2003. He, like many Texans, heard a loud thunder-like boom. It made the store shake.

"I'll always remember the shaking," Gandy said. His eyes widened slightly and his body became stiff for a second as he replayed the scene in his head.

"It had a distinct sound," he said. "At the time I didn't know we had a shuttle coming in. Nobody kept up with it then."

People started to call Gandy shortly after the "boom," telling him they were seeing things falling from the sky. One guy called and said he found some kind of aircraft engine in his yard.

Gandy went to check it out. He knew it was an engine but was pretty sure it didn't belong to an aircraft.

Sometime between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., word started to spread that Columbia had broken apart on its way back to Florida.

The Forest Service called Gandy that night and said he needed to report to work early Sunday.

"We went in the woods every day from that Sunday, the next day, until I'd say probably about April," Gandy remembered. "I found stuff every day. I found a pair of binoculars. I didn't even think about it and I put them around my neck. One lens was missing. I turned it over and on the other side it said U.S. Navy."

Museum excitement

Marsha Cooper and Belinda Gay are among several members of the Sabine County Columbia Memorial Committee who worked tirelessly since April to bring the memorial museum to life.

The Patricia Huffman Smith Museum has historical information about the space shuttle Columbia's 28 missions and personal artifacts honoring each of the seven astronauts aboard Columbia STS-107: Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Ilan Ramon, Rick Husband, William "Willy" McCool, Michael Anderson and David Brown.

Charles Krenek and J. "Buzz" Mier, who died in a helicopter crash during the search, also have a place in the museum.

Cooper and Gay said the museum will have an education component as well as a digital learning center. That was important to the astronauts' families, they said.

The Memorial Committee continues to work on developing a monument where the shuttle's nose cone was found on Bayou Bend Road, Gay said.

There's already a monument down the street from the museum that includes a star and an outline of the space shuttle on a red, white and blue background. A granite statue next to the monument bears the astronauts' names.

Residents were excited about the opening. The Memorial Committee worked hard to keep what's inside under wraps so that the ribbon-cutting was special to the community and to the astronauts' families.

"I think people will visit, especially at first," Hetchler said. "The event changed the community."

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