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Weekender

Oil price tumble is about issues other than us

Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Many Americans will find this hard to believe, but the collapse of oil prices is not about us. We can be forgiven for thinking the universe revolves around the United States. After all, there is only one global superpower; sorry, Vladimir, Russia doesn't count anymore no matter how hard you try.

The U.S. also spends, consumes and pollutes the most per capita, so it's only natural that some U.S. oil and gas executives, analysts and consultants are proclaiming that Saudi Arabia and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are allowing lower prices solely to shut down U.S. shale drilling.

It's not about us, though — it's about everyone but us.

"The Saudis have got 40-plus years of experience managing the oil weapon, and they're very good at pursuing multiple objectives," said Stephen Arbogast, a former Exxon Mobil executive and now a finance professor at the University of North Carolina. "They must be thinking, 'Wow, this serves a lot of purposes, doesn't it?'"

OPEC met for coffee in Vienna while most Americans were preparing Thanksgiving turkeys. The 12-member cartel has been producing 700,000 barrels a day more than they'd agreed upon at their last meeting, so it was no wonder Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi was reluctant to cut his country's production so that others could continue to cheat and enjoy higher prices.

Saudi Arabia produces a third of the cartel's output and is therefore the de facto leader. When Naimi, who never reveals the Saudis' strategy, would only agree to the existing 30 million barrel a day quota, that was that. International oil prices fell 10 percent the following day.

Iranian oil minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, who was very vocal about OPEC needing to cut 1 million barrels a day to boost prices, grumbled about the decision. But he shouldn't have expected anything else from the Saudi kingdom, which considers Iran its main rival.

Saudi Arabia is Sunni and suspects Shiite Iran of trying to develop a nuclear weapon to dominate the Middle East. The Saudi royal family was disappointed when, four days before OPEC met, Iran balked at a deal that would have let international inspections block it from developing a bomb.

By keeping prices low, Saudi Arabia hopes to turn up the heat on Iran, which faces an almost certain recession if oil prices remain low and it is under crippling international sanctions. Saudi Arabia wants Iran to choose between civil

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VIDEO FOR OFFICERS

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Midland police and SWAT units respond to an armed subject Monday morning in the 2700 block of West Washington Avenue.

Police chief looks to acquire body cameras

By Tessa Duvall
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The involvement of two Midland Police Department officers in a fatal shooting on Monday has prompted Chief Price Robinson to weigh in again on the use of body cameras.

Robinson said Tuesday at a press conference he sees the benefits of cameras in training and in situations like the officer-involved shooting Monday.

MPD's Sgt. Mitch Russell and Officer Sean Sharp are on paid administrative leave while the Texas Rangers and MPD officials conduct parallel investigations into the shooting death of 49-year-old Rosendo Gino Rodriquez in the 2700 block of West Washington Avenue on Monday afternoon.

Robinson said cameras could have been a benefit if they had been used Monday. "How much? I don't know," he said.

Body cameras would be an additional tool for law enforcement, such as testimony and car cameras, he said.

"The body cameras provide an extra set of eyes and ears with the video and audio recording," he said. "There's a lot of benefit to body cameras, but there's also witness testimony, things that other people see that may not be recorded on that body camera."

Robinson said MPD will pursue getting body cameras, but he didn't know at what point in the future they will be

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Response to possible hotel more positive than negative

■ Developers propose building Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 on former courthouse property

By Joseph Basco
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While the proposed Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 for downtown Midland is nowhere near the size of the proposed Energy Tower, the public response thus far is once again mixed, though is more positive than negative.

At a public meeting on Tuesday, Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 developers presented the project and took time to answer questions from the audience. When detractors of downtown development veered the meeting away from a question-and-answer format, Tim Blonkvist, a member of the Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 development team, asked the audience if they thought the hotel is a good idea or if it's a bad idea. The supporters outnumbered the dissenters, by roughly a 5-to-1 ratio.

The developers are addressing the problems people had with previous downtown proposals by limiting the boutique hotel to fewer than 20 floors, having the cost hovering in the $100 million range and making the amenities and aesthetics less cosmopolitan and more West Texas-like.

But at the meeting, Joel Rogers, a Midlander who in the past spoke out against Energy Tower at City Center and downtown revitalization, reiterated his stance on the new project. He said Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 and its amenities such as the whiskey bar would disintegrate conservative family values.

"This is just the ruling elite pushing in

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MISD wants Petroleum Academy position filled quickly

By Tessa Duvall
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If Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren gets his way, the district will fill its Petroleum Academy staff position before winter break begins on Dec. 19.

MISD hopes to begin offering the academy's introductory course — principles of oil and gas — at the freshman schools this spring, but that is contingent on hiring the right teacher.

The district is seeking applicants for the Petroleum Academy teacher/coordinator position, which comes with a minimum salary of $75,000, the district announced in press release on Wednesday.

In comparison, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will earn a salary of $48,000 in 2014-15, according to MISD's teacher salary schedule. Teachers earn more as their experience and education levels increase. For example, a teacher with a doctorate and 40 years of experience will earn $69,430, according to the salary schedule.

Warren said the new position will have administrative duties within the academy that go above and beyond teaching the course in the spring. The person in this role could also supervise future academy teachers, but that has not yet been determined, he said.

The teacher/coordinator salary was set as a way to make the position "as attractive as possible" to get the right candidate who has both the required teaching and petroleum experience, he said.

There is also the potential for "salary enhancements," which Warren said MISD and its oil and gas partners are in the process of determining.

The new teacher/coordinator is required to have a bachelor's degree and Texas teaching certification and experience in the oil and gas industry, according to the release.

In the two weeks the MISD academy position has been posted on the district's website, Warren said six to eight applications have been received. There have been "great applicants" but Warren said he's still hoping to draw from a broader pool.

A majority of the applicants are current MISD teachers, Warren said.

To apply for the Petroleum Academy teacher/coordinator position, go to www.midlandisd.net, click the Human Resources tab, then click Certified Openings.

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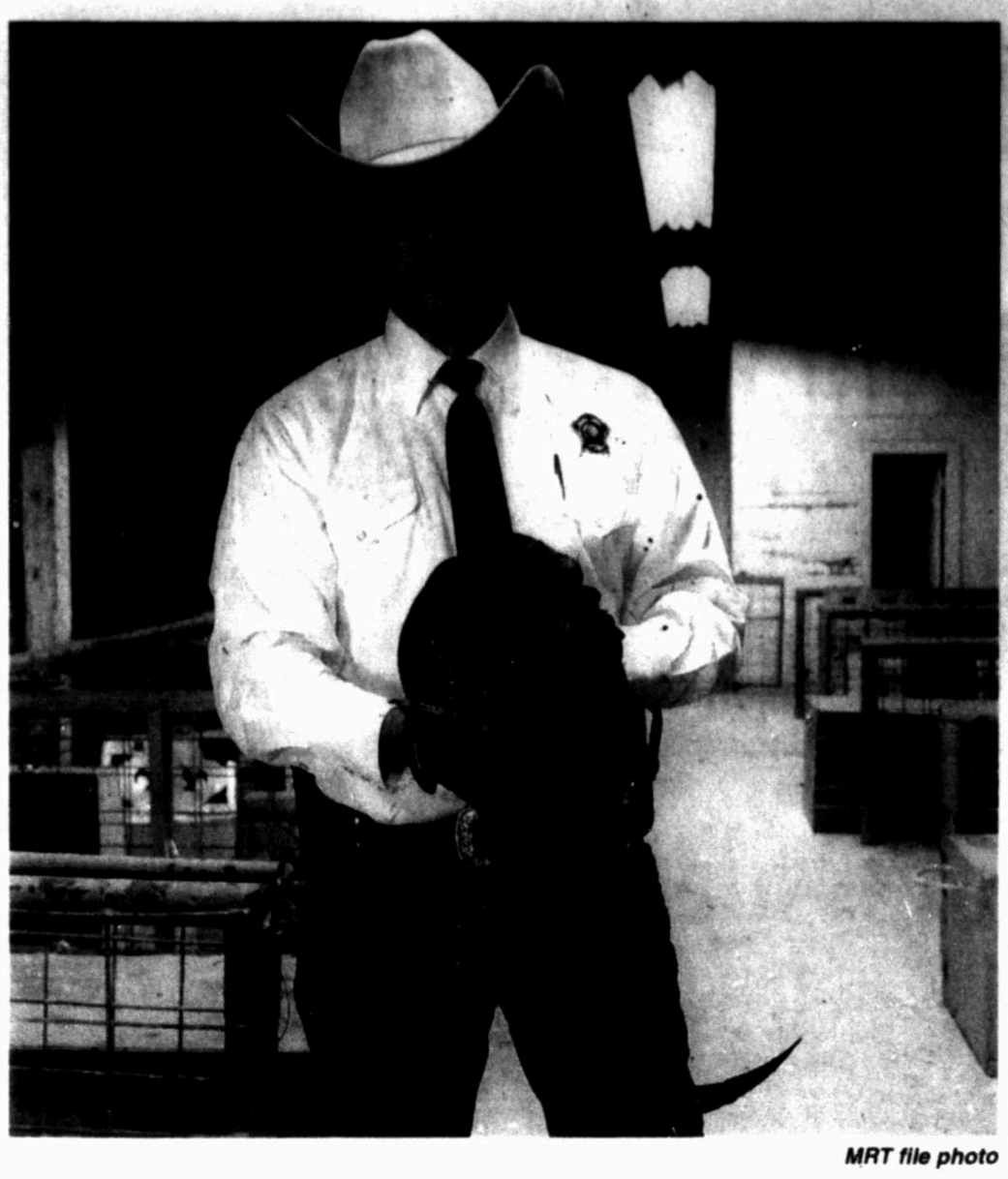

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Martin County Sheriff John Woodward holds a rooster used in cockfighting in this 2009 file photo. Woodward resigned as sheriff Wednesday after reports that he received a tattoo from an inmate and that they had been drinking.

Martin County sheriff resigns

Odessa American

Martin County Sheriff John Woodward officially resigned Tuesday according to Precinct 1 Commissioner Kenny Stewart.

"It is confirmed that he resigned and it will be effective as of Dec. 3," Stewart said Tuesday night.

Woodward's resignation comes from reports that the former sheriff has not been in the office for several weeks. The Odessa American reported Monday that a former unnamed Martin County deputy said that the sheriff had also reportedly received a tattoo from an inmate in his office as the two were drinking on March 27, 2013.

County officials said they expected Woodward's resignation because they were aware of the alleged drinking incident but declined to charge him after he entered a rehabilitation facility.

Stewart said that the county judge told commissioners that Woodward would avoid prosecution if he decided to go to rehab.

Officials with the Texas Rangers were also reportedly informed of the incident however; they were never officially brought in to investigate.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman arrested for allegedly injuring children

A Midland woman was arrested Tuesday for allegedly injuring two children, according to court documents.

Shannon M. Young, 33, was charged with one count of second-degree felony reckless injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with serious bodily injury and one count of third-degree felony injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury. Young was being held Wednesday on a $100,000 bond for both of the charges.

Young

The Midland Police Department responded on Oct. 22 to an injury to a child case originally filed with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office. The incident happened sometime in late July and involved two minors. The girls alleged that Young grabbed the older victim by the neck and pushed her into a room, while the younger victim and Young began punching each other, according to the affidavit.

Young then shoved the older girl against a wall, grabbed the hair of the younger victim and bit off one of her fingernails, according to the affidavit.

The older victim told police that after the assault she had a bruise and had to sleep on her stomach because of the assault. The younger victim also claimed that she had a bruise, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit doesn't explain the time gap between MPD responding and Young's arrest or why the case originally was filed in Lubbock.

If convicted, Young faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony charge and up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony charge.

Assault suspect held on $500,000 bond

A 37-year-old man was arrested Tuesday night for allegedly assaulting another man with a wooden board, according to court documents.

Roy Vandal was being held at the Midland County jail as of Wednesday night on a $500,000 bond for a second-degree felony of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Vandal is alleged to have severely beaten the victim with a wooden board, breaking his neck and one of the man's eye sockets.

Officers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Big Spring Street on a report of a disturbance involving weapons. Dispatch had been told that one man, eventually identified as Vandal, had allegedly assaulted a male victim. Upon arriving at the scene, officers identified Vandal as the suspect described to dispatch and took Vandal into custody. No weapons were found on Vandal's body after he consented to a search.

Vandal alleged that several men, including the victim, had attempted to rob him. While defending himself, Vandal told officers that he had struck the alleged victim four times, according to the arrest affidavit. Officers asked Vandal what object he had used and he gestured with his head toward a white wooden board leaning against a wall, according to the affidavit.

A witness allegedly told officers that Vandal had told her that he had just assaulted the alleged victim.

A detective asked Vandal if he believed that he had killed the victim. Vandal replied that "he hope he did," according to the affidavit.

The man suffered multiple fractures to his face, including a broken eye socket and a broken neck, according to the affidavit.

Vandal faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony.

Judge sentences man to 40 years for sexual assault of child

District Judge Robin Darr sentenced a Midland man to two 20-year prison sentences Wednesday after he was found guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Darr, who presides over the 385th district court, ordered the sentences for Alejandro Daniel Avila run consecutively, according to the press release.

During the trial, which started Monday, the jury heard evidence that Avila offered to take the female victim, who lived in Pecos, to Midland to celebrate her 14th birthday, according to the press release. The victim's mother agreed, and Avila took the girl to Midland, where the sexual assault occurred. The jury found Avila guilty on Tuesday and then heard evidence of Avila's involvement in a previous incident of a sexual nature in Pecos in 2009.

Michael McCarthy and Nora Hammonds represented the state of Texas. Luis Chavez represented the defense, according to the press release.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Adam S. Chilson, 20, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance between one and four grams.

David J. Depauw, 24, of San Angelo was charged Tuesday with possession of a prohibited substance within a correctional facility.

Joshua C. McFarland, 28, of Midland was charged Tuesday with assault on a public servant.

Marisol R. Meza, 22, of Midland was arrested Tuesday for possession of a prohibited substance within a correctional facility.

Roy Vandal, 37, was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Shannon M. Young, 33, of Midland was charged Tuesday with injuring a child, elderly, or disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Obituaries

Butch Wood

Butch Wood, 67, of Mayhill, New Mexico, passed away on November 28, 2014 at his beloved mountain home. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Butch was born on September 4, 1947 in Baytown, Texas to Frances Rose Heckler Wood and Milton Leroy Wood, Sr. He was a very strong, dependable, and giving man who never met a stranger. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He loved to fish, ride his horses, and spend time with his family. He was a proud US Air Force Veteran who served 3 tours in Vietnam. He also prided himself on his career of ensuring the safety of his fellow oilfield service employees.

He married Theresa Ann Bianchi on August 9, 1969 in Highlands, Texas. He had one son, David Shawn Wood (Shawnee Brook), and one daughter Laurie Anne Wood (LarLar/Sugar Bug.) He has four grandchildren, McKinzee (Kinzee Mac Girl), Gabe (Gabe Man), Helena (Lena Girl), and Alice (Ali Girl.)

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Ann Wood; son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Michelle; grandchildren, Helena and Alice; daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Steve (Mijo) Fulwider; grandchildren, McKinzee and Gabe; mother and father-in-law, Art and Jean Bianchi, whom he loved as his own parents; brother and sister-in-law, James and Jan Blaha; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Frances Rose Heckler Wood; father, Milton Leroy Wood, Sr.; and brother, Marty Wood.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards all the family and friends who have sent their prayers, love, and support during his courageous battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans. *www.dav.org*

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

Cardrine Wells

Cardrine Wells died on November 30, 2014. She was born in Houston, Texas, and later moved to Midland, where she resided for over 70 years.

Mrs. Wells was a member of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where she lovingly practiced her culinary skills for over 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, Lonnie; son, Henry Mitchell, Jr.; grandsons, Nick, Jai, and Byron; and six great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., December 5, 2014, at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Wheeler officiating, and under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery.

Glen Dale Stallings

Glen Dale Stallings went to be with our Heavenly Father on December 1, 2014. He was born on March 11, 1936 in Ralls, Texas to parents Howard and Gertrude Stallings. Glen grew up in West Texas and joined the Navy in 1955. During his time in the Navy, he worked as an airplane mechanic.

After his discharge in 1959, he returned to Midland and worked the oilfield mostly as a welder. Years later, he attended a technical college and learned the trade of machinist. Glen enjoyed his work and especially his friends there, instead of retiring; he continued working the last 20 years at Carter Tool.

Glen loved music and could play several instruments, his favorite being the guitar. On weekends, he would travel to Bluegrass festivals and, at one time, had his own bluegrass band, The Wild Grass Band. One of his favorite hobbies was playing bingo with his friends. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Lucille Marshall, and two grandchildren, Derick Lee and Melissa Streun.

He is survived by daughter, Kathy Lee and husband Rick; daughter, Donna Streun and husband Jerry; and son, Rodney Stallings; six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by brothers, Fred Stallings of Grandbury, Leon Stallings of California, and Gary Stallings of Midland; and sisters, Marion McMillan of Midland and Gail Childress of Dallas.

Reverend Dennis Reeves will officiate the funeral Friday, December 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel. Visitation will be Thursday December 4, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., also at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Death Notices

Donald M. Hellinghausen

Donald M. Hellinghausen, 86, died Wednesday, December 3, 2014 in Midland. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Rosendo Gino Rodriguez

Rosendo Gino Rodriquez, 49, of Midland, passed away Monday, December 1, 2014. Rosary will be held Friday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

A Mass and funeral service will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1401 Garden Lane, at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, December 6th, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery, 1400 N. Pecos.

He is survived by his three daughters, Vanessa Torres, Gabriella Rodriguez and Amanda Rodriguez; his parents, Rosendo and Angelita "Angie" Rodriguez; one brother and five sisters.

James Miles Barkes

James "Jim" Barkes, 78 of Midland, passed away on Monday, December 1st, 2014.

Memorial service for Mr. Barkes will be Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice Barkes; daughter, Nancy Louise Bergeron and son, Andrew Alan Barkes.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Faces rocker Ian McLagan dead at 69 after stroke

Rolling Stones collaborator and Faces keyboardist Ian McLagan has died.

A statement on his official website said the musician died Wednesday in Austin after suffering a stroke a day earlier. He was 69.

McLagan was a member of the British pop group Small Faces in the 1960s. The band changed its name to Faces when Rod Stewart and Ron Wood joined in 1969.

Kenney Jones, McLagan's bandmate in both groups, said he is "completely devastated" at the news, adding, "I know this goes for Ronnie and Rod also."

McLagan went onto record and perform with the Rolling Stones, playing on the band's 1978 album "Some Girls," including the organ solo on the hit single "Miss You." He released several solo albums, including a tribute to his Small Faces bandmate Ronnie Lane in 2008. McLagan was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012.

He had been scheduled to begin a North American tour Wednesday. His manager, Ken Kushnick, called McLagan "a true rock 'n' roll spirit."

MEXICO CITY

Mexican writer Vicente Lenero dies at 81

Renowned Mexican author, playwright and journalist Vicente Lenero has died. He was 81.

Rafael Tovar y de Teresa is president of Mexico's National Council for Culture and the Arts. He told Milenio TV that Lenero died Wednesday.

Born June 9, 1933, in the western city of Guadalajara, Lenero was known for works such as "Los Albaniles," or "The Bricklayers," which portrayed 1970s Mexican society through the lives of construction workers.

His credits also included a stage adaptation of "The Children of Sanchez" and the screenplay for "The Alley of Miracles" (1995), starring Salma Hayek.

As a journalist in the 1970s, he helped found the influential newsweekly Proceso.

NEW YORK

Herman Badillo, 1st Puerto Rico-born congressman, dies

Herman Badillo, a Bronx politician who became the first person born in Puerto Rico to become a U.S. congressman, died Wednesday morning. He was 85.

The office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. confirmed the death. Badillo died of complications of congestive heart disease at a hospital in Manhattan on Wednesday morning, according to George Arzt, a political consultant and longtime friend.

"He was a true pioneer of the city. He was the first major Latino to be elected," Arzt said.

In Congress, Badillo concentrated on the problems of inner cities and urged federal help for poor members of minority groups, according to his congressional biography. He also championed the rights of Puerto Ricans, noting in 1971 that they were subject to the draft but couldn't get federal benefits under the food stamp and school milk programs or parts of Social Security.

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Court grants Texas prisoner execution reprieve

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A federal appeals court halted Wednesday's scheduled execution of a Texas killer whose attempt to subpoena Jesus Christ as a trial witness and other behavior led his attorneys to argue he is too mentally ill for capital punishment.

Scott Panetti, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia some 14 years before fatally shooting his estranged wife's parents in 1992, was granted the reprieve less than eight hours before he was set to receive a lethal injection. In stopping the execution, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals acknowledged the legal complexity of putting a mentally ill inmate to death.

In a two-sentence ruling, the court said it needs time to "fully consider the late arriving and complex legal questions at issue in this matter" and that it will schedule briefings and hearings to consider arguments.

The Texas attorney general's office said it has no immediate plans to appeal and that state attorneys will present arguments to the 5th Circuit once the court sets a date for them.

Panetti's lawyers described him as delusional and argued that he was too mentally ill to qualify for capital punishment and they sought the delay so Panetti could undergo new competency examinations.

Panetti, who acted as his own trial lawyer, testified as an alternate personality he called "Sarge" to describe the slayings of Joe and Amanda Alvarado. He wore a purple cowboy outfit, including a big cowboy hat, during trial and largely ignored a standby attorney the judge appointed to assist him.

Appeals also were before the U.S. Supreme Court, which has said mentally ill people cannot be executed if they don't have a factual and rational understanding of why they're being punished. The high court took no action once the lower court stopped the punishment.

Panetti, 56, was still at a prison outside Livingston when the ruling came. He had not been moved to Huntsville, where executions are carried out, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said.

The Hayward, Wisconsin, native, who was convicted and sentenced in 1995, had been diagnosed with schizophrenia in 1978. He had been hospitalized more than a dozen times for treatment in the decade before the shootings.

Panetti's appeals lawyers said they are grateful for the reprieve that will allow "a careful review of the issues surrounding his competency."

"Mr. Panetti has not had a competency evaluation in seven years, and we believe that today's ruling is the first step in a process which will clearly demonstrate that Mr. Panetti is too severely mentally ill to be executed," Greg Wiercioch and Kathryn Kase said in a statement.

Both visited with Panetti in prison in the past few weeks and said his mental condition had worsened.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BANGS

Former police chief sentenced in abuse case

A former West Texas police chief has been sentenced to probation for ordering an officer assigned to patrol duty to remodel the chief's home instead.

Forty-five-year-old Troy Grusendorf pleaded guilty to one count of abuse of official capacity. District Judge Stephen Ellis sentenced the former Bangs police chief to five years of probation and a $1,500 fine. Grusendorf also agreed to surrender his state peace officer license.

He resigned in August during an investigation into the misconduct. Authorities say Grusendorf had an officer ignore a call for service while doing personal work.

The Bangs City Council is scheduled to consider naming a new chief today.

ROCKWALL

Both sides rest in prosecutor-killing trial

Closing arguments are scheduled in the capital murder trial of a former justice of the peace accused of killing a North Texas district attorney and his wife.

The prosecution rested Wednesday after calling witnesses over three days in the trial of Eric Williams. The defense declined to call any witnesses before resting. Closing arguments are set for today in the case. If convicted, Williams could be sentenced to death.

Earlier Wednesday, the jury heard testimony that Williams sent anonymous emails to law enforcement claiming credit for the 2013 killings of Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, at their home. He's also accused of killing another Kaufman County prosecutor, Mark Hasse, two months earlier but is not being tried in that death.

Prosecutors have argued Williams used cloaking software to mask the origins of the emails to a Crime Stoppers tip line. A computer examiner with an FBI task force testified Wednesday the emails were traced to the 47-year-old Williams.

Prosecutors have said Williams sought revenge for being convicted in 2012 of stealing county equipment, resulting in the loss of his law license and judicial job. Defense attorneys have declined to comment on the charges against Williams.

The prosecution presented experts and computer forensic results Wednesday arguing that in the months before the McLelland killings, Williams had conducted Internet searches on ways to send anonymous messages without being detected.

David Scott Hunt, who described himself as a Williams acquaintance, testified a day earlier that Williams asked him to lunch in early 2013, complained of money problems and sought help in getting rid of rifle parts. Hunt said he told Williams not to do anything stupid.

Prosecutor Bill Wirskye has told jurors that items found in a storage shed used by Williams pointed to him as the gunman. Wirskye also said 20 rounds were fired inside the McLellands' home in less than two minutes.

Wirskye filed court documents in September alleging that Williams intended to target other law enforcement officials.

HOUSTON

Mom charged after daughter's body found in fridge

A Houston mother has been charged with neglect after her 9-year-old daughter's body was discovered stuffed inside a refrigerator.

Amber Keyes was held Wednesday on a charge of injury to a child-serious bodily injury, connected to death of her daughter, Ayahna Comb.

Ayahna weighed 14 pounds when some children looking for food found her body in Keyes' refrigerator in June. An autopsy determined Ayahna, who had cerebral palsy, died of malnutrition and dehydration.

The 35-year-old Keyes said she found Ayahna unresponsive on Jan. 29 but couldn't revive her, so she wrapped the girl in a blanket and stashed her in the fridge.

Her attorney, Joseph Owmby, said he plans to further investigate the circumstances of the girl's death.

Keyes is scheduled for arraignment on Jan. 8.

TEXAS CITY

Pit bull owner drops lawsuit over beagle killing

A Texas woman whose four pit bulls entered a neighbor's yard through a hole in the fence and killed their beagle has dropped a lawsuit against them seeking up to $1 million.

Emerald White claimed she was "seriously injured" as she tried to stop the Oct. 27 attack, and accused her neighbor, Tiffany Baker, of failing to securely confine and restrict their 10-year-old dog, Bailey, who died.

The Bakers then sought legal sanctions against White, saying her lawsuit was frivolous and noting her pit bulls were declared dangerous and vicious under a Texas City ordinance. Such a designation requires the posting of signs, fences and liability coverage.

The Houston Chronicle says the Bakers withdrew their sanctions request in return for White dropping her lawsuit, according to court documents released Monday.

HALLETTSVILLE

Sheriff: Great Dane mauls South Texas woman

A South Texas sheriff says a 60-year-old woman is recovering after being mauled by a relative's Great Dane.

Lavaca Sheriff Micah Harmon told the Victoria Advocate on Tuesday the dog attacked the woman when she entered its outside pen to care for it. Her scalp was bitten and torn, and she suffered injuries to her torso and left arm.

It's unclear why the dog attacked her.

She was flown to a San Antonio hospital in an unknown condition.

The dog's owners had it euthanized after the attack.

DALLAS

Officials say Ebola response cost $155,000

Officials say the emergency response to the Ebola crisis in Dallas cost the city about $155,000, including nearly $27,000 to care for the dog of a nurse infected with the virus.

City officials released a statement Wednesday outlining the expenses incurred since Thomas Eric Duncan was admitted to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in September. Duncan died about a week later. Two nurses who treated him became infected. Both recovered.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of State Health Services said it incurred about $1.28 million in costs.

Officials said the cost to care for the dog belonging to nurse Nina Pham will be offset by $19,000 in grants and donations.

The cost to Dallas County and Texas Health remain unclear.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Officer disciplined for asking video to be deleted

A Corpus Christi officer has been disciplined after asking a woman to delete a video of being put in a chokehold.

Lanessa Espinosa recorded a video in August during the incident with an off-duty investigator with the Nueces County district attorney's office. The investigator and officer Jerry Lockhart were investigating a fight that occurred at a fast food restaurant involving 10 people.

Authorities say the investigator restrained Espinosa after she refused to provide her ID. She was handcuffed on suspicion of interfering with public duties, but wasn't arrested or charged. The district attorney says he'll look into the incident.

Footage from a patrol car's dashboard camera showed Lockhart asking Espinosa to erase the video, Chief Floyd Simpson said Tuesday, adding that his personnel record now reflects the incident.

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Things to do

■ Holiday open house, 5-8 p.m., ArtiZen Outlet. artizenoutlet.com.
■ Holiday Evening at MC, 5:30-7 p.m., Midland College. midland.edu.
■ Fourth Annual Holiday Celebration, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Meeting today

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

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.
■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.
■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.
■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.
■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643.
Note: To make corrections to this listing, submit information to news@mrt.com.

Food drives

Food drives are planned for the West Texas Food Bank and a local food pantry.

The WTFB drive is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday off Loop 250 next to Discount Tires. The event will be hosted by the West Texas Crawlers, Albertsons, Discount Tires, Strong Electric and the Professional Firefighters Association of Midland.

Also, the Midland College Student Activities Office is coordinating a drive to benefit Memorial Christian Church's food pantry. Donations are being accepted through 10 a.m. Friday at various locations around campus, including Scharbauer Student Center, Allison Fine Arts Building and the F. Marie Hall Academic Building.

The food pantry reopened Wednesday after being closed for renovations. About 250 families take advantage of the church's food pantry services each month, according to a press release from Midland College.

Community calendar

Midland ISD Head Start program is partnering with Midland Memorial Hospital for a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday at Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave., room 420.

Registered nurse Jenifer Dumire will give the presentation to family members of Head Start students. Daycare will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Community development and housing funds report

The city of Midland has prepared its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report on community development and housing funds from Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 30 of this year.

At the end of each fiscal year, the CAPER details Midland's accomplishments toward addressing needs identified in Midland's five-year Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing funds.

The CAPER has been made available for public viewing at the following locations:

■ City Secretary's Office, 300 N. Loraine St. (Room 330 at City Hall)
■ Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250.
■ Casa de Amigos® 1101 E. Garden Lane.
■ Southeast Community Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana Ave.
■ Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

A summary of the CAPER may be viewed under the Housing & Community Development page at www.midlandtexas.gov.

Citizen commentary is requested in written form by Dec. 15 to the City's Community Development Office at P.O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702. The final report will include a resident comment section and be available at the City Secretary's Office after the end of the year.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-9-7
Pick 3 day: 6-3-0
Pick 3 evening: 4-4-0
Pick 3 night: 6-7-1
Daily 4 morning: 6-2-1-3
Daily 4 day: 3-3-4-3
Daily 4 evening: 7-1-9-5
Daily 4 night: 7-2-4-2
Cash Five: 21-23-28-32-34
Lotto Texas: 6-8-11-12-34-42
Powerball: 3-8-19-29 BB 2
All or Nothing morning: 4-5-9-10-12-13-17-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 4-5-7-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-6-8-9-12-14-15-16-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-6-8-9-13-14-15-17-18-22

Today in history

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7.

In 1954, the first Burger King stand was opened in Miami by James McLamore and David Edgerton.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

Today's birthdays: Rapper Jay-Z is 45.

MRT file photo

Toys for Cops campaign

Angel Poland, 7, picks out a pair of stuffed animals collected as part of the Toys For Cops program in 2015 at the Midland County Sheriff's Office. Toys for Cops collects toys for authorities to give to children in crisis. You can donate toys to the program at the following locations:

■ Diamonds, 3209 Courtyard Drive, Suite H
■ Run This Way, 3209 Courtyard Drive, Suite L
■ Ada Marie's, 3209 Courtyard Drive
■ The Village, 3209 Courtyard Drive, Suite C
■ Christan Brothers Automotive, 5317 W. Loop 250 N.
■ Chrysalis Salon & Day Spa, 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D6
■ Dr. Keith Poe, 3200 Sunburst Drive
■ ClayDesta Drive, 6 Desta Drive
■ Lee High School Office, 3500 Neely Ave.
■ Midland ISD Central Office, 616 W. Missouri Ave.
■ Alderson Mercedes Benz, 5801 Andrews Highway

NYC tree-lighting ceremony draws thousands

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands celebrated in the heart of Manhattan on Wednesday night as they watched the lighting of the 85-foot-tall Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center.

Kids, and kids at heart, soaked in the season's sights, including 45,000 LED lights primed for the flick of a switch, and sounds including performances by Mariah Carey and Cyndi Lauper.

"I've always wanted to come," said Lianne Payne, 20, of Swansea, Wales. "I was, like, we have to come. In London, they've got big trees — but not quite this big."

Her boyfriend, Carwyn Richards, 21: "She dragged me here. I don't like standing around in a crowd," he said with a wry grin.

Patricia Donnelly, 70, came from Greenwich, Connecticut, to see the lighting for the first time in 20 years.

"It was very different then," she said, standing in a crowd squeezed into a police-barricaded pen. "There weren't so many barricades then, and you could see the whole tree. Tonight, we'll see only half the tree."

She went at the last-minute urging of her "significant other," Joseph Matkovich, 74.

"This is a gift to us," he said, gazing at the 13-ton spruce.

Associated Press

The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree is lit following a ceremony in New York on Wednesday.

CAMERAS

From 1A

implemented.

"You just don't go buy 100 body cameras off the shelf and fill in the middle," he said. "There is a lot (to do) — you have to write policy, guidelines, guidelines for recording, all the video has to be stored somewhere."

Robinson's reasoning on the timeline is similar to what he said in February when MPD opted out of grant money to buy body cameras.

Midland County's Commissioners' Court in January approved applying for a $17,000 grant from the governor's office to provide the department with body cameras, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. However, MPD turned down the cameras and commissioners approved making the sheriff's office the recipient instead.

"We were on a tight deadline for a project of this magnitude," Robinson told the Reporter-Telegram in February. "Instead of rushing the cameras in, we chose not to participate at this time."

Robinson didn't rule out buying cameras in the future, noting that he saw the benefits of cameras.

Sheriff Gary Painter told the Reporter-Telegram last week that the department has received 30 to 35 body cameras for his patrol deputies to wear. Cameras will be used after the department receives the software that will allow footage to be stored. The software has been ordered, he said.

Robinson

"I think it would be an excellent tool for law enforcement to be able to use the information we gather as we see the individual and as the incident is recording," Painter said last week. "We can record that and be able to play that for the jury. I think we can get better convictions, people will be sentenced for more time. The jury can experience the sounds, the feeling, the emotion that's going on at the time."

Recent events have renewed calls for law enforcement officers to wear body cameras while working.

After a St. Louis County grand jury decided not to indict a white police officer in the shooting death of Michael Brown, the black teen's parents have pushed for what supporters are calling the "Michael Brown Law." The measure would require state, county and city police officers to wear cameras. A We the People petition supporting the law received more than 150,000 signatures on the White House's website before the signing period closed.

President Barack Obama on Monday announced he is asking Congress for funding to buy 50,000 body cameras for police officers nationwide and to look for ways to build trust and confidence between police and minority communities.

Obama is proposing a three-year, $263 million spending package to increase use of body-worn cameras, expand training for law enforcement and add more resources for police department reform. The package includes $75 million to help pay for 50,000 of the small, lapel-mounted cameras to record police on the job, with state and local governments paying half the cost. Estimates vary about the precise number of full-time, sworn law enforcement officers in communities across the U.S., though some federal government reports in recent years have placed the figure at roughly 700,000.

A report from the Justice Department, which had been in the works before the Ferguson shooting, said there is evidence both police and civilians behave better when they know there are cameras around. In a recent Cambridge University study, the police department in Rialto, California — a city of about 100,000 — saw an 89 percent decline in the number of complaints against officers in a yearlong trial using the cameras. The number of times the police used force against suspects also declined.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

TUMBLE

From 1A

unrest due to economic instability and its nuclear program.

Saudi Arabia also enjoys its role in regulating the global economy and is worried about protecting market share at a time when demand is weak.

Slowdowns in China, India and Europe and a recession in Japan have cut oil demand as North American producers have added a million barrels a day in production and are expected to add another million a day in 2015, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The Saudis know the best way to mop up the glut is to allow lower prices to trigger greater consumption. That will kick-start the wobbly economies and drive up demand again. This is what Naimi meant when he said in Vienna that he expected the oil market to eventually "stabilize itself."

One key market the Saudis want to protect is the U.S., where most refineries are designed to process heavy oil, not the sweet crude produced by most American wells. High prices made it profitable for Venezuela and Canada to produce heavy crude and compete with Saudi oil at U.S. refineries. Saudi Arabia can produce heavy oil at a fifth of the cost that Canada or Venezuela can, so the low prices squeeze out competition.

Billions of people will benefit from lower energy prices, which means more spending money in their pockets. But there will be losers, and here again, the Saudis see benefits.

Venezuela and Russia, two pariah governments with aggressive foreign policies, will suffer. Venezuela, known for quota cheating, is already in a depression, and Russia has forecast a recession.

Lower oil prices also discourage new large-scale entrants, particularly capital-intensive deep-water wells and Canadian tar sands mining.

"The true marginal production is tar sands and deep water," Arbogast told me as we gamed out the Saudi strategy. "All of which involve much greater risk if the prices fall, so that's the production that truly will be impacted."

That means the last thing the Saudis are worried about is shale drilling. Shale wells are small and quick, requiring only about six months to begin production, and they decline quickly compared to other wells. That means they are easy to turn on or off based on price signals, and that makes them difficult for Saudi Arabia to disrupt.

"Shale oil is low-cost, low-capital, too flexible to be something they could really permanently damage," Arbogast said.

Saudi Arabia can, though, sustain low prices long enough to enforce OPEC discipline, push Iran toward a nuclear deal, grab market share from Canada and punish Vladimir Putin for misbehaving.

Houston may the world's energy capital, and lower prices will slow the Texas economy.

But sometimes it's not about us. Sometimes, we're simply bystanders.

HOTEL

From 1A

social engineering for Midland," Rogers said on Wednesday.

Rogers and a few others in attendance Tuesday also had questions about the incentive developers may be requesting from the city. But other issues that persisted in the past, including preserving the courthouse, were never brought up.

In contrast to the naysayers of downtown development, others at the meeting voiced their support, including DoubleTree by Hilton General Manager Keith Dial. He said at the meeting that he would help out with the project in any way he could.

On Wednesday, despite being aware that it is a hotel that might compete with the DoubleTree by Hilton, Dial said any good development for downtown is a positive and should be welcomed. He was not concerned about the competition because, supply-wise, Midland's hotel market is reaching capacity and demand remains constant.

"Looking at the plans, it looks like an upscale operation which will be at a different price tier than the (DoubleTree)," Dial said. "I think they're going to be a different kind of a hotel. And while we'll compete geographically, I don't think we'll compete necessarily all that much in terms of our clients."

Another local business that might face competition from the hotel's Epicurean market concept — a food court and grocery hybrid with upscale food — is The Ground Floor coffee house, across Wall Street from the project site, the former Midland County Courthouse.

Brandon Greaves, a barista for The Ground Floor, said he is always for bringing vitality downtown.

"I don't know that a hotel would necessarily be the best way," Greaves said. "Maybe if it was a hostel, that would be cooler. But as long as it revitalizes downtown, that would be pretty cool."

Greaves said he personally does not like other coffee shops and hopes the hotel does not have one, adding that there are already competing downtown coffee places such as the coffee shop inside the DoubleTree and Taste at 508, also on Wall Street.

And though the public was not out in full force like it was for the Energy Tower town hall meeting in September 2013, Facebook comments were still divisive when it came to the new proposed downtown project. Three of the top five "most liked" comments on the Reporter-Telegram Facebook page were against having another hotel in Midland, the third most-liked comment was against the project and preferred more cheaper housing, and the fourth most-liked comment was for the project because of its multi-use components.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PENNSLVANIA

Shale gas line to the Northeast gets federal nod

Federal energy regulators have approved a $700 million pipeline project designed to bring cheap Marcellus Shale natural gas from Pennsylvania into high-priced markets in New England and New York.

The project's backers said Wednesday that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's approval means the 124-mile Constitution Pipeline could be built and operational by next winter, if it gets the remaining regulatory approvals from Pennsylvania, New York and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a timely fashion.

The project is the first to be approved out of a slew of proposals designed to bring Marcellus Shale gas to New York and New England.

NEW ORLEANS

Ex-BP executive fighting Gulf oil spill charges

A former BP executive accused of obstructing a congressional investigation into the 2010 Gulf oil spill remains on track for a trial next year, despite defense efforts to have the charges dismissed.

U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt on Wednesday declined to throw out one count against David Rainey and took under advisement defense motions to throw out another, a Justice Department spokesman said after the morning hearing.

Rainey was first indicted in November 2012 in a House subcommittee probe into the oil spill that began with the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion. It killed 11 workers and resulted in millions of gallons of oil being spewed into the Gulf.

He pleaded not guilty Wednesday to an updated version of the indictment against him, according to court records. He remains free on bond and is set for trial March 9.

One count says Rainey obstructed Congress. The other charges him with making false statements regarding his calculations on the rate at which oil was flowing from BP's Macondo well after the explosion.

Among the defense arguments: one count is unconstitutionally vague; the congressional subcommittee investigation that Rainey is accused of obstructing had not been properly authorized; and one of the charges takes Rainey's statements about the flow rate from the well out of context.

Mindfulness helps teens cope with stress, anxiety

By Gosia Wozniacka
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — As the morning school bell rings and students rush through crowded corridors, teenagers in one Portland classroom settle onto mats and meditation pillows. They fall silent after the teacher taps a Tibetan "singing bowl."

"Allow yourself to settle into the experience of being here, in this moment," teacher Caverly Morgan tells two dozen students at Wilson High School.

The students are enrolled in a for-credit, yearlong mindfulness class meant to ease youth anxiety and depression and to prevent violence. For 90 minutes, three days a week, they practice a mix of yoga, sitting and walking meditation, visualization techniques, deep breathing, journaling and non-judgmental listening.

The idea behind mindfulness is that focusing on the present moment helps a person deal better with stress, difficult emotions and negative thoughts.

Mindfulness, yoga and meditation have gained popularity among Americans in recent decades, buoyed by studies showing their benefits to emotional, mental and physical health. The centuries-old practices have roots in Buddhism and Hinduism, but Western culture has secularized them to focus on physical postures, breathing and relaxation techniques.

Such practices are now offered by corporations like Google, Target and General Mills to their employees. Prison inmates, hospital patients and the U.S. Marines are using them to combat stress and illness, increase focus and well-being. And now schools all over the country are introducing the practices.

Some people have greeted the move with less than enthusiasm.

Last year, an elementary school in Ohio ended its mindfulness program after parents complained it was too closely linked to Eastern religion, and a conservative Christian law firm unsuccessfully sued on behalf of a couple in Encinitas, California, arguing their school district's yoga classes indoctrinate children.

But many school districts are reporting success.

In Richmond, California, where a teacher started a mindfulness program called the Mindful Life Project, schools have reported drops in detentions and referrals among low-income, at-risk youth.

The school district in South Burlington, Vermont, implemented a successful mindfulness course as part of a health and wellness program, and now administrators there have written a manual on incorporating mindfulness into K-12 curriculums.

Associated Press

ABOVE: Students meditate Oct. 1 during Mindful Studies class at Wilson High School in Portland, Ore. The yearlong course is one of a growing number of programs that are incorporating mindfulness, yoga and meditation into school curriculums to bring socio-emotional benefits to students. **BELOW LEFT:** Caverly Morgan speaks while teaching a Mindful Studies course. **BELOW RIGHT:** Students work on yoga postures during Mindful Studies class at Wilson High School.

Portland is known for its progressivism, so it should be no surprise the idea of teaching mindfulness is being embraced here. Students at Wilson say the class has been a boon for them.

"Sometimes I have trouble breathing, I have panic attacks. This class helps me bring more attention to my breath and overcome that," junior Cassia McIntyre said. "I'm less stressed out and able to better cope with stress."

The class is the brainchild of Morgan, who trained at a Zen Buddhist monastery for eight years and opened a meditation center in Sacramento. After moving to Portland two years ago, Morgan started her program Peace in Schools and teamed up with Allyson Copacino, who teaches yoga to children.

The two started an after-school program at Wilson. After hundreds of students signed up, principal Brian Chatard took note. The school was dealing with a student's suicide, and few resources were available to address students' emotional and mental health.

Chatard said high school years are hard for many students because they entail emotional and hormonal changes, social and academic pressures — and for some, depression.

"High school is the hardest period of time for kids," Chatard said. "You've got emotional changes, hormonal changes, all the social pressures. It's also the onset of mental illness for some kids, depression hits, and there's the pressure of college and sports. All these things kids do is overwhelming without having a strategy to deal with it."

During a class in October, after a half-hour of yoga exercises, Morgan asked students to visualize a stressful moment in their lives and notice the negative internal dialogue in their heads.

Students wrote the negative self-talk in a journal, then shared it with the class and practiced compassionate — non-judgmental — listening in pairs.

Learning how to recognize the "inner critic" is crucial for teens, Morgan said.

"It's very important that teens learn how to do that, because that critical voice leads to behaviors that are extremely unhealthy, such as overeating, bullying, even committing suicide," Morgan said.

Pediatric psychologists at Oregon Health & Science University are partnering with the mindfulness program to study its impact on students.

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OPINION

What the Ferguson media circus says about us

■ Ratings and activism appear to trump journalism and that's a problem

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

As the curtain closes on the latest episode of "Ferguson," the media series, it is fair to wonder whether events might not have spiraled out of control to the extent they did had the media settled on another topic.

Ebola, say. Remember that one?

I'm not the first to wonder or comment on the media's role in contributing to events, but some further clarifications seem warranted in this case.

First, as always bears repeating, The Media are neither the same animal nor equal. Think Tom Brokaw and Al Sharpton. Or, TMZ and "60 Minutes."

In practical terms, the differences are obvious: People in print media observe and relay what they have witnessed, leaving readers to visualize with their own intellectual resources. It's little wonder so few still read anything longer than a tweet. Why exert oneself when tasty news niblets are just a tap and a scroll away?

And which do you suppose captures the attention of rioters, looters and grandstanders? Certainly not the guy scribbling on a skinny notebook.

Thus, when we talk about media, we're really talking about television. To the extent that people clown, plunder or pillage for attention, media presence does make a difference. Cameras not only capture the action but in some cases may well prompt the action. This doesn't mean the media shouldn't be there — or that media folks really want things to go awry to spike ratings, as some have suggested.

Except, of course, some do. A bad day in America is a good day in the newsroom. Thus it has always been and shall be. The symbiotic relationship between viewer and the viewed makes it so. What would you rather watch, after all? A congressman standing alone in the House chamber, talking to himself and a C-SPAN camera, or "Lethal Weapon"?

Still, for the most part, producers and reporters are doing their jobs, trying to bring up-to-date information to the public about events and issues that people are most likely to care about. The first person to contract Ebola in the U.S. was of paramount interest and entered into every sentient individual's conversation for weeks. It deserved wall-to-wall coverage.

But did Ferguson? Acknowledging that race continues to challenge us and that too many unarmed African-Americans have been shot by white police officers — or, in the case of Trayvon Martin, by a non-officer playing one in the movie in his head — there is still some muddle to the emphasis placed on Ferguson.

To what might we attribute it? "Reliable Sources" host Brian Stelter noted the surge in CNN's ratings the night the grand jury announced that no charges would be brought against police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown. This should come as no surprise. CNN, where I was once employed, always enjoys a ratings spike during breaking news events.

And, yes, by the time the announcement was made, America tuned in. I happened to be in a restaurant bar when verdict time arrived. The whole place fell silent as patrons assumed their best "Cheers" bar positions and listened raptly.

Everyone cared!

Was it because a white police officer fatally shot a black "unarmed teenager," otherwise known as a 6-foot-4, 290-pound adult (though at 18 still a teen), who, the officer told the grand jury, punched the cop through his car window and tried to grab his gun?

It's a compelling story, to be sure. But the intensity of interest was in no small part driven by certain media outlets and "journalists," such as the agenda-driven Rev. Al, who talked of little else in the months since the August shooting. This relentless coverage, combined with the repeated use of photos showing a much-younger Brown, surely contributed to public contempt toward media.

Finally, what ultimately happened in Ferguson was but a brief incident compared to the weeks-long preamble of speculation that took place across cable news shows. How many times did you hear show hosts asking guests, "What do you think will happen?" "Do you think Ferguson residents will heed the call for calm?" "How bad do you think it will be?"

The media may not have caused events to spiral out of control in Ferguson and, to be fair, Sharpton may well have a legitimate role in shining a light on racial injustice. But when activists posing as journalists have television shows through which they stoke passions — and when certain media decide to magnify issues not in the name of justice but, let's face it, for ratings — then journalism has a problem.

And that means America has a problem.

OUR VIEW

Concerned about what's next for downtown? We have a simple question

Sometimes, one question is all you need to ask.

Toward the end of Tuesday's public meeting regarding a downtown hotel project, a representative of the group proposing the hotel asked a simple question. How many people think the project would be good for Midland?

We estimated that those in the room supported, by a 5-to-1 ratio, a project such as the Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 for the site where the historical county courthouse currently stands. By no means was it a scientific poll of how all Midlanders view the project.

In our view, the project shouldn't be put on a fast track to development. There are too many unknowns at this point, and as we learned from the Energy Tower(s) project, the devil can be found in the details.

However, there is a lot to like about the proposed Hotel Santa Rita No. 1.

First, we see a project consistent with what Midland is today. It's not in your face and certainly not overwhelming as was the 50-something-story tower.

Second, it wasn't thrust into the spotlight, probably before its time. Energy Tower developers were not helped by announcing the project as the city of Midland chose to do. This time around, more t's have been dotted and t's crossed.

Lastly, we see the potential buy-in from the city, MDC and TIRZ, and we think it's more consistent with what Midlanders expect in a public-private partnership. Percentage-wise, it appears to be what this more conservative Midland City Council has said is appropriate for potential dealings. Hotel Santa Rita also doesn't involve some sort of cash-back or 15-year process that is hard to explain and harder for Midlanders to feel good about.

Finding the right fit for that area of downtown — a very prime piece of real estate — is a process, and it should be. We appreciate the developers coming before the community and explaining what the project is about and answering people's questions. That was a great first step.

The process now moves on to what the city and its leaders want. But members of the community still have time to weigh in. If you like the idea of Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 and the public money that it would take to make it happen, let your representatives know. If you don't like it, let them know that, too. If you don't say anything, the process will still happen. We recommend that you don't leave it to chance.

We leave you with one last point. There will be four council positions on the ballot in November 2015, and it is our belief if the members of the council are overwhelmed with the opinions of Midlanders — one way or another — it will make a difference.

So we have one simple question: Are you going to weigh in on the process?

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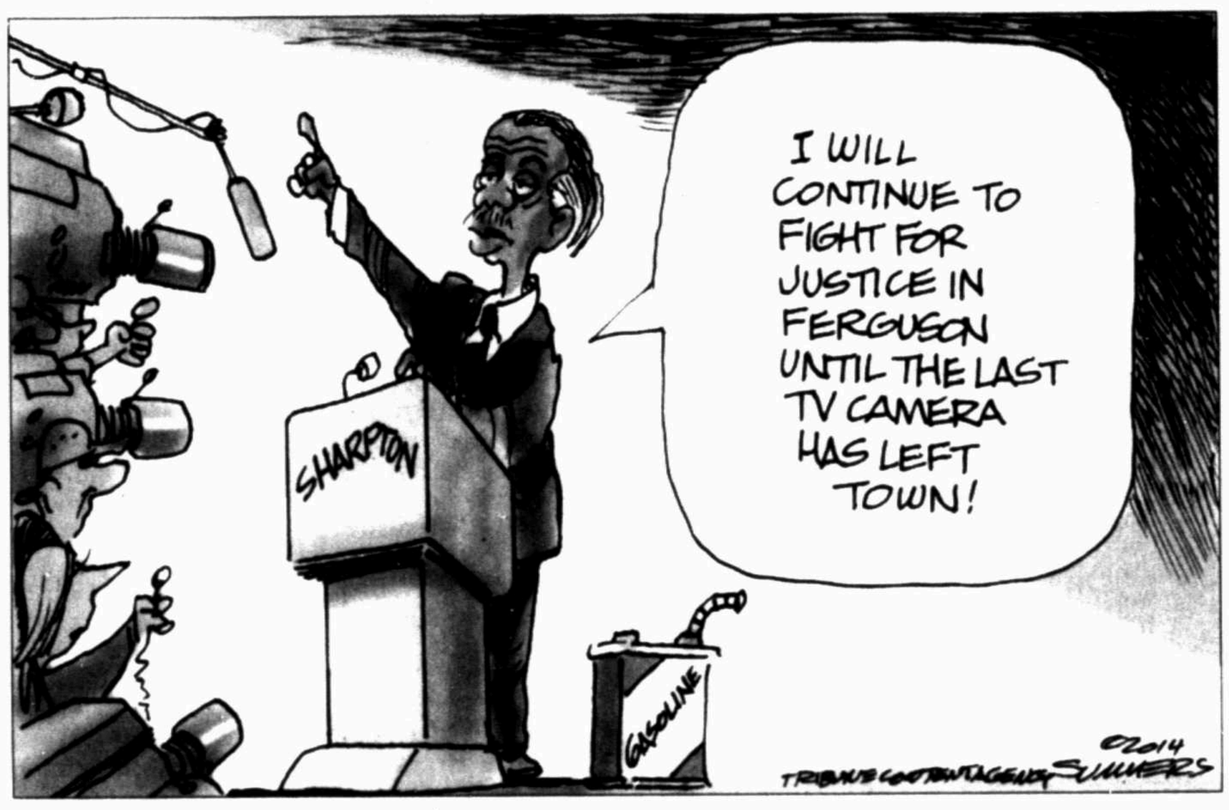

Rioters not being held accountable

■ The news coverage was flammable with a lot of finger-pointing and little else

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

As the parent of three young children, I want my kids to get in the habit of following current events. While I cook breakfast, they'll often sit on the couch and watch the morning news.

But I'm also determined to teach my kids to take responsibility for their actions. When they misbehave, I'm tired of them pinning the blame on an invisible sibling named "Not Me." As when I ask: "Who left these toys on the floor?" And everyone answers in unison: "Not me!"

More than anything, I want my kids to learn how to say: "I did it" and "I was wrong" and "I'm sorry."

So, it would be nice if, in watching the news, my kids were not bombarded with messages that help those who misbehave avoid accountability. Like "Admit nothing." Or "Blame someone else." Or "Deflect responsibility." Or "Play the victim."

Those were the messages that much of the media sent after Ferguson, Missouri — along with a number of other cities around the country — erupted in violence following the decision by a grand jury to not indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of teenager Michael Brown.

The media responded by turning in a mediocre performance that excused the misbehavior of rioters and looters by advancing the narrative that such a reaction was justified.

Wilson, who recently resigned from the Ferguson Police Department, further inflamed the situation when he sat down for an exclusive interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos. At one point, Stephanopoulos asked Wilson if he would do anything differently. In a response that probably surprised many people, Wilson said that, no, he would not.

Stephanopoulos asked the right question, but he should have put it to himself and his colleagues as well. It's the media that should have covered differently the story of the grand jury's decision and the ensuing riots. Much of the coverage was biased, sloppy, incomplete and overly simplistic.

MSNBC's Joe Scarborough wasn't concerned with why people looted businesses, damaged property and pelted police with rocks. In fact, he called the reaction "predictable."

For Scarborough, the real culprit was Bob McCulloch, the St. Louis County prosecuting attorney, and city officials in Ferguson. The commentator claimed that they were guilty of poorly timing the release of the news that Wilson would not be indicted.

"It's mind-boggling that a community and a state that had so mishandled this case from the very beginning continued to mishandle it at the very end," Scarborough said.

Others zeroed in on the police, who are going to get criticized no matter what they do. During the summer, the criticism we heard most often was that they were too heavy-handed in trying to quell the unrest that erupted in the days after Brown was shot. Now, the criticism is that police didn't do enough to stop the looting and violence.

That is what worried Amy Goodman, a liberal author and radio host who asked the Rev. Al Sharpton if he thought police deliberately allowed the city to be destroyed.

"Last night, as we covered the protests in front of the Ferguson police station, it was packed with riot police, state troopers were there, all the advanced weaponry was there," she said. "When we went over to West Florissant (Avenue) and expected to be stopped there by the police as we were at the protests months ago, it was wide open. We saw no state troopers and we hardly saw police. Do you think the authorities let Ferguson burn?"

Sharpton said the answer should be obvious, and so he didn't bother answering the question. No matter. Goodman had answered her own question, and made up her mind.

Conservative journalists have already offered two specific criticisms of the media coverage: that it was blatantly anti-prosecutor and anti-police, and that it so sensationalized the violence and unrest that it might have encouraged more of it. Anyone who has watched the news in the last several days knows that both critiques are valid.

But the media's greatest failure in covering the unrest in Ferguson was failing to hold the rioters accountable for their actions and showing viewers that misbehavior has consequences. For instance, instead of glorifying those doing harm, why not profile those business owners who were harmed? Why not show rioters getting arrested and hauled off in handcuffs?

If that happened, who knows? I might just come around to the idea that it is safe to let my children watch the news again.

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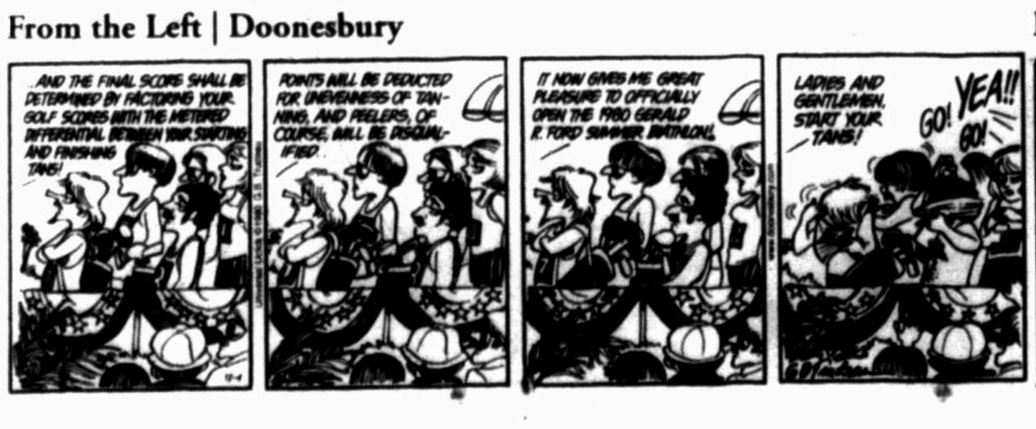

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WASHINGTON

House OKs bill to widen federal help for disabled

In a show of bipartisan unity, the House overwhelmingly approved a bill Wednesday to allow Americans with disabilities to open tax-free bank accounts to pay for expenses from education to housing and health care.

The 404-17 vote approves the most sweeping legislation to help the disabled since 1990, affecting as many as 54 million disabled people and their families who often struggle to pay for intensive forms of care.

Among Republican congressmen, 221 voted "yea" for H.R. 647, five voted "nay" and seven didn't vote.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to approve the bill.

Among Democrats, 183 voted for the bill, 12 voted against and six didn't vote.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where it was expected to move quickly to passage next week.

House members touted the bill as evidence that both parties can get things done. First introduced in 2006, the legislation, called the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, lists 85 percent of Congress as co-sponsors, even after a conservative group criticized it as a "decisive step in expanding the welfare state."

It would the first major legislation for the disabled since the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act.

"People often speak as to how Congress is dysfunctional," said Rep. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., the lead House sponsor. "If we look at the ABLE Act, we have a chance to see what happens when people work together. ... It simply gives those individuals with disabilities a chance for the American Dream."

WASHINGTON

US issues anti-discrimination rule for employers

The Labor Department on Wednesday issued a rule to protect employees of federal contractors from discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The rule would carry out terms of a workplace anti-discrimination law signed by President Barack Obama on July 21.

"Americans believe in fairness and opportunity. No one should live in fear of being fired or passed over or discriminated against at work simply because of who they are or who they love," Labor Secretary Thomas Perez said in announcing the rule. "Laws prohibiting workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity are long overdue."

The final rule will become effective 120 days after its publication in the Federal Register and will apply to workers of all federal contractors from that date forward.

House votes to extend tax breaks through December

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House rushed through a last-minute measure Wednesday to extend a massive package of expired tax breaks for banks, investment firms, commuters and NASCAR track owners.

The bill would enable millions of businesses and individuals to claim the tax breaks on their 2014 returns. It would add nearly $42 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade.

The more than 50 tax breaks benefit big corporations and small businesses, as well as teachers and people who live in states without a state income tax. More narrow provisions include tax breaks for filmmakers, racehorse owners and rum producers in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"With the end of the year and a new tax filing season rapidly approaching, we need to act," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "The IRS has been clear that unless Congress acts quickly, it will be forced to delay the start of the tax filing season."

The bill, H.R. 5771, passed 378-46.

Republicans recorded 202 "aye" votes, while 26 voted "no." Five did not vote.

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voted to approve the bill.

Among Democrats, 176 voted for the bill, 20 voted against and five did not vote.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where Democratic leaders have been noncommittal about whether they would accept it or try to change it. Time is short because the House plans to adjourn for the year next week, and the Senate could, as well.

Congress routinely extends the package of tax breaks every year or two. But they were allowed to expire in January.

Technically, the bill is a one-year, retroactive extension of the tax breaks, even though it only lasts through the end of the month.

Lawmakers from both political parties said the short-term measure is the product of a divided Congress that has trouble passing routine legislation.

"This on-again, off-again style of legislating on a temporary basis is a terrible way to make tax policy," Camp said.

Coalition, led by Texas, sues over immigration order

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas is leading a 17-state coalition suing over President Barack Obama's recently announced executive actions on immigration, arguing in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that the move "tramples" key portions of the U.S. Constitution.

Many top Republicans have denounced Obama's order, which was designed to spare millions living illegally in the United States from deportation. But Texas Gov.-elect and current attorney general Greg Abbott took it a step further, filing a formal legal challenge in federal court in the Southern District of Texas.

His state is joined by 16 other mostly conservative ones, largely in the south and Midwest, such as Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana and the Carolinas. They aren't seeking monetary damages, but instead want the courts to block Obama's actions.

While Abbott had pledged for weeks that his state would sue, the span of the coalition Texas pieced together surprised both proponents and opponents of the executive order.

Announced Nov. 20, Obama's order extends protection from deportation and the right to work to an estimated 4.1 million parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who have lived in the country for at least five years and to hundreds of thousands more young people.

The lawsuit raises two major objections: that Obama violated the "Take Care Clause" of the U.S. Constitution — which Abbott said limits the scope of presidential power — and that the order will "exacerbate the humanitarian crisis along the southern border, which will affect increased state investment in law enforcement, health care and education."

Abbott said it's up to the president to "execute the law, not de facto make law."

White House spokeswoman Brandi Hoffine repeated the administration's response to other criticisms to Obama's executive order: The president is not out of legal bounds. "The Supreme Court and Congress have made clear that federal officials can set priorities in enforcing our immigration laws," she said.

Past U.S. Supreme Court decisions have granted immigration officials "broad discretion" on deportation matters, and dozens of legal scholars have already written in support of Obama's executive actions on the issue.

Republican presidents, including Ronald Reagan, issued executive orders pertaining to immigration, but Abbott said those were in response to actions by Congress and maintained that high-court precedent would show Obama is abusing his power.

"We joined this lawsuit to stand up once again with other state attorneys general and governors against an out-of-control executive branch," West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the executive director of a Hispanic engagement nonprofit said the states involved with the lawsuit "have listened to a right-wing, xenophobic faction of their party" and are "on the wrong side of history."

Associated Press

Gov.-elect Greg Abbott announces Wednesday that Texas is leading a 17-state coalition filing a lawsuit against President Obama's immigration executive action, charging that the president is abdicating his responsibility to faithfully enforce laws enacted by Congress, during a news conference in Austin. The states' case was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Texas.

Perry requires agencies to use E-Verify

At a news conference Wednesday, Gov. Rick Perry said he would be requiring all state agencies to use E-Verify, a federal electronic employee verification system that aims to prevent the hiring of illegal workers. Perry said anyone contracting with state agencies would have to use E-Verify as well. The executive order takes effect immediately.

"The E-Verify system has been improved, it's been streamlined and it currently is the most accurate and efficient way to check a person's legal work in the United States," Perry said. "Though any steps taken at the state level must be backed up by a real federal commitment to fixing a broken system."

Wednesday's announcement marks a turn for the governor. In 2010, Perry said that E-Verify would not "make a hill's beans of difference" when it comes to what's happening in America.

On Wednesday, Perry said the system has changed for the better.

"They've improved the program in a number of ways," he said. "It is now a program that we thinks works, and it's the reason we ask all these state agencies to use it."

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California bans coyote hunts that offer prizes

Associated Press

California officials on Wednesday banned coyote hunting contests that have sparked a culture clash between wildlife advocates and ranchers who offer cash and other prizes to marksmen who killed the most animals.

It was the first ban of its kind in the nation, according to Camilla Fox, executive director of Project Coyote, which petitioned the state to end the popular contests that occur almost every month in California or nearby states.

The vote by the state Fish and Game Commission allows hunters to shoot as many of the predators as they wish year-round but stops the awarding of prizes.

Commission vice president Jack Baylis said the state also needs to limit how many predators a hunter is permitted to kill while respecting responsible hunters and allowing ranchers to manage their livestock.

"Awarding prizes for wildlife killing contests is both unethical and inconsistent with our modern understand of natural systems," Michael Sutton, president of the commission, added during the meeting in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles.

Wayne Raupe, president of the California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association, defended the contests as a way to control coyote numbers.

"They're in our neighborhoods," he said. "We see them all the time."

The board approved the ban with a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, the lone dissenter, said she was waiting for more scientific research before she could support the ban.

The hunting derbies reward shooters who bag the most coyotes with cash, belt buckles, camouflage hunting gear or other prizes.

Fox said the hunts are a cruel throwback to the days before dog- and cock-fighting were banned.

"It's immoral, reprehensible and something that should be part of our history books," she said.

California cattle ranchers lost more than $4 million in 2010 to predators, with coyotes committing the largest number of attacks, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's most recent figures.

Those losses — and the culture of ranchland life in the West — have spurred the spread of coyote prize hunts across California over the years.

Hunter and cattleman Buck Parks said he and his neighbors in rural Northern California won't turn a blind eye to coyotes killing livestock and wildlife. He said people opposed to coyote hunting don't witness the damage done by coyotes.

Parks is president of the Pit River Rod and Gun Club, which has drawn protests for its coyote hunts based in the Modoc County town of Adin.

Associated Press

This January 2014 photo provided by Curtis Wright shows Wright holding up a coyote he shot during a prize hunt near California City, California. Curtis shot the large coyote, weighing 45 pounds, from a distance of 60 yards. Wright says he has participated and won many prize coyote hunts. The California Fish and Game Commission voted Wednesday to ban awarding prizes for coyote hunting, which critics considered to be cruel and unsportsmanlike.

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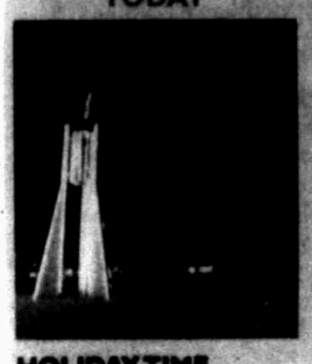

HOLIDAY TIME Celebrate the season at Holiday Evening at Midland College at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

ALL ABOARD See "The Polar Express" film at Ector Theatre or listen to the story at Barnes & Noble's special storytime.

SATURDAY

MYSTERIES AT THE MUSEUM The Petroleum Museum hosts a grown-up version of its family science nights.

ONLINE

LITTLE WOMEN Director Amber McDonald talks about the women who have inspired her. **mrt.com**

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Nightcrawler," "The One I Wrote For You"
Closing: "Beyond the Lights," "John Wick"

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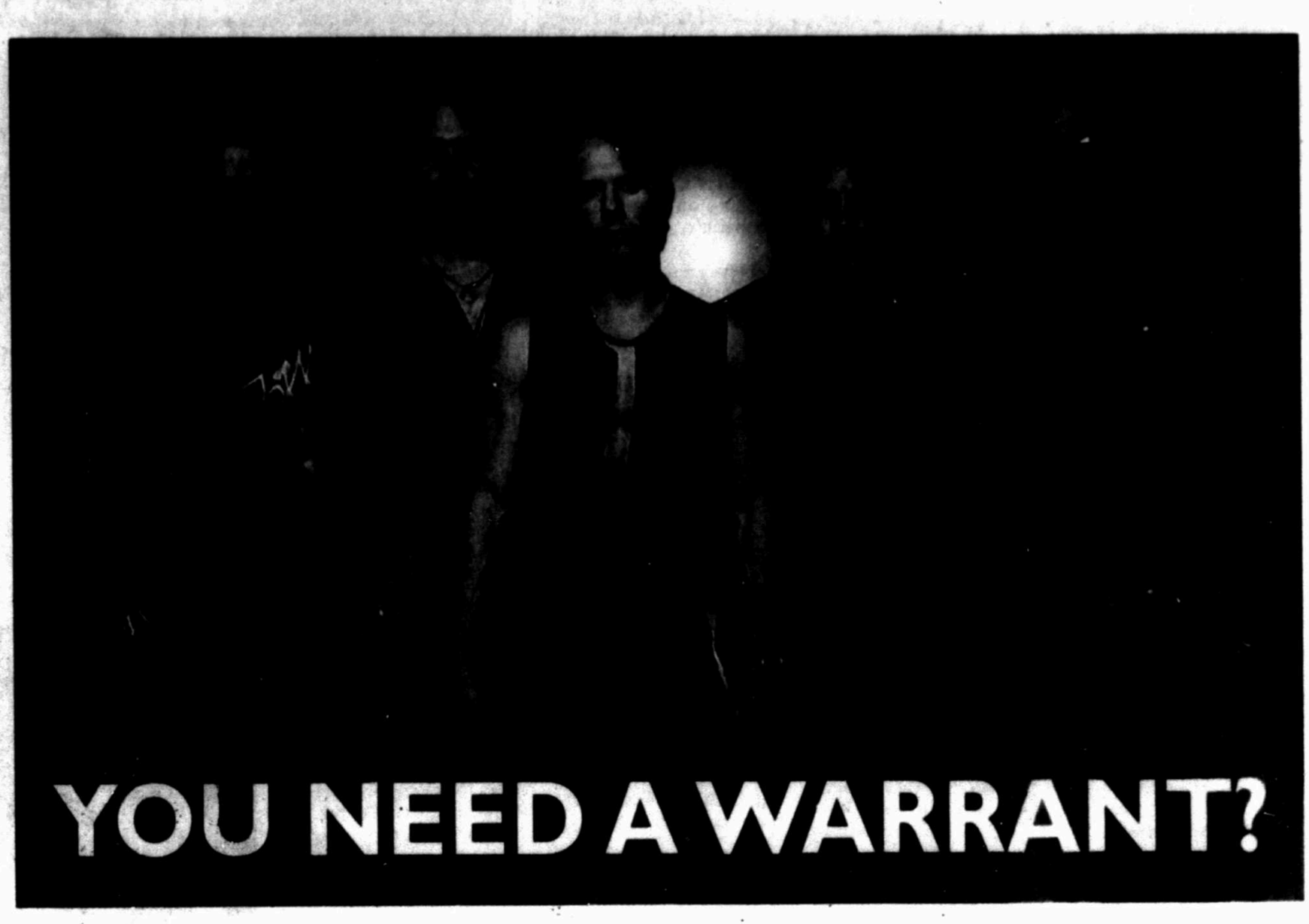
COMING SOON

HOLIDAY TRADITION Head downtown next weekend for the city of Midland's "Wild West Christmas Parade."



3 big concerts in one weekend force tough choice

By Rich Lopez
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Midland is proving to be a diverse landscape of live music. Take this weekend, for instance. A Grammy winner, two hair metal bands and some traditional Americana will all touch down in the Tall City. We didn't even mention MOSC's Sounds of the Season show with Patrick Mason because, well, that's a different article.

If you're having a tough time deciding on which show, don't fear because Weekender is here.

With some helpful bullet points, we broke down each show to help. You're welcome.

THE CONCERTS

■ **Warrant, L.A. Guns and Pumpjack,** La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. 8 p.m. Friday $23. Haciendamidland.com.

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig,** Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. 8 p.m Friday. $15-$30. Talltownes.com.

■ **Travis Tritt and Lee Roy Parnell,** La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. 8 p.m. Sunday. $35-$65 advance, $45-$75 door. Haciendamidland.com.

KNOWN FOR

■ **Warrant, L.A. Guns:** Glam metal bands did churn out some hits back in the late 1980s and early '90s. Warrant had the most success with "Heaven" and "Cherry Pie," while L.A. Guns charted with rock hits "The Ballad of Jayne" and "Kiss My Love Goodbye."

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig:** The two are a folk music match made in heaven. The Austin-based couple performed for years before their first album together in 2013. But the holiday shows have become tradition throughout Texas.

■ **Travis Tritt and Lee Roy Parnell:** Tritt was part of the country renaissance alongside Garth Brooks and George Strait with monster hits such as "Here's a Quarter" and "T-R-O-U-B-L-E"and won two Grammys singing with Marty Stuart. Abilene-born Parnell charted big with "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am" and more.

WHAT TO WEAR

■ **Warrant, L.A. Guns:** How can you not go nostalgia to this show? Tight leather pants and some sort of animal print would be ideal with teased high hair. Fortunately, this works for both men and women.

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig:** Just like the duo, attire should be down-to-earth with a flash of cool. Flannel is the fabric of choice, while a high-end denim can up the ante on being dressy but casual without going full-on hipster.

■ **Travis Tritt and Lee Roy Parnell:** The obvious is also the most likely choice here: Denim, boots, pearl-snaps, fringe. Gentlemen, just remember to wear the winter cowboy hat instead of the summer one.

REASON TO BE THERE

■ **Warrant, L.A. Guns:** To relive those good old days when metal also had melody and vocals weren't growled or grumbled.

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig:** The season is prime for Christmas music, but their acoustic sounds give off an air that keeps it all relaxed and homey.

■ **Travis Tritt and Lee Roy Parnell:** Both will deliver strong sets, but Tritt's guitar work is quite something to behold. Beautiful stuff.

REASON TO NOT BE THERE

■ **Warrant, L.A. Guns:** Those leather pants don't fit.

■ **Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig:** You don't celebrate Christmas or you're at the Warrant show.

■ **Travis Tritt and Lee Roy Parnell:** Hacienda is bringing out the seats for this one, so likely no two-stepping.

Christmas tree lights to be turned on Saturday

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The city of Midland is kicking off the holiday season with the lighting of the downtown Christmas tree Saturday at Centennial Plaza.

Unlike past years, however, the lighting of the tree will be a separate event from the annual Christmas parade, which is set to take place on Dec. 13.

"There are several reasons why we've decided to create two events instead of just having one huge event," said Laurie Williams, Parks and Recreation manager for the city. "I think that so many people show up to the parade and they get there early to get a good seat and then by the time the parade is done it's about 8 or so and they're tired and just want to go home.

"So, hopefully, this way we can have more people involved and have two different events for the community instead of trying to cram it all in to one night," she said.

In addition to the tree lighting, Saturday's event will include entertainment by local high school choirs and the movie "Santa Claus" following the tree lighting. Also, free tickets for door prizes will be distributed to those in attendance.

"We have some nights at the DoubleTree hotel; we have some restaurants that have donated gift certificates," Williams said. "We have coupons for oil changes, just a variety of different things that businesses in the community have graciously donated to us."

Children can visit with Santa Claus both weekends.

MRT file photo

People begin to gather for the Centennial Park tree lighting, on Dec. 14, 2013.

DID YOU KNOW?

The new street lamp holiday decorations — designed as bells, zig-zag Christmas trees and snowflakes — have cut down engergy usage by 94 percent when compared to the previous decorations, according to Eric Johnson, assistant manager of Midland Transportation. The increased energy efficiency was replaced by replacing the C9 bulbs that were used previously with LED lighting, he said.

"We have that neat little Santa house, and Santa agreed to come out for two weekends instead of just one," said Williams, who added that Santa's willingness to participate was another reason two have two events.

As for the parade — with a wild west Christmas theme — Williams said that those wishing to participate must submit their entry by Dec. 11. She said an additional benefit of staging the parade a week later is that it will allow those who wish to show off their work in both the Midland and Odessa parades will be able to do so.

"We've learned that because Odessa has a lighted parade and Midland has a lighted parade that we do have some folks that go to great efforts on their lighted floats and they enjoy being able to be in the parades in both communities, so this allows those folks that opportunity," Williams said.

Trophies will be awarded to the three best themed floats as well as the best overall lighted float, she said.

■ **Lighting of the downtown Christmas tree: 6:30 p.m. Saturday**

■ Christmas parade: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

■ For weather-related or other changes, see the city's Facebook page — facebook.com/CityofMidlandTX.

For more information about either event, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 685-7355.

Singer Patrick Mason takes on Santa for MOSC concert

By Rich Lopez
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Patrick Mason was quick to correct that he is not portraying Santa Claus in Saturday's Sounds of the Season concert by the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. Mason will only be performing in the second half of the show, while Santa appears in the first.

So how could Santa and Mason be in the same concert?

Mason

"I know Santa and arranged to bring him down for this show," Mason said. "His voice has gotten pretty good."

But Mason also seems a little put off by the holiday icon.

"Well, he's not bad. I'll say that instead," Mason said.

Sounds of the Season will feature holiday classics performed not just by the MOSC but also the Permian Basin Youth Choir, Lone Star Brass, Permian Basin String Quartet, West Texas Winds along with Mason and Santa Claus all under the lead of conductor Gary Lewis.

Mason sees this show as not only a concert but an experience that perpetuates holiday spirit.

"I've done this show with other symphonies, and from my point of view, people are leaving the show smiling after having a great time," he said.

Mason, who is on the University of Colorado faculty with Lewis, has been singing professionally since 1969 and even flirted with a Grammy award. He was nominated for Solo Vocal Performance in 2006 for "Songs

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CALENDARS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Fourth Annual Holiday Celebration, 7:30 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ARTS & EXHIBITS

Holiday open house, 5-8 p.m. today and Saturday at ArtiZen Outlet. artizenoutlet.com.

Kaffeezeit (Coffee Time) at Christmas at the Mansion, 3-4:30 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Thomas Nast's Winter Scenes" exhibit opening, Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Mother-Daughter Brunch at Christmas at the Mansion, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Open house at Christmas at the Mansion, 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Gingerbread House Workshop at Christmas at the Mansion, 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Adventures in Art: Ceramics, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

DANCE

West Texas Dance Club featuring live country western bands every Thursday night, 7:30-10 p.m., 301 E. 61st Street Odessa. 697-0281.

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, featuring live country western bands every Tuesday night, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church Ballroom. 520-4343.

THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

"The Polar Express" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"Little Women: The Musical," Friday through Dec. 14 at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

"A Christmas Story," Friday through Dec. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"TCM presents: 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Christmas in Connecticut," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Regal Tall City 14. fathomevents.com.

EVENTS

Holiday Evening at MC, 5:30-7 p.m. today at Midland College. midland.edu.

A Night at the Northpole, Friday at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

Crawl Over Hunger with 4x4s and fire engines benefiting West Texas Food Bank, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at 3100 N. Loop 250 next to Discount Tire.

Junior Achievement's Jingle Bell Run, 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Centennial Plaza. pbrunningclub.com.

Educator Holiday Shopping Day, 9 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Mysteries at the Museum: An Evening of Science Experiments, Saturday at the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

City of Midland annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Centennial Plaza. midlandtexas.gov.

KID-FRIENDLY

"The Polar Express" special storytime, 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

"Santa is Coming to Texas" storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

"Framed: Step Into Art" exhibit through Feb. 1 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

COMING SOON

DECEMBER

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon Dec. 9 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Holiday Open House and Toy Drive, 4-7 p.m. Dec. 9 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon Dec. 10 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Holiday Cheer at the Library, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

ReinBeer IV at Christmas at the Mansion, 7-10 p.m. Dec. 10 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Disney's Beauty and The Beast, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon Dec. 11 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Glass Christmas ornament class, Dec. 11 at ArtiZen Outlet. artizenoutlet.com.

Library holiday open house, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Betenbough Homes annual Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 11 at Legends Park Model Homes. betenbough.com.

Robert Earl Keen Christmas, 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Jazz Society presents Houston Person on tenor sax with The Brian Piper Trio, 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wtjs.org.

Midland Storytelling Festival, Dec. 13 at Midland Center, themidlandcenter.com.

"The Elf on the Shelf" storytime, 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Yuletide at the Yucca with performances by Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O'Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico, MCT's Pickwick Players, West Texas A&M Dancers, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Christmas tea at Christmas at the Mansion, 3-3:45 p.m. or 4:15-5 p.m. Dec. 12 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"A Christmas Story" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12-13 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"Mr. Grumpy Lizard Meets the Giggling Girls" with special guest Joyce Shaughnessy, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 13 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Unabashedly Bookish Club, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 13 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 698-0158.

City of Midland's "Wild West Christmas Parade" and tree lighting, Dec. 13 at downtown Midland. midlandtexas.gov.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

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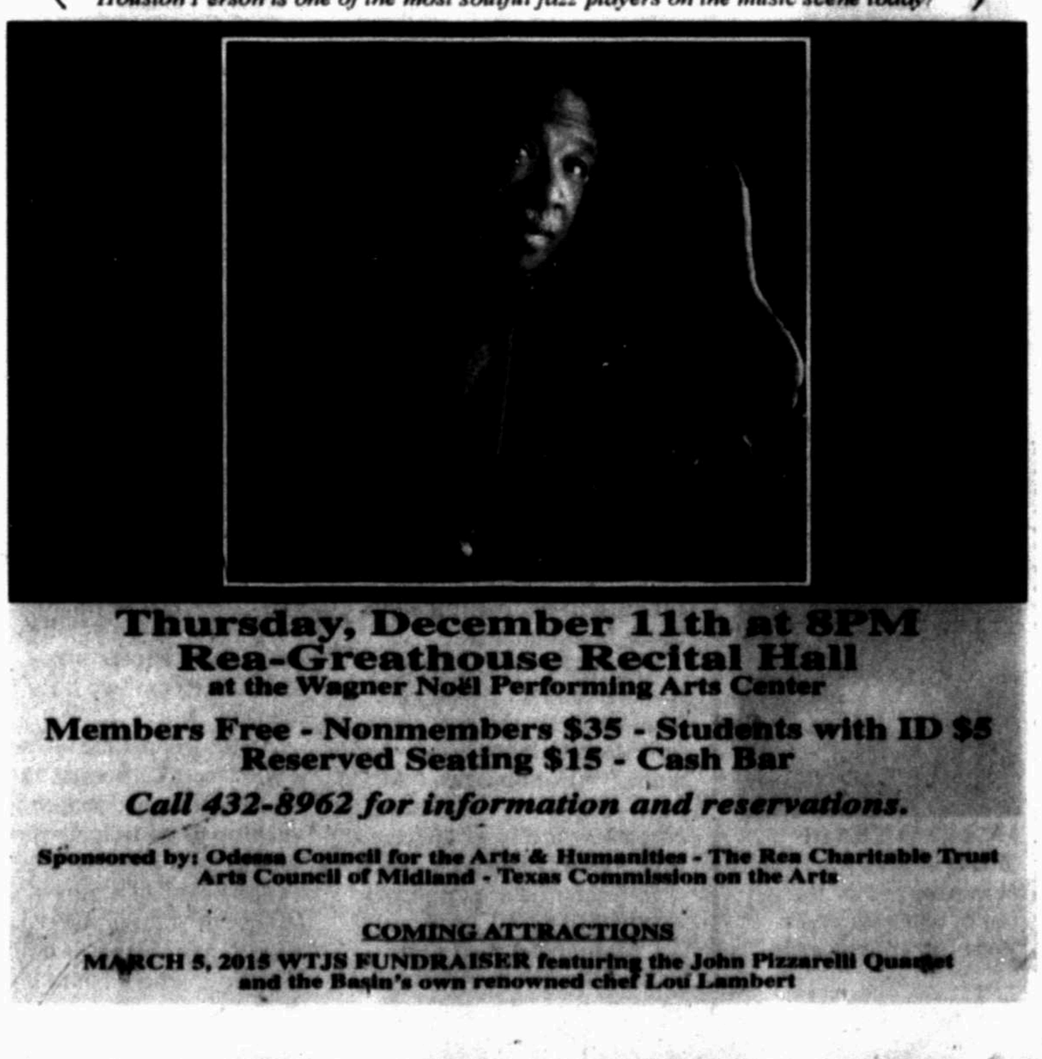

SCREEN

You need to spend the holidays with 'Grumpy;' parody film is just frumpy

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever" (not rated) Maybe I'm just in the spirit of the holidays, but I couldn't disagree more with the critics who didn't like the film. Part "Home Alone" and part every Christmas movie ever made, this Lifetime film strays from the channel's regular fare of sentimentality with a lot of snark and, well, a little sentimentality. Besides, where else are you going to find a scowl-faced kitty and a debate over who the best lead singer of Van Halen was? By the way, it was David Lee Roth. **B+**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Not Another Celebrity Movie" (R) The title really says it all. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"The Dog" (not rated) A must-see for fans of "Dog Day Afternoon," this documentary about the real John Wojtowicz seems too bizarre to be true. **B**

"The Expendables 3" (PG-13) While quite enjoyable for the first hour, the film eventually devolves into a boring action flick. **B-**

"Forest of the Living Dead" (R) Fictitious story about Aokigahara, Japan's suicide forest, has some scary moments but doesn't match the real story of the legendary place. **B-**

"Ghost Bride" (not rated) The acting is the scariest thing is this horror fare from New Zealand. **C-**

"The Giver" (PG-13) The book is above a lot of the young adult novel fray; the film adaptation doesn't hold a candle to its "Hunger Games" and "Divergent" competition. **B-**

"Fort Bliss" (not rated) The role-reversal separates this soldier-coming-home from the pack. **B**

"Jamie Marks is Dead" (not rated) Teen ghost story delivers, thanks to winsome performances. **B**

"The Last Showing" (not rated) Robert Englund, aka Freddy Krueger, finally shows he's not very scary after all. **D**

"A Madea Christmas" (PG-13) Larry the Cable Guy helps breathe a little life into Tyler Perry's latest, but it's still a far cry from Madea's best. **B-**

"Mercenaries" (not rated) This all-female version of "The Expendables" lacks the star power and budget but makes up for it with a better plot and better — albeit far cheaper — action. **B-**

"November Man" (R) The story fails to hold up. But Pierce Brosnan — the best James Bond ever — is holding up just fine as an action star. **B**

"Ragnarok" (PG-13) Norwegian import — never fear, it's dubbed in English — is hardly a nail-biter but it's a solid monster movie. **B**

"War Story" (not rated) A brilliant performance from Catherine Keener fails to lift this dull character study. **C**

"What If" (PG-13) Smart, funny and almost unbearably cute, this is one of the best romantic comedies of the year. **B+**

FILM CAPS

Big Hero 6 (PG) In this animated film, a tech prodigy enlists an inflatable robot and his friends to help save the city of San Fransokyo from a supervillain. With the voices of Scott Adsit, Ryan Potter and Daniel Henney. Written by Robert L. Baird and Daniel Gerson. Directed by Don Hall and Chris Williams. In 3-D.

Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13) Two idiots go on a road trip to locate the daughter one of them had but never knew existed in this sequel to the 1994 film "Dumb and Dumber." With Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels and Laurie Holden. Written by Sean Anders, John Morris, Peter Farrelly, Bobby Farrelly, Bennett Yellin and Mike Cerrone. Directed by Peter Farrelly and Bobby Farrelly.

Fury (R) In the final days of World War II, a five-man Allied tank crew goes on a deadly mission behind enemy lines to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany. With Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman and Michael Pena. Written and directed by David Ayer.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1 (PG-13) The reluctant revolutionary Katniss Everdeen fights to save a dear friend and lead a nation against an authoritarian regime in the opening chapter of a two-part finale. With Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth and Woody Harrelson. Written by Danny Strong and Peter Craig. Directed by Francis Lawrence.

Interstellar (PG-13) As mankind's time on Earth comes to an end, a team of astronauts travel through a wormhole in search of a new home for humanity. With Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain and Michael Caine. Written by Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan. Directed by Christopher Nolan. In Imax.

"Nightcrawler" (R) A smart, engaged film about the dark side of local TV news powered by an altogether remarkable performance by Jake Gyllenhaal. This is melodrama grounded in a disturbing reality, an extreme scenario that is troubling because it cuts close to the bone.

"Penguins of Madagascar" (PG) — A quartet of penguins team with an undercover interspecies task force to stop a villainous cephalopod. With the voices of Tom McGrath, Chris Miller, Chris Knights and Benedict Cumberbatch. Written by Michael Colton, John Aboud and Brandon Sawyer. Directed by Simon Smith and Eric Darnell. In 3-D.

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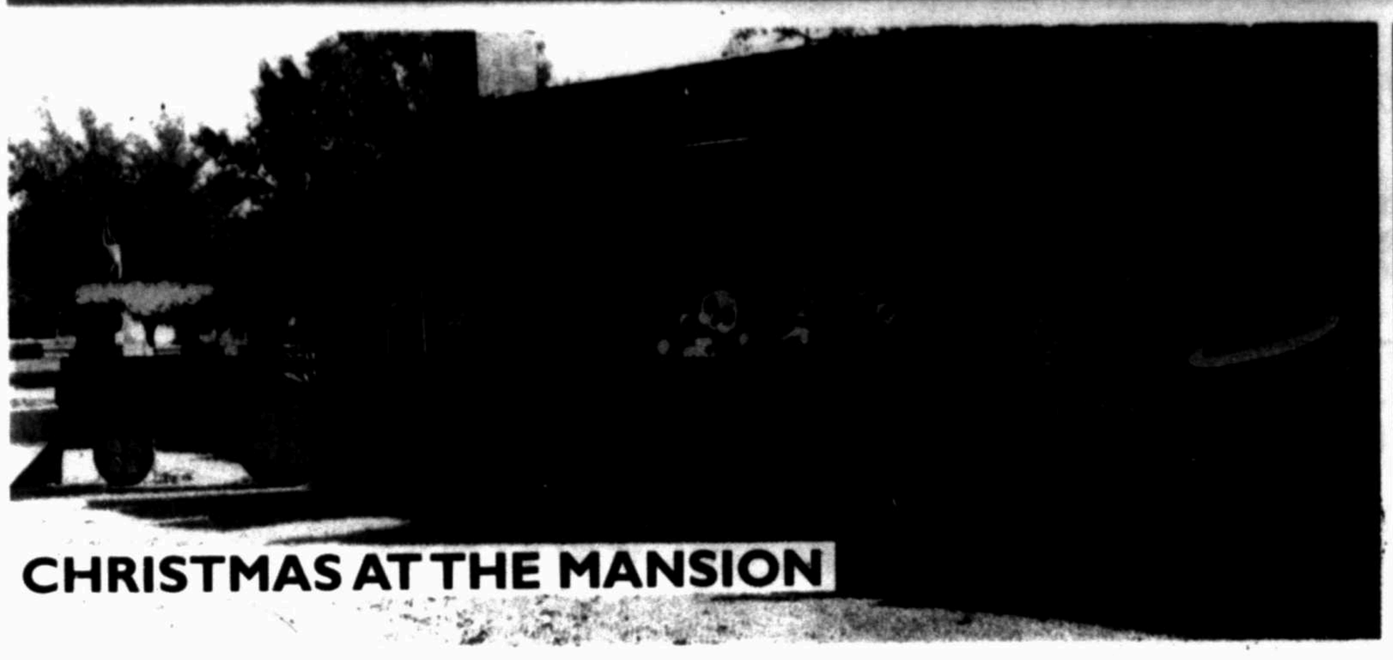
EVENTS & DINING



CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION

Christmas at the Mansion kicks off

From staff reports

For the 17th annual Christmas at the Mansion, the Museum of the Southwest will go black, as in A Black Forest Christmas.

The festivities began Wednesday with the preview party and get underway Saturday with the first event, the Mother-Daughter Brunch, which is sold out.

The community can still visit the decorated campus with the first open house 1-3 p.m. Saturday, along with the Gingerbread House Workshop.

Upcoming events include Christmas luncheons, ReinBeer IV on Dec. 10 (sold out), Christmas teas and more.

Visit museumsw.org/Christmas for a full calendar of events.

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of Amy Beach."

So having studied and worked with music for so long, Mason said that many beloved carols are quite complex in their makeup.

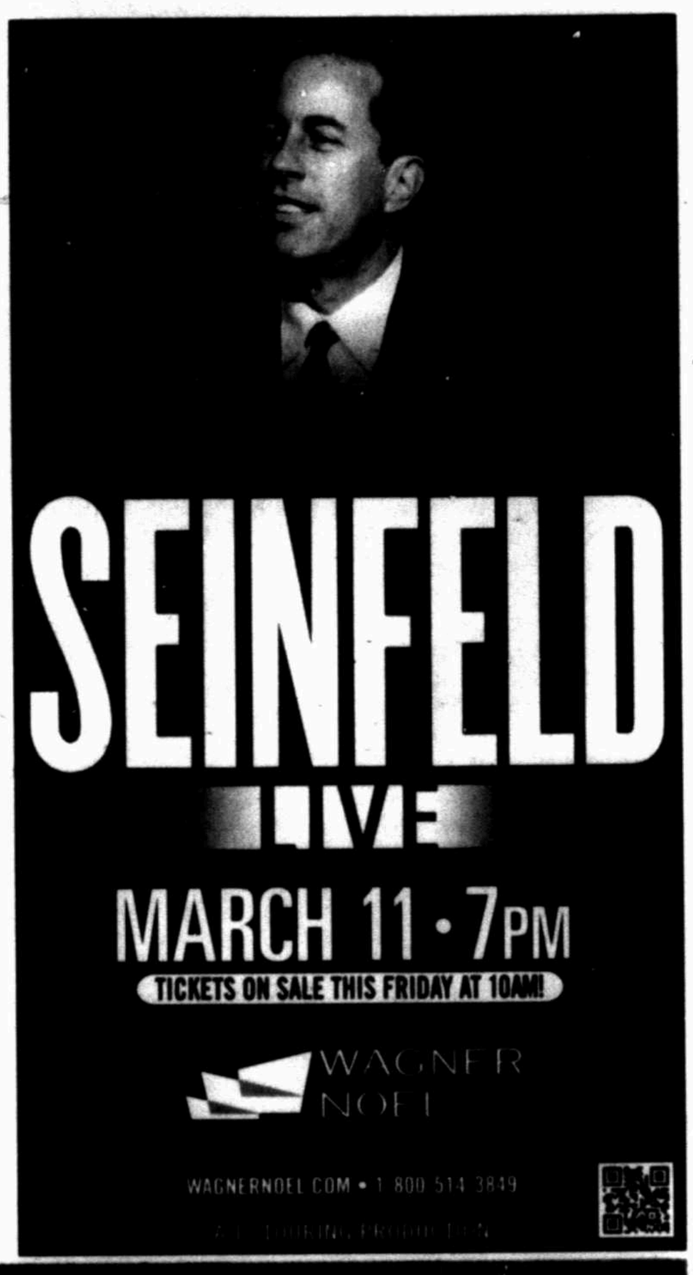
"The contemporary stuff is easier, but the original orchestrations and arrangements are really quite splashy and complicated, which is ironic, seeing how everyone knows the songs and sing them," he said.

The concert will be a mix of both classical and contemporary.

"We'll do the normal Christmas carols and then more modern stuff with the choirs" he said.

As for Santa's performance, Mason said that he'll narrate the "Night Before Christmas" with accompaniment by the orchestra. as well as sing an original song.

"Yeah, he'll sing a song that he wrote," Mason said. "He has this song about how great he is and all that. You know how he is. He's basically an egotist. Just because it's the holidays, he thinks it's all about Santa."



ITALIAN & PIZZA

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU:

$ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE.

1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

DINO'S PIZZA Hand-tossed pizza with all the toppings and other Italian favorites including calzones. 4322 Andrews Hwy, Ste B | 699-7175 | $$ | 4 spoons

LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 684-6595 www.mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

MD PIZZA FACTORY Locally owned pizzeria with unique toppings and combinations like chicken teriyaki and Genoa pesto chicken. 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13 682-4440 | $ | 3 spoons

MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZERIA VENTI Small pizzeria also serves salads, soups, pasta and timpanini. Top a slice of pizza with sliced sausage and peppers or artichokes and tomatoes. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. No. 135 689-7220 www.pizzeriaventi.com | $ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the dessert table. 2101 W.Wadley Ave. #20 www.veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

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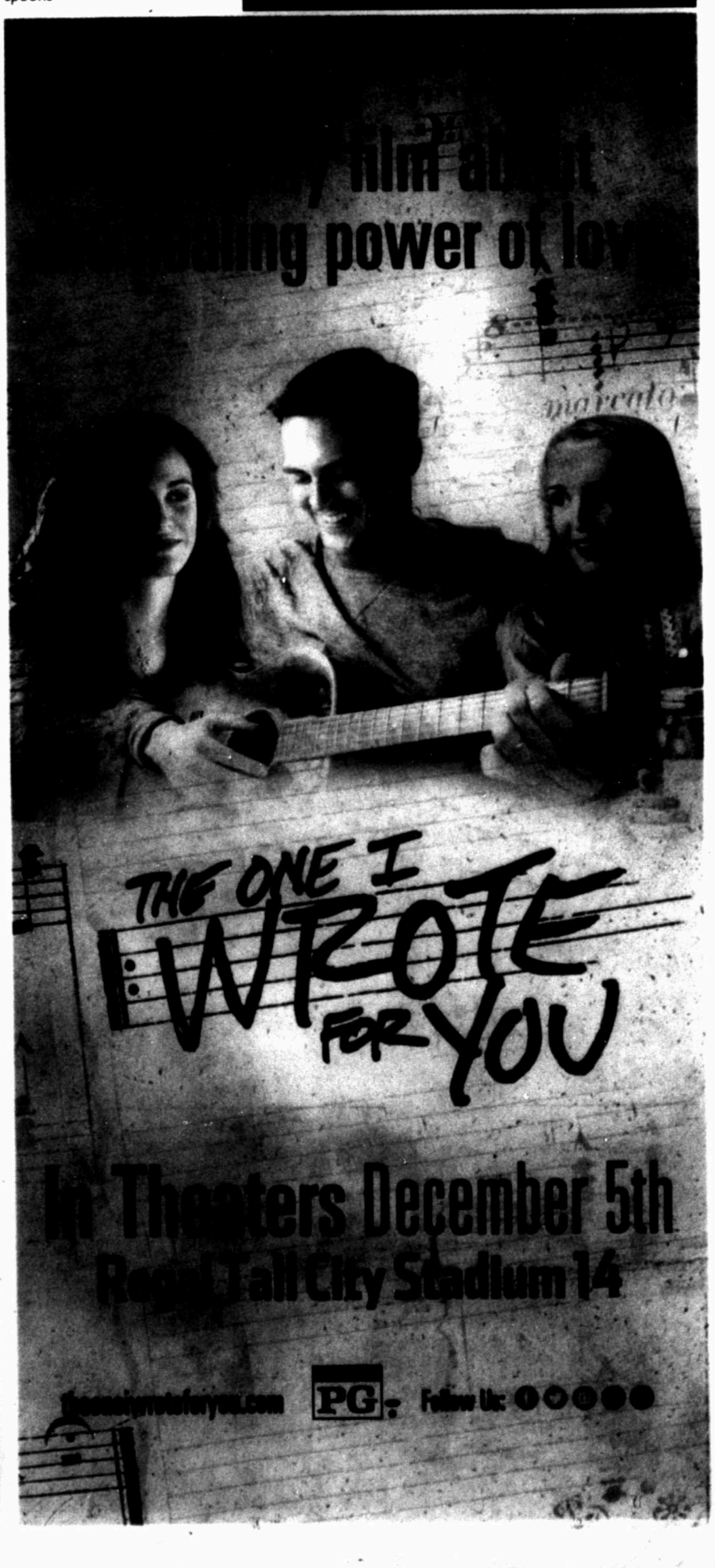

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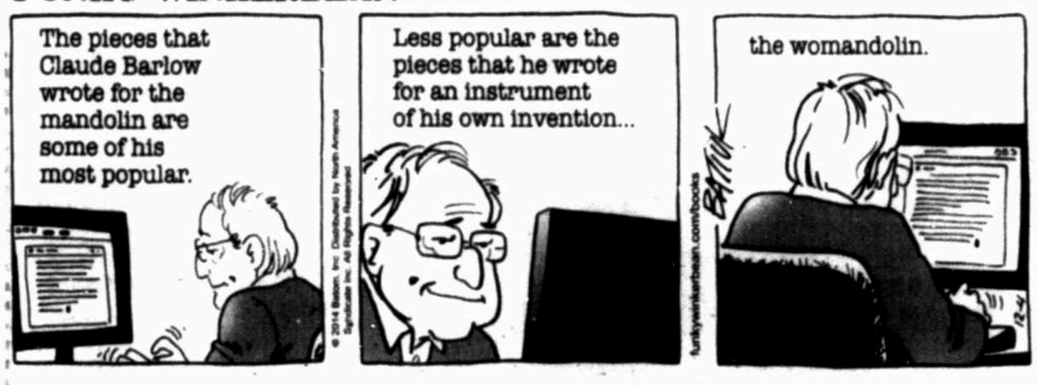

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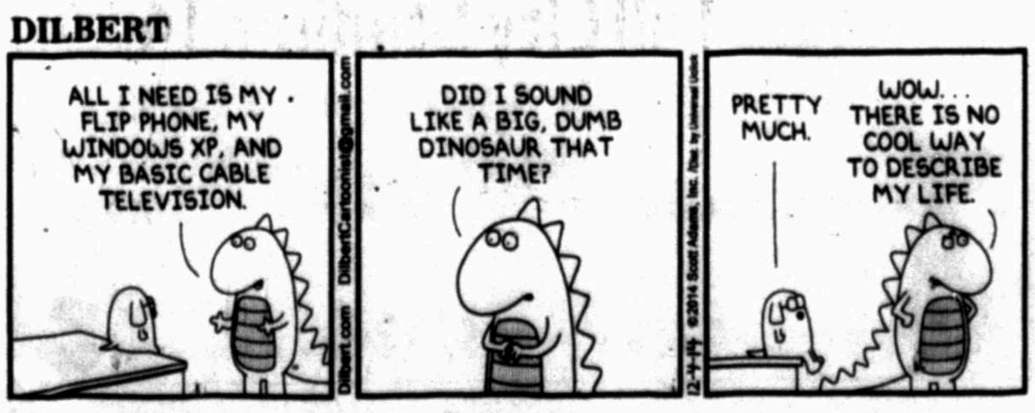

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"I just clocked you going faster than a... dang, what's that expression? Uh, well, anyway, you were going really fast."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"If you need to cough, you're s'posed to hide your mouth in your elbow."

DINING

MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 2908 W. Loop 250 N. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

AJUUA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Daily specials and menudo served on weekends. 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. 694-4116 | $ | 2 spoons

CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood. 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA MADRID Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | $ | 3 spoons

CHARLAS RESTAURANTE & BAR With a casual atmosphere and full service bar, Charla's serves enchiladas, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup and tropical salad. Delicious chips and salsa. 3330 W. Illinois Ave. 699-2440 | $ | 3 spoons

CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | $ | 4 spoons

DONA ANITA'S Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Heuvos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | $ | 3 spoons

DOS COMPADRES We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave, #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.Doscompadres.net | $ | 3 spoons

DOS MARGARITAS Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch specials and breakfast plates such as huevos rancheros and omelettes. 1501 North Big Spring St. 618-9536 www.dosmargaritasusa.com | $ | 3 spoons

EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO RESTAURANT Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. Also known for their burgers. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Two locations in Midland serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. 3323 N. Midland Drive 689-0032 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

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LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

LA MISION Festive, colorful restaurant with great Tex-Mex favorites. In a hurry? Go for the lunch buffet. 1008 S. Big Spring St. 682-0320 | $ | 4 spoons

MANUEL'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD Home of the "Son of a Gun" plate — a 90 percent lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas — Manuel's also is known for its hot sauce. After you try it you can buy some to take home with you. 3905 Texas 349 www.manuelsdeli.com 682-2258 | $ | 4 spoons

PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Café J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

REYNA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT An order of fajitas is too much for one person to eat, but they're so good you'll try anyway. 3601 W. Wall St. 699-2109 | $ | 4 spoons

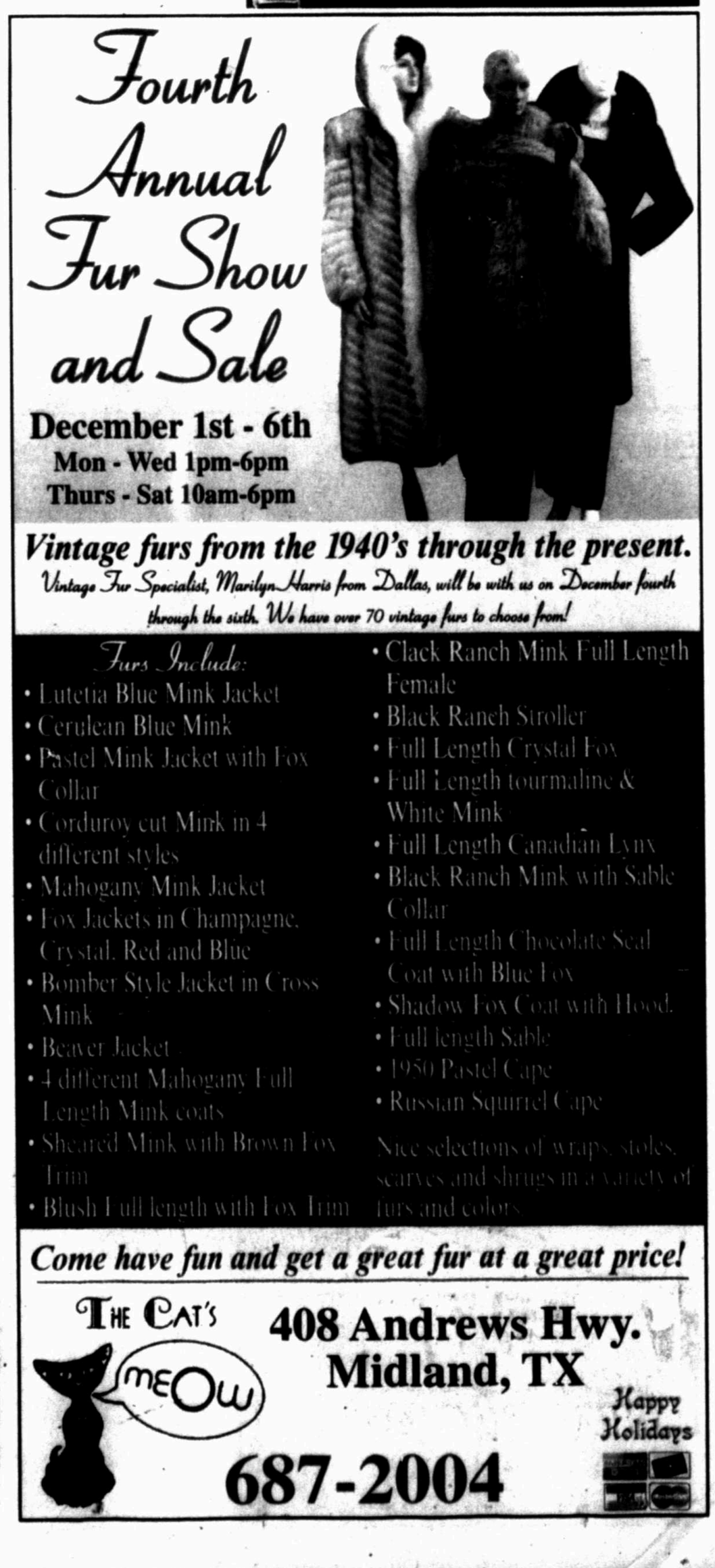
ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

OSCAR'S SUPER BURRITO Serving Lee High School students, and other loyal customers, for years, Oscar's offers almost endless choices of burritos and other Tex-Mex favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the brisket and cheese burrito and don't skimp on the salsa. 4306 Neely Ave. | 699-0242 | 4 spoons

ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the combo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoonss

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons



Cowboys look to bounce back against Bears

By Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — If the Dallas Cowboys can avoid another late-season letdown, they can reach a significant goal: the NFC East title.

The first step is getting past the Chicago Bears on Thursday night.

They are a game behind Philadelphia in the NFC East after getting blown out 33-10 by the Eagles on Thanksgiving and have another showdown with them next week that could be for the division lead.

But before Dallas (8-4) can worry about that, there's this matchup with the struggling Bears (5-7) at Soldier Field.

"It's hard to get to this point in the year and be 8-4 and right in the middle of the hunt," tight end Jason Witten said. "I think you play long enough like I have you respect the opportunity that you have and where you are positioned. So I am excited about that."

It's not hard to see why he is excited considering the Cowboys last made the playoffs in 2009. But they have struggled in recent years once December arrived.

In 2011, they dropped four of their final five. A year later, they dropped their final two games after taking the first three in December. Last year, they lost three of their last four.

All three seasons they wound up 8-8, and anything less than a playoff appearance would be a big letdown for a team that started 6-1.

Of course, this week's opponent knows all about disappointment. A loss at Detroit last Thursday all but assured the Bears will miss the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

And the Bears may also be without kicker Robbie Gould this week. He was listed as doubtful because of a right quadriceps injury and the Bears signed veteran Jay Feely on Wednesday.

Chicago is basically in the spoiler role now, hoping to hand the Cowboys their first road loss. Dallas is a league-best 5-0 this season and has

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo looks to pass during the second half of the game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Arlington.

Associated Press

WJCAC kicks off season

Hawks rally to beat Chaps in opener

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By Oscar LeRoy
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BIG SPRING — The Midland College men's basketball team had the momentum going into the locker room at halftime against Howard College on Wednesday night.

Then it was gone in an instant, and the Chaparrals were left a bit shell-shocked.

The Hawks began the second half on a 9-0 run and took advantage of their opportunities at the free-throw line to come back and beat Midland College 87-79 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Midland College led 40-34 at the half and played the Hawks close for most of the second half. It just seemed like the Chaps (8-3, 0-1 in WJCAC) could never regain momentum as the Hawks (10-3, 1-0) hit some big shots, including three 3-pointers by Neils Bunchoten.

"At halftime, all we talked about was rebounding," Howard College coach Scott Raines said. "We were down eight on the boards at the half. And we just said, if you want to win the game you have to win the second half rebounding battle. Offensively, just execute the same way, somebody just step up, shoot it care free and the ball will go in. Neils gets so much credit 'cause the start he got us off to in the second half let the guys know we could make the shots."

After spending about a half hour in the locker room with his team after the game, MC coach Jordan Dreiling looked about as dejected as any coach could and admitted that his team lost its composure in the second half.

"We showed a lot of weakness on both ends," Dreiling said. "Defensively? Absolutely. Fifty-three points in the half. Offensively, we didn't have trust in each other and we didn't share the ball. We had guys trying to get back into it by themselves, and that's not how you win a basketball game. We got frustrated with each other, and we're just not responding well to adversity right now. That's something we've got to work on."

Dreiling added that the Chaps need to improve on the defensive end if they want to be successful in the very tough WJCAC.

"We held them to really (31) in the first half before they hit the three at the buzzer," Dreiling said. "But they set the tone those first five possessions by going on a (9-0) run to start the second half. That's something I've got to do a better job of not allowing us to relax and do a

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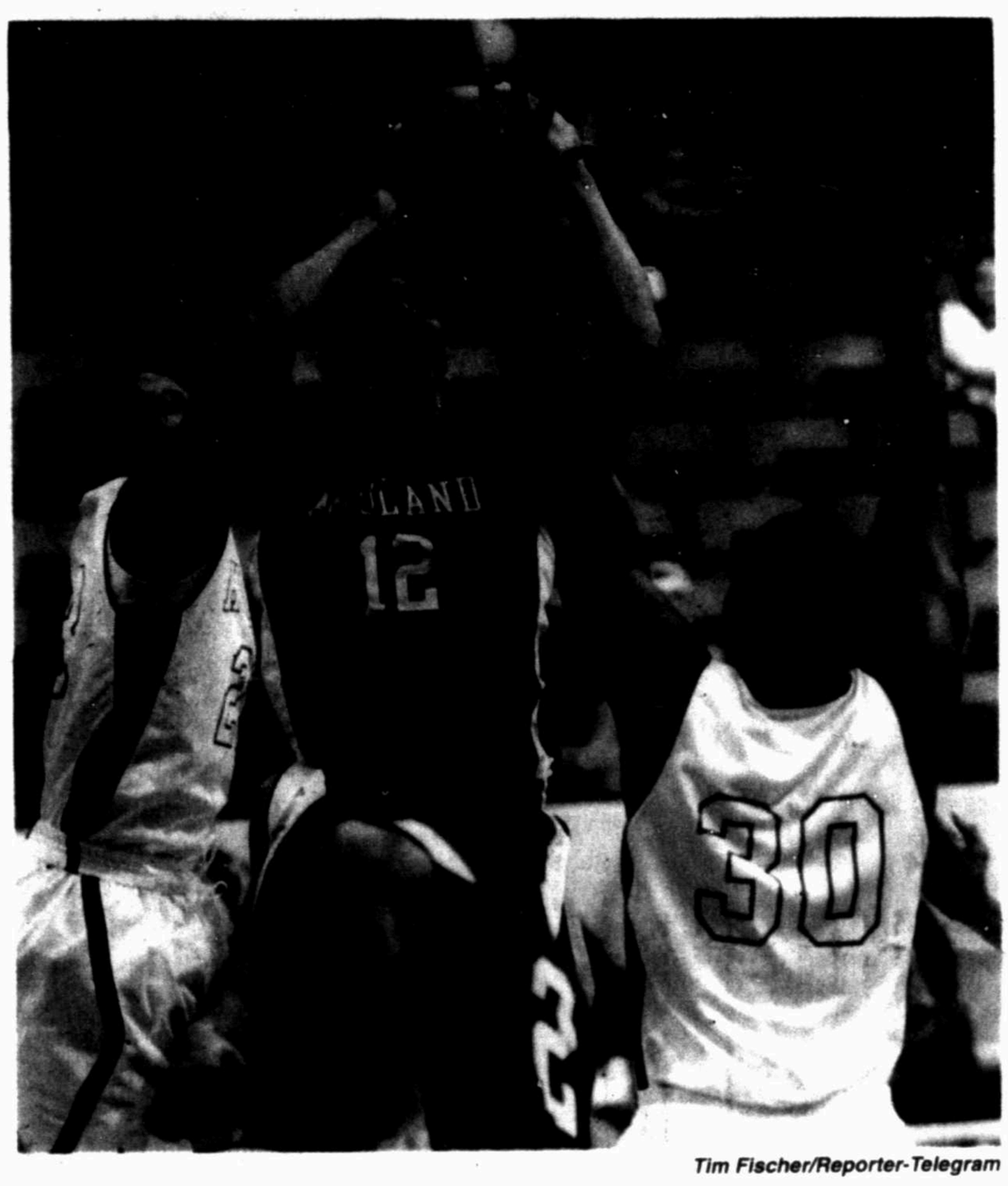

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Midland College's Bryce Ervin puts up a shot between Howard College's Travis Charles, right, and Lis Shoshi on Wednesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Lady Chaps pick up in 2nd half to beat Howard

Midland College's Quinique Johnson puts up a shot as Howard College's Tamara York gets a hand on the ball to block it Wednesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

By Oscar LeRoy
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BIG SPRING — With Howard College making it a close game at the half, Midland College coach Ron Jones told his Lady Chaparrals to pick up the pace.

The Lady Chaps, in particular Tajanay Veiga, responded with a strong second half to pull away from the Hawks at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Wednesday night.

Midland College shot 54 percent in the second half and Veiga finished with a game-high 21 points as the Lady Chaps rolled to a 77-53 victory in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

"We just came out with more energy, we helped more (on defense), and we just worked harder as a team," Veiga said. "In the first half we weren't running as much. Coach told us to pick it up, so that's what we did. And we fought for the last 20 minutes of the game."

Midland College (9-5, 1-0 in WJCAC) had a 31-24 lead at halftime.

"If you look at our shooting percentage, we shot the ball really

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Local squads head to tournaments

From staff reports

The basketball tournament season kicks into high gear this weekend as all but two teams from Midland County will be playing in tournaments this weekend.

The Midland High girls (8-3) fresh off a win against Class 4A No. 2 Abilene Wylie on Tuesday will travel to the Metroplex for the Burleson Lady Elk Tournament. MHS begins the tournament at 3 p.m. today against Grapevine and will take on the Dallas Young Women's Leadership Academy at 7:30 p.m.

The Midland High boys will take part in the Kangaroo Invitational in Weatherford this weekend and will also play two games today. MHS begins against Burleson at 12:30 p.m. and will conclude the day against Fort Worth Western Hills at 6:30 p.m.

The Lee boys, who are 0-5 this season, will begin play in the Curtis Culwell Invitaitonal in Garland at 7 p.m. today against Garland Lakeview Centennial.

The Lee girls and the No. 1-ranked Midland Classical Academy girls squad will not play in tournaments this week, as the Lady Knights will take on Coahoma in a non-district game on Friday. The Lady Rebels (4-4) are off until Dec. 11.

The Midland Classical boys, and Trinity boys and girls will play at the Rankin Red Devil Classic. Midland Christian's boys squad will play at the Levelland Invitational, and the Lady Mustangs will begin play in the Monahans Sandhills Tournament today.

Both Greenwood boys and girls squads will play in the Kennedale Tournament at Kennedale High School, just outside of Fort Worth.

Tournament schedule

Boys

Lee
at Curtis Culwell Invitational, Garland
Today
7 p.m. vs. Garland Lakeview Centennial
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Midland High
at Kangaroo Invitational, Weatherford
Today
12:30 p.m. vs. Burleson
6:30 p.m. vs. Fort Worth Western Hills
Friday
2 p.m. vs. Weatherford
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Greenwood
at Kennedale Tournament
Today
11 a.m. vs. Kennedale, 11 a.m.
3:30 p.m. vs. Everman, 3:30 p.m.
Friday
2 p.m. vs. Dallas Bryan Adams, 2 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Midland Christian
at Levelland Invitational, Levelland HS
Thursday
Midland Christian vs. Levelland, 2:30 p.m.
Friday
Midland Christian vs. Dalhart, 10 a.m.
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Trinity
at Rankin Red Devil Classic
Today
10 a.m. vs. Iraan, 10 a.m., Old Gym
5:45 p.m. vs. Buena Vista, 5:45 p.m., New Gym
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Midland Classical
at Rankin Red Devil Classic
Today
10:15 a.m. vs. Rankin, 10:15 a.m., New Gym
3:15 p.m. vs. Balmorhea, 3:15 p.m., Old Gym
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

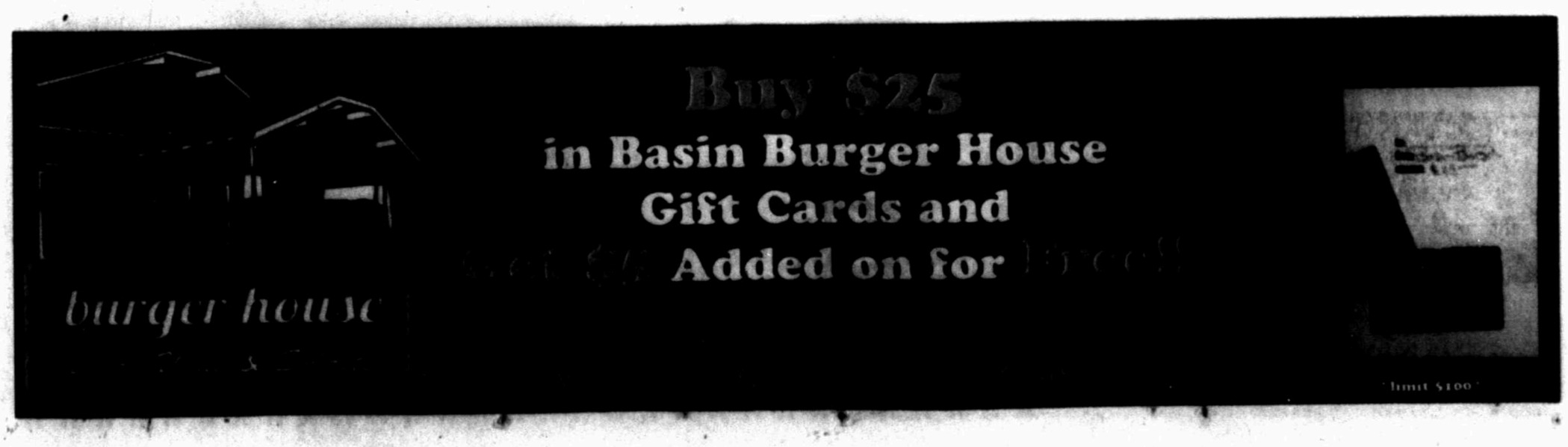
Girls

Midland High
at Burleson Lady Elk Tournament
Today
3 p.m. vs. Grapevine, 3 p.m. Arena Gym
7:30 p.m. vs. Young Women's Leadership Academy, 7:30 p.m. Auxiliary Gym
Friday
3 p.m. vs. Keller Fossil Ridge, 3 p.m. Arena Gym
6 p.m. vs. Fort Worth Lake Country Christian, 6 p.m. Arena Gym
Saturday, Bracket Play

Greenwood
at Kennedale Tournament
Today
Keller Central vs. Greenwood, 12:30 p.m.
Greenwood vs. Kennedale, 3:30 p.m.
Friday
Greenwood vs. Lake Worth, 12:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Midland Christian
at Monahans Sandhills Tournament
Today
9 a.m. vs. Alpine, 9 a.m., Jerry Larned Sports Complex
3 p.m. vs. Big Spring, 3 p.m. Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Friday
Bracket Play
11 a.m. vs. Alpine, Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play

Trinity
at Rankin Red Devil Classic
Today
4:30 p.m. vs. Buena Vista, 4:30 p.m., New Gym
8:15 p.m. vs. Trinity vs. Iraan, 8:15 p.m., Old Gym
Friday & Saturday, Bracket Play



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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING
Manuel Avila vs. Jose Luis Araiza, 9 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
UCF at East Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
COLLEGE SWIMMING
Texas Invitational, 6 p.m., LHN
GOLF
Hero World Challenge, First Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
Nedbank Golf Challenge, Second Round, 2 a.m., GOLF
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
LSU at West Virginia, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Baylor at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Arkansas at Iowa State, 8 p.m., ESPN2
TCU at Ole Miss, 8 p.m., ESPNU
San Diego at San Diego State, 10 p.m., ESPNU
MEN'S SOCCER
Copa Italia: Modena at Cagliari Calcio, 10:55 a.m., beIN2
Copa del Rey: Real Sociedad at Oviedo, 12:55 p.m., beIN2
French Ligue 1: Stade Reims at Olympique Lyonnais, 1:55 p.m., beIN
Copa del Rey: Valencia at Rayo Vallecano, 2:55 p.m., beIN2
NBA
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m., TNT
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT
NFL
Dallas at Chicago, 7:25 p.m., NFL
NHL
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., FSSW
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., NHL
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
North Carolina at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN
Charlotte at South Carolina, 7 p.m., SEC
UT Arlington at Kansas State, 7 p.m., FCSC
UNLV at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Lee at Garland Tournament
Midland High at Kangaroo Classic, Weatherford
Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament
Midland Classical, Trinity at Rankin Tournament
Big Spring at Lamesa Tournament
Midland Christian at Levelland Tournament
Garden City at Miles Tournament
Stanton at Denver City Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Midland High at Burleson Tournament
Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament
Trinity at Rankin Tournament
Big Spring, Midland Christian at Monahans Tournament
Andrews at Denver City Tournament
Garden City at Abernathy Tournament

LOCAL SPORTS

BASKETBALL
8th Grade
Greenwood A 30, Fort Stockton A 14
Fort Stockton B 24, Greenwood B 22
7th Grade
Greenwood A 40, Fort Stockton A 21
Fort Stockton B 28, Greenwood B 26

TUESDAY'S LATE BOXES
ODESSA PERMIAN 58, ANDREWS 39
Permian (44) — Pruanna Jones 5, Tatanesha Fleming 26, Latasha Griffin 5, Arianna Gonzalez, Jessica Nguyen 4, Alex Brown 6, Malyar Corner 11
Andrews (3-2) — Zoe Aguirre 4, Lexi DeLaCruz 4, Rebekah Hall 18, Mikyla Alvidrez 11, Janey Leach 2

Permian	18	10	14	16	— 58
Andrews	8	4	13	14	— 39

Free throws — Permian 5-8; Andrews 8-12
3-Point Goals — Permian 7 (Fleming 6, Jones 1); Andrews 1 (Aguirre) Total Fouls — Permian 14, Andrews 13 Fouled Out — None Technical Fouls — Permian: Bench

BIG SPRING 52, PECOS 27
Big Spring — Diamonique Mayes 13, Julianna Rodriguez 12, Stefani Diaz 6, Aqua Alexander 8, Tiffani Ruiz 4, Manah Walsh 3, Jackie Castillo 2, Sidney Patterson 2, Mckayla Edwards 2, Mercedes Ruiz 2
Pecos — NA

Big Spring	9	9	8	26	— 52
Pecos	10	4	7	6	— 27

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
first place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts	Prvs.
1	Westchester (Arizona) CC (13)	12-0	324	1
2	Coll of Southern Idaho	10-0	328	5
3	Northwest Florida St JC	12-0	316	14
4	**Trinity Valley CC**	12-1	**296**	2
5	Salt Lake CC	8-0	268	8
6	Harcum College	8-0	250	17
7	Indian Hills CC	8-1	244	4
8	**Hill College**	10-0	**231**	**NR**
9	Gillette College	10-1	177	9
10	Southwest Tennessee CC	8-1	176	11
11	Butler CC	9-1	173	NR
12	Three Rivers CC	10-1	135	NR
13	Cloud County CC	10-0	130	NR
14	Tallahassee CC	9-1	127	NR
15	Hutchinson CC	9-1	98	22
16	Cliffeville CC	9-1	106	Rv
17	Connors State College	10-1	104	Rv
18	Columbia State CC	9-2	96	6
19	Centra Arizona College	9-2	92	NR
20	Shelton State CC	7-1	56	NR
21	North Idaho College	8-1	49	13
22	**Angelina College**	**10-1**	**54**	**NR**
23	Georgia Highlands	4-1	42	NR
24	**New Mexico JC**	**10-2**	**55**	**12**
25	Potomac College	8-0	44	NR

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
first place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts	Prvs.
1	Chipola College (8)	10-0	200	4
2	Hutchinson CC	8-0	192	2
3	**Trinity Valley CC**	**7-1**	**184**	**1**
4	**Tyler JC**	**9-0**	**176**	**3**
5	NW Fla St Coll	8-0	168	8
6	Iowa Western CC	11-0	160	NR
7	Eastern Ariz College	9-0	152	NR
8	Seward County CC	9-0	144	20
9	Florida St Coll Jacksonville	7-1	136	14
10	**Odessa College**	**12-2**	**128**	**NR**
11	Salt Lake CC	8-2	120	10
12	Tallahassee CC	9-1	112	NR
13	**San Jacinto College-North**	**8-1**	**104**	**NR**
14	Gulf Coast St Coll	8-1	96	12
15	**New Mexico JC**	**11-1**	**88**	**22**
16	Snow College	8-0	80	NR
17	State Fair CC	10-2	72	23
18	Coll of Southern Idaho	5-3	64	7
19	Sheridan College	9-2	56	NR
20	Walters State CC	9-2	48	13
21	Danville Area CC	7-2	40	15
22	**Brevard College**	**8-2**	**32**	**NR**
23	Shelton State CC	5-1	24	17
24	North Idaho College	5-2	16	18
25	Eastern Okla St Coll	7-0	8	NR

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB — Announced the resignation of Kenny Kramer, president, business and legal affairs, effective at the end of January 2015.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with Fernando Abadie on a one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with Wade Davis on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with Trevor Hunter on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Traded OF Michael Saunders to Toronto for LHP J.A. Happ.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with Dustin Smailey on a one-year contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with Jonny Venters on a one-year contract and OF Jason Markakis on a four-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jaylon Richard on a minor league contract.
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released INF Ignacio Vargas.
Frontier League
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed INF Jake Squiller to a contract extension.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled F/C Jarell Martin from Iowa (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed K Jay Feely. Waived-injured WR KR Chris Williams.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed RB Shaun Draughn. Placed WR Miles Austin on injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed OT Austin Pasztor on injured reserve. Signed LB Al Louis-Jean.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DB Justin Green. LB Deontae Skinner and DB Daxton Swanson to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed DL Kona Schwenke to the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DB Jemea Thomas from the St. Louis practice squad. Waived LB Brandon Ghee.
Canadian Football League
OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Named Jason Maas offensive coordinator.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed OL Pat Neufeld to a one-year extension.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Suspended Pittsburgh D Robert Bortuzzo two games for interference against New Jersey F Jaromir Jagr during a Dec. 2 game.
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed G Ilya Bryzgalov to a pro tryout contract.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Brendan Shinnimin to Portland (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Recalled LW Curtis McKenzie and D Justin Ryznyk from Texas (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Agreed to terms with D Alec Martinez on a six-year contract extension.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Griffin Reinhart from Bridgeport (AHL). Placed D Johnny Boychuk on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 27, and D Ladislav Varcholy on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 28.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Vladislav Namestnikov to Syracuse (AHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled D Mark Nemec from Colorado (ECHL). Signed F Jason Basil to a professional try out.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed F Bradley Wright-Phillips as a designated player ahead of the 2015 season.
TORONTO FC — Declined the 2015 contract options on MF Dwayne De Rosario, D Ryan Richter, MF Jeremy Hall and F Andrew Wiedeman. Defender Ryan Richter, midfielder Jeremy Hall and forward Andrew Wiedeman.
COLLEGE
BUFFALO — Named Brian Borland defensive coordinator. Andy Kotelnicki offensive coordinator. Daryl Agquila offensive line coach and Alan Hensel offensive assistant coach. Retained running backs coach Matt Simon and defensive line coach Chris Cosh.
DELAWARE — Named Frantzer Le Blanc assistant athletics director for facilities.
GUILFORD — Named Chris Johnson as assistant baseball coach.
VANDERBILT — Fired offensive coordinator Karl Dorrell; wide receivers coach Marc Lubick and conditioning coach Bill Hughan.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	26	17	6	3	37	92	69
Montreal	27	17	8	2	36	70	68
Detroit	25	14	8	3	33	77	65
Toronto	24	13	8	3	29	81	72
Boston	26	14	11	1	29	63	63
Florida	23	10	7	6	26	50	58
Ottawa	24	10	9	5	25	63	66
Buffalo	25	9	14	2	20	45	77

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	24	17	5	2	36	82	55
N.Y. Islanders	25	18	7	0	36	80	67
N.Y. Rangers	24	11	9	4	26	71	70
Washington	24	10	10	4	24	68	69
New Jersey	25	9	12	4	22	58	72
Carolina	24	8	13	3	19	56	69
Philadelphia	24	8	13	3	19	62	76
Columbus	24	7	15	2	16	54	84

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	24	16	6	2	34	65	48
St. Louis	25	16	7	2	34	67	55
Chicago	25	16	8	1	33	78	49
Minnesota	24	14	9	1	29	67	56
Winnipeg	25	12	9	4	28	52	56
Dallas	25	9	11	5	23	73	89
Colorado	25	9	11	5	23	67	79

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	25	17	7	1	35	79	69
Anaheim	26	15	6	5	35	71	68
Calgary	26	16	8	2	34	83	66
Los Angeles	25	13	7	5	31	67	57
San Jose	26	12	10	4	28	70	71
Arizona	26	10	13	3	23	64	81
Edmonton	25	5	15	4	14	56	87

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

Wednesday's Scores
Minnesota 2, Montreal 1
Chicago 4, St. Louis 1
Edmonton at Winnipeg, late
Philadelphia at Anaheim, late
Today's Games
Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Boston at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Boys

Rankin Red Devil Classic
Rankin High School
Today's Games
Pool A
10:15 a.m. — Rankin vs. Midland Classical, New Gym
3:15 p.m. — Midland Classical vs. Balmorhea, Old Gym
8:15 p.m. — Balmorhea vs. Rankin, New Gym
Pool B
9 a.m. — Wink vs. Reagan County, Old Gym
2 p.m. — Reagan County vs. Odessa New Way, New Gym
7 p.m. — Odessa New Way vs. Wink, Old Gym
Pool C
10 a.m. — Irasn vs. Trinity, Old Gym
12:45 p.m. — Buena Vista vs. Irasn, Old Gym
5:45 p.m. — Trinity vs. Buena Vista, *New Gym
Pool D
10 a.m. — Sanderson vs. Crane, New Gym
11:30 a.m. — McCamey vs. Sanderson, New Gym
4:30 p.m. Crane vs. McCamey, Old Gym
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Semifinals
5:30 p.m. — Pool B 1st vs. Pool D 1st, New Gym
6:45 p.m. — Pool A 1st vs. Pool C 1st, Old Gym
Consolation Bracket
Semifinals
3 p.m. — Pool C 2nd vs. Pool D 2nd, Old Gym
4:15 p.m. — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd, New Gym
Ninth-place Bracket
Semifinals
12:30 p.m. — Pool A 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd New Gym
12:30 p.m. — Pool B 3rd vs. Pool C 3rd, Old Gym
Saturday's Games
Championship Bracket
Third-Place game
12:45 p.m. — Semifinal losers, New Gym
Championship
3:15 p.m. — Semifinal winners, New Gym
Consolation Bracket
7th Place Game
11:30 a.m. — Semifinal Losers, Old Gym
Consolation Final
10:15 a.m. — Seminal winners, New Gym
Ninth-place Bracket
11th Place Game
9 a.m. — Seminal losers, Old Gym
9th Place Game
2 p.m. — Semifinal winners, Old Gym

OW Follis Tournament
OW Follis Gym at Lamesa Junior High
Round Robin
Today's Games
2 p.m. — Andrews vs. Big Spring
4 p.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Pecos
6 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Fort Stockton
Friday's Games
Noon — Colorado City vs. Andrews
2 p.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Big Spring
4 p.m. — Pecos vs. Colorado City
6 p.m. — Fort Stockton vs. Big Spring
8 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Amarillo Caprock
Saturday's Games
10 a.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Fort Stockton
Noon — Lamesa vs. Pecos
2 p.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Andrews
4 p.m. — Big Spring vs. Pecos
6 p.m. — Colorado City vs. Fort Stockton
8 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Andrews

Girls

Monahans Sandhills Tournament
Monahans High School & Jerry Larnrd Sports Complex
Today's Games
Pool Play
Jerry Larned Sports Complex
9 a.m. — Alpine vs. Midland Christian
11 a.m. — EP Austin vs. Big Spring
1 p.m. — Monahans vs. EP Del Valle
3 p.m. — Big Spring vs. Midland Christian
5 p.m. — EP Del Valle vs. Alpine
7 p.m. — EP Austin vs. Monahans
Monahanq High School
9 a.m. — Plains vs. Pecos
11 a.m. — El Paso High vs. Fort Stockton
1 p.m. — El Paso Riverside vs. San Angelo Lake View
3 p.m. — Fort Stockton vs. Plains
5 p.m. — Pecos vs. El Paso Riverside
7 p. — San Angelo Lake View vs. El Paso High
Friday's Games
Green Bracket
Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Game 1 — Big Spring vs. Fort Stockton, 9 a.m.
Game 2 — Alpine vs. Midland Christian, 11 a.m.
Game 5 — Monahans vs. Game 1 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 2 winner vs. San Angelo Lake View, 3 p.m.
Monahans High School
Game 3 — El Paso High vs. Pecos, 9 a.m.
Game 4 — Plains vs. El Paso Riverside, 11 a.m.
Game 7 — El Paso Austin vs. Game 3 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 4 winner vs. El Paso Del Valle, 3 p.m.
White Bracket
Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Game 10 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 5 p.m.
Game 9 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.
Monahans High School
Game 12 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 5 p.m.
Game 11 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Green Bracket
Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Championship Semifinals
Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 14 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 11 a.m.
Championship
Game 20 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 3 p.m.
White Bracket
Monahans High School
Semifinals
Game 15 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 16 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 11 a.m.
Third-place Game
Game 17 — Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 3 p.m.

Rankin Red Devil Classic
Rankin High School
Today's Games
Pool A
9 a.m. — Rankin vs. Lee JV, New Gym
2 p.m. — Lee JV vs. Balmorhea, Old Gym
7 p.m. — Balmorhea vs. Rankin, New Gym
Pool B
10:15 a.m. — Wink vs. Reagan County, Old Gym
11:15 a.m. — Irs vs. Wink, Old Gym
3:15 p.m. — Reagan County vs. Irs, New Gym
Pool C
11:30 a.m. — Buena Vista vs. Irsan, Old Gym
4:30 p.m. — Trinity vs. Buena Vista, 4:30 p.m.
8:15 p.m. — Trinity vs. Irsan, Old Gym
Pool D
11:15 a.m. — Sanderson vs. Crane, New Gym
12:45 p.m. — McCamey vs. Sanderson, New Gym
5:45 p.m. — Crane vs. McCamey, Old Gym
Friday's Games
Championship Bracket
Semifinals
5:30 p.m. — Pool B 1st vs. Pool D 1st, Old Gym
6:45 p.m. — Pool A 1st vs. Pool C 1st, New Gym
Consolation Bracket
Semifinals
3 p.m. — Pool C 2nd vs. Pool D 2nd, New Gym
4:15 p.m. — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd, Old Gym
Ninth-place Bracket
Semifinals
1:45 p.m. — Pool A 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd, New Gym
1:45 p.m. — Pool B 3rd vs. Pool C 3rd, Old Gym
Saturday's Games
Championship Bracket
Third-Place game
11:30 a.m. — Semifinal losers, New Gym
Championship
2 p.m. — Semifinal winners, New Gym
Consolation Bracket
7th Place Game
12:45 p.m. — Semifinal Losers, Old Gym
Consolation Final
9 a.m. — Semifinal winners, New Gym
Ninth-place Bracket
11th Place Game
10:15 a.m. — Semifinal losers, Old Gym
9th Place Game
3:15 p.m. — Semifinal winners, Old Gym

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 107 BUCKS 105
MILWAUKEE — Monta Ellis hit a wild, fallaway jumper at the buzzer, lifting the Dallas Mavericks over the Milwaukee Bucks 107-105 on Wednesday night.
A night after Ellis starred in a double-overtime win at Chicago, he scored 23. He had eight in the final two minutes on what otherwise had been a bad shooting night for the Mavericks' top scorer, playing against his former team.
The Mavericks won their fifth in a row while resting Dirk Nowitzki because of a sore back. Coach Rick Carlisle called it a "precautionary" move.
Brandon Knight scored 25 points and Khris Middleton added 21 for the Bucks in their third straight loss.

NETS 95 SPURS 93
NEW YORK — Mirza Teletovic had a season-high 26 points and a career-best 15 rebounds starting in place of Kevin Garnett, and the Brooklyn Nets snapped the San Antonio Spurs' eight-game winning streak with a 95-93 overtime victory Wednesday night.
The Nets regrouped in overtime after blowing a 14-point lead in the final 5 minutes of regulation and beat a team with a winning record for the first time this season.

ROCKETS 105 GRIZZLIES 96
HOUSTON — James Harden scored 21 points, and Trevor Ariza and Jason Terry added 16 each to help the short-handed Houston Rockets cruise to a 105-96 win over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.
The Grizzlies (15-3) had won five in a row, and their two previous losses this season had been by a combined five points.

HAWKS 112 HEAT 102
MIAMI — Jeff Teague scored 27 points, Kyle Korver scored 18 and the Atlanta Hawks handed the Miami Heat another home loss, 112-102 on Wednesday night.
Dennis Schroder scored 16 and Paul Millsap finished with 14 for the Hawks, who beat the Heat for the second time in two meetings this season. An 18-5 run to end the third quarter was the deciding blow for Atlanta, which led by 10 in the first quarter, 14 in the second and pushed the margin to 88-72 going into the final 12 minutes.

WIZARDS 111 LAKERS 95
WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal scored 27 points, John Wall had 17 points and 15 assists, and the Washington Wizards beat Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers 111-95 on Wednesday night.
The Wizards won their third straight and prevented the Lakers from getting their first three-game winning streak in more than a year.
Bryant finished with 29 points — 15 points of them in the first quarter when he shot 6 for 11. He missed nine of his final 11 shots.

BULLS 102 HORNETS 95
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pau Gasol had 19 points and 15 rebounds, Joakim Noah and Nikola Mirotic each posted double-doubles, and the Chicago Bulls handed the Charlotte Hornets their 10th straight loss, 102-95 on Wednesday night.
Noah had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Mirotic added 11 points and 12 rebounds as the Bulls bounced back from a double- overtime loss to Dallas on Tuesday night.

CELTICS 109 PISTONS 102
BOSTON — Jeff Green scored 32 points, including a 3-pointer as Boston opened overtime with eight straight points, and the Celtics snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Detroit Pistons 109-102 on Wednesday night.
The loss was the 10th in a row for Detroit. Greg Monroe scored 15 of his 29 points after the 3:13 mark of the fourth, when the Pistons erased an 11-point deficit.

76ERS 85 TIMBERWOLVES 77
MINNEAPOLIS — The Philadelphia 76ers avoided tying the record for the worst start to a season in NBA history, ending their 0-17 skid with an 85-77 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night.
Michael Carter-Williams had 20 points, nine rebounds and nine assists and Robert Covington added 17 points to keep Philadelphia from tying the 0-18 start by the New Jersey Nets in 2009-10.

NBA BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	14	4	.778	
Brooklyn	8	9	.471	5½
Boston	5	11	.313	8
New York	4	15	.211	10½
Philadelphia	3	17	.056	13
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Washington	12	5	.706	
Atlanta	11	6	.647	1
Miami	9	9	.500	3
Orlando	7	13	.350	6
Charlotte	4	15	.211	9
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	12	7	.632	
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	2½
Indiana	6	11	.389	4
Detroit	3	16	.158	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Memphis	15	3	.833	
Houston	14	4	.778	
Dallas	15	5	.750	
San Antonio	13	5	.722	2
New Orleans	8	8	.500	6
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Portland	14	4	.778	
Denver	9	9	.500	5
Oklahoma City	9	13	.278	9
Utah	5	13	.278	9
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	15	2	.882	
L.A. Clippers	12	5	.706	3
Phoenix	11	8	.579	5
Sacramento	9	9	.500	6
L.A. Lakers	5	14	.263	11

Wednesday's Scores
Washington 111, L.A. Lakers 95
Chicago 102, Charlotte 95
Atlanta 112, Miami 102
Boston 109, Detroit 102, OT
Brooklyn 95, San Antonio 93, OT
Houston 105, Memphis 96
Dallas 107, Milwaukee 105
Philadelphia 85, Minnesota 77
Toronto at Utah, late
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Cleveland at New York, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES
MAVERICKS 107, BUCKS 105
DALLAS (107): Parsons 6-17 1-2 14, AmINu 5-11 1-1 13, Chandler 8-11 2-6 18, Nelson 5-7 0-0 13, Ellis 11-26 1-1 23, Jefferson 2-5 5-6 10, Wright 2-3 3-4 7, Harris 1-6 0-0 2, Bares 1-4 2-2 5, Crowder 1-1 0-0 2, Villanueva 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-92 15-22 107.
MILWAUKEE (105): Antetokounmpo 1-4 1-2 3, Parker 3-6 2-5 8, Sanders 3-6 0-2 6, Knight 8-16 7-7 25, Mayo 3-7 4-6 12, Pachulia 3-6 2-2 8, Dudley 3-5 0-0 8, Bayless 3-6 2-2 8, Middleton 8-13 4-6 21, Marshall 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 38-73 22-32 105.

Dallas	29	28	23	27	— 107
Milwaukee	31	33	14	27	— 105

3-Point Goals—Dallas 8-27, Nelson 3-5, AmINu 2-5, Barea 1-2, Jefferson 1-3, Parsons 1-6, Ellis 0-3, Harris 0-3; Milwaukee 7-17, (Dudley 2-2, Mayo 2-3, Knight 2-5, Middleton 1-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 55 (Chandler 20), Milwaukee 47 (Pachulia 9). Assists—Dallas 20 (Ellis 7), Milwaukee 24 (Knight, Mayo, Antetokounmpo 5). Total Fouls—Dallas 23, Milwaukee 24. Technicals—Dallas Bench, Pachulia. A—13,568 (18,717).

NETS 95, SPURS 93
SAN ANTONIO (93): Leonard 4-16 3-4 12, Duncan 5-18 4-4 14, Diaw 0-6 0-0 0, Parker 4-8 0-0 9, Green 7-14 0-2 20, Ginobili 6-13 1-2 15, Joseph 3-8 1-2 7, Baynes 2-5 0-0 4, Bonner 3-10 0-0 7, Belinelli 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 36-101 9-12 93.
BROOKLYN (95): Johnson 4-16 0-0 8, Teletovic 9-13 3-4 26, Lopez 6-17 4-4 16, Williams 6-15 3-4 17, Bogdanovic 5-10 2-2 14, A.Anderson 1-5 0-0 2, Jack 4-10 0-0 8, Jordan 1-1 0-0 2. Plumlee 1-3 0-4 2. Totals 37-90 12-18 95.

San Antonio	19	23	16	30	5	— 93
Brooklyn	19	21	28	20	7	— 95

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 12-32 (Green 6-11, Ginobili 2-7, Parker 1-1, Belinelli 1-2, Leonard 1-2, Bonner 1-6, Duncan 0-1, Diaw 0-2); Brooklyn 9-19 (Teletovic 5-7, Bogdanovic 2-4, Williams 2-5, Jack 0-1, Johnson 0-1, A.Anderson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 63 (Duncan 17), Brooklyn 64 (Teletovic, Lopez 15). Assists—San Antonio 23 (Parker 6), Brooklyn 20 (Williams 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, Brooklyn 10. A—15,989 (17,732).

ROCKETS 105, GRIZZLIES 96
MEMPHIS (96): Allen 4-7 2-2 10, Randolph 2-5 4-6 8, Gasol 4-8 0-1 8, Conley 5-9 4-4 15, Lee 2-4 0-0 4, Udrih 3-3 3-4 9, Pondexter 1-7 0-0 2, Carter 3-4 0-1 7, Koufos 4-8 0-0 8, Leuer 3-9 1-2 7, Calathes 3-5 0-3 6, Stokes 5-7 2-4 12. Totals 39-76 16-27 96.
HOUSTON (105): Ariza 6-18 2-2 16, Motiejunas 7-10 0-1 15, Black 5-9 0-0 10, Terry 5-10 3-5 16, Harden 6-11 7-8 21, Dorsey 3-3 1-2 7, Johnson 1-5 0-0 2, Garcia 2-4 0-0 6, Papanikolaou 6-14 0-0 12, Daniels 0-3 0-0 0, Capela 0-6 0-2 0. Totals 41-93 13-20 105.

Memphis	28	18	22	28	—	96
Houston	34	24	36	11	—	105

3-Point Goals—Memphis 2-13 (Carter 1-2, Conley 1-4, Allen 0-1, Leuer 0-1, Lee 0-2, Pondexter 0-3). Houston 10-28 (Terry 3-7, Garcia 2-2, Harden 2-5, Ariza 2-8, Motiejunas 1-1, Johnson 0-1, Papanikolaou 0-2, Daniels 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 50 (Gasol 7), Houston 57 (Black 11). Assists—Memphis 26 (Calathes, Conley 6). Houston 22 (Terry 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 15, Houston 26. Technicals—Gasol, Houston defensive three second. A—18,151 (18,023).

WIZARDS 111, LAKERS 95

L.A. LAKERS (95):	Johnson 2-6 0-0 6, Boozer 5-9 0-0 10, Hill 3-6 2-2 8, Lin 0-10 0-0 0, Bryant 8-22 11-14 29, Davis 1-2 2-3 4, Price 4-4 0-0 11, Young 7-14 2-2 21, Sacre 3-9 0-0 6, Ellington 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 33-85 17-21 95.				
WASHINGTON (111):	Pierce 6-15 2-4 14, Humphries 3-7 0-0 6, Gortat 9-13 3-3 21, Wall 6-18 4-5 17, Beal 11-19 2-2 27, Butler 5-7 2-2 14, Gooden 0-2 0-0 0, Porter 1-5 2-2 4, Seraphin 2-4 0-1 4, Miller 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 45-93 15-19 111.				
L.A. Lakers	33	19	17	26	—	95
Washington	27	27	24	33	—	111

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 12-29 (Young 5-8, Price 3-3, Johnson 2-5, Bryant 2-6, Ellington 0-1, Lin 0-6). Washington 6-19 (Beal 3-4, Butler 2-3, Wall 1-5, Gooden 0-2, Pierce 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 49 (Boozer, Davis 8). Washington 59 (Humphries 20). Assists—L.A. Lakers 16 (Lin 5). Washington 33 (Wall 15). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 20. Washington 15. Technicals—L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—18,490 (20,308).

HAWKS 112, HEAT 102

ATLANTA (112):	Carroll 2-9 2-3 6, Millsap 6-12 1-3 14, Horford 2-3 2-2 6, Teague 8-11 8-8 27, Korver 6-12 3-3 18, Scott 1-4 2-4, Mack 2-5 0-0 5, Schroder 6-9 2-2 16, Scott 4-5 0-0 9, Sefolosha 3-

HS FBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Euless Trinity (12-1) vs. Allen (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Apogee Stadium
Dallas Skyline (13-0) vs. Klein Oak (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Cypress Ranch (11-2) vs. Dickinson (13-0), noon Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Converse Judson (9-4) vs. SA Reagan (12-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll (13-0) vs. Cedar Hill (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Ford Stadium
Spring Westfield (12-1) vs. Spring (10-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Katy (12-1) vs. Manvel (13-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Cibolo Steele (12-1) vs. SA Northside Brandeis (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Canyon Randall (12-1) vs. Aledo (12-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Snyder
McKinney North (11-2) vs. Tyler (11-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Apogee Stadium
Temple (11-1) vs. Richmond George Ranch (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex
Austin LBJ (11-2) vs. Austin Vandergrift (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Cedar Park's Gupton Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Canutillo (12-1) vs. Everman (9-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Dallas South Oak Cliff (10-3) vs. Ennis (11-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium
Crosby (12-1) vs. Hutto (11-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium
Cedar Park (10-3) vs. Kerrville Tivy (10-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Stephenville (9-3) vs. Graham (11-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Argyle (13-0) vs. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (8-5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City
Henderson (11-2) vs. Navasota (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin
Liberty Hill (11-2) vs. Burnet (11-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Sweetwater (13-0) vs. Celina (11-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Gilmer (13-0) vs. Atlanta (12-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium
West Orange-Stark (11-2) vs. La Grange (*3-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium
Yoakum (10-3) vs. Sinton (10-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Farris Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Shallowater (12-1) vs. Brock (12-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie
Pottsboro (12-1) vs. Mineola (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Royse City
Rockdale (12-1) vs. Cameron Yoe (9-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Georgetown ISD Stadium
Hallettsville (10-3) vs. Edna (8-5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Cisco (13-0) vs. Sonora (10-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring
Gunter (12-1) vs. Waskom (12-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Van
Rogers (11-2) vs. Newton (10-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Blanco (13-0) vs. Odem (12-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Comalander Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Canadian (12-0) vs. Abernathy (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Hico (8-4) vs. Mart (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Alto (11-0) vs. Centerville (9-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine
Refugio (12-0) vs. Mason (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Heroes Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Crosbyton (12-0) vs. Seagraves (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Hamlin (12-0) vs. Albany (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Tenaha (10-1) vs. Iola (11-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium
Bremond (12-0) vs. Bruni (10-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, La Vernia

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Turkey Valley (11-2) vs. Crowell (12-0), 5 p.m. Saturday, Vernon
May (11-2) vs. Blum (11-1), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Granbury

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Groom (12-1) vs. Loraine (8-5), 5:30 p.m. Friday, Littlefield
Throckmorton (12-0) vs. Calvert (10-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Granbury

Mourners gather for Ohio St athlete's funeral

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Days before Ohio State plays in the Big Ten championship game, team buses carried players and coaches to a cathedral where they paid their final respects to a teammate who apparently shot himself in the head after sending a message to his parents saying concussions had addled his mind.

Family members, athletes and coaches visibly grieved as they pulled their coats up tight to their collars to fight off the cold as they left the private funeral of Kosta Karageorge.

The Buckeyes' leading rusher, Ezekiel Elliott, was distraught as he remembered the walk-on nose tackle whose casket he carried from the church.

Karageorge would always say, "'Yeah, baby! Yeah, baby!' just before coming out on the field to practice every day," Elliott said before his voice broke with emotion and he walked away.

Dr. Anahí Ortiz, the Franklin County coroner, had not ruled on the manner of his death but said Karageorge had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A handgun was found in the large steel container with him, police said, just a couple of hundred yards from his apartment near campus.

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

WEEK 15
DEC. 4–DEC. 8

Chris Hummer
Last week: 18-7
Season: 251-98
Pct.: .719

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 16-7
Season: 249-100
Pct.: .713

Len Hayward
Last week: 15-10
Season: 248-101
Pct.: .711

Travis Metcalf
Last week: 21-4
Season: 246-103
Pct.: .706

Terry Williamson
Last week: 17-8
Season: 245-101
Pct.: .702

Guest Picker
Greg McClendon
Midland Christian Head Football Coach

	Chris Hummer	Oscar LeRoy	Len Hayward	Travis Metcalf	Terry Williamson	Greg McClendon
HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS						
Class 6A Division I, Euless Trinity vs. Allen	Allen	Allen	Euless Trinity	Allen	Allen	Euless Trinity
Class 6A Division II, Southlake Carroll vs. Cedar Hill	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll
Class 5A Division I, Aledo vs. Canyon Randall	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo
Class 5A Division II, Canutillo vs. Everman	Canutillo	Everman	Everman	Canutillo	Everman	Everman
Class 4A Division I, Stephenville vs. Graham	Stephenville	Stephenville	Stephenville	Graham	Graham	Graham
Class 4A Division II, Sweetwater vs. Celina	Sweetwater	Celina	Celina	Celina	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
Class 3A Division I, Shallowater vs. Brock	Shallowater	Brock	Shallowater	Brock	Shallowater	Shallowater
Class 3A Division II, Cisco vs. Sonora	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
TAPPS Division I, Plano Prestonwood vs. Dallas Bishop Dunne	Bishop Dunne	Bishop Dunne	Bishop Dunne	Prestonwood	Bishop Dunne	Bishop Dunne
COLLEGE						
Kansas State at Baylor	Baylor	Kansas State	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
Iowa State at TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Houston at Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Houston
SEC Championship, Alabama vs. Missouri	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
C-USA Championship, Louisiana Tech at Marshall	Marshall	Louisiana Tech	Louisiana Tech	Marshall	Louisiana Tech	Marshall
ACC Championship, Florida State vs. Georgia Tech	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech
Big 10 Championship, Ohio State vs. Wisconson	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Ohio State	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Pac 12 Championship, Arizona vs. Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
PRO						
Dallas at Chicago	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Chicago	Dallas	Dallas
Houston at Jacksonville	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
Baltimore at Miami	Baltimore	Miami	Miami	Miami	Baltimore	Baltimore
Seattle at Philadelphia	Seattle	Philadelphia	Seattle	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Seattle
Kansas City at Arizona	Kansas City	Arizona	Arizona	Kansas City	Arizona	Arizona
New England at San Diego	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England

Last week's guest picker Greenwood head football coach Shad Hanna was 17-8. This year's guest pickers are 240-134 (.642)

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS A&M 66 SHSU 63

COLLEGE STATION — Danuel House's late 3-pointer lifted Texas A&M to a 66-63 victory over Sam Houston State on Wednesday night.

A desperation heave by the Bearkats' Jabari Peters clanged off the backboard and rim as time expired. On the game-winning play, A&M point guard Alex Robinson drove from the top of the key and fired a pass to House on the left side of the 3-point arc. House, a touted transfer from Houston, briefly bobbled the ball before gathering it in and sinking the 3-pointer with 3.3 seconds remaining.

Kourtney Roberson led A&M (5-1) with 13 points and Alex Caruso followed with 12, as four Aggies scored in double digits.

Kaheem Ransom scored 17 points for Sam Houston State (4-3), and DeMarcus Gatlin and Peters followed with 12 each.

The difference in the contest came in the paint, where the larger Aggies held a 46-20 advantage.

TEXAS TECH 46 AUBURN 44

LUBBOCK — Devaugntah Williams got to the basket for a layup with three seconds left in the game to lift Texas Tech to a 46-44 win over Auburn Wednesday night in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

Toddrick Gotcher blocked a KT Harrell layup with 19 seconds left and the score tied, 44-44.

Norense Odiase scored 15 points to lead Texas Tech (5-1).

The Red Raiders forced three turnovers and Auburn missed three shots over the first 3:22 after halftime before taking a 25-24 lead on a Zach Smith layup. Justin Gray extended the Red Raiders' lead with a steal and a dunk and Robert Turner added a jumper for a 29-24 Red Raiders lead.

Women

NO. 4 TEXAS 86 NEW MEXICO 37

AUSTIN — New Mexico coach Yvonne Sanchez has seen some things as she ushered her team through a difficult non-conference schedule.

Just nothing like Texas.

The fourth-ranked Longhorns defeated the Lobos 86-37 on Wednesday night after leading by 49 points in the second half.

New Mexico (1-6) has lost all four of its games against nationally ranked teams but was competitive against Texas A&M and Stanford, each ranked No. 5 at the time of the games. The Lobos lost by 38 to No. 18 DePaul after trailing by 10 at the half.

Sanchez said Texas (6-0) is at a different level.

"I told my team coming in, this is the best team they're gonna play this year, hands down," Sanchez said.

Brady Sanders, making her first start of the season, scored 13 points to lead Texas. Sanders, a sophomore guard, replaced freshman Ariel Atkins in the starting lineup. Texas coach Karen Aston said she wanted a mature veteran to set a certain tone, helping the Longhorns maintain concentration during a busy time with basketball games and final exams.

Regardless of whether a lineup change actually mattered, the Longhorns thrashed New Mexico from the start.

"We came out of the gates hard," guard Empress Davenport said.

Indeed.

Texas used a couple of devastating and prolonged runs to take a 50-12 halftime lead. The first push was 21-0; the second 14-0.

New Mexico went scoreless for nearly six minutes during the Longhorns' first streak and nearly seven during the second.

Texas did most of its damage with a procession of shots from point-blank range, particularly during the 21-0 surge. The Longhorns made nine layups and one short jump shot in that stretch.

"It was a really, really, really outstanding performance in the first half," Aston said.

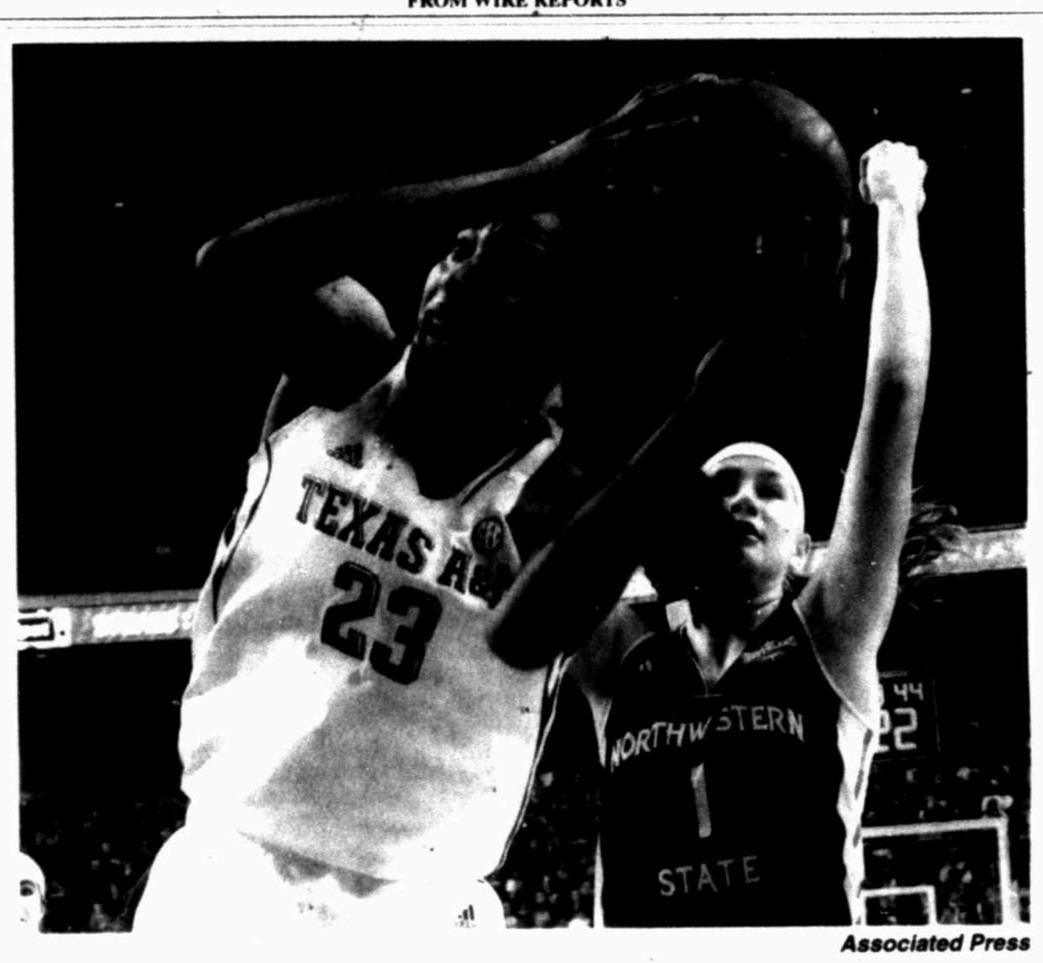
"Lots of contributions from pretty much everybody who came in the game. Our energy was great."

Not that it mattered much who started. Twelve of the 13 Texas players who appeared in the game scored as the Longhorns improved to 6-0 to start a season for the first time since 2008-09.

Brianna Taylor and Brooke McCarty scored 11 points apiece for Texas, one more than Tasia Foman. Forward Nneka Enemkpali led Texas in rebounds with 10. Atkins made four of the Longhorns 15 steals.

Sanders said all that depth could be problematic for opponents.

"You never know who could be the leading scorer or leading rebounder," Sanders said. "I think it's probably hard for people to game-plan for us."



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Texas A&M's Rachel Mitchell shoots for two points in front of Northwestern State's Amy Staha during the first half of their game on Wednesday in College Station.

The Longhorns did most of their damage around the basket, outscoring New Mexico 44-14 in the paint.

Antiesha Brown led New Mexico with 13 points.

NO. 11 BAYLOR 96 UT PAN AM 42

WACO — Nina Davis hit 13 of 15 shots and scored 23 of her 31 points in the first half as No. 11 Baylor cruised to a 96-42 win over Pan American on Wednesday night.

Khadijiah Cave added 18 points, Kristina Higgins had 15 and Imani Wright 11 for the Bears (5-1). Niya Johnson had 10 assists.

The Broncos (6-4) have lost four road games against ranked teams.

Baylor shot 56.7 percent (38-67) for the game - despite Wright going 2 of 12 - with Cave hitting 8 of 10 shots and Higgins 7 of 9.

Pan American shot 26.5 percent, was out-rebounded 52-36 and had 20 turnovers.

Pan American had a 12-11 lead when Davis scored nine straight points to start Baylor on an 18-0 run. The Bears stretched the lead to 54-22 at the half.

Cave had 12 of her points in the second half as the Bears coasted.

NO. 5 TEXAS A&M 75 NW STATE 42

COLLEGE STATION — Jordan Jones led No. 5 Texas A&M with 15 points and 10 assists as the Aggies cruised past Northwestern State 75-42 on Wednesday.

Courtney Walker added 10 points for the Aggies (8-0), who led 40-21 at halftime.

Janelle Perez led the Lady Demons (4-2) with nine points. The fast-breaking Aggies held a 17-3 advantage in points off turnovers.

Jones went 3 of 4 from 3-point range and added seven rebounds for Texas A&M. Northwestern State's game plan included 31 3-point attempts, but the Lady Demons connected on only five shots from beyond the arc.

The Aggies finished 53 percent from the field compared to 28 percent for their opponents in front of an afternoon crowd of 7,712 on elementary school day.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Houston Baptist 58, Rice 55
Oklahoma St-87, North Texas 61
Prairie View 84, Schreiner 48
Texas A&M 66, Sam Houston St. 63
Texas St. 72, Texas Lutheran 31
Texas Tech 46, Auburn 44
Tulsa 77, Creighton 64
SOUTH
Bridgewater (Va.) 73, Shenandoah 64
Davidson 92, Charlotte 86
E. Mennonite 78, Washington & Lee 77
ETSU 98, W. Carolina 89
FAU 72, East Carolina 63
Guilford 72, Methodist 64
IPFW 87, Stetson 76
Iowa 60, North Carolina 55
Jacksonville St. 79, Winthrop 76, OT
Lincoln Memorial 78, Ohio Mid-Western 64
Longwood 74, Dartmouth 73
Louisiana-Lafayette 76, Jackson St. 53
Loyola NO 59, Xavier (NO) 46
McNeese St. 74, Southern NO 63
Mount Olive 78, Erskine 51
Murray St. 102, Bethel (Tenn.) 66
North Florida 63, Bethune-Cookman 56
Old Dominion 75, George Mason 69
Richmond 68, William & Mary 67
Southern Miss. 78, N. Dakota St. 65
Tennessee Tech 84, Lipscomb 79
Truett McConnell 78, Milligan 72, OT
UNC Wilmington 105, St. Andrews 47
UT-Martin 71, N. Kentucky 56
Union (Ky.) 71, Point (Ga.) 55
Valparaiso 72, E. Kentucky 68
W. Kentucky 82, Bowling Green 52
Wofford 68, Presbyterian 45

TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY
1. Kentucky (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas, Friday.
2. Wisconsin (7-0) vs. No. 4 Duke. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
3. Arizona (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Gonzaga, Saturday.
4. Duke (7-0) at No. 2 Wisconsin. Next: vs. Elon, Monday, Dec. 15.
5. Louisville (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. FIU, Friday.
6. Texas (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Kentucky, Friday.
7. Virginia (8-0) beat No. 21 Maryland 76-65. Next: at VCU, Saturday.
8. Wichita State (4-0) at No. 25 Utah. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.
9. Gonzaga (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Arizona, Saturday.
10. Villanova (7-0) beat La Salle 84-70. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Saturday.
11. Kansas (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Friday.
12. North Carolina (5-2) lost to Iowa 60-55. Next: vs. East Carolina, Sunday.
13. San Diego State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
14. Ohio State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colgate, Saturday.
15. Miami (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Green Bay, Saturday.
16. West Virginia (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Thursday.
17. Michigan (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. NJIT, Saturday.
18. Arkansas (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Iowa State, Thursday.
19. Michigan State (5-3) lost to Notre Dame 79-78, OT. Next: vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Saturday.
20. Iowa State (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Arkansas, Thursday.
21. Maryland (7-1) lost to No. 7 Virginia 76-65. Next: vs. Winthrop, Saturday.
22. Oklahoma (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Friday.
23. Butler (6-1) beat Indiana State 77-54. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.
24. Illinois (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. American, Saturday.
25. Utah (5-1) vs. No. 8 Wichita State. Next: at BYU, Wednesday.

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Sacramento St. at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at Houston, 7 p.m.
St. Edward's at Incarnate Word, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Green Bay at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
NC A&T at SC-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Baylor at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.
Columbia International at Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.
VMI at Samford, 7 p.m.
Morehead St. at UAB, 7 p.m.
TCU at Mississippi, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
CS Northridge at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
Seattle at UC Santa Barbara, 9:30 p.m.
San Diego at San Diego St., 10 p.m.
MIDWEST
W. Illinois at Akron, 6 p.m.
DePaul at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.
UALR at Missouri St., 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Iowa St., 8 p.m.
EAST
UMBC at George Washington, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Marist, 6 p.m.
LSU at West Virginia, 6 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 96, Texas-Pan American 42
Houston 59, Rice 58
SMU 62, North Texas 55
Saint Louis 63, Tulsa 58
Texas 86, New Mexico 36
Texas A&M 75, Northwestern St. 42
Texas Tech 61, Abilene Christian 44
SOUTH
Berea 62, Centre 48
Bryan 83, Columbia (SC) 67
Clayton St. 87, Fort Valley St. 73
ETSU 84, George Mason 71
Erskine 92, Mount Olive 87
Evansville 93, Murray St. 83, OT
Furman 90, Coastal Carolina 56
GRU Augusta 68, Paine 50
James Madison 79, Richmond 68
Kentucky 82, N. Kentucky 64
LSU 73, Louisiana Tech 59
Md.-Eastern Shore 58, Mount St. Mary's 43
Middle Tennessee 89, Clemson 28
Milligan 56, Truett-McConnell 41
Minnesota 60, NC State 55
Old Dominion 75, Howard 54
Point (Ga.) 69, Union (Ky.) 85
Randolph 78, Emory & Henry 69
South Florida 78, Stetson 62
Tennessee 111, St. Francis (Pa.) 44
Transylvania 75, Mount St. Joseph 42
Troy 76, Samford 67
Tulane 77, Nicholls St. 44
Vanderbilt 63, MVSU 37
Xavier (NO) 52, LeMoyne-Owen 45

TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY
1. South Carolina (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Charlotte, Thursday.
2. Notre Dame (8-0) beat No. 15 Maryland 92-72. Next: vs. No. 3 UConn, Saturday.
3. UConn (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Notre Dame, Saturday. Next: vs. DePaul, Friday, Dec. 19.
4. Texas (6-0) beat New Mexico 86-36. Next: vs. Southern U., Monday.
5. Texas A&M (8-0) beat Northwestern State 75-42. Next: at TCU, Sunday.
6. North Carolina (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Rutgers, Thursday.
7. Louisville (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Iowa, Thursday.
8. Stanford (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Sunday, Dec. 14.
9. Duke (5-2) lost to No. 12 Nebraska 60-54. Next: vs. No. 1 South Carolina, Sunday.
10. California (7-0) beat Sacramento State 107-94. Next: at Kansas, Sunday.
11. Baylor (5-1) beat Texas-Pan American 96-42. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
12. Nebraska (7-0) beat No. 9 Duke 60-54. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.
13. Kentucky (7-1) beat Northern Kentucky 82-64. Next: at No. 7 Louisville, Sunday.
14. Tennessee (5-2) beat St. Francis (Pa.) 111-44. Next: at Lipscomb, Sunday.
15. Maryland (8-2) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 92-72. Next: vs. Towson, Sunday.
16. Michigan State (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
17. Oregon State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Idaho, Thursday, 16.
18. Rutgers (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 North Carolina, Thursday.
19. Georgia (8-0) did not play. Next: at Mercer, Thursday.
20. Oklahoma State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Monday, Dec. 15.
21. Syracuse (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
22. Iowa (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Louisville, Thursday.
23. Mississippi State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Sunday.
24. West Virginia (5-1) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 80-52. Next: vs. Coppin State, Saturday.
25. Arkansas (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Thursday.
25. DePaul (5-2) beat Butler 92-76. Next: at Chicago State, Sunday.

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
S. Dakota St. at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Central Baptist at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Texas St. at UTSA, 78 p.m.
SOUTH
Florida at Savannah St., 5 p.m.
UT Martin at Alabama, 6 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Auburn, 6 p.m.
JW (Colo.) at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Iowa at Louisville, 6 p.m.
Georgia at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Miami, 6 p.m.
Northwestern at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at South Carolina, 7 p.m.
Mississippi at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Idaho at Oregon St., 1 p.m.
Washington St. at UC Santa Barbara, 6 p.m.
UNLV at BYU, 8 p.m.
Boise St. at Idaho St., 8 p.m.
Wyoming at Montana, 8 p.m.
Great Falls at Montana St., 8 p.m.
E. New Mexico at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
CS Northridge at Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.
UC Riverside at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Washington vs. Seattle at KeyArena, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
IPFW at Chicago St., noon
East Carolina at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.
Indiana St. at IUPUI, 6 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
EAST
Hartford at Dartmouth, 11 a.m.
Buffalo at Cornell, 6 p.m.
Towson at Loyola (Md.), 6 p.m.
North Carolina at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
Penn St. at Syracuse, 6 p.m.

UAB players, coaches left seeking other shots

By John Zenor
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Brandon Prince transferred to UAB to help his ailing father, a single parent, while still doing what he loves most: Playing football.

The redshirt freshman tight end sat out the Blazers' surprisingly strong season after transferring from Austin Peay, only to see his hometown program get shut down on Tuesday.

"It's like SMU," Prince said. "We got the death penalty without any NCAA violations."

Now Prince and his teammates are left looking for new football homes and scholarships. They are eligible to play immediately if they transfer.

UAB became the first major college program since Pacific in 1995 to shut down football. The university said keeping football would cost an additional $49 million over the next five years, including $22 million in facilities and upgrades.

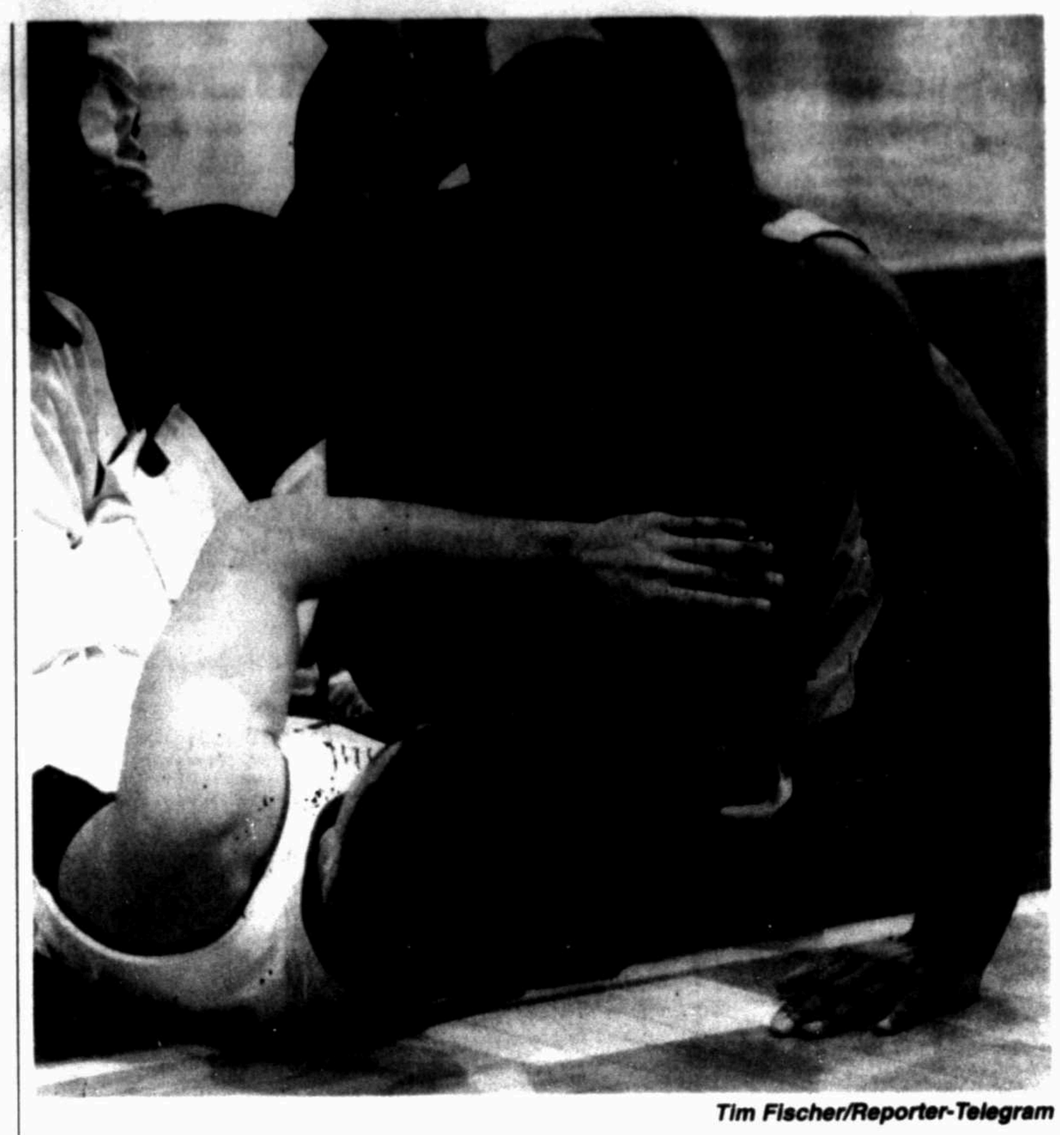
"As we look at the evolving landscape of NCAA football, we see expenses only continuing to increase," UAB President Ray Watts said. "When considering a model that best protects the financial future and prominence of the Athletic Department, football is simply not sustainable."

Several hundred UAB students and fans gathered on campus for the third straight day to support the program that won six games to become eligible for a bowl game for the first time in a decade. Their efforts were futile, leaving coaches and staff looking for jobs.

UAB, which had a consulting firm conduct a study that included athletics over the past year, said in a news release that it subsidizes $20 million of the athletic department's operating budget of some $30 million annually, and said both those numbers rank fifth in Conference USA. Despite the numbers outlined by UAB, Watts insisted at an afternoon news conference that the decision "is not about financial woes. This is about planning for excellence in the future in everything we do."

Players cried and hugged after leaving the meeting.

An emotional coach Bill Clark, who just completed his first season with a 6-6 record, briefly addressed supporters, saying players, families and coaches were all hurting.



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Midland College's Torren Jones fights for the ball with Howard College's Rob Gray on Wednesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

Lady Chaps

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well, but I thought we did a good job of moving the ball, which should lead to higher percentage shots," Jones said. "I think defensively, we gave them less second chance opportunities in the second half than we did in the first half, and that allowed us to separate."

Jones added that the Hawks (4-8, 0-1) do a good job of making an opponent play defense for an entire possession.

Despite shooting 33.3 percent in the first half, Howard stayed within striking distance with five 3-pointers.

But as Midland College picked up its pace to start the second half, so did the Hawks. However, Howard had a hard time containing Veiga, who had 13 of her 21 points in the second half surge.

"I was open and my teammates were feeding me the ball and telling me to shoot, so I would just shoot," Veiga said.

MC held a double-digit lead for most of the second half before closing the game on a 15-2 run.

Sierra Dixon added 14 points for MC, while Walnatia Wright added 11 points and eight rebounds, and Mary Savoy chipped in 10 points.

Howard was led by Bria McCullough with 13 points, while Monica Perez and Rafaella Angelidou each had 10.

Midland College returns home to play Clarendon College in another WJCAC game at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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WJCAC Women's Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	1	0	11	2
Odessa College	1	0	11	2
Midland College	1	0	9	5
Western Texas	0	0	8	5
South Plains	0	0	2	7
Frank Phillips	0	1	7	2
Clarendon College	0	1	8	5
Howard College	0	1	4	8

Wednesday's Scores
Midland College 77, Howard College 53; Odessa College 74, Clarendon College 36; New Mexico Junior College 59, Frank Phillips College 54; Western Texas College and South Plains College were open

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

MIDLAND COLLEGE 77, HOWARD COLLEGE 53

Midland College (9-5, 1-0) — Tajanay Veiga 8-13 3-4 21, Sierra Dixon 5-9 0-0 14, Tatiana Randle 1-1 0-0 3, Valentine Zambelli 2-5 0-0 6, Mary Savoy 4-13 2-3 10, Walnatia Wright 5-8 1-1 11, Julia Zarth 0-0 0-4 0, Quinique Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Maneika Garate 4-9 0-0 8. Totals 31-62 6-12 77

Howard College (4-8, 0-1) — Courtney Jeffcoat 1-3 1-2 3, Bria McCullough 6-9 0-0 13, Mayela Beckett 0-0 0-0 0, Monica Perez 4-8 0-0 10, Rafaella Angelidou 3-4 2-2 10, Rosemary Rits 1-2 0-3 2, Abigail Flores 1-12 0-0 3, Tamara York 1-1 1-7 3, Victoria Castellanos 2-6 0-0 4, Jaterrika White 1-2 0-0 3, Cynthia N'Dri 0-0 0-0 0, Halle Woods 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 21-50 4-14 53

Halftime — MC 31, HC 24. 3-point goals — MC 9-15 (Dixon 4-7, Veiga 2-4, Zambelli 2-3, Randle 1-1). HC 7-19 (Angelidou 2-2, Perez 2-6, McCullough 1-3, White 1-1, Florez 1-4, Castellanos 0-2, Jeffcoat 0-1). Total fouls — MC 12, HC 12. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — 41 (Wright 8), HC 26 (York 11). Assists — MC 11 (Veiga 3, Savoy 3), HC (McCullough 3). Turnovers — MC 12, HC 16.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 3 p.m. Saturday; Howard College at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College, Dec. 29

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better job of competing."

The Chaps were also saddled with foul trouble in the second half. Tyler Whitehead was the only Chap to foul out, but Howard capitalized by going 14-of 17 at the free-throw line in the second half and was 21 of 27 for the game. MC was 8 of 12 at the charity stripe.

MC's Maurice O'Field continued to be MC's most consistent player with a game-high 24 points, Dontay Caruthers added 21 and Torren Jones chipped in 12.

Will Ferguson led the Hawks with 23 points, and was also big in the second half as 13 of those points came in the second half.

"I have yelled so much at that kid this year to take shots," said Raines of his sophomore guard. "He turned down a three in the first half, but in the second half he played with confidence and he made big shots. I'm really pleased so many of our guys made big plays tonight."

Bunschoten and Sam Finley each had 19 points for Howard, while Rob Gray added 15.

The Chaps will look to bounce back at 5 p.m. Saturday when they host Clarendon College in another WJCAC contest.

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WJCAC Men's Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	1	0	11	1
Frank Phillips	1	0	11	3
Howard College	1	0	10	3
Western Texas	1	0	9	3
South Plains	0	0	7	3
New Mexico JC	0	1	9	3
Midland College	0	1	8	3
New Mexico Military	0	1	6	6
Clarendon College	0	1	3	11

Wednesday's Scores
Howard College 87, Midland College 79; Odessa College 73, Clarendon College 53; Frank Phillips College 74, New Mexico Junior College 71; Western Texas College 83, New Mexico Military Institute 55; South Plains College was open

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

HOWARD COLLEGE 87, MIDLAND COLLEGE 79

Midland College (8-3, 0-1) — Torren Jones 6-11 0-2 12, Tyler Whitehead 2-5 0-0 4, Quay King 1-4 0-0 3, Maurice O'Field 8-17 6-8 24, Bryce Ervin 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Miller 2-4 0-0 4, Jamal Evans 3-8 2-2 9, Dontay Caruthers 9-16 0-0 21, Sajae Pryor 1-1 0-0 2. Totals

Howard College (10-3, 1-0) — Rob Gray 5-11 4-5 15, Will Ferguson 7-11 5-6 23, Liz Shoshi 3-8 0-0 6, Nick Crawford 0-0 0-0 0, Sam Finley 4-11 11-13 19, Jeff Long 1-4 0-0 2, Travis Charles 1-5 1-3 3, Niels Bunschoten 7-11 0-0 19, Henry Wilson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-61 21-27 87

Halftime — MC40, HC 34. 3-point goals — MC 7-21 (Caruthers 3-9, O'Field 2-5, King 1-4, Evans 1-3). HC 10-24 (Bunschoten 5-7, Ferguson 4-7, Gray 1-4, Finley 0-4, Shoshi 0-1, Long 0-1). Total fouls — MC 22, HC 14. Fouled out — Whitehead. Rebounds — MC 39 (Miller 8), HC 35 (Finley 7). Assists — MC 8 (Caruthers 3), HC 6 (Finley 3). Turnovers — MC 17, HC 14.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 5 p.m. Saturday; Howard College vs. Weatherford College at Brownwood, Jan. 5

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "Auditions and Childhood" (SP) (N)			Away With Murder "Smile, or Go to Jail"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Mom (N)	Two and Half (N)	McCarthys (N)	Elementary "Terra Pericolosa" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) D. Letterman Bill Murray, Foo Fighters		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Petticoat Junction	Beverly Hillbillies	Cheers	Perry Mason	Dragnet
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones (N)		Gracepoint "Episode Nine" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Peter Pan Live! A televised production of the Broadway musical that tells the beloved story of Peter Pan. (P) (L)						NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Classic Hollywood: Musicals			Performances "Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga: Cheek to Cheek LIVE!"			Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo	La Malquerida			Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Podia Amar	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		Mental. "Red Sauce"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Access H.	Insider
FLIX		340	65			165	(5:00) Lionheart		★★★½ 21 Grams ('03, Dra) Sean Penn.				(:05) ★★★ Jarhead Jake Gyllenhaal.				(:10) Scent of a...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:15) Mama		The Newsroom		That Awkward Moment			1stLook	Taxicab Confessions		Foo Fighters	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) Manhunt		★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.			Comeback	★★★ Oblivion (13, Act) Tom Cruise.					Movie
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:30) Rush (13, Act) Daniel Bruhl.			Get On	The Newsroom		★ A Good Day to Die Hard			(:15) The Interp...		
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) Fast & Furio...		(:15) ★ Swordfish John Travolta.			★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin				In Bed		Movie
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★½ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.				★★★ Man of Steel ('13, Act) Henry Cavill.				(:25) ★ Fear Dot Com			
PLEX				96			(5:00) Little Women		★ Alice In Wonder...		(:10) Alice in Wonderland				(:25) ★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.			Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) In the Army...		Pauly Shore Stands Alone			★ Le Bare Joe Manganiello.			SEX With	The Affair		SEX With
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ The Big Ka...		★★★ Shrink ('09, Dra) Kevin Spacey.				★ The Face of Love Ed Harris.		(:35) ★ Love Ranch Helen Mirren.			
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Straight	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(6:30) ★ Friday High...		★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York						★★ The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Fam) Tim Allen.			
BET		58	26		40		★★ Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins					2014 Soul Train Awards					Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta Social (N)		Girlfriends' Guide		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		VanderR
CNBC		46	45		39	72	American Greed		Shark Tank		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Jamaica"		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Jamaica"	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Surviving Exodus (N)		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Suite Life	L. McGuire	★ The Santa Clause 3: The E...		(:35) GoodL	Jessie	Girl		Austin	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	Football	NCAA Football Central Florida vs. East Carolina (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball LSU vs West Virginia (L)				NCAA Basketball Arkansas vs. Iowa State (L)				30 for 30 "Survive and Advance"			
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	★ The Polar Express Tom Hanks.				★★ A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				The 700 Club		★★ Snow	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record				The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Food Truck (N)		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Detroit Red Wings Site: Joe Louis Arena - Detroit, Mich. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rangers Insider	The Pulse	Outdoor SW (N)	Cowboys Game (L)	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M		★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★ Zombieland	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ A Boyfriend...		★ One Christmas Eve ('14, Dra) Anne Heche.				★ Matchmaker Santa Lacey Chabert.				★ Moonlight & M...	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	H.Hunt	House	Renovation			Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Pawnog.	Pawnog.	(:05) Alaska Warr.		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway: All Stars		Runway "Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve"		Runway "Designing for the Duchess" (N)		Project Run "Monster Mash Up" (N)		Project Runway: Threads "Prom"		Runway "Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve"	
MSNBC		47	51			49	73	Hardball	All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				Mecum Auctions "Kansas City" (N)				Mecum "Dallas" (N)		Mecum Auctions "Dallas"				Mecum "Dallas"	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam Cat	Max	Inst.Mom	See Dad	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) ★ Transporter 3 Jason Statham.				★ Safe ('12, Act) Catherine Chan, Jason Statham.				(:25) ★ Transporter 3			
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★ The Wolfman ('10, Hor) Emily Blunt.				★ Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.				Almighty (N)		★ Drive Angry	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Contest"	Seinf. "The Airport"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Guests Jennifer Aniston, Bill Burr (N)		Childrens Hospital	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(6:45) ★ Ring of Brig...		★ Remember the Night						★★★ Meet John Doe Gary Cooper.		(:15) ★ In the Goo...	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes.	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Risking It All "Kids Just Wanna Have Fun"		Surviving Exodus (N)		To Be Announced				Surviving Exodus		To Be Announced	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "When the Bough Breaks"		NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at New York Knicks Site: Madison Square Garden -- New York City, N.Y. (L)				NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Presumed Guilty"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Downloaded Child"		White Collar "All's Fair" (N)		Covert A. "Transport is Arranged" (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "CSI Down"		White Collar "All's Fair"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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COWBOYS

From 1C

won six straight away from home since a 45-28 pounding at Soldier Field on a bone-chilling night last December.

Here are some things to look for in this game:

BOUNCE BACK: Dallas' Tony Romo looks to rebound from a rough game.

Coming off back surgery last December and another back injury sustained on a sack in October, he appeared to be the Cowboys player most affected by the quick turnaround before last week's game. He got sacked four times and intercepted twice while throwing for 199 yards, and his rating for the game was 53.7 compared to 106.2 for the season.

It also wasn't a good game for the defense, which gave up a season-high 464 yards against the Eagles.

THE LION AND GAZELLE: Bears tight end Martellus Bennett acknowledged he and Witten were not exactly best friends when they were teammates in Dallas. Part of that stems from the fact that he was a young player looking for an opportunity to contribute that was not there with a veteran ahead of him.

"Every single year there's a lion coming out of college," Bennett said. "You know what I'm saying? And every single year there's an old guy in the NFL who's a gazelle. And every single morning the gazelle wakes up because the gazelle has to run, otherwise the lion catches it. So every single morning the lion wakes up he chases the gazelle. In that situation I was the lion. I didn't catch the gazelle, though. I had to go to another jungle."

Bennett had 85 receptions in four seasons with the Cowboys (2008-11). He made a big jump with the New York Giants in 2012, catching 55 passes, and he has emerged as one of the top players at his position in two seasons with the Bears. Bennett is tied with Jimmy Graham and Rob Gronkowski for league lead among tight ends with 65 catches and has 737 yards receiving.

ANOTHER GEAR: Not that he's in much danger of losing the rushing title, but DeMarco Murray's pace has slowed a little in recent weeks.

He ran for a season-low 73 yards on 20 carries against Philadelphia. And in the four games since he ran for 141 against Washington, he is averaging just over 93 yards.

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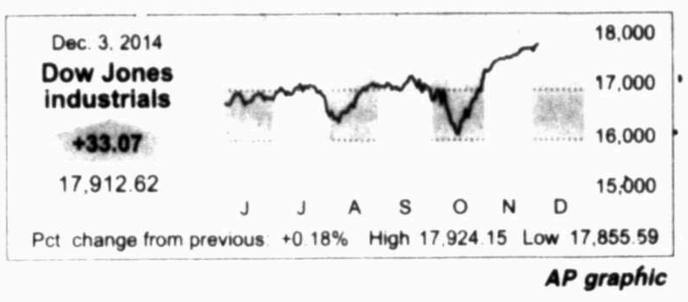

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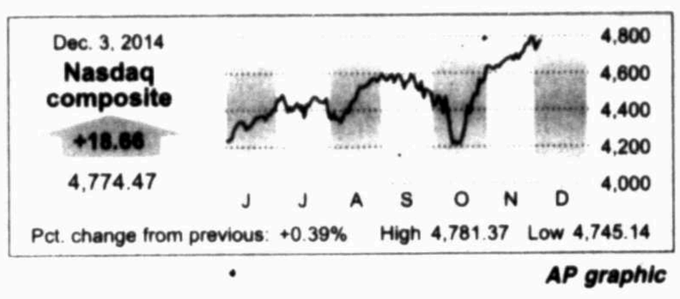

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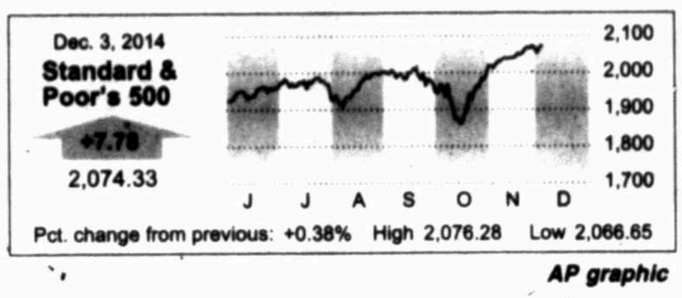

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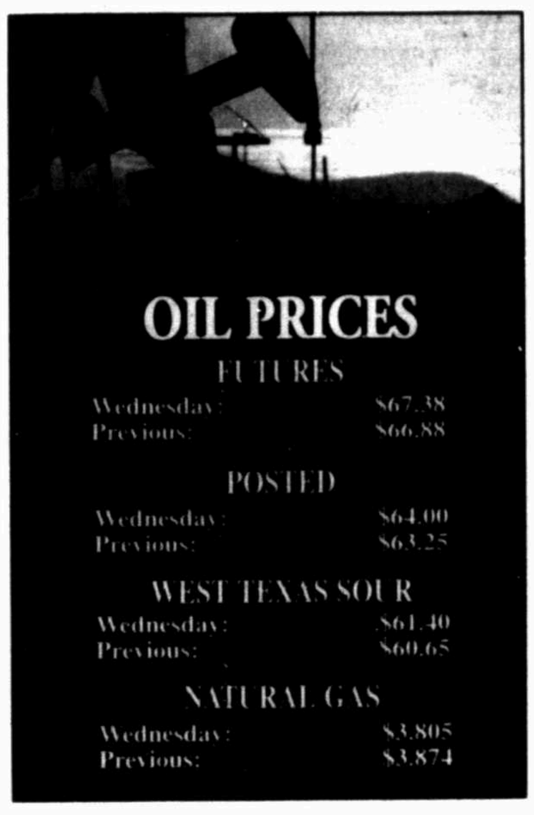

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	578261207.89		+.81
BkofAm	564046	17.29	+.19
MktVGold	498189	19.25	+.05
GenElec	330532	26.38	+.33
Halibrtn	328137	40.75	+.59

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GasLog	18.62	+2.67	+16.7
NevroCp n	34.00	+3.90	+13.0
GasLog n	27.80	+3.00	+12.1
Titan Intl	10.75	+1.14	+11.9
NAtlDril n	2.17	+.23	+11.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cyan	2.07	-.38	-15.5
GoodrP pfD	13.16	-1.82	-12.1
PumaBiotc	197.67	-27.33	-12.1
Dynegy wt	4.62	-.61	-11.7
GoodrP pfC	13.73	-1.67	-10.8

DIARY

Advanced	2,039
Declined	1,122
Unchangnd	87
Total issues	3,248
New Highs	199
New Lows	77
Volume	3,510,872,677

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	57439	4.51	+.17
ChenereEn	41019	69.38	+2.18
NovaGld g	40883	2.89	+.14
TriangPet	39994	4.04	+.07
B2gold g	35818	1.78	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TellnstEl	5.15	+.56	+12.2
EnerJex pf	20.74	+2.14	+11.5
TrioTch	3.25	+.31	+10.5
SandstG g	3.03	+.28	+10.2
EnvroStr	2.73	+.22	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cain Fite	4.27	-.35	-7.6
Ashford n	104.00	-7.66	-6.9
SupDrill n	4.35	-.29	-6.3
IGI Labs	10.46	-.54	-4.9
Earthstone	17.18	-.82	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	234
Declined	176
Unchanged	18
Total issues	428
New Highs	10
New Lows	25
Volume	95,621,949

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	4084881	115.93	+1.30
PwShs QQQ	2044741	105.42	+.19
Intel	298598	37.43	+.17
MicronT	289019	36.10	-.50
Cisco	269507	27.95	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TechComm	6.13	+2.12	+52.9
Sequenom	3.77	+.72	+23.6
Carbonite	14.44	+2.68	+22.8
UTWrldwd	13.88	+2.34	+20.3
Rdiff.com	2.43	+.36	+17.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BobEvans	47.91	-7.88	-14.1
Capnia n	2.52	-.38	-13.1
AdmaBio	10.61	-1.31	-11.0
HeliosMAt	2.10	-.24	-10.3
ProteonT n	4.07	-.54	-10.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,667
Declined	1,031
Unchanged	154
Total issues	2,852
New Highs	125
New Lows	83
Volume	1,693,389,102

Air bag maker balks at coast-to-coast recall

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Japan's Takata Corp. rejected federal regulators' demand Wednesday for an expanded, nationwide recall of millions of air bags, setting up a possible legal showdown and leaving some drivers to wonder about the safety of their cars.

Amid the standoff, Honda Motor Co. decided to act on its own and recall cars with the potentially defective equipment in all 50 states. But other automakers have yet to make a decision.

At issue are air bags whose inflators can explode with too much force, hurling shrapnel into the passenger compartment. At least five deaths and dozens of injuries have been linked to the problem worldwide.

Over the past six years, Takata and 10 automakers issued a series of recalls covering 8 million cars in the U.S., mostly in high-humidity areas such as the Gulf Coast, because of evidence that moisture can cause the propellant to burn too quickly. But after incidents in California and North Carolina, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began pressing for the recall of 8 million more vehicles from coast to coast — a demand that Takata flatly rejected.

"There's not enough scientific evidence to change from a regional recall to a national recall," Hiroshi Shimizu, Takata senior vice president of global quality assurance, told a House subcommittee on Capitol Hill.

Takata also contends that NHTSA has authority to seek recalls only from auto manufacturers and makers of replacement parts, not from original parts suppliers — a position NHTSA contests.

Shimizu insisted that the air bags are safe: "I would drive a car with a Takata air bag."

David Friedman, NHTSA deputy administrator, said he was "deeply disappointed" by Takata's response.

The agency is now gathering proof that a recall is needed, which it will present at a public hearing. After that, NHTSA could order Takata to undertake a recall, and could take the company to court if it refuses. But Friedman acknowledged that could take months.

"It's time for industry to step up," Friedman told lawmakers. "Until (Takata) and automakers act, affected drivers won't be protected."

The stalemate is likely to add to the confusion among car owners, many of whom are already bewildered because some of the recalls have covered driver's-side air bags, while others applied to passenger-side air bags, and a few covered both. The NHTSA-demanded recalls would involve driver's-side air bags.

At Wednesday's hearing, Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, the panel's senior Democrat, said she has received letters from constituents "who are literally afraid to drive their cars."

Rep. Billy Long, R-Mo., warned that driving a car with a Takata air bag is "tantamount to driving down the highway with a shotgun pointed at you."

Drivers whose cars have been recalled should have received notices in the mail. A driver can also key in the vehicle's identification number at www.safercar.gov or call the dealer to see if the car is covered.

But for those outside the recall zone who want to know if their air bags are safe, things get trickier. It's difficult to tell if a car has a Takata air bag inflator. Car owners can try asking their dealer, but even they may not know.

Honda is Takata's largest customer, but the company also made air bags for Ford, Chrysler, Mazda and BMW. Mazda said Wednesday that it will probably expand its recall. Ford said it is cooperating with NHTSA, but didn't announce plans for any wider recall. BMW said it is evaluating the situation.

Chrysler on Wednesday expanded a recall for passenger-side air bags to several additional states, but said its data showed those air bags — not driver's side air bags — were the only ones posing a risk outside of the initial high-humidity area.

Rick Schostek, executive vice president of Honda North America, said Honda is acting even though Takata hasn't identified problems beyond the current recall areas. Honda didn't say how many vehicles will be recalled, but the recall includes its most popular vehicles, including the 2001-07 Accord and the 2002-06 CR-V SUV.

"Our customers have concerns and we want to address them," Schostek said.

Lawmakers expressed frustration that, after a decade, Takata still isn't certain about the cause of the explosions. They also questioned whether the replacement air bags made by Takata will be safe.

Takata said it has tested 1,057 inflators taken from locations outside the high-humidity zone, and none of them ruptured.

Wednesday's hearing was the second in Congress regarding Takata air bags. Earlier this year, Congress held a series of highly publicized hearings into General Motors' handling of a recall of cars with defective ignition switches that are now linked to 36 deaths.

"I'm sorry to say that it has been a bad year for auto safety," Rep. Fred Upton, R-Michigan, said at the opening of the hearing.

US stocks extend record

A batch of good news on the economy Wednesday pushed the stock market to new highs.

Payroll processer ADP said that U.S. companies added 208,000 jobs in November, the third straight month that hiring has topped 200,000.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7.78 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,074.33. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.07 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,912.62. The Nasdaq composite climbed 18.66 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,774.47.

US economy improves

The U.S. economy kept expanding in October and November, helped by solid gains in consumer spending, manufacturing and overall employment, according to the Federal Reserve's latest survey of business conditions around the country.

The Fed survey found many areas of strength and for the first time this year, the report did not see a need to qualify its summary of growth by using words like "modest" and "moderate."

The Fed said that business executives remain optimistic about the prospects for growth in 2015. The gains in economic activity were coming as overall inflation remained subdued although the report did find upward wage pressures for some skilled workers.

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Closing Price $17.39 Up 0.40

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Closing Price $6.45 Up 0.30

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Closing Price $22.83 Up 0.50

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Closing Price $22.88 Up 1.24

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.92 Down 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.91 Down 0.45

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			5.72	+.30	30.2
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.00	-.29	-3.3
Abraxas		11	3.25	+.07	-.3
AdamsEx	1.18e		13.85	+.10	+6.0
AMD		46	2.74	+.06	29.2
Alcoa	.12	28	17.21	-.09	+61.9
Alibabia n			110.64	+.75	+17.8
AlonUSA	.40a	59	14.27	-.06	-13.7
Ambev	.33e		6.14	+.04	-16.5
Amgen	2.44	26	168.07	-1.21	+47.3
Anadarko	1.08	...	80.67	+1.52	+1.7
Apache	1.00	...	64.30	+1.19	-25.2
Apple Inc s	1.88	18	115.93	+1.30	+44.6
ApidMatl	.40	28	24.59	+.72	+39.1
ATMOS	1.56f	18	54.46	+.30	+19.9
AutoData	1.96f	28	85.94	+.14	+21.2
AvanirPhrm			16.92	...	+403.6
BP PLC	2.40f	7	41.31	+.59	-15.0
BPZ Res			23	-.12	-87.4
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.95	+.28	+6.8
BakrHu	.68	18	57.53	+.78	+4.1
BkofAm	.20	16	17.29	+.19	+11.0
B iPVixST			26.52	-.45	-37.7
BasicEnSv			7.04	-.47	-55.4
BerkHa A	...		182244	85.03-514.99	+26.2
BestBuy	.76	13	36.04	-1.16	-9.6
BlkHillsCp	1.56	21	54.27	-.02	+3.4
BrlkySq	1.44	36	59.03	-.21	+11.1
BrownFA	1.28f	29	91.39	-4.38	+23.9
BrownFB	1.28f	30	92.25	-3.75	+22.1
CVS Health	1.10	23	89.14	-.95	+24.5
CalifRes n			7.02	-.17	-13.3
Cameron		14	51.25	+1.40	-13.9
Caterpillar	2.80	16	100.18	+.67	+10.3
Celestic g		14	10.83	+.33	+4.1
CntryLink	2.16	29	40.06	-.66	+25.8
ChesEng	.35	22	19.90	+.05	-22.5
Chevron	4.28	10	113.71	-.31	-9.0
Chicos	.30	25	15.57	+.21	-17.4
Cimarex	.64	18	108.17	+5.27	+3.1
Cisco	.76	19	27.95	+.13	+25.6
Citigroup	.04	13	55.21	+.85	+5.9
ClayEng	...	14	61.50	+2.43	-25.0
CocaCola	1.22	24	43.80	-.74	+6.0
ColgPalm	1.44	30	69.06	-.80	+5.9
ConAgra	1.00	46	36.65	-.17	+8.8
ConchoRes	...	21	96.86	+3.58	-10.3
ConocoPhil	2.92	12	70.80	+1.59	+.2
Corning	.40	21	21.54	-.53	+20.9
CrackerB	4.00	22	128.71	-.29	+16.9
CSVLgNGs			9.90	.62	-53.7
CSVixSht			2.18	.07	-70.9
CrosTim	2.66e	9	23.80	+.57	-19.1
CypSemi	.44	26	12.51	+.59	+19.1
DCP Mid	3.08f	37	46.98	+.16	-6.7
DTE	2.76f	19	82.45	+.18	+24.2
Dataram			2.66	+.15	+2.3
Dawson	.32	...	12.23	+.13	-63.8
DevonE	.96	11	60.92	+1.03	-1.5
DrGldBull			14.04	+.73	-48.8
DrxSCBear			13.10	-.39	-22.8
DrGMnBull			3.70	+.20	-76.3
Disney	.86f	22	93.11	-.36	+21.9
DowChm	1.68f	16	49.42	+.61	+11.3
EOG Res s	.67f	16	91.80	+1.50	+9.4
EmpDist	1.04f	17	28.14	+.12	+24.0
Energen	.08m	23	61.04	+2.05	-13.7
EngyTsfr	3.90f		65.81	+1.00	+15.0
EngyXXI	.48	6	3.58	+.38	-86.8
EnPro	...	56	64.79	+1.31	+12.4
EntPrdPt s	1.46f	25	38.17	+1.06	+15.1
Ericsson	.46e		12.63	+.09	+3.1
ExterranH	.60	22	33.29	+.22	-2.7
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	94.95	+.76	-6.2
Facebook		71	74.88	-.58	+37.0
FordM	.50	11	16.01	+.11	+3.8
ForestOil			.62	+.01	-82.9
FrptMcM	1.25	12	26.70	+.83	-29.2
GATX	1.32	14	59.34	+.99	+13.7
GabMultT	1.05e	...	10.22	++.07	-17.6
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.27	+.26	+.2
GenElec	.88	19	26.38	+.33	-5.9
GileadSci	...	18	100.88	-1.31	+34.3
GtPlainEn	.96f	17	26.78	+.23	+10.5
Groupon	...		7.49	+.15	-36.3
HalconRes	...	...	2.05	...	-46.9
Hallibrtn	.72f	11	40.75	+.59	-19.7
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	39.87	+.36	-10.8
iShJapan	17e		11.77	-.01	-3.1
iShChinaLC	.71e		40.29	-.22	+5.0
iShEMkts	.71e		40.89	+.11	-2.2
iShR2K	1.50e		117.37	+1.12	+1.7
IntegrysE	2.72	19	74.24	+.23	+36.4
Intel	.96f	18	37.43	-.17	+44.2
InterDig	80		52.98	+1.87	+79.7
JD.com n			24.60	+.69	+17.7
JohnJn	2.80	18	107.72	-.79	+17.6
KimbClk	3.36	20	114.70	-.68	+14.6
KindMorg	1.76f	34	41.83	+.21	+16.2
Kinross g			3.09	+.14	-29.5
LaredoPet		10	9.55	+.14	-65.5
LegacyRes	2.44		17.39	+.40	-38.2
Lubys	...	...	4.90	-.06	-36.5
MOL Glbl n			3.90	+.25	-52.1
MVJrGold			26.32	+.47	-15.2
MktVGold	.19e		19.25	+.05	-8.9
MarvelT	.24	17	15.09	+.59	+4.9
McDnlds	3.40f	19	95.50	+.39	-1.6
Merck	1.80f	33	60.58	-.20	+21.0
MeritMed	...	31	15.02	-.01	-4.6
MexcoEn	...	72	6.45	+.30	-6.5
MicronT		14	36.10	+.50	+66.0
Microsoft	1.24f	19	48.08	-.38	+28.5
Nabors	.24	11	13.30	+.42	-21.7
NatGrid	3.48e	...	72.97	-.33	+11.7
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Pfizer	1.04	16	31.75	+.18	+3.7
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PlainsAAP	2.64f	21	51.39	+1.20	-.7
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	105.42	+.19	+19.8
Prxair	2.60	21	129.70	+1.90	-.3
PrmEgy	...	11	65.25	-.75	+29.2
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Qualcom	1.68	16	74.37	+1.05	+.2
RangeRs	.16	28	64.48	+.40	-23.5
Rowan	.40	13	21.91	+.48	-38.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	68.54	-.81	-3.8
SpdrDJIA	3.61e	...	178.96	+.40	+8.2
S&P500ETF	3.68e	...	207.89	+.81	+12.6
SabnR	4.13e	11	46.06	+1.56	-8.9
SanderFm	.88f	11	92.10	+1.47	+27.3
SandRdge	...	...	2.48	+.01	-59.1
Sapient	...	39	24.81	+.03	+42.9
Schlmbrg	1.60	17	86.76	+1.54	-3.7
SeadrillLtd	...	2	13.31	-.07	-67.6
Sequenom	...	...	3.77	+.72	+61.1
SigmaAld	.92	33	136.22	+.30	+44.9
SiriusXM	...	51	3.60	+.01	+3.2
Smucker	2.56	18	101.92	-1.32	-1.6
Sprint	...	...	4.69	-.03	-56.4
SP Engy	1.77e	...	81.96	+.99	-7.4
SPDR Fncl	.37e	...	24.57	+.11	+12.4
Staples	.48	24	14.43	+.32	-9.2
SunocoL s	1.53f	29	48.02	-.32	+27.2
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	22.93	+.36	+31.5
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	16.07	+.12	-1.7
Tesoro	1.20	14	76.82	-.03	+31.3
3M Co	3.42	22	162.26	+1.66	+15.7
Torchmrk s	.51	14	53.66	+.21	+3.0
Transocn	3.00	...	19.57	+.19	-60.4
TrContl	.71e	...	21.68	+.10	+8.5
Twitter			39.06	+.15	-38.6
TylerTech	...	72	110.65	-.98	+8.3
UBWV	1.28	19	35.28	+.61	+12.2
Vale SA	.55e	...	8.53	+.20	-44.1
ValeroE	1.10	7	51.72	+.84	+2.6
VerizonCm	2.20f	10	48.79	-.32	-.7
VulcanM	.24	49	67.07	+1.66	+12.9
Walgrn	1.35	34	67.38	+.63	+17.3
WeathfIntl	...	...	13.19	+.14	-14.8
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.39	+.17	+19.8
WstnRefin	1.20f	12	43.25	+.64	+2.0
WhitingPet	...	9	40.66	+1.38	-34.3
WmsCos	2.28f	71	51.12	+.42	+32.5
XcelEngy	1.20	18	34.76	+.12	+24.5
Xerox	.25	15	14.21	+.37	+16.8
Yahoo	...	7	50.28	-.39	+24.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
17,897.06	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,912.62	+33.07	+.19	+8.06	+12.73
9,310.22	7,009.98	Dow Jones Transportation	9,130.76	+71.63	+.79	+23.38	+27.56
609.31	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	602.69	-1.78	-.29	+22.85	+23.28
11,334.65	9,732.47	NYSE Composite	10,987.41	+47.29	+.43	+5.64	+9.17
4,810.86	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,774.47	+18.66	+.39	+14.31	+18.24
2,075.76	1,737.92	S&P 500	2,074.33	+7.78	+.38	+12.23	+15.70
1,458.79	1,264.57	S&P Midcap	1,445.09	+12.45	+.87	+7.64	+11.37
21,850.63	18,575.20	Wilshire 5000	21,765.08	+69.89	+.46	+10.45	+14.23
1,213.55	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,179.01	+10.56	+.90	+1.32	+5.14

TODAY: Mostly cloudy High: 63 Low: 52

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 43

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 57 Low: 43

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 57 Low: 41

MONDAY: Partly sunny High: 61 Low: 43

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 60 Low: 40

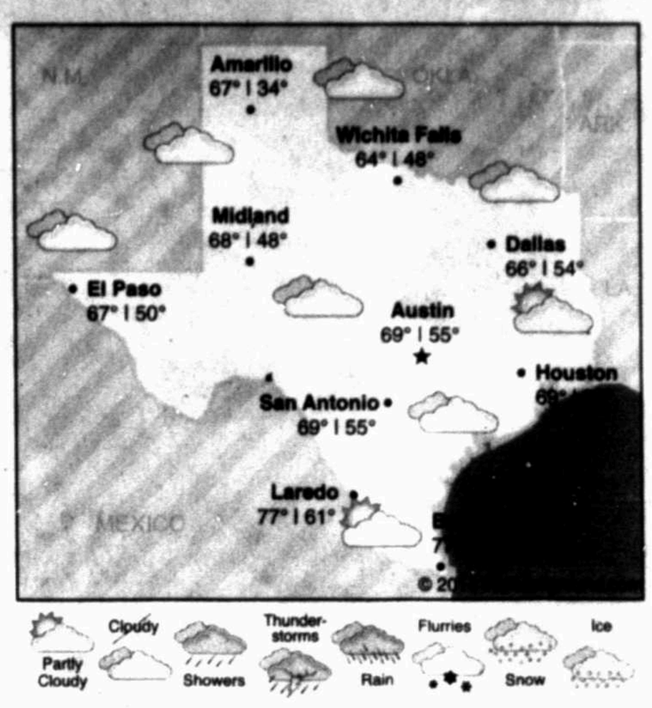
Local forecast

Expect patchy fog early today becoming mostly cloudy skies with a high around 63 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 52 and south winds around 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 70 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 43 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 57 and a low around 43.

The high on Wednesday reached 73, while the low dropped to 43. The record high for Dec. 3 is 83 set in 1954. The record low is 19 set in 1985.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

National forecast

It will be a dry, sunny day for much of the Northeast. High pressure is forecast to build east from the Great Lakes and will send some chilly air into the Northeast, which may produce spotty ice and snow across interior areas later on Friday and into early Saturday.

Precipitation

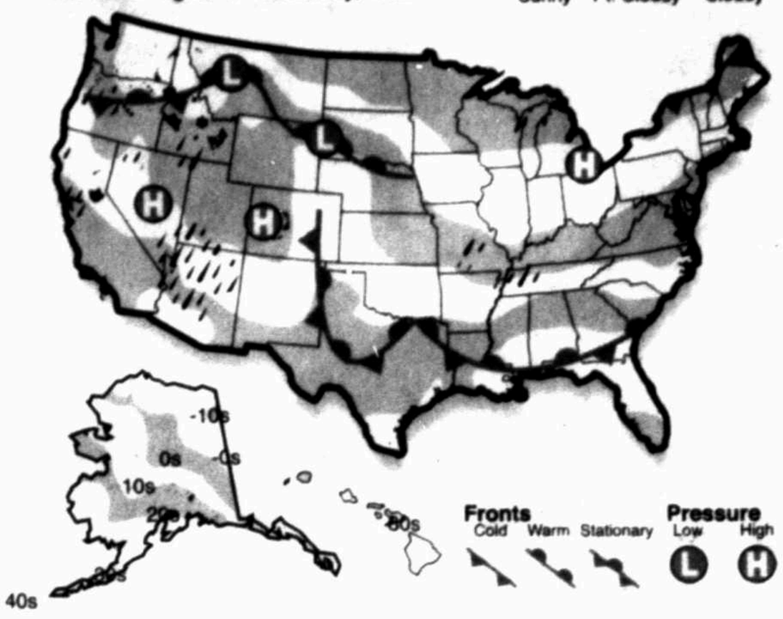
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	7.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.06 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	73
Low	43
Normal high	60
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:34 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 4



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Writer's sad story has happy ending almost 14 years later

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: You mentioned in a recent column that few people write to follow up on what happened since their original letter was published. You printed mine April 1, 2001.

I am "Hurting in Houston," the son who, with his partner, was suddenly no longer welcome in his parents' home after they moved to a retirement community, because they were afraid their neighbors would shun them if they discovered they had a gay son. You advised that I should live my own life and, maybe, someday they would come around — and that is what I did.

After a number of years, I received a call from a sibling informing me that my father was ill with only a short time left, and I should fly to their city to see him. I asked if I was wanted, and he said, "It doesn't matter, just come!" So I swallowed my pride, flew there and made my way to the hospice house.

Although my mother received me well, Dad did not, and we never had a good moment before he died a few days later. I told my mother I was staying for the funeral whether she liked it or not and had my partner fly in.

After the service there was a gathering at my mother's house with all their friends. I introduced my partner to them and everyone was as kind as could be. Many mentioned their own gay siblings or relatives.

When the event was over, my mother said, "Wow, this has all been pretty silly, hasn't it?" It was such a colossal understatement that I could not find words to respond.

Ten years have passed; my mother is now in hospice care with only a short time left. We have built a great relationship, and she loves my partner of more than 20 years very much. We are glad to be able to be there for her.

Much has changed in the world over these years and the acceptance of gays has been remarkable, but for me, having these last years with my mother's love will be a comfort I can hold onto for the rest of my life.

I have no great moral here, I just wanted to let you know what has happened. Thank you, Abby. — NO LONGER "HURTING IN HOUSTON"

DEAR NO LONGER HURTING: And thank YOU for letting me and my readers know your story has a happy ending. I couldn't be more pleased to know you are doing well.

In case you didn't see it, there was a follow-up column regarding your letter that was published May 24, 2001, in which a family in California offered to adopt you and your partner! PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) was mentioned in that follow-up and is still an excellent resource for building bridges of understanding in families. Find it at pflag.org.

DEAR ABBY: I am the caregiver for my husband, who is in a wheelchair and has to be helped when using the bathroom. When we are out in public and he needs a bathroom, should I use the handicapped stall in the men's or take him into the women's? Unisex restrooms — one big room that can be locked — are wonderful. — CAREGIVER IN VIRGINIA

DEAR CAREGIVER: I agree, but not all buildings and businesses provide unisex restrooms. If none is available, then the rule of thumb is the disabled person should use the restroom of his/her gender — in your case, the men's room.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Clever falsecard

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ A J 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 6
♣ J 6

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ 7
♦ A J 8 5 4
♣ 8 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ K Q 9 6
♥ K 9
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ A 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 7
♥ Q 10 8 2
♦ K Q
♣ K Q 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2 *	Pass
3 **	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Transfer
**Max with 4 hearts

Opening lead: Two of ♣

Today's deal is from a tournament in Brazil a few months ago. South was a top Brazilian player, Marcelo Branco.

East won the opening club lead with the ace and shifted to the king of spades. South won with the ace as West played the eight, discouraging in their methods. Declarer led the 10 of hearts for the ill-fated trump finesse. East won his king and cashed his queen of spades while Branco smoothly followed suit with the jack.

East-West were using "third and fifth" leads, so East knew that South had started with exactly three clubs. Who could blame him for thinking that South also started with a doubleton spade, ergo four diamonds. Not wanting to make a diamond play for declarer, East returned what he thought was a safe club. OOPS! Branco won his king, drew the remaining trump with the queen, and discarded one diamond from dummy on the queen of clubs.

Branco knew that West did not have the nine of spades, or he would have played that card to discourage at trick two rather than the eight. He crossed to dummy with a trump and led dummy's last spade, inserting his seven when East played low. The 10 of spades provided a discard for dummy's last diamond. Contract made.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014:

This year you often find that you are challenged by others; they don't hesitate to be bold and blunt. Fortunately, you won't personalize the less-friendly comments. You will be able to bottom-line problems. Recognize that you have a short fuse, and refuse to have a knee-jerk reaction when you're angry or going over a problem in your mind. If you are single, you might meet someone who intrigues you. Know that this relationship will be quite good. If you are attached, learn to respect your differences. TAURUS often is more even-tempered than you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Read between the lines if someone seems overly concerned about something. You could sense some awkwardness, so make a point of finding out what is going on with this person. A friend could become pushy and irritable. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Go after what you want with a greater sense of confidence. You also might want to indulge a family member, roommate or loved one. Make it OK to be spontaneous. Take some time to have an important chat with a loved one. Tonight: Share some munchies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Others might be trying to make your life easier, even though you could have a difficult time realizing it. It seems as if complication after complication continues to be tossed in your path. You might want to be unavailable for a while. Tonight: Make a great escape.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your sense of timing seems to be right-on. You might be somewhat careless with some facet of your life, as you could be too absorbed in what you are doing. Be careful with your funds, and try to stay within your budget. Tonight: Spend some time with a close friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will want to rethink a decision that involves someone you don't want to upset. Make sure the tie between you is strong enough to handle any problems you foresee; otherwise, the other party might not be able to control his or her temper. Tonight: Count on being out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others will look to you to present a different point of view. You might need to help energize loved ones, as they could be dragging. You could have a lot to do, but you'll want to make this a priority. Tonight: Keep to a strict exercise plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might have the urge to add a little spark to your day. You could discover that you seem to be triggered easily. Be careful, because what you dish out is likely to be returned. A loved one might be a little wild right now. Tonight: Pretend that it's the weekend already.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Use caution when dealing with people on the homefront. Be careful with how you handle any domestic or personal issue right now. Something you shrug off today could ignite an argument in the next few weeks. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You'll convey your good intentions. Step back and take an overview of a private matter that's close to your heart. Someone might find your words offensive, when that was not your intention. This person could be having a bad hair day. Tonight: Hang out at a local haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might have some insight into a situation that you won't want to share with others just yet. Your finances could be flashing a yellow light. Although you typically have a lot of self-discipline, you easily could go overboard if you aren't careful. Tonight: Think "weekend."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Today Mars, the planet of energy, moves into your sign. As a result, you are likely to express more vitality and draw many people toward you. If you feel frustrated, your temper could explode. Release any tension before you become angry. Tonight: Head home first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others might want to lure you into their way of thinking. Listen to their opinions, but know that you don't have to give immediate feedback. A friend or loved one could seem a bit touchy. Do yourself a favor and wait to discuss this matter. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jeff Bridges (1949), rapper Jay-Z (1969), model Tyra Banks (1973)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Barge, for one
5 Go up to one's ankles
9 Saw to a seat
14 Launder
15 Obi-Wan portrayer
16 Maine college town
17 Oft-pickled fish
20 Kit for Mr. Fixit
21 Bygone
22 London facilities
23 Otologist's concern
24 Cartoon still
25 Studious-looking dwarf
26 Strikes out
29 Educational stage
33 Part of a Latin trio
34 Subatomic particle
35 Colleague of Sonia and Clarence
36 Musical dir.
37 Feature shared by the women vocalists concealed in 17-, 29- 45- and 59-Across
40 P&L column
41 Not from around here
43 Word in a dramatic warning
44 Shout for the picador
45 Keep out
48 Bargains
49 Blvd. cousin
50 Bargain bin abbr.
51 Big __
53 "So that's your game!"
54 Had a little lamb
55 "Just walk away"
59 Comes to terms
62 Razz
63 Ordering aid
64 Sea birds
65 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
66 Cad's comeuppance
67 Fries, say

DOWN

1 Rescue acronym
2 Roman statesman
3 Capital once called Christiania
4 They have very big calves
5 Super Soaker, e.g.
6 Ended a flight
7 Cal. page
8 Bounced off the walls
9 "Downton Abbey" title
10 Drop the ball
11 1964 Ronettes hit
12 How an embarrassing question may be asked
13 "Mission aborted"
18 Org. chronicled in "The Puzzle Palace"
19 Glamour rival
24 More crafty
25 Sci-fi author Lester __ Rey
26 Capacitance unit
27 Well in the lead
28 Passé
30 Wade's opponent
31 Jeans choice
32 Stows, as cargo
34 "__ Lisa"
38 Much of 19- and 48-Down
39 Really drops the ball
42 Potato spot
46 Credit card issuer
47 Beats badly
48 Magazine with many white dresses
52 Actress Hagen
53 Aware of
54 Court figures: Abbr.
55 Home on stage
56 Garr on screen
57 Wedding choice
58 "What __ could it be?"
60 Prov. where the CN Tower is located
61 Bus. card number

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	N	S	W	E	R		B	A	S	K		Q	I	D
M	O	T	I	V	E		O	P	I	E		U	N	I
P	L	A	N	E	F	I	G	U	R	E		I	R	A
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			B	O	L	O		S	M	I	R	K		
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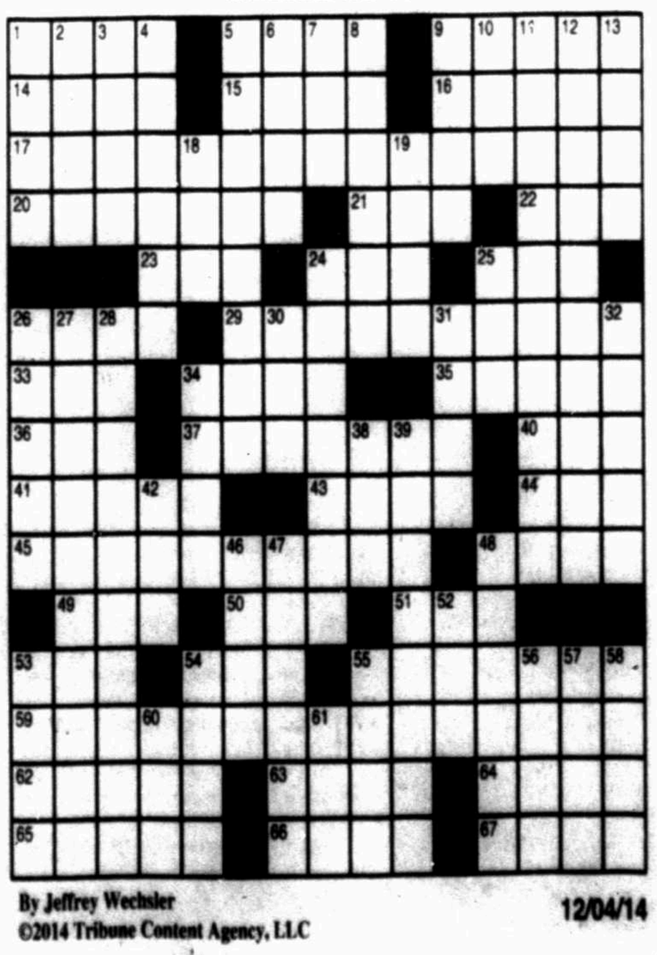

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 847. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: 27. The proposed injection well is located 18 miles northwest from the city of Odessa in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' - 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: B28. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles northwest from the city of Odessa in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' - 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Arbor E & T, LLC dba ResCare Workforce Services, hereinafter referred to as ResCare, on behalf of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin is soliciting proposals from eligible providers of Employer of Record/Payroll Services for eligible clients of Workforce Solutions Permian Basin who are participating in subsidized employment programs and temporary staff of ResCare. Workforce Solutions Permian Basin serves the 17 county Permian Basin region with Centers in Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Ft. Stockton and Pecos. Workforce Solutions Permian Basin provides Workforce programs under the oversight of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board which plans and oversees Workforce programs through Federal and State funding sources.

Bid/proposal specifications may be obtained from the WSPB offices by contacting Danese Johnson at 432-367-1415 or by e-mail danese.johnson@workforcepb.org.

Detailed bid packages will be available December 5, 2014. Questions will be accepted through December 15, 2014. Responses to this proposal, fully completed, are due no later than December 29, 2014. The winning bidder will be notified by 5 pm January 2, 2014 and will be expected to provide services beginning January 10, 2014.

ResCare reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid/proposals received as a result of this request, or to negotiate with all qualified vendors, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this Request for Proposals, if it is in the best interest of ResCare or WSPB.

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Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9346

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, "FIRE REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 1, "FIRE PREVENTION CODE," OF THE MIDLAND CITY CODE; DESIGNATING THE FIRE MARSHAL AS THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL; ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS AS THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; REQUIRING FIRE LANES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, DEVOTED TO PUBLIC USE, TO BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL; ESTABLISHING A PRESUMPTION OF VALIDITY OF A FIRE LANE THAT SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE VII, "FIRE REGULATIONS," CHAPTER 1, "FIRE PREVENTION CODE," OF THE MIDLAND CITY CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 7425 AND 8867 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); PROVIDING AN APPEAL PROCESS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9333

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 2, BLOCK 2, GRANDRIDGE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 1, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LOOP 250 WEST AND WEST WADLEY AVENUE); PROVIDING FOR SUCH USE TO BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

APPLICATION HAS been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit, a Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit, and a Food and Beverage Certificate by Margarita La Bodega, Inc. dba La Bodega Mexican Restaurant, to be located at 2700 N. Big Spring Street, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Officers of said corporation are Margariat Morales - President, and Filiberto, aka Enrique, Espinoza - Vice-President.

ORDINANCE NO. 9335

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 2, BLOCK 2, PAVILION PARK, SECTION 1, AND LOT 3, BLOCK 2, PAVILION PARK, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH BIG SPRING STREET AND PAVILION PARKWAY); PROVIDING FOR SUCH USE TO BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

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

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 512. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Best Choice Restaurant & Convenience Store, LLC. located at 3701 E. County Road, Midland County, Midland, Texas 79706. Officer of said corporation is Leyva Miriam - President / Secretary.

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE 9336

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 104.50-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 38, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF AVALON DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 1,720 FEET SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 191); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9330

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 10.21-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 14, BLOCK 39, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED MF-1, MULTIPLEFAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN O-2, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH END OF EDWARDS STREET, APPROXIMATELY 470 FEET NORTH OF CORPORATE DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE 9334

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 13, BLOCK 22, WEST END ADDITION, SECTION 19, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A TRANSITION DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH "I" STREET AND WEST ILLINOIS AVENUE); PROVIDING FOR SUCH USE TO BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9347

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 0.046-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 5, BLOCK 39, T-2-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MIDLAND DRIVE AND WEST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED BP, I-20 BUSINESS PARK DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9331

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CORPORATE PLAZA, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EDWARDS STREET AND CORPORATE DRIVE); PROVIDING FOR SUCH USE TO BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE 9338

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INTERSECTION STOPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND MARKINGS AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9329

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING AN 8.55-ACRE PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, WESTRIDGE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 6, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN O-2, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LOOP 250 WEST AND CHAMPIONS DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

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City Secretary

ORDINANCE 9332

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 24.09 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 12, BLOCK "X", H.P. HILLIARD SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED AE, AGRICULTURE ESTATE DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAGELLAN STREET, AT THE EAST EXTENSION OF DAYBREAK WAY); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE 9337

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR AN 8.55-ACRE PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, WESTRIDGE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 6, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH LOOP 250 WEST AND CHAMPIONS DRIVE); BY PERMITTING A BUILDING TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMIT; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 9346

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 40, COLLEGE HEIGHTS, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH GARFIELD STREET AND FRONT STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED C-3, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (Lease ID 32455) Midkiff 38 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID 32943) Midkiff 48 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Darlene Williams, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GEORGIA N. KILGORE, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Georgia N. Kilgore, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 25th day of November, 2014, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that the undersigned now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are required to present the same to the undersigned, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. All claims should be sent to Jimmy Don Kilgore and Charles Eugene Kilgore, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Georgia N. Kilgore, in care of ATKINS, HOLLMANN, JONES, PEACOCK, LEWIS, & LYON, INC., 3800 E. 42nd, Suite 500, Odessa, Texas 79762.

DATED this the 25th day of November, 2014.

JIMMY DON KILGORE, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of Georgia N. Kilgore, Deceased, No. P18070, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

CHARLES EUGENE KILGORE, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of Georgia N. Kilgore, Deceased, No. P18070, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

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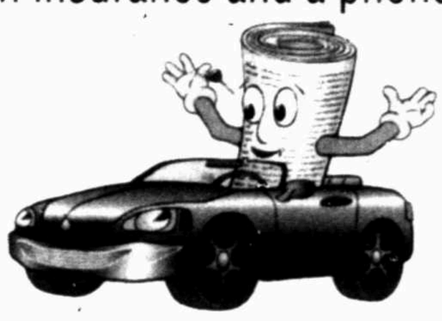

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Estate Sales

Estate of Naomi Moore 1610 Indiana
Friday & Saturday December 5th & 6th 9 am-3 pm
Sunday December 7th 1 pm-4 pm

Furniture: Rattan sofa, 2 chairs, ottoman, and 3 tables, several storage cabinets, leather chair & ottoman; Duncan Phyfe dresser, bench & chest, occasional tables, king-size bed complete, full-size bed complete, elegant display table, 5 file cabinets, several display cases

Kitchen: Lots of vintage kitchen pottery ware including Homer Laughlin, Universal Cambridge, Haviland, Pyrex, & Fire King, unbelievable collection of vintage kitchenware, Whirlpool refrigerator/freezer, Whirlpool washer, Maytag dryer, upright freezer

Artwork: Oil paintings by Doris Spires & Y. Villescas "Hutchol Indian"

Sterling: 52 pieces of International Prelude, 50 pieces silver plate

Books: "The Great American Circus" McLoughlin Bros. 1886 child's book, Will Durant's "Story of Civilization" 1935 6 volume set, William Cullen Bryant "Popular History of the United States" 1878 4 volume set, Autographed "The Permian Basin" 1973 Samuel D. Myres, "Nicodemus and His Gran' Pappy" 1953 Inez Hogan, "The Quirt and the Spur" 1967 ed. Edgar Rye, "Letters from the Old World by a Lady of New York" 1840 2 volume

Man Cave Décor: Various lights which include Budweiser, Bud Lite, Coors, Coors Lite, ice cream table & 4 chairs; diner's table and bench, numerous beer steins & mugs, vintage bottle collection, entertainment items, movie posters, signs.

Miscellaneous: Figurines including Lladro, Walt Disney, and many different kinds of animals; paper mache horse; antique toys, Singer treadle sewing machine, a vintage Steiff rabbit; doll collection, clown collection, huge record collection and 8 track tapes along with players, Bose speakers, lots of women's clothing including leather jackets, purses & shoes, tools, dog pen & carrier, lots of flower pots.

And just in time - a storage building full of Christmas decorations!

Look for our next sale starting on Friday December 12th with a 30 X 40 barn full of tools, motors, car parts, mowers, chainsaws and more. A house full of collectibles including a massive Dale Earnhardt collection. Will possibly take 3 days to sell it all.

By: Linda L. Biden

★★ ESTATE SALE ★★
★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
OAKLAWN PARK #4 (Neely/Westrern) MIDLAND
Thursday, December 4, 8:30am-3pm
Friday, December 5, 8:30am-3pm
Saturday, December 6, 8:30am-12:00pm

This sale is large! 2 Jan Bargoglio bar stools, Kenmore washer and dryer, marble top coffee table and end table, Westinghouse roaster, Shaman, 3 Indian drums, gun cabinet, 2 twin beds, colonial dresser with mirror & night stand, Nontake China, Edwin M Knowles China, antique armoire, golf clubs, patio furniture, refrigerator, household items, books, cookbooks, Delta shop vacuum, McCullough chain saw, drill press 10", rare quack quack plate, cup & saucer by Robert Barlow, Fitz & Floyd egg basket, Fenton, Delft, Humble plates, Norman Rockwell plates, dept 56, Pyrex 6 cup percolator, coffee table, end table, daisy model 188, hide away sofa beds, linens, lawn mower, yard tools.
Go to EstateSales.net to view pictures.
Cash, Visa, MC, & Discover accepted.
No checks please. No Strollers!

ESTATE SALE by Joseph and Team
2210 Ward (Midland)
Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm, Saturday 9am - 12pm

Lots of vintage and useable items in this great home, including Franciscan Desert Rose, American Fostoria, crystal, vintage Christmas, vintage kitchen, vintage prints, Nautilus egg shell china, painted china, vintage record player, books/records, 2 tier pie crust table, kitchen table/chairs, fireplace mantle, twin bed, sofas/recliners, lamps, side tables, drop leaf table/chairs, fridge/dryer, cedar chests, trunk, Duncan Phyfe 4 poster bed/dresser & mirror/chest of drawers/night stand, full and queen beds/dressers/chest of drawers/night stands, sewing machine in cabinet, flat screen TV, yard tools, vintage porch swing, and the usual household stuff. For picture go to:
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/TX/Midland/79705/778935

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4915 KEENLAND Dr. 8:00AM - Friday, December 5th. FURNITURE SALE. Leather couch w/2 matching recliners, Oak dining table w/6 chairs & 2 leafs, microwave cart, TV stand, accent table, side table, small desk w/chair, 2 TVs, black teen chair, wall hangings, misc home decor. Cash only

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **CHEBA LEE BIANCHI**, Deceased, were issued on October 5, 2014, in Cause N0.P18084, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: **ANDREW T. BIANCHI SR**.

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: **ANDREW T. BIANCHI SR.**
2308 W. Dengar Avenue
Midland, Texas 79706

DATED the 5th day of October, 2014.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL & GAS DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

APACHE CORPORATION, 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the Ellenburger Formation, Weatherby 1231 Lease, Well Number 1SW. The proposed disposal well is located 6.7 miles North from Best, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Reagan County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,480' - 12,100'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Codes, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (Lease ID 45412) TRD C Lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) TRD E lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) TRD G lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Darlene Williams, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

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4WD & SUV

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4WD & SUV

BMW 2003 X5, black with tan interior in good condition. $10,500 OBO. For more information call 432-770-1068

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INFINITY 2006 QX56 SUV, extra clean inside and out, garaged, runs like new, 1 owner, 97,000 miles, pearl color, beautiful vehicle. Reduced price, $17,400 Firm. Call 432-425-8963

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HARLEY DAVIDSON
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2013 5TH WHEEL, 40', 4 slide outs, front living room, 2 ACs, W/D, electric awning, shower, king bed. Too many options to list. A must-see! $31,700 OBO. 817-807-5991

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MONTE CARLO 2013 40ft., 2 slide outs, 2 airs, awning, washer, dryer, microwave, no smokers or pets. $27,000 OBO, Odessa. Call 701-213-9811

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Watercraft

1983 AlumaWeld Boat, 48" x 16' long w/ aluminum covered bow, 1987 Evinrude 40HP motor (replaced parts, new gas tank, runs great!), tiller steering, 1984 Skipper B trailer (new tires), Minn Kota 585 trolling motor. $4200 OBO. Excellent condition! 634-4067.

Recreational Vehicles

2003 JAYCO 3610 5th wheel. Legacy RV very good condition. 719-650-9840.

2011 WELL Cargo Road Force model RF7122-V, tandem chrome wheels, axle 5100 lbs. Electric brakes, clean, $3,800. 432-664-1243.

2015 ROCKWOOD Roo Model 21SSL, $13K of upgrades. 8ft square deck w/built in rails for 4wheelers or motorcycle. Slide out to 15ft wide. Sleeps 8 and is 31.1ft long. Value $35K in camper $29,000 firm, no trades. 817-266-4454.

GULF STREAM 2000 Prairie Schooner for sale at a great price of $12,250 in good condition. Three slide outs and a 6500 Coleman generator along with a fifty gallon propane tank included. The RV includes a queen and twin bed along with dishes. All inquiries please call or text Paul at 254-784-0313. The RV is located in Midland at an RV park already set up.

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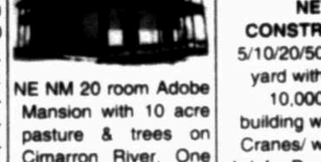

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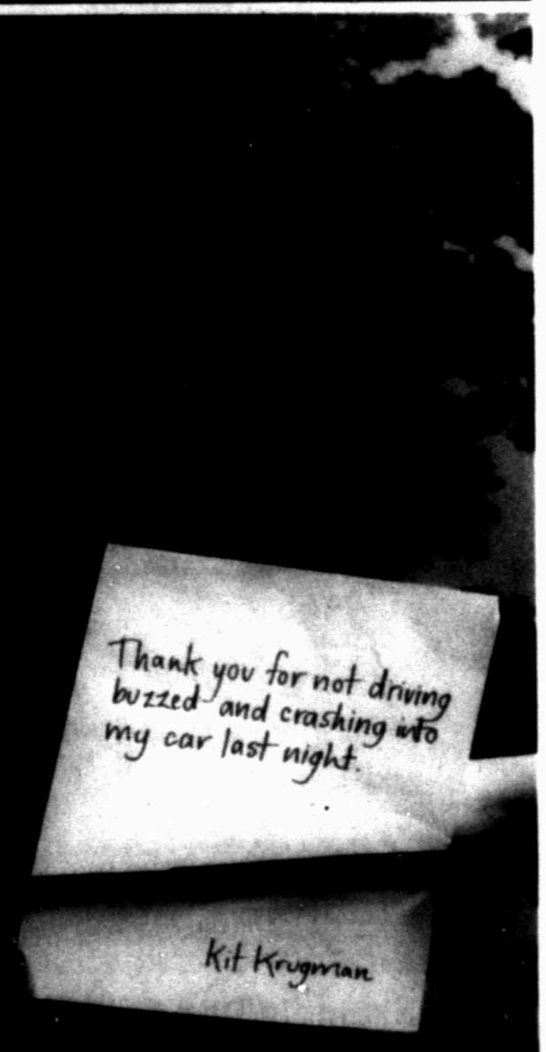

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What's the Same?

Find what each kid has in common with the others in the same row, across, up and down, and diagonally. (Hint: In the first row across, they all have caps.) Then look to see which kid does not have their seatbelt fastened correctly.

ANSWERS: Top row: All wearing baseball caps. Middle row: All wearing sunglasses. Bottom row: All wearing flip-flops. Left vehicle row: All have kid Scoop News. Middle vehicle row: All are driving something. Right vehicle row: All reading books. Diagonal from upper left to lower right: All smiling. Diagonal from upper right to lower left: All have a baby bear. Child on lower left is not wearing her seatbelt.

Are you a safe passenger?

Take this quiz and find out.

1. Why wear a seatbelt?
a. It's a fashion accessory.
b. It hurts to sit on it.
c. It protects you in a crash.

2. Booster seats are for:
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c. kids until they reach 4' 9".

3. Booster seats are great because:
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b. you ride high, so the belt doesn't poke your neck.
c. all of the above.

4. To sit in the front seat, you should be at least:
a. 103 years old.
b. 25 years old.
c. 13 years old.

5. Wear your seatbelt:
a. under your arm or behind your back.
b. loose so you can move freely.
c. snugly across the shoulder and chest, belt low on your hips.

6. In someone else's car, should you ask for help if the seatbelt doesn't fit right?
a. No. It's rude.
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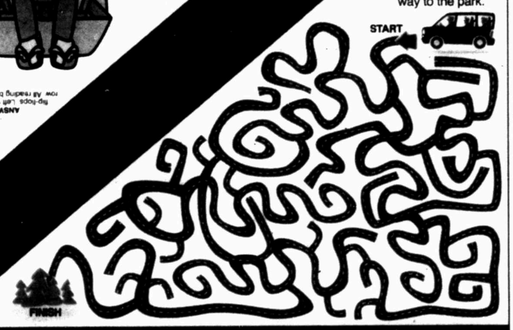

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Good Example/Bad Example

The newspaper is full of examples of things that are safe and unsafe. Look at the pictures, articles, ads and comic strips. Clip out three examples of things that are either safe or unsafe. Glue each to a piece of paper and write a safety rule that applies.

Standards Link: Health: Students recognize safe and unsafe situations or behaviors.

What kind of tea helps you feel brave?

ANSWER: Safety.

Weekly Writing Corner

Safety Poem

These are the three safety rules. Here's one don't jump in the pool head first, don't run around the pool, and don't dive into shallow water. You shall not jump in the pool head first because it is dangerous. Don't run around pools because you can slip. You can't dive into shallow water because you can hurt your head. As you can see there are many safety rules.

Aubrey Jones,
4th grade, St Ann's

Always up or your life will be disrupted. Never put water and electricity together, or they might give you displeasure. Stay away from oil and fire because they are like brother's bonfire.

Brian Rivas,
4th grade, St Ann's

Click it, or ticket. Don't speed, think.
Don't text and drive, follow signs.
Look in every way or you won't see a better day.
On the road to school be very careful watch traffic and don't be playful.
I care for safety of young and old, so follow the rules as told.
It is important to safely drive, avoid injuries and stay alive.
Watch the lanes, try not to speed, cops will get you if you exceed.

Katelyn Saenz,
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Never talk to strangers! They can be danger! Don't do drugs or you will end up with thuds. Never mess with a fire. Never mess with fire or your life can become flames in less than an hour.

Santiago Saicedo,
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Don't get in a wreck so you don't freak your neck. Don't litter because we're going to have to consider way you litter. Lifting is a breeze when you bend at the knees. Safety rules are you best tools. Keep safety in mind, it will solve your behind. So, think smart before you start.

Gabby Kiefer,
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Seatbelts keep us in our seat. They keep us from flying in the street. Stop at the stop sign count 1, 2, and 3. If you go to fast, look out for that tree. Texting and driving not so smart. Hands on wheel, that's a great start.

Drew Robertson,
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Write On!

When is it spring?

How do you know when winter is over and spring has begun? Write a paragraph to explain.

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