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Weekender

More to crude prices than just supply, demand

Global economic forecasts remain modest; demand is unlikely to go up

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

COMMENTARY

I've concentrated on supply, demand and geopolitics in past columns to help explain why the West Texas Intermediate benchmark price has dropped nearly 40 percent since June. A boost in North American production, weakening economies in Europe and Asia and Saudi Ara-

bia's desire to pressure rivals all contributed to the fall in global prices. Those factors, though, don't tell the whole story. Oil is also a commodity, traded on international markets and used as a hedge against other investments. When trying to predict where oil will go next in

the absence of OPEC action and changes in the global economy, these factors will have a profound effect.

The first thing to know is that oil is priced in dollars. That linkage means when the dollar goes up against the euro, the yen or another major currency, the price of oil goes down.

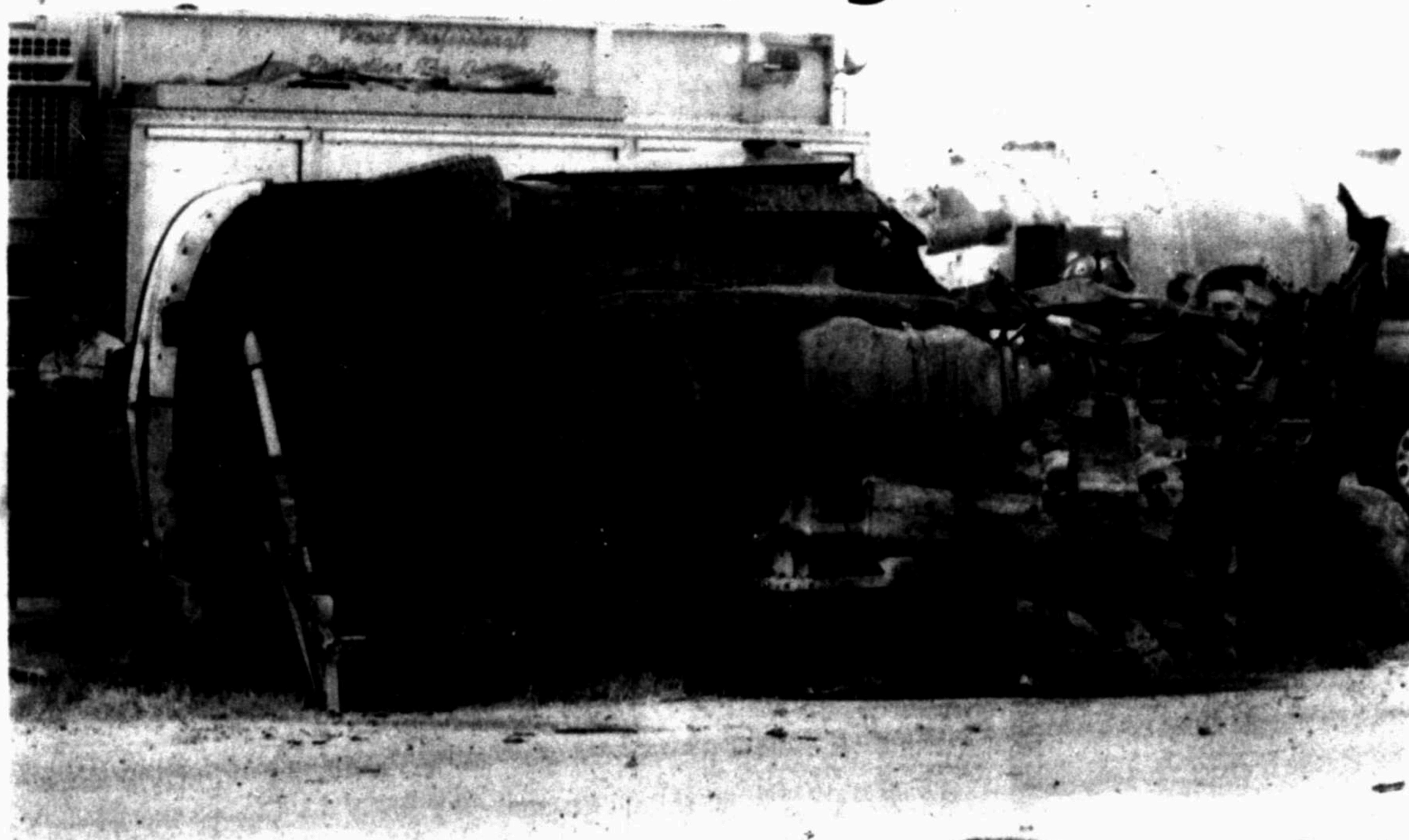
This past summer, investors learned that the Asian and European economies

were slowing while the U.S. economy was growing. They quickly bought dollars to invest in the U.S. economy and between Aug. 1 and Nov. 17 alone, the value of the dollar compared to a basket of other major currencies went up 8.1 percent as the price of oil dropped.

That's probably the simplest part of the

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Double fatality on I-20



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland emergency personnel work the scene of a fatal vehicle crash on the south service road of Interstate 20 on Wednesday.

2 confirmed dead in wreck; charges possible

From staff reports

Midland police confirmed two people died Wednesday afternoon after their Ford F-150 pickup was rear-ended by a commercial truck on Interstate 20 near the Cotton Flat Road exit.

One eastbound lane of I-20 and the off-ramp to Cotton Flat Road were shut down until 10 p.m. Wednesday as authorities investigated the cause of the wreck. The south

service roads, were expected to reopen by 6 p.m., said Sara Bustilloz, public information officer for the city.

The driver of the commercial truck, identified as Antonio Zapata Jr., 41, of Odessa was not transported to the hospital, and charges are possible pending an investigation, according to Bustilloz.

The two men in the pickup were confirmed dead on scene, according to Midland Police Department Sgt. Chad

Simpson. One of the men was identified as Pedro Lara, 41, of Fort Worth, according to Bustilloz. The other man had not been identified as of press time Wednesday evening.

Police were called out to the wreck at 3:37 p.m.

The pickup was in the right lane of I-20 and had slowed down in traffic, possibly because of Texas Department of Transportation work being done further down the interstate, she said.

The commercial truck then rear-ended the pickup at a high speed, throwing the pickup into the median between Interstate 20 and the off-ramp to Cotton Flat Road. The commercial vehicle stopped on the south service road next to the turn off for Cotton Flat Road.

Wednesday's fatalities are the 38th and 39th on roads inside Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Water rates to keep increasing for years to come

City implemented 5 percent increase this year, will repeat next year

By Joseph Basco
jbasco@mrt.com

Expect water rates to keep increasing every year to fix the city's long-standing water fund deficit. The deficit, last estimated in fiscal year 2014 to be \$6 million, has now widened to \$10.7 million in fiscal year 2015, according to the FY 15 budget.

City water customers might have noticed an increase in their water bills on Oct. 1, as water rates increased another 5 percent. Ten months before, on Jan. 1, the rates also increased 5 percent.

The \$17.50 residential and commercial base charge in January increased to \$18.38 in October, and the tier of customers using between 2,001 to 10,000 gallons per month increased from \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons in January to \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons in October. All other tiers increased as well.

So if a family uses 4,000 gallons per month, it is now paying the \$17.50 base charge, which is the first 2,000 gallons, plus an extra \$10.40 for the additional 2,000 gallons, making the bill \$27.90.

The trend will continue on Oct. 1, 2015 with another 5 percent increase. But for Oct. 1, 2016, the rate escalation will be 4.5 percent, and for Oct. 1, 2017, the rate will be 2.5 percent. The 2.5 percent escalator will continue for subsequent years until the council decides to change it.

Before the rate changes, the water rate was set to increase 3 percent annually to cover inflation, said Sara Bustilloz, city spokeswoman.

The City Council approved the rate increases in December 2013 to fix the water and sewer fund deficit, prompting the immediate 5 percent rate increase on Jan. 1 this year and setting the forthcoming increases every Oct. 1.

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Report: Greek groups at Texas Tech lack oversight

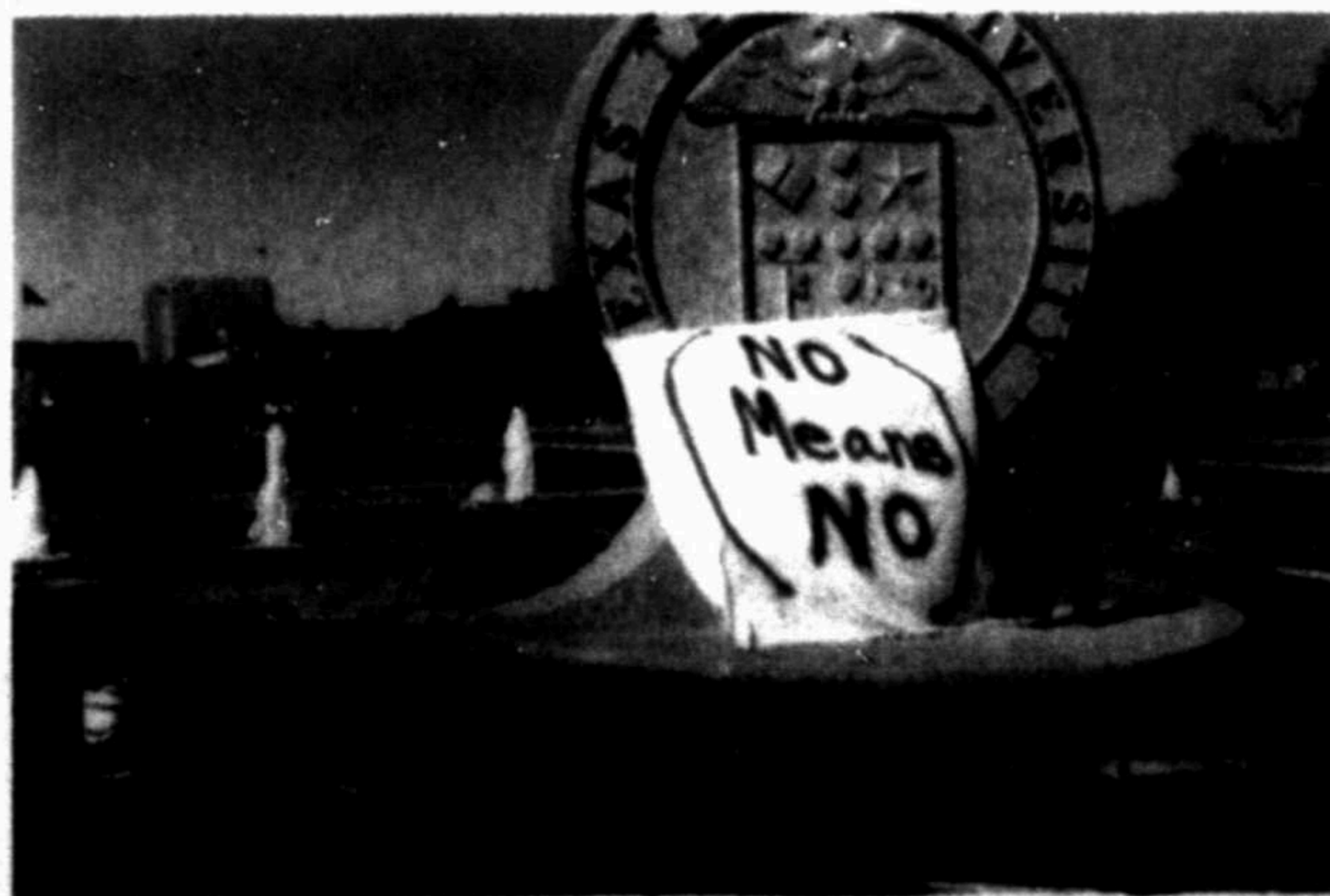
By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A task force at Texas Tech University says a lack of oversight and regulation in Greek life contributes to offenses that include hazing, alcohol abuse and sexual misconduct, a report released

Wednesday showed.

The task force says initiatives being explored include sexual assault and alcohol responsibility training, sanctions for misbehavior by individuals, fraternities and sororities, and the creation of an advisory board to oversee compliance.

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AP file photo

Texas Tech freshman Regan Elder helps drape a bed sheet with the message "No Means No" over the university's seal on the campus in Lubbock on Oct. 1. A task force on Greek culture at the university campus says in an interim report released Wednesday that there are numerous areas lacking in oversight and regulation of fraternities and their activities.

Current water rates as of Oct. 1

Residential and Commercial Monthly Base Rate (includes 2,000 gallons).....	\$18.38
Apartment Monthly Base Rate	
Per Unit (includes 2,000 gallons).....	\$14.96
Gallons 2,001 to 10,000	\$5.20
Gallons 10,001 to 25,000	\$6.83
Gallons Above 25,000	\$9.19
Residential Only Above 50,000	\$45.94

Source: City of Midland

Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	\$63.82	▲	\$0.77
WTI Pooled	\$60.25	▲	\$0.50
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Gasoline	\$2.580	▲	\$0.017

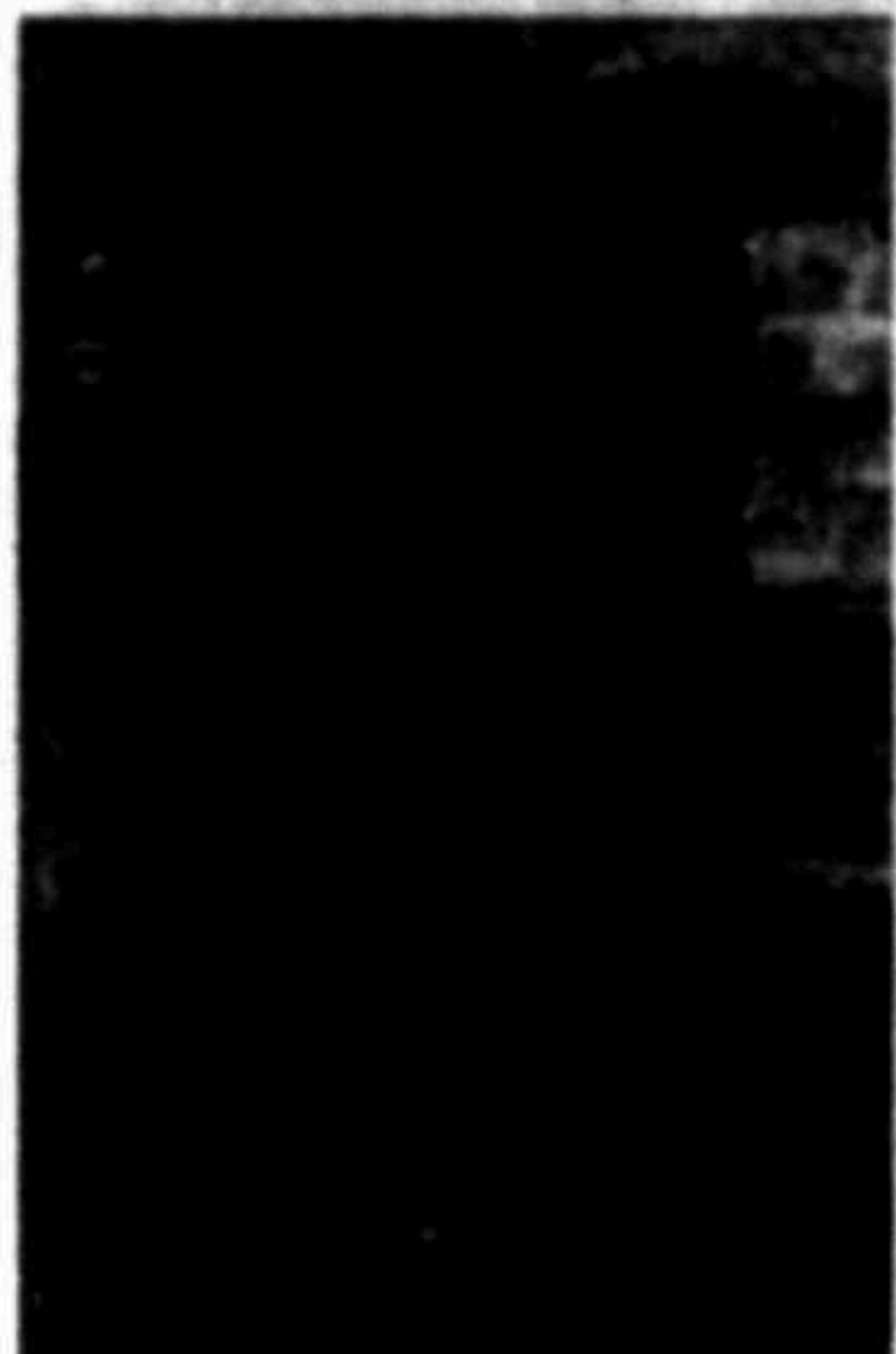
The big number
A new AP-GFK poll found just
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Obituaries



Billy Ray Wells

Billy Ray Wells, 40, of Midland, died Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Belvue Church of Christ, 611 Carroll St., Stanton. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home, 209 North St. Charles, Stanton.

Billy was born January 11, 1974 in Andrews and grew up in Odessa. He was a construction contractor his whole life. He loved long walks and having fun.

He is survived by his father, Johnny W. Wells and wife, Jan of Stanton; his mother, Donna Stroope of Midland; his longtime companion, Pam Young of South Carolina; one daughter, Tamblin Young of South Carolina; two granddaughters, McKenlyn Faith Young and Kaytlyn Hope Young; two sisters, Trisha Wells of Odessa and Kasey Peters of Spring Branch; numerous nieces and nephews and many other family and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com



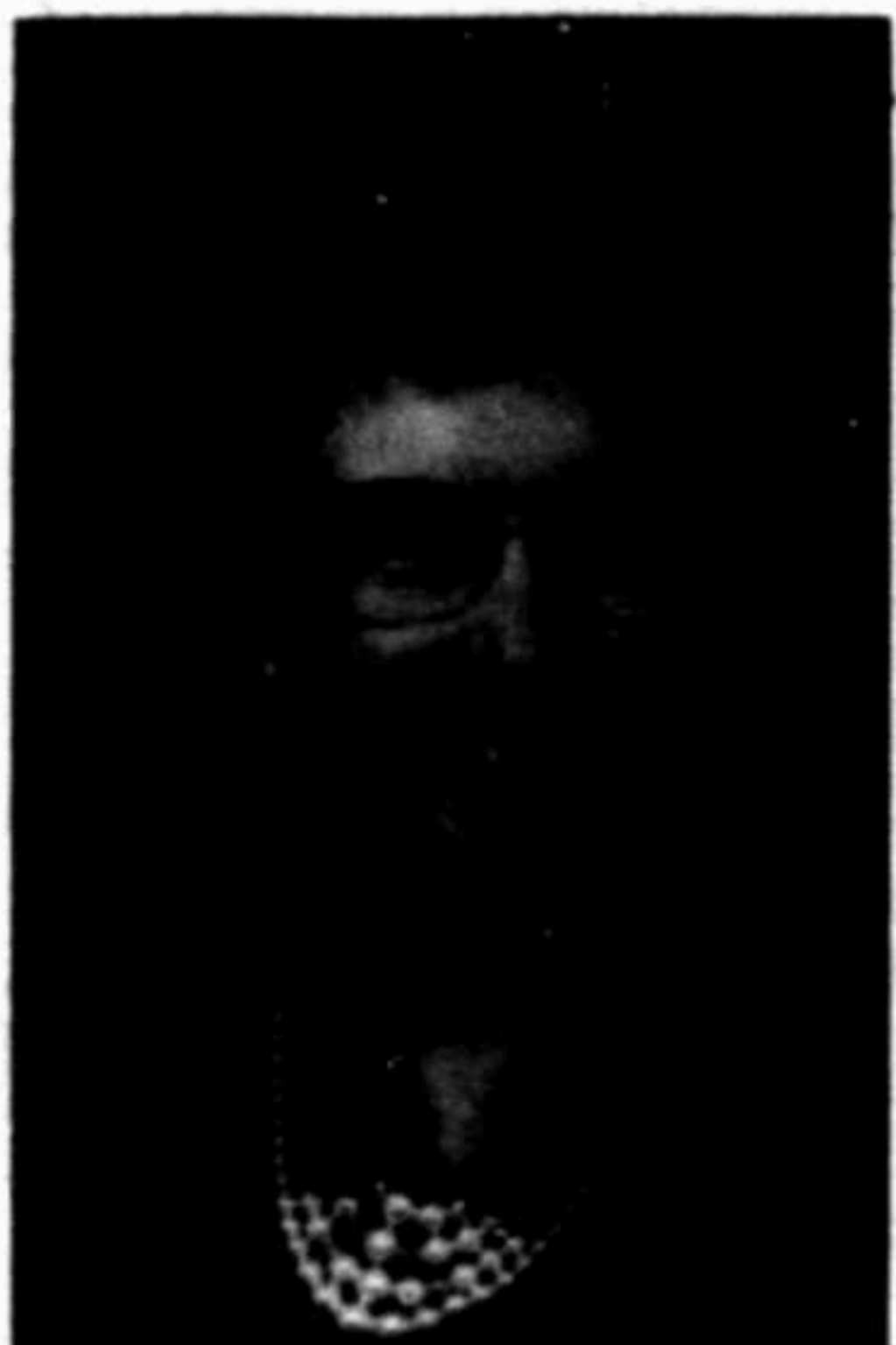
band Sam Roberson, Kelly McKinzy, Mark and wife Julie McKinzy; great grandchildren, Ashley King, Khemi and husband Lee Brasso, Chloe Griffin, Cody Taylor, Kylie Taylor, Taylor Jones, Kyrien Tosh, Keirsten Pullig, Kaiden Vargas, Lily McKinzy, and Mia McKinzy.

The family will receive friends at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 6:00-8:00pm. Funeral services will be at Frank W. Wilson Chapel on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm with Rev. Clay Porter officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Contributions in C.F.'s honor can be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Fund.

Thanks to Joe Ricky with the V.A., Compass Hospice, and the staff at Buena Vida.

Services entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.



Geraldine Ward

Geraldine "Jerri" Ward, 87, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 5, 2014. Jerri was born September 10, 1927 in Burkburnett, Texas to Grover and Myrtle Jean. She and Walter Ward were married on October 16, 1948 and moved to Midland in 1953. Walter and Jerri were active members of Crestview Baptist Church and especially enjoyed the Christian fellowship found in the XYZ group. Jerri enjoyed knitting, sewing, cooking, and painting. She also made lasting friendships through the monthly Mobil Club social functions. Jerri was a devoted homemaker who loved her family dearly.

Jerri was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Walter Ward, her parents, and twin sisters Madeline Suttle and Maurine Jean.

She is survived by her daughter Janet Henry; grandson Kris Henry and wife Chelsi of Frisco, TX; granddaughter Kristen Hooper and husband Blaine of Springtown, TX; four great-grandchildren Carter, Abby and Ellie Henry and Lexi Hooper.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 12, 2014 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 am at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park for family members only.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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

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James

"Tinker" Martin

James "Tinker" Martin, 61, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The family will be accepting

guests from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday, December 11th. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 12th, at Cotton Flat Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m., with Robert Kepple officiating. Private graveside services will be held at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Tinker was born on October 13, 1953 in Monahans to William Robert and Beth Martin. He married the love of his life, Beverly Thomas, on October 4, 1975 in Andrews. Together the couple raised two children, Lee and Amanda. Most of his life was spent as a welder and he was a very dedicated and hardworking man. He was a wonderful role model to his children and grandchildren. He loved to read and he was a walking historian.

Tinker was a true joker and always had a joke lined up to tell. His true pride lied within his two children, and eventually grandchildren. He was always very active in his children's lives and never missed a softball or baseball game. He was a mentor and a great influence to not only his children, but to their friends as well. Everyone loved Tinker. He was a Cub Scout leader and a big teddy bear always ready to pass around big hugs. His family will lovingly remember him as an immovable rock - a true friend you could lean on and incredibly stubborn. He was proud, honest, protective and loyal, a true example of what a leader should be. His only weakness was his grandchildren. He will be missed, but never forgotten by everyone that knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Beverly Martin; son, Lee Martin and wife, Heather; daughter, Amanda Wells and husband, Greg; grandchildren, Kaden Martin, Kameron Martin, and Brynlee Wells, all of Midland, Texas; and his sister, Terri Abbott and husband, Jack, of Houston, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

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Santos

Bustamante

Santos Bustamante, 96, was born on November 1, 1918 in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico and passed away on December 6, 2014.

Santos is preceded in death by her parents, Aniceto Mata and Patricia Carrasco; as well as her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, Olga Molinar of Midland, Texas; Humberto Rodriguez of Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico; Alfonso Mata of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico; Elva Tavares of Chihuahua, Mexico; grandchildren Alfredo Molinar, Ysauro Molinar Jr., Margarita Molinar, Oscar Molinar, Olga Molinar Jr.; great grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home; with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Father David Herrera officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Online condolences may

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

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William J. Rasavage

William J. Rasavage, longtime resident of Midland, passed away peacefully at Lamun-Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home on Monday December 8, 2014. Bill was born June 14, 1929 in Wanamie, Pennsylvania to the late John Rasavage and Celeste Zapolski Rasavage.

After graduating from Newport High School in 1947, he was recruited to play for a nearby AA baseball team. He played one game and hit a triple, a single, and was walked on. Shortly thereafter he joined the U. S. Army. While serving in Germany, he was accepted into Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kansas in 1951. After OCS, he was stationed at Fort Bliss where he met his soul mate Mary Bachicha. They married in El Paso, Texas at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on April 19, 1952. A few days later, he shipped off to the Korean War as a second lieutenant. He was promoted to first lieutenant in the field and was awarded the Bronze Star for action seen at White Horse Mountain.

In 1953, he returned to El Paso and entered Texas Western College (UTEP). After earning his BBA in 1957, he went to work for Metropolitan Life Insurance. He was promoted to agency manager in 1960 and then advanced to field training instructor in 1962. He earned the Chartered Life Underwriters designation from the American College of Life Underwriters. In 1968 he was promoted to district manager for Metropolitan's West Texas District. The district served over 15 west Texas counties with offices in Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo.

He was a faithful Christian and longtime member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. He was a member of the Rotary Club and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing the clarinet and was an avid Houston Astros and Dallas Cowboys fan. He was dearly loved and respected by his family and friends.

Proceeded in death by his parents, sister Betty Rasavage Williams, and brother Jerry Rasavage. Mr. Rasavage is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary and two sons, William Paul Rasavage and wife Jennifer of Maple Falls, Washington, and Patrick Rasavage and wife Sandy of Midland, 4 grandchildren.

Jenny Rasavage of Maple Falls, Washington, Patricia Beaulieu and husband Mark of Arlington, Washington, William E. Rasavage of Maple Falls, Washington, Keal Rasavage and wife Katie of Lubbock, 5 great-grandchildren, and brother John Rasavage and wife Cynthia of Boise, Idaho.

The Rasavage family would like to thank the professionals at Lamun-Lusk Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home and Crossroads Hospice for their wonderful care.

Rosary will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday December 11th at 7:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Friday, December 12th at 2:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be offered at www.npwelch.com.



John P. "Speedy Sparrow" Johnson

John Preston Johnson (Speedy Sparrow) passed his way to Heaven on December 5, 2014. He was born on April 21, 1931. He was a hard worker all his life retiring after 29 years from the Permian Corporation and retired after 16 years as a bus driver for the Midland Independent School District.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and brothers, J. B. Sadler and Robert Williams. Two children, Vida Louise Johnson and Terry Don Johnson. He is survived by his children, Theresa Fields (Clarence) of Odessa, TX; Nelia Mae Lambus of Denver, CO; Teresa Yvette Hooper (Patrick "P.R.") of Roby, TX; Deborah Gale Pride (Thomas) of Midland, TX; Dorothy Yvonne King (Carlos B.) of Arlington, TX; Jerrell "J.J." Johnson (Laura) of Midland, TX; and Yolanda Cannon (Mike) of Midland, TX; 20 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.

Viewing will be Thursday afternoon 1:00-5:00PM at Thomas Funeral Home. Services will be Friday, 1:00PM at Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth G. Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.



Orbon Tice

Orbon Hye Tice, 85, passed away quietly on December 6, 2014, leaving his family, extended family, and a network of friends and colleagues to mourn his memory. He will be missed by many.

Orbon was born in Alvarado, Texas, on February 3, 1929, the second child to Lois and Orbon Tice, Sr. His happy childhood in Hutchinson, Kansas, was consumed with family, sports and friends. He played football and basketball for Hutchinson High School, graduating in 1946. He was honored with selection to the All-Conference and All-State football teams his senior year. He was widely recruited by colleges to play football.

Orbon was married to the love of his life, Laurie Birmingham, on January 10, 1949 in Leavenworth, Kansas; married for 65 years, he and Laurie had 5 children, of whom he was enormously proud.

Orbon lettered in both football and basketball for the University of Kansas as he studied geology and began his family in Lawrence, Kansas. His senior year he was awarded the Ormand Beach Memorial Trophy, awarded by the players themselves to the most outstanding player in 1951. He proudly served his country by enlisting in the United States Army, serving in Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Graduating with a

degree in geology from KU in 1952, he worked for Stanolind, living in Abilene, Fort Worth, and Albuquerque. When he left Stanolind in 1958, it was to begin working as an independent geologist, returning to his roots in Abilene, the place he began his career. In 1971 Orbon and family moved to Denver, Colorado, blending a love of the Rocky Mountains and his work. He returned to Abilene in 1975, completing his career upon his retirement in 2013, whereupon he and Laurie moved to Midland to be closer to family. His love of family, golf, fly fishing, the University of Kansas, and extensive travel gave him rich experiences and memories he shared often and carried with him to the end of his life.

Orbon and Laurie were blessed with many friends and close associates during their 65 years, too many to name but all vital elements of their rich life together. His five children and six grandchildren were a source of joy to Orbon. He was the true 'glue' of the Tice family, maintaining close relationships with all and beloved by every child and adult in the family. The concept of family value was important to Orbon, and he taught that value to all his children by lesson and by role model.

Orbon is survived by his wife, Laurie of Midland, Texas, his children, Cathy Higgins and husband, Don, of Trooper, Pennsylvania, Cindy Wiebusch and husband, Art, of Midland, Texas, Carol Tice of Boise, Idaho, and Emily Tice and Celine Caithamer, of Spring, Texas.

He also leaves six grandchildren to mourn his loss: Andrew Higgins, Laurie Whitely (Trooper, Pennsylvania), Eric Wiebusch (Denver, Colorado), Spencer Wiebusch (Midland, Texas), Benjamin Davis, and Rebecca Davis (Boise, Idaho), two great-grandchildren, and sister, Rebecca Whitney of Phoenix, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Hye Tice, his father, Orbon Tice, Sr., and his mother, Lois Tice.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Buffalo Gap Cemetery.

Special thanks is extended to the nurses and attendants at Legacy Ranch in Midland, Texas, who cared for him in his last days. Their service and devotion will be eternally appreciated. The family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, North Central Texas Chapter, 301 S. Pioneer, Suite 105, Abilene, TX 79605.

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

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Death Notices

Lucia Pickett

Lucia Pickett, 94, of Denton, Texas, formerly of Stanton, died Tuesday, December 9, 2014, in a Denton hospital. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday, December 12, 2014, at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Williams, Cindy Quy and Kathryn Barber; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and a niece.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.npwelch.com

Shirley Kennedy

Funeral service for Shirley Kennedy 75, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Shirley Kennedy died December 6, 2014 at a local hospital.

Pioneer of video games dies at 92

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Ralph Baer, a video game pioneer who created both the precursor to "Pong" and the electronic memory game Simon and led the team that developed the first home video

game console, has died. He was 92. Baer, a longtime resident of Manchester, died at his home Saturday, the Goodwin Funeral Home in Manchester confirmed Monday.

Born in Germany, Baer escaped the Holocaust with his family.

He started thinking about what

later became the home video game console while working as a television set designer in the 1950s. In the next decade, he started working on television games as chief engineer for Sanders Associates, now BAE Systems.

That led to The Brown Box,

which was licensed by Magnavox and came out with the Odyssey in the early 1970s. The console, which connected to a television, could play about two dozen games, including one called "Table Tennis" that was a precursor to "Pong."

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Wal-Mart cuts new path through rural Texas

By Maria Halkias
The Dallas Morning News

EDGEWOOD — Wal-Mart is rediscovering small-town Texas. This time it's focusing on even smaller towns than it did in the 1970s and 1980s.

Wal-Mart will open 37 stores in the state through the end of January.

And it's doing so with its smaller Wal-Mart Neighborhood Markets in two sizes: a 40,000-square-foot traditional grocery store and its newer 12,000-square-foot store, which sells an abbreviated selection of fresh produce, meats and groceries and has a pharmacy and fuel pumps.

The chain's fourth-quarter blitz includes one of the smaller Neighborhood Markets in the East Texas town of Edgewood, population 1,325. It's right across U.S. Highway 80 from Paw Paw's Fireworks.

"We're the biggest thing to happen in Edgewood since the second spotlight came to town in 2002," said Terry Mullican, manager of the Edgewood Neighborhood Market.

The closest Wal-Mart Supercenter is 13 miles away in Canton, Mullican said, and his store will have the same prices and be more convenient. It will stock

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Randy Green, Wal-Mart's vice president over small formats in the Southwest

18,940 items; a Supercenter carries 100,000.

Mullican came up through the ranks at Wal-Mart, starting out as an hourly employee 16 years ago. He already lived in Edgewood, about 55 miles east of Dallas, and had commuted to Dallas to work.

The Edgewood store has 36 employees, and about half of them had been jobless for a while, Mullican told The Dallas Morning News.

The store feels like just like a Wal-Mart only scaled down, with three checkouts instead of more than 25 and two self-checkouts instead of a dozen.

The cold & flu section has the same selection a Supercenter does, but it's displayed in 12 feet of aisle space vs. 20 feet. "We have every category represented, and if something doesn't sell and people want other products and we have it in the warehouse, we'll change it," he said.

It also carries some general merchandise, items such as printer cartridges and greeting cards and wrapping paper.

Wal-Mart developed this small concept in a test in North Carolina and originally called the stores Wal-Mart Express, spokeswoman Anne Hatfield said. The Texas expansion accounts for 20 percent of the 170 Neighborhood Markets Wal-Mart is opening in the fourth quarter.

Wal-Mart U.S. President Greg Foran said last month during the company's third-quarter conference call that Neighborhood Market stores posted a 5.5 percent same-store sales increase, stronger than the company's overall increase of 0.5 percent. It was the first quarterly sales increase for Wal-Mart's U.S. stores in seven quarters.

Wal-Mart said last summer that it's shifting its focus to smaller stores. The Neighborhood Market is about the size

of a Walgreens but larger than a Dollar General, which is about 7,300 square feet.

Texas is Dollar General's largest state. It operates 1,238 stores here, mostly in small rural towns like the ones Wal-Mart is targeting for its 12,000-square-foot stores.

Dollar General, the largest U.S. dollar chain, has been aggressively expanding its food selection, but it doesn't carry fresh meats and produce in Texas and has no plans to do so, Dollar General spokesman Dan MacDonald said.

"Texas has been a great state for us," MacDonald said. "We have a really strong relationship with our consumers in Texas. Our stores do really well there."

The chain's low-cost economic model allows it to serve areas with fewer than 1,500 households, MacDonald said. "About 70 percent of our stores are in communities of less than 20,000 people."

Dollar General has operated a store in Edgewood for 10 years. Visiting a town like Edgewood, it's hard to understand how Wal-Mart could make a lot of money there, especially since it has several Wal-Marts that are 10 to 20 miles away.

The town has three other places to buy gas, a local produce

stand and a Brookshire Brothers grocery store.

Asked about the impact of Wal-Mart moving into Edgewood, Carol Martin of nearby Fruitvale said: "I'm glad to have it here. I would hate if it puts any mom-and-pops out of business, but it's not like we have many here."

She had stopped by Dollar General for a gallon of milk and some stocking stuffers for her grandchildren.

Texas was one of the first states Sam Walton moved into as he started to build the world's largest retail company. Wal-Mart operates more than 500 stores here.

"Wal-Mart has been committed to Texas for nearly 40 years," said Randy Green, Wal-Mart's vice president over small formats in the Southwest. "The Texas economy is very strong, and we continue to see the population grow here as a result, creating a need for affordable grocery and household merchandise."

About half of the new Neighborhood Market stores in Texas are in cities such as Amarillo, Mission and San Antonio. Others are in suburbs, including Sachse, Wylie, DeSoto and Lancaster.

The 12,000-square-foot stores are in rural markets including Leonard, Hughes Springs, Anson, Whitewright and Merkel.

Prosecutors: Ex-official was menace, made napalm

Associated Press

ROCKWALL — Prosecutors trying to persuade jurors to issue the death penalty against a former North Texas public official presented testimony Wednesday that he was a menace to others who hid homemade napalm.

The prosecution rested its case in the punishment phase of the capital murder trial for Eric Williams, 47, but not before showing jurors two canisters of napalm that investigators say were found in Williams' storage unit.

Investigators also found dozens of weapons, ammunition and other items in the unit in the weeks after Kaufman County District

Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife Cynthia were slain in their home east of Dallas in March 2013. Williams was convicted last week of killing Cynthia McLelland, and is charged in the deaths of her husband and assistant prosecutor Mark Hasse two months earlier.

Prosecutors on Wednesday portrayed Williams, a former justice of the peace, as a danger to others. A former girlfriend, Janice Gray, testified the two dated in the 1990s after meeting at a legal conference, according to The Dallas Morning News. After she broke off the relationship, he threatened her with a gun at another conference and told her,

"I have a gun, and if you walk away, I'll use it. I have nothing to lose."

Prosecutors have said Williams launched a revenge plot after he was prosecuted in 2012 for stealing county-owned computer monitors. His subsequent conviction cost him his job and law license.

But the defense team for Williams told jurors Wednesday he's no longer a threat and that they should heed the teachings of Jesus, show compassion and spare him from execution.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Loetta M. Goodman, 43, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance of less than 1 gram.

Johnny Rendon III, 56, of Midland was charged Tuesday with driving while intoxicated third offense.

Jason Derrell Cooper, 30, of Midland was charged Monday with sexual offender/duty/registration/life/1 year.

Justin Allen Garcia, 17, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of marijuana between 2 ounces and 4 ounces in a drug free zone.

Ruben Ramirez Rodriguez Jr., 19, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of marijuana between 2 ounces and 4 ounces in a drug-free zone.

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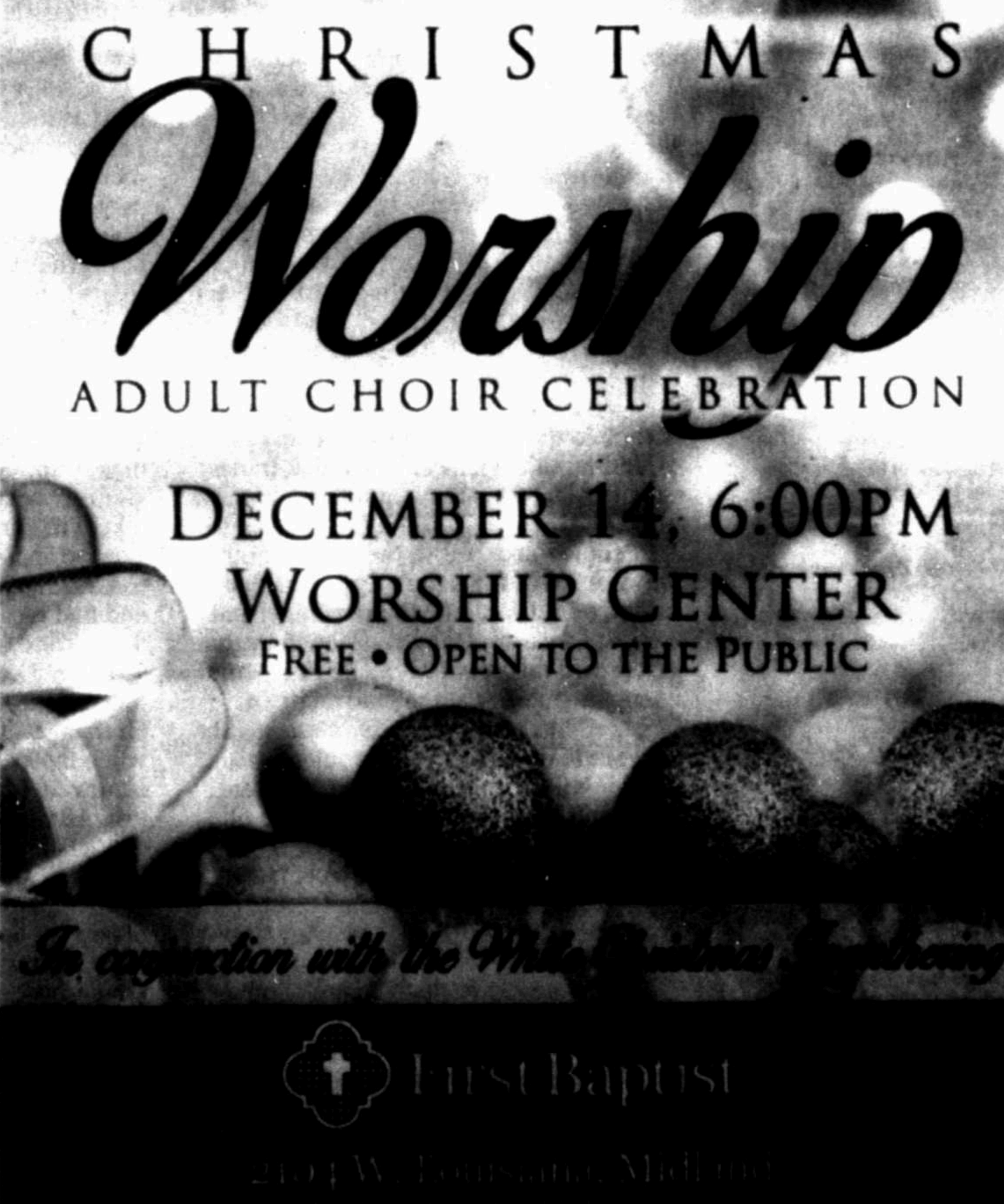


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Things to do

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

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

■ Beterbough Homes Annual Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m., Legends Park Model Homes. beterbough.com.

■ Robert Earl Keen Christmas, 8 p.m., 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., Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wjts.org.

See more information about things taking place today and this weekend in Weekender inside today's Reporter-Telegram.

Townhall meeting today

MISD Elementary Boundary Townhall Meeting
7 p.m.
Henderson Elementary

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre, 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ 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; odes-sachess@cablone.net.

■ (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8843

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church, Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@sudenlink.net.

Note: To make corrections to this listing, submit information to news@mrt.com.

Christmas parade this weekend

The annual Christmas parade is Saturday.

This year's parade, which has the theme of "Wild West Christmas Parade," is 6:30 p.m. in downtown.

Local businesses, residents, schools, churches, and non-profits are all invited to submit an application and participate in the parade.

Registration forms, including rules and regulations, are available at www.midlandtx.gov and at the following locations:

■ Midland City Hall (300 N. Loraine St.)
■ Martin Luther King Recreation Center (2300 Butternut Lane)

All applications MUST be returned to the Martin Luther King Recreation Center (2300 Butternut Lane), faxed to 685-7380 or emailed to jajolly@midlandtx.gov by 6 p.m. today.

For more information, call 685-7379.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cablone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet her or him.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)

■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)

■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)

■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 7-6-5
Pick 3 evening: 9-9-2
Pick 3 night: 7-3-0
Daily 4 morning: 4-1-7-8
Daily 4 day: 1-3-2-5
Daily 4 evening: 5-0-3-1
Daily 4 night: 0-7-9-8
Cash Five: 1-9-19-20-28
Lotto Texas: 13-21-28-35-38-39
Powerball: 34-44-48-54-55 PB: 10
Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-10-11-12-16-17-18-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-7-12-13-15-16-17-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-8-9-10-11-15-16-17-18-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-7-8-9-17-18-21-22-23-24



CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

CLOCKWISE: Logan, 3, has fun Wednesday decorating Wednesday afternoon at Operation Elf at the Centers for Children and Families annual Christmas Party. Aiden, 5, looks over the selection of toys from the "Star Wars" franchise. Adrienne Houston helps Camilla, 8, pick out a toy. Charlotte, 9, looks over the selection of toys. More than 250 children served by Centers attended the 12th annual event. The kids received a toy, had the opportunity to visit with Santa, played games and did arts and crafts. Operation Elf's sponsors included Russell K. Hall & Associates and Beterbough Homes.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANGELO Police: West Texas 18-year-old spit on officers

A West Texas man has been indicted on two felony charges after police say he spit on a pair of officers.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reported Tuesday that 18-year-old Daniel Cuellar III has been charged with two counts of harassment of a public servant.

San Angelo Police Officer Jennifer Kuhlmann said he spit on the back of her head during an October drug arrest. Tom Green County Jail Officer Adam Cooper was asked to help restrain Cuellar. He said Cuellar spit in his face, eyes and mouth.

Cuellar faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each count if convicted.

SAN ANGELO Trooper: Man killed in fiery crash

Authorities in West Texas say a man has died after his pickup truck was crushed between a semi-trailer and a piece of heavy machinery and the truck caught fire.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Shawn Baxter told the San Angelo Standard-Times that the four-vehicle crash happened Tuesday evening near Goodfellow Air Force Base. He said the truck had its hazard lights on and was following behind a cotton-harvesting machine.

Baxter said the semi-trailer carrying peanuts collided with the back of the pickup, which hit the machine. An oncoming vehicle then hit the machine.

The truck driver died at the scene. It's unclear how many people were involved.

BROWNWOOD Texas man turns himself in for pit bull attack

A West Texas man charged with trying to kill a pit bull with a knife and hammer has turned himself in to authorities.

KTXS-TV reported 54-year-old Thommy Wesley Wade surrendered after being indicted on one count of cruelty to a livestock animal. He was being held Wednesday morning at the Brown County jail on \$10,000 bond.

Brownwood police responded to Wade's house in

October. They found Wade and his dog named Bruiser in the backyard. They said the dog and hammer were covered in blood.

Wade told officers Bruiser had been suffering and that he was trying to put him down.

ALVIN Former teacher indicted in child porn case

A former Houston-area high school teacher has been indicted in a child pornography case.

Forty-five-year-old Scott Burns was being held without bond on Wednesday. Federal prosecutors say he is a flight risk and a danger to the community.

Prosecutors said the Alvin High School teacher received and possessed child pornography from February 2012 to March 2013. School district officials said Burns' employment ended in March after he was accused of using adult former students as the subjects of sexually suggestive photos and paintings.

Burns is charged with two counts of possessing child pornography. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

4 states join Texas in immigration lawsuit

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Four more states have joined a Texas-led coalition suing the Obama administration over executive action on immigration.

The addition of Arkansas, Michigan, North Dakota and Oklahoma brings to 24 the number of states fighting the order in a federal district court in Brownsville.

Announced last month, the president's unilateral move is designed to spare

millions of people living illegally in the United States from deportation. But the lawsuit accuses the White House of "trampling" the U.S. Constitution.

Outgoing Attorney General Greg Abbott said Texas is uniquely qualified to sue because its sprawling border with Mexico means it will be especially harmed.

Gov.-elect Abbott added Wednesday that the presidential decree "circumvents the will of the American people."

WATER

From 1A

briefed council on the new water rate in November 2013, recommending the 5 percent escalation so that the city can meet the annual cash flow requirements for water and sewer fund.

The study Water Resources Management conducted also found that the city's water usage decreased after 2011 because of a drought. The study mentioned how the city created in October 2011 a five-time multiplier on water rates for heavy users.

Unlike the general fund, which receives revenue from taxes, the water and sewer fund generates its

own revenue through water and sewer bills to customers.

"The fund supports itself, specifically so that it's not part of the general fund," Bustilloz said.

The city is expecting the water and sewer fund to be in the black in 2016 or 2017; hence, the single digit-rate escalators for the next three to four years, as previously reported in November 2013.

For FY 15, the city is expecting to make \$58.9 million, but is also expecting to spend \$69.6 million.

The city was unable to provide an updated water and sewer fund deficit amount as of Wednesday afternoon.

REPORT

From 1A

The group was formed a few months ago after pictures taken at a September Phi Delta Theta fraternity party and posted online showed a banner that read, "No means yes, yes means anal (sex)." Another image from the same off-campus party showed a sprinkler attached to a large cutout shaped like a woman's spread legs.

Texas Tech president Duane Nellis said in a release that the recommendations provide "much-needed enhancements" to current policies and procedures.

"And, while these recommendations will be implemented immediately, they are the first phase of our efforts," he said. "The task force will continue to meet during the spring semester and continue to evaluate and criticize our processes until we are satisfied we have made significant improvements for the future of our organizations."

Identified in the report were six categories, containing 29 interim and long-term recommendations, including new mem-

ber experiences, leadership development, responsible social events, accountability and reporting, stakeholder communications, and staffing and resources.

All Greek organizations must have Lubbock-based advisers who are required to attend training and regularly attend Greek groups meetings. The number of advisers will be based on the number of members in a fraternity or sorority.

Task force chairman Juan S. Munoz said in the news release from the school that the report's recommendations provide a "strong foundation."

The task force "was thoughtful in its review of the many diverse perspectives and expectations of fraternity and sorority life," he said.

In October, Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity removed 29 members of the Texas Tech fraternity because of the banner. The chapter's charter was also placed in escrow and remaining members were told to perform 10,000 hours of service to rape crisis and sexual assault prevention organizations.

TOMLINSON

From 1A

story. Oil is also a commodity that sells on a futures exchange, making it an asset like gold, stocks, bonds or real estate. Oil producers offer contracts to sell oil in the future to guarantee they will get a minimum cash flow in case prices go down. Traders buy futures contracts because they think they the price will be higher when the contract comes due.

Commodities dealers absorb risk in the market from producers who need to maintain cash flow. For example, traders who paid \$102 a barrel in June for December oil contracts are now selling it for \$65 and taking part of the hit that oil producers would have suffered if they hadn't sold futures contracts.

Several readers have written me to complain that speculators drove up oil prices, but it's not clear to me that traders intentionally tried to manipulate what is a huge market.

"People make bets in the market both ways. A lot of folks took the views that prices would continue to appreciate, and a lot of folks are taking the view now that prices will fall," said Michelle Foss, chief energy economist at the University of Texas' Center for Energy Economics. She said her team has looked for intentional manipulation of the oil market in recent years and hasn't found any evidence of it, but she added that low rates of return on stocks, bonds and other asset classes have brought inexperienced investors into commodities, and oil in particular, adding volatility.

"There are many, many, many more people that participate in the commodity markets now than there has ever been before," Foss said. "People move in herds, and once everybody in the corral is convinced the direction out the gate is one way or another, they go tearing off in that direction."

This is how the Federal Reserve's deci-

sions are felt in the oil patch. By keeping interest rates low, the Fed sent investors searching for yield in the commodities market, often with borrowed money, and that created trouble.

"There has been so much cheap money for people to throw at things for years now," Foss lamented. "Oil has been this weird thing that has remained highly valued, while the prices of metals, non-metal goods, agricultural goods and other commodities have given up 30 percent to 40 percent of their value from the 2008 peak. There was no way oil was going to hang out at those price levels. Something's got to give, and that's partly what's going on."

Which is how, in part, WTI dropped from \$109 in June to \$63.82 on Tuesday. And there is no reason to believe prices are recovering anytime soon.

The Federal Reserve is tightening the money supply by no longer buying bonds and is expected to sign an interest rate hike will come next year. Central banks in Europe and Asia, mean while, are trying to kick-start those wavering economies, and that means investors will keep buying dollars and therefore keep oil prices low.

When it comes to the commodities market, the Chicago Board Options Exchange's Oil Volatility Index was 14.67 when the WTI price spiked in June and is now 39.68. The U.S. Energy Information Administration's short-term outlook on Tuesday said "uncertainty relating to future oil supply remains pronounced."

That takes us back to the fundamentals of supply, demand and geopolitics. OPEC has said it will not cut supply, and no one knows how quickly other producers will take oil off the market to balance with demand. Global economic forecasts remain modest, which means demand is unlikely to go up. That leaves the geopolitical wild card, and there are no predictable disruptions to oil supply on the horizon.

No matter how you slice the data, low oil prices are with us for a while.

Malala's moment: Nobel Prize winner speaks out

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — The Pakistani teenager stood on the stage of Oslo City Hall as the youngest Nobel Peace laureate, smiling as she listened to the thunderous ovation.

Now, everybody knows: She is Malala.

Shot in the head by the Taliban two years ago for speaking out on education, 17-year-old Malala Yousafzai on Wednesday beamed as she received the Nobel Peace Prize and taught a lesson in courage.

"I had two options. One was to remain silent and wait to be killed. And the second was to speak up and then be killed. I chose the second one. I decided to speak up," Malala said.

And with that, Malala proved that teenagers could tell the elders a thing or two. Anyone who hadn't read her memoir, "I am Malala," was about to get an education.

She adjusted her coral pink headscarf and made no effort to hide any scars that might remain from the attack. She thanked her parents for unconditional love and then humbly suggested that she was somehow not all that special — just a girl who fights with her brothers who wanted to learn above all else.

"As far as I know, I am just a committed and even stubborn person who wants to see every child getting quality education, who wants to see women having equal rights and who wants peace in every corner of the world," she

said. "Education is one of the blessings of life, and one of its necessities."

Malala shared the prize with Kailash Satyarthi of India. Both have campaigned for the rights of children and young people, particularly education.

The two laureates bonded immediately. They share a hard-won understanding among those activists who have suffered much, but there is also warmth and commitment to the future. Satyarthi looked on approvingly as she spoke, and has volunteered to be her second father.

But in so many ways, it was Malala's moment. Even an asylum seeker from Mexico rushing on stage left her unperturbed.

She has used her time in the spotlight to offer hope that her prize will inspire young girls all over the world to fight for their rights — and to step forward to lead.

In an interview with The Associated Press, she played on the theme of a global sisterhood of sorts, with women gathering the strength to fight for education, the key to a future.

Malala herself often has expressed her wish to lead — setting sights on one day becoming Pakistani prime minister and following in the steps of the late Benazir Bhutto.

And it was in talking about Pakistan that she melted — if but a bit. It was as if all the excitement about the Nobels, all the interviews, all the banquets — all of it — just faded for a moment as she described her pride in being Pakistani and what the award would

mean for people back home.

"There was a time this region of the world was called a terrorist place, and many people get scared of it. No one even tried to say the name of this country," she told the AP. "So I am really proud to tell people that the people of Pakistan are peaceful, they have harmony, they love each other, they believe in brotherhood."

"But there are some extremist-minded people who misuse the name of Islam and who give a bad name of our country," she said. "But that's not true. Many people are standing up for children's rights, woman's rights and for human rights."

In her hometown of Mingora, Pakistan, roughly 200 people gathered at the Khyal Kore Model High School in the Swat Valley where a large screen had been set up to show the ceremony.

"We feel honored today," said 17-year-old Naveed Ali, who was delighted to see a fellow student and hometown girl win such a big prize.

But not everyone was thrilled. Some in Pakistan feel she has become a tool of the West and question whether her shooting was staged or made up to make her a hero.

Naveed Ahsan, 25, a university student in Islamabad, said Malala was selected for the Nobel prize by those who wanted to use her to "create hate against the Taliban."

The persistence of such divisions make Malala's example that much more potent.

Sarah Cardey, a lecturer in international development at the University of Reading in Britain, said Malala stands for the indomitable courage of the human spirit.

"Her quiet example will achieve more than 1,000 drone strikes in efforts to defeat the Taliban," she said.

Malala herself left a memento behind in Oslo

to show she hasn't forgotten how she got there: the bloodied school uniform she was wearing the day she was shot. It will form part of the Nobel Peace Center exhibition opening Thursday.

It's a stark reminder of how the world came to know Malala, of the time a Taliban gunman climbed into the back of a small pick-up truck used to trans-

port Swat Valley children home from school.

"Who is Malala?" he shouted.

She attempts to answer that in her book, written with British journalist Christina Lamb. She understands she's known as the girl shot by the Taliban, the girl who survived. But she's other things too. And she is just 17.

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Got to 'ad-Mitt:' Self-deportation has its pluses

■ Former presidential candidate might have been on to something

As a Mexican-American journalist, I'm often accused by immigration restrictionists of "undermining the rule of law," "supporting open borders" and being "pro-amnesty."

So let me throw them a curve by putting in a good word for the surprisingly controversial concept of illegal immigrants deciding to self-deport.

Speculation that Mitt Romney, a two-time GOP presidential candidate, might be getting ready to get back into the arena has reopened a debate that Romney started in 2012 over whether the undocumented would "self-deport" if the climate in the United States were less hospitable.

The idea was mocked during the campaign by New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, one of the most prominent Latino Republicans in the country. In an interview with Newsweek, Martinez snapped: "Self-deport? What the heck does that mean?" She urged Romney to dump the slogans and "have a sincere conversation" about how to fix the immigration system.

Romney ultimately turned in a disastrous showing with Latinos, getting only 27 percent of their vote.

During a recent interview on Univision, the nation's largest Spanish-language

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television network, Romney was asked by journalist Maria Elena Salinas if he thought his bid for the presidency had been doomed by his support for self-deportation — which Salinas claimed motivated many Latinos to vote against him.

Romney stood his ground. "My view was, you're not going to have the government deport tens of millions of people," he said. "Instead, let people make their own choices. And those that decide that they have better opportunities elsewhere will decide to return to their home country."

Many Latinos detest Romney, and with good reason — his boneheaded and self-serving remarks about immigration. He promised that if were elected president, he would veto the DREAM Act — a popular piece of legislation with Latinos that would have let undocumented students stay in the country if they went to college or joined the military. He also attacked

Gov. Rick Perry for signing a law that allows illegal immigrants in Texas to pay in-state tuition at public colleges and universities, and pummeled former House Speaker Newt Gingrich for suggesting that work permits be issued for the undocumented to keep families together.

But Latinos can't argue with what Romney says about human nature. People will go where the jobs are, even if it means turning their back on the United States and going home. Contrary to what you hear from right-wingers on talk radio, immigrants don't come for handouts. They come to fill jobs. When the jobs leave, often so will they.

Nor can Latinos argue with Romney's other point — that it's always better for people to make their own choices rather than let the government make those decisions for them. The Obama administration taught them this lesson when it deported 2 million people, divided hundreds of thousands of families, and callously dumped thousands of U.S.-born children into foster care.

Guess what? People who "self-deport" take their kids with them so families are left intact. Which way is more humane?

Frankly, I was once as skeptical as Martinez about the idea of self-deportation. I thought it was a fantasy — one shared by nativists in the Republican Party and

union workers in the Democratic Party. I was convinced that illegal immigrants would never voluntarily leave the United States, especially since many of them go to so much effort to get here.

That was before the U.S. economy soured, the Mexican economy rebounded and people started packing their bags. According to a survey last month by the International Monetary Fund, the Mexican economy has a growth forecast of 2.4 percent this year and 3.5 percent in 2015. It is all because of major reforms in the energy, telecommunications and financial sectors. Many of those who decided to stick it out on this side of the border found themselves in such bad straits that they went from sending money home to borrowing money from home just to survive in the United States. Once some of them figured out that this reverse dependence defeated the whole purpose of migrating to another country, they began to leave.

Then there are those folks who will never make the journey in the first place. Today, net migration across the U.S.-Mexico border is near zero and many folks have opted to remain in Mexico anchored by the same powerful force that drew others here and may now lead them back home — opportunity.

There is nothing wrong with that. In fact, there is a lot right with it.

GUEST VIEW

Railroad Commission rules are good step

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Texas Railroad Commission has given North Texans plenty of reason to be frustrated this year.

In January, a rash of earthquakes shook homes in Parker County, where there are many injection wells used to dispose of waste water from the fracturing process. But the commission — the oil and gas industry's state regulator — was slow to respond to the concerns of residents and reluctant to concede any connection between seismic activity and the wells.

Several months later, a report by the regulator returned inconclusive findings regarding levels of methane — the primary component in natural gas — present in water wells in the county's Silverado subdivision. But the commission declined any further study.

Then news broke of an agency policy to restrict access to subject-matter experts by members of the media, further exacerbating concerns about transparency in a commission that was rapidly losing public confidence.

In spite of its sometimes disappointing record, the commission has also made some progress this year. It made good on a promise to hire an in-house seismologist in March and tightened rules governing drilling permits in October.

Last week, the commission took another step forward by unanimously approving new rules to modify what pipeline operators must do to become common carriers, a coveted status that gives contractors the power of eminent domain if they are unable to negotiate the right to build on private land.

In the past, operators have been able to declare their pipelines common carriers by checking a box on their one-page application.

The new guidelines require companies to provide additional information about their projects, as well as sworn statements that the information is accurate.

The commission's staff has 45 days to review the permit and retains the ability to revoke it if it's found that the pipeline is not being operated within the confines of state laws and regulations.

Applicants must acknowledge the eminent domain provisions in the Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights, as well.

Some critics are concerned that the rules don't do enough to protect landowner rights.

Maybe not. But the changes are another step in the right direction.

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Jonathan Gruber had a bad day

■ One of the alleged architects of Obamacare didn't find any friends on Capitol Hill during Tuesday's hearing

A gaffe, under the oft-cited Michael Kinsley rule, is when somebody in Washington accidentally speaks the truth. But what happens when frankness leads you to say something so monumentally stupid — the verbal equivalent of a pratfall, a face-plant into a mud pit — that "gaffe" doesn't cover it?

In that case, you have Grubered yourself. The originator of this maneuver, MIT professor Jonathan Gruber, came to Capitol Hill on Tuesday, summoned by House Republicans to explain his caught-on-tape remark that passage of Obamacare, on which he was a prominent consultant, relied on the "stupidity of the American voter."

The denunciation of his remarks was brutal: "Glib, thoughtless ... uninformed ... mean and insulting ... uncalled for in any context ... demeaning ... inexcusable arrogance."

And those were Gruber's words. The lawmakers were less charitable.

The chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Darrell Issa, R-Calif., likened the witness to "Forrest Gump, the ultimate in successful stupid men."

"Are you stupid?" Issa asked the man behind the namecard reading, "Mr. Gruber, Ph.D."

"I don't think so, no," the bespectacled Gruber, slouched over the witness table, replied.

"Does MIT employ stupid people?"

"Not to my knowledge."

"So you're a smart man," Issa continued, "who said ... some really stupid things?"

Gruber accepted this characterization. A can of Coke Zero that he had placed on the floor next to his chair had fallen over.

Gruber wasn't about to get a defense from Democrats. "Stupid — I mean absolutely stupid comments," the panel's top Democrat, Elijah Cummings of Maryland, told the witness. "They were irresponsible, incredibly disrespectful and did not reflect reality."

Nobody in the room seemed to question the stupidity of Gruber's stupidity remark, or his claim that "this bill was written in a tortured way" to avoid it appearing to be a tax, or that "lack of transparency is a huge political advantage" because people didn't know that "healthy people pay in and sick people get money."

Instead, it became a game of Grubering. Republicans tried to Gruber Democrats by asserting that Gruber was a key architect of Obamacare and that his talk about passing the law deceptively was true. Democrats tried to Gruber the Republicans by tying the hapless professor to former Massa-

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achusetts Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, for whom Gruber also consulted. And Gruber continued to Gruber himself, refusing reasonable demands that he disclose all the government fees he had received. He conferred more than once with his lawyer and dodged questions by saying, "Take that up with my counsel" or "I don't recall the total" — making it likely the committee will haul him back for another round of Grubering.

It was the last scheduled hearing under Issa's chairmanship and an appropriately zany coda to a tumultuous tenure.

Issa, who hit his term limit as chairman of the high-profile panel, has been assigned to legislative Siberia: chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee's intellectual property subcommittee.

For his final act, Issa did his best to Gruber Obama, calling Gruber a "critical player" in Obamacare. Over the administration's objections, he seated him on a panel next to Marilyn Tavenner, the official overseeing Obamacare, and called them a "perfect pairing." Other Republicans grilled Gruber on how many times he met with Obama (once) and went to the White House (no clue).

Democrats countered by trying to Gruber the Republicans. Rep. Gerald Connolly of Virginia quizzed Gruber on his visits to Romney offices (dozens) and meetings with Romney (also one). Cummings read aloud quotes from Romney praising Gruber.

But Democrats could not conceal the damage that Gruber had done to them and Obamacare. Cummings said it was a "public relations gift" to Republicans. "You wrapped it up with a bow."

Gruber, in a geeky tenor, apologized, profusely and endlessly. No fewer than 14 times, he referred to his "inexcusable" remarks and insisted that he was "not the architect" of Obamacare and had no business offering political opinions.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., asked Gruber to elaborate on his claim that legislation "passed because the American people are too stupid to understand the difference."

Gruber groveled, saying he was "trying to make myself seem smart by insulting others."

"So you're a professor at MIT and you're worried about not looking smart enough?"

"Yes."

"Well," said Gowdy, "you succeeded."

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Nearly 9 in 10 doubt Obama, GOP can break gridlock

By Jennifer Agiesta & Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans may not agree on much lately, but one opinion is nearly universal: There's almost no chance that President Barack Obama, a Democrat, and the Republican Congress can work together to solve the country's problems.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll finds just 13 percent of Americans are confident the leaders, separated by nearly 2 miles of Pennsylvania Avenue, can work together, while 86 percent have no such faith. That's far more than the 58 percent who felt that way just after the 2010 midterm elections in which the tea party movement rose to prominence.

The doubts cross party lines: Fewer than 1 in 5 Democrats or independents have confidence the two sides can cooperate. Republicans are even more pessimistic, with just 1 in 10 confident Obama and Congress can work together.

Those who lack confidence spread the blame around: 41 percent say neither side would do enough to work together, 35 percent place more blame on the Republicans, 22 percent on the president.

Neither side holds much hope things are going to get better, either. Just 16 percent think the president is likely to restore public trust in government in the next two years, while 20 percent feel congressional Republicans will.

Robert Cole, 65, said both Democrats and Republicans deserve blame for Washington's stalemate: "If you want to place the blame, it rests on the American voter."

"They're not doing their jobs, and

we as the electorate are stupid in sending the same people back and expecting things to change," said Cole, a retiree who lives in Ocala, Florida.

But not everyone sees cooperation as a positive.

"In my view, the Republicans were doing what they needed to do to block a harmful agenda coming from the executive branch," said Ron Tykoski, 42, a paleontologist from Nevada, Texas.

What does the public think they'll be able to do?

A majority say Obama is likely to prevent Congress from repealing the health care law passed in 2010, while nearly half say the GOP is likely to block Obama's executive order on immigration. Another 42 percent think the GOP will block or roll back Obama's environmental regulations. Fewer think either side will be able to enact the policies on their agenda.

Tamara Watson, 35, a high school teacher in West Columbia, South Carolina, said immigration and health care are the two issues where both sides need to work together. She sees Republicans as the bigger roadblock.

"They have fought him his entire term and a half now, and there's so many of them now," she said. "It's going to be very difficult for (Obama) to work with them when there are so many of them versus so few of his party."

Political gridlock itself ranks pretty low on the issue scale, 47 percent call it extremely or very important compared with 83 percent who say the economy is important, 76 percent who consider health care a key issue and 64 percent who say unemployment is important.

But the issue prompts Obama's

most negative ratings overall: 66 percent disapprove of his handling of gridlock and among Democrats, 47 percent disapprove.

Approval ratings for the president and Congress are about the same as before the election, with 41 percent approval for Obama and 15 percent Congress. In general, however, the public expresses greater frustration with politics now than they did four years ago.

Looking back on last month's elections, 52 percent say they're disappointed with the results while 50 percent say they're frustrated. Both figures are up significantly since 2010. About a quarter, 27 percent, say they're angry, compared with 16 percent in 2010.

Just 37 percent say they're hopeful when they think about the results of the elections, well below the 65 percent saying so after the 2010 elections, when the GOP took control of the House of Representatives, or the 74 percent who felt so when Obama was elected the nation's first black president. Only 1 in 5 Americans under age 30 describe themselves as hopeful, fewer than any other age group.

More Americans say they trust neither party to handle managing the federal government than said they trust either side over the other. Nearly a third of both Democrats and Republicans say they trust neither party to handle managing the federal government, along with almost 6 in 10 independents.

But Cole says this hasn't turned him away from politics.

"As aggravating as it is, I'm still paying attention just to see if I can find somebody out there who is going to do more than talk about cooperating and find a way forward," he said.

CIA fights back after torture report

By Bradley Klapper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top spies past and present campaigned Wednesday to discredit the Senate's harrowing torture practices after 9/11, battling to define the historical record and deter potential legal action around the world.

The Senate intelligence committee's report doesn't urge prosecution for wrongdoing, and the Justice Department has no interest in reopening a criminal probe. But the threat to former interrogators and their superiors was underlined as a U.N. special investigator demanded those responsible for "systematic crimes" be brought to justice, and human rights groups pushed for the arrest of key CIA and Bush administration figures if they travel overseas.

Current and former CIA officials pushed back, determined to paint the Senate report as a political stunt by Senate Democrats tarnishing a program that saved American lives. It is a "one-sided study marred by errors of fact and interpretation — essentially a poorly done and partisan attack on the agency that has done the most to protect America," former CIA directors George Tenet, Porter Goss and Michael Hayden wrote in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece.

Hayden was singled out by Senate investigators for what they said was a string of misleading or outright false statements he gave

in 2007 about the importance of the CIA's brutal treatment of detainees in thwarting terrorist attacks. He described the focus on him as "ironic on so many levels" as any wrongdoing predated his arrival at the CIA. "They were far too interested in yelling at me," Hayden said in an email to The Associated Press.

The intelligence committee's 500-page release concluded that the CIA inflicted suffering on al-Qaida prisoners beyond its legal authority and that none of the agency's "enhanced interrogations" provided critical, life-saving intelligence. It cited the CIA's own records, documenting in detail how waterboarding and lesser-known techniques such as "rectal feeding" were actually employed.

The CIA is now in the uncomfortable position of defending itself publicly, given its basic mission to protect the country secretly. Its 136-page rebuttal suggests Senate Democrats searched through millions of documents to pull out only the evidence backing up pre-determined conclusions. "That's like doing a crossword puzzle on Tuesday with Wednesday's answer's key," the CIA said in an emailed statement.

Poring over the same body of evidence as the investigators, the CIA insisted most of the 20 case studies cited in the Senate report actually illustrated how enhanced interrogations helped disrupt plots, capture terrorists and prevent another 9/11-type attack.

Budget deal erodes limits on political money

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is set to make it easier for political parties to collect bigger checks from their wealthiest backers — if Democrats do not scuttle the plan first.

Under a spending bill introduced in the Republican-led House, each super-rich donor would be allowed to give almost \$1.6 million per election cycle to political parties and their campaign committees. The comparable limit for 2014's

elections was \$194,400.

The campaign finance proposal was tucked into an unrelated measure to keep most of the government open through the coming September.

The effort is the latest bid to weaken campaign finance rules passed after the Watergate scandal in the 1970s and updated a decade ago. It follows three Supreme Court rulings that gave rise to free-spending super PACs, which can accept unlimited contributions from people and corporations

alike, and an increased role for outside groups to shape the outcome of elections.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi joined others in her party in roundly criticizing the bill and said the campaign finance proposal needed to be ditched.

"The package includes a provision that would work

to drown out the voices of the American people and massively expand the role of big money in our elections," the California Democrat said in a statement. "With this provision, Republicans would multiply 10 times the amount of money wealthy individuals can give to a political party."


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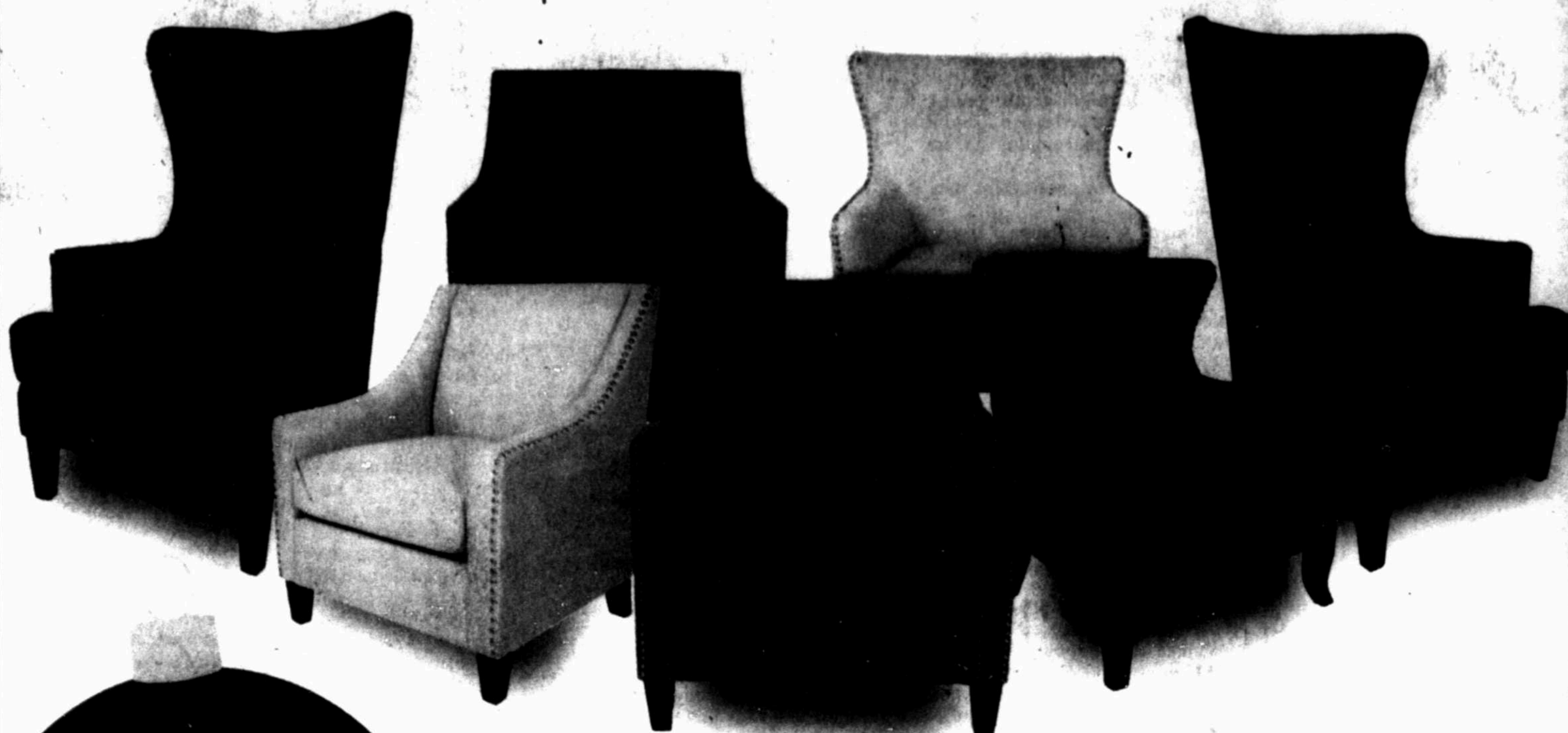
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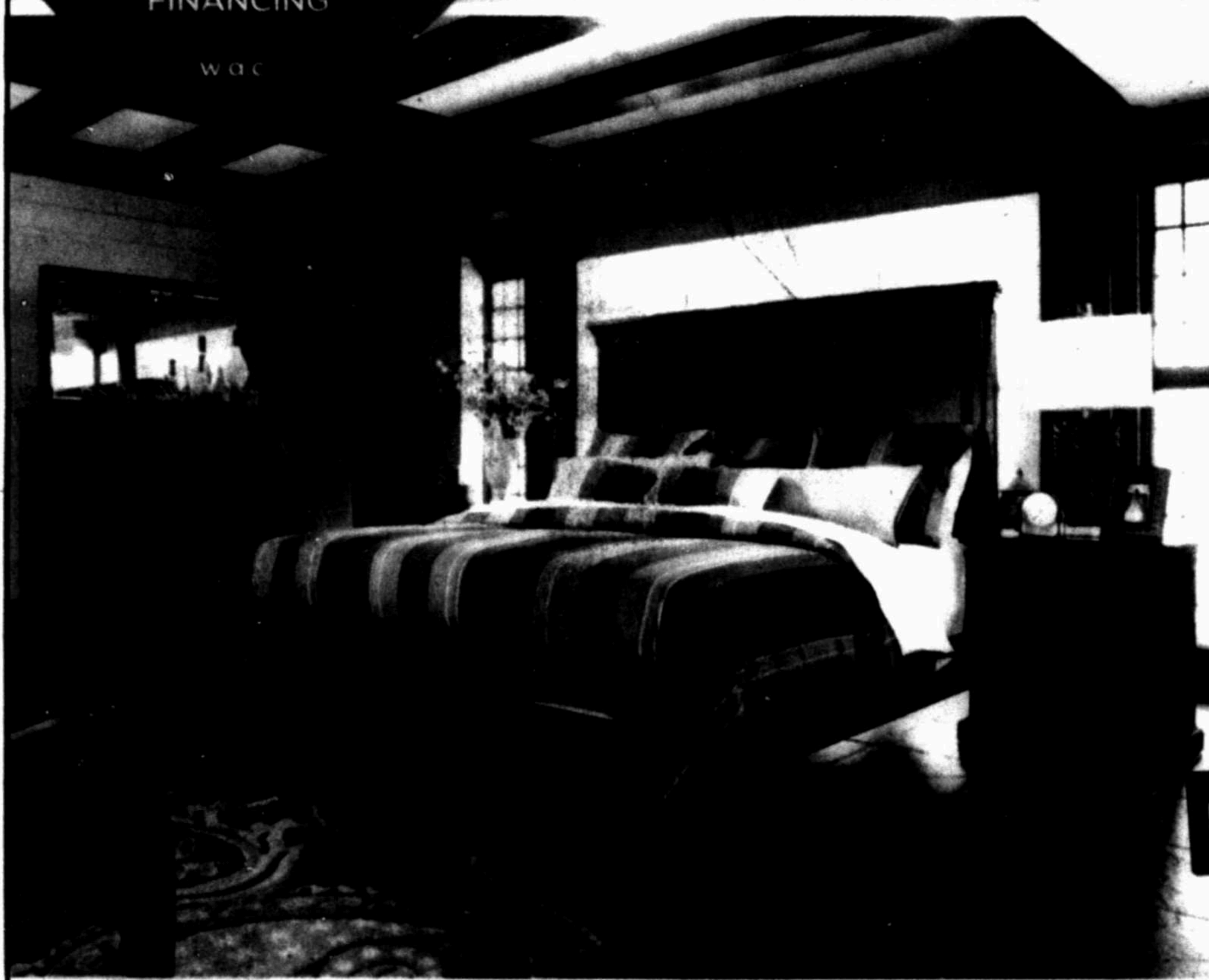
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PURE COUNTRY
Mark Chesnutt, Bri Bagwell and Cory Michael take the stage at La Hacienda.

FRIDAY



PARTY WITH A PURPOSE
Toy drive at The Boardroom Lounge benefits kids through several local nonprofits.

SATURDAY



OPEN HOUSE
Christmas at the Mansion continues at the Museum of the Southwest.

SUNDAY



BRASS CHRISTMAS
Catch Lone Star Brass Christmas Show at Wagner Noel.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

INSIDE

ON STAGE
Permian Playhouse ends season on a high mark with 'Little Women.' Page 3

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Exodus: Gods and Kings," "Top Five"
Closing: "The One I Wrote for You"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Exodus: Gods and Kings"

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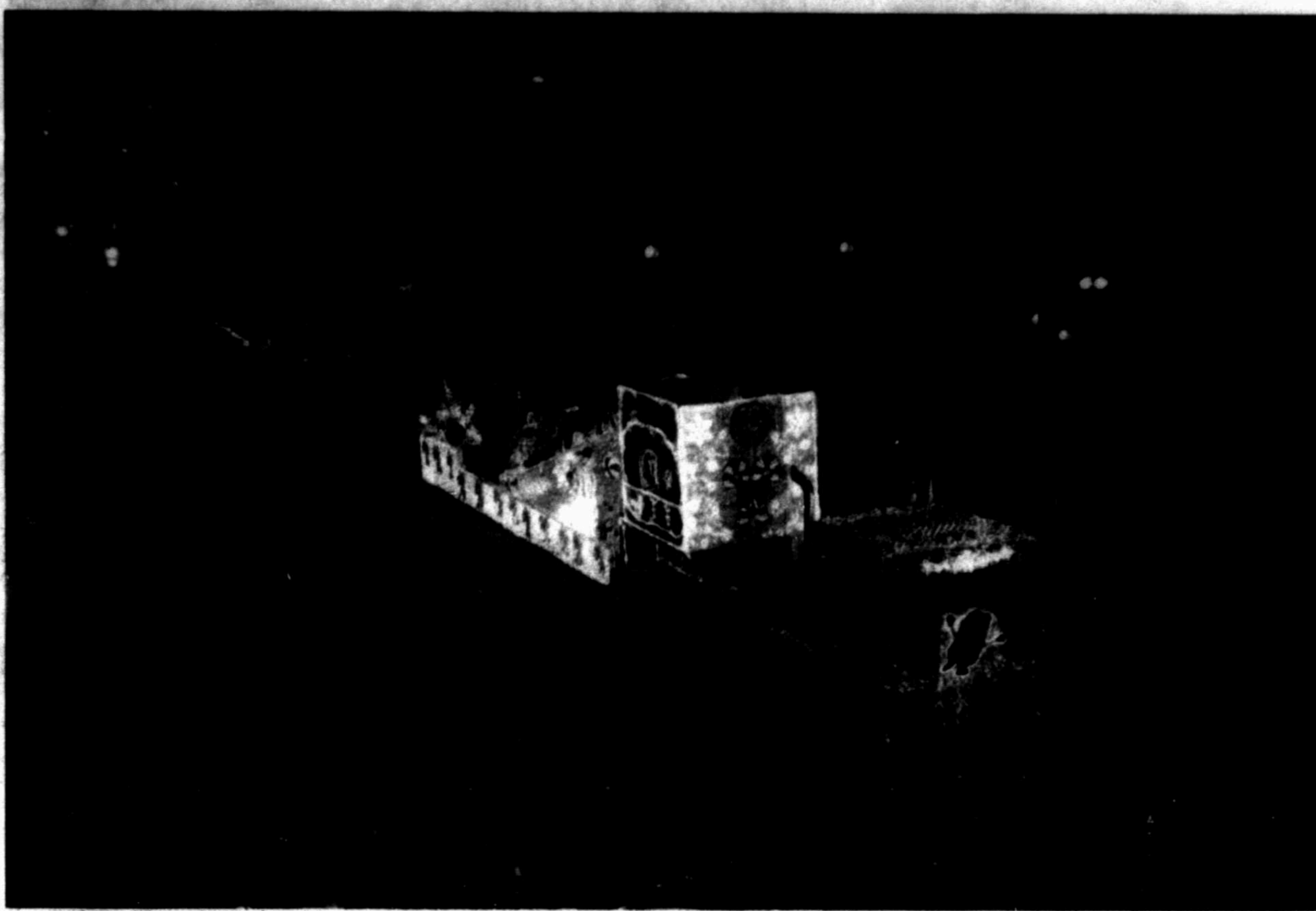
STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4

COMING SOON



BACK FOR MORE
Bob Schneider returns to the stage next week for a show with Alpha Rev.

See what else is coming soon on Page 2.



SEASON TO CELEBRATE

The city of Midland's annual Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. This year's theme is the Wild West. The parade route begins at Main Street and Illinois Avenue and ends at Centennial Plaza.

Keen brings his family Christmas to town

By Rich Lopez
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Twenty years ago, Robert Earl Keen maybe didn't know he was penning a holiday cult classic with "Merry Christmas from the Family." With sketchy holiday antics involving alcohol, second wives and football, it wasn't quite the stuff of Norman Rockwell — but it worked.

Keen now shares his family experience with his stage show "Robert Earl Keen's Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee" which comes to the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center today.

"What we're doing is like a parade almost," he said. "There isn't really a Christmas narrative going on, but still we have the pomp and circumstance."

Retooling sets from years past, Keen said this will be a celebration of Christmas during the '70s.

"Yeah, that's closer to my true time of all that insanity," he said.

An added bonus to the show is an appearance by The X-Mas Men fresh off their recent release "Santa Is Real."

The X-Mas Men are also Keen's backing band. "Santa is Real" is an instrumental album of favorite Christmas tunes Keen said they have been doing in this show for a while.

"The band and I have played many years together, and they always started the show with these instrumentals, but they were more somber," Keen said. "They would dress in classical theater black and play these old madrigals but no one paid attention."

By turning the tide into what Keen describes as hill-billy swing versions of holiday songs, the tone is set for a raucous time with the family.

Ironically, Christmas is far different these days for Keen.

"Oh it's really quiet with just my wife and two daughters. Usually there's a turkey in the barbecue pit and we're just chill," he said.

As for missing those old family days ... well, not so much.

"Yeah, sometimes I miss some of that craziness, but I enjoy being around sane people," Keen finished with a laugh.

WANT TO GO?

Robert Earl Keen's Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee at the Wagner Noel, 1310 North Farm-to-Market Road 1788. 8 p.m. today. \$27-\$52. WagnerNoel.com.



Branding is nothing new to veteran sax player

By Rich Lopez
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Despite his racy album covers from the '70s, jazz musician Houston Person wasn't the provocateur his label intended.

In order to expand audiences, albums like "Wild Flower" or "Harmony" featured a sexier vibe with models on the cover instead of Person. Jazz maybe never looked sexier.

Ironically, Person had no say in the matter.

"I was never a part of it, but the label had all these crazy ideas back then," Person said via phone. "I was surprised and even glad that some people liked them enough to get to the music, but I had mixed feelings about them then. They were doing what others in the industry were doing. They call it marketing or branding."

Person said everything is a brand now. Throughout his own career, he's had several brands, whether it was blues music or smooth jazz.

Person turned 80 this year. So after all his time in music since his 1963 recordings with jazz and hard bop organist Johnny "Hammond" Smith, how does he see himself as a brand?

Or is he one?

"I don't really think that way, but I can understand what you do is become what people identify you by, so in that sense, then yeah, I'm a brand, which I guess would be versatility," the tenor sax player said.

With an extensive career and a landmark birthday, his view on music has not wavered at all. This lends itself to his revelation. Enjoying music and performing it is all Person wants.

Please see PERSON Page 6

CALENDAR

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Robert Earl Keen Christmas, 8 p.m. today 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. today at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wtjs.org.

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas program, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. bigspringssymphony.com.

Lone Star Brass "A Lone Star Brass Christmas," 3 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ARTS & EXHIBITS

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

Christmas tea at Christmas at the Mansion, 3-3:45 p.m. or 4:15-5 p.m. Friday 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.

THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

"A Christmas Story" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"Little Women: The Musical," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" film screening, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday at Regal Tall City 14. www.fathom-events.com.

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

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

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.

EVENTS

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

Betenbough Homes Annual Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m. today at Legends Park Model Homes. betenbough.com.

Party with a Purpose toy drive, benefiting Toys for Tots, High Sky Children's Ranch, Janet's Closet at Midland Memorial Hospital and

Casa of West Texas, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday at The Boardroom Lounge above Torino's Pizza Bar. facebook.com/pages/the-boardroom.

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. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

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

Ugly Christmas Sweater Run, 11 a.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

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

Midland Storytelling Festival, Saturday at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

City of Midland's "Wild West Christmas Parade," 6:30 p.m. Saturday at downtown Midland. midlandtexas.gov.

Christmas Market at the Gardens, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at

Aldredge Gardens. 682-4500.

KID-FRIENDLY

"The Elf on the Shelf" story time, 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

"Mr. Grumpy Lizard Meets the Giggling Girls," with special guest Joyce Shaughnessy, 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. 16 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon Dec. 17 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Michael Martin Murphy's Cowboy Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Holiday Cheer at the

Library, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Art Night to raise money for art supplies at Jones Elementary, 4-8 p.m. Dec. 18 at Midland Springhill Suites. 695-6870.

Laura Bush Literacy Program reading event, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Library Holiday Open House, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Midland County Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Midland Community

Band's free Christmas concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band.

Christmas tea at Christmas at the Mansion, 3-3:45 p.m. or 4:15-5 p.m. Dec. 19 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Holiday classics story time "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Bob Schneider with Alpha Rev, Dec. 19 at the Yucca Theatre. talltownes.com.

"Miracle on 34th Street" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19-20 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Christmastime in the City Hayrides, Dec. 19-21 at Stonegate Fellowship Church. stonegatefellowship.com.

Open house at Christmas at the Mansion, 1-3 p.m. Dec. 20 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Hanukkah story time "Honeyky Hanukkah," 10:30 a.m. Dec. 20 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

barnesandnoble.com.

Midland Festival Ballet's "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"The Devil's Glove" book signing with author Cousin Vinny, 1 p.m. Dec. 21 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Winter Holiday Fun with Crestview Church at the Downtown Library, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 22 at Midland County Public

Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Winter movie camp: "Arthur Christmas," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Dec. 23 at Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org.

Special Holiday Book Drive story time, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 27 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Tall City Youth Calf Roping, Dec. 30 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

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ON STAGE

Art of storytelling defies modern attention spans

By Rich Lopez
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If Sue Roseberry has her way, storytelling will never be a lost art in Midland.

And her way will be on full display at this weekend's Midland Storytelling Festival. The two-day event stretches from the Lee High School to (mostly) the Midland Center where a cast of tellers' tales will leave audiences enrapt.

Roseberry assures there is nothing that parallels a good story.

"There is a magic that takes place once everyone is hooked and connected," she said. "Everyone responds to a stimulus of some kind, and, hence, adults still love stories."

Along with Roseberry, the festival features a cast of tellers who are celebrities in this niche, and they all have their own styles of delivery. The show will feature Antonio Rocha, Barbara McBride-Smith, Laura Pershin Raynor, Charlotte Blake Alston, Willy Claffin and Maynard Moose, Annalon Gilbreath from Lubbock and Bill Harley. Donald Davis will headline Friday night's Story

WANT TO GO?

Midland Storytelling Festival at the Midland Center, 105 N. Main St. Friday and Saturday, \$10 adults, \$5 students. makingmemoriesmidland.com.

Unplugged.

Emceed by local performer Mary Lou Cassidy, the Appalachian-born Davis will be given free reign to tell his stories.

"Davis is kind of like the major celebrity of storytelling and one of the most prolific tellers we have today," Roseberry said.

Be that as it may, how do storytellers keep listeners with today's Twitter attention span engaged?

Roseberry said the art is more than what people think.

"It's all about the way they are presented," she said. "Every teller has to have some entertainment genes connected to what they do. It's like a theatrical piece, rather. We develop that connection, and that triggers something in listeners."

With her performing arts background, Roseberry found she was also a storyteller and her first time

onstage, the bug hit.

Now she's grown that into helping organize the festival.

The festival opens Friday with performances for MISD schools at Lee High. Geared toward fourth-graders, a special show will be given by the cast.

"Friday is our education connection day and students will have the opportunity to hear these stories on a sort of field trip," Roseberry said. "We think the students can identify with some of the stories. We target that grade-level because that's when they'll all be taking their writing tests, and by engaging in this, it can encourage critical thinking."

The festival begins Friday night for the general public with Story Unplugged. A culmination of all the speakers on one stage on Saturday will finish off the event.

"I hope people will come, and bring their imagination and experience the warmth of a story. It's different than anything else," Roseberry said. "There's a lot going on that day with the parade downtown, but we just invite everyone to come on in afterward."



SUE ROSEBERRY

'Little Women: The Musical' ends season on a high note

REVIEW

By Rich Lopez
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Prepare for an emotional ride with Permian Playhouse's "Little Women: The Musical." In her first directorial effort, Amber McDonald created a delightful show layered with wrenching drama, unexpected comedy and a strong cast.

For literary aficionados, the show by Alan Kne, Jason Howland and Mindi Dickstein is hardly a substitute for the novel, much less the CliffsNotes. Gone are the more nuanced textures of the March sisters. Instead, their story is told in broad strokes punctuated by music.

With that limitation, McDonald and the cast delivered fleshed-out characters worth caring about — and none more so than the lead Abby Anderson.

Anderson was simply perfect as Jo displaying the literary heroine's spirit of feistiness and independence. She so embodied Jo, which allowed the audience to easily jump on the evolutionary road she went through from spunky adolescent to self-aware adult. Anderson then tapped into wonderful depth in her musical numbers; most notably "Better" and "Astounding."

The rest of the March family was equally up to the task.

Christie Kidd played eldest sister Meg with a romantic grace, while Micaela Grenier gave the youngest sister Amy a veneer of pomposity and frustration living in Jo's shadow. As the peacemaking sister Beth, Payton Gillam's performance was an enjoyable display of understatement. Beth is perhaps the least dynamic of the sisters, but Gillam's steadfast delivery was beautifully sympathetic.

As the matriarch Marmee, Kimberly Wilson



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Corman's performance paralleled Gillam's, only with more emotional impact in the second half with "Days of Plenty" that resulted in sniffles from the audience. Her antithesis came via Sarah

Ross' amusing turn as the grouse Aunt March. Kelsi Gray delivered an impressive switch-hitter role as hardhearted neighbor Mr. Laurence.

The gentlemen also fared well. Daniel Ramirez

gave Laurie, who becomes an unofficial March family member, the appropriate amount of smitten as he gets to know Jo. As Margaret's suitor Mr. Brooke, Jacob Corman had a pleasant charm.

WANT TO GO?

"Little Women: The Musical" at Permian Playhouse, 310 West 42nd St., Odessa. Through Sunday, \$7-\$14 permian-playhouse.com.

Seeing Playhouse executive director Jonathon Horne onstage was a treat, and his turn as the stoic but bumbling Professor Bhaer hit all the right marks — undergoing an evolution of his own. Horne has a nice presence that equaled Anderson in their scenes together. And while his character is a serious fellow, Horne smartly injected subtle humor that gave the character a well-rounded balance.

Though the cast thrived, there were technical bumps. While the main set depicted the March's home, there were missed opportunities for grandeur with only a black curtain in place for a ballroom scene. The use of recorded music worked well, but sound issues were spotty. Many times, the music played too

loud over the actors' songs, so words were lost.

But Erica Palay's costumes were wonderful as the women were all dressed in glorious hoop skirts. She painted a palette with different color schemes for the sisters' wardrobe, which cleverly exhibited the advancement of time.

What was unbearably noticeable were the wigs, especially Jo's when she cuts her hair for money. Instead of simply pinning the hair back, a distracting wig really took Anderson out of the show for a moment.

Ultimately, however, "Little Women" works. With its dramatic flair and whimsical humor, the show is heartwarming without ever being schmaltzy and an outstanding finish to theater in the area.

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MOVIES

'Jingle All the Way' sequel deserves big lump of coal

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13) The best of the summer blockbusters is as poignant and breathtaking as its predecessor, "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Jingle All the Way 2" (PG) After conferring with Santa Claus, we agree this unneces-

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sary sequel is ho-ho-horrible. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"As Above, So Below" (R) Its historical references are laughably wrong, but this is one

of the most genuinely creepy films of the year. **B**
"Cantinflas" (PG) Óscar Jaenada does a remarkable job of portraying the legendary Mexican performer, but it was a mistake to not at least give a bit of his biography rather than just starting the

movie when he began his career as a circus tent performer. **B-**
"The Congress" (not rated) The best use of a real actor's persona since "Being John Malkovich" — it helps to be a Robin Wright fan and familiar with her career — stumbles when it gets to the animated sequence. **B**
"The Hero of Color City" (G) Story of a cowardly yellow crayon is condescending and boring. **D**
"Holy Ghost People" (R) Reminiscent of Kevin Smith's

"Red State" without the intrigue or attention to making the characters against stereotype. **C**
"Hundred-Foot Journey" (PG) This close second for Pick o' the Week will probably not appeal to as big a crowd as the apes movie, but it's every bit as good in its own way. **A**
"Kite" (R) Lame rip-off of "Point of No Return" tries to cram a little plot and dialogue between action scenes — a few of which are decent — but not a enjoyable experience. **C-**

MOVIE CAPSULES

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.

Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) The defiant leader Moses rises up against the Pharaoh Ramses and leads his people out of plague-stricken Egypt toward freedom. With Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton and

John Turturro. Written by Adam Cooper, Bill Collage, Jeffrey Caine and Steven Zaillian. Directed by Ridley Scott.

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 I (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 Gyl-

lenhaal. 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 inter-species 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.

Top Five (R) A comic superstar trying to reinvent himself as a serious actor — while also preparing to marry his reality-star fiancée — reluctantly agrees to an interview that forces

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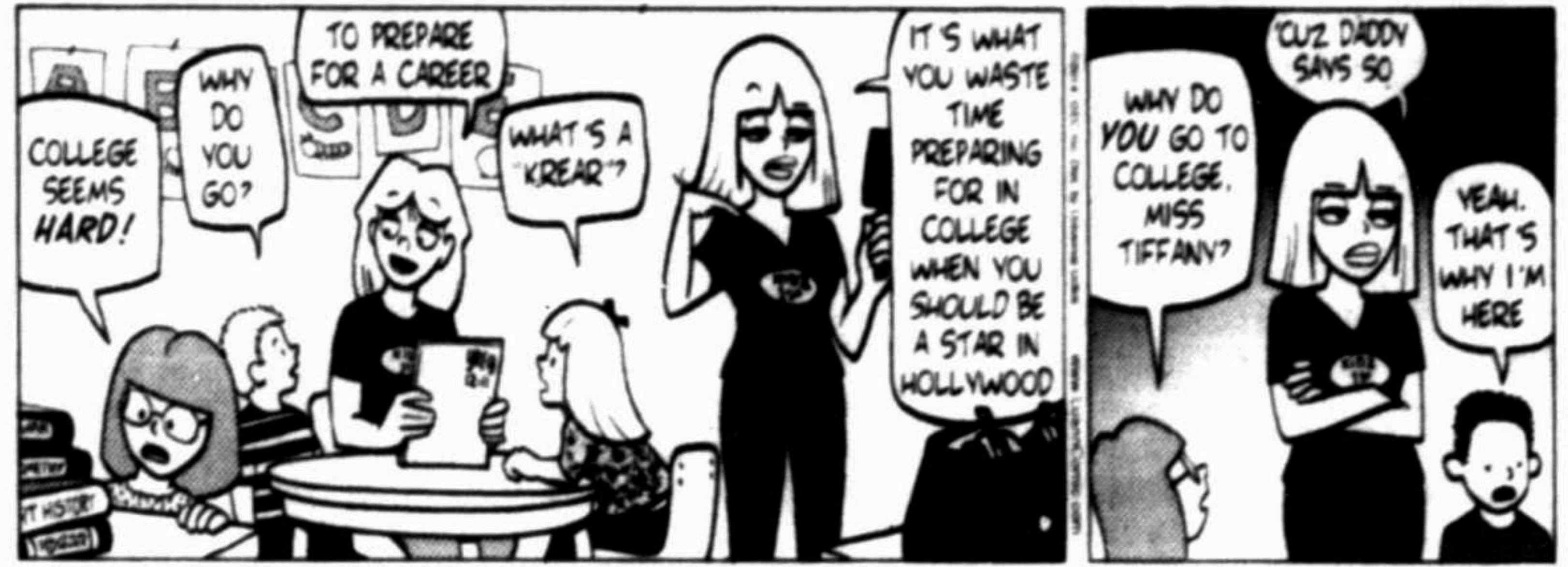
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SCOTTY'S SOUL FOOD Tucked in a hole-in-the-wall location on North Big Spring Street, Scotty's offers everything comfort food.

Loretta Lynn reschedules Midland show at Wagner

From staff reports

Loretta Lynn has rescheduled her Jan. 28 Midland show. She will now perform Feb. 24 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Lynn's management said the change was made to allow the country star an opportunity to perform with Jack White at a special engagement in Nashville, celebrating

the 10th anniversary of the album Van Lear Rose that the two musicians produced together.

Tickets purchased for the January show are valid for the Feb. 24 performance. Ticket holders wanting a refund should call 800-514-3849 or contact the Wagner Noel box office no later than Jan. 28.

For more information, go to wagnernoel.com.

PERSON

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"The way I see it is I've stayed the same, and that's the way I judge it," he said. "I'm having fun doing it and still meeting new people, and I think as long as you can do it, that's all right."

The West Texas Jazz Society will present Person and his brand of jazz today at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall. The Brian Piper Trio will also play on the bill.

Person finds himself to be mellowed out these days and for his Midland appearance, he intends to play what matters most to him.

"I'm all about great melodies these days," he said. "I enjoy being true to music that's based on the

blues and swing and dancing; all those good things in music. That's what I would like to be remembered for."

But he doesn't let on what his show will consist of. Instead, he's a go-with-the-flow kind of player.

"I know what audiences want to hear, but I really don't know what I'll play," he said. "There will be a nice variety, and I'll play the music people know, but I just want people to come out and give it all a chance. And have a good time."

WANT TO GO?

Houston Person at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall in the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. With The Brian Piper Trio. 8 p.m. today. \$35 general admission. \$5 students. wtjs.org.

LIVE WIRE

TODAY

Goodtimers @ West Texas Dance Club
Hemlock, Nightmare Canvas, Kill Matilda @ Blue Max
Robert Earl Keen @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Troy Cartwright @ Lone Star Bar
Jason Boland and the Stragglers @ Rockin Rodeo
Mark Chesnut, Bri Bagwell, Cory Michael @ La Hacienda

FRIDAY

Backroad Troubadors @ The Detour
Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ Midland Senior Center
Texas Hill Country Outlaws featuring Lefty Bilbrey @ Your Place
Thieves of Sunrise, Matthew Marcus McDaniel @ 10 Sports Bar
Art Alexakis of Everclear @ Blue Max
TJ Broscoff @ Redneck's
Kyle Park, Chris Brazeal

Band @ Graham's
No Dry Country @ Lone Star Bar
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Electric Cowboys @ The Bar

SATURDAY

Justin Langston @ The Wine Rack
Ashley Raines and the New West Revue @ Cigar Frogs
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Callahan Divide @ Redneck's
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Lone Star Brass Christmas @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
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SPORTS

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Lady Rebels head to Las Vegas for tournament

By Len Hayward
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Lee girls basketball coach Monica Ramirez went on a Google search last spring looking for a quality tournament for her team to play in this season.

Her hope was to find a way to get into a tournament such as the McDonald's Texas Invitational in Houston, but any other tournament of similar quality would have been fine no matter the venue.

After making inquiries to different tournaments, the first tournament official to make contact with Ramirez was Las Vegas Bishop Gorman girls basketball coach Sheryl Krmpotich. That's right Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was certainly a shock for Ramirez to receive the invitation from so far away. But after emails and phone conversations, she accepted the invitation gladly. And beginning today, the Lady Rebels will be playing in the Las Vegas Invitational at Bishop Gorman High School.

"I was trying to get the girls in some big tournaments with good competition," Ramirez said. "When I accepted the invitation to Las Vegas, all the other ones started to call back."

The Lady Rebels (4-4) will play four games over three days, beginning with a 6 p.m. (CST) game today against the host team. Lee will also play Henderson (Nevada) Liberty and Las Vegas Quest Preparatory on Friday, and Henderson (Nevada) Foothill on Saturday.

"I told the girls, 'That tells you what they think about us, the host team has us first,'" Ramirez joked.

Ramirez is seeing this trip, which is being funded by the Lee girls basketball booster club, as a chance for her team to play against quality competition in a different venue.

The Lady Rebels' first game today will be the first time they have played since Nov. 29 when they lost to Abilene Wylie.

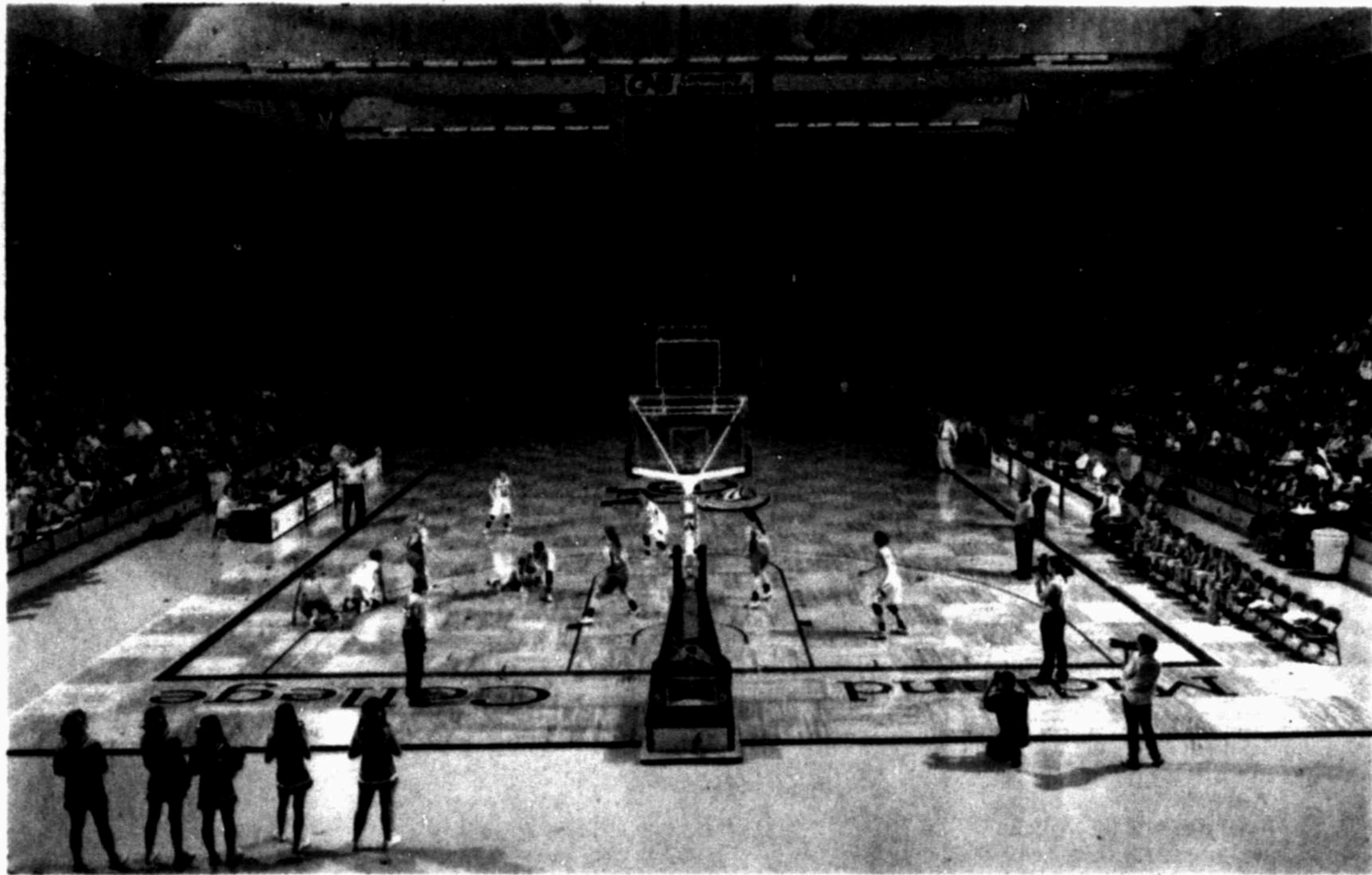
Lee had a game canceled last week, and another one that was canceled for next week. So this week, will be a chance for Lee to play four games before taking another long break prior to the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic.

"We scrimmaged each other twice last week and I tried to keep the schedule for them the same," Ramirez said. "On Tuesday and Thursday we played a full game and worked on some things, but I don't know if it compares to playing a game. We just worked on trying to fix things."

Beginning today, the Lady Rebels will have a chance to fix things against four solid teams from the Las Vegas area.

Please see LADY REBELS/3C

Let the games begin



MRT file photo

Interior view of Chaparral Center during the Region 1-2A girls basketball tournament semifinal game between Canadian and Wall on Feb. 21.

Oilman's Tournament returns with 8-team field

By Len Hayward
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The Tall City Oilman's Tournament was a staple of early December basketball in Midland for more than a decade.

But since 2008 when District 2-5A was formed and the 18-game district basketball schedule that came with it, the tournament has been on again and off again. It's on when re-alignment doesn't force Lee or Midland High to play a lengthy district schedule, and it's off when that same long district schedule has Lee and MHS playing league games

in November.

This weekend, though, the tournament is back for the first time since 2011 and Lee coach Chris Packer said it came together much quicker than even he expected.

"It was kind of a late deal," Packer said. "After the UIL realignment we were seeing that we could do a tournament again, and we didn't think we would be able to get anything going. We were looking at a round robin with four teams; us, Midland High and maybe two out teams was the best we could do. But it came together quite nicely."

Over the last six years, the tournament has had a checkered history. The tournament went on hiatus in 2008 after the UIL realigned Lee and Midland High into the 10-team District 2-5A.

Two years later, the tournament returned after Lee and MHS were moved into District 3-5A. Then in 2012 and 2013, the tournament was called off again. The 2012 version was scheduled but was later canceled because of a lack of a full tournament field.

Packer said they were "on pins and needles" trying to finalize an eighth team for the tournament as San Antonio Roosevelt confirmed in early September.

Along with Roosevelt, this year's tournament will feature Class 4A No. 1 Dallas Triple A Academy, and El Paso Harmony Science Academy, a pair of charter schools that feature some college prospects.

Perennial Metroplex playoff team

Please see TOURNAMENT/2C

Cowboys QB Romo takes it easy as Eagles game looms

Associated Press

IRVING — By now, Tony Romo is used to his abbreviated workouts on Wednesdays.

He participated in Cowboys' morning walk-through but did not take the field for the afternoon practice.

Instead, the veteran quarterback went through a workout aimed at strengthening his surgically repaired back.

The Cowboys will have 10 days between last Thursday's victory at Chicago and Sunday's showdown with the Eagles in Philadelphia.

The teams are tied atop the NFC East at 9-4, but the Eagles pounded Dallas 33-10 on Thanksgiving.

Despite the extra days off - and the importance of a game that could determine whether Dallas makes the playoffs for the first time since 2009 - Romo stuck with the practice schedule he adopted early this season.

"I think just having a few more days off, and the ability to take the week like we've normally been doing, I expect me and our team to be at our best come Sunday," Romo said.

The win at Chicago improved Romo's career record in December to just 13-17. Dallas could have reached the playoffs in any of the last three seasons by winning the final game. With Romo playing, the Cowboys lost 31-14 to the Giants in 2011 and 28-18 to Washington in '12. Last year, an injured Romo watched Kyle Orton quarterback the team during a 24-22 loss to the Eagles.

"This team is completely different than some of those teams in years past," he said. "We're much better up front. We're probably blocking better than we have in some of those other times where it wasn't as clean as it will be now. I think defensively we'll probably get an extra stop or two, special teams will create another play."

Dallas coach Jason Garrett bristled at a suggestion that the Cowboys would have to rise to the occasion against Philadelphia.

"We don't really talk much about rising to the occasion," Garrett said. "We talk about being our best."

Romo echoed his coach: "We need to be the best version of ourselves this game."

Garrett was asked twice to compare preparing 10 days for the Eagles now, when the team had just four days before the Thanksgiving game.

"We are not talking about the last game and the preparation leading up to that game," he said.

To cornerback Orlando Scandrick, it doesn't matter whether the game was 17 days or 17 weeks ago.

"You've only got one week to prepare for each team," he said.



Romo



Packer

Lester, Cubs agree to \$155M, 6-year contract

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jon Lester agreed Tuesday night to a \$155 million, six-year contract with the Cubs, the first big deal of the offseason involving a top-level starting pitcher and one Chicago hopes will help end more than a century of frustration at Wrigley Field's Friendly Confines.



Lester

Lester's contract, agreed to on the second day of baseball's winter meetings, contains an option for 2021 that, if it becomes guaranteed, would make the deal

worth \$170 million over seven seasons. The average annual value of \$25.8 million is the second-highest for a pitcher behind Clayton Kershaw's \$30.7 million as part of a \$215 million, seven-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers that began this year.

"It's not often you get to win the lottery, and we won the baseball lottery this year," new Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "Now it's up to us to put it into effect."

A three-time All-Star who turns 31 next month, Lester won two World Series titles with Boston. The left-hander joins a long-suffering team with a promising core of young players and a top-tier manager, Maddon, who left Tampa Bay and signed a \$25 million, five-year contract with the Cubs.

Now, Chicago has an ace to lead the rotation as it tries to end a run of five straight losing seasons and a championship drought that dates to 1908.

Lester was dealt by the Red Sox to Oakland at the trade deadline in July and helped the A's reach the playoffs for the third straight year before a 9-8, 12-inning loss to Kansas City in the AL wild-card game. He went 16-11 with a career-best 2.46 ERA and 220 strikeouts last season and is 116-67 with a 3.58 ERA in nine big league seasons.

He also had been sought by the Red Sox, World Series champion San Francisco and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lester is headed to a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 2008, but he

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An advertisement for Basin Burger House. It features a dark background with a photo of a burger. The text reads: "Buy \$20 in Basin Burger House Gift Cards and Added on for". At the bottom, there is a logo for "burger house" and a phone number "859".

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING Austin Trout vs. Luis Grajeda, 9 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
GOLF European PGA: Alfred Dunhill Championship, First Round, 6:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Franklin Templeton Shootout, First Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: Australian PGA Championship, Second Round, 7 p.m., GOLF
Asian Tour: Thailand Championship, Second Round, Midnight, GOLF
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Elon at Missouri, 6 p.m., SEC
DePaul at George Washington, 6 p.m., SNY
MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Europa: Internazionale Milano at Qarabag FK, 10:55 a.m., FS2
UEFA Europa: Villarreal at Apollon Limassol, 11:55 a.m., ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa: Tottenham Hotspurs at Besiktas, Noon, FS1
UEFA Europa: Zurich at Borussia Monchengladbach, Noon, FOXSOCP
UEFA Europa: Krasnodar at Everton, 2 p.m., FS1
UEFA Europa: HNK Rijeka at Sevilla, 2 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP
UEFA Europa: Sk Slovan Bratislava at SSC Napoli, 2 p.m., FOXSOCP
NBA
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
Houston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m., TNT
NFL
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:25 p.m., NFL
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., NHL
RODEO
PRCA National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Iowa State at Iowa, 7 p.m., BTN
Nebraska at Creighton, 8 p.m., FS1

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Tall City Oilman's Tournament
Greenwood, Big Spring, Grady at Gym Bice Classic, Andrews
Midland Classical, Garden City at Crane Tournament
Midland Christian at Abilene Wylie Tournament
Stanton Hooptown Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Midland Classical, Big Spring, Midland Christian, Grady at Kristen Corbin Classic, Andrews
Lee at Las Vegas Invitational
Stanton Hooptown Tournament

LOCAL SPORTS

DICKIE'S NAME OMITTED Greenwood's Cole Dickie was accidentally omitted from All-District 2-4A, Division II team list that was provided to the Reporter-Telegram and published in Tuesday's edition. He was an honorable mention selection.

HS BASKETBALL TUESDAY'S LATE BOX FORSAN 40, HIGHLAND 39
Forsan — Josh Evans 2, Dalton Ogle 15, Ben Miska 4, Jacob Valdez 12, Trevor Williams 2, Ian Park 5
Highland — Wood 2, Rio 2, Richburg 9, Box 4, Wilson 4, Cornett 10, Stevens 8
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Highland 7 14 5 13 — 39
Free throws — Forsan 4-20, Highland 15-28
Next: Forsan at Sterling City Tournament, TBA

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
Rank College Record Pts. Pvs.
1 Vincennes University (13) 11-0 347 1
2 College of Southern Idaho (11) 13-0 333 2
3 Northwest Florida State (2) 12-0 326 3
4 Salt Lake CC 10-0 294 5
5 Indiana College 11-0 276 6
6 Hankam Hills CC 10-1 275 7
7 Butler Community College 12-0 268 11
8 Hill College 12-1 234 8
9 Trinity Valley CC 13-2 221 4
10 Southwest Tennessee CC 10-1 207 10
11 Tallahassee CC 11-1 188 14
12 Coffeyville CC 13-1 170 16
13 Hutchinson CC 11-1 151 15
14 Cloud County CC 12-1 148 13
15 Connors State 13-1 147 17
16 Cochoise College 10-0 134 25
17 Odessa College 12-1 110 22
18 Gillette College 12-2 99 9
19 Three Rivers CC 12-2 88 12
20 Shelton State CC 10-0 79 20
21 North Idaho College 12-1 73 21
22 Motlow State CC 11-1 69 RV
23 Southeastern CC 14-1 59 RV
24 Eastern Florida State 11-1 42 RV
25 Pearl River CC 8-0 34 RV
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
Rank College Record Pts. Pvs.
1 Chicago College (8) 10-0 200 1
2 Hutchinson CC 10-0 192 2
3 Trinity Valley CC 9-1 184 3
4 Tyler Junior College 11-0 176 4
5 Northwest Florida St 10-0 168 5
6 Iowa Western CC 14-0 160 6
7 Eastern Arizona College 11-0 152 7
8 Seward County CC 11-0 144 8
9 Florida St - Jacksonville 8-1 136 9
10 Odessa College 14-2 128 10
11 Salt Lake CC 9-2 120 11
12 Gulf Coast State 8-1 112 14
13 New Mexico JC 12-1 104 15
14 Tallahassee CC 9-2 96 12
15 San Jacinto College 8-2 88 13
16 Snow College 9-0 80 16
17 State Fair CC 10-3 72 17
18 Sheridan College 11-2 64 19
19 Walters State CC 11-2 56 20
20 Coll of Southern Idaho 8-4 48 18
21 Darton State College 9-1 40 21
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23 NE Oklahoma AAM 11-1 24 NR
24 Wash Valley College 8-3 16 RV
25 Wallace State-Hanceville 7-1 8 RV

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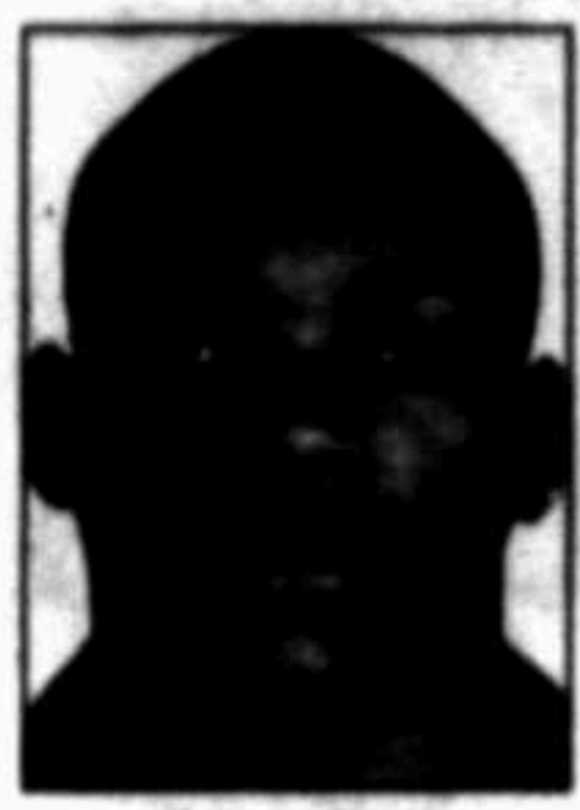
BASEBALL American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP David Robertson on a four-year contract
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with C Jonathan Solano on a minor league contract
NEW YORK METS — Promoted Ian Levin to director of minor league operations. Named T.J. Sarna manager of baseball research and development
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded LHP Joey Rodriguez to Philadelphia for LHP Antonio Bastardo
Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Named Dave Chase general manager
Eastern League
READING FIGHTIN PHILS — Promoted Joe Baker to executive director of sales. Kevin Salarik executive director of baseball operations and merchandise. Matt Jackson executive director of graphic arts and game entertainment and Mike Robinson executive director of community and fan relations. Named Mike Becker executive director of tickets
BASKETBALL National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Named Matt Pazzarasi senior vice president of business development
FOOTBALL National Football League
NFL — Named Phoenix owner Michael Bowel. Atlanta owner Arthur Blank. Kansas City owner Clark Hunt. Dee Haslam. Cowboys executive vice president Charlotte Jones Anderson. Chicago owner George McCaskey. Houston owner Robert McNair. Atlanta owner John Stallworth to the conduct committee.
NFLPA — Named Ahmad Nassar president of NFL Players Inc. effective Feb. 2
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed DB Danny Cormier on injured reserve. Released WR LaQuan Williams from the practice squad. Signed CB Antonio Cason. Signed TE Allen Reiser to the practice squad
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed WR Mike Williams on injured reserve. Released WR Eric Thomas from the practice squad
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Released QB Matt Blanchard. Signed RB Lauren Poole to the practice squad
DENVER BRONCOS — Released G Mark Asper from the practice squad. Signed WR Isaiah Burse to the practice squad
DETROIT TIGERS — Released RB Montell Owens from the active roster and LB Jerrell Harris from the practice squad
HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed Jadeveon Clowney on injured reserve. Signed LB Jason Astar from the practice squad and DE Kourtney Brown to the practice squad
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed RB Denard Robinson on injured reserve
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed LB Jairo Dickson to the practice squad
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed LB Michael Mault on injured reserve. Signed OT Carter Bykowski from San Francisco's practice squad
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released FB Michael Zordich from the practice squad
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DT Dominique Hamilton to the practice squad
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released DB Roc Carmichael
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released DB Jordan Dannerfeld from the practice squad
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Released TE Taylor Stolt from the practice squad
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Justin Rogers
HOCKEY National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D David Schlemko from Portland (AHL)
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D Dillon Fournier from Rockford (AHL) to Indy (ECHL). Recalled D Matthew Brisebois from Indy (ECHL) to Rockford (AHL)
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated D Cody Goloboff from injured reserve and loaned him to Springfield (AHL) for conditioning. Assigned LW Kirby Rochelle to Springfield
OTTAWA SENATORS — Assigned G Chris Driedger from Brimingham (AHL) to Evansville (ECHL)
American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Recalled RWs Myles Bell from Evansville (ECHL) and Alexander Carner from Ontario (ECHL)
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Assigned F Jamie Wise to Indy (ECHL)
TEXAS STARS — Assigned D Mike Dalhuisen to Idaho (ECHL)
WILKES-BARRE SCRANTON PENGUINS — Assigned D Clark Seymour to Wheeling (ECHL)
ECHL
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Signed F Cameron Abney
FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Signed G Garrett Barbas. Released G Larkin Saalfrank as emergency backup
ONTARIO Reign — Added G Spencer McEay as emergency backup
ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Signed D Yann Sauve
RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed F Jean-Michel Ruz
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Signed G Daniel Spence. Released G Justin Masterman as emergency backup
SOCCER Major League Soccer
HOUSTON DYNAMO — Named Owen Coyle coach
L.A. GALAXY — Announced the retirement of F Rob Friend
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Traded D Jamison Olave to Real Salt Lake for allocation money
ORLANDO CITY FC — Traded D Eric Gehrig to Chicago for a 2016 second-round draft pick
COLLEGE
ST NORBERT — Named B.J. Bryant women's volleyball coach
TROY — Named Jon Sumrall assistant head coach of volleyball
VIRGINIA — Announced DE Eli Harold will enter the NFL draft
WISCONSIN — Announced the resignation of football coach Gary Anderson to become coach of Oregon State

COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Game Details. Includes games like Nevada vs Louisiana-Lafayette, New Mexico Bowl, UTEP vs Utah State, Las Vegas Bowl, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, Camels Bowl, Bowling Green vs South Alabama, Miami Beach Bowl, Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl, Marshall vs Northern Illinois, Pioneers Bowl, San Diego Navy vs San Diego State, Hawaii Bowl, Rice vs Fresno State, Heart of Dallas Bowl, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl, UCF vs N.C. State, St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl, Virginia Tech vs Cincinnati.

MHS grad Goodley gets Big 12 honor

From staff reports



Goodley

Baylor senior wide receiver and Midland High grad Antwan Goodley received honorable mention on this year's All-Big 12 Team, which is chosen by the league's coaches. Goodley, who played in 10 games this season, caught 51 passes for 737 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 14.5

yards a catch. Goodley was one of eight Bears to receive mention on the All-Big 12 team. Texas Tech had one player earn first team honors as junior offensive lineman Le' Raven Clark was named to the team. Red Raider junior running back DeAndre Washington was a second team selection on offense and junior defensive lineman Peter Robertson received

a second team nod on defense. Tech wide receiver and Odessa High grad Bradley Marquez was honorable mention. TCU's Trevone Boykin was the Offensive Player of the Year and Horned Frogs linebacker Paul Dawson was the Defensive Player of the Year on the team. TCU coach Gary Patterson was the Coach of the Year.

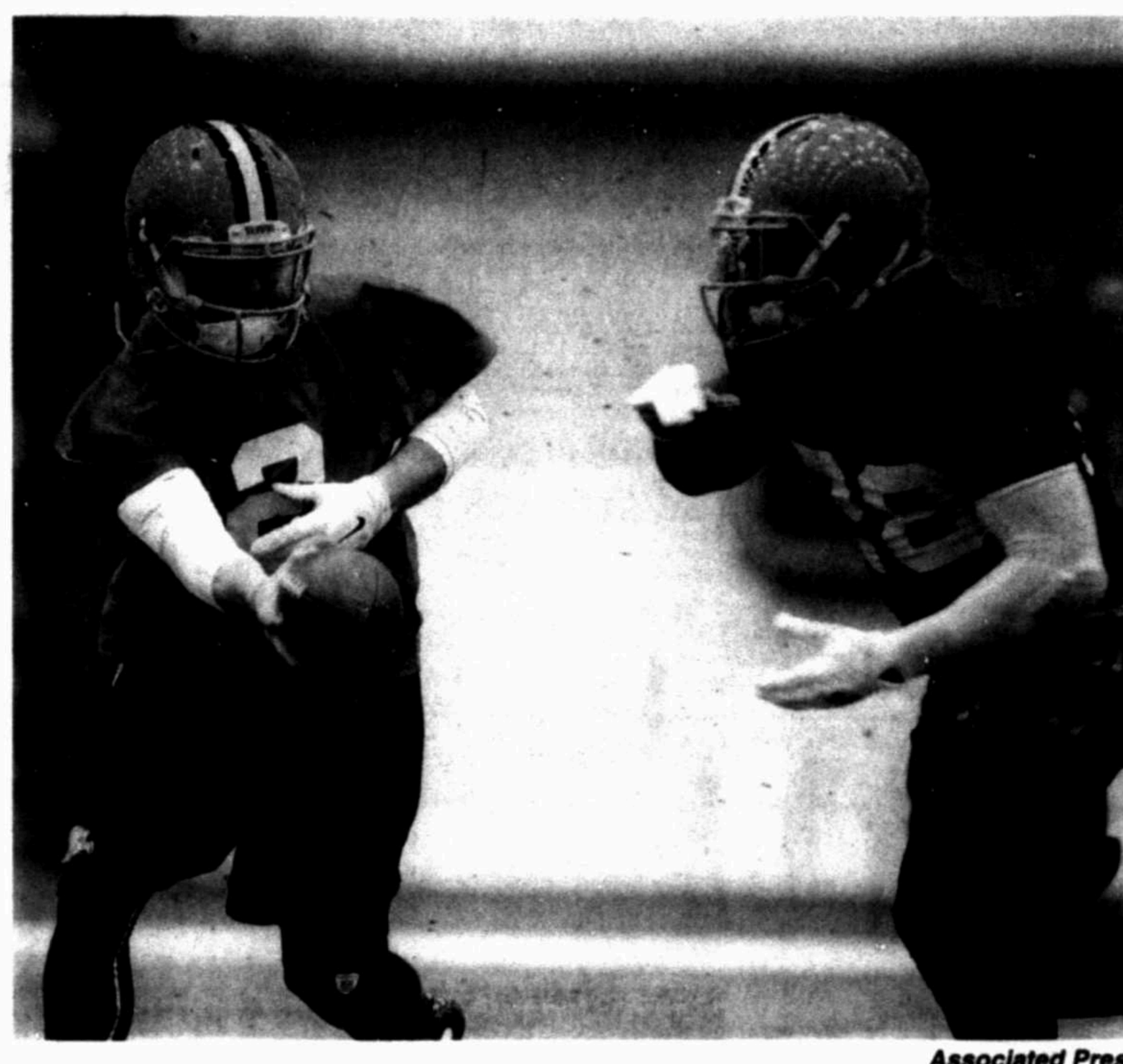
AREA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Table with 2 columns: Boys and Girls. Lists various tournaments like Stanton Hooptown, Gym Bice Classic, Kristen Corbin Classic, and their respective schedules.

Johnny Starter: Manziel era begins with Browns

By Tom Withers Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Count Browns coach Mike Pettine among those curious to see how rookie Johnny Manziel handles his first NFL start. "I'd be a liar if I said I wasn't excited to see him play," Pettine said Wednesday, a day after promoting the rookie sensation over slumping starter Brian Hoyer. "I've seen him in practice."



Associated Press

With the Browns' playoff hopes fading fast and Hoyer in a four-week funk, the team has turned to Manziel, the super-hyped first-round draft pick who garnered his Johnny Football nickname with electrifying plays at Texas A&M. Pettine said the switch was necessary because of Hoyer's struggles and the possibility Manziel can provide a spark. Manziel has already shown he's embracing his new role. He was at the team's facility on Tuesday to get a head start on this week's home game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Last week, when the Browns were considering benching Hoyer, Manziel attended a Cavaliers game, leading some observers to criticize the 22-year-old's work ethic. Manziel, who is the Browns' 21st starting quarterback since 1999, skipped the chance to see LeBron James and the Cavs play on Tuesday night. "I know a lot of people were looking for him at the Cavs game," Pettine joked. "He was here." Pettine believes Manziel,

who has only been on the field for 18 plays this season, has already earned the respect of his teammates. "They see how he's practiced throughout the year, and I thought he ramped it up a little bit more last week," Pettine said. "They'll see him in a different light. Even being in the walkthrough this morning, you could just see the presence in the huddle and the command and how he was calling things. I'm sure it'll show and the guys around him will respect it."

Pettine said it was "very hard" to tell Hoyer, the hometown kid who got the Browns into playoff contention, that he lost his starting job. Pettine said there was little choice but to go with Manziel because Hoyer's "body of work was trending the wrong direction." Pettine said there will be some adjustments to Cleveland's offense to help Manziel, who replaced Hoyer in the fourth quarter two weeks ago and led the Browns on a touchdown drive.

As for Manziel's knack for improvisation and ability to beat a defense with his arm or legs, Pettine said it's important that Johnny Football doesn't deviate too far from the play call. "You've got to find some common ground there," he said. "It's going to be more in the structure of our offense. But if a guy has a unique skillset, you want to be able to utilize that. Every drop back can't turn into a punt return. You won't want to turn into street ball."

Tournament

From IC Richland will also play, along with Lee and Midland High. The tournament has also offered the chance for Texas basketball recruiting guru Mike Kunststadt to make a return. Kunststadt, a former high school basketball coach and Monahan native, said it's been nearly five years since he's attended the tournament, and it offers him a chance for him to see some different players outside of the state's metropolitan areas.

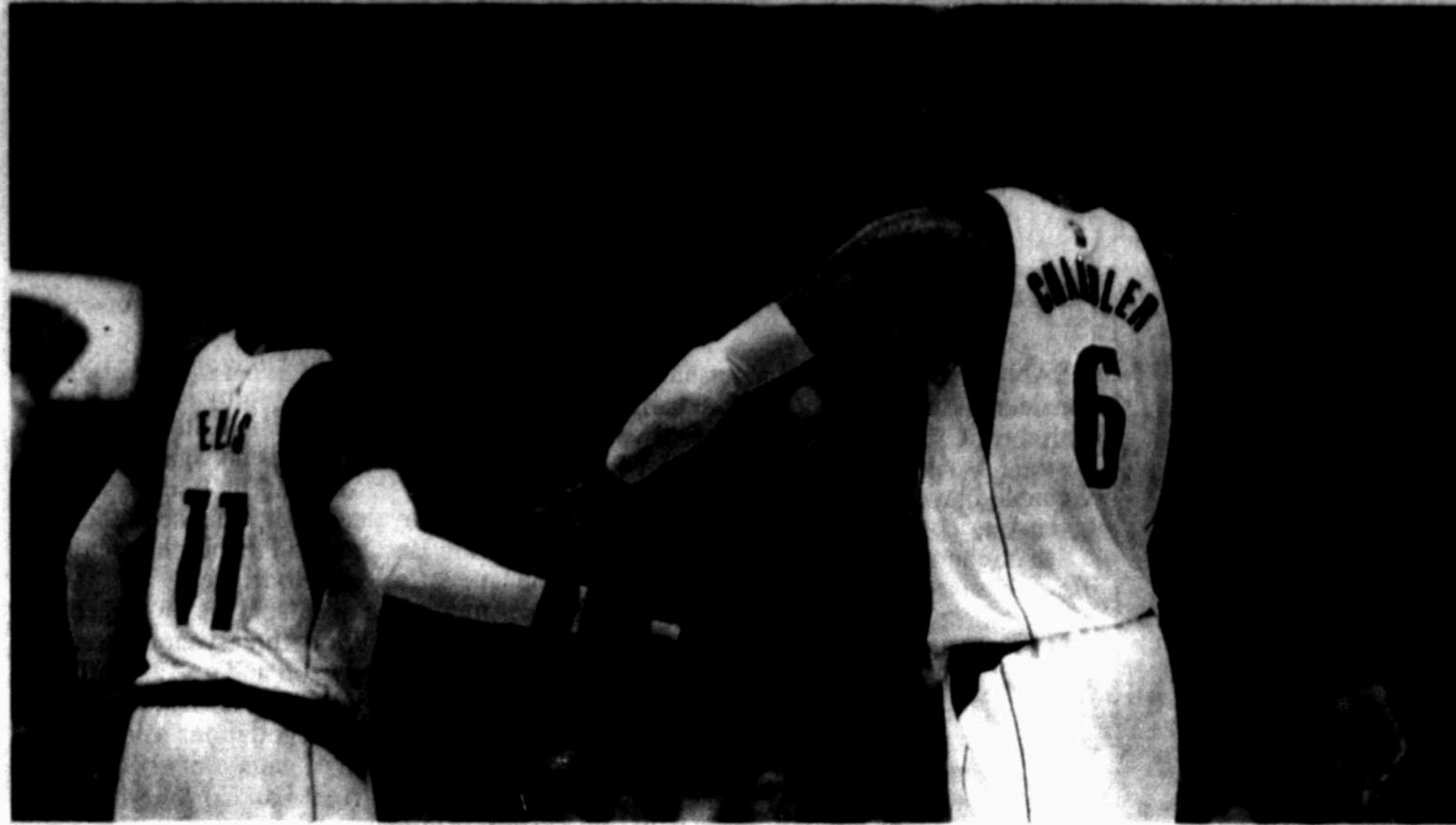
"If they show they are college prospects then it's good opportunity because I don't just evaluate players for Division I (schools). I do it for junior colleges, Division II and NAIA," said Kunststadt, who runs the site texashoops.com. "Hopefully they will play well, and hopefully find out a little bit more about them from their high school coach and some of the other people at the tournament." When the first whistle blows for today's first game between El Paso Harmony and Richland,

Packer said he is hoping that it begins what he hopes will be a long run for the tournament, barring any major changes from the UIL in the future. "A lot of times we have to travel to Dallas and San Antonio to see those caliber of teams," Packer said. "Now basketball fans will be able to see them here in West Texas, and see them compete."

Table with 2 columns: Tournament Name and Details. Lists Tall City Oilman's Tournament and El Paso Harmony Science Academy.

Teams at a glance

Table with 3 columns: Coach, Record, and Players to watch. Lists teams like Lee, Richland, Canutillo, San Antonio Roosevelt, El Paso Harmony Science Academy, and Odessa Permian.



The Dallas Mavericks' Monta Ellis is congratulated by teammate Tyson Chandler after he made a late basket against the New Orleans Pelicans during the second half at American Airlines Center in Dallas on Wednesday. The Mavs won, 112-107.

TEXASBAROUNDUP FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 112 PELICANS 107 DALLAS — Monta Ellis scored 13 of his 26 points in the final 5 minutes and the Dallas Mavericks outlasted the New Orleans Pelicans 112-107 on Wednesday night.

20 points each for Dallas. Ellis was coming off a 2-point game at Memphis on Tuesday, his lowest output since he was a rookie in 2006.

SPURS 109 KNICKS 95 SAN ANTONIO — Marco Belinelli scored a season-high 22 points and the short-handed San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 109-95 victory over New York on Wednesday night, handing the Knicks their 10th straight loss.

San Antonio was without Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard. Parker (left hamstring) and Leonard (bruised right hand) were both injured, but Duncan and Ginobili sat out to rest on the second night of a back-to-back.

Table with Eastern Conference standings: Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference (Southwest, Northwest, Pacific), and Wednesday's Scores.

Table with NBA Box Scores and Standings: Wizards 91, Magic 89, Clippers 103, Pacers 96, Bulls 105, Nets 89, Brooklyn 80, and Chicago 105.

Table with NBA Box Scores and Standings: Mavericks 112, Pelicans 107, New Orleans 107, Minnesota 90, Portland 82, San Antonio 109, Houston at Golden State, Miami at Denver, Cleveland at Oklahoma City, Houston at Sacramento.

Table with NBA Box Scores and Standings: Spurs 109, Knicks 95, Hawks 95, Tigers 79, Philadelphia 76, Hornets 87, Charlotte 87, Atlanta 86, Philadelphia 79, Chicago 105, Brooklyn 80, Dallas 112, New Orleans 107, Minnesota 90, Portland 82, San Antonio 109, Houston at Golden State, Miami at Denver, Cleveland at Oklahoma City, Houston at Sacramento.

HS FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

Table listing HS Football Pairings for Class 6A, 5A, 4A, and 3A, including Division I and II games across various dates and times.

LADY REBELS

Three of the four teams Lee will play this week are ranked in the top five in Nevada by maxpreps.com as today's opponent, Bishop Gorman, is No. 3.

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Men

TEXAS TECH 73 FRESNO STATE 56
LUBBOCK — Devaughnah Williams scored 17 points to lead Texas Tech to a 73-56 home win Wednesday night against Fresno State.

The Red Raiders (6-1) used a strong second-half defensive performance to shut down the Bulldogs. Fresno State scored just 25 second-half points and shot 9 of 25 (36 percent) in the second half.

The Bulldogs (3-7) trailed by just three points, 34-31, at halftime.

They scored their first second-half points on a jumper at 17:20, and didn't score another field goal until 7:42 remained in the game. That just trimmed Texas Tech's lead to 55-39.

The Red Raiders built a 17-9 lead with 14:19 remaining in the first half, but the Bulldogs trimmed their deficit

to three points four times and to two points once.

Marvelle Harris scored 17 points to lead the Bulldogs. Justin Gray and Toddrick Gotcher scored 16 and 13 points, respectively, for the Red Raiders.

Women

BAYLOR 88 IDAHO 70

WACO — Kristy Wallace scored 24 points with six 3-pointers in her return for ninth-ranked Baylor after the Australian freshman missed five games to play for her homeland team, and the Lady Bears beat Idaho 88-70 on Wednesday night.

Nina Davis added 21 points and Niya Johnson 15 points and nine assists for the Lady Bears, who have won six games in a row.

Wallace had three 3s in the final 6:25 of the first half, when the Lady Bears (7-1) used a

20-12 run to finally get some separation against Idaho (4-4). The Australian guard had an assist on the opening basket after halftime for a 41-30 lead.

Stacey Barr, who like Wallace is a guard from Australia but is a senior, had 31 points with five 3-pointers for Idaho (4-4). All Forge added 14 points.

Wallace was back at practice Tuesday with the Lady Bears after being in Fiji competing with Australia's Jayco Gems, who went undefeated in a qualifying tournament to earn a spot in the FIBA Under 19 World Championship next summer.

After Wallace picked up a loose ball under the Baylor basket for a layup with 18:12 left in the game, she was in a stretch of less than two minutes when she also had a steal that led to a nifty bounce pass to Davis for a basket, then had consecutive baskets — a long jumper and a 3-pointer.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
 SE Oklahoma 69, Tulsa 66
 Texas Tech 73, Fresno St. 56

SOUTH
 Campbell 70, Delaware St. 55
 Holston 105, Coppin St. 64
 Kentucky 56, Columbia 46
 Louisiana-Lafayette 94, Louisiana Tech 86
 Maryland 67, NC Central 56
 UNC Greensboro 82, Greensboro 78

TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

1. Kentucky (10-0) beat Columbia 56-46. Next vs. No. 21 North Carolina. Saturday.
2. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next vs. Elon. Monday.
3. Arizona (9-0) did not play. Next vs. Michigan. Saturday.
4. Louisville (8-0) did not play. Next vs. UNC Wilmington. Sunday.
5. Wisconsin (8-1) at Milwaukee. Next vs. Nichols State. Saturday.
6. Virginia (9-0) did not play. Next vs. Cleveland State. Thursday, Dec. 18.
7. Villanova (9-0) did not play. Next vs. Temple. Sunday.
8. Texas (7-1) did not play. Next vs. Texas State. Saturday.
9. Gonzaga (7-1) vs. Washington State. Next at UCLA. Saturday.
10. Kansas (7-1) beat Georgetown 75-70. Next vs. No. 13 Utah. Saturday.
11. Wichita State (6-1) did not play. Next at Detroit. Saturday.
12. Ohio State (7-1) beat High Point 97-43. Next vs. Morehead State. Saturday.
13. Utah (6-1) at BYU. Next vs. No. 10 Kansas. Saturday.
14. Iowa State (6-1) did not play. Next at Iowa. Friday.
15. Butler (8-1) did not play. Next at Tennessee. Sunday.
16. Oklahoma (5-2) did not play. Next at Tulsa. Saturday.
17. Washington (7-0) did not play. Next vs. Eastern Washington. Sunday.
18. San Diego State (6-2) vs. Long Beach State. Next at Cincinnati. Wednesday.
19. Maryland (9-1) beat North Carolina Central 67-56. Next vs. South Carolina-Upstate. Saturday.
20. Miami (9-1) did not play. Next vs. Eastern Kentucky. Friday, Dec. 19.
21. North Carolina (6-2) did not play. Next at No. 1 Kentucky. Saturday.
22. West Virginia (8-1) did not play. Next vs.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
 Baylor 88, Idaho 70

SOUTH
 Chattanooga at The Citadel. 5 p.m.
 Wright St. at Belmont. 6 p.m.
 Warren Wilson at Coastal Carolina. 6 p.m.
 Tusculum at UNC Asheville. 6 p.m.
 SC State at Coll. of Charleston. 6:30 p.m.
 Fort Valley St. at Troy. 7 p.m.

TOP 25 FARED WEDNESDAY

1. South Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next vs. Sewanee State. Sunday.
2. UConn (6-1) did not play. Next vs. No. 25 DePaul. Friday, Dec. 19.
3. Texas (7-0) did not play. Next vs. Northwestern State. Sunday.
4. Texas A&M (10-0) did not play. Next vs. Houston. Saturday.
5. Notre Dame (8-1) at No. 25 DePaul. Next vs. Michigan. Saturday.
6. North Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next vs. Appalachian State. Sunday.
7. Stanford (5-2) did not play. Next vs. Santa Clara. Sunday.
8. Kentucky (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Middle Tennessee. Friday.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
 Baylor 88, Idaho 70

SOUTH
 Carson-Newman 57, Lorain-Rhyme 52
 Furman 81, UNC Asheville 71
 Virginia Tech 80, NC Central 44
 Wisconsin 51, Florida 48

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Scherzer could be seeking more than Kershaw

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Clayton Kershaw is considered the top pitcher in baseball, with three Cy Young Awards in four years for the Los Angeles Dodgers, an NL Most Valuable Player award and a \$215 million, seven-year contract.

Max Scherzer may be seeking an even bigger deal as his talks on the free-agent market move forward.

"I'm not sure Kershaw is relevant," agent Scott Boras said Wednesday at the winter meetings, "because he's not a free agent."

Jon Lester became the first top-level, free-agent starting pitcher to reach an agreement this offseason, a \$155 million, six-year deal with the Chicago Cubs that came together late Tuesday night.

Scherzer turned down an offer from Detroit last March that would have paid \$144 million from 2015-20. Kershaw has the largest contract for a pitcher in both total dollars has the sport's highest average salary at \$30.7 million.

"The prominent pitchers that have signed, (Justin) Verlander or (Felix) Hernandez or Kershaw, were not free-agent players," Boras said. "And certainly if you put a performance like Kershaw into a free-agent market, you're going to get a much, much different calibration of value."

Scherzer's negotiations figure to stretch

for weeks or even into next year. But other players were on the move or close to switching teams.

In trade talks, the Dodgers were trying to acquire shortstop Jimmy Rollins from Philadelphia and send All-Star second baseman Dee Gordon and right-hander Dan Haren to Miami. The Phillies started retooling by dealing left-handed reliever Antonio Bastardo to Pittsburgh for minor league lefty Joely Rodriguez.

Among free agents, Houston agreed to an \$18.5 million, three-year contract with Luke Gregerson and a \$12.5 million, two-year deal with Pat Neshek, people familiar with the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deals with the right-handed relievers were subject to physicals.

And the Chicago White Sox finalized a \$46 million, four-year contract with closer David Robertson.

Lester's deal could open up the marketplace for other free agents and for players who may be available in trades, such as Philadelphia's Cole Hamels, Detroit's David Price and Washington's Jordan Zimmermann.

Lester helped the Red Sox win World Series titles in 2007 and '13. Boston made a \$70 million, four-year offer during spring training, and after the Red Sox couldn't reach an agreement on a new deal in July, they traded him to Oakland. Boston fell about \$20 million short with its offer this week.

LESTER

From 1C

knows Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer for their time together in Boston.

Maddon had been used to small payrolls in Tampa Bay.

"I've not been on this side since my days with the Angels, when I got an email in Italy that we had signed Vladimir Guerrero," said Maddon, who was a coach in Anaheim before switching to Tampa Bay. "I think that definitely sends that message how Theo and the group feel about this particular group. But understand, we have a lot of young players that have to grow up as quickly as possible. But having Jon

there adds to the flavor and the possibility."

The Cubs' management is making over the team in a big way.

Chicago has a pending \$20 million, two-year deal with right-hander Jason Hammel, traded by the Cubs to Oakland last summer. Earlier Tuesday, the Cubs acquired All-Star catcher Miguel Montero from Arizona for minor league right-handers Jefferson Mejia and Zack Godley — a deal that added \$40 million in payroll over the next three years.

Chicago's rotation is likely to also include Jake Arrieta, Travis Wood, and Kyle Hendricks.

The Cubs also have a pair of All-Stars in the batting order in first base-

man Anthony Rizzo and shortstop Starlin Castro

and expect improved performances from young sluggers Javier Baez and Jorge Soler. Ahead is another wave of prospects that includes third baseman Kris Bryant and shortstop Addison Russell.

Maddon hopes an addition such as Lester helps change the mindset in the clubhouse when spring training starts in February.

"It definitely makes it more believable to everybody else in that room," he said. "I'll stand up and make the same speech regardless, but when you have it backed up by that particular kind of presence, it adds to it."

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Channel	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "Under the Sea" (R)	With Murder "Let's Get to Scooping"	KMID News	(39) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(39) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Mom (N)	Two and a Half (N)	McCarthy	Elementary (N)
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Welcome Kottar
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The 200th in the 10th" (R)	Gracepoint "Episode Ten" (5F) (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rick Wadde	Rocks/Manscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest	Joe McGee	Joe McGee
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.	The Biggest Loser "The Playoffs" (N)	Bad Judge (N)	A to Z (N)	Blake Shelton's Not-So-Family Christmas	NewsWest 9 at 10
KPBT PBS	13	13	13	8		PBS NewsHour	Daytripper TV	Farm Holiday	Heirloom Meals Christmas	Castling Call to Curtain Call	Charlie Rose (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)
KUPB UNI	4	4	4	16		La Gata	La Gata	Hasta el fin del mundo	La Malquerida	Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Tejas	Mañana-Itas
KOSA MNT	16	16	16			Fam.Feud Million...	Mentalist "Miss Red"	The Mentalist	My News Million...	Anger M.	M&M	Access H. Insider
FLIX	340	65	185			(40) Homebound: The ...	(40) Chairman of the Board	(40) Don't Be a Menace to...	(40) Never 2 Big			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(41) The Showtime	(41) The Newsroom	(41) Sid Along the Coast	(41) 1st Look	(41) Sex/Now	(41) Cuthouse	(41) Foo Fighters
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(42) Clear History	(42) The Gruesome	(42) Gruesome Match (13, A-C) Synchro Station	(42) Comeback	(42) Getaway	(42) Ethan Hawke	(42) The LEGO Movie
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(43) Kidding and Screaming	(43) Wild Forest	(43) Get On	(43) The Newsroom	(43) Mama Justice Chanin	(43) In Her Shoes	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(44) Jack the GL...	(44) Private Parts	(44) Howard Stern	(44) The Purg	(44) Ehan Hama	(44) Skin Max	(44) Co-Ed Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(45) 16 Blocks (US, Thrill)	(45) Bruce Willis	(45) Star Wars Con Air (19, Act)	(45) Nicolas Cage	(45) Amargodion (19, Act)	(45) Stan Adelman	
PLEX						(46) To Dance W...	(46) Archangel 1/3 cont'd	(46) Archangel 2/3	(46) MacShayne	(46) Winner Takes...	(46) The Moth...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(47) Save the Last Dance	(47) Adult World	(47) Waiting Ryan Reynolds	(47) Dirty Movie			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(48) Save the Last Dance	(48) Adult World	(48) Waiting Ryan Reynolds	(48) Dirty Movie			
ABE	27	32	28	35	47	First 48 "No Escape/Trail of Evidence"	The First 48 "Red Brick/Last Kiss"	Beyond Scared Straight (N)	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	The First 48 "Red Brick/Last Kiss"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(49) Footloose	Blake Shelton	(49) 101 Dalmatians (19, Fam)	(49) Glenn Close	(49) The Pursuit of Happiness		
BET	58	26	40			Husbands (Husbands)	Christmas in Compton (12, Comedy)	Orlando Brown	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63	41			Housewives Atlanta	Housewives Atlanta	Atlanta Social (N)	Girlfriends' Guide	Watch (N)	Beverly Hills	Vanderbilt
CNBC	46	45	39	72		American Greed	Shark Tank	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Outfront	A. Cooper 360	Dinosaur 13 (14, Doc)	Stan Adelman	Dinosaur 13 (14, Doc)	Stan Adelman	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast 'N' Loud: Revved Up (N)	Chopper (N)	Street Outlaws (N)	DNews (15) Chopper	(15) Fast 'N' Loud		
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Sonny With a Chance	Happy Feet Two	StarWars	(15) Austin Dog Blog	Jessie	I Didn't	GoodLuck GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Football Awards (L)	Champ	College Football Playoff Preview (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	30 for 30	30 for 30 "The U"	Boxing Site: Pechanga	Resort and Casino (L)	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Chopped	Chopped	BestPlay	Beat Play	Food Truck (N)	Chopped	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped	Chopped	BestPlay	Beat Play	Food Truck (N)	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	TexasHuddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Championship Spot "Volleyball" (N)	NCAA Big 12 Huddle Ok. St./Ok.	The Big Shootout	Own Words	Outdoor SW (N)
FX	31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	Step Brothers (08, Com)	Will Ferrell
HALLMARK	54	49	58	34		Christmas U...	Debbie Macomber's Mr. Miracle	Hats Off to Christmas!	Haylie Duff	All I Want for C...		
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	H. Hunter	House	Recreation	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	Pawnog.	Pawnog.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Runway "Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve"	Runway "Designing for the Duchess"	Project Runway "Luck Be a Lady" (N)	Project Run "CoverLook" (N)	Project Run "Monster Mash Up"	Runway "Designing for the Duchess"	
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 "Monterey"	Mecum "Dallas"	Mecum "Chicago" (N)	Mecum "Monterey"	Mecum "Dallas"	Mecum "Chicago"	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Carly	Max	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.
SP1KE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	The Fifth E...	Terminator 2: Judgement Day	Arnold Schwarzenegger	Almighty (N)	Dungeons & Dr...		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	One Million...	The Shop Around the Corner	(48) Holiday Affair	(48) Holiday Affair	(48) It Happened on Fifth Avenue		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado	Los miserables	Tierra de reyes	Señora acero	Al rojo	(35) Virgen De G.	Imagen
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas	A Very Merry Gypsy Christmas	Gypsy 5. "A Naughty or Nice Christmas" (N)	Wedding "Christmas or Nice Christmas" (N)	Gypsy 5. "A Naughty or Nice Christmas"	"Fat Gypsy Wedding or Christmas Edition"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Food to Die For"	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Sacramento Kings Site: Arco Arena -- Sacramento, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Hogan	Hogan	Hogan	Fam.Feud	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Brief Interlude"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Post-Mortem Blues"	White Collar "Whack-a-Mole" (N)	Covert Affairs "Frontwards" (N)	CSI: Crime Scene "Freaks and Geeks"	White Collar "Whack-a-Mole"	
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.



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Owners approve new personal conduct policy

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — NFL owners unanimously approved changes to the league personal conduct policy Wednesday, but Commissioner Roger Goodell will retain authority to rule on appeals.

A special counsel for investigations and conduct will oversee initial discipline, Goodell said.

"This will be a highly qualified individual with a criminal justice background hired as soon as possible for the newly created position," Goodell said. "The person will oversee our investigations and decide the discipline for violations of the policy."

The commissioner also may appoint a panel of independent experts to participate in appeals.

After the Ray Rice and

Adrian Peterson cases, a more extensive list of prohibited conduct will be included in the policy, as well as specific criteria for paid leave for anyone charged with a violent crime.

A suspension of six games without pay for violations involving assault, sexual assault, battery, domestic violence, child abuse and other forms of family violence will be in effect, but with consideration given to mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

"The policy is comprehensive. It is strong. It is tough. And it better for everyone associated with the NFL," Goodell said.

The players' union has sought negotiations with the NFL on any revamping of the policy, and said Tuesday it would "reserve the right to take any and all actions" should the owners act unilaterally. The union could consider Wednesday's vote

by the owners as a violation of the collective bargaining agreement reached in 2011, giving the union cause to file a grievance.

Among the union's options is pursuing an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board. The players could argue this policy is a change in terms and conditions of employment; the National Labor Relations Act says such changes in unionized situations are subject to collective bargaining.

"We expected today's vote by the NFL owners from before Thanksgiving," NFL Players Association spokesman George Atallah said on Twitter. "Our union has not seen their new policy."

That new policy will include a conduct committee made up of several team owners that will review the policy at least annually and recommend appropriate

changes. That committee will seek advice from outside experts, the NFL said.

Members of the committee will be Arizona Cardinals owner Michael Bidwill as the chairman; Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank; Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt; Dee Haslam, the wife of

Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam; Dallas Cowboys executive vice president Charlotte Jones Anderson, chairwoman of the NFL Foundation; Chicago Bears owner George McCaskey; Houston Texans owner Robert McNair; and two former NFL players who have a stake in

NFL team ownership. Warwick Dunn of the Falcons and John Stallworth of the Steelers.

NFL general counsel Jeff Pash said Wednesday in a conference call that "it was a mistake in the past" to rely solely on the criminal justice system for looking into legal issues.

NFL STANDINGS

Conference	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
AMERICAN CONFERENCE	Green Bay Packers	10	3	0	.769	401	287
	Indianapolis Colts	8	4	0	.682	407	307
	Houston Texans	7	8	0	.538	314	280
	Tennessee Titans	2	11	0	.154	214	349
	New England Patriots	7	6	0	.538	281	241
	Miami Dolphins	7	8	0	.538	314	280
	Buffalo Bills	2	11	0	.154	214	349
	N.Y. Jets	2	11	0	.154	214	349
	Atlanta Falcons	8	4	0	.682	407	307
	New Orleans Saints	5	8	0	.385	333	359
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	San Francisco 49ers	4	8	0	.346	269	311
	Carolina Panthers	4	8	0	.346	269	311
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2	11	0	.154	237	348
	Arizona Cardinals	10	3	0	.769	423	304
	Detroit Lions	9	4	0	.692	265	224
	Minnesota Vikings	6	7	0	.462	263	281
	Chicago Bears	5	8	0	.385	281	378
	Green Bay Packers	10	3	0	.769	423	304
	Denver Broncos	9	4	0	.692	322	235
	Seattle Seahawks	7	6	0	.538	244	288

Monday's Score
Green Bay 43, Atlanta 37
Today
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:25 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, Noon
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, Noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Miami at New England, Noon
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon
Jacksonville at Baltimore, Noon
Green Bay at Buffalo, Noon
Tampa Bay at Carolina, Noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, Noon
Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 15
New Orleans at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

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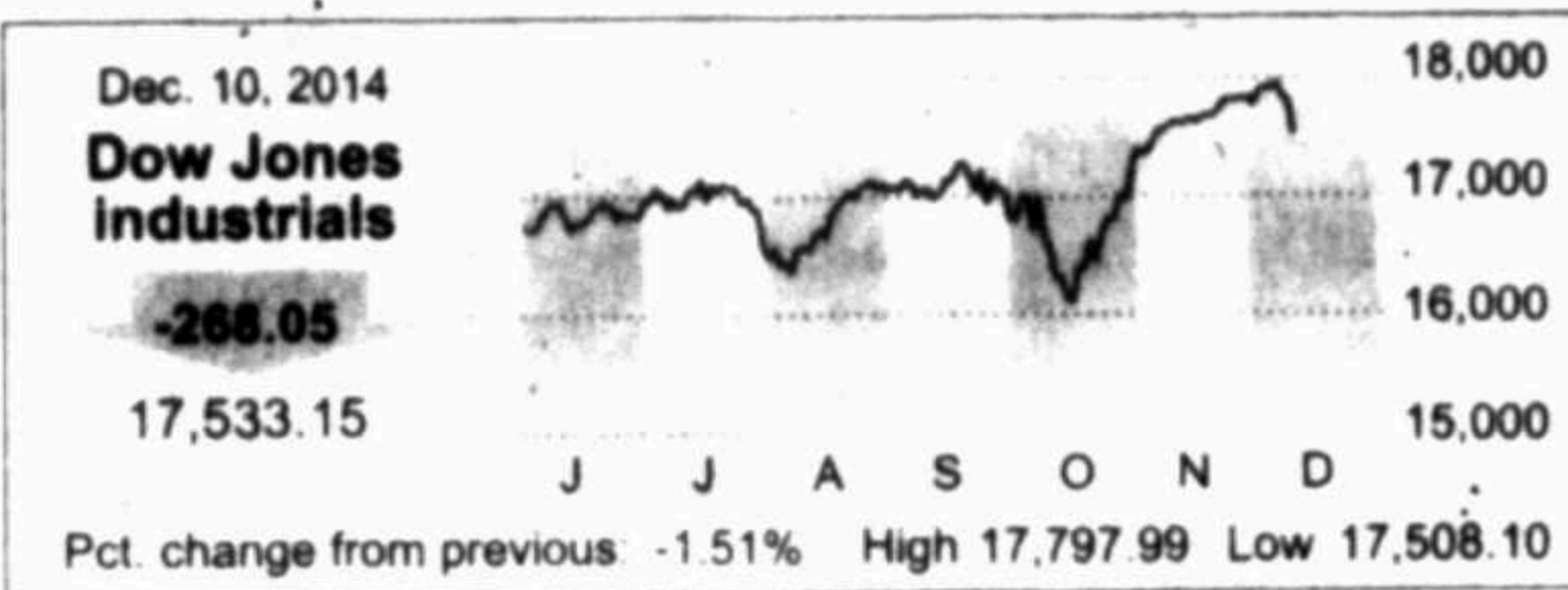
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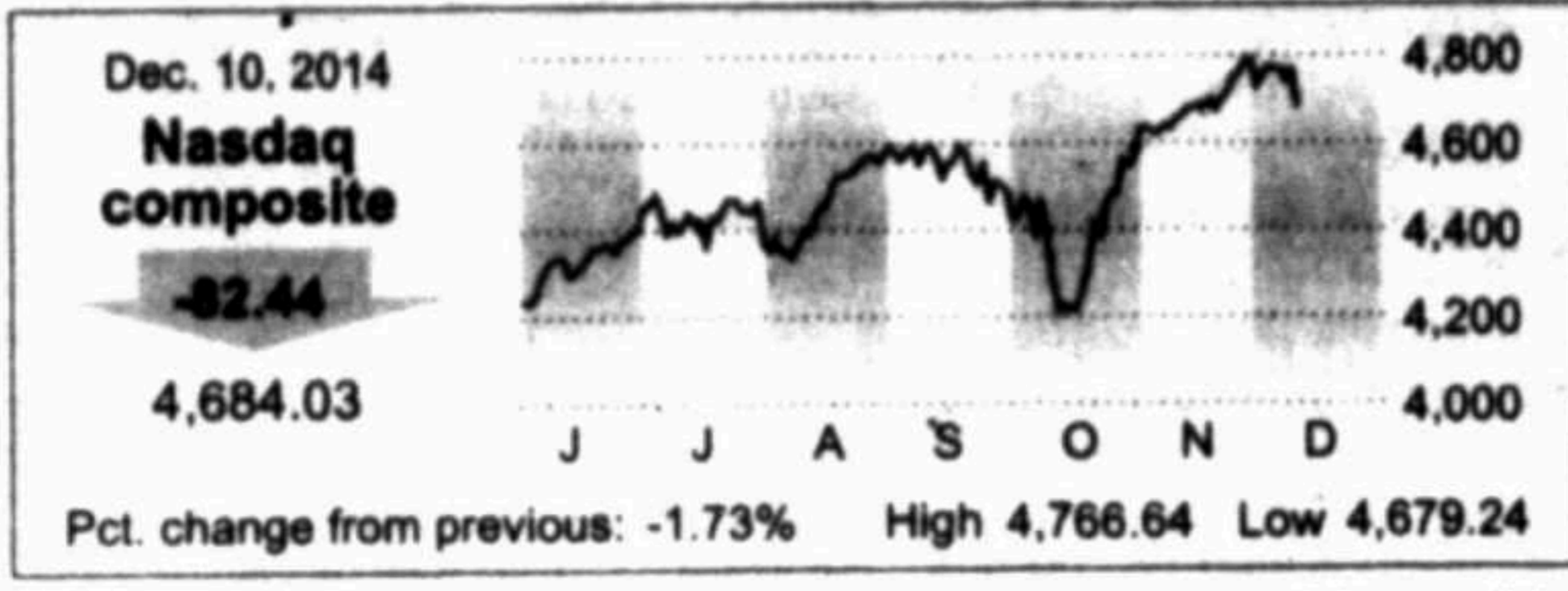
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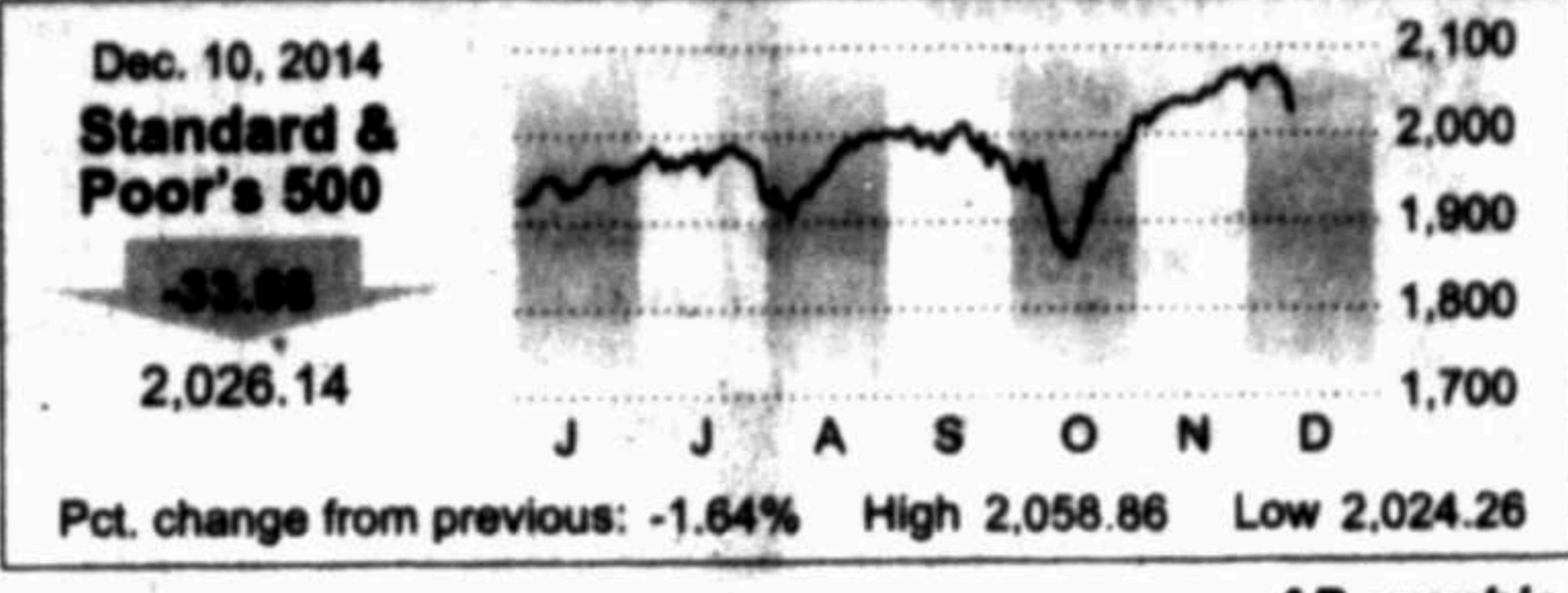
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Oil takes another dive on OPEC report, US supplies

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of oil took another dive Wednesday, plunging to five-year lows amid mounting evidence that global supplies are far outstripping demand.

The U.S. Energy Department reported a surprise increase in domestic oil inventories and OPEC projected that demand for its crude would sink next year to levels not seen in more than a decade.

Benchmark U.S. crude slumped 4.5 percent, or \$2.88, to close at \$60.94 a barrel on Wednesday. Prices have not been that low since July of 2009. U.S. crude prices have fallen 17 percent in two weeks and are now 43 percent below the \$107.26 that a barrel fetched at its peak this year.

Brent crude, an international benchmark used to price oil used in many U.S. refineries, fell \$1.95 to close at \$64.24 in London.

Energy analyst and trader Stephen Schork said in an interview that he expects that the combination of weak economic news out of Asia and growing global supplies will push oil down further, to below \$60, by the end of the week. "It's the proverbial 'trying to catch a falling dagger' and I'm not going to try to catch it," he said.

OPEC said Wednesday that it expects demand for its crude to fall to 28.9 million barrels per day next year, 400,000 barrels per day less than in 2014. The cartel's official production target is 30 million barrels a day, which would mean far more oil on the world market than is being consumed.

Also on Wednesday, the Energy Department reported a surprise increase in U.S. crude supplies of 1.5 million barrels last week. Analysts were expecting a decline of 2.2 million barrels. Gasoline stocks also increased more than expected.

Falling oil prices are making for sharply lower prices of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and heating oil, giving consumers, shippers and airlines a lift.

Economists say lower gasoline prices act like a tax cut, leaving more money in consumers' pockets to spend on other things. The national average price of gasoline fell Wednesday to \$2.64, according to AAA, saving drivers \$1.05 per gallon compared to what they were paying in late June.

The Energy Department projected in a report Tuesday that gasoline will average \$2.60 per gallon next year, 23 percent below this year's projected average. If that comes to pass, it will save a typical household \$550 next year.

Lower oil prices are taking their toll on oil producers, though, sending company shares plummeting and forcing companies to cut spending. BP said Wednesday it would aim to cut costs by \$1 billion next year, a move that would likely involve significant job cuts.

In other futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange:

■ Wholesale gasoline fell 8.2 cents to close at \$1.642 a gallon.

■ Heating oil fell 3.8 cents to close at \$2.046 a gallon.

■ Natural gas rose 5.4 cents to close at \$3.706 per 1,000 cubic feet.

US stocks slide

Oil resumed its slide on Wednesday and took the stock market down with it.

The catalyst for the latest sell-off in oil was an OPEC report that projected demand for its crude would sink next year to levels not seen in more than a decade. Demand for the cartel's oil has been eroded as other countries such as the U.S. have stepped up production.

The decline in the price of oil accelerated after the U.S. Energy Department reported that domestic oil inventories had increased. Analysts expected a decline.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$2.88 to close at \$60.94 a barrel. The price of oil has now dropped more than 40 percent from a peak of \$107 in June.

The wider fallout from the plunge in the price of oil may be starting to worry investors. While lower oil prices are good for consumers and some industries, if prices continue to drop some producers may be forced out of business.

"The slide in oil has been pretty dramatic," said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives with the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "There is an over-reaction to these lower energy prices, which is what we seem to be seeing right now, where it becomes more panic selling."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 33.68 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,026.14.

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: \$60.94
Previous: \$63.82

POSTED

Wednesday: \$57.50
Previous: \$60.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: \$54.90
Previous: \$57.65

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: \$3.706
Previous: \$3.652

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
S&P500ETF	1461088203	16	-3.31	MS EEUr	15.07	+1.40	+10.2
BiolAm	1007339	17.38	-1.8	ECA MTRI	3.36	+2.3	+7.3
ShJapan	621303	11.44	-1.8	Whitgill	6.86	+4.7	+7.0
B-IPVST	603985	30.33	-2.89	BurgerKing	34.82	+2.13	+6.6
SHMkts	512630	39.31	-5.9	NCI BdsY	19.31	+1.16	+6.4

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	560	Declined	2,622
VaacoE	4.52	-1.08	-18.9	Unchanged	67	Total issues	3,249
TrnsRty	9.76	-1.99	-16.9	New Highs	114	New Lows	270
SevSevE	4.74	-1.91	-16.1	Volume	4,024,993,431		
CHC Grp n	3.70	-0.68	-15.5				
DxDNGSBL	3.74	-0.68	-15.4				

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TriangPet	86287	4.49	-4.2	SwLgCap22	53.50	+13.55	+33.9
IGI Labs	44038	8.89	-1.66	EnerJex pf	15.97	+1.47	+10.1
NavdeoB	42888	1.29	-0.02	Medgenics	4.47	+3.5	+8.5
ChemereEn	39230	64.49	3.32	OversSHB n	5.65	+4.4	+8.4
NtrnO&G	36863	5.67	-2.7	Totum	5.61	+3.2	+6.0

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	119	Declined	288
IGI Labs	8.89	-1.66	-15.7	Unchanged	23	Total issues	430
EnerJex n	2.21	-0.39	-15.0	New Highs	9	New Lows	42
IncOpR	5.21	-0.68	-11.5	Volume	114,988,410		
CT Prts	13.68	-1.55	-10.2				
Bactern n	2.80	-0.27	-8.8				

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				GAINERS (\$2 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc s	436815	111.95	2.17	Caltiera n	17.17	+3.95	+29.9
PwShs QQQ3	74459103	31	-1.65	SonicFdy	10.30	+2.20	+27.2
Facebook	317959	76.18	6.6	Paratek rs	26.63	+4.43	+20.0
Cisco	313727	26.87	5.5	CSVixSH	2.68	+4.4	+19.6
Microsoft	298326	46.90	6.9	Novadaq g	16.87	+2.46	+17.1

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	480	Declined	2,241
Mitcham	5.71	-1.44	-20.1	Unchanged	120	Total issues	2,841
Optbase	7.04	-1.16	-14.1	New Highs	92	New Lows	127
StealthGas	5.51	-0.81	-12.8	Volume	1,813,310,819		
Coms	18.22	-2.61	-12.5				
ImageSens	2.95	-0.42	-12.5				

Oil co. shares fall on oversupply, weak demand

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Energy industry shares fell Wednesday as oversupply and weak demand continued to drag down the price of oil.

Oil prices have been falling for months, but new industry reports suggest it could fall further.

OPEC on Wednesday slashed its estimate of how much crude oil it will need to produce next year. And the Energy Department on Wednesday reported a surprise increase in U.S. crude supplies. That follows the U.S. Energy Department lowering its forecast this week for gasoline prices yet again.

The spate of news helped send the price for U.S. benchmark oil down to five-year lows Wednesday. Benchmark U.S. crude slumped 4 percent Wednesday, or \$2.60, to \$61.23 a barrel. Prices have not been that low since July of 2009. U.S. crude prices have fallen 17 percent in two weeks.

Global oil supplies are high due to rising

production in the U.S., while global demand is relatively weak because of slow economic growth. That is creating a glut of oil and lower crude prices.

BP said Wednesday that it will take \$1 billion in restructuring charges over the next year and is considering reducing its spending on development by as much as \$2 billion in 2015. And ConocoPhillips said earlier in the week that it would cut capital spending next year by 20 percent.

The mounting pressure sent shares of most major oil companies down in trading Wednesday, including declines of roughly 3 percent for Exxon Mobil Corp., ConocoPhillips and Chevron Corp. in midday trading.

While all this news has hurt the energy industry, it has helped consumers by ultimately lowering the price they pay at the pump for gasoline. The U.S. now believes a gallon of gas will average \$2.60 in 2015, 23 percent below this year's projected average.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.64	10	32.49	-4.0	-7.6	-1.5	ConchoRes	19	86.71	-4.01	-19.7	-1.5	-1.5	Praxair	2.80	21	125.60	-2.10	-3.4	-3.4
Abraxas	9	2.52	-12	-22.7	-22.7	-22.7	ConocoPhill	2.92	10	63.54	-1.42	-10.1	-10.1	PrmEgy	11	67.00	-1.16	-32.7	-32.7	
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.52	-1.9	-3.4	-3.4	CrackerB	4.00	22	130.41	-2.68	-18.5	-18.5	PVixST rs	...	24.36	+4.34	-63.7	-63.7	
AMD	41	2.48	-11	-35.9	-35.9	-35.9	CSWellVST	...	34.03	-3.85	-1.0	-1.0	ProctGam	2.57	25	90.00	-0.71	+10.8	+10.8	
Alcoa	12	25	15.63	-4.1	-47.0	-47.0	CSVixSH	...	2.68	+4.4	-64.3	-64.3	RangeRs	16	23	52.28	-3.26	-38.0	-38.0	
Altaba n	...	...	103.88	3.60	+10.6	+10.6	CrosTim	2.66e	8	20.95	-91	-28.8	-28.8	RegionsFn	20	13	10.14	-2.6	+2.5	+2.5
AironUSA	40a	52	12.40	-4.6	-25.0	-25.0	Cyren Ltd	...	1.93	+1.9	-37.9	-37.9	RiteAid	...	21	5.61	-0.8	+10.9	+10.9	
AmAirlines	40	48.94	-6.0	-93.8	-93.8	DCP Mid	3.08f	33	41.92	-2.05	-16.7	-16.7	Rowan	40	11	19.81	-1.15	-44.0	-44.0	
Amgen	2.44	26	165.39	-4.00	-45.0	-45.0	DTE	2.76	19	81.98	-1.33	-23.5	-23.5	RoyDShIA	3.76	13	63.95	-1.61	-10.3	-10.3
Anadarko	1.08	...	75.83	-2.78	-4.7	-4.7	Dataram	...	10.79	-21	-68.1	-68.1	SprDUA	3.61e	...	175.29	-2.67	+5.9	+5.9	
Apache	1.00	...	57.78	-1.06	-32.8	-32.8	DeltaAr	36	4	46.22	-1.1	-68.3	-68.3	S&P500ETF	3.68e	...	203.16	-3.31	+10.0	+10.0
App Inc s	1.88	17	111.95	2.17	+39.7	+39.7	DenburyR	25	7	6.55	-4.5	-60.1	-60.1	SabrR	4.09e	9	39.18	-2.32	-22.5	-22.5
AppleMts	40	27	23.78	-6.4	-34.5	-34.5	DevonE	96	10	54.47	-2.49	-12.0	-12.0	SenderFm	6.9f	10	89.25	-2.22	+23.4	+23.4
ATMOS	1.56f	18	53.88	-1.18	-18.6	-18.6	DixGldBull	...	13.17	-1.13	-52.0	-52.0	SandRidge	...	39	24.79	-0.8	+42.8	+42.8	
AutoData	1.96f	28	84.13	-6.4	-18.7	-18.7	DirGMnBull	...	13.58	+8.1	-20.0	-20.0	Schimbng	1.60	16	83.17	-2.30	-7.7	-7.7	
Avon	24	...	10.09	-0.4	-41.4	-41.4	DirGMnBull	...	3.23	-30	-79.3	-79.3	SeadrillLd	...	1	11.31	-0.8	-72.5	-72.5	
BP PLC	2.40f	6	37.74	-7.8	-22.4	-22.4	Disney	1.15f	21	91.63	-1.31	+19.9	+19.9	SigmaAld	92	33	135.79	-0.8	+44.4	+44.4
BabaCCInrv	1.20	...	15.57	-0.9	-4.2	-4.2	DowChm	1.68f	15	46.34	-1.84	+4.4	+4.4	SirusXM	...	49	3.44	-0.5	-1.4	-1.4
BakrHu	68	17	55.34	1.37	+1	+1	eBay	...	55.27	-1.3	+7	+7	Smucker	2.56	18	100.23	-0.7	-3.3	-3.3	
BkofAm	20	16	17.38	-1.8	-11.6	-11.6	EOG Res s	67f	16	86.79	-2.36	+3.4	+3.4	SrstAirL	24	24	41.48	+7.5	+120.2	+120.2
B-IPVxST	...	...	30.33	+2.89	+28.7	+28.7	EmpDiet	1.04f	17	28.28	-4.5	+24.6	+24.6	Sprint	...	4.36	-2.1	-59.4	-59.4	
BarrickG	20	29	11.94	-1.2	-32.3	-32.3	Energen	0.8m	22	56.50	-1.26	-20.1	-20.1	SP Engy	1.77e	...	75.47	-2.40	-14.7	-14.7
BasicEnvSv	80	...	5.58	-4.5	-64.6	-64.6	EngyTsr	3.90f	...	61.42	-8.9	+7.3	+7.3	SPDR Frnd	37e	...	24.56	-3.2	+12.4	+12.4
BerkHls A	...	...	18223650.00	-1684.00	+25.7	+25.7	EnPro	...	55	63.30	-1.71	+9.8	+9.8	Staples	48	25	14.82	+3.6	-6.8	-6.8
BlkHillsCp	1.56	21	52.75	-1.44	+5	+5	EntPrdPt s	1.48f	23	34.50	-1.10	+4.1	+4.1	SunocoLs	1.53f	26	43.06	-2.61	+14.1	+14.1
BrMysq	1.48f	36	59.28	-8.9	+11.5	+11.5														

TODAY: Mostly sunny



High: 63
Low: 52

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny



High: 70
Low: 52

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny



High: 70
Low: 51

SUNDAY: Sunny



High: 63
Low: 36

MONDAY: Sunny



High: 56
Low: 33

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny



High: 56
Low: 33

Local forecast

Areas of fog are expected before 11 a.m. today, according to the National Weather Service, but otherwise the forecast calls for warmer-than-average low temperatures on your early morning walks through Saturday.

Expect warmer-than-average high temperatures Friday and Saturday. Temperatures then get lower next week. There is a slight chance of showers Saturday, but otherwise there is not any rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Wednesday reached 59, while the low dropped to 51. The record high for Dec. 10 is 82, set in 1933. The record low is 15, set in 1978.

National forecast

A storm system stalled over the Northeast will bring colder temperatures today, with snow and flurries falling over New England, the Mid-Atlantic states and the eastern Great Lakes. The heaviest snow will tend to focus over western and central New York and northern Pennsylvania. Blustery and chilly conditions are forecast from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Coast.

Farther west, mild air will expand from the Four Corners and Plains states to much of the Mississippi Valley.

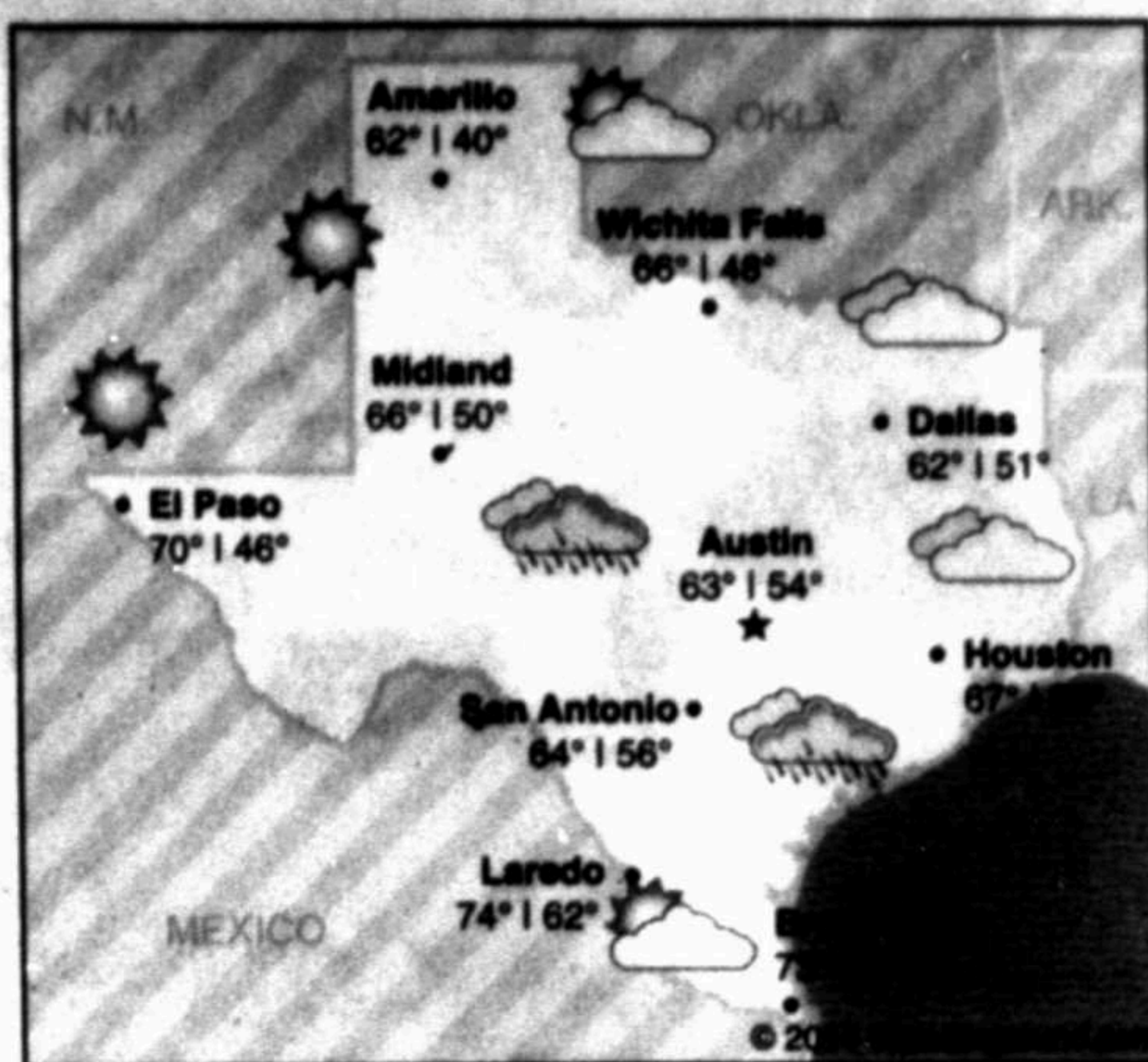
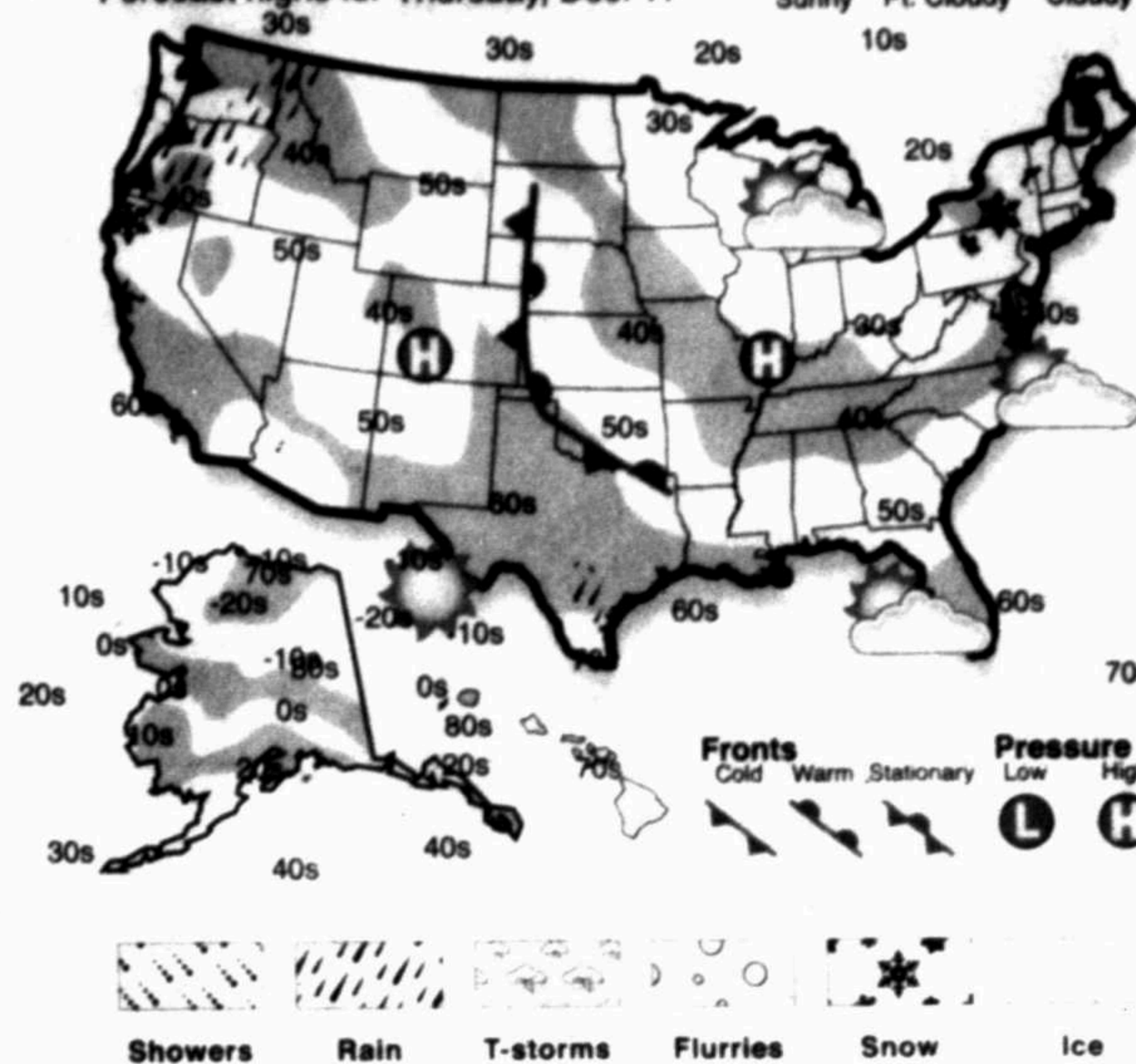


Table with precipitation and Wednesday's temperatures for Tuesday, Wednesday, and month/year totals.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 11



Community theater provides stage for couple love story

DEAR ABBY: You sometimes print letters from people who are looking to meet decent, honorable and interesting other people. While you have recommended volunteering, joining health clubs, going to church — and staying out of bars — something I have yet to see mentioned is a community-based arts organization.

Someone who is musically inclined might look for a local band, orchestra or community chorus. But I'd like to put in a word for community theater. A person doesn't have to be a performer; these groups need people to build sets, make costumes, locate props, run the backstage operations during a performance, etc. In the front of the house, they need people for promotion, selling tickets, ushering and soliciting donations from sponsors.

I met my husband of 30-plus years through a community theater group, and know of several other long-term marriages that came about the same way. I'm a seamstress, so I have made my share of costumes. But I have also learned how to frame a wall and build a staircase while working on set construction.

Even if you don't find that special someone, you will make dozens of new friends and have the satisfaction of

accomplishing something at the same time. — ALWAYS BUSY IN DES MOINES DEAR ALWAYS BUSY: I love your suggestion. Not everyone is meant to be in front of the footlights, but that doesn't mean one can't be an important member of the team. And community theater is definitely a team effort.

DEAR ABBY: I find my wife's daughter and son-in-law, who live nearby, to be very unlikely. Her daughter is gossipy, arrogant, smug and superficial. The husband is ill-mannered, devoid of social skills, lazy, impossible to carry on a normal conversation with and, worst of all, a liar.

Naturally, I am expected to see them often, and the more I am around them, the less I like them. This has become apparent to my wife. We have had more than a few "spirited discussions" about it, which I view as a real threat to the long-term well-being of our

marriage. I have tried mightily for her sake to overlook their major personality and character flaws, with no success. I don't want another divorce. Please help. — DESPERATE IN THE MID-ATLANTIC DEAR DESPERATE: If you love your wife and don't want this marriage ruined, accept that you are going to have to accommodate to some degree her insufferable daughter and son-in-law. This does not mean you must love them or even enjoy their company. It does mean working out a compromise that includes spending some time with them.

You and your wife are not joined at the hip. Every visit doesn't have to include you. Take up some hobbies you can enjoy on your own. Develop a sense of humor where they are concerned. If you do, you won't force your wife to choose between you and her child, because the chances are you would lose.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Another Saturday night

North-South vulnerable South deals.

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands with cards and suits.

The bidding: SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1NT Pass 2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠

The usual gang was doing battle at the club's Saturday night duplicate. When Hard Luck Louie played today's deal, he won the opening trump lead, led a club to the board's king, and ran the queen of diamonds. West won with his king and led a second trump. Louie won this in hand, discarded a club from dummy on his diamonds,

then cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. East correctly discarded a diamond rather than over-ruffing. Louie played the ace and another heart. East won with his 10, drew dummy's last trump, and continued with a high heart. South still had a club loser for the fourth defensive trick. Down one!

Lucky Larry played the same contract with the same opening lead. He won the lead in hand and led a heart to dummy's jack. Had East returned a high heart, Larry would have arranged to ruff two hearts in his hand. On the actual return of a second trump, Larry won, crossed to the king of clubs, and took the losing diamond finesse.

West had no trump to play, so he led a heart. Larry won with dummy's ace, discarded a club on his good diamonds, then cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. East could not profit by over-ruffing, so he discarded a diamond. Larry then ruffed a heart back to his hand and ruffed his last club on the table. He conceded a trick to the outstanding trump and claimed the balance. Well done!

DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Answers to the previous crossword puzzle, including words like BOO, BRAT, CAIMAN, etc.

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. 11, 2014:

This year you open up to having more compassion for others. You are likely to develop a stronger relationship with your friends and family as a result. You might be stunned when you see the difference that accepting love can make. If you are single, you are likely to go through several different relationships before you find someone you can respect who knows how to love well. If you are attached, the two of you will spend more and more time together. You often act like two teenagers in love. LEO knows how to make people relax and smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Holding back and thinking before you act might not be as successful as you had hoped. Actually, you are better off being impulsive. Someone could offer a different perspective. You intuitively will know which way to go. Tonight: Add a little spice to a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Emphasis seems to be on your personal life. A partner or loved one might make a suggestion that could affect your financial situation, but you could be quite attached to the status quo. Try to open up to different perspectives. Tonight: Happiest at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Be willing to break a standoff and make an important phone call. You might not be happy about making the first move, but ultimately it will be for the best. A friend might be unusually expressive. Try to understand what is happening. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might want to take a hard look at your finances and decide what would be best to do. Look at a situation more carefully in order to understand what is happening with an associate. This person's optimism might not be realistic. Tonight: Relax with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Someone could be a little too contentious for your taste. You might respond to this person's mood with a knee-jerk reaction, so be careful. Someone is likely to misread your intensity and your natural charisma as being something else! Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be aware of your limits, and recognize that you just might not

be up to snuff. It happens to everyone. Take a day off from your normal patterns and/or schedule. Create a special 12 hours for you. Do you know what that would look like? Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and don't allow someone to push you too far. If this person's interests are similar enough to yours, you'll have an opportunity to work together. Dreams and practical matters are likely to be discussed. Tonight: Found among the crowds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be wondering what the best way to handle someone would be. How you present what you want will make a big difference in the outcome. Money could be a key issue. Discuss this matter openly rather than let it go undiscussed. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You know where to head to get more information. Don't hesitate to go past that level and find an expert. You could be emotional when discussing various scenarios, but you will make the right choice regardless. Do not jump to conclusions. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You relate well to others, especially if they are authentic and clear. As conversations continue, you will want to consider what you are hearing before drawing any conclusions. Let others know what you are thinking. Tonight: Find a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others are likely to have a lot to say. Keep an open mind, and be willing to listen and learn from them. You might have the whole situation played out in your head, but choose not to share your judgments just yet. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might be taken back by all the possibilities that surround you. Think about what would be the best way to complete what you must do. If you do, you will be more relaxed with what serendipity presents in your life. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

BORN TODAY Professional wrestler Oscar Gutierrez (1974), singer Jermaine Jackson (1954), U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry (1943)

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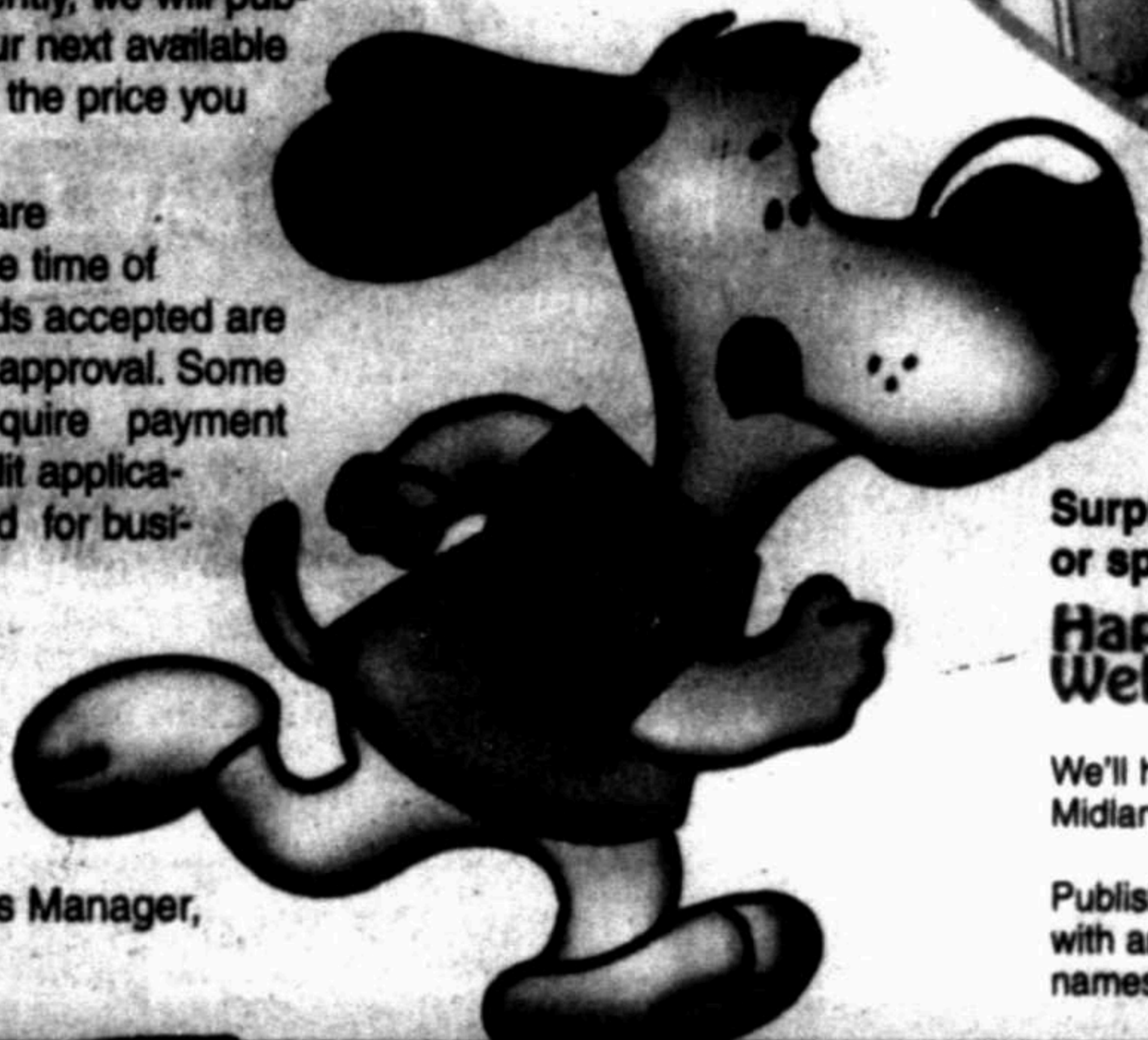
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MOTOR MPO POLICY BOARD MEETING

Date: December 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
 Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
 9601 Wright Drive
 Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of MOTOR MPO will meet to discuss the following: Amendments to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program and the MOTOR MPO Bylaws. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Lost & Found

VERY LOVABLE young female cat was found lying in the street near 2504 Neely. She was not hurt, however, she apparently had water thrown on her and was very wet and cold. She is very lovable and we know that whoever had her must have loved her very much and has spent a lot of time with her. Very affectionate! If you or someone you know has a missing tabby and is heartbroken, please share or call. We may be contacted at 432-620-9882, and if we do not answer, please leave your name and number and we will return the call as soon as possible.

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All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

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Proposals shall be addressed to:
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 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
 Midland, Texas 79701

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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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Julia Marie Cunningham: Bookcase, computer desk and monitor, love seat and sofa, dresser, washing machine, misc. bags, totes, carseat and baby swing.
 Nathan Jackson: Tires and rims
 Scarlett Romero: Bags, 4 boxsprings, headboard, 3 mattresses bed frame, dressers, playpen, coffee table, tires and rims.
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 2504 N Loop 250 W, Midland, TX 79707

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 Tony Torres: Sofa, computer desk, rocking chair, speakers, vacuum, 25 plus movies, stool, lounge chair, ottoman, guitar, clothing and misc.
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Lucio's Janitorial Services is now hiring for a Floor Man and Cleaning Ladies. \$10/hr. M-F. 5pm-9pm. Call Esmeralda Lucio 432-894-9310.

OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 10:00pm - 5:00am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 3pm - 1am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Starting pay \$10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be \$11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at 201 E. Illinois Lobby, Information Desk • Monday, Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@thebigd.com NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

Starting pay \$10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be \$11.00 per hour

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Event Coverage

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House cleaner/helper needed! Will be responsible for house work, laundry, windows, and possible errands, three days a week. Start ASAP! Pay DOE! Please call 432-520-3853 or 638-8267.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

West Texas Food Bank Development Assistant

Immediate opening for full time development assistant. Responsibilities include data entry and management of donor database. Will design and implement database queries in response to requests for information providing timely and accurate records, reports, and lists. Will serve as the primary liaison between the Development Office and the accounting department. Will assist Development Director in special events and other duties as assigned. Must be detailed oriented, proficient in data base management, have excellent skills in word processing and spreadsheets, Please send resume to West Texas Food Bank, attn: Development Director, 1008 East 2nd Street, Odessa, TX 79761.

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All Positions

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PRESSMAN
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Furniture: Black king-size bdrm suite, 2 king-size electric beds, black armchairs, Lane cedar chest, gun cabinet, chests, shelves, tall table & stools, card table & chairs, wire rack, tables, lamps, pendulum clock. Kitchen: Frigidaire refrigerator, freezer, Maytag washer & dryer, apartment size gas range, lots of small appliances & kitchen ware. Miscellaneous: Luggage, linens, books, stereo, Toshiba TV, crock chum, UT, Texas Tech, & A&M memorabilia, VHS tapes, 33rpm albums, bb gun, vacuum, Hoover steam vac, esserites equip., saas, 2-way radios, John Deere dolls, men's clothes, shoes, & hats. Special: Dale Earnhardt collection including pictures, posters, model cars, bottles, wrenches, knives, stand-up cardboard figures, jackets, blankets, dolls, lighters and much, much more.
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Weekly Writing Corner

Constitution in Action

The U.S. Constitution protects many rights. A constitutional right that's important to me is The First Amendment. The part I'm doing in it is the freedom of speech. I think free speech is important to me because it covers all forms of expression. Plus, it's the right to speak out publicly or privately.

Neill Olawookere, 6th grade, Hillander

I think all constitutional rights are important. We have the freedom of religion and guarantee the right to bear arms. We have the freedom to believe in any religion. I like that right because it is not fair to be pushed around for what you believe. We have the freedom to bear arms. That's important because maybe one day there could be a break in and you need to protect yourself. As you can see, there are many rights that are important to me.

Kendall Harrington, 4th grade, St Ann's

The most important amendment is the Bill of Rights has to be amendment 6. As it says, if you are accused, he or she will have, a fast trial and have assistance of counsel for his defense. It helps plenty of people who are accused of being a criminal who truly aren't. Everyone deserves a speedy trial.

Alex Forbus, 6th grade, Hillander

I believe in the second amendment because if someone breaks in, I can defend my family. I think the second amendment is important because we can hunt and get food. Second amendment is also important because we can carry guns and hunt. I like the second amendment because it lets us keep guns in our house. Second amendment is to carry guns and hunt for food. All in all, you can see that you need second amendment to hunt for food.

Brad Hale, 4th grade, St Ann's

The U.S. Constitution protects many important rights. The first amendment is very important to me especially The Freedom of Speech. I think that having the right to speak your mind is very important. That is why freedom of speech is very important.

Nicole Denbleyker, 6th grade, Hillander

There are many rights that are given to us by the Bill of Rights. I find one of these to be very important in my eyes. This right is the freedom of religion. I find this one to be important because it lets my family go to church with being arrested.

Leighton Petty, 6th grade, Hillander

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The Woman I Most Admire

Which woman living today or long ago do you most admire? Why?

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ROSA PARKS

Mother of the Civil Rights Movement



INTEGRITY Meet Rosa

Rosa McCauley Parks grew up in a time when it was legal to discriminate against black people in the United States. In 1924, she went to a store to buy a soda. The clerk at the store told her, "We don't serve sodas to colored people." While Rosa knew the clerk's refusal was legal, she also knew it was wrong.

"Differences of race, nationality or religion should not be used to deny any human being citizenship rights or privileges."

- Rosa Parks

Rosa was born in 1913. How old was she when she was denied the right to buy a soda? To find out, add up the numbers on the bottles of soda.



Today, because of laws Rosa Parks helped to change, it is illegal to refuse to serve a customer based upon skin color.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Differences and Similarities

Kevin and Kyle are best friends. Put a check next to each thing they have in common.

Kevin's Favorites:

- Football
- Soccer
- Sports section
- Harry Potter
- Camping
- Pizza
- Math
- Dogs
- Hip Hop
- Oranges



Kyle's Favorites:

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Sports section
- Star Wars
- Camping
- Pizza
- History
- Cats
- Hip Hop
- Bananas

Rosa Parks once said, "I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom."

Kid Scoop introduces you to Rosa Parks, considered by many to be one of the most important citizens of the 20th century.

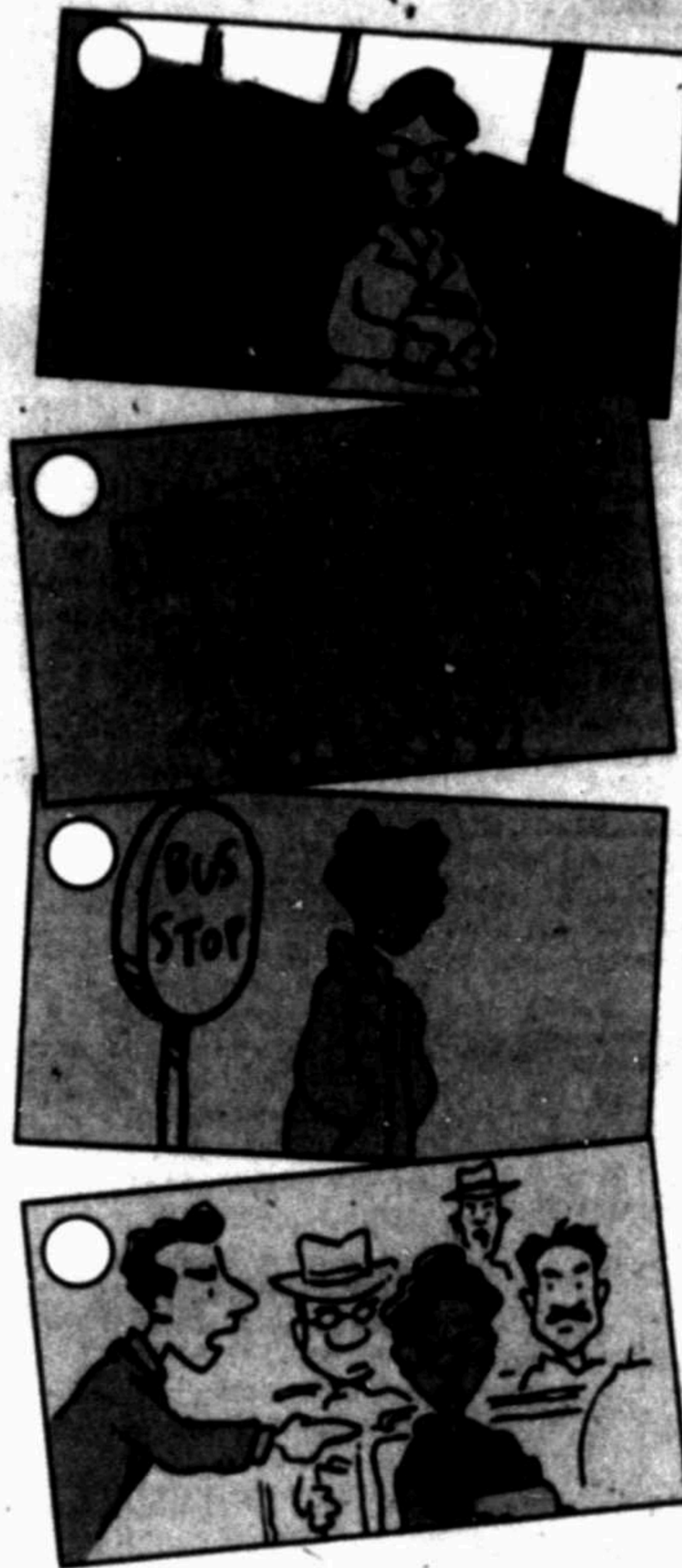
COURAGE A Movement is Born

In 1955, Rosa Parks was riding home on a bus after a long day of work. She was very tired. She got on the bus and sat in an empty seat.

In those days, Rosa's hometown of Montgomery, Ala. had a law: if there weren't enough seats on the bus for white people, black people were required to surrender their seats to them. When the bus filled, the white people expected Rosa to get up from her seat.

Rosa didn't think it was fair that she had to give up her seat because she was African-American, and she didn't want to be treated unfairly any longer. She said, "No." Rosa Parks was arrested and jailed for not giving up her seat.

When the black people in Montgomery heard what had happened, they decided as a group to boycott, or stop riding all local buses, until the law was changed.



Read this article, then number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: History: Explain how demands of African-Americans helped produce a stimulant for civil rights.

PERSEVERANCE The Struggle for Change

During the Montgomery Boycott, Rosa Parks and her family received threats. She was fired from her job as a seamstress. Even so, she never stopped working for racial _____.

For 382 days, the black people of Montgomery _____ ride the bus, and the bus company lost a lot of money. Finally, the law was changed.

In December of 1956, the Supreme Court decided that bus segregation _____ the constitution. People of all races banded together to work for equal treatment for all people in a _____ called the Civil Rights Movement. This led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which gives all Americans, whatever their race, nationality or religion, equal _____ under the law.

Draw a line from each word below to where it belongs in this story.

- RIGHTS**
- BUS**
- EQUALITY**
- VIOLATED**
- MOVEMENT**
- DIDN'T**

Extra! Extra! Character Search

For each of the following character traits, find a person in the newspaper who shows that trait.

- Courage
- Perseverance
- Commitment
- Integrity

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify character traits in the actions of others.

Commitment: Teaching Young People

In 1987, ten years after the death of her husband, Rosa founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. One of its programs takes young people of different ethnicities on tours of North American places historically important to the Civil Rights Movement.



Help the bus get from Florida to California.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

MONTGOMERY Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- ROSA
- PARKS
- FREEDOM
- SUPREME
- BOYCOTT
- RACIAL
- COURAGE
- RACE
- SEATS
- LAWS
- EQUAL
- SODA
- PEOPLE
- COURT



Standards Link: Letter sequencing: Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Play "Find the Question"

1. Find and read an article in which a reporter interviews someone.
2. What questions did the reporter ask the person being interviewed? Can you think of new questions to ask this person?

Standards Link: Language Arts / Reading Comprehension: Identify who, what, when, where and why of a newspaper article.

"There are very few people who can say their actions and conduct changed the face of the nation. Rosa Parks is one of those individuals."
- Rep. John Conyers

"Her show of defiance was an act of personal courage that moved millions."
- Former President George W. Bush

"She was an inspiration to me and to all who work for the day when we will be one America."
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"Rosa Parks has shown the awesome power of right over might in history's long journey for peace and freedom."
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