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Crime increases for first time since 2009

MPD Chief Robinson: A 4 percent increase in crime is 'not bad'

By Cale Ottens
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Serious crimes in Midland rose about 4 percent last year, the first increase the city has seen since 2009, according to the Midland Police Department.

There were 3,541 "Part I" crimes — incidents police consider most likely to be reported and serious in nature and/or volume — reported in 2013, according to MPD statistics released Thursday.

"Given all the factors the city is seeing, it looks very good," said Police Chief Price Robinson. "You always want crime to go down, but given everything going on right now, 4 percent is not bad."

Robinson said the population influx — which brings more people, vehicles and properties to the city — creates more opportunity for crime.

"It could be worse," he said.

Robberies and auto thefts saw the largest year-over-year increase, both rising 21 percent.

Robinson said he wants to remind people again that the best way to prevent auto theft is to "just lock the cars and take the keys."

But residents failing to lock their

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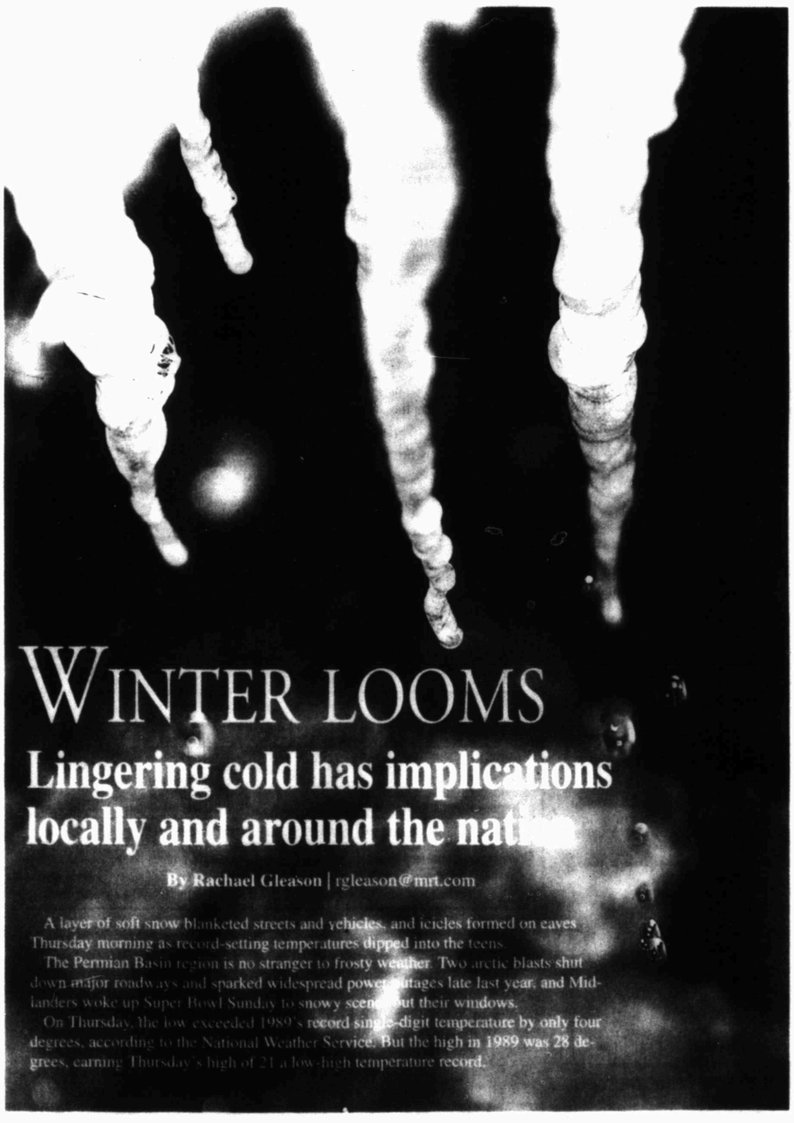
2013 crime statistics

Murder and manslaughter by negligence	5 (25 percent increase)
Forcible rape	22 (4.35 percent decrease)
Robbery	63 (21 percent increase)
Aggravated assault	260 (19 percent decrease)
Burglary	568 (1.6 percent increase)
Theft	2,459 (6 percent increase)
Auto theft	164 (21 percent increase)
Total Part I crime	3,541 (3.9 percent increase)



WINTER LOOMS

Lingering cold has implications locally and around the nat

By Rachael Gleason | rgleason@mrt.com

A layer of soft snow blanketed streets and vehicles, and icicles formed on eaves Thursday morning as record-setting temperatures dipped into the teens.

The Permian Basin region is no stranger to frosty weather. Two arctic blasts shut down major roadways and sparked widespread power outages late last year, and Midlanders woke up Super Bowl Sunday to snowy scenes out their windows.

On Thursday, the low exceeded 1989's record single-digit temperature by only four degrees, according to the National Weather Service. But the high in 1989 was 28 degrees, earning Thursday's high of 21 a low-high temperature record.

"We broke that one pretty easily," said NWS meteorologist Andrew Arnold, noting this year's fickle weather is nothing out of the ordinary.

"It's the winter pattern we've had for a little while," Arnold said. "It's chilly and then warms up a few days before another front moves through."

Most areas in the Permian Basin received less than 1 inch of snow Thursday, but some had between 2 to 3 inches, according to the meterologist.

National Weather Service records show last year's total 1.1 inch of snow was a far cry from 2012, when 10.6 inches blanketed Midland in one day. Nearly 12 inches of snow came down the year before.

Arnold expected snow flurries to continue late Thursday night into this morning without much accumulation.

The forecast calls for a high of 46 degrees today, and Midlanders can put away their winter coats, hats and gloves this weekend as temperatures warm up to the 60s.

Natural gas and energy costs

The rest of the country won't experience a similar wintry weather reprieve. The national forecast calls for cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills in the central United States and snow in the West and Northeast this weekend.

A polar vortex left most of the country in a deep freeze in

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Permian Basin Coalition sets sights on desalination

By Joseph Basco
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SNYDER — For its February meeting, the Permian Basin Coalition discussed how desalination and wastewater recycling might be what West Texas communities will have to do to keep up with an adequate long-term water supply.

Representatives from regional water districts and private water-related businesses spoke to a group comprised of political leaders from Permian Basin cities and counties Thursday to explain why desalination, a method of removing salt from water, is the future.

"Looking at one presentation we had this morning about how salty the groundwater is and the availability of it, water recycling and desalination looks to me like it has the most potential," said Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz, the host for the coalition's meeting. "Because there would be unlimited water if we could take the salt out of it."

One of several groups the coalition invited to talk was Advanced Hydro, an Austin-based water tech company that develops desalination-related products. Dileep Agnihotri, president and CEO of Advanced Hydro, prefaced his presentation with the notion that two-thirds of the U.S. is in a drought, the oil and associated population booms are causing water supply issues and hydraulic fracturing is further stressing water availability. He revealed a long-term prediction that claims most major cities will be in highly stressed water supply conditions by 2050.

"It really gets me worried," Agnihotri said. "That's the reason why I started jumping into the water industry."

Agnihotri acknowledged how desalination is still an expensive venture but that his company is seeking ways to make the water filtration method more cost efficient.

Reclamation is a process already utilized regionally via the Colorado River Water Municipal District, or CRMWD, in its Big Spring plant. The plant recycles Big Spring's effluent into potable water that is blended into the district's surface water supply. The plant receives 2.5 million gallons per day of wastewater and outputs 2 million gallons per day of potable water, which equates to an 80 percent output.

CRMWD also has begun drilling for groundwater in Ward County to further meet demand as the drought diminishes its traditional supply of surface water from area reservoirs. As of Thursday, CRMWD's surface water sources are only about 7 percent full. And according to a graph that compared annual rainfall to watering habits, no Permian Basin cities receive enough rainfall that allow residents to water their lawns with 1 inch of water every other week, or 26 inches per year.

"The drought is not over with," said John Grant, CRMWD general manager. "Don't forget that."

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Governor contender Davis supports open carry law

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Wild West tradition of openly carrying your six-shooter on the street has long been banned in Texas under state law. But the next governor could change that.

Rising Democratic star and gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis has joined her top Republican rival in supporting a proposed "open carry" law. It would allow people with concealed handgun licenses to wear a pistol on their hip, in full view, while in public.

Davis has said she supports expanding gun rights in Texas. In a statement to The Associated Press, she said that includes open-carry — a position that puts her at odds with her own party but could keep her from alienating gun rights advocates in a conservative state where the Second Amendment is sacrosanct.

Davis' position now aligns her with her Republican gubernatorial rival, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, marking her latest effort to eliminate it as a wedge issue in the campaign.

Davis said such a law should allow private property owners to determine whether weapons could be openly carried on their property. She also said background checks and training requirements would "help ensure that only mentally stable, law-abiding citizens may carry, whether concealed or open."

Houston Chronicle

Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar addresses the winter North American Prospect Expo on Wednesday at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

Salazar: Fracturing has never been an environmental problem

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Hydraulic fracturing is safe, and the energy industry should work to convince the public that it doesn't pose a safety threat, former U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told a Houston audience this week.

Salazar spoke at the NAPE Business Conference, part of the Winter North American Prospect Expo. The event, continuing through Friday at the George R. Brown Convention Center, is a marketplace for trading oil and gas properties and attempting to attract investors.

Salazar also said that he supports the much-debated Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry Canadian oil sands crude to U.S. refineries.

"At the end of the day, we are going to be consuming that oil," Salazar said. "So is it better for us to get the oil from our good neighbor from the north, or to be bringing it from someplace in the Middle East?"

The Obama administration is weighing whether to permit the pipeline, enthusiastically supported by the industry and some labor groups and as adamantly opposed by many environmentalists.

Federal regulators also are developing possible new rules for hydraulic fracturing on federal land. The procedure uses high-pressure injections of sand, water and other fluids to release oil and gas locked in tight formations.

Combined with horizontal drilling and other technological advances, fracturing has unleashed a surge in U.S. oil and gas production but also has generated worries that it might pollute groundwater and cause other environmental problems.

Salazar said the oil and gas industry must work to educate the public about the technology.

"We know that, from everything we've seen, there's not a single case where hydraulic fracturing has created an environmental problem for anyone," Salazar said. "We need to make sure that story is told."

Salazar says he came to his conclusion after speaking with others in the federal government, including scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey and Steven Chu, a former U.S. energy secretary. Salazar and Chu both served in the Cabinet during President Barack Obama's first term.

The Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a study on whether hydraulic fracturing affects water resources.

Environmental groups suspect that fracturing may have polluted water at well sites in Pennsylvania, Texas, Wyoming and elsewhere.

Kate Sinding, a lawyer with the Natural Resources Defense Council, which often supported Salazar at the Interior Department, said he's out of touch with research indicating that fracturing causes environmental harm.

"His comments are a disservice to the people around the country who continue to report problems when fracking comes to town — from contaminated drinking water to devastated property values, air pollution, noise pollution, heavy truck traffic, industrialized rural areas and even exploding homes," she said in a statement.

Salazar represented Colorado in the Senate for four years before joining the Obama administration in 2009. After leaving the Interior Department last year, he joined the law firm WilmerHale, which advises companies in the energy sector.

He suggested that the energy industry may be partly to blame for some of the opposition to fracturing, citing some companies' reluctance to disclose the chemical makeup of the liquids they use in the process.

Some communities have enacted local bans on fracturing, and initiatives in several states, including Colorado, have attempted to put such bans to statewide votes.

Teen accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a child

From staff reports

An 18-year-old man was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of committing a sexual assault of a child, a second-degree felony.

Colbey Keith Ford, of Midland, is accused of committing multiple sexual acts with a young girl who is at least three years younger than him, according to an arrest affidavit.

The affidavit did not disclose the alleged victim's exact age, but Ford reportedly knew the girl's age and continued to engage in sexual acts.

Ford is being held on a $50,000 bond.

He was arrested after the Midland County Sheriff's Office received a complaint from the alleged victim's mother. She told deputies that her young daughter was caught sneaking out of their house. The girl reportedly told her mother that she was going to meet Ford at an oil rig near the home, according to the affidavit.

The two allegedly engaged in sexual acts at the oil rig. They also spoke on the phone and exchanged numerous pictures of their genitalia via text messages, the affidavit said.

If convicted, Ford could face up to 20 years in prison.

CRIME

From 1A

vehicles continues to be a problem in Midland.

A recent vehicle burglary involved Midland ISD administrator Deborah Acosta, who reportedly did not lock the doors to her pickup last month, resulting in the theft of a computer containing the Social Security numbers and birthdates of 14,000 current and former Midland ISD students.

The problem is especially bad during winter months when many people leave their cars running to let them heat up, Robinson said.

"Sometimes you might find your vehicle gone," he said.

But not every type of crime increased last year, according to the statistics. There was one less instance of forcible rape reported to police, resulting in a 4.35 percent decrease.

Reports of aggravated assault also decreased 19 percent, according to the data.

Throughout the past decade, crime rates have typically dropped each year. Only in 2009 and 2013 did the overall rates go up.

"We're never happy with crime going up," Robinson said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Aleman, 23, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with failure to appear at a bail jumping hearing.

Colbey K. Ford, 18, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with sexual assault of a child.

Christopher L. Glenn, 23, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with theft valued less than $1,500.

Jose T. Herrera, 27, of Odessa, was charged Wednesday with theft valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

Russell F. Hubanks, 27, of Odessa, was charged Wednesday with possessing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Jermaine Jackson Sr., 32, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled substance.

Sarah H. Pena, 29, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with failure to appear at a bail jumping, credit or debit card abuse and evading arrest.

Albert H. Smith Jr., 58, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with violation of parole.

Rashod E. Suggs, 25, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with theft valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

Juan G. Tarango, 39, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with theft of service valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

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ODESSA

Officer suspended for intoxication arrest

An Odessa police officer was placed on administrative leave this week pending an investigation into the officer's arrest in Rowlett.

Officer Ricardo Rodriguez was arrested at about 2 a.m. Saturday at a Whataburger restaurant for a Class C misdemeanor of public intoxication, said corporal Steve LeSueur, the Odessa Police Department's communications officer.

Rowlett officers responded to the Whataburger because of reports of a possible intoxicated driver. The passenger, Rodriguez, was arrested for public intoxication and the driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated, LeSueur said.

Rowlett officers notified OPD of the arrest on Monday, and the department placed Rodriguez on administrative leave with pay Tuesday, pending the results of an internal investigation.

FRISCO

Man arrested for holding sign has charge dismissed

A North Texas judge has dismissed a police complaint against a man arrested for holding a sign warning drivers of a speed trap.

The judge on Wednesday threw out the misdemeanor charge of violating Frisco's sign ordinance that 33-year-old Ron Martin faced because the complaint didn't specify how he violated the lengthy ordinance, according to his attorney, Mark Meisinger.

Martin was holding a sign in October that read "Police Ahead" while standing in the median of a busy avenue in Frisco, north of Dallas. Nearby officers monitoring traffic saw him with the sign and arrested him. He pleaded not guilty to the charge last month.

Meisinger said Thursday that the sign ordinance is dozens of pages long and overly broad.

"They have to tell him what he's charged with so he can defend himself," Meisinger said of his client.

Martin was forced to pay $217 to bond out of jail and is hoping to recoup the money, Meisinger said.

Martin has said his intention last October was only to urge motorists to drive more slowly. He said a motorcycle officer once nearly struck his vehicle when the officer quickly pulled out to pursue a speeding motorist, Meisinger said.

Martin's free speech rights were violated by police, Meisinger said.

The city has the option of refiling the case with a more specific charge, but Meisinger said it wasn't clear Thursday if it intends to.

SAN ANTONIO

Appeals court reverses plea deal in molesting case

A Texas appeals court has thrown out a 25-year prison sentence given an accused child molester who agreed to a plea deal after a San Antonio jury sentenced him to eight life sentences.

The offender, 52-year-old Israel Rodriguez, contends his inexperienced lawyer gave him poor advice that convinced him in 2011 to reject an initial 10-year prison deal.

The 4th Texas Court of Appeals, acknowledging the "unique circumstances" of the case, has returned it to the trial court with the 10-year agreement back on the table. The court said the timing puts it in "the position he would have been in prior to his counsel's improvident advice."

The San Antonio Express-News reported the case involves charges of sexual assault or indecency with two girls, 14 and 16 years old.

HOUSTON

Volunteer pays for full lunches at school

A volunteer at a Houston-area elementary school who noticed some students were getting a smaller lunch of cold cheese sandwiches is digging into his own pocket to cover $465 in delinquent meal accounts so all the kids can get the same full lunch tray.

"These are elementary school kids," Kenny Thompson, a tutor and mentor at Valley Oaks Elementary in Houston's Spring Branch School District, told Houston television station KPRC. "They don't need to be worried about finances. They need to be worried about what grade they got in spelling."

Thompson, a volunteer for 10 years, said he asked about the lunch differences at his school after hearing about some Utah students who last week had meals taken from them because of non-payment. Salt Lake City school officials have apologized for removing the lunches and embarrassing the students, and say they are revising procedures to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Thompson told the TV station that he asked about the smaller meals at his school and learned more than 60 children were on reduced lunches because parents couldn't afford the 40-cent daily fee.

He believes some of the students avoided the lunch line altogether to avoid embarrassment, meaning they weren't getting proper daily nutrition.

"When I left the building knowing that they were getting fed, they didn't have that stress ... the best money I ever spent," Thompson said.

DALLAS

No murder charge for man who shot deputy

A Central Texas man who shot and killed a sheriff's deputy entering his home will not be charged with capital murder, attorneys said Thursday.

A local grand jury declined Wednesday to indict Henry Goedrich Magee for the Dec. 19 death of Burleson County Sgt. Adam Sowders, who was part of a group of investigators executing a search warrant for Magee's rural home.

Sowders and other officers entered the home about 90 miles northwest of Houston without knocking just before 6 a.m. Authorities were looking for guns and marijuana.

Magee's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said his client thought he was being burglarized, reached for a gun and opened fire.

DeGuerin has acknowledged his client had a small number of marijuana plants and seedlings, as well as guns he owned legally. The grand jury did indict Magee for possession of marijuana while in possession of a deadly weapon, a third-degree felony.

"This was a terrible tragedy that a deputy sheriff was killed, but Hank Magee believed that he and his pregnant girlfriend were being robbed," DeGuerin said in an interview Thursday.

"He did what a lot of people would have done," DeGuerin added. "He defended himself and his girlfriend and his home."

The longtime defense attorney said he could not immediately remember another example of a Texas grand jury declining to indict a defendant in the death of a law enforcement officer.

Julie Renken, the district attorney for Burleson County, said in a statement Thursday she thought the sheriff's office acted correctly during events that "occurred in a matter of seconds amongst chaos."

"I believe the evidence also shows that an announcement was made," Renken said. "However, there is not enough evidence that Mr. Magee knew that day that Peace Officers were entering his home."

Magee is still in custody in neighboring Washington County, but should be soon released on bond since he only faces a marijuana possession charge, DeGuerin said.

Renken said her office would "fully prosecute" that case.

The 31-year-old Sowders was a native of Somerville who had recently been promoted to a sergeant-investigator position.

IRVING

Retail gas prices drop by 2 cents across Texas

Retail gasoline prices across Texas have dropped by an average of 2 cents this week to $3.07 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the statewide figure for regular unleaded is 30 cents less than this time a year ago.

AAA said the national average remains at $3.27 per gallon.

Of the metropolitan areas surveyed in Texas, drivers in Amarillo continue to pay the least at $2.98. Motorists in El Paso are paying the most on average, at $3.13 per gallon.

Cold temperatures across much of the country have led to weak demand and kept prices flat to begin 2014. AAA analysts expect the national average to move higher in the coming months as temperatures warm, people travel more and the demand for fuel increases.

HOUSTON

Harris County officials ID couple killed in home

Sheriff's officials have identified the married couple fatally shot last week along with their two children in their suburban Houston home.

Maoye Sun and his wife Mei Xie were shot Jan. 30 in Cypress, northwest of Houston. The family immigrated from China and authorities have said the release of their names was delayed as they worked to first notify relatives there.

Harris County sheriff's officials said Thursday they're awaiting confirmation through dental records before identifying the two boys. But the Houston Chronicle reports the Cypress-Fairbanks school district has identified the children as 9-year-old Timothy Xie Sun and 7-year-old Titus Xiao Sun.

Authorities have not yet determined a motive for the slayings nor identified any suspects. All four were shot in the head.

QUITMAN

Retrial set for Texan charged with 2 deaths

An East Texas man whose capital murder conviction in the 2007 shooting deaths of his wife and stepson has been overturned faces retrial this summer.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph reported Wednesday that jury selection begins July 14 in Quitman for Jason Payne.

Prosecutors in Wood County did not seek the death penalty, so the 44-year-old Quitman man received an automatic life prison term without parole.

Payne in December 2007 reported finding the bodies of Nichole Payne, 35, and her 16-year-old son Austin Wages at the family's home near Quitman.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last year reversed the conviction based on some testimony admitted during trial.

Wood County District Attorney Jim Wheeler on Thursday said prosecutors again are not seeking the death penalty. Wheeler declined further comment.

ARKANSAS

Man wanted in Texas arrested in Arkansas

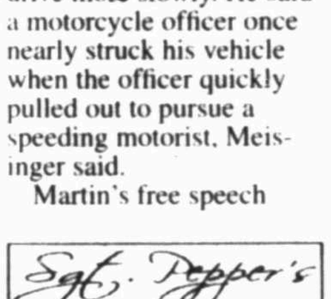
FORT SMITH — A man wanted in Texas in connection with the death of two people has been arrested in Arkansas.

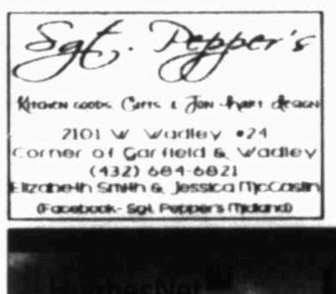
The Southwest Times Records reported that 43-year-old Leo George Click Jr., of Victoria, Texas, was arrested Jan. 29 in Mountainburg.

Authorities said Click was driving under the influence along Texas 35 in Refugio County last August when the vehicle crossed the center line and struck an oncoming car. Two people were killed, 45-year-old Nicole Lowenberg and 14-year-old Samuel Stoffregen.

The Refugio County Sheriff's Office issued an arrest warrant for Click in November.

Click's girlfriend, 45-year-old Carol Beerwart, was also arrested in Arkansas last week on suspicion of felony hindering apprehension.





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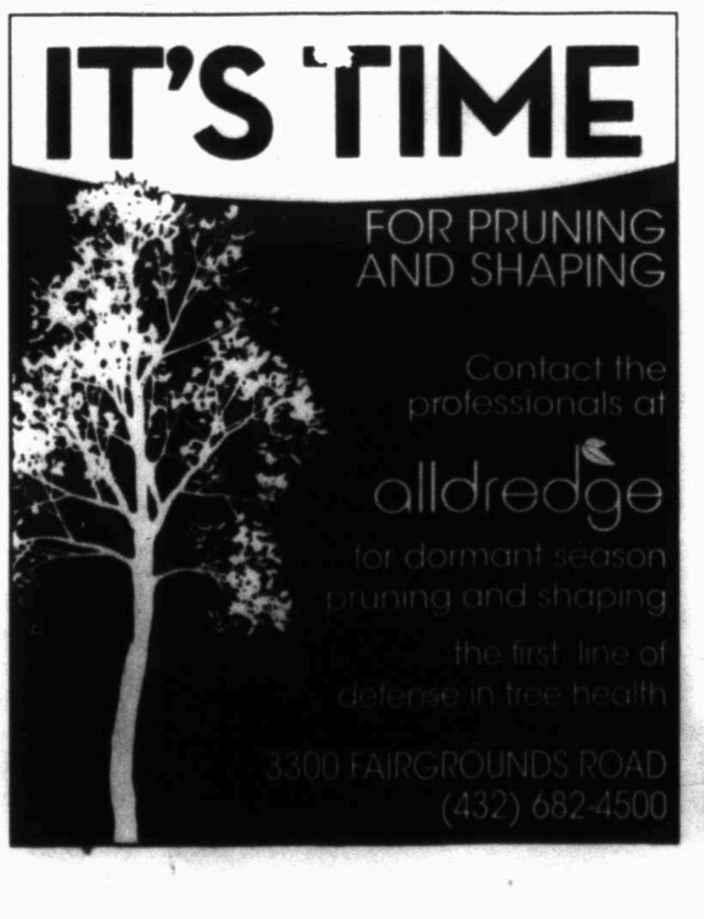

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■ Storytime for children 3 to 5, 10:30 a.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. 685-7376.

■ Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series "Robotic Assisted Surgery," noon, Midland College Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room. midland.edu.

■ "Mary Poppins" at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre. www.mctmidland.org. 570-4111.

■ "Footloose" at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

■ Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show at Ector County Coliseum. midessaboatshow.net.

■ Star Party at dusk at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

New Movies in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"

■ **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "The Monuments Men," "The Lego Movie," "Vampire Academy"

Gas prices in Midland

■ **Cheapest gas:** $2.98 (Texaco, Midkiff Road/Wadley Avenue; H-E-B, Wadley/Midkiff; Alon, Midkiff/Wadley; Murphy USA, Midland Drive/Briarwood Avenue)

■ **Most expensive:** $3.34 (Town & Country, Boeing/Andrews Highway)

■ **Most common price:** $3.09

■ **Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $2.81, San Angelo $2.97, Midland $2.98, Odessa $2.98, Abilene $3.04

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.052	$3.056
Last week	$3.055	$3.072
Last month	$3.074	$3.102
Last year	$3.395	$3.370

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Water usage in Midland

Jan. 29	11,077,000 gallons
Jan. 30	14,785,000 gallons
Jan. 31	15,036,000 gallons
Feb. 1	15,075,000 gallons
Feb. 2	13,949,000 gallons
Monday	13,927,000 gallons
Tuesday	13,566,000 gallons
Wednesday	10,604,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 94,503 acre-feet

Source: City of Midland

Community calendar

■ Verizon Wireless will host customer appreciation day 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday at the Odessa store, 4041 E. 42nd St. There will be offers, giveaways and pizza.

In conjunction with the event, Verizon will present a HopeLine grant to Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center, which supports abused children.

For more information, call 550-2066.

■ Midland County Republican Women are to meet 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club. Speakers include candidates for local and state offices. Luncheon tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. To make a reservation, call 520-3500 or go to www.mcrw.us.

■ Genealogy off the Shelves is planning a workshop 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 15 featuring professional genealogist Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck. Workshop topics are names, deeds and wills and probate records.

Lunch will be served. For more information, call 742-7440.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. To schedule this service, call 432-685-7278.

Source: City of Midland

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Pick 3 night: 6-6-0
Daily 4 day: 8-5-1-9
Daily 4 night: 6-2-5-7
Daily 4 day: 2-1-9-7
Daily 4 night: 8-3-1-2
Cash Five: 1-15-20-22-32
Texas Two Step: 3-16-23-30 BB: 9
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-6-9-10-15-17-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-7-9-13-14-16-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-6-7-8-12-13-15-18-19-21-23
All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-7-8-10-11-12-15-16-18-21

Today in history

Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2014. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they cracked wise during a chaotic press conference while thousands of their fans were jammed inside the terminal.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk, which lasted nearly six hours.

Today's birthdays: Country singer Garth Brooks is 52. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 49. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 36.

WINTER

From 1A

early January, costing the United States economy an estimated $5 billion in losses, the Associated Press reported.

The cold weather also led to record-high natural gas storage withdrawals and prices last month, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Mike Banschbach, owner of Midland-based Banschbach Consulting, explained that natural gas is stored in the summer and withdrawn in the winter.

Prices increase when natural gas is withdrawn below historical levels, but Banschbach said that's not necessarily because the underlying commodity is worth more.

"It's penalty avoidance," Banschbach said, noting wells freeze and production slows when temperatures drop. "All of a sudden, moving the physical molecules starts to become a problem. You may have promised to deliver so much during February, and when the weather gets cold and you don't have the gas, you are faced with a steep pipeline penalty."

Some oil and natural gas companies with Midland ties reported production hits because of severe winter weather.

Heavy icing and low temperatures last December caused "power outages, facility freeze-ups, trucking curtailments and limits access to production and drilling facilities" for Pioneer Natural Resources, according to a Jan. 20 press release.

The Permian Basin storms almost impacted fourth-quarter earnings for Birmingham, Ala.-based Energen Corp., which has reserves in the region.

Production hits and higher natural gas withdrawals and prices will drive up energy bills, especially for residents with month-to-month electricity plans, said Banschbach, noting a huge percentage of Texas electricity is produced from natural gas.

Before the polar vortex hit, the Energy Information Administration projected more than 90 percent of U.S. households to have higher energy bills this winter season — 13 percent higher for homes heating with natural gas and 2 percent for homes that use electric heat.

Still, Banschbach said any increase in energy costs because of the most recent weather will drop when temperatures get warmer.

"It's a short-lived experience," he said.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE AND COVER: Water drips off icicles hanging from the exterior of a building Thursday on East Kentucky Avenue.

Winter weather

Snowfall totals

2011..... 11.9 inches
2012..... 10.6 inches
2013..... 1.1 inch

Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 46 degrees and a low of 35.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 68 degrees and a low of 28.
Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 66 degrees and a low of 28.

Brine trucks and lost time

Municipalities and state transportation departments across the county are experiencing low salt inventories as they try to keep slick and icy roads passable.

That's because the demand for salt — which can reduce wrecks, injuries and crash costs — is high during severe weather, said Lori Roman, president of a nonprofit salt trade association in Virginia called the Salt Institute.

"While many agencies try to have enough salt on hand in the fall to get them through an entire winter, recent weather is forcing many to order again mid-season, which is not an ideal situation as there is a lead time for delivery," Roman said.

But that's not the case for the city of Midland, which uses brine trucks to keep roads safe, said Sara Higgins, public information officer.

"There's no shortage of that because of brine water being used in the oil industry," Higgins said, adding brine water is relatively inexpensive. "That actually works well for us out here."

The city fills up four brine trucks the night before inclement weather at an industrial well site about 20 minutes away. On Thursday, the city used the trucks mostly at intersections.

"When people are sitting on one piece of road, their cars start melting the snow and — due to the cold temperatures — that snow ices back over," she said, adding there were only about a dozen minor vehicle wrecks from midnight Wednesday to noon Thursday. "That's why you'll see slicker roads at the intersections."

The Texas Department of Transportation, which helped the city to melt snow at intersections, uses a deicing agent to keep roads passable, said TxDOT spokesman Gene Powell.

Thursday's snowy weather stopped construction on the 12-mile repaving project on Highway 158, Powell said. Crews closed the project for this week, but they could start again Saturday if temperatures are warm enough.

Construction projects typically only lose a handful of days because of bad weather, said Steve Thorpe, Midland's building and code enforcement official, during last year's first ice storm.

"One day of bad weather can have several days of impact on the schedule, especially if they are trying to get work done on the outside," Thorpe said previously.

Still, he said Midland is better off than most cities.

"Our bad weather days are not near what they are in the rest of the country," Thorpe said.

SD panel kills bill on teaching intelligent design

Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — A South Dakota senator on Thursday killed his proposal that would have allowed teachers to discuss whether a higher power played a role in creation, saying it was too poorly written to pass.

The Senate Education Committee voted to kill the measure, which sought to ensure teachers could tell students about intelligent design, the belief that a higher power must have had a hand in creation because life is too complex to have developed through evolution alone.

The measure's main sponsor, Sen. Jeff Monroe, R- Pierre, said he had to scrap the bill because it was badly written but didn't elaborate. He said supporters from across the nation have said there are far better ways to address the issue, but he declined to say what he might do in the future.

"I don't mind a good fight, but the amount of good that would have come from the bill would have been outweighed by all the misconceptions people have had," Monroe said. "I didn't want to put the people in that committee in a tight spot. Some agreed with the bill, but they would have had to vote against it, based on the fact it was written poorly."

The bill's entire text was: "No school board or school administrator may prohibit a teacher in public or nonpublic school from providing instruction on intelligent design or other related topics."

The issue has arisen in other states where education officials have debated whether instruction on evolution should include mention of a possible intelligent designer.

Minnesota school evacuated after students become sick

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Minn. — A suspected carbon monoxide leak has forced an evacuation at a southern Minnesota school and sent 30 children to the hospital.

Police were called to Springfield Public School just after 9:30 a.m. Thursday after a couple of students reportedly fell ill in the school auditorium.

The entire school was evacuated. Hospital spokesman Kevin Burns said 30 elementary school students were taken to Mayo Clinic Health Center in Springfield with symptoms of possible carbon monoxide exposure such as nausea.

Burns said by Thursday night, all 30 were treated and released, and none admitted to the hospital.

Students and staff were taken to the Springfield Community Center, where students were to be picked up by parents.

The Journal of New Ulm reported firefighters ensured the building was completely evacuated and locked.

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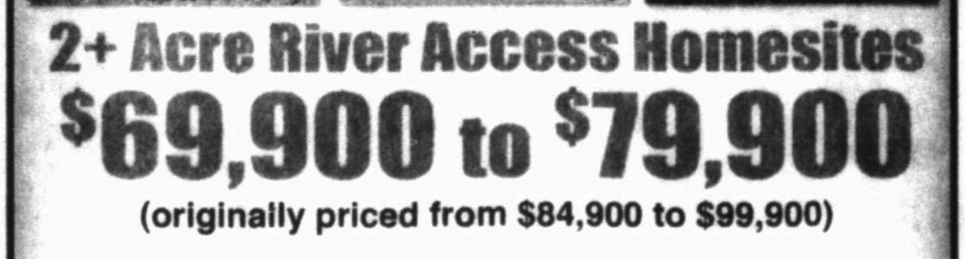

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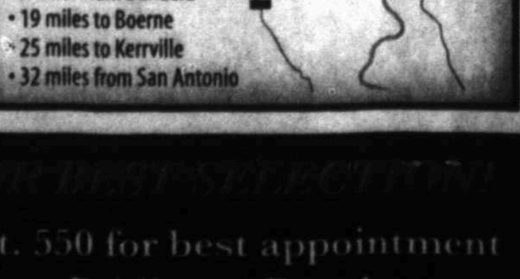

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US yogurt destined for Olympics hits snag

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — American athletes in Sochi are facing breakfast without their team-sponsoring Greek yogurt, thanks to a bureaucratic web of international trade negotiations.

Team USA sponsor Chobani, which is based in upstate New York, said it has 5,000 cups of Greek yogurt sitting in a refrigerated warehouse waiting to be flown to the Olympic village. But Russian authorities said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has refused to provide a certificate that is required for dairy products under its customs rules.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat and a big booster of the state's burgeoning Greek yogurt industry, this week implored the Russians to snip the red tape and let the shipment through. He said export trade rules should have nothing to do with it because the yogurt isn't for sale and is to be eaten only by U.S. citizens in Sochi.

"Chobani yogurt is safe, nutritious and delicious, and the Russian authorities should get past 'nyet' and let this prime sponsor of the U.S. Olympic team deliver their protein-packed food to our athletes and media workers," Schumer said in a statement Tuesday.

As of Thursday, the situation remained at an impasse.

The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance put out a statement saying U.S. authorities had failed to provide a veterinary certificate that is required by Russia and other members of the Customs Union, an economic grouping that also includes Belarus and Kazakhstan.

"The presence of such certificate accompanying each shipment of imported products is required by Russian law," it said. "For milk and dairy products ... it's Certificate No. 28."

The Russian agency said U.S. officials refused to use the certificate for the shipment to Sochi, saying such a move could have a negative impact on future trade talks.

A USDA spokeswoman said the agency is trying to work out an acceptable solution to allow the Chobani shipment.

New rules would ensure safety of infant formula

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After nearly two decades of study, the Food and Drug Administration proposed rules Thursday designed to make sure that infant formula is safe and nutritious.

Most formula makers already abide by the practices, but the FDA now will have rules on the books that ensure formula manufacturers test their products for salmonella and other pathogens before distribution. The rules also require formula companies to prove to the FDA that they are including specific nutrients — proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals — in their products.

It is already law that formula must include those nutrients, which help babies stay healthy. But the new rules will help the FDA keep tabs on companies to make sure they are following the law. The rule would require manufacturers to provide data to the FDA proving that their formulas support normal physical growth and that ingredients are of sufficient quality.

"The FDA sets high quality standards for infant formulas because nutritional deficiencies during this critical time of development can have a significant impact on a child's long-term health and well-being," Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, said.

The rules also are aimed at new companies that come into the market. In recent years, grocery store aisles have become even more crowded with new kinds of formula, some capitalizing on natural or organic food trends.

The agency said breast-feeding is strongly recommended for newborns but that 25 percent of infants start out using formula. By three months, two-thirds of infants rely on formula for all or part of their nutrition.

The FDA doesn't approve formulas before they are marketed but formula manufacturers must register with the agency. The FDA also conducts annual inspections of facilities that manufacture infant formula — far more often than the agency does inspections of other food facilities.

Dr. Stephen Ostroff, chief medical officer of the FDA's Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine, says the rules will help the agency enforce the law if it inspects a facility or looks at a company's records and find problems. He said the rules were stalled for so many years — they were first proposed in 1996 — as the agency was keeping up with science that became available on food safety and other related issues.

Congress passed the Infant Formula Act in 1980 after a major manufacturer reformulated some of its formula products and omitted salt. A year later, infants who had eaten the formula were diagnosed with a chloride deficiency. The act required formula makers to use specific nutrients.

Over the years, infants occasionally have been diagnosed with cronobacter, one of the pathogens formula makers will now be required to test for and that is linked to infant formula. Found in the environment, hospitals and homes, cronobacter can multiply when formula sits out between feedings. It has only been found once in an unopened powdered formula, in 2002.

In 2011, the FDA and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tested infant formulas for cronobacter after four infants were infected with the pathogen in four states, and two of those infants died. They found no cronobacter in unopened cans of formula and were unable to link the cases to each other.

Food industry seeks voluntary GMO labeling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People who want to know more about genetically modified ingredients in their food would be able to get it on some packages, but not others, under a plan the industry is pushing.

Large food companies worried they might be forced to add "genetically modified" to packaging are proposing voluntary labeling of those engineered foods, so the companies could decide whether to use them or not.

The effort is an attempt to head off state-by-state efforts to require mandatory labeling. Recent ballot initiatives in California and Washington state failed, but several state legislatures are considering labeling requirements, and opponents of engineered ingredients are aggressively pushing for new laws in several states.

The move comes as consumers demand to know more about what's in their food. There's very little science that says genetically engineered foods are unsafe. But opponents say there's too much unknown about seeds that are altered in labs to have certain traits, and that consumers have a right to know if they are eating them. The seeds are engineered for a variety of reasons, many of them to resist herbicides or insects.

Pamela Bailey, president and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, said the decision on labels should rest with the Food and Drug Administration.

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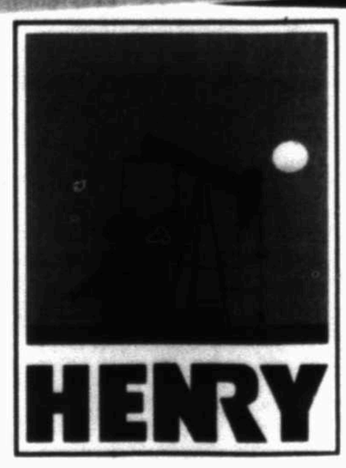

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Myths make solving health care more complex

■ With so much up in the air about the system, why do lawmakers think there is an easy way to solve it?

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
Washington Post Writers Group

Swedish researchers report that antioxidants make cancers worse in mice. It's already known that the antioxidant beta-carotene exacerbates lung cancers in humans. Not exactly what you'd expect given the extravagant — and incessant — claims you hear made about the miraculous effects of antioxidants.

In fact, they are either useless or harmful, conclude the editors of the prestigious Annals of Internal Medicine: "Beta-carotene, vitamin E and possibly high doses of vitamin A supplements are harmful." Moreover, "other antioxidants, folic acid and B vitamins, and multivitamin and mineral supplements are ineffective for preventing mortality or morbidity due to major chronic diseases." So useless are the supplements, write the editors, that we should stop wasting time even studying them: "Further large prevention trials are no longer justified."

Such revisionism is a constant in medicine. When I was a child, tonsillectomies were routine. We now know that, except for certain indications, this is grossly unnecessary surgery. Not quite as harmful as that once-venerable staple, bloodletting (which probably killed George Washington), but equally mindless.

After "first, do no harm," medicine's second great motto should be "above all, humility." Even the tried-and-true may not be true. Take the average adult temperature. Everyone knows it's 98.6 F. Except that when some enterprising researchers actually did the measurements — rather than rely on the original 19th-century German study — they found that it's actually 98.2.

But if that's how dicey biological "facts" can be, imagine how much more problematic are the handed-down verities about the workings of our staggeringly complex health care *system*. Take three recent cases:

Emergency room usage.

It's long been assumed that insuring the uninsured would save huge amounts of money because they wouldn't have to keep using the emergency room, which is very expensive. Indeed, that was one of the prime financial rationales underlying both Romneycare and Obamacare.

Well, in a randomized study, Oregon recently found that when the uninsured were put on Medicaid, they *increased* their ER usage by 40 percent.

Perhaps they still preferred the immediacy of the ER to waiting for an office appointment with a physician. Whatever the reason, this finding contradicted a widely shared assumption about health care behavior.

Medicaid's effect on health.

Oregon allocated by lottery scarce Medicaid slots for the uninsured. Comparing those who got Medicaid to those who didn't yielded the following stunning result, published in the New England Journal of Medicine: "Medicaid coverage generated no significant improvements in measured physical health outcomes in the first two years."

To be sure, the Medicaid group was more psychologically and financially secure. Which is not unimportant (though for a $425 billion program, you might expect more bang for the buck). Nevertheless, once again, quite reasonable expectations are overturned by evidence.

Electronic records will save zillions.

That's why the federal government is forcing doctors to convert to electronic health records (EHR), threatening penalties for those who don't by the end of 2014. All in the name of digital efficiency, of course. Yet one of the earliest effects of the EHR mandate is to create a whole new category of previously unnecessary health workers. Scribes, as they are called, now trail the doctor, room to room, entering data.

Why? Because the EHR are so absurdly complex, detailed, tiresome and wasteful that if the doctor is to fill them out, he can barely talk to and examine the patient, let alone make eye contact — which is why you go to the doctor in the first place.

Doctors rave about the scribes, reports The New York Times, because otherwise they have to stay up nights endlessly checking off boxes. Like clerks. Except that these are physicians whose skills are being ridiculously wasted.

This is not to say that medical practice should stand still. It is to say that we should be a bit more circumspect about having central planners and their assumptions revolutionize by fiat the delicate ecosystem of American health care.

In the case of EHR, for example, doctors were voluntarily but gradually going digital anyway, learning through trial and error what best saves time and money. Instead, Washington threw $19 billion (2009 "stimulus" money) and a rigid mandate at the problem — and created a sprawling mess.

This is not to indict, but simply to advocate for caution grounded in humility. It's not surprising that myths about the workings of the fabulously complex U.S. health care system continue to tantalize — and confound — policymakers. After all, Americans so believe in their vitamins/supplements that they swallow $28 billion worth every year.

OUR VIEW

Abortion decline gives Texans reason to celebrate

The Houston Chronicle recently reported that the abortion rate dropped to the lowest level since soon after the procedure's legalization.

It was, according to the Chronicle, from an analysis of the years before new restrictions prompted some clinics to shut down.

The rate in Texas declined from 14.9 abortions every 1,000 women in 2008 to 13.5 in 2011, its lowest rate since 1974, according to the Chronicle report.

The number and rate of abortions have been declining since the late 1980s, according to the lead author of the report, quoted in the article.

We don't care what the reason is for the decline. Whether it is because more people are using contraception, are making smarter decisions about sex or are seeing value in the life of the unborn. Fewer abortions for every 1,000 women is a statistic we like to see.

We remind Midlanders that the report shows there were still more than 73,000 abortions in Texas in 2011. So there is still plenty of work to do.

GUEST VIEW

Don't trifle with voting rights

Houston Chronicle

A report by a presidential panel on ways to improve how this nation conducts elections served as a reminder that voting is indispensable to the democratic process. It's a right not to be trifled with by those who presume to decide who gets to vote and who doesn't, whether for naked partisan advantage or in some misguided effort to combat relatively rare voter fraud.

The Presidential Commission on Election Administration made its recommendations recently in a 112-page report to President Obama. Led by Washington attorneys, Robert F. Bauer, a Democrat, and Benjamin L. Ginsburg, a Republican, the commission offers a sensible package of reforms to improve a confusing, outmoded system, even as it provides a tool for citizens fighting for their rights against politicians — in Texas and elsewhere — determined to disenfranchise them.

On the sensible side, the commission declared that no one should have to wait more than 30 minutes to vote and endorsed online voter registration and early voting, practices that some Republicans have sought to curtail. The commission also warned of an "impending crisis" as electronic voting machines age.

The commission made a conscious effort to avoid such contentious issues as voter fraud or suppression, voter ID laws or protection for minorities in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down a portion of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965. Still, many of the panel's recommendations were an implicit refutation of those around the country who have been trying, with notable success, to disenfranchise voters.

The commission concluded that voter fraud is "rare, but when it does occur, absentee ballots are often the method of choice." Election officials in Texas and elsewhere need to heed a commission warning about aging electronic voting machines that are about to wear out. Unfortunately, Congress has not appropriated money to buy new machines.

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Lt. Gov primary tackles abortion

■ As the party moves right on the issue, no lieutenant governor candidate will be left behind (or toward the center)

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Let's take a quick trip back into last week's GOP lieutenant governor candidates' debate for a brief dip back into the issue that will outlive us all, regardless of how we define life.

Many mainstream Texas Republs long have adhered to the three-exceptions position on abortion, believing it should be legal only in cases of rape, incest or when the pregnant female's life is endangered by the pregnancy.

George W. Bush rode that position into the Governor's Mansion and White House. Gov. Rick Perry was a three-exception guy until his 2012 presidential bid, when he decided abortion should be legal only in cases involving the life of the pregnant female.

That's where the four GOP lite guy candidates are as the party inches further right.

Roe v. Wade stands in the way, but Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, Ag Commissioner Todd Staples and Houston state Sen. Dan Patrick all say females who become pregnant as a result of rape or incest should have to carry the pregnancy to term.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, the probable GOP gubernatorial nominee, agrees. In July, he told Peggy Fikac, of the Houston Chronicle/San Antonio Express-News Austin Bureau, "We shouldn't discriminate against any child," meaning no exception in pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

Harsh, many would say, but it's more morally consistent than the three-exceptions stance. If life begins at conception, so be it, regardless of how conception happened. Probably not a winning message for a party seeking to win more female votes, but there's an admirable consistency to it.

From the Jan. 27 debate:

Staples: "I believe that abortion should never be used as a form of birth control. ... In extreme circumstances when a mother's life is in danger, then you could have a conversation about that circumstance. But as a matter of law, we need to promote life."

Dewhurst: "I believe strongly that the life of the mother has to be protected. And that's why if there's a question about the life of the mother, I am supportive (of legal abortion as an option). But like Todd has just mentioned, I have a problem with abortion used as a birth control method."

Patterson: "My answer is either it is a life or it's not. And to say we have a child, an unborn child, that is the result of a rape and somehow that's (a life that's) inferior to the life that was through a normal, non-catastrophic event, that doesn't make any sense. It's either life or it's not life, so I do not support exceptions for rape or incest."

Patrick: "It is a life, and we are born in the image of God. You know, I tell folks when I speak all the time I'm a Christian first, a conservative second and a Republican third. And you don't check those values and beliefs at the door, no matter the circumstance. The only exception would be if the life of the mother was truly in danger ... but that is rare. ... And from everything I've studied and everything I've read, in those rare circumstances when the life of the mother is on the line, most mothers say, 'Let my baby live.'"

In response to a clarifying, follow-up question, Staples and Dewhurst said they agree with the other two candidates that females who get pregnant as a result of rape or incest should not be allowed to have legal abortions.

The current Texas GOP platform says "All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed." Says Texas GOP Chairman Steve Munisteri: "The Texas GOP's official platform is whatever the platform reads. As currently written, this specific plank does not advocate for any exceptions."

It's hard to imagine a crueler, more victim-unfriendly law than one requiring a rape victim to bear her attacker's child. But isn't an abortion rights foe who supports legal abortion in such cases saying there are circumstances in which a fetus is not life?

And isn't that what's said by folks who support abortion rights?

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Jobs bill stalls in Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans narrowly blocked the advance of legislation to restore benefits for the long-term unemployed on Thursday for the second time in less than a month, and Democrats said they intended to call yet another vote on the issue.

"We're one Republican vote away from restoring unemployment benefits for 1.7 million Americans," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said.

The measure called for a three-month renewal of an expired program that provided up to 47 weeks of federal benefits when state-paid aid runs out, generally after 26 weeks. The cost was estimated at slightly more than $6 billion over a decade. It would have been offset by lowering pension obligations for some companies, a step that would have increased their taxable income.

The vote was 58-40, two shy of the 60 that backers of the measure needed to prevail. That understated the measure's true support, because Reid sided with opponents at the last minute in a maneuver that will permit him to have the issue reconsidered under the Senate's rules.

Texas Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz voted against the bill.

Speaking about Republicans, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said Democrats had "met them more than halfway" in proposing a bill that was fully paid for and in offering to give GOP lawmakers the opportunity to make changes if they could round up enough votes.

Reed, who represents a state with 9 percent unemployment, said some Republicans have called the long-term unemployed immoral, a description he said was "somewhat offensive."

One Republican critic of the bill, Sen. James Inhofe, of Oklahoma, issued a statement that said, "We can get Americans back to work and our economy booming again, but this is not achieved by Washington turning a temporary federal benefit into another welfare program."

Speaker: Immigration overhaul tough to pass

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speaker John Boehner on Thursday all but ruled out passage of immigration legislation before this fall's elections, saying it would be difficult for the Republican-led House to act on the issue that President Barack Obama has made a top domestic priority.

In his most pessimistic comments, Boehner blamed the stalemate on widespread skepticism that Obama would properly enforce any immigration reforms that Congress approved. The GOP leader didn't mention that his own members have balked at acting on the contentious issue, which could enrage core conservative voters in the midterm election year.

"The American people, including many of our members, don't trust that the reform we're talking about will be implemented as it was intended to be," Boehner told reporters at his weekly news conference. "The president seems to change the health care law on a whim, whenever he likes. Now, he is running around the country telling everyone he's going to keep acting on his own."

Just last week, Boehner and other House Republican leaders had unveiled broad principles for immigration changes, including legal status for the estimated 11 million immigrants living here illegally, tougher border security and a shot at citizenship for children brought to the country illegally.

National Republicans see the failure to act on immigration as a political drag on the party after 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney captured just 27 percent of the Hispanic vote, and they are pressing for action to moderate the party's image. The principles endorsed last week were seen as a congressional jumpstart for an issue that had been stalled since Senate passage of a comprehensive, bipartisan bill last June.

But conservatives rebuffed their leaders and questioned the wisdom of acting this year, equating legal status with amnesty and resisting giving Obama a long-sought legislative victory. Republicans also worry about primary challenges from the right and fear that new Hispanic citizens will add to the Democrats' voter rolls.

Baucus approved as China ambassador

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate easily confirmed longtime Sen. Max Baucus on Thursday to become ambassador to China, handing the job to a lawmaker well-versed in U.S. trade policy but with little expertise about military and other issues that have raised tensions with Beijing.

Senators gave final approval to the nomination of the moderate Baucus, D-Mont., by 96-0. Trim and youthful looking for his 72 years, Baucus accepted colleagues' congratulations before and during the roll call and voted "present" for his own nomination.

Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Baucus has worked with Republicans during his 35 years in the Senate on issues ranging from taxes to health care reform — an independent streak that has vexed Democratic colleagues.

Baucus supported GOP President George W. Bush's sweeping 2001 tax cuts and his 2003 creation of Medicare prescription drug benefits, despite opposition by most Democrats.

He also helped write President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul. Congress approved that measure solely with Democratic votes after Baucus spent months trying to craft a bipartisan version with Republicans.

"I'm proud to stand up for it, because it is helping millions of Americans," Baucus said in farewell remarks on the Senate floor after Thursday's vote, defending a law that Republicans are making a top issue this election year.

Most recently, he'd been working with Republicans to craft bills revamping the income tax system and streamlining congressional votes on trade treaties Obama is seeking with Asia and Europe.

"His passion is well-known to all of us, his decades of experience here in Congress. He's an excellent choice that President Obama made to represent America's interests in China," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a long-time Finance panel colleague, lauded the Montanan for "his willingness to put partisan differences aside for the greater good of all."

In 2001, Baucus championed China's inclusion in the World Trade Organization, which has helped Beijing conduct business with other countries. He has sponsored legislation — not enacted — punishing China for undervaluing its currency and has criticized Beijing for blocking U.S. imports of beef, a big business in his rural state.

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Weather weary nation asks why such a nasty winter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cold and snow keep battering the Midwest and East, and even Atlanta was temporarily paralyzed. California has been bone dry. Alaska set heat records.

The wild winter somehow became even more wicked Thursday morning when the national average temperature plunged to a brutal 11 degrees — the lowest temperature of a season of extremes

A weather weary nation asks a simple question: Why?

The answer is the jet stream, the river of air that dictates our weather. Normally the jet stream stays in Canada or the northern U.S., going west to east in a somewhat straight line. But this winter it has plunged south, creating high pressure ridges and low pressure troughs and taking cold polar air south and east and leaving warm, dry weather to the west.

"We are having an unusual jet stream that's giving us crazy cold weather in the East and the ridiculously resilient ridge as it's called in California," said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters.

Associated Press

A car rests in the median of Interstate 5 north of Albany, Ore., while police work at crash scenes farther up the freeway Thursday. More than 40 vehicles were involved in wrecks on the southbound lanes of the roadway.

Q: Why is the jet stream doing this?

There are three different forces probably at work here, but scientists still need to do more research, said Derek Arndt, of the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. One is just the random natural variability of daily weather. Another is a mid-length weather feature called the Pacific Decadal Oscillation — think of it as a cousin of El Nino — that warms the northern Pacific and helps push the jet stream south. And finally, a new and controversial theory is that a warmer Arctic region and shrinking summer sea ice from man-made global warming has shifted jet stream patterns, making it wavier and bringing more unpredictable weather.

Q: Is it unusual for the weather pattern to last this long?

It doesn't happen often, but it's not that unusual, either, said Bruce Terry, of the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Md.

Q: So how cold was Thursday?

The national average temperature of 11 degrees is the coldest of this winter and will likely be the coldest of the season, according to calculations by Weather Bell Analytics meteorologist Ryan Maue. It was computed from temperatures at 6 a.m. in the Lower 48 states.

The lowest was minus 34 in Montana and several areas were minus 20, according to the National Weather Service.

Q: Has this been a record winter?

No. Given the unusual heat in the West and the cold in the East, they almost balance each other, Masters and Arndt said. So when the final monthly statistics come out, January in the U.S. won't be near record cold.

"When you compare it to the 20th century, it was still cold, but not dramatically cold," Arndt said.

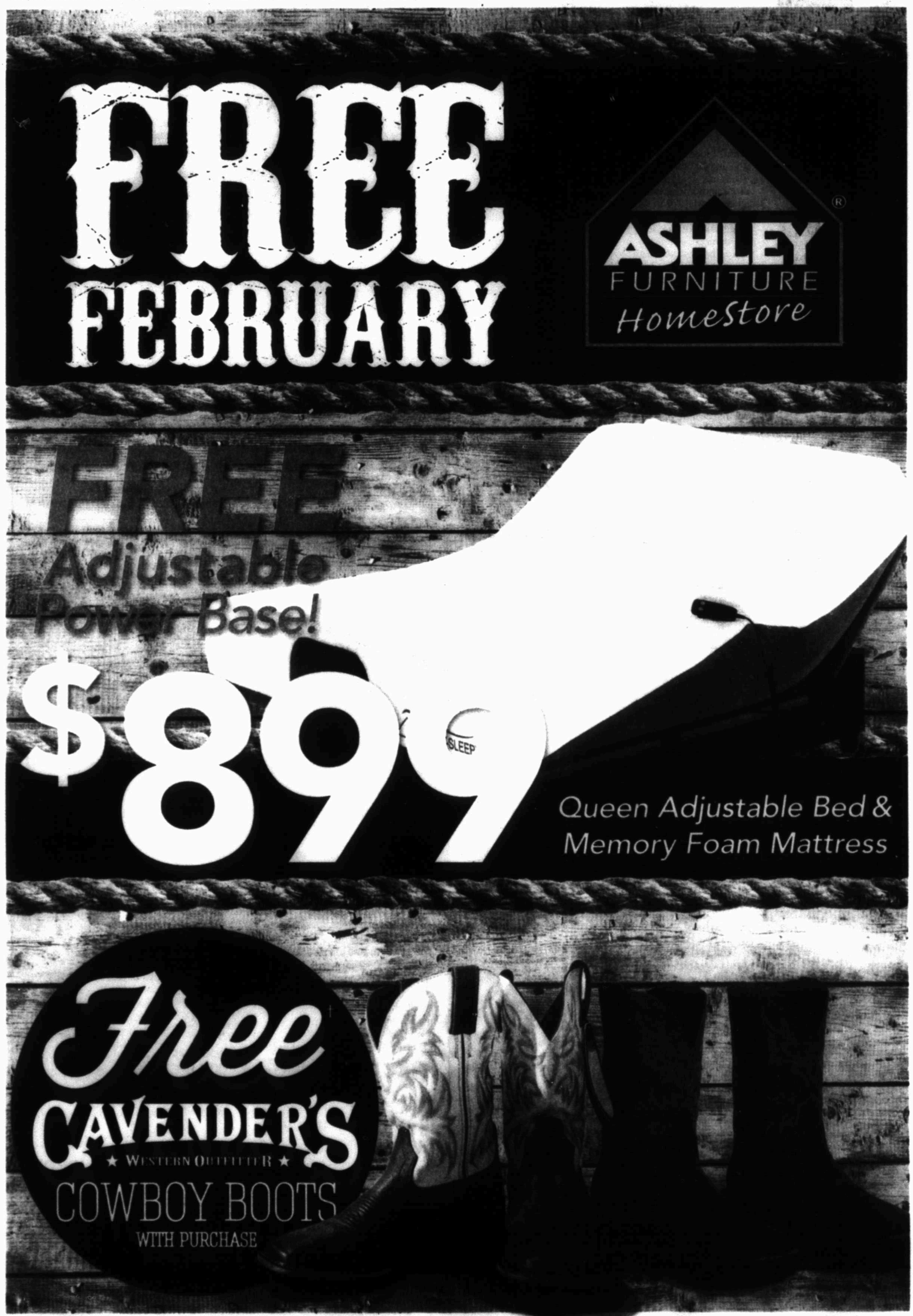
Q: Was this just a U.S. thing?

No. Parts of South America and Australia have had much warmer than normal weather. Parts of Europe have been cold and stormy, others record warm. For much of January, Greenland was 8 degrees warmer than normal.

Q: When will it end?

Soon enough. In Northern California, heavy rains are coming. A predicted eastern winter snowstorm this weekend is looking less mighty than it did a few days ago. It's not soon enough for the meteorologists who predict it.

"I'm sick of it," said the weather service's Terry.



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FAITH & PHILANTHROPY

THIS WEEK

BOWLING Bowl For Kids' Sake on Saturday to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

GOSPEL SHOW The Hoppers will be at Bellview Baptist Church on Saturday.

HANDBELLS West Texas Mid-Winter Handbell Festival includes a free concert Saturday afternoon.

COMING SOON

DIALOGUE Leaders from a variety of faith traditions come together for the Interfaith Event this month.

PRAY TOGETHER Bob Goff will be the speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast later this month.

See more calendar items on page 6B.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

FOOD BANK The Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation of Dallas awarded a $50,000 grant to the West Texas Food Bank to support its capital campaign.

SHELTER Family Promise of Midland is on track to build two more duplexes for its transitional housing program. Living Way Foursquare Church donated two lots and United Way of Midland provided funding for duplexes to be built on the lots.

Do you know a good neighbor? Send good deeds to Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.

IN NEED

HABITAT HOUSING Midland Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for the homeownership program through March 3. Applications can be picked up at the Midland Habitat for Humanity office at 305. E. Texas Ave. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LOOKING FOR LAND Church Under the Bridge is looking for a lot for sale just south of the railroad tracks near the Salvation Army and Main Street. For more information, go to churchunderthebridgemidland.org.

KIDS FIRST Centers for Children and Families is in need of volunteers for its Kids First program, a supervised visitation and exchange program for conflicted families. For more information, call 570-1084 or visit centersts.org.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'

TOP Lauren Baker of Mission Agape leads a Bible lesson with children Jan. 15 at Renaissance Apartments.

LEFT Mission Agape operates a food pantry at the Renaissance Apartments.

Courtesy photos

Church, nonprofit team up for ministry at Renaissance Apartments

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Weekly dinners, Bible-based classes, English lessons, a food pantry and clothing distribution are just a few of the programs offered by charitable Midlanders to the residents of Renaissance Apartments.

Members of Golf Course Road Church of Christ and Mission Agape have teamed up to provide tenants with an apartment ministry that truly follows the act of "loving your neighbor as yourself."

"If there's a need, we ask ourselves, 'How can we meet it?'" said Valerie Tinker, director of community outreach at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, and Stacy Baccus, executive director of Mission Agape.

The church's ministry at Renaissance Apartments began nearly five years ago, inspired by a similar ministry in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Weekly programs include dinner and Bible study for children, teenagers and adults on Monday nights and children's tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

All programs take place in apartments rented by Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Kellie Wilson, a former kindergarten teacher at Rusk Elementary for 17 years, teaches the Monday night children's class. Anywhere from 30 to 40 children attend each week, ranging in age from preschool to 12 years old.

The hourlong class includes singing, praise and a Bible lesson. The children eat a meal donated and prepared by volunteers from the church. Teenagers and adults have their own Bible studies in separate apartments, also rented by the church.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Wilson tutors children who need help with schoolwork at the apartments. A separate room houses computers for students to use.

"Most of them are kids that are lower-income that just need a little extra help," Wilson said. "Some of them don't have the ability to do something on the computer because they don't have one at home."

Along with classes and tutoring, Golf Course Road Church of Christ periodically distributes school supplies, clothing, food and Christmas gifts to apartment residents. A few times a year, the church holds "round-ups" — carnival-like events at the complex with food, jumpers and crafts.

In 2012, the church's apartment ministry was joined by Mission Agape, a local non-

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The Watoto Children's Choir will perform Thursday at True-Lite Christian Fellowship.

Children's choir to perform, raise awareness for African orphans

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All 22 of the children in the Watoto Children's Choir have lost one or both parents to war, HIV/AIDS or poverty. Next week, they will sing to Midlanders about the plight of the millions of children in Africa suffering the same fate.

The Watoto Children's Choir will perform "Beautiful Africa: A New

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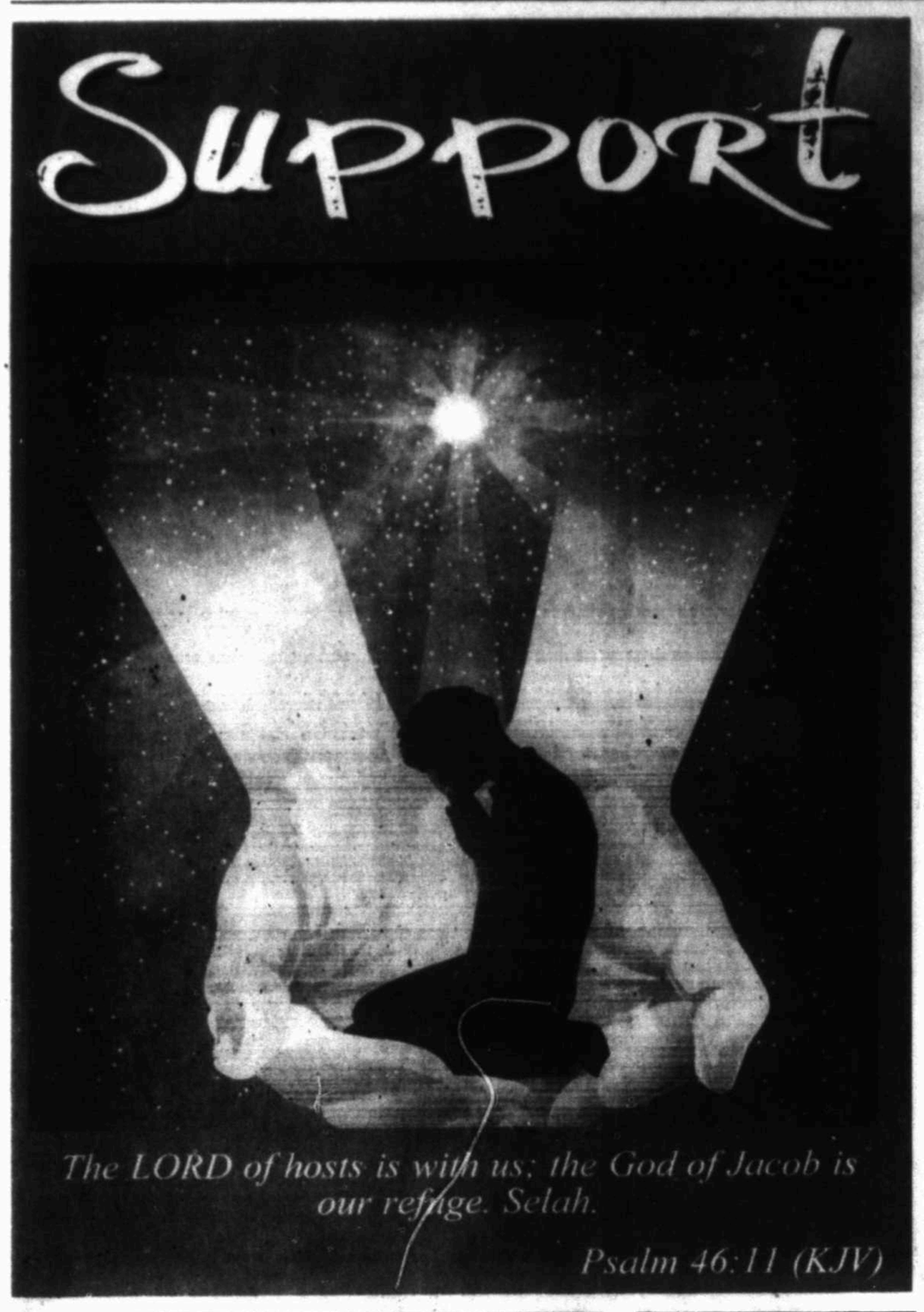

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Redeemer Christian Fellowship
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432-683-1370

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4401 Cardinal Lane
432-520-4298

Interdenominational
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1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
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12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
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13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
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Methodist United
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9641 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
1701 N. Main
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First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St
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First United Methodist Church
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432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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St. Paul's United Methodist Church
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1200 S. Midland Dr.
432-262-6226

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5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 108
432-520-3751

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432-889-9178

Non-Denominational
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432-689-7284

Abiding in Christ Ministries
1208 A Counrty Road 138 West
Midland
432-699-4513

Christian Faith Ministry
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A
432-218-6412

Church of God 7th Day
609 N. Dallas
432-218-8595

Church of New Beginnings
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A
432-553-1400

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
901 N. Midland Dr.
432-689-8898

CrossRoads Fellowship
6901 East State Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-368-2500

Family Faith Christian Center
7909 Hwy 307
432-686-9468

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3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
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432-262-LIFE

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1312 S. Jackson, Odessa, TX
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432-522-1330

The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
3900 N. FM 1788
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Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

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410 S. Lee
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Christian Motorcyclists Association
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX
432-978-1986

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10807 W. CR 145
432-262-5072

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1100 Dayton Rd
432-682-8433

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Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias
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New Harvest Fellowship
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St. Paul C.M.C. Church
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Teen Challenge Services
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432-687-0348

Teen Flow Service
711 S. Main
432-686-2525

Templo Jerusalem
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432-381-8352

True Life Christian Fellowship Church
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Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church
600 W. Texas
432-684-7821

Grace Presbyterian Church
2801 N. Garfield
432-684-6542

Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)
2900 Princeton
432-520-5255

Seventh Day Adventist
Iglesia Amistad Cristiana
401 S. Main
432-686-0427

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church
110 W Pennsylvania
432-620-0882

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Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor
4712 Shadylane
432-684-5490

Grace Covenant Church
5711 Whitman
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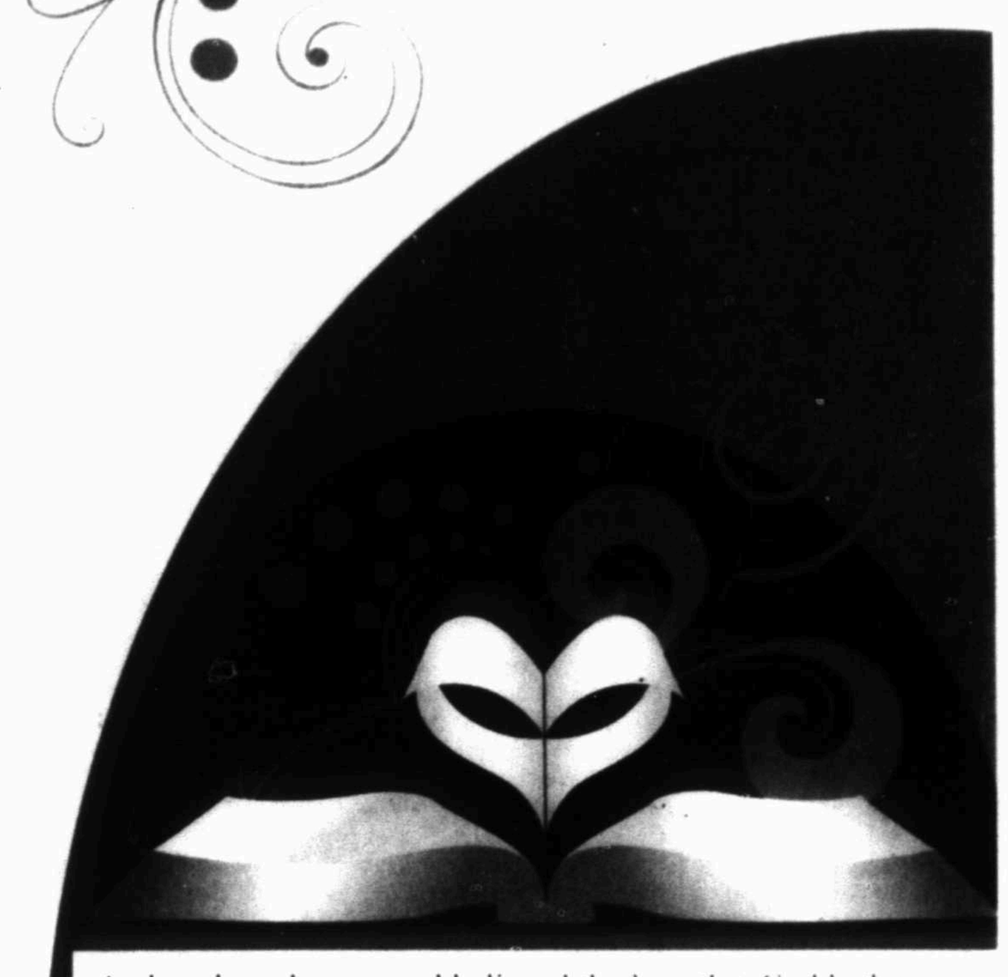

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16

Do you know God's love?
And if you do know
God's love, do you believe in the love
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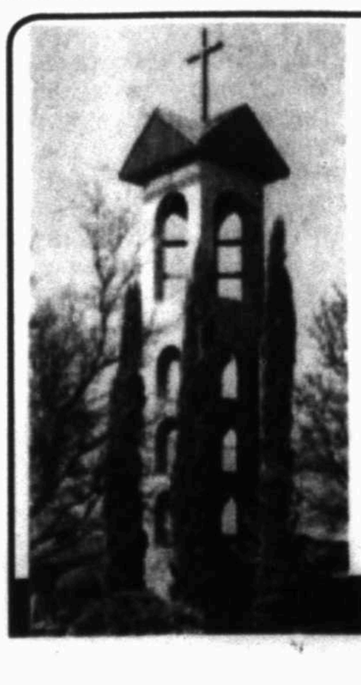

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RELIGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VATICAN

Legion elects superior; Vatican names top advisers

The Legion of Christ religious order has elected a new superior and governing council for the first time since the Vatican took it over in 2010 amid revelations that its founder was a pedophile and a fraud.

But in a clear sign that the Vatican didn't trust the Legion's own choices, the Holy See itself appointed two comparatively reform-minded priests to serve on the order's governing council, including the new No. 2. The Vatican said had intended to make its own appointments all along to help encourage trust in the new leadership.

The new general director is the Rev. Eduardo Robles Gil, a Mexican who was a longtime favorite of the Legion's disgraced late founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel. Legion priests who have left the order called him a "spiritual son" of Maciel and say his election shows no break from the order's troubled past.

Robles Gil said Thursday he adopted as his own a statement issued by the Legion in which it distanced itself from Maciel, apologized to his victims, acknowledged its own problems and vowed to reform.

The Vatican took over the Legion after a Vatican investigation determined that Maciel had lived a double life. He had sexually abused his seminarians and fathered at least three children with two women.

Despite having received reports for decades about Maciel's duplicity and allegations that he was a drug addict who sodomized his seminarians, Vatican officials held him up as a model for the faithful as the Legion brought in vocations and donations.

Then-Pope Benedict XVI ordered a wholesale reform and "purification" of the cult-like order in 2010 after determining that it had been infected by Maciel's influence.

A papal envoy, Cardinal Velasio De Paolis, has been overseeing the reform process and a weeks-long general assembly that resulted in the election. It took place on Jan. 20, but the results were only approved by the Vatican on Thursday.

TENNESSEE

Evangelist loses challenge of noise ordinance

FRANKLIN — A judge has ruled against a Kentucky Christian evangelist who challenged a Tennessee city's noise ordinance.

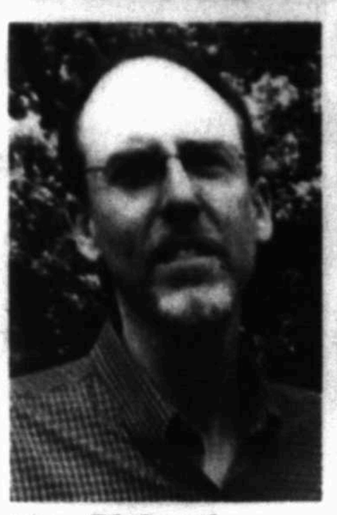
John McGlone was ticketed for using a microphone and amplifier to spread his message at the Franklin Main Street Festival in 2012. A city court found last year that he must pay $75 for disturbing the peace.

The Tennessean reported Williamson County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Easter ruled late last month that officers' actions did not infringe on McGlone's rights. He noted that officers did not stop McGlone, who preaches with Pin-Point Evangelism, based in the southern Kentucky community of Breeding in Adair County, from evangelizing.

The city revised its noise regulations in 2011 to allow sound amplification at special events only by the event organizer.

"It is unreasonable to expect government officials charged with ensuring the smooth and safe execution of a large outdoor public gathering to repeatedly haggle with an unruly noisemaker over how loud is too loud," Easter said in his ruling. "The Court finds that the City's action in prohibiting the use of sound amplification in the Festival area was not substantially broader than necessary to achieve its significant governmental interest in protecting the Festival vendors and attendees from unreasonable noise."

Obituaries



Alan Richard Worthington

Alan Richard Worthington, 50, passed away February 5, 2014. He was born in South Africa to his parents Lowell and Betty Worthington on August 13, 1963.

He grew up in Longview and then moved to Houston. He was a Special Project Coordinator for West Texas Gas for over 31 years. He loved fishing, computers, listening to music, and making people laugh.

At the age of 19, he married Deborah D. Cox Worthington on June 9, 1983 and was blessed with two wonderful children.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Worthington; son, Jason Worthington; daughter, Angela Worthington; father, Lowell Worthington; mother, Betty Worthington; sisters, Evelyn Lucas and husband Franz, April Gibson and husband Terry, and Alice Clark; brother, Trevor Worthington; father-in-law, Robert Cox; sisters-in-law, Rita Carroll and husband Dave, and Karen Bullock and husband Chris; and by many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Darlene Cox.

He will always be remembered as a hard worker, funny, honest, cared about everyone, respected by all, loved and adored by his family.

He was brave, strong and known by most to be the smartest person on Earth that could do anything he wanted to do very well.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Garden.

Thank you to all of his friends, family, and business associates for all of your support.

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Cathy Foster Stump

Catherine Foster Stump died peacefully at home on Feb 4, 2014.

Cathy was born in Clinton, Iowa, to Dr. Warren and Margaret Foster. She attended Cornell College in Iowa, and graduated from Iowa State University. It was there that she met her dear husband, Richard Stump. They were married August 28, 1954, and that's when the love story began. They had four children who are beyond blessed to have had such phenomenal parents.

Cathy was a homemaker, who created a loving home where all were welcome. She was a substitute teacher for MISD in the 1970s. Cathy tutored children at Casa de Amigos, and loved helping children ride horses through the Discovery Center.

She was a dedicated servant of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and was a member of several local organizations. She loved traveling, bird watching, and to laugh with friends and family. Cathy was passionate about her friends and will be fondly remembered for her gentle and kind nature; and the ability to find good in every person every day.

Her family includes daughter and son-in-law Mary and Phil Fry of Toledo, Ohio, with grandchildren Amanda Muckenthaler and Warren Fry; daughter and son-in-law Martha and Jeffrey Johnson of Austin, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Chuck and DeDee Stump of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, with granddaughters Raegan and Catherine; and daughter Ellen Stauffer of Atlanta, Georgia, with grandchildren Kenny, Will, and Margaret; and great grandchildren Jack Muckenthaler and Atticus Stauffer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, brother Charles Foster, and son-in-law Kenneth Stauffer. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland on Saturday, February 8, at 3:00 p.m. Memorials can be made to Casa de Amigos.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Cori Lynne (Ray) Hyatt

Cori, our loving wife and mother, wonderful daughter, loyal sister, faithful friend, caring mentor, and strong leader, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2014 after a valiant battle against breast cancer.

During her illness, Cori demonstrated great determination and courage and gave strength to those who loved and cared for her.

Cori is survived by her husband, Jacques Hyatt; her children, Tommy Moore, Kelsi Moore, Chloe Hyatt, and step sons, Hunter and Chandler Hyatt, all of Midland, Texas.

She is also survived by her mother, Linda and husband Dave Marsh; father, Joseph Ray; sister, Andrea Sanchez and husband Greg; brother, Doug Ray and wife, Leah Ray; stepbrothers, Michael Marsh and Brian Marsh; stepsister, Gina Marsh; nephews, Joel, Ryan and Ian Sanchez, and niece, Angelyn Aranda, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and her family at Midland Memorial Hospital. Cori was loved and greatly respected by all.

Cori was born April 21, 1970 to Joseph Harold Ray and Linda Adams Ray. She grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and graduated from Del Notre High School in 1988. She was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" in her high school class. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority at UNM, and recently was given a pin to honor 25 years as an Alpha Chi.

In 1992, Cori received a Bachelor's of Business Association Degree in Human Resource Management from the University of New Mexico and, in 1996, a Master's Degree in Organizational Management.

She was Director of Human Resources for Premier (Anheuser-Busch) Distributing in Albuquerque, Director of Human Resources for Levi Strauss, Volvo Buses, and The Rehabilitation Hospital in Roswell, New Mexico. She served as Director of Public Health for Southeastern New Mexico; President of the Southeast New Mexico Society for Human Resources Management; and was appointed by the Governor of New Mexico to the State Personnel Board from 1996-2001.

Cori was Director of Human Resources for Midland Memorial Hospital from 2006 until her passing.

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Please come join us as we celebrate Cori's life. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 2304 W Wadley Avenue, Midland, Texas, or to the 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*.

Linda Terrell (King) Wilson

Linda Terrell (King) Wilson passed away on February 4, 2014 in Los Angeles, California. She was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on October 12, 1942, the daughter of the late George King and Lavern King.

She was preceded in death by both parents and one child, Benny Earnest Wilson, IV.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two sisters, Diane Lankford of Los Angeles and Jean King of Midland, Texas; three brothers, Percy King (Emma) and Sam Marshall King (S.M.) (Amanda), all of Midland, Texas, and Carlos B. King (Dorothy) of Arlington, Texas; three grandchildren, Da'Shawn Wilson, Jonte' (John John) Wilson, and Noel Wilson, all of Los Angeles; and by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Monday, February 10, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Simpson Family Mortuary, 3442 W. Manchester, Inglewood, California, 90305, 323-752-5524.

Maxine Martin

Maxine Martin, 90, of Houston, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014 in Houston. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Reverend Kathryn Boren officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Maxine was born May 3, 1923 to Helen and Charles Gaston in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. She married James Robert Martin on February 3, 1945 in Midland. He preceded Maxine in death on April 27, 2007.

Maxine adored her husband. They lived in Andrews for almost 30 years and started numerous businesses. They retired to Lake LBJ in 1976 and spent 25 years in the LBJ area.

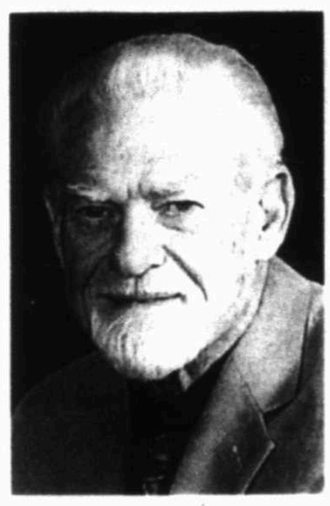
She loved to play bridge and travel. She opened her home to anyone who needed her and was a very compassionate person, who had many friends. Everyone remembers how she always wore high heels. She never left home without them.

Survivors include daughter, Bobbie Maxon and husband Steve of Overland Park, Kansas; daughter, Donna Wheeler and husband Bill of Midland; son, Russell Martin and wife Lynne of Houston; grandchildren, Derik Maxon, Alyssa Maxon, Chad Wheeler, Corey Wheeler, Jennifer Frey, and Meredeth Martin; and by eight great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.



William E. "Bill" Moler

William E. "Bill" Moler, 86, passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2014. He was born March 27, 1927 in Yates Center, Kansas, the son of Dick Moler and Winnie Robison. At age 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country during the latter years of World War II. He lived in San Francisco for 25 years and came to Midland in 1968.

He was a master craftsman at restoring and refinishing furniture and later owned and operated A-1 Office Furniture. Bill was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Suez Shrine Club; during which time he held and served many positions. He was also a member of Chamber of Commerce, M Squad, and a longtime member of High Sky Wing of the CAF.

He is survived by Lois Guthrie, his constant companion and soul mate for the past seven years. Other survivors include a brother and two sisters, son Bill Moler, Jr. and granddaughter Amber, along with two great granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife LaVerne.

Family will be receiving friends tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral service is set for Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers for the service will be Jeff Ryan, Matt Jordan, Chad Jordan, John Griffin, John Cox and Paul Klein.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.com* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Death Notices

Jim C. Nelson

Jim C. Nelson, 70, died Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2014 at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Nelson; two daughters, Debbie Wylie and Brandi Holguin; four grandchildren; and by other family members.

Johnnie Len Harvey

Johnnie Len Harvey, 83, died Sunday, February 2, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas.

He is survived by one daughter, Krista Kain; five grandchildren; and by other family members.

Juan S. Fuentes

Juan S. Fuentes, "Big John," 57, passed away on February 2, 2014.

He is survived by his mom, Irma S. Fuentes; three sons, Michael Fuentes, Adam Fuentes, and Jacob Fuentes; three daughters, Alexandra Fuentes, Kaylan Fuentes, and Katelyn Fuentes; 11 grandchildren; and by other family members.

Funeral services will be today at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Linnie Mae Parker

Linnie Mae Parker, 97, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Melvin Curtis; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and by other family members.

A funeral service will be Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Brother Bob Porterfield will officiate. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mary E. Adams

Mary E. Adams, 84, died February 4, 2014.

She is survived by four sons, Paul Adams, Peter Adams, Bernard Adams, and John Adams, and by three daughters, Agnes Adams, Anne Adams, and Aimee Jackson.

Pedro (Pete) Segura Ybarra

Pedro (Pete) Segura Ybarra passed away Thursday, January 30, 2014.

Services have been rescheduled. Viewing will take place on Monday, February 10, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel. A Rosary will follow at 7 p.m.

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

OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Former TV Guide columnist Joe Finnigan dies

Joe Finnigan, a veteran Hollywood reporter who chronicled the comings and goings of stars such as John Wayne, Frank Sinatra and even Lassie during a decades-long career, has died at age 88, his family said Thursday.

Finnigan died of natural causes on Jan. 22 at a retirement home in the San Fernando Valley, his son David Finnigan told The Associated Press.

In the early days of his career, Joe Finnigan worked for United Press International in San Francisco, Phoenix and Seattle. He arrived at UPI's Los Angeles bureau in 1958 and became an entertainment reporter.

Among the stories he covered was the release of Frank Sinatra's son Frank Jr. by kidnappers in 1963.

He said he also witnessed a near fistfight between the volatile Frank Sinatra and Wayne when the two got into a dispute at a Hollywood party. It ended, Finnigan's son said his father told him, when Sinatra yelled, "Are you getting this, Joe?" after the much bigger Wayne grabbed him.

One of the stories Finnegan said he most enjoyed doing was a report that Lassie had suffered a tail injury. He told his son it got play for weeks all over the country.

CALIFORNIA

Hall of Fame slugger Ralph Kiner dies at 91

RANCHO MIRAGE — Ralph Kiner, who slugged his way into the baseball Hall of Fame and enjoyed a half-century career as a popular broadcaster, died Thursday. He was 91.

The Hall said Kiner died at his home in Rancho Mirage with his family at his side.

Kiner hit 369 home runs during his 10-year career, mostly with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He made his debut in 1946 and his power quickly became the talk of baseball — he won or tied for the National League lead in homers in each of his first seven seasons.

"Kiner's Korner" was already a fixture on the New York Mets' airways when he was inducted into the Hall in 1975. He was elected with just one vote to spare in his 15th and final year on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

The six-time All-Star still ranks sixth all-time with a home run every 14.1 at-bats.

He averaged more than 100 RBIs per season and hit .279 with the Pirates, the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland.

TOP
Children react during an interactive activity by Mission Agape leaders Jan. 15 at Renaissance Apartments. The children played a game of Twister and made cool-aid to demonstrate the importance of following directions.

LEFT
Children react during the interactive activity.

ABOVE
Lauren Baker and Katie Stephenson of Mission Agape lead an interactive activity with children.

Photos by James Durbin

MINISTRY

From 1B

profit that helps Midlanders who have problems with food or financial insecurity.

"We're here to show them Jesus and love them," said Stacy Baccus, executive director of Mission Agape.

Using the same apartments rented by Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Mission Agape holds a weekly class called "Connecting Chin Children" for Burmese refugee children. The children belong to the Chin ethnic minority group, which faced religious persecution in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Many Chin families escaped to the U.S. and settled in Midland for the abundance of jobs.

More than 40 Burmese families live at Renaissance Apartments, according to Mission Agape.

Lauren Baker, who has a background in working with refugees for the International Rescue Committee, teaches the children's class. In every class, she incorporates a discussion, game, craft and snack centered around a biblical lesson. Most of the lessons focus on helping Chin children adjust to American life, she said.

"There's so many things to learn in this country, and sometimes it can be scary and sometimes it can be different, but the bottom line is, these children are very, very special," Baker said. "We want them to know that we recognize that this is a big transition for them."

As an example, Baker held a "birthday party for Jesus" during Christmastime, both to celebrate Christmas and to teach Chin children about American birthday traditions. She does the same with lessons such as "being a good neighbor" and "following directions."

The children in Baker's class are mostly of elementary school age. Some days there are 25 children; other days there are seven or eight. Most of the Chin children speak English and are encouraged to share stories about their lives in Myanmar.

Following the children's class every week is an English as a second language class for adults, taught by Mission Agape volunteers. The ESL class includes English lessons, the U.S. citizenship test, life skills and a devotional.

In addition to classes, Mission Agape operates a food pantry at the Renaissance Apartments. The food — including rice, cereal, noodles, canned goods, jam, soup, boxed meals, pancakes, waffles and fresh fruits and vegetables — comes from drives and donations and is replenished frequently. Nearly 40-50 families partake of the food pantry every month.

Tinker and Baccus both stressed that the aim of the apartment ministry is not to convert residents into members of any church. The goal is to show the love of God on-site at the apartments, Tinker said.

"A lot of people may not go out in the community and hunt down a church, but if you bring church to them, they will come," Baccus said.

CONCERT

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Generation" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at True-Lite Christian Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St. The concert is free and open to the public.

The choir of 22 children — 11 girls and 11 boys — kicked off its six-month tour of the U.S. in December. Since 1994, 64 choirs have traveled internationally to serve as ambassadors for children in Africa orphaned from war, HIV/AIDS or poverty. The choirs have performed in Australia, Brazil, China, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, Germany and France, among others.

The children in the choir live in the Watoto Children's Villages in Uganda, a landlocked country in East Africa. The villages are led by Watoto Child Care Ministries, a program from Watoto Church that cares for more than 3,000 children who have lost one or both parents.

"Our aim is to rescue vulnerable children, raise them up in the fear of God — which means we teach them about Jesus — and then also equip them with skills," choir leader Phillip Mugerwa said. "We believe by doing that, we are raising the next generation of not only Ugandan, but African, leaders."

Each village is comprised of houses. Each house has eight children and a housemother who cares for them. The children range in age from babies to until they have graduated from school and are able to live on their own.

Most of the children were found abandoned, living on the street or were rescued from parents who were incapacitated or in danger, Mugerwa said. Their plight echoes the suffering of millions of African children that the choir hopes to raise awareness for.

The performance includes a fusion of contemporary gospel and traditional African rhythm through music, dance routines and stories in English and local languages of Uganda. The children in the choir range in age from 7 to 12.

"The music is majorly centered about Jesus because we, as Watoto, we believe and we know that it's because of God that we've been able to rescue these children and care for them," Mugerwa said.

Rebecca, 10, and Deborah, 7, are two of the girls in the choir. This is their first visit to the U.S. Rebecca said she loves American people and food, speaking delightedly about strawberries, which she had never tasted before.

"The children get to share their stories, and when they do that, they are able to encourage people," Mugerwa said. "To be a child who is a victim of war, or who had both their parents killed, or they were abandoned or they have no idea of the whereabouts of their parents — to see them smile is to know that God has a plan for them, and they know they are going somewhere."

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Chocolate Decadence

The Aphasia Center of West Texas will hold its ninth annual "Chocolate Decadence" fundraiser at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Midland Center, 105 N. Main St. Tickets are sold out. The event will include a dinner and chocolate desserts catered by City Cafe and Bakery from San Angelo. A live auction will also be held. Aphasia is a language disorder caused by damage to the parts of the brain that control language, commonly found in adults who have suffered a stroke, brain tumor or head injury.

Congresswoman to visit Midland temple

From staff reports

U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) will visit the Hindu Association of West Texas, 4401 Cardinal Lane, at 11 a.m. Sunday. The event is free and open to the public.

Gabbard is the first female of Samoan ancestry, the first Hindu and one of the first two female combat veterans to serve in the U.S. Congress. She was born in Leloaloa, American Samoa and moved to Hawaii at the age of 2.

As a teenager, she founded the Healthy Hawai'i Coalition, a non-profit teaching children to take care of themselves and the environment. Gabbard enlisted in the Hawaii National Guard and has served two tours of combat duty in the Middle East. She previously served in the Hawaii House of Representatives and on the Honolulu City Council. She represents Hawaii's 2nd Congressional District and also serves as vice chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Gabbard

Pope's aide shocks Catholic world by publishing notes

By Monika Scislowska
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — One of the cardinal rules in the Catholic church: obedience to the pope. So it has come as a shock for many in the Catholic world that John Paul II's most trusted confidant has betrayed the beloved pontiff's last will and testament by publishing personal notes he wanted burned.

Deep moral dilemmas were at stake for Stanislaw Dziwisz — between loyalty and conscience, the wishes of the pope and the obligations of history.

John Paul ordered the notes burned after his death and put Dziwisz, his secretary, in charge of the task. To everyone's surprise, Dziwisz, now a cardinal, said recently that he "did not have the courage" to destroy the notes and is having them published as a precious insight into the inner life of the beloved pontiff, who will be declared a saint in April.

The book — "Very Much in God's Hands: Personal Notes 1962-2003" — came out in Poland on Wednesday.

Criticism so far has outpaced praise.

"I don't think it is right for a church member to go against the will and authority of the pope, whatever the reason," Ewelina Gniewnik said as she was leaving Savior's Church in downtown Warsaw. "I'm not sure that Cardinal Dziwisz knows what he is doing."

The Polish-language book contains religious meditations that Karol Wojtyla recorded between July 1962 and March 2003 — spanning a period in which he went from being a bishop in Poland to a globe-trotting superstar pope. There are plans to publish the book in English and other languages but no details have been fixed.

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SATURDAY

BOWLING Concho Resources presents Bowl For Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters, Saturday at AMF Midland Park Lanes. bbbsmidland.org

CONCERT West Texas Mid-Winter Handbell Festival concert, 3 p.m. Saturday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

DINNER AND DANCE Pro-Life Banquet and Valentine Dance, Saturday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 631-3429

CONCERT The Hoppers, Saturday at Bellview Baptist Church. bbcmidland.com

SUNDAY

SPEAKER U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard at Hindu Association of West Texas, Sunday at HAWT Temple. hawttemple.org

CONCERT The Roadshow featuring Skillet, Third Day, Andy Mineo, Jamie Grace and Royal Tailor, Sunday at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. theroadshowtour.com

FAMILY CONCERT Trout Fishing in America benefiting Camp Fire West Texas, Sunday at Yucca Theatre. troutmusic.com

TUESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Studies through the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays or noon-1 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Bible Church. 684-9722

THURSDAY

CONCERT Watoto Children's Choir, 6:30 p.m. Thursday True-Life Christian Fellowship Church. watoto.com

FUNDRAISER Chocolate Decadence to benefit the Aphasia Center of West Texas, 7 p.m. Thursday. www.aphasiawtx.org.

CONCERT Andy Gullahorn and Jill Phillips concert with stories and songs from their marriage, 7 p.m. Thursday at Midland Bible Church. 684-9722

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

WORKSHOP "The Secret of Good Luck" with Buddhist nun Kelsang Chondzin, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 15 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland. meditationinlubbock.org

PRAYER EVENT National Prayer Breakfast with Bob Goff, 7 a.m. Feb. 19 at Midland Center. npbmidland.org.

INTERFAITH EVENT, Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church.

DOG RESCUE BENEFIT Painting with Spirits event to benefit All Border Collie Rescue's Joy, Feb. 25 at The Willows. paintingwithspirits.net

GIRLS PROGRAM Secret Keeper Girl Crazy Hair Tour, Feb. 25 at Mid-Cities Community Church. www.midcities.org.

FUNDRAISER "An Evening to Remember" to benefit Alzheimer's Assocation, Feb. 27 at the Petroleum Club. 687-9111.

MARCH

LENTEN SERIES Six-week series on meditation and prayer, 5-6 p.m. March 9 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. holytrinity.org

GOLF TOURNAMENT Church Under the Bridge Inaugural Golf Tournament, March 29 at Nueva Vista Golf Course. cutbmidland.org

APRIL

ADDICTION PROGRAM "Pleasure Unwoven ... Is Addiction Really a Disease" with Dr. Kevin McCauley, April 1-2 at Palmer Drug Abuse Program. pdap.org

RACE "Run a K for United Way," April 12 in downtown Midland.

PRAYER GATHERING Awake 7:14 conference, April 13-16 at Midland Center.

CONCERT AND AUCTION Big Boys' Toys featuring Trace Adkins, April 12. Benefiting MARC.

WALK/RUN Permian Basin Autism SHARE Walk, April 26 at UTPB campus. sharewtx.org

MAY

RACE The Color Dash 5K run to benefit The Life Center, May 31 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. midlandlifecenter.org

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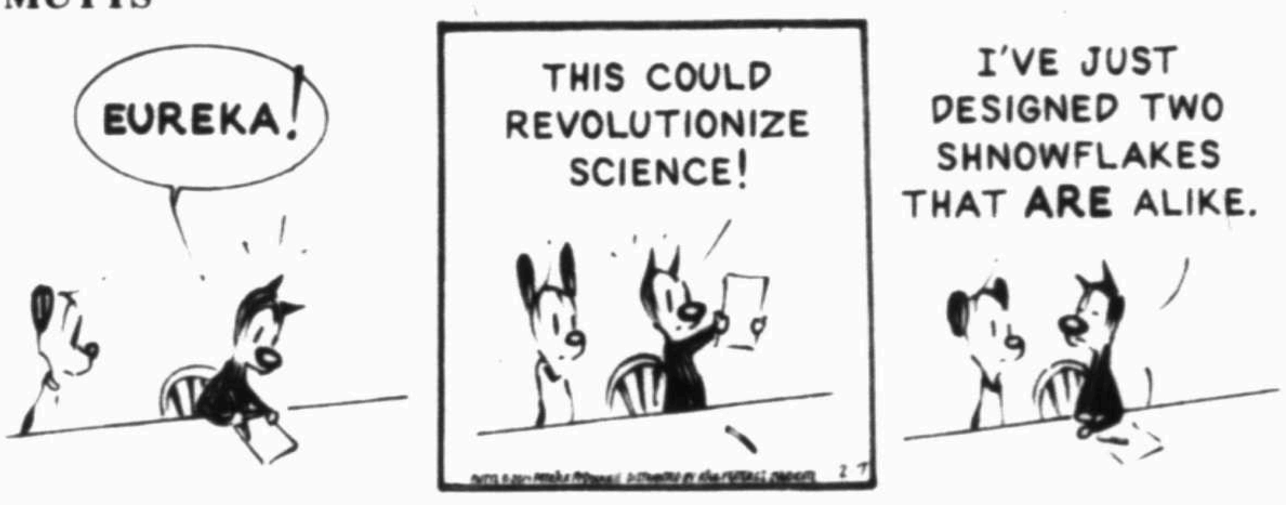

CLOSE TO HOME

"Go to a gym?! I need to drop at least 15 pounds before I'd show my face in a gym!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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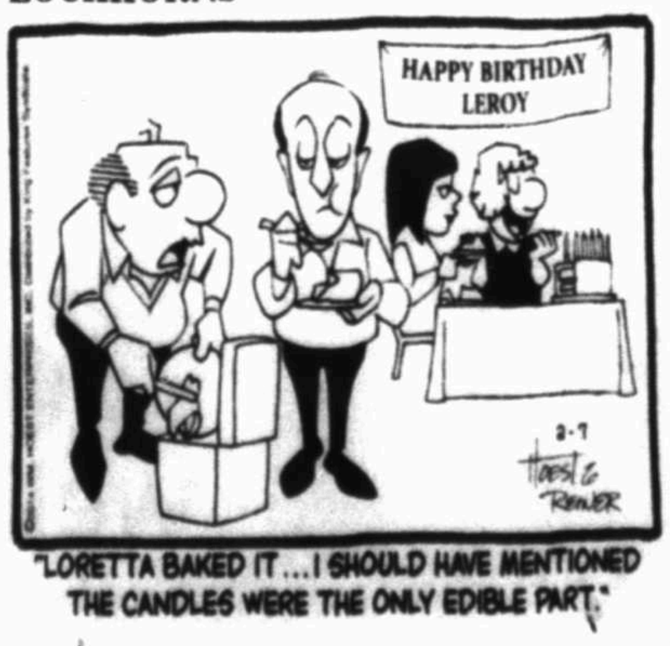

"LORETTA BAKED IT... I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THE CANDLES WERE THE ONLY EDIBLE PART."

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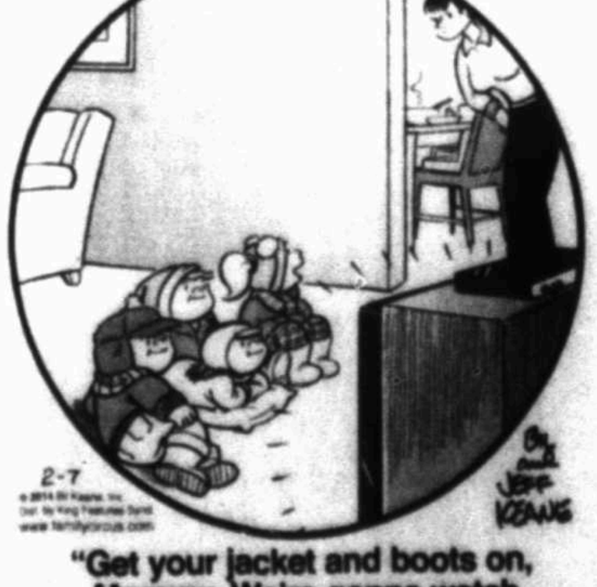

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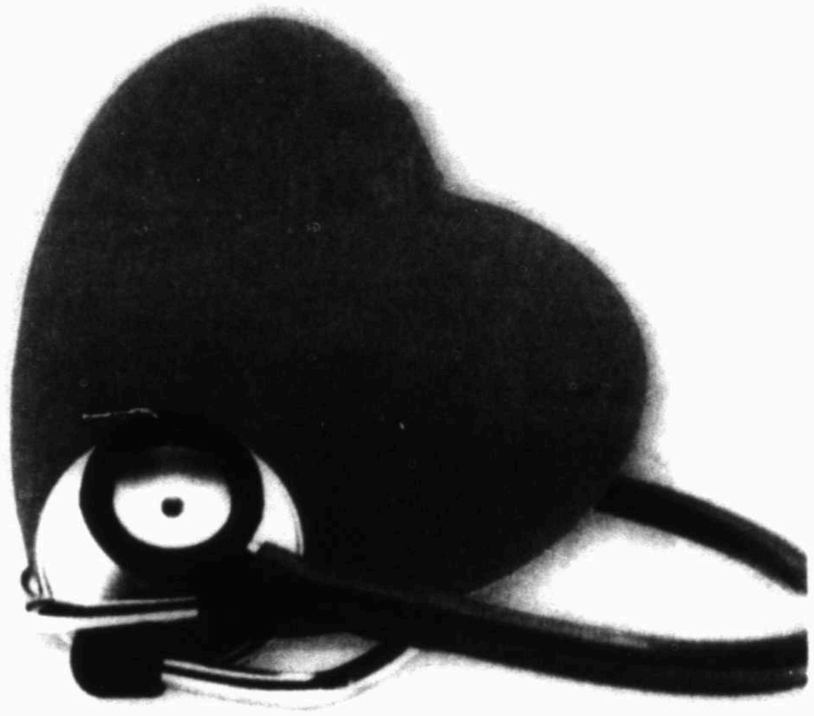

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Boone shares life experiences around baseball

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Former MLB player, manager and current Washington Nationals executive Bob Boone speaks during the annual West Texas Sports Banquet at Midland Country Club on Thursday.

By Oscar LeRoy
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Even though his current position is Assistant General Manager and Vice President of Player Development for the Washington Nationals, Bob Boone admits he's never had a job.

Considering that Boone has been around baseball throughout his 66 years of life as a son of a major leaguer, a major league baseball player, a major league manager, the father of two major leaguers (Bret and Aaron) and now an executive, baseball is all he knows. When you love it as much as Boone does, it may not be considered a job.

"I was born into it and I wanted to be a pro baseball player just like dad (the late Ray Boone) when I was 2 years old," he said. "I was around the parks, got to go work out and shag, and was around big leaguers. I got correct training when I was real little like my kids did. There was nothing else I wanted to do. I was going to go to medical school but baseball was coming first and baseball just kept getting better and better, and I finally had to put that behind me."

Needless to say things worked out for the University of Stanford product as Boone spent 19 years in the majors, playing with the Philadelphia Phillies where he won the World Series in 1980, the California Angels and Kansas City Royals. After his playing career was over, he spent six years as a major league manger with the Royals and Cincinnati Reds, and now is in the front office with the Nationals, which has young superstars in outfielder Bryce Harper and pitcher Stephen Strasburg.

Boone shared his knowledge of the game and stories during the 23rd Annual West Texas Sports Banquet & Memorabilia Auction held on a frigid Thursday night at Midland Country Club.

The former four-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner at catcher admitted that the game has remained pretty much the same since his playing days. The salaries have just gotten much bigger over the years.

Boone, however, doesn't seem to mind the bulging contracts given out these days.

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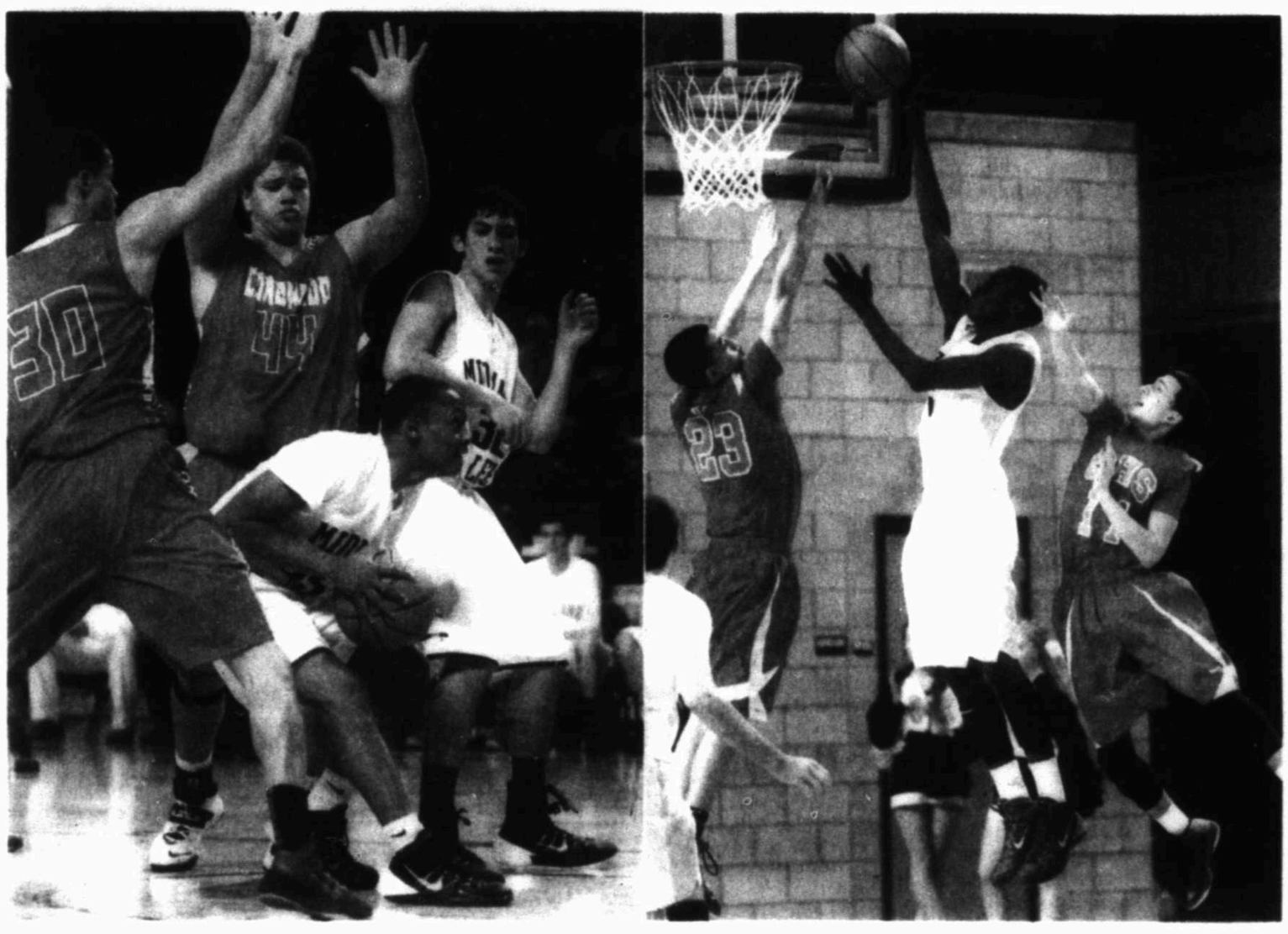

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LEFT PHOTO: Lee High's Anthony McCoy (15) tries to find a way through Lubbock Coronado's Trey Culver (30) and Emoree Gidden (44) on Jan. 17 at Chaparral Center. **RIGHT PHOTO:** Midland High's Gary Ringo goes up against Odessa High's Marcus Aguilar (23) and Isaiah Mata (11) on Jan. 14 at Chaparral Center. Lee needs Midland High to lose today in order to stay in the playoff hunt.

MHS decides importance of rivalry game

By Jonathan Hull
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There's a chance Tuesday's rivalry game between Midland High and Lee could be filled with playoff implications. There's also a chance the game could be for nothing more than bragging rights.

The significance of Tuesday's MHS Lee matchup is totally up to Midland High. If the Bulldogs (12-12, 8-6 in 2-5A) do what they're supposed to and defeat Abilene Cooper (5-17, 3-11) at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center, then the game against Lee (12-10, 7-8) is simply for bragging rights as they would wrap up the fourth and final playoff berth available in District 2-5A.

However, if the Bulldogs are beaten by Cooper, well then everything changes. Suddenly, Tuesday's game isn't just about the rivalry and bragging rights. It's about getting a chance to play past the regular season.

And while first-year Bulldogs coach and alum Charles Tatum wants so badly to see the Midland High-Lee rivalry return to prominence, he has no desire to have a playoff berth hinge on beating the Rebels if it can be avoided.

Tatum

Packer

"That would be a very exciting and dramatic experience to end what's been an exciting season," Tatum said. "And it's something you don't want to play in if you don't have to. In a rivalry game like this one, the kids know each other really well. You never know what can happen in a rivalry game. As much as I'd like to see (Lee coach Chris) Packer be successful, I don't want it to be at our expense."

With the Rebels having a bye today, first-year coach and alum Packer is able to attend tonight's MHS-Cooper game and witness what his team's fate is going to be.

"It's kind of an uneasy feeling," Packer said. "We have no one to blame but ourselves. I know we played some close games, but close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. ... Midland High deserves the opportunity to play for a playoff spot (today).

"I'm always going to hold out hope and prepare like we can still get in. Hopefully we still have a chance with one game left."

The close friendship between Packer and Tatum has been well-publicized, and it's that bond between the two that makes this situation difficult for both of them. Each wants to see the other succeed and earn the right to play in the postseason. Unfortunately, there's only one playoff berth available. It leaves Packer with conflicting feelings as he prepares to watch tonight's game.

"If it works out for Tatum then I'm happy for him, but not really," Packer said laughing. "It's an uneasy feeling, man. It's a totally different mindset. It's going to be bittersweet either way."

Nothing would make Packer happier than to see Tuesday's game against the Bulldogs carry a win-or-go-home meaning for the Rebels.

"I like that aspect with everything on the line," Packer said. "We didn't play our best game against them earlier this season (the Bulldogs won, 60-45, on Jan.

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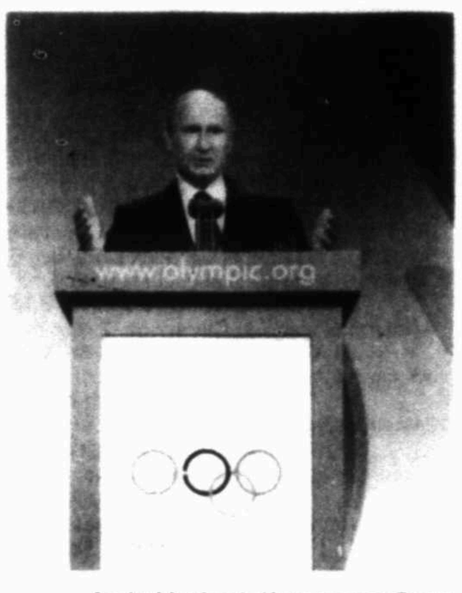

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Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers his speech at the IOC Gala Dinner on the eve of the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics on Thursday in Sochi, Russia.

Sochi's opening show: Let Putin's games begin

By Angela Charleton
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — They're designed to celebrate a millennium of Russian might and this country's modern rebound, and kick off two weeks of extraordinary human endeavors and planetary sportsmanship. But the ceremony opening the Sochi Olympics on Friday, more than anything, will be about one man: Vladimir Putin.

He charmed and strong-armed his way to hosting the games at a summer beach resort that he envisioned as a winter paradise. He stared down terrorist threats and worldwide wrath at a scarcely veiled campaign against gays. He has shrugged off critiques that construction of the most costly games in Olympic history was both shoddy and corrupt.

Ballet, man-made snow and avant-garde art will make an appearance at Sochi's opening ceremonies, though as with all past opening ceremonies, the details are under wraps. They can't really compete with the cinematic splendor of the London Olympics or the pyrotechnic extravaganza of Beijing, but then again, the Winter Games are usually more low-key.

No matter. All Putin needs is an event that tells the world "Russia is back."

It's a message meant for millions around the world who will watch the show — and meant for his country men, too.

Russians will form the bulk of the spectators in Sochi for the Olympics, a people whose forebears endured centuries of oppression, a revolution that changed the world, a Soviet experiment that built rockets and nuclear missiles but struggled to feed its people. Russians who sometimes embrace Putin's heavy hand because

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Breeding looks to break through to state meet

By Len Hayward
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Midland High's Zach Breeding has no doubt he's in a better position to compete for a spot at the UIL State Swimming Meet this year than he was last year.

He was certainly confident a year ago when he qualified for the Region I-5A meet in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished seventh.

But as a freshman, Breeding also knew he wasn't at the level he needed to be to compete for a victory in the event or even a wild card spot at state with his time.

The event

REGION I-5A SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

When: Saturday; Swimming preliminaries and finals; Diving finals
Location: Pete Ragus Swim Center, Lubbock

This year the confidence hasn't wavered, and for good reason. Breeding has dropped nearly four seconds off his time in the event from a year ago and is the fourth seed just

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Postponement

Due to wintry weather in the Panhandle and West Texas, the Region I-5A Swimming and Diving Championships have been postponed to Saturday. All events will still be run on Saturday.

Swimming will still do preliminary heats and finals, and the diving finals, which were scheduled for today, will now be on Saturday.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High swimmer Zach Breeding competes in the boys 200-yard IM on Nov. 19 at the MISD Invitational Swim Meet at COM.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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BOXING

Middleweights, Norberto Gonzalez (20-2-0) vs. Roberto Garcia (33-3-0), 8 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, second round (same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC

Champions Tour, Allianz Championship, first round, 11:30 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, second round, 2 p.m., TGC

European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, third round, 4:30 a.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Manhattan at Canisius, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Seton Hall at Villanova, 6 p.m, Fox Sports 1

Detroit at Valparaiso, 8 p.m., ESPNU

ePaul at Creighton, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Maine at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

NBA

Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN

Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Minnesota at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NBADL

Rio Grande at Austin, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

WINTER SPORTS

At Sochi, Russia

All events taped unless noted as Live

Opening Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., NBC

Women's Hockey - United States vs. Finland (LIVE), 2 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Women's Cross-Country - Skiathlon Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Men's Speedskating - 5000 Gold Medal Final (LIVE), 4:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Sterling City at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.
Denver City at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Sands at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Brownfield at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Monahans, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Worth Christian at Midland Chrsitian, 7:30 p.m.
Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian, 8 p.m.
Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Clarendon, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Clarendon, 5:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Weatherford at Midland College, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Greenwood at Big Spring Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

Greenwood at Big Spring Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

5A Regional Meet, Lubbock

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

UTPB vs. Western New Mexico, 1:30 p.m., Las Vegas, Nev.
UTPB vs. Fort Lewis, 9 p.m., Las Vegas, Nev.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Greenwood at Andrews Tournament
Midland Christian at Fredericksburg Tournament

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Jackalopes at Lone Star, 7:30 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

WILDCATTERS PLAN TRYOUTS

ODESSA — The West Texas Wildcatters indoor football team has scheduled a tryout for Feb. 15 at Memorial Stadium in Midland.

Registration will begin at noon, and the tryout will start at 1 p.m. The tryout is open to players ages 18 and older. Potential players can pre-register prior to Feb. 15 for $50 at wtxwildcattersfootball.com, and the fee is $60 on the day of the event. Cash and cashier's check will only be accepted.

MC SOFTBALL CANCELS TRIP

The Midland College softball team's trip to play in the Cowtown Tournament in Fort Worth has been canceled because of the weather.

Midland College, which is 2-2 on the season, is next scheduled to host Trinidad State in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Jeffrey Hammonds special assistant, player program development.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with C Matt Wieters on a one-year contract and RHP Evan Meek on a minor league contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jerome Williams on a one-year contract. Designated INF Brett Wallace for assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Wilson Betemit, OFs Justin Christian and Jeremy Moore, C Eddy Rodriguez and RHP Juan Sandoval on minor league contracts.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with OF Mark Trumbo on a one-year contract.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 2B Darwin Barney on a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Neshek on a minor league contract.

American Association

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed OF [illegible] Salters.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed RHP Kyle Kingsley and LHP Ryan [illegible].

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Andrew Busby to a contract extension.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed OF Ryan McIntyre.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Miami G Mario Chalmers $5,000 for violating the league's anti-flopping rules for the second time this season.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Fired general manager Chris Grant. Named vice president of basketball operations David Griffin acting general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Named Rob Moore wide receivers coach.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named George DeLeone assistant offensive line coach, Chris DiSanto and Derik Keyes assistant strength and conditioning coaches, Richard Hightower offensive quality control coach, Dowell Loggains quarterbacks coach, Mike McDaniel wide receivers coach, Andy Moeller offensive line coach, Wilbert Montgomery running backs coach, Paul Ricci strength and conditioning coach, Tony Tuioti defensive quality control coach and Anthony Weaver defensive line coach.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed S John Boyett, T Paul Cormick, DEs Hall Davis, John Youboty and Ben Garland and WRs Nathan Palmer, Gerell Robinson and Greg Wilson.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Named Brock Olivo assistant special teams coach.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Named George Edwards defensive coordinator, Norv Turner offensive coordinator, Mike Priefer special teams coordinator, Robb Akey assistant defensive line coach, Jeff Davidson offensive line coach, Ryan Ficken assistant special teams coach, Jonathan Gannon assistant defensive backs coach/quality control, Jerry Gray defensive backs coach, Jeff Howard defensive assistant coach, Klint Kubiak assistant wide receivers coach/quality control, Andre Patterson defensive line coach, Drew Petzing coaching assistant, Kevin Stefanski tight ends coach, George Stewart wide receivers coach, Scott Turner quarterbacks coach, Kirby Wilson running backs coach and Adam Zimmer linebackers coach.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Named Joe Woods defensive backs coach, Marcus Robertson assistant defensive backs coach, Chris Boniol assistant special teams coach and Vernon Stephens assistant strength and conditioning coach.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed CB Akeem Augustine, WRs Phil Bates and Arceto Clark, TE Cooper Helfet and DTs Michael Brooks, Dewayne Cherrington, D'Anthony Smith and G Jared Smith.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Released K Luca Congi.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Traded WR Jade Etienne to Saskatchewan for QB Drew Willy.

Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS — Traded Prechae Rodriguez to Pittsburgh for DE Markell Carter and OL Ben Ossai, and G Matt Spanos and CB Syd'Quan Thompson to Los Angeles for DL Earl Okine and DB Al Philips.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Acquired Fs Peter Regin and Pierre-Marc Bouchard from the N.Y. Islanders for a 2014 fourth-round entry draft selection.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Traded F Spencer Machacek to Pittsburgh for F Paul Thompson and loaned Thompson to Springfield (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Dustin Jeffrey to Texas (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Traded F Robert Czarnik to Montreal for F Steve Quailer. Assigned [illegible] Schultz to Manchester (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Reassigned [illegible] phane Veilleux to Iowa (AHL). Recalled [illegible] Gustafsson from Iowa.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Reassigned D Andrey Pedan to Stockton (ECHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Recalled [illegible] McCarthy from Worcester (AHL). Assigned D Matt Tennyson to Worcester.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Julien Brouillette and [illegible] Patrick Wey from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled [illegible] Crowder from Cincinnati (ECHL).

Central Hockey League

DENVER CUTTHROATS — Waived [illegible] Moriarty. Signed F Kyle Fletcher.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Signed coach and general manager Bruce Arena to a multiyear contract extension.

ORLANDO [illegible] — Signed M [illegible] Ceren.

COLLEGE

CINCINNATI — Named Mike Bohn athletic director.

EASTERN MICHIGAN — Named Taylor Stubblefield wide receivers coach, Chris Simpson outside linebackers coach and Jay Peterson running backs coach.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE — Named Tommy West defensive line coach.

RICE — Named Bryan Blair associate athletic director for compliance.

TEXAS — Signed defensive coordinator and secondary coach Vance Bedford, offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Joe Wickline, quarterbacks coach and assistant head coach for offense Shawn Watson, tight ends coach Bruce Chambers, wide receivers coach Les Koenning, running backs coach Tommie Robinson, linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator Brian Jean-Mary, assistant head coach for defense and defensive line coach Chris Rumph, defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator Chris Vaughn and strength and conditioning coach Pat Moorer to three-year contracts.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Named Lindsay Vera women's assistant soccer coach.

UTAH STATE — Named Joe Long linebackers coach.

WASHINGTON — Suspended QB Cyler Miles and WR Damore'ea Stringfellow from the football team.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND — Announced the resignation of field hockey coach Sarah Kelly. Named Hannah Lott interim field hockey coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (ESPN2), Roberto Garcia vs. Norberto Gonzalez, 10, middleweights; Kamil Laszczyk vs. Daniel Diaz, 10, featherweights.

Saturday

At Huixquilucan, Mexico, Adrian Hernandez vs. Janiel Rivera, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title; Julio Ceja vs. Saul Juarez, 12, for Ceja's WBC Silver bantamweight title.

Monday

At San Antonio (FS1), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Steve Forbes, 10, junior welterweights.

Feb. 14

At Benavidez, Argentina, Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title.

At the Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (ESPN2), Chris Algieri vs. Emmanuel Taylor, 10, junior welterweights.

Feb. 15

At Kempton Park, South Africa, Ryno Liebenberg vs. Joey Vegas, 12, vacant WBC International light heavyweight title; Johnny Muller vs. Wilberfoce Shihepo, 12, for the vacant WBC International Silver light heavyweight title.

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title.

Lady Chaps win 3rd straight game

From staff reports

Savoy

BORGER — The Midland College women's basketball team picked up its third consecutive win Thursday and moved into fourth place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings in the process.

The Lady Chaparrals held off Frank Phillips College, 65-60, in a tightly contested game as they continued to trend upward in the WJCAC standings. With the win, the Lady Chaps (15-9, 5-4 in WJCAC) are now in a good position to make the NJCAA Region V Tournament as the top four teams from the conference earn bids. The loss dropped Frank Phillips (16-6, 4-5) to fifth place — a game back of MC.

The Lady Chaps, who led, 31-29, at halftime, were led by Mary Savoy's 14 points, while Ellyn Avery and Diamalises Rivera each scored 13. Catherine Kruschke chipped in with 10.

Frank Phillips was led by Mesha Wade and Honesty Sullivan, who each scored 16, with Odessa Permian grad Cheyenne Swoopes scoring 11.

Midland College remains in the Panhandle overnight to face Clarendon College at 5:45 today.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 65, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 60

Midland College (5-9, 5-4) — Gabriela Martins 0 0-0 0, Tajanay Veiga 3 1-1 7, Ashleigh Sparks 0 0-0 0, Mattie Turner 2 0-0 5, Tyler Hamilton, Mary Savoy 5 4-6 14, Catherine Kruschke 5 0-2 10, Nakisha Sainval 1 1-3 3, Ellyn Avery 4 3-4 13, Mariella Garate 0 0-0 0, Diamalises Rivera 3 7-9 13. Totals 23 16-27 65

Frank Phillips (16-5, 4-6) — Brennan Lytle 0 0-0 0, Cheyenne Swoopes 5 0-0 11, Honesty Sullivan 5 4-6 16, Joslyn Smith 1 1-2 3, Mesha Wade 6 3-4 16, Shawanika Harvey 1 0-2 3, Alliyah Richard 2 1-2 5, Taya Novokreshchenova 2 0-0 6. Totals 22 9-15 60

Halftime — MC 31, FPC 29. 3-point goals — MC 3 (Turner, Avery 2), FPC (Swoopes, Sullivan 2, Wade, Harvey, Novokreshchenova 2). Total fouls — MC 16, FPC 25. Fouled out — Swoopes, Smith.

Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m. today; Frank Phillips at Odessa College, 1 p.m. Saturday

Lady Chaps	**65**
Lady Plainsmen	60

WJCAC women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	8	1	17	5
Odessa College	7	1	17	5
South Plains	7	2	13	9
Midland College	5	4	15	9
Frank Phillips	4	5	16	6
Howard College	2	7	11	13
Clarendon College	1	7	9	12
Western Texas	1	8	6	14

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 65, Frank Phillips College 60; South Plains College 71, Howard College 48; New Mexico JC 61, Western Texas College 41; Odessa College and Clarendon College were open

Today's Game

Midland College at Clarendon College

Saturday's Game

Frank Phillips College at Odessa College

Chaparrals win last-second thriller

From staff reports

BORGER — The Midland College men's basketball team broke a four-game losing streak with a 67-66 overtime victory over Frank Phillips College at the Borger Activity Community Center on Thursday night.

MC coach Jordan Dreiling said the game was tied at 60-60 at the end of regulation before his Chaparrals (11-12, 3-7 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) gutted out the win in the extra period.

"I'm just really proud of them," said Dreiling of his Chaparrals. "We were down (54-50) with a minute left in regulation and we hung in there. It was the same thing in overtime. We were down three with under a minute left and they never quit and stayed positive."

Bull

Walker

Dreiling said Domonique Bull made a last-second putback in regulation to send the game into overtime and then LeBrent Walker came up big in OT. Walker drove to the basket and scored on a layup with 8 seconds remaining, and then the Chaps hung on from there.

"It wasn't perfect," Dreiling said. "We missed free throws down the stretch but we were able to keep it close to where we could do something."

No statistics were available from this game.

Midland College will continue its Panhandle road trip at 7:45 p.m. today in a makeup game at Clarendon College.

Chaparrals	**67**
Plainsmen	66 (OT)

WJCAC men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	8	2	21	3
Odessa College	8	2	20	3
New Mexico JC	8	3	20	4
Howard College	7	3	19	5
Western Texas	7	4	19	6
Frank Phillips	3	7	13	11
Midland College	3	7	11	12
Clarendon College	1	8	6	16
New Mexico Military	1	10	11	1

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 67, Frank Phillips College 66, OT; Odessa College 112, New Mexico Military Institute 82; South Plains College 83, Howard College 76; New Mexico JC 68, Western Texas College 52; Clarendon College was open

Today's Game

Midland College at Clarendon College

Saturday's Game

Frank Phillips College at Odessa College

BOONE

From 1C

"I think it's great," he said. "It really shows the health of the game and even the popularity of the game. The TV contracts have become bigger, the scrutiny has become greater and the Internet has put a lot more pressure on players."

Boone added that it's become a must to dish out those big contracts once players get good and familiar with the system.

"You hope that the fan attraction allows you to afford those contracts," he said. "Our philosophy is along the lines of the Atlanta Braves in that we weren't putting as much money to the team on the field as much as we were on the scouting. We got high draft picks, like Harper and Strasburg, because we were losing games. Then all of a sudden we put together what we think is a winning team, now you can afford to add those pieces that you need."

Boone said the Nationals have really built up what he called an "abysmal" farm system since he got there and now they have a solid young nucleus to build on.

While the money has become bigger as well as the pressure, there may also be the temptation by some players to use performance enhancing drugs. Boone said while MLB has done a good job, PEDs haven't been fully eliminated by the game, as evidenced by the recent Biogenesis scandal.

"The tough thing is trying to stay ahead of the chemists," Boone said. "But I think the game is a lot cleaner than it was and the penalties are ramping up. And I think the players have joined in by wanting it cleaned up. I think we're on the right track. I don't know if it will ever be entirely clean."

One thing is for sure. Boone has been through it all during his long and illustrious baseball career and has plenty of knowledge to pass on to young players.

"I just been around it my whole life and I don't know if I relate to players better," he said. "I just try to teach kids how tough the game is, not only physically but mentally, and how tough you have to be to play the game."

SCOTT SEATER AWARD: Midland Christian football coach Greg McClendon was given this year's Scott Seater Community Achievement Award.

McClendon and his son, Mason, led the Mustangs to their third consecutive TAPPS Division II state football championship this past season, finishing a perfect 14-0 — their first undefeated season at the 11-man level.

"I share this award with the phenomenal coaching staff that I work with," McClendon said, "and not only my son Mason but a ton of tremendous young men that have worked so hard and have dedicated so much. I'm a small part of it."

FAN AWARDS: The RockHounds Fan of the Year was given to Jay Ward, while the Sockers Fans of the Year award was given to the Roy family.

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Midland Christian football head coach Greg McClendon, left, accepts the Scott Seater Community Achievement Award with his son, Midland Christian quarterback Mason McClendon, center, during the annual West Texas Sports Banquet at Midland Country Club on Thursday.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UTPB 74
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN 65

ODESSA — Oklahoma Christian couldn't overcome a 40-21 halftime deficit as UTPB's strong start catapulted it to a Heartland Conference victory Thursday at Falcon Dome.

Keith Martin came off the bench to score 17 points and grab 17 rebounds to lead the Falcons (13-7, 7-5 in HC). Madison Turner had a team-high 18 points, while Phadarius Taylor scored 12 and Dwayne Soders notched 10.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UTPB 64
OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN 49

ODESSA — UTPB picked up a Heartland Conference victory against Oklahoma Christian at Falcon Dome on Thursday.

Valerie Barriga led the Falcons (6-14, 5-10 in HC) with 15 point sand seven rebounds, while Danielle Wilson added 12 points and seven boards.

PEBBLEBEACHSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Thursday
p-Pebble Beach Golf Links: 6,816 yards, par 72 (36-36)
m-Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Shore Course: 6,838 yards, par 71 (34-37)
s-Spyglass Hill Golf Club: 6,953 yards, par 72 (36-36)
Pebble Beach, Calif.
Purse: $6.6 million
Partial First Round

Andrew Loupe	31-32—63m
Stuart Appleby	31-34—65m
Jimmy Walker	33-33—66p
Jim Renner	31-34—65m
Scott Gardiner	31-34—65m
Richard H. Lee	32-33—65m
Robert Streb	32-35—67p
Jordan Spieth	34-33—67s
Paul McGinley	33-34—67p
Brian Harman	31-35—66m
John Huh	32-35—67m
Dustin Johnson	33-35—68s
Hunter Mahan	33-35—68p
Will Claxton	34-34—68s
Robert Garrigus	35-32—67m
George McNeill	32-35—67m
J.B. Holmes	33-35—68p
James Hahn	33-36—69p
Jason Bohn	36-33—69s
Freddie Jacobson	32-36—68m
Jason Day	35-33—68m
James Driscoll	35-34—69s
Michael Putnam	35-34—69s
Josh Teater	34-35—69p
Matt Jones	32-36—68m
Sang-Moon Bae	35-34—69p
Lucas Glover	31-37—68m
D.H. Lee	32-37—69p
Kevin Foley	34-34—68m
Danny Lee	32-36—68m
Alex Cejka	33-36—69s
K.J. Choi	33-36—69p
Martin Flores	34-35—69m
Ted Potter, Jr.	35-34—69m
Jim Furyk	35-35—70s
Edward Loar	33-37—70p
Bronson La'Cassie	36-34—70p
Russell Knox	33-37—70p
Pat Perez	34-35—69m
Daniel Summerhays	33-36—69m
Trevor Immelman	34-36—70s
Brendan Steele	36-34—70s
Aaron Baddeley	35-34—69m
John Senden	35-34—69m
Brian Gay	36-34—70s
Will MacKenzie	33-36—69m
Roberto Castro	35-35—70s
John Peterson	34-36—70s
Chris Williams	36-34—70s
Cameron Tringale	36-34—70p
Troy Matteson	33-37—70m
Graeme McDowell	36-35—71s
Retief Goosen	36-35—71p
Mike Weir	33-37—70m
Daniel Chopra	39-31—70m
Mark Wilson	35-36—71s
Andres Romero	35-36—71s
Ben Martin	35-36—71p
Kevin Tway	35-35—70m
Andrew Svoboda	36-35—71s
Dudley Hart	37-34—71p
Doug LaBelle II	36-34—70m
Geoff Ogilvy	34-37—71s
Scott Brown	31-39—70m
John Mallinger	37-34—71s
Chris Kirk	36-35—71s
Hudson Swafford	35-36—71p
Jim Herman	34-36—70m
Chesson Hadley	37-34—71s
Charlie Wi	35-36—71s
Kris Blanks	35-37—72s
David Duval	35-37—72p
Kevin Na	35-37—72p
Bo Van Pelt	36-36—72p
Steven Fox	33-39—72p
Justin Bolli	36-35—71m
Kevin Kisner	35-37—72s
Ryan Palmer	38-34—72s
Ken Duke	35-37—72p
Padraig Harrington	38-34—72p
Brandt Snedeker	36-36—72s
Jeff Maggert	33-38—71m
Nicholas Thompson	38-34—72s
Matt Every	33-38—71m
Seung-Yul Noh	36-36—72m
J.J. Henry	34-38—72m
Tag Ridings	37-36—73s
John Daly	37-36—73s
Miguel Angel Carballo	35-37—72m
Chad Campbell	**38-35—73s**
Rod Pampling	35-38—73p
Russell Henley	36-37—73s
Tyrone Van Aswegen	34-39—73p
Kevin Chappell	38-35—73s
Bud Cauley	37-36—73p
Max Homa	36-37—73p
Fabian Gomez	34-38—72m
Woody Austin	37-36—73p
Bryce Molder	33-39—72m
Joe Ogilvie	34-39—73m
Victor Dubuisson	38-35—73m
Joe Durant	36-38—74p

BREEDING

From 1C

over a second behind the top-seeded swimmer heading into Saturday's regional swimming meet at the Pete Ragus Swim Center in Lubbock.

"I definitively feel like I have a shot to make it," said Breeding, who is a sophomore. "I've swam with competition like that before, and I know what it's like going into one of those meets ... how to swim and not be nervous."

Breeding said that a few things have happened over the last year that have helped to reduce his time. One is that he's grown up becoming bigger and stronger. The second is that he's been able to implement the technical things that he's learned over the last year a little better.

Breeding said if he can swim around the one minute mark he will earn a spot at the state meet, but said he's not going for a specific time because that can distract a swimmer.

"I feel like I've learned a lot about swimming the past few years," Breeding said. "I've gone to some big meets between now and then, and I've got more confidence in my ability to go fast."

Midland ISD swimming and diving coach Jennifer Mangum said that Breeding has certainly ramped up his training over the last year, but also added that he is also realizing he has limitless potential in the event.

Mangum said it was about a year ago that "something clicked" for Breeding, and she's seen it in his training and in the meets. Breeding's seed time for this weekend is 1 minute, 3.93 seconds, but he has swam at just around the one minute mark before.

"Ever since then, he's been on fire in his training," Mangum said. "His attitude is great, and it's 'I'm going out there to win.' Something has switched and it's been awesome."

Mangum added he's a natural for the event. While other swimmers struggle with the breaststroke and can take some time to learn it, Breeding was fast as soon as he started.

And that could be the advantage Breeding needs to break through to the state meet.

"The potential is there," Mangum said. "I think if he's feeling good, he could do it ...r he could definitely do it."

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Midland ISD Competitors
Listed is swimmer, school, class, seed, seed time
GIRLS

200 medley relay: Midland High (Blythe Lary, Kile Carriger, Jordin Newman, Cassidy Hale), 3rd, 1:56.68; Lee (Jennifer Sites, Keely Martin, Lexi Moreno, Lauren Sims), 9th, 2:06.38

200 freestyle: Haleigh Cooper, Lee, Sr, 18th, 2:17.33

200 IM: Kile Carriger, MHS, So, 7th, 2:21.42; Blythe Lary, MHS, Jr, 9th, 2:24.36; Jennifer Sites, Lee, 13th, 2:26.72; Lexi Moreno, Lee, 18th, 2:33.98

50 freestyle: Jordin Newman, Sr, MHS, 26.07; Cassidy Hale, MHS, So, 26.51

1-meter diving: Charlye Campbell, Lee, Fresh., 2nd, 408.80; Sarah Blank, MHS, Sr, 4th, 395.90; Chloe Berry, Lee, Fresh., 297.40; Courtney Trice, MHS, Jr., 194.00

100 butterfly: Jordin Newman, MHS, Sr, 5th, 1:01.31; Cassidy Hale, MHS, So, 9th, 1:02.53

100 freestyle: Lexi Moreno, Lee, Jr., 15th, 1:01.09; Lauren Sims, Lee, Jr., 21st, 1:03.00

500 freestyle: Keely Martin, Lee, Jr., 5th, 5:39.29; Haleigh Cooper, Lee, Sr., 18th, 6:12.95

200 freestyle relay: Midland High (Jeanette Sonanello, Rachel Castillo, Kailee McCarty, Julia Delgado), 17th, 2:01.84; Lee (Olivia Taylor, Marissa Branch, Melody Davis, Haleigh Cooper), 20th, 2:05.71

100 backstroke: Blythe Lary, MHS, Jr., 7th, 1:03.67; Jennifer Sites, Lee, So., 11th, 1:06.24

100 breaststroke: Kile Carriger, MHS, Fresh., 2nd, 1:09.33; Keely Martin, Lee, Jr., 1:14.19

400 freestyle relay: Midland High (Cassidy Hale, Blythe Lary, Kile Carriger, Jordin Newman), 2nd, 3:54.64; Lee (Lexi Moreno, Lauren Sims, Jennifer Sites, Keely Martin), 9th, 4:10.09

BOYS

200 medly relay: Midland High (Barak Bane, Zach Breeding, Josh James, Michael Huzzey), 14th; Lee (David Leal-Robles, Zack Gray, Corey Sanchez, Austin Gibson), 19th

200 freestyle: Josh James, MHS, So., 14th, 2:01.93

200 IM: Zach Breeding, MHS, So., 13th, 2:10.80; Jared Barrendy, Lee, Sr., 2:23.91

50 freestyle: Barak Bane, MHS, Sr., 8th, 22.75

100 butterfly: Josh James, MHS, So., 10th, 57.07; Shelby Hawkins, Lee, So., 20th, 1:03.22

100 freestyle: Barak Bane, MHS, So., 7th, 49.94

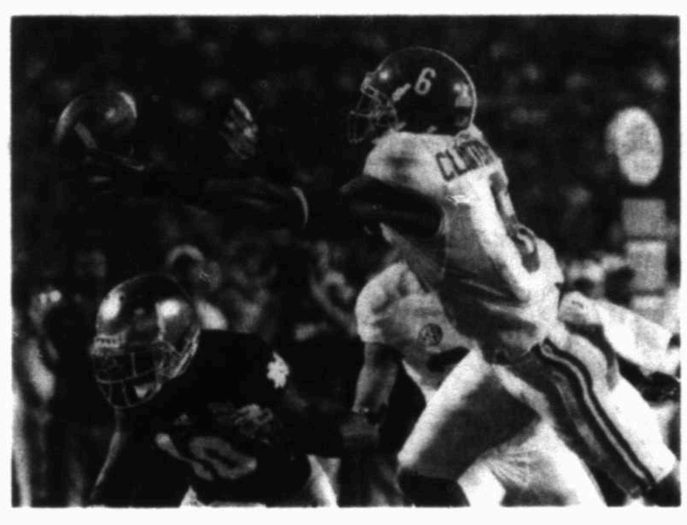
500 freestyle: Jared Barrandey, Lee, Sr., 19th

200 freestyle relay: Lee (Ted Delcambre, Shelby Hawkins, River Atwood, Jared Barrandey), 16th, 1:43.64; Midland High (Barak Bane, Michael Huzzey, Josh James, Zach Breeding), 1:45.75

100 backstroke: Shelby Hawkins, Lee, So., 19th, 1:04.71; David Leal-Robles, Lee, So., 24th, 1:09.74

100 breaststroke: Zach Breeding, MHS, So., 4th, 1:03.90

400 freestyle relay: Lee (Jared Barrendy, River Atwood, Ted Delcambre, Shelby Hawkins), 16th, 3:53.66



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Alabama's Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix (6) intercepts a pass over Notre Dame's DaVaris Daniels (10) during the BCS National Championship game Jan. 7, 2013 in Miami.

Draft guru sees Cowboys targeting safety

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Alabama safety Ha'Sean "Ha Ha" Clinton-Dix would be a perfect fit for a Dallas Cowboys defense in desperate need of playmakers, a prominent draft analyst believes.

The Cowboys, who finished last season 8-8 for the third consecutive year and haven't been to the playoffs since 2009, have serious needs all over a defense that finished 2013 as one of the worst in NFL history.

"I think you could look defensive line ...(but) I think safety is the big thing for the Cowboys right now," ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. said during a conference call Thursday.

Clinton-Dix recorded seven interceptions for the Crimson Tide over the last two seasons. The 6-foot-1, 208-pound native of Orlando, Fla., led the team and tied for the most in the Southeastern Conference with five picks as a sophomore in 2012.

"I don't see a decent free safety solution on the Cowboys' roster, and good ones typically don't make it to free agency," Kiper wrote in a recent mock draft, "so this pick lines up need and board value pretty effectively."

The Cowboys finished last season with 15 interceptions, but their safeties combined for just three.

Kiper ranks Clinton-Dix as the 23rd overall prospect in this class.

"Instinctive and fluid, he's the top free safety option in the draft and has proven he can play Cover 1 against teams looking to exploit him by working the perimeter," Kiper wrote. "He reads the quarterback well and can accelerate or turn quickly to make plays in any direction."

Kiper said another option for the Cowboys could be Louisville safety Calvin Pryor. The 6-foot-2, 207-pound native of Port St. Joe, Fla., is considered the most physical defensive back in this class.

Clinton-Dix and Pryor are among a record 85 underclassmen that will be among the 335 players invited to the NFL Scouting Combine set for February 19-24 in Indianapolis, NFLDraftScout.com has reported.

"He's a great football player," Kiper said of Pryor. "(Texas coach and former Louisville coach) Charlie Strong had nothing but great things to say and raved about Calvin Pryor and the kind of year he had."

Where the Cowboys pick in the first round will be determined by a coin flip between them and the Baltimore Ravens at the combine. The winner will draft 16th overall. The loser will select 17th.

Honor roll/top games

HONOR ROLL: TREVOR ABNEY, P, MIDLAND HIGH

Abney has burst onto the scene in the past week. It began modestly enough with a nine-point showing against San Angelo Central last Friday. The junior post then had a career game with 23 points and nine rebounds against Abilene High on Tuesday.

ANTHONY MCCOY, G, LEE

McCoy has had a couple critical performances as the Rebels fights for their playoff fives. The senior guard had 26 points last Friday in a win against Abilene High, then followed with 16 points in a win against Abilene Cooper on Tuesday.

GRANT FRANKLIN, G, GREENWOOD

Franklin has just continued to do what he's done all season — score. Franklin posted 21 points against No. 5 Abilene Wylie last Friday, then scored 23 against Big Spring on Tuesday.

DANIEL VENZANT, G, LEE

Venzant had a critical 21 points in a one-point victory against Fort Worth Southwest Christian on Saturday. That was a day after he scored 18 points in a loss to Arlington Pantego.

VINCENT BAIANO, G, TRINITY

Baiano led the Chargers to back-to-back wins, scoring 15 last Friday against Eunice, N.M., before posting 16 against Irion County on Tuesday.

GAMES TO WATCH

Today

Abilene Cooper at Midland High: The Bulldogs have a chance to wrap up the fourth and final playoff spot in District 2-5A with a win.

Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto: The Chargers need a win to keep their playoff hopes alive. San Jacinto won the first meeting.

Sands at Grady: Class A Division II basketball doesn't get better than this rivalry. For the past three seasons, these two have played some classics. Grady won, 62-55, earlier this season.

Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian: The Knights get to take a shot at the No. 1 team in the state in the TABC small private school poll.

Saturday

Grapevine Faith at Midland Christian: Faith made 23 3-pointers in the last meeting between these two teams, which had a final of 108-99. If you want to see a shootout, be at McGraw Special Events Center on Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday

Midland High vs. Lee: If the Bulldogs don't win today, this game will have plenty of playoff implications and could lead to a second MHS-Lee matchup later next week. If the Bulldogs do win, it's just for bragging rights.

Sweetwater at Greenwood: It's pretty simple for Greenwood — beat Sweetwater and make the playoffs.

Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity: Both teams should be playoff bound by this time, but the last matchup was a memorable one with Trinity winning on a late 3-pointer.

Trinity at Midland Classical: The crosstown rivalry could also be for a playoff spot, making it possibly the most important game to date in the rivalry.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

REPORT

From 1C

7). With something extra on the line, it will mean a lot more and the level of play will be even more elevated."

And should the Rebels beat the Bulldogs on Tuesday in that scenario, the two teams would be tied for fourth place in District 2-5A with no regular season games remaining. That means another Midland High-Lee game would take place later in the week, maybe at the Chaparral Center, to decide who would move on to the playoffs.

"I get all excited just talking about it," Packer said. "But it has to come to fruition. Hopefully that's the case. What better for Midland than to have that opportunity to watch two games with that much meaning? But again, it's out of our hands."

And should Midland High end up beating Cooper today and the Rebels are eliminated from postseason contention in the process, Packer swears he's still going to beaming with pride.

"All in all, I definitely want my team to play in the playoffs," Packer said. "But in the end Midland kids are going to get the opportunity to play in the playoffs one way or another. I've gotten to know (Midland High's) kids over the summer and I want to see those guys succeed, too. When it's all said and done, I'm going to be proud of somebody."

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HSBASKETBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

Boys

ABILENE COOPER AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Cooper 5-17, 3-11 in 2-5A; Midland High 12-12, 8-6

Last game: Lee 53, Cooper 41; Midland High 80, Abilene High 67

Last meeting: Midland High 62, Cooper 51 on Jan. 28

Notable: Midland High can clinch a playoff spot with a win against Cooper tonight. At the same time, the Bulldogs aren't eliminated if they lose to the Cougars, could also beat rival Lee on Tuesday instead. ... Midland High is on a four-game winning streak, including a victory against Cooper on Jan. 28. That game also started a three-game losing streak for the Cougars. ... Gary Ringo had a huge performance in the last meeting with Abilene Cooper, scoring 23 points. That win on Jan. 28 put the Bulldogs in fourth place in the district — a spot they haven't relinquished since.

Next: Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Midland High vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

GREENWOOD AT MONAHANS

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans

Records: Greenwood 8-17, 3-5 in 4-3A; Monahans 23-5, 6-2

Last game: Big Spring 56, Greenwood 49; Monahans 67, Snyder 24

Last meeting: Monahans 66, Greenwood 44 on Jan. 21

Notable: Greenwood could potentially clinch a playoff spot with a win combined with a Sweetwater loss to Big Spring today. If that scenario doesn't play out, the Rangers will face the Mustangs on Tuesday with a playoff spot potentially on the line. ... Greenwood senior guard Grant Franklin extended his 20-plus points streak to 11 games after scoring 23 against Big Spring on Tuesday. Franklin is averaging 23.3 points per game this season. ... Franklin had 30 of Greenwood's 44 points in the first meeting with Monahans earlier this season. The Rangers actually led that game 19-16 after the first quarter, but managed just 17 points combined in the second and third periods, allowing Monahans to take control. ... Monahans has already locked up a playoff spot with a win against Snyder on Tuesday.

Next: Sweetwater at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

District 2-5A basketball

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
xy-Amarillo Tascosa	14	1	23	1
x-Lubbock Coronado	11	3	22	5
x-Odessa Permian	9	5	12	7
Midland High	**8**	**6**	**12**	**12**
Lee	**7**	**8**	**12**	**10**
San Angelo Central	6	8	10	12
Abilene High	3	11	4	16
Abilene Cooper	3	11	5	17
Odessa High	2	12	6	19

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 80, Abilene High 67
Lee 53, Abilene Cooper 41
Amarillo Tascosa 65, Odessa Permian 43
San Angelo Central 71, Odessa High 60

Today's Games
Abilene Cooper at Midland High
Abilene High at Odessa High
Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado
San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian
All games at 7:30 p.m.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN AT MIDLAND CHRISTIAN GRAPEVINE FAITH AT MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

When/where: vs. FWC, 7:30 p.m. today, McGraw Special Events Center; vs. Faith, 2:30 p.m. McGraw Special Events Center

Records: FWC 7-19, 1-8 in TAPPS 1-4A; Faith 20-9, 8-0, MCS 18-10, 6-3

Last game: Arlington Pantego 54, FWC 40; Faith 75, Arlington Grace Prep 73, MCS 74, Midland Classical 30

Last meeting: MCS 87, FWC 81 on Jan. 18; Faith 108, MCS 99 on Jan. 17

Notable: Both Midland Christian and Grapevine Faith have clinched playoff spots. Faith could have the TAPPS 1-4A title wrapped up before even traveling to Midland on Saturday as long it can defeat Lubbock Trinity in Lubbock today. Midland Christian can clinch the No. 3 seed in the playoffs with two wins this weekend or a win and a loss by Arlington Pantego. ... In the first meeting with MCS this season, Faith drained a staggering 23 3-pointers, including 11 by Kyle Carter who had 46 points in the win. Zach Postema made seven threes to go with 29 points. Kaleb Warren had a huge day inside the paint for MCS, scoring 37 points. Warren also had 17 points against Fort Worth Christian that weekend.

Next: Fort Worth Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 2:30 p.m. Saturday; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Grapevine Faith, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

MIDLAND CLASSICAL AT NO. 1 LUB. CHRISTIAN

When/where: 8 p.m. today, LCHS gymnasium, Lubbock

Records: MCA 8-7, 2-1 in TAPPS 1-3A; LCHS 23-4, 3-0

Last game: Midland Christian 74, MCA 30; LCHS 105, Odessa New Way 69

Last meeting: LCHS 73, MCA 33 on Jan. 14

Notable: Lubbock Christian has already wrapped up a playoff spot but can clinch the TAPPS 1-3A title with a victory. MCA can clinch a playoff spot with a win or a Trinity loss to Amarillo San Jacinto today. ... Lubbock Christian has been the top-ranked team in the TABC small private school poll all season. The Eagles are currently on a nine-game win streak.

Next: Trinity at Midland Classical, 8 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo San Jacinto at Lubbock Christian, 8 p.m. Tuesday

TRINITY AT AMARILLO SAN JACINTO

When/where: 8 p.m. today, San Jacinto Academy gymnasium, Amarillo

Records: Trinity 7-13, 0-3 in TAPPS 1-3A; San Jacinto 9-14, 1-2

Last game: Trinity 48, Irion County 45; Midland Classical 51, San Jacinto 41, OT

Last meeting: San Jacinto 54, Trinity 39 on Jan. 24

Notable: Trinity is fighting for its playoff life. The Chargers need a win in order to not risk being eliminated from playoff contention. San Jacinto can clinch a playoff spot with a win. ... Trinity is coming off back-to-back non-district victories, knocking off Eunice, N.M., last Friday and beating Irion County on Tuesday. Vincent Baiano had 15 and 16 points, respectively, in the two wins. ... The Chargers couldn't overcome a slow start in their earlier loss to San Jacinto this season. San Jacinto led, 10-2, after the first quarter and 29-13 at halftime. Ethan Samuels led Trinity with 12 points in the loss.

Next: Midland Classical at Trinity, 8 p.m. Tuesday; Lubbock Christian at Amarillo San Jacinto, 8 p.m. Tuesday

Girls

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN AT NO. 15 MID. CHRISTIAN GRAPEVINE FAITH AT NO. 15 MID. CHRISTIAN

When/where: vs. FWC, 6 p.m. today, McGraw Special Events Center; vs. Faith, 1 p.m. McGraw Special Events Center

Records: FWC 10-17, 2-4 in TAPPS 1-4A; Faith 12-12, 1-4, MCS 22-5, 5-1

Last game: FWC 38, Arlington Pantego 37; Midland Classical 36, MCS 25

Last meeting: MCS 46, FWC 29 on Jan. 18; MCS 47, Faith 29 on Jan. 17

Notable: Midland Christian has wrapped up a playoff spot and will at least be the No. 2 seed out of the district. The Lady Mustangs are just a game back of Lubbock Trinity, who they play Tuesday. ... Fort Worth Christian and Faith are both fighting for the fourth playoff berth available in the district. Currently, FWC has a half-game lead on Faith in the standings. ... MCS senior guard Morgan Ashton had a pair of strong games against FWC and Faith the last weekend the Lady Mustangs played those two teams. Ashton scored 24 against Faith and 23 against FWC.

Next: Fort Worth Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 1 p.m. Saturday; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Tuesday; Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 6 p.m. Tuesday.

NO. 3 MID. CLASSICAL AT NO. 12 LUB. CHRISTIAN

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, LCHS gymnasium, Lubbock

Records: MCA 15-7, 3-0 in TAPPS 1-3A; LCHS 14-15, 1-2

Last game: MCA 36, Midland Christian 25; Lubbock Homeschool 43, LCHS 41

Last meeting: MCA 43, LCHS 29 on Jan. 14

Notable: Midland Classical can clinch a playoff spot with a win today. The Lady Knights can also clinch at least a share of the TAPPS 1-3A title with a win and an Amarillo San Jacinto loss to Trinity today. The Lady Knights are coming off an impressive victory of crosstown rival Midland Christian, during which they held the Lady Mustangs scoreless in the fourth quarter. ... MCA opened up the first quarter with a 13-3 advantage against LCHS in a meeting earlier this season and never looked back. Freshman Delanie Griffin led the Lady Knights with 14 points in the win.

Next: Trinity at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo San Jacinto at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

TRINITY AT AMARILLO SAN JACINTO

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, San Jacinto Academy gymnasium, Amarillo

Records: Trinity 8-11, 0-3 in TAPPS 1-3A; San Jacinto 9-15, 2-1

Last game: Irion County 43, Trinity 40; Midland Classical 64, San Jacinto 30

Last meeting: San Jacinto 76, Trinity 41 on Jan. 24

Notable: Trinity must win to keep its playoff hopes alive. The Lady Chargers are yet to win a district game since rejoining TAPPS last season. San Jacinto can clinch a playoff spot with a win, and will also at least stay just a game back of first-place Midland Classical in the district standings. Earlier this season, San Jacinto jumped out to a 17-4 lead after the first quarter against Trinity and cruised to a win from there. Macy Essman had 18 points for the Lady Chargers in the loss.

Next: Midland Classical at Trinity, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Lubbock Christian at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

GIRLSHSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Class 5A
Bi-district

Southlake Carroll (24-3, W4) vs. Weatherford (17-12, F3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Chisolm Trail HS, Fort Worth

El Paso El Dorado (24-5, R1) vs. Midland High (15-14, T3), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sul Ross State's Gallego Center, Alpine

Arlington Bowie (26-2, W3) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (15-19, F4), 7 p.m. Monday, Haskom City Lubbock Coronado (21-8, R2) vs. El Paso Coronado (20-6, T1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Monahans

Killeen Ellison (24-7, W5) vs. South Grand Prairie (20-10, F7), TBA Tuesday, Whitney HS

Flower Mound (18-11, R5) vs. Colleyville Heritage (21-12, T6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Southlake Carroll HS

Duncanville (29-0, W7) vs. Harker Heights Temple loser (F8), TBA

Irving MacArthur (22-6, R6) vs. Lewisville Hebron (14-10, T5), 7 p.m. Monday, Plano West HS

Lee (25-4, W2) vs. El Paso Bel Air (F1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sul Ross State's Gallego Center, Alpine

Arlington Martin (19-8, R3) vs. Richland (18-10, T4), TBA

El Paso Franklin (20-4, W1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (13-15, F2), 6:30 p.m. CST Tuesday, Roswell, N.M.

Keller (22-7, R4) vs. Arlington Lamar (17-9, T3), 7 p.m. Monday, Hurst L.D. Bell HS

Hurst L.D. Bell (25-2, W6) vs. Lewisville (14-13, F5), TBA

Mansfield Timberview (24-8, R7) vs. Harker Heights Temple winner (T8), TBA

Flower Mound Marcus (27-2, W5) vs. Euless Trinity (22-10, F8), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Flower Mound HS

Killeen (14-13, R8) vs. DeSoto (18-10, T7), TBA

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TEXASCOLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

UTEP 58
EAST CAROLINA 47

GREENVILLE, N.C. — John Bohannon scored 12 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Texas-El Paso pulled away from East Carolina in a 58-47 win Thursday night.

UTEP (17-6, 7-1 Conference USA) took the lead on a 12-2 run sparked by a C.J. Cooper 3-pointer to close out the first half with a 27-18 advantage. The conference leading Miners never trailed again after that.

Cooper ended the game with 15 points and Julian Washburn had 14 for UTEP, which shot 52 percent from the field to win its third straight conference road game for the first time since the 1993-94 season. Cedrick Lang had 10 rebounds.

East Carolina (12-11, 1-7) was led by Akeem Richmond, who scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers to break his own school record for most 3s in a season with 106. Paris Roberts-Campbell added 12 points in the loss.

SMU 75
TEMPLE 52

DALLAS — Markus Kennedy had 14 points and 9 rebounds while Shawn Williams added 14 as SMU defeated Temple 75-52 on Thursday.

The victory pushed the Mustangs (18-5, 7-3 American Athletic Conference) into a third-place tie with Memphis in the American Athletic Conference as they attempt to gain their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1993. The Owls (6-15, 1-8) lost for the 10th time in their last 11 games.

Temple's Dalton Pepper led all scorers with 15 points, while Anthony Lee had 12 and Will Cummings 10.

SMU went into game ranked third in Division I field-goal defense at 37.2 percent and held Temple to 30.3 percent on 20-for-66 shooting.

Kennedy scored eight of SMU's first 10 points in the first 4 minutes as the Mustangs raced to a 10-4 lead. They led by as many 14 during the first half and took a 32-20 lead to the locker room at halftime.

RICE 75
NORTH TEXAS 70

HOUSTON — Sean Obi had 18 points with 13 rebounds and Marcus Jackson added 13 points and seven assists as Rice defeated North Texas 75-70 Thursday night.

The Owls (7-15, 2-7 Conference USA) shot 46.7 percent from the field, with Austin Ramljak scoring 12 points and Keith Washington contributing 11.

North Texas (11-11, 2-6) was held to 26-of-68 shooting (38.2 percent). Alzee Williams finished with 18 points and Colin Voss had 11 with 10 rebounds.

Rice jumped ahead early as Obi hit a layup and sank a pair of free throws to make it 21-5 seven minutes into the first half. North Texas closed the first half on a 13-4 run, making it 37-31 at the break.

OLD DOMINION 69
TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO 61

NORFOLK, Va. — Aaron Bacote scored 22 points to lead Old Dominion past Texas-San Antonio 69-61 Thursday night.

Old Dominion scored 14 straight points, including six from Bacote and five from Keenan Palmore, early in the second half to open up a 39-27 lead with just more than 16 minutes to play.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 87
HOUSTON BAPTIST 81

ABILENE — Abilene Christian was 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the final 30 seconds and limited Houston Baptist to just one field goal in the final three minutes to earn an 87-81 victory Thursday night.

Cody Joyce tied the game at 74-74 with 4:13 left to play but the Wildcats took the lead for good on a pair of free throws by Michael Grant, who tacked on a jumper as Abilene Christian closed the game with a 13-6 run.

INCARNATE WORD 82
TEXAS A&M-CC 78

SAN ANTONIO — Denzel Livingston scored 20 points as Incarnate Word survived a late scare from Texas A&M-CC to win 82-78 on Thursday.

Incarnate Word (17-5, 5-4 Southland) shot 61 percent, but had to withstand a late surge by Texas A&M-CC (10-14, 7-4), which cut the lead to two with 17 seconds remaining.

TEXAS ST. 65
LOUISIANA-MONROE 57

SAN MARCOS — Joel Wright scored eight of his 19 points with less than 3 minutes remaining to help Texas State pull away and defeat Louisiana-Monroe 65-57 on Thursday night.

Wright scored a layup to give Texas State a 53-52 lead with 2:58 to go and the Bobcats led the rest of the way. He then added a dunk and made four free throws to cap his scoring.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 93
NICHOLLS 64

NACOGDOCHES — Stephen F. Austin roared to a 55-17 lead after 20 minutes, then cruised to its 18th consecutive win and 10th straight Southland Conference victory, routing Nicholls State 93-64 Thursday night.

The Lumberjacks stormed out to a 26-5 lead after 10 minutes of play and eventually led by as many as 41 points.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 92
TEXAS-ARLINGTON 89

ARLINGTON — Shawn Long scored a career-high 31 points as Louisiana-Lafayette held on for a 92-89 win over Texas-Arlington on Thursday night.

Louisiana-Lafayette (14-9, 5-5 Sun Belt Conference) went on a 29-3 run in the first half — at one point scoring 19 straight — to build a 40-15 lead.

Nets pull away to beat short-handed Spurs

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

Nets	103
Spurs	89

NEW YORK — They were bloodied and eventually beaten, though not before delivering the type of effort Gregg Popovich always expects of his San Antonio Spurs.

Even when his team is so banged-up that it had two guys in protective facemasks on the court at the same time — and one of them broke his nose again, anyway.

"I know we didn't look pretty," Popovich said. "I'm more interested in results than how we look. So I thought they performed well."

The short-handed Spurs hung in, but Alan Anderson scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half to lead the Brooklyn Nets to a 103-89 victory Thursday night.

Despite playing without Tony Parker, Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard, their top four scorers, the Spurs were still within five points early in the fourth quarter before the Nets pulled away for good.

Deron Williams added 16 points and eight assists as Brooklyn ended a six-game losing streak to San Antonio with its first victory since March 29, 2010.

The Spurs overcame all their challenges to pull out a 125-118 double-overtime victory at Washington on Wednesday, but didn't have enough to beat an improving Brooklyn team and fell to 2-1 on their nine-game rodeo trip.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Popovich said, shrugging off the injuries. "I'm thinking we make a couple of 3s in the second half and we hang right in there, and that's the way you've got to look at it."

Nando De Colo started for Parker, but had to rush off the court bleeding from the nose after he was whacked while trying to defend Andrei Kirilenko. He returned in the second half wearing a mask, as Matt Bonner already was.

Bonner took another hit later and said he broke another bone in his nose.

Cory Joseph scored 18 for the Spurs, Danny Green had 17 and Patty Mills 16.

Paul Pierce had 12 points for the Nets, who have turned things around since the Spurs outclassed them 112-93 in San Antonio on New Year's Eve, leaving Brooklyn at 10-21. They are 12-4 in 2014 and have won two straight since dropping three in a row, all against division leaders.

"We've got the pieces," Anderson said. "We're finally starting to turn the corner a lot more lately. I just want to win no matter how much I'm playing."

The Spurs trotted out Green, Marco Belinelli, Tiago Splitter, Joseph and De Colo to start, an unheralded lineup similar to the one Popovich used when he sent Duncan, Parker, Ginobili and Green home before another Thursday night nationally televised game at Miami early last season.

That decision cost the Spurs a $250,000 fine from former Commissioner David Stern, but Popovich didn't have much of a choice who he played this time.

Ginobili (left hamstring) and Leonard (broken bone in right hand) were already out, and Popovich noticed Parker laboring with a back injury during the first half Wednesday. Parker then sat the remainder of the game, and Duncan played a season-high 40 minutes, well more than Popovich prefers to use the 37-year-old forward and essentially mandating a night off Thursday.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOX

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	23	.531	—
Brooklyn	22	25	.468	3
New York	19	30	.388	7
Boston	17	33	.340	9 1/2
Philadelphia	15	35	.300	11 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	13	.729	—
Atlanta	25	23	.521	10
Washington	24	24	.500	11
Charlotte	22	28	.440	14
Orlando	14	37	.275	22 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	38	10	.792	—
Chicago	24	24	.500	14
Detroit	19	29	.396	19
Cleveland	16	33	.327	22 1/2
Milwaukee	9	40	.184	29 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	14	.720	—
Houston	33	17	.660	3
Dallas	29	21	.580	7
Memphis	26	22	.542	9
New Orleans	21	27	.438	14

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	40	11	.784	—
Portland	35	14	.714	4
Denver	24	23	.511	14
Minnesota	24	25	.490	15
Utah	16	32	.333	22 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	34	18	.654	—
Golden State	29	20	.592	3 1/2
Phoenix	29	20	.592	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	17	32	.347	15 1/2
Sacramento	17	32	.347	15 1/2

Thursday's Scores

Brooklyn 103, San Antonio 89
Chicago at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Oklahoma City at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NETS 103, SPURS 89

SAN ANTONIO (89): Belinelli 4-6 3-4 12, Green 6-11 2-2 17, Splitter 2-6 1-1 5, Joseph 5-12 7-7 18, De Colo 4-9 3-4 11, Ayres 0-1 1-2 1, Bonner 0-3 2-2 2, Mills 6-13 2-2 16, Brown 2-8 1-3 5, Baynes 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 29-73 24-29 89.

BROOKLYN (103): Johnson 4-10 0-0 8, Pierce 5-6 1-1 12, Garnett 4-9 0-0 8, Williams 7-14 1-2 16, Livingston 4-9 0-0 8, Blatche 5-12 0-0 10, Anderson 9-15 2-2 22, Kirilenko 1-3 2-4 4, Teletovic 4-10 0-0 8, Plumlee 3-4 1-1 7, Teague 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 46-93 7-10 103.

San Antonio	24	15	29	21	—	89
Brooklyn	17	23	35	28	—	103

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 7-21 (Green 3-4, Mills 2-7, Belinelli 1-2, Joseph 1-3, Brown 0-1, Bonner 0-2, De Colo 0-2), Brooklyn 4-13 (Anderson 2-3, Pierce 1-1, Williams 1-3, Teletovic 0-1, Teague 0-1, Blatche 0-2, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 43 (Green 8), Brooklyn 56 (Garnett 9). Assists—San Antonio 14 (Green, Joseph 3), Brooklyn 29 (Williams 8). Total Fouls—San Antonio 12, Brooklyn 24. Technicals—San Antonio defensive three second, Brooklyn defensive three second. A—17,732 (17,732).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

THURSDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Syracuse (22-0) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
2. Arizona (22-1) beat Oregon 67-65. Next: vs. Oregon State, Sunday.
3. Florida (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday.
4. Wichita State (24-0) did not play. Next: at Northern Iowa, Saturday.
5. San Diego State (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Saturday.
6. Villanova (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Friday.
7. Cincinnati (22-2) beat No. 22 UConn 57-55. Next: at SMU, Saturday.
8. Kansas (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
9. Michigan State (20-3) beat Penn State 82-67. Next: at Wisconsin, Sunday.
10. Michigan (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Iowa, Saturday.
11. Duke (18-5) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.
12. Creighton (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Friday.
13. Saint Louis (21-2) did not play. Next: at La Salle, Saturday.
14. Louisville (19-4) did not play. Next: at Temple, Thursday.
15. Texas (18-4) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
16. Iowa State (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
17. Iowa (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Michigan, Saturday.
18. Kentucky (17-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
19. Oklahoma State (16-6) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
20. Virginia (18-5) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
21. Oklahoma (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
22. UConn (17-5) lost to No. 7 Cincinnati 57-55. Next: at UCF, Sunday.
23. Gonzaga (21-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Memphis, Saturday.
24. Memphis (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Gonzaga, Saturday.
25. Pittsburgh (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 80, Houston Baptist 71
Cent. Arkansas 85, SE Louisiana 71
E. Texas Baptist 93, Concordia-Austin 89
Georgia St. 68, UALR 57
Incarnate Word 82, Texas A&M-CC 78
Louisiana-Lafayette 92, Texas-Arlington 89
Okla. Panhandle St. 87, McMurry 85
Oral Roberts 79, New Orleans 59
Rice 75, North Texas 70
SMU 75, Temple 52
Stephen F. Austin 93, Nicholls St. 64
Texas St. 65, Louisiana-Monroe 57

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 54, The Citadel 45
Austin Peay 75, Tennessee St. 65
Belmont 99, Murray St. 96
Davidson 109, Samford 88
ETSU 64, N. Kentucky 50
Elon 72, UNC Greensboro 66
FIU 78, UAB 73
Florida Gulf Coast 100, Jacksonville 71
Georgia 91, LSU 78
Lipscomb 77, SC-Upstate 75
Louisiana Tech 66, Tulsa 61
Middle Tennessee 67, FAU 63
North Florida 54, Stetson 52
Northwestern St. 85, McNeese St. 74
Old Dominion 69, UTSA 61
Troy 79, South Alabama 74
UTEP 58, East Carolina 47
VCU 68, Rhode Island 52
Winthrop 92, Barber-Scotia 62
Wofford 74, Georgia Southern 61

MIDWEST

Bradley 63, Loyola of Chicago 54
Cincinnati 63, UConn 58
Cleveland St. 92, Oakland 85
E. Illinois 91, UT-Martin 79
Michigan St. 82, Penn St. 67
N. Dakota St. 66, IUPUI 60
S. Dakota St. 79, IPFW 51
SIU-Edwardsville 93, SE Missouri 88, OT

FAR WEST

Arizona 67, Oregon 65
E. Washington 79, Montana St. 50
Idaho 73, New Mexico St. 67
Idaho St. 73, N. Colorado 70
Montana 82, Portland St. 76, OT
Utah 78, Washington 69
Utah Valley 79, Grand Canyon 68
Weber St. 84, North Dakota 72

EAST

Bryant 79, CCSU 68
Marist 68, Rider 61
Mount St. Mary's 73, Sacred Heart 60
NJIT 110, Wheelock 46
Robert Morris 65, LIU Brooklyn 56
St. Francis (NY) 78, St. Francis (Pa.) 52
Wagner 75, Fairleigh Dickinson 68

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTH

Mercer at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Marshall at Southern Miss., 8:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Detroit at Valparaiso, 8 p.m.
DePaul at Creighton, 8:07 p.m.

EAST

Manhattan at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Yale at Dartmouth, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Brown at Harvard, 6 p.m.
Iona at Niagara, 6 p.m.
Cornell at Penn, 6 p.m.
Columbia at Princeton, 6 p.m.
Siena at St. Peter's, 6 p.m.
Seton Hall at Villanova, 6 p.m.

Women

THURSDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (24-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Louisville, Sunday.
2. Notre Dame (22-0) beat Florida State 81-60. Next: vs. Syracuse, Sunday.
3. Stanford (21-1) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
4. Louisville (23-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Sunday.
5. Duke (22-2) beat Clemson 78-51. Next: vs. No. 13 North Carolina, Monday.
6. South Carolina (21-2) beat Mississippi State 71-64. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
7. Baylor (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Oklahoma State, Sunday.
8. Tennessee (19-4) beat Mississippi 77-65. Next: vs. No. 18 Vanderbilt, Monday.
9. Penn State (17-5) lost to Iowa 73-70. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
10. Maryland (18-4) beat Pittsburgh 94-46. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
11. Arizona State (20-3) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Sunday.
12. Oklahoma State (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Baylor, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (17-6) lost to Georgia Tech 94-91. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Monday.
14. N.C. State (20-3) beat Wake Forest 74-69. Next: at Virginia Tech, Sunday.
15. Kentucky (17-5) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
16. LSU (18-5) beat Missouri 75-58. Next: at No. 19 Texas A&M, Sunday.
17. West Virginia (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
18. Vanderbilt (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Tennessee, Monday.
19. Texas A&M (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 LSU, Sunday.
20. Gonzaga (21-3) beat Pepperdine 86-51. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Saturday.
21. Middle Tennessee (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Saturday.
22. Nebraska (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Michigan State, Saturday.
23. California (14-7) did not play. Next: at Washington, Friday.
24. Michigan State (16-7) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Nebraska, Saturday.
25. Purdue (16-7) beat Ohio State 74-58. Next: at Michigan, Sunday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 82, Houston Baptist 70
Arkansas 55, Florida 49
Cent. Arkansas 80, SE Louisiana 70
E. Texas Baptist 63, Concordia-Austin 60
Mary Hardin-Baylor 87, LeTourneau 78
McMurry 62, Okla. Panhandle St. 51
Nicholls St. 75, Stephen F. Austin 74, 2OT
Oral Roberts 93, New Orleans 62
Seattle 75, Texas-Pan American 68, OT
Texas A&M-CC 60, Incarnate Word 56
Texas-Arlington 73, Louisiana-Lafayette 54
U. of the Ozarks 94, Sul Ross St. 71
Wayland Baptist 81, Mid-Am Christian 73

SOUTH

Duke 78, Clemson 51
Florida Gulf Coast 70, ETSU 45
Georgia Tech 94, North Carolina 91
High Point 64, Campbell 59
Kennesaw St. 88, Lipscomb 79
LSU 75, Missouri 58
Liberty 64, Coastal Carolina 46
Longwood 71, Charleston Southern 59
Maryland 94, Pittsburgh 46
McNeese St. 59, Northwestern St. 57
N. Kentucky 72, Mercer 64
NC State 74, Wake Forest 69
Notre Dame 81, Florida St. 60
Presbyterian 53, Radford 46
South Carolina 71, Mississippi St. 64
Stetson 79, SC-Upstate 66
Tennessee 77, Mississippi 65
Troy 78, South Alabama 53
Winthrop 57, Gardner-Webb 52

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 84, Ball St. 81, OT
Drake 72, Evansville 57
E. Michigan 65, Kent St. 57
IUPUI 77, N. Dakota St. 53
Michigan 70, Northwestern 68
N. Iowa 78, S. Illinois 48
North Dakota 68, Weber St. 55
Oakland 80, Milwaukee 67
Purdue 74, Ohio St. 58
S. Dakota St. 77, IPFW 66
Toledo 73, Miami (Ohio) 65
W. Illinois 71, Nebraska-Omaha 65

FAR WEST

Cal St.-Fullerton 60, UC Riverside 57
E. Washington 81, Montana St. 66
Gonzaga 86, Pepperdine 51
Grand Canyon 66, Utah Valley 63
Idaho 75, New Mexico St. 66
Idaho St. 79, N. Colorado 71
Montana 65, Portland St. 55
Sacramento St. 99, N. Arizona 91
UC Irvine 78, Long Beach St. 58

EAST

Boston College 69, Virginia 65
Buffalo 55, Ohio 43
Iowa 73, Penn St. 70
Manhattan 58, St. Peter's 31
Marist 78, Siena 39
New Hampshire 46, UMBC 35
Rider 92, Iona 90, OT
Syracuse 73, Virginia Tech 48
Towson 65, Hofstra 63

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTH

Drexel at Coll. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at James Madison, 6 p.m.
Delaware at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST

Loyola of Chicago at Missouri St., 7 p.m.
Denver at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
Indiana St. at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.
Bradley at Wichita St., 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

Stanford at Washington St., 8 p.m.

Duck Commander now NASCAR title sponsor at Texas

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Texas is going to the ducks this spring.

Texas Motor Speedway on Thursday announced a three-year title sponsorship agreement for its spring race with Duck Commander, the brand of best-selling duck calls and Robertson family-owned company featured on the A&E show "Duck Dynasty." The deal is for the spring race at the track.

The April 6 race will be known as the Duck Commander 500.

"This is perhaps the most unique sponsorship in professional sports because not only does this come with special branding, it comes with celebrity spokespeople that are followed by tens of millions of people every week," TMS President Eddie Gossage said. "Fans will see members of the Robertson family and cast of 'Duck Dynasty' and all the rest during Duck Commander 500 week here at Texas Motor Speedway and we have produced some awesome merchandise that both race fans and Duck Commander fans will love. This marriage is perfection."

The deal includes an option for an additional three years. Financial terms weren't released.

"We are all big fans of NASCAR and have been all our lives," said Willie Robertson, the CEO of Duck Commander, the company founded 42 years ago by his father in West Monroe, La. "It's especially exciting to see our brand join to make it an awesome experience for the fan base and we can't think of a better place than our neighbor at the Texas Motor Speedway."

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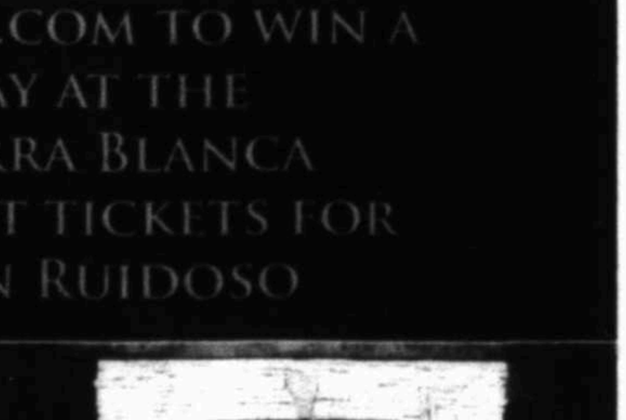

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OLYMPICSROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEAM FIGURE SKATING
RUSSIA TAKES EARLY LEAD IN TEAM FIGURE SKATING: At Sochi, Russia, thrilling their countrymen on the first day of competition at the Sochi Olympics, Russia took the lead after the pairs and men's short programs in the new event of team figure skating.

The United States team was tied for the fifth-most points after the Thursday short programs for the men and pairs, technically resting in seventh after tiebreakers among 10 nations.

Three-time Olympic medalist Evgeni Plushenko finished second to Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu in the men's portion Thursday night, then world champions Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov convincingly won the pairs.

The combined 19 points — 10 for first place, nine for second — lifted the hosts ahead of Canada, which earned nine points in pairs from Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, and eight in men's from three-time world champion Patrick Chan.

The team competition continues Saturday with ice dance, the women's short program and the pairs free skate. It concludes Sunday with the other three long programs.

SNOWBOARDING
CANADIAN PARROT LEADS MEN'S SLOPESTYLE QUALIFYING: At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, Canadian Max Parrot cruised through men's slopestyle qualifying on Thursday, posting a score of 97.50 to stamp himself as a gold medal favorite as the sport makes its Olympic debut.

Parrot, Roope Tonteri of Finland and Norway's Staale Sandbech led a group of eight riders who advanced directly to Saturday's finals.

The remaining 21 competitors will return to the challenging course for Saturday morning's semifinals trying to claim one of the last four spots in the finals.

The competition went off without any major issues or injuries. Several riders raised concerns about the course's safety during training, including American Shaun White.

White pulled out of the event on Wednesday worried about endangering his chance of winning a third straight gold medal in halfpipe.

RESULTS

Olympic Figure Skating Results
Thursday
At Sochi, Russia
Team Event
Team Standings

1. Russia, 19 points.
2. Canada, 17.
3. China, 15.
4. Japan, 13.
5. Germany, 10.
6. France, 10.
7. United States, 10.
8. Italy, 8.
9. Ukraine, 5.
10. Britain, 3.

Men's Short Program

1 Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan, 97.98.
2 Evgeny Plushenko, Russia, 91.39.
3 Patrick Chan, Canada, 89.71.
4 Yan Han, China, 85.52.
5 Florent Amodio, France, 79.93.
6 Peter Liebers, Germany, 79.61.
7 Jeremy Abbott, Aspen, Colo., 65.65.
8 Yakov Godorozha, Ukraine, 60.51.
9 Matthew Parr, Britain, 57.40.
10 Paul Bonifacio Parkinson, Italy, 53.94.

Judges: Paolo Pizzocari (TC); Anett Poetzsch (TS); Olga Markova (TSA); Mona Jonsson (RE); Yukiko Okabe (J1); Sissy Krick (J2); Elizabeth Littler M.B.E. (J3); Karen Butcher (J4); Evgeni Rokhin (J5); Samuel Auxier (J6); Igor Obraztsov (J7); Peter Levin (J8); Tatiana Yordanova (J9); Alexander Kuznetsov (J10); David Santee (J11).

Pairs Short Program

1 Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia, 83.79.
2 Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 73.10.
3 Peng Cheng and Zhang Hao, China, 71.01.
4 Stefania Berton and Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 70.31.
5 Marissa Castelli, Cranston, R.I.; Simon Shnapir, Sudbury and Mass., 64.25.
6 Maylin Wende and Daniel Wende, Germany, 60.82.
7 Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres, France, 57.45.
8 Narumi Takahashi and Ryuichi Kihara, Japan, 46.56.
9 Julia Lavrentieva and Yuri Rudyk, Ukraine, 46.34.
10 Stacey Kemp and David King, Britain, 44.70.

Judges: Karen Archer (TC); Troy Goldstein (TS); Peter Cain (TSA); Fabio Bianchetti (RE); Tatiana Yordanova (J1); Nikolai Salnikov (J2); Sissy Krick (J3); Karen Butcher (J4); Elizabeth Littler M.B.E. (J5); Yumin Wang (J6); Vladislav Petukhov (J7); Elena Fomina (J8); Albert Zaydman (J9); David Santee (J10); Alexander Kuznetsov (J11).

Olympic Snowboard Results
Thursday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Men's Slopestyle Qualifying
(Start position in parentheses)
Final Ranking

1 Maxence Parrot, Canada, (91.75, 97.50) 97.50 (QF).
1 Staale Sandbech, Norway, (45.25, 94.50) 94.50 (QF).
2 Roope Tonteri, Finland, (33.75, 95.75) 95.75 (QF).
2 Peetu Piiroinen, Finland, (90.75, 80.00) 90.75 (QF).
3 Sven Thorgren, Sweden, (94.25, 36.75) 94.25 (QF).
3 Sebastien Toutant, Canada, (74.25, 87.25) 87.25 (QF).
4 Gjermund Braaten, Norway, (12.75, 91.25) 91.25 (QF).
4 Jamie Nicholls, Britain, (62.25, 86.75) 86.75 (QF).
5 Seppe Smits, Belgium, (88.25, 91.00) 91.00 (QS).
5 Chas Guldemond, Laconia, N.H., (86.00, 19.25) 86.00 (QS).
6 Clemens Schattschneider, Austria, (90.00, 24.25) 90.00 (QS).
6 Billy Morgan, Britain, (76.25, 85.50) 85.50 (QS).
7 Mark McMorris, Canada, (29.50, 89.25) 89.25 (QS).
7 Niklas Mattsson, Sweden, (82.75, 57.25) 82.75 (QS).
8 Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah, (86.50, 81.50) 86.50 (QS).
8 Emil Andre Ulsletten, Norway, (27.25, 79.75) 79.75 (QS).
9 Ryan Stassel, Anchorage, Alaska, (81.00, 28.75) 81.00 (QS).
9 Charles Reid, Canada, (54.50, 75.50) 75.50 (QS).
10 Jan Scherrer, Switzerland, (74.50, 18.75) 74.50 (QS).
10 Alexey Sobolev, Russia, (63.00, 28.50) 63.00 (QS).
11 Ville Paumola, Finland, (54.75, 21.25) 54.75 (QS).
11 Scotty James, Australia, (36.00, 44.00) 44.00 (QS).
12 Janne Korpi, Finland, (49.75, 35.50) 49.75 (QS).
12 Lucien Koch, Switzerland, (32.00, 29.25) 32.00 (QS).
13 Seamus O Connor, Ireland, (33.50, 40.00) 40.00 (QS).
13 Yuki Kadono, Japan, (31.00, 16.50) 31.00 (QS).
14 Mathias Weissenbacher, Austria, (18.00, 28.75) 28.75 (QS).
14 Adrian Krainer, Austria, (24.25, 16.00) 24.25 (QS).
15 Torgeir Bergrem, Norway, (25.00, 24.75) 25.00 (QS).

Women's Slopestyle Qualifying
Final Ranking

1 Anna Gasser, Austria, (89.50, 95.50) 95.50 (QF).
1 Isabel Derungs, Switzerland, (82.50, 87.50) 87.50 (QF).
2 Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., (93.50) 93.50 (QF).
2 Torah Bright, Australia, (85.25, 80.00) 85.25 (QF).
3 Elena Koenz, Switzerland, (86.25, 38.00) 86.25 (QF).
3 Spencer O Brien, Canada, (82.75, 65.00) 82.75 (QF).
4 Karly Shorr, Milford, Mich., (45.00, 84.75) 84.75 (QF).
4 Enni Rukajarvi, Finland, (79.00, 23.75) 79.00 (QF).
5 Sarka Pancochova, Czech Republic, (77.75, 33.75) 77.75 (QS).
5 Jenny Jones, Britain, (74.25, 21.75) 74.25 (QS).
6 Rebecca Torr, New Zealand, (70.75, 33.75) 70.75 (QS).
6 Jenna Blasman, Canada, (60.25, 51.50) 60.25 (QS).
7 Christy Prior, New Zealand, (67.50, 70.50) 70.50 (QS).
7 Jessika Jenson, Rigby, Idaho, (34.00, 58.50) 58.50 (QS).
8 Stefi Luxton, New Zealand, (59.75, 34.25) 59.75 (QS).
8 Silje Norendal, Norway, (31.00, 39.00) 39.00 (QS).
9 Sina Candrian, Switzerland, (58.25, 36.50) 58.25 (QS).
9 Cheryl Maas, Netherlands, (18.00, 31.25) 31.25 (QS).
10 Aimee Fuller, Britain, (44.50, 39.00) 44.50 (QS).
10 Merika Enne, Finland, (17.00) 17.00 (QS).
11 Shelly Gotlieb, New Zealand, (18.00, 30.75) 30.75 (QS).
11 Ty Walker, Stowe, Vt., (1.00) 1.00 (QS).
12 Kjersti Buaas, Norway, (12.50, 17.75) 17.75 (QS).

Olympic Freestyle Skiing Results
Thursday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Women's Moguls Qualifying
Run 1

1 Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt., 23.05 (Q).
2 Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 22.64 (Q).
3 Justine Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 22.28 (Q).
4 Eliza Outtrim, Hamden, Conn., 21.51 (Q).
5 Perrine Laffont, France, 21.34 (Q).
6 Yulia Galysheva, Kazakhstan, 21.17 (Q).
7 Aiko Uemura, Japan, 21.01 (Q).
8 Maxime Dufour-Lapointe, Canada, 20.88 (Q).
9 Audrey Robichaud, Canada, 20.61 (Q).
10 Regina Rakhimova, Russia, 20.48 (Q).
11 Nikola Sudova, Czech Republic, 20.38.
12 Britteny Cox, Australia, 20.19.
13 Deborah Scanzio, Italy, 20.02.
14 Heather McPhie, Bozeman, Mont., 19.92.
15 Junko Hoshino, Japan, 19.72.
16 Taylah Oneill, Australia, 18.57.
17 Nicole Parks, Australia, 18.49.
18 Elena Muratova, Russia, 17.95.
19 Marika Pertakhiya, Russia, 17.53.
20 Tereza Vaculikova, Czech Republic, 17.46.
21 Ning Qin, China, 16.83.
22 Arisa Murata, Japan, 16.69.
23 Darya Rybalova, Kazakhstan, 16.24.
24 Seo Jee-Won, South Korea, 15.95.
25 Ekaterina Stolyarova, Russia, 8.44.
26 Laura Grasemann, Germany, 6.81.
NR Hedvig Wessel, Norway, DNF.
NR Heidi Kloser, Vail, Colo., DNS.
NR Seo Jung-Hwa, South Korea, DNS.
NR Miki Ito, Japan, DNS.

Referees: William McNice (TU); Olivier Grange (TU); Oxana Kushchenko (TU); Italy, Zoe Jaboor (TU); Hana Kaluzikova (TU); Veli Anttila (A); Helene House (A).

FIGURE SKATING
Team Event
Men's Short Program

7. Jeremy Abbott, Aspen, Colo., 65.65. Pairs Short Program
5. Marissa Castelli, Cranston, R.I.; Simon Shnapir, Sudbury and Mass., 64.25.

FREESTYLE SKIING
Women's Moguls Qualifying
Run 1

1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt., 23.05 (Q).
4. Eliza Outtrim, Hamden, Conn., 21.51 (Q).
14. Heather McPhie, Bozeman, Mont., 19.92.
NR. Heidi Kloser, Vail, Colo., DNS.

SNOWBOARD
Men's Slopestyle Qualifying
(Start position in parentheses)
Heat 1

Run 1 — 2 (10) Chas Guldemond, Laconia, N.H., 86.00.
Run 2 — 14 (10) Chas Guldemond, Laconia, N.H., (86.00, 19.25) 19.25. Heat 2
Run 1 — 5 (7) Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah, 86.50.
Run 1 — 6 (14) Ryan Stassel, Anchorage, Alaska, 81.00.
Run 2 — 6 (7) Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah, (86.50, 81.50) 81.50.
Run 2 — 10 (14) Ryan Stassel, Anchorage, Alaska, (81.00, 28.75) 28.75. Final Ranking
5. Chas Guldemond, Laconia, N.H., (86.00, 19.25) 86.00 (QS).
8. Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah, (86.50, 81.50) 86.50 (QS).
9. Ryan Stassel, Anchorage, Alaska, (81.00, 28.75) 81.00 (QS). Women's Slopestyle Qualifying

Heat 1
None completed. Heat 2

Run 1 — 1 (6) Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 93.50.
Run 1 — 6 (10) Karly Shorr, Milford, Mich., 45.00.
Run 1 — 7 (11) Jessika Jenson, Rigby, Idaho, 34.00.
Run 1 — 11 (1) Ty Walker, Stowe, Vt., 1.00.
Run 2 — 2 (10) Karly Shorr, Milford, Mich., (45.00, 84.75) 84.75.
Run 2 — 3 (11) Jessika Jenson, Rigby, Idaho, (34.00, 58.50) 58.50.
Run 2 — NR (6) Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., DNS.
Run 2 — NR (1) Ty Walker, Stowe, Vt., DNS.
Final Ranking
2. Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., (93.50) 93.50 (QF).
4. Karly Shorr, Milford, Mich., (45.00, 84.75) 84.75 (QF).
7. Jessika Jenson, Rigby, Idaho, (34.00, 58.50) 58.50 (QS).
11. Ty Walker, Stowe, Vt., (1.00) 1.00 (QS).

SCHEDULE

Overall Olympics schedule
Today
10 a.m. Opening Ceremony
Saturday
Biathlon
Men's 10km Sprint, 8:30 a.m.
Cross-Country Skiing
Women's 7.5km/7.5km Skiathlon, 4 a.m.
Figure Skating
Ice Dance Team short dance, 8:30 a.m.
Women's Team short program, 10:10 a.m.
Pairs Team free program, 12:05 p.m.
Freestyle Skiing
Women's Moguls Qualification, 8 a.m.
Women's Moguls Finals, Noon
Ice Hockey
Women
Group A: United States vs. Finland, 2 a.m.
Group A: Canada vs. Switzerland, 7 a.m.
Luge
Men's Singles (Run 1), 8:30 a.m.
Men's Singles (Run 2), 10:40 a.m.
Ski Jumping
Men's Individual Qualification (normal hill), 10:30 a.m.
Snowboard
Men's Slopestyle Semifinals, 11:30 a.m.
Men's Slopestyle Finals, 2:45 a.m.
Speedskating
Men's 5000, 5:30 a.m.

Olympics TV Schedule
(Subject to Change)
Today
NBC
6:30-10:30 p.m. — Opening Ceremony
12:05-4 a.m. — Primetime Encore
Saturday
NBC
1:30-5 p.m. — Men's Ski Jumping - Individual K-95 Competition; Men's Biathlon - 10km Sprint Gold Medal Final; Men's Speedskating - 5000 Gold Medal Final; Women's Cross-Country - Skiathlon Gold Medal Final
7-10:30 p.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ice Dancing Short Dance; Ladies' Short Program); Men's Snowboarding - Slopestyle Gold Medal Final; Women's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Gold Medal Final
11 p.m.-Midnight — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Pairs' Free Skate); Men's Luge - Singles Competition
Midnight-3:30 a.m. — Primetime Encore
NBCSN
2-4:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey - United States vs. Finland (LIVE)
4:30-8:30 a.m. — Women's Cross-Country - Skiathlon Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Men's Speedskating - 5000 Gold Medal Final (LIVE)
8:30-10 a.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ice Dancing Short Dance-LIVE)
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Figure Skating - (Team Event: Ladies' Short Program-LIVE, Pairs' Free Skate-LIVE)
6-8 p.m. — Game of the Day: Hockey
MSNBC
7-9:30 a.m. — Women's Hockey - Canada vs. Switzerland (LIVE)

FRIDAY PRIME TIME — FEBRUARY 7, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						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	Last Man Standing	Neighbors	Shark Tank		20/20		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss "Family Dollar"		Hawaii Five-0 "Aloha ke kahi I ke kahi"		Blue Bloods "Quid Pro Quo"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Guests Amy Adams (N)		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	★★ Attack the Block (2011, Comedy) Jodie Whittaker, Alex Esmail, John Boyega.				Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld	Community	Community	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Lady on the List"		Enlisted (N)	Raising Hope (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical Israel	Update News	Doorways to Wisdom		Light of the Southwest				Update News	BAS Presents	Walking	Y Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics "Opening Ceremony" Coverage of the official Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Sochi.								(:35) News 9	(:05) To Be Announced	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	American Masters "Alice Walker Beauty in Truth" (N)			POV	Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Monk		Monk		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Conan the...		★★★ Jarhead ('05, Act) Jake Gyllenhaal.				(:05) Team America: World ...			(:45) ★★ Phantoms		
HBO	300	68	14	14		True Detective		True Detective		True Detective		Bill Maher (N)		Bill Maher		Girls	Looking
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:45) Million Dol...		Epic ('13, Act) Colin Farrell.			(:45) ★★ Snow White and the Huntsman					(:55) The Island	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:05) Pure Count...		The Sopranos		Girls	Looking	★★★★ Argo ('12, Thril) Ben Affleck.				(:05) Killer Joe	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) The Game		(:15) Trance ('13, Myst) James McAvoy.				Banshee (N)		Banshee	Quickies	Sexually Bugged!	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:05) To Be Announced				Banshee		The Watch Ben Stiller.			(:45) Wrath of the Titans		
PLEX			96			Movie	(:25) Jungle Book 2: Mowgli...			★★ Boogeyman			★★ Clifford Martin Short.			(:05) The Secret ...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(4:30) Coach Carter		Lies	Lenny Cooke			Barbershop 2: Back in Busi...			(:45) Shameless		Episodes
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:05) The 13th W...		★★ Original Sin Antonio Banderas.				Dirty Dancing: Havana Ni...			★★★ Jungle Fever		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Last Wish"		The First 48 "Kiss of Death"		The First 48 "Into the Graveyard"		The First 48 "Desperate Moves"		The First 48		The First 48 "Kiss of Death"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) Die Hard		★★★★ Die Hard: With a Vengeance ('95, Act) Bruce Willis.						★★★ Demolition Man Sylvester Stallone.			
BET	58	26		40		Husbands	★★ B.A.P.S ('97, Com) Halle Berry, Natalie Desselle.					Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		To Be Announced		Blood, Sweat, Heels		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Crossfire	Unguard	Anthony Bourdain		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Rush "Medevac Land"		Bering Sea Gold		Rush "Medevac Land"		Bering Sea Gold	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Gravity	The Muppets Jason Segel.			Mickey	Austin	Liv/Mad	Austin	A.N.T	Austin	A.N.T.
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers vs. Indiana Pacers (L)					NBA Basketball Minnesota vs New Orleans (L)					SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		Hey Rookie (N)		Boxing Fight Night (L)				SportsCenter		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) The Mummy		★★ The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.						The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachael vs. Guy		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-ins		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavericks Live (L)	Rangers Insider	College Football "Next Class 2014"	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	Mother	★★ Grown Ups ('10, Com) Adam Sandler.					★★ Grown Ups ('10, Com) Adam Sandler.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Home I.	Home Imp	The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	RenoReal	RenoReal	RenoReal	RenoReal	H.Hunter	House	House	House	RenoReal	RenoReal
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		The Husband She Met Online (2013, Drama) Meredith Monroe, Jason Stanford-Gray.				To Be Announced				The Husband She Met Online	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				NFLTP	NCAA Hockey Maine vs. Notre Dame (L)					NFL Turning Point		Still Standing		NFL Turning Point	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Korra	Ninja	Rabbids	SanjayCr	TBA	TBA	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	G. Lopez	G. Lopez
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	10 Million Bigfoot		10 Million Bigfoot		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Helix		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Helix "Aniqatiga" (N)		Bitten "Grief"		Helix "Aniqatiga"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Knocked Up Two people try to build a relationship after their one-night stand results in a pregnancy.					★★★ The Change-Up (2011, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Olivia Wilde, Jason Bateman.				(:45) The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) Life With Fa...		★★★★ From Here to Eternity				(:15) ★★★ Stalag 17 ('53, War) William Holden.					31 Days
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress "Kelly"		Say Yes to the Dress "Tiffany"		Say Yes to the Dress "Autumn"		Say Yes to the Dress "Tiffany"		Say Yes to the Dress "Autumn"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Scared to Death"		Justice "First Love (Cottonwood, AZ)" (N)		APB With Troy Dunn		Justice "First Love (Cottonwood, AZ)"		APB With Troy Dunn		CSI: NY "Officer Blue"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	(:35) Ray	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Haunted"		Law&O.-:SVU	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	★★★ Bridesmaids ('11, Com) Maya Rudolph, Kristen Wiig.		
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

PUTIN

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they fear uncertainty more than they crave freedom, and who, despite inhabiting the largest country in the world, feel insecure about their place in it.

They're pinning especially high hopes on their athletes, once a force to be reckoned with and the pride of the nation. They were an embarrassment at the Vancouver Games in 2010, with just three gold medals and a string of doping busts.

This year, Russia has cleaned up its game and is presenting hundreds of skaters, skiers and other champions in the arenas on Sochi's seashore and in the nearby Caucasus Mountains slopes of Krasnaya Polyana.

While the United States, Norway and Germany are seen as leading medal contenders, Russia will be pushing hard to bring home a bundle for the home crowd. Putin put on the pressure even as he tried to motivate them this week: "We are all counting on you."

If there was any doubt, it was erased on the first evening of competition, as a booming crowd of Russian shouted "heroes" at world champion pairs Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov as they, along with men's skater Evgeni Plushenko, pushed Russia into the early lead in the new competition of team figure skating.

"It's pressure, but this pressure helps us," Volosozhar said. "They push us very hard," Trankov added.

It was a night on which competition and the athletes finally took a back seat to thoughts about terrorism, but they remain not far from anyone's mind.

A few hundred miles away lies Chechnya, the site of two wars in the past two decades. And Dagestan, childhood home to the two brothers suspected in the Boston Marathon bombings and where militants regularly mount attacks. And Volgograd, where two suicide bombs killed 34 people in December.

A decade ago, extremists hid a bomb in a stadium in Chechnya during construction. Then when the Kremlin-backed Chechen president showed up for a ceremony, the bomb went off, killing him and several others.

Fear of terrorism have clouded the run-up, fueled Putin's strict security agenda and brought U.S. warships to the region. And about 40,000 Russian security forces are working to prevent an attack on the games, and they stand watch in all corners of Sochi and its Olympic Park on the sea and built-from-scratch mountain ski resort.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security rekindled the fears this week, warning that terrorists may try to smuggle explosives into Russia in toothpaste tubes. Yet some air travelers heading to Sochi have defied a temporary Russian ban on all liquids in carry-on luggage, and brought toothpaste and other toiletries on board unnoticed.

The world will be watching the entire Olympic machine in Sochi, and much as it did when Soviet-era Moscow hosted the Summer Olympics in 1980, it will use what it sees to sit in judgment of Putin's Russia, where he has suffocated political opposition and ruled overtly or covertly for 15 years.

Is it a has-been superpower that can't keep the electricity on during a hockey game? Or a driver of the 21st century global economy? A diplomatic middleweight with ties to despots that wields influence only via its veto at the United Nations? Or a fairy tale of prosperous resurrection from the communist collapse and its brutal aftermath?

Who sits next to Putin on the VIP balcony may provide some clue. President Barack Obama and some other Western leaders are staying away, upset at a law that he championed barring homosexual "propaganda" aimed at minors that has been used to more widely discriminate against gays.

But organizers say some 66 leaders — including heads of state and international organizations — are joining the games, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

The opening ceremonies will gloss over these ugly bits as they hand over the games to the men and women who will spend the next two weeks challenging records and the limits of human ability.

Some 3,000 athletes, a record for the Winter Olympics, will come for 98 events, including the new slopestyle extreme skiing competition that began Thursday. More women will compete than ever before.

Among Americans, Shaun White is skipping slopestyle to focus on winning a third-straight snowboarding gold in halfpipe. Gracie Gold and Ashley Wagner will try to out-skate South Korea's Yuna Kim.

The pros of the NHL won't arrive until Monday, taking a special break in their season to hop on charter flights to Sochi and splitting off to compete against each other on behalf of their homelands.

Legions of small business owners, political leaders and residents of this region are also hoping that Putin wins his gamble the games will turn Sochi into a year-round resort zone. Glitches with not-quite-ready hotels and a run of last-minute construction have seeded doubts.

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COMMON LETTER

P A L A C E

C A R N I E

L E A N E D

V E I L E D

Yesterday's Answer: OMELET, BUTTER, ENTREE

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 46 Low: 35

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 68 Low: 28

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 66 Low: 28

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 45 Low: 28

TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 38 Low: 26

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 60 Low: 36

Local almanac

Expect warmer conditions today and this weekend. High temperatures could climb into the upper 60s this weekend.

The high on Thursday reached 21, while the low dropped to 13. The record high for Feb. 6 is 83 set in 1950 and 1932. The record low is 9 set in 1989.

Weather Whys

Q: Are Alberta Clippers considered blizzards?

No, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "An Alberta Clipper usually has very cold temperatures and gusty winds, but because of its quick movement, it tends to produce small snow totals," McRoberts explained. "If snow does occur, it's usually just a light dusting to a few inches. However, if a Clipper moves over the Great Lakes region, it can produce lake-effect snowfall in those areas that are on the downwind of a lake. But generally, an Alberta Clipper produces gusty winds and very cold air over the areas in moves into and very rarely is categorized as a blizzard."

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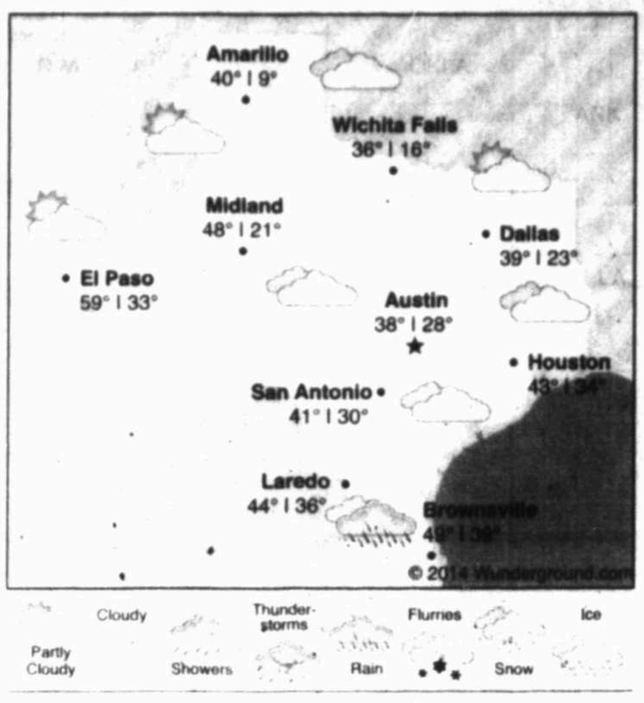

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	trace
Month total	0.24 in.
Year total	0.24 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.70 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	21
Low	13
Normal high	60
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
Sunset	6:28 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Feb. 7

Whirlwind romance deflates over attitudes about race

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating someone for about six months. We fell in love very quickly and spend almost every second together.

Our relationship has hit a rough patch ever since he found out that I have dated African-American men. He can't seem to get over it, but he keeps saying he wants to try to make it work. He says cruel things sometimes when he gets mad, and it seems to be on his mind constantly. I don't know what to do or how to make this better. We fell in love, but it seems to be spoiled because of my past.

I have always dated people I thought were good people. He seems to view it as disgusting. I thought he was my soul mate because we connected so well on everything else, but I'm afraid he will never get past this issue and I may be wasting my time. What should I do? — ROCKY ROAD IN THE SOUTH

DEAR ROCKY ROAD: Give him a hug and let him go. You are the sum total of your experiences and your upbringing, and the same is true of your boyfriend. He comes from a background of racial prejudice. When a person is raised that way, the mindset can be very difficult to change.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to you in the hope that you will share something with your readers. When I travel, I stay in hotels, and it never ceases to amaze me how inconsiderate my fellow travelers can be. Late at night, the drunken party animals carry on, often until the sun rises. Then families with small children invade the halls, and the kids race up and down the halls screaming.

Behind every one of those closed hallway doors there may be a person who is trying to sleep. Fellow travelers, please be considerate! Walk softly and talk quietly in the halls.

And parents, please teach your children manners. This includes not playing noisily where people are trying to sleep. — SLEEPLESS NEAR SEATTLE

DEAR SLEEPLESS: I have experienced the same difficulties that you have while traveling. Here's how I deal with it: I pick up the phone and notify the front desk or security if there are rowdy drunks keeping me awake after 10 p.m. — and the same goes for neighbors who have the volume on their television sets turned up so high I can't sleep. If the problem persists, I ask to be moved to a quieter room.

As for the screaming children chasing each other in the hallways — I have been known to poke my sleepy head out the door and ask them to please quiet down. Maybe I have just been lucky, but they usually do.

DEAR ABBY: I was married to my high school sweetheart, "Linda," for 37 years. I am a widower now, going into a new relationship. "Susan" and I are going slow, but we might end up living together in my home.

How do I integrate pictures of Linda with Susan being there? I have one of Linda and the kids, one of the two of us, and a painting of Linda and me together. Eventually I will want one with me and Susan.

How do I make this work? This is all new to me, and I don't want to screw this up. — LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

DEAR L.S.T.: I am a great believer in verbal communication. Like many other things in relationships, this should be discussed and negotiated. Talk to Susan about it and see if she would be comfortable living in your home with these pictures on display. If you plan to combine households, Susan may have some photos of her own she would like to display.

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 Friday, Feb. 7, 2014:

This year you open up to new ideas, and you are able to let go of your previously held restrictions. You could feel uncomfortable at work or with someone in charge. You might not know exactly why, and it might not be important. If you are single, just wait until summer, as this will be when your social life picks up. Date away until you are sure you've found Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you will bond as if you are newfound lovers. A new addition to the family also is possible. GEMINI always is a delight, and he or she often makes you laugh.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might want to take some of the heat off a close associate or loved one. You might try having a discussion with someone else involved, but that is unlikely to succeed. In fact, your efforts likely will fall short. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Get together with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You often tend to exaggerate a situation without realizing it. Certain facts really do stand out to you more than others. A partner or close loved one might feel uneasy about a conversation. Tonight: Meet up with friends to celebrate. TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could breeze through a lot of work and feel much freer for a while. Double-check everything you do right now, because there could be an error. Someone you count on could be off-kilter. You see a situation differently from how he or she does. Tonight: In weekend mode.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Do more listening and less reacting. You might not be happy with what you are hearing, but you will see a situation differently in the long run. Make a list of the pros and cons rather than react. Detach as much as humanly possible. Tonight: Head home. Do a vanishing act.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. You might conclude that a partner is less than helpful. Find out what is on this person's mind, and clear out any obstacles between the two of you. You could discover that one of you has incorrect information. Tonight: Just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ How you deal with others and their complications could be exhausting. Some have expectations that you might not be able to fulfill. It will be important to have a discussion about what you can do, as opposed to what they would like you to do. Tonight: Accept an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to see the big picture might be more significant than you realize. You are able to visualize an idea and see how to make it possible. Use your unique creativity. You must not allow someone or a situation to trigger you. Tonight: Meet a friend at a new spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Listen to what someone shares. You might think that you are in a position to clear up a problem. However, even if you succeed, you will have to redo this same process later. Be aware that someone might have a mental block. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You have reason to feel popular, as others seek you out. Your ability to understand what is happening is a resource that people want to tap into. A family commitment could be more difficult to handle than you are aware. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to approach an associate in a different way. Listen to what he or she has to say. Observe what is happening between you and a close friend, sibling or neighbor. You might not be seeing this person clearly. Tonight: Finish up what you must.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be very forthright in your dealings over financial concerns and/or a creative project. You won't be able to complete your agreement at this time, because it would backfire. Stay light and easy when dealing with a loved one or child. Tonight: Be a kid yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be wondering what is happening with a family member who seems a bit out of sorts. This person might feel weighed down by responsibilities. If you pitch in, you could be surprised by how fast his or her mood will change. Tonight: Make it early.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Chris Rock (1965), actor Ashton Kutcher (1978), singer/songwriter Garth Brooks (1962)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 8 4 3
8 5 3
Void
♣ A J 9 2

WEST
♠ 6
Q J 10 7
A 9 7 3 2
♣ Q 7 5

EAST
♠ J 7 5 2
9 6 4 2
6 4
♣ 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 9
A K
K Q J 10 8 5
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

A three no-trump re-bid by a player who has opened with one of a minor shows a massive holding in his minor — often a solid suit. North's jump to six no-trump was a good shot.

South won the opening heart lead and led the king of diamonds, which was allowed to hold. The diamond queen also held, so South continued with the diamond jack. West won and played another heart. East had shown out on the third diamond, so South knew the diamonds weren't coming home. Dummy was having trouble finding discards. A spade and two hearts had gone on the first three diamonds, but the next discard was difficult. South had to make a commitment between spades and clubs. He should not rely on 3-3 clubs with the queen onside when there was a better chance for dropping the jack of spades.

Declarer discarded a club from dummy at trick five and another club on the 10 of diamonds. When the spade jack failed to cooperate, the slam failed. Declarer was certainly unlucky to have run into bad splits in both spades and diamonds. Could he have done better?

The third diamond was an error. He needed to know the spade split before committing himself to discards. South should have led his low spade to dummy's ace and returned a spade back to his queen. He would have learned about the bad spade split in time to use the clubs as a fall-back plan. He would then have discarded spades while trying to set up his diamonds and still had the club suit to fall back on when the diamonds split poorly. The lucky lie of the club suit would have allowed him to score up his slam.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 -de-sac
4 Consumes
11 Privately keep in the email loop, briefly
14 New START signatory
15 Unexpected result
16 Bit of cybermirth
17 Upper-bod muscle
18 With great energy, in music
19 Gp. that declared obesity a disease
20 Natives who met Lewis and Clark near modern-day Council Bluffs
22 Scent
23 Puts one's feet up
25 Go the distance
26 Desire
27 Stopper, with "the"
28 Pretended to be
30 Bow tie preference
31 Likely to tax one's budget
32 Cornida cry
33 Greenskeeper's supply
34 Topographic feature represented in this puzzle's circles
39 Inflate
42 Hyde's birthplace?
43 Less furnished
47 Not good for a pro, usually
50 Traditional process for hammock making
52 "The Canterbury Tales" inn
53 Geometric fig.
54 Moderate pace
55 Dimwit
56 Small opening
57 Exobiologist's org.
58 Voice actor Castellaneta of "The Simpsons"
59 Foolishness
62 Cotton __
63 Storied vessel
64 Cheyenne allies
65 "Middle of Nowhere" director DuVernay
66 Ed.'s pile
67 First, second or third person?
68 Pinch for Pepin

DOWN

1 Domelike structures
2 Be diplomatic
3 1920s tennis great Rene
4 " tree falls "
5 Nontake headquarters city
6 Moves smoothly
7 John of pop
8 Hang-glide, say
9 Word of disdain
10 Impassive
11 Displays publicly
12 Opens one's eyes
13 Butted heads
21 Direct
24 First Japanese prime minister born after WWII
27 "The Goldfish" painter
29 Print resolution letters
30 Clerical wear
32 Moon, e.g.
35 "The Impaler" who inspired Dracula
36 "Who hath a story ready for your ": Shak.
37 2014 Olympics airer
38 Moves quickly
39 1945 Big Three city
40 Online game icons
41 Proves fallacious
44 Xenon, for one
45 Soul-stirring
46 __ scan: ID method
48 Knock
49 Assembly-ready
50 Sister of Moses and Aaron
51 Big name in soul
53 Two-door vehicle
56 School gps.
60 __ Pacis: altar of Peace
61 Thither

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	P	R			F	U	R			P	C	T
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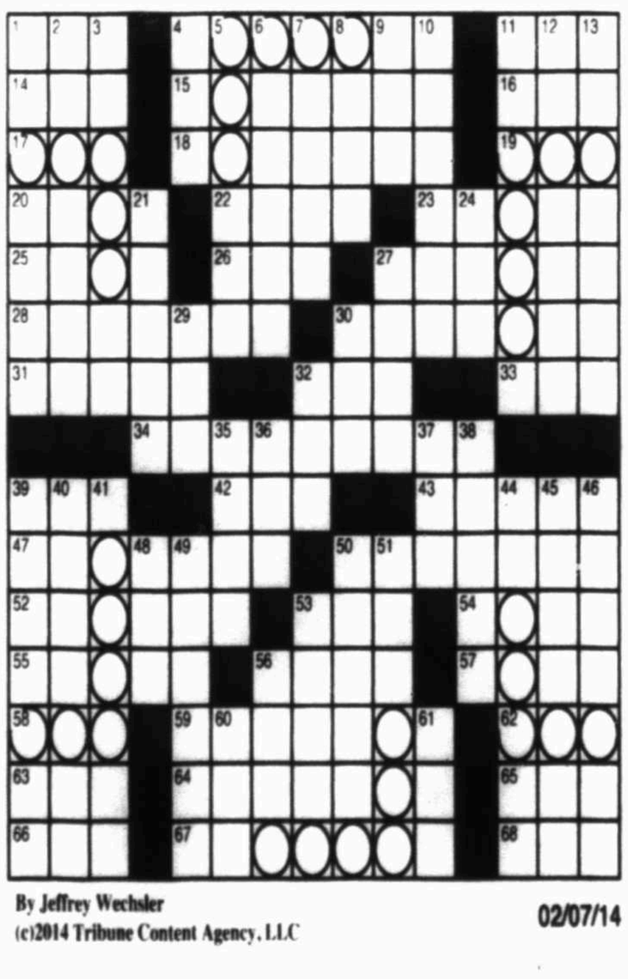

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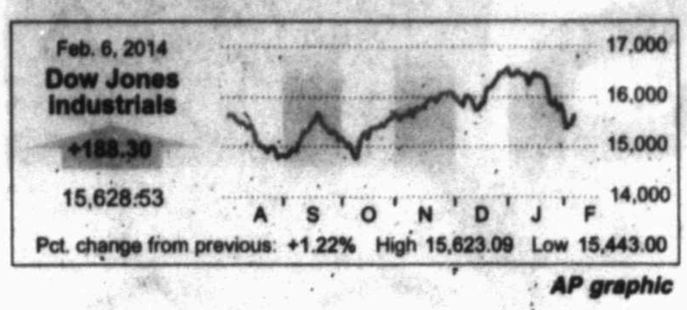

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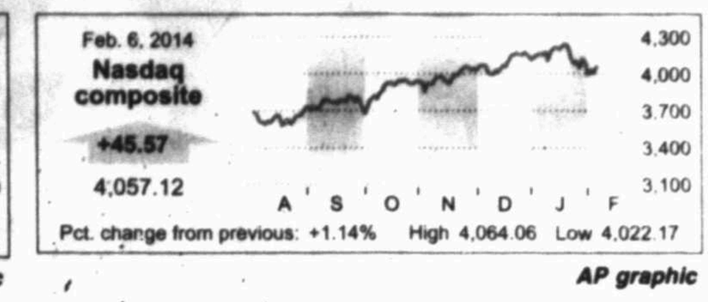

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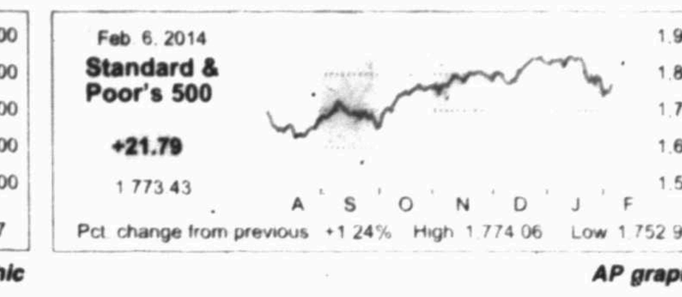

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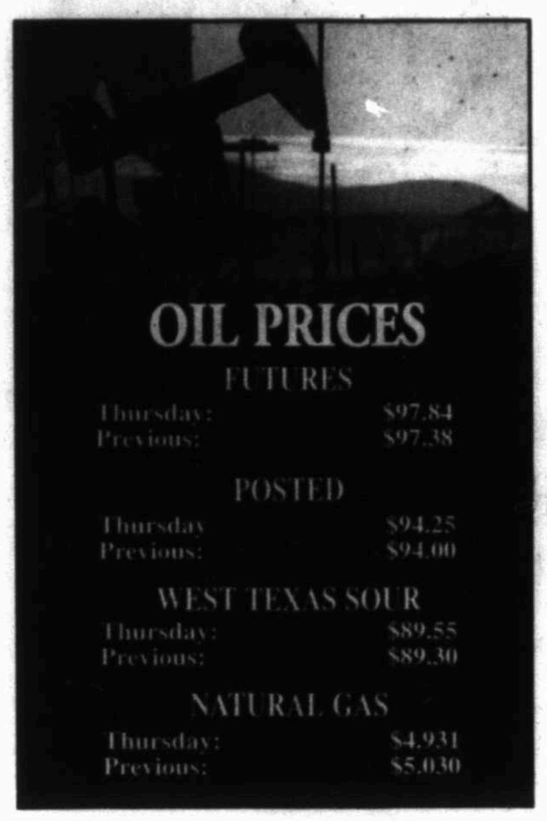

Greenspan forecasts oil boom's effect on US economy

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Corporate executives have no way of knowing what the world will look like over the next four decades as long as U.S. political strife keeps kicking up a cloud of uncertainty over the economy, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday.

The fog of political war hampers executives' appetite for long-term capital investments and explains why the U.S. economy has been so slow to rebuild after the financial crisis and recession of 2008 and 2009, Greenspan explained at the Winter North American Prospect Expo in Houston.

One ratio used to determine economic confidence — a comparison of U.S. companies' capital expenditures and cash flow — "was a year ago at its lowest level since 1938," said Greenspan, who ran the world's most powerful central bank from 1987 to 2006.

"We're five years out of the economic recession, and business investment is not back yet," he said.

The nation's gross domestic product has grown 6 percent since the crisis, but is well below where it should be in a normal economic recovery.

Greenspan delivered his remarks moments before thousands of oil and gas executives congregated at the Winter North American Prospect Expo in Houston to do just that: Invest.

Over the next two days, oil and gas property owners will haggle with investors to sell land and producing assets to the highest bidders they can find scouting and window shopping on the floors of the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Millions of acres of oil and gas land from Texas to North Dakota and Pennsylvania and other states could be at stake as buyers seek to gain elbow room in the biggest oil boom the country has ever seen.

But Greenspan offered a note of caution. It's clear, he said, that a glut in the nation's oil supplies have started to open up a spread between international and U.S. benchmark crude prices, and that may eventually put downward pressure on the national economy.

"Oil is coming out of our ears, so to speak," he said. "The system couldn't digest it."

The shale-oil boom itself is contingent on oil prices. Current U.S. and international forecasts for crude prices are "well above where they should be," he said, adding they should be closer to levels that make new production questionable.

Hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling are expensive operations, but "easily profitable in light of $100 oil," he said. "But what happens if oil prices really start to move down?"

Still, Greenspan said he doesn't expect oil prices to drop significantly, but he takes other issues that impact prices, such as international stability, "very seriously."

At home, the biggest issue remains political fragmentation. The economy has recovered faster even in past periods of division in Washington D.C. and the rest of the country, but the past few years have seen something that few periods of U.S. history have: Less dialogue across the political aisles, Greenspan said.

He recalled his time working in the Gerald Ford Administration in the 1970s, when Ford would break bread with politicians he fought with day and night.

Now they work in Congress from Monday to Thursday, and then they go home.

"It is remarkable how few dinners in Washington are fully bipartisan," he said. "It's not like it was 20 years ago."

Oil prices rise

The price of oil rose Thursday as a positive report on the U.S. labor market and more cold temperatures boosted expectations of higher demand for fuel.

Meanwhile, the auto group AAA reminded drivers that spring is on the way — and along with it, higher gasoline prices.

Benchmark U.S. crude for March delivery rose 46 cents to close at $97.84 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier rising near $99.

The Labor Department said the number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits declined 20,000 last week to 331,000, suggesting that Americans are facing fewer layoffs and better job prospects. Those figures came a day before a widely anticipated report on January employment.

With chilly temperatures across the middle of the country and into the Northeast, demand for heating oil remains strong. That should boost refineries' need for crude oil.

The cool weather has had the opposite effect on gasoline demand: drivers hunkering down in their homes don't use the car. The average price for a gallon of gas in the U.S. is $3.27, down 5 cents from Jan. 1.

Gold increases

Gold inched up 30 cents to $1,257.20 an ounce.

Silver for March rose 12.3 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $19.93 an ounce. Palladium for the same month climbed $3.25, or 0.5 percent, to $710.35 an ounce. Platinum for April fell $4.40, or 0.3 percent, to $1,374.90 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1126519177	48	+2.31
iShEMkts	936529	38.51	+.79
BkofAm	799629	16.69	+.29
Twitter n	583342	50.03	-15.94
GenMotors	470799	35.23	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MonstrWw	7.24	+1.35	+22.9
Maximus s	50.09	+8.20	+19.6
Yelp	89.46	+14.23	+18.9
BP GCrb	8.60	+1.30	+17.8
58.com n	36.65	+4.75	+14.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Twitter n	50.03	-15.94	-24.2
PUVistST rs	82.33	-20.50	-19.9
SpiritAero	26.51	-6.46	-19.6
C-TiCtlVol	4.12	-.73	-15.1
Lentuo	2.95	-.48	-14.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,341
Declined	772
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	43
New Lows	33
Volume	3,704,443,284

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RexahnPh	87781	1.11	+.08
ChenereEn	51687	40.88	-.74
NwGold g	47460	5.43	-.34
NavideaBio	47214	1.70	-.04
NovaGld g	46945	2.95	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TellnstEl	5.85	+.72	+14.0
Tofutti	4.97	+.48	+10.7
Can-Fite	5.52	+.51	+10.2
RadiantLog	2.77	+.20	+7.8
MeetMe	2.42	+.17	+7.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrionEngy	4.85	-1.10	-18.5
SagaComm	43.34	-5.07	-10.5
Vicon	3.29	-.31	-8.6
NwGold g	5.43	-.34	-5.9
SL Ind	24.23	-1.27	-5.0

DIARY

Advanced	245
Declined	153
Unchanged	28
Total issues	426
New Highs	5
New Lows	2
Volume	102,050,076

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	649122	24.11	+.80
SiriusXM	497629	3.45	+.02
Cisco	483803	22.49	+.51
Facebook	388786	62.16	-.03
Microsoft	337357	36.18	+.36

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MatrixSv	31.92	+7.32	+29.8
GluMobile	4.94	+1.07	+27.6
GreenMtC	102.10	+21.22	+26.2
AkamaiT	57.18	+9.76	+20.6
Synchron	31.56	+4.89	+18.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NV5 wt	2.10	-.63	-23.1
CSVxSht rs	9.08	-2.15	-19.1
MontageT n	17.45	-3.76	-17.7
AmbassGp	3.85	-.78	-16.8
Callidus	12.10	-2.24	-15.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,670
Declined	888
Unchanged	147
Total issues	2,705
New Highs	39
New Lows	34
Volume	1,894,990,041

SAC ex-trader convicted of insider trading

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former SAC Capital Advisors portfolio manager was convicted Thursday of helping the company owned by billionaire Steven A. Cohen earn more than a quarter-billion dollars illegally through trades based on secrets about the testing of a potential breakthrough Alzheimer's drug.

The verdict capped a monthlong trial that featured testimony from two prominent doctors who confessed to spilling secrets to Mathew Martoma during paid consultations in the summer of 2008.

Martoma was expressionless as the jury forewoman announced he was guilty of two counts of securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud. Tears streamed down the face of his wife, Rosemary, whose hands were folded on her yellow dress. No sentencing date was set.

When prosecutors announced the case in November 2012, they said it may be the most lucrative insider trading scheme of all time.

The trial also put a spotlight on Cohen, showing he had a 20-minute phone call with Martoma a day before the Stamford, Conn.-based firm began selling a large position in pharmaceutical stocks that enabled what prosecutors said were mammoth illegal profits.

Martoma is the eighth portfolio manager or research analyst at SAC Capital to be convicted or plead guilty to criminal charges in an insider trading case. Despite his conviction, prosecutors appeared no closer to what his lawyer claimed during trial was their chief goal: to prosecute Cohen. Prosecutors, in a press release on the verdict, declined to even name Cohen, referencing him only as the "SAC Owner."

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $83.76 Down 1.27

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $104.63 Up 4.29

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.32 Down 0.39

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $53.77 Up 0.81

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.90 Up 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.14 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.72 Up 0.37

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.48 Up 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	10	32.00	-.08	-9.0
Abraxas	...	35	3.15	+.04	-3.4
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.35	+.15	-5.5
AMD			3.41	+.10	-11.9
AkamaiT		37	57.18	+9.76	+21.2
AlcatelLuc	18e	...	4.47	+.32	+1.6
Alcoa	12	33	11.05	+.01	+4.0
AlonUSA	.24a	17	14.23	-.12	-14.0
AmAirl n		...	34.66	+.86	+37.3
Amgen	2.44f	17	116.07	+1.00	+1.7
Anadarko	.72	50	78.90	-.23	-.5
Apache	1.00f	12	79.92	+1.90	-7.0
ApldMatl	.40	81	17.05	+.16	-3.6
ArchCoal	12	...	3.89	-.03	-12.6
Atmel		...	7.68	-.52	-2.0
ATMOS	1.48	17	47.08	+.80	+3.7
AutoData	1.92	25	74.20	+.67	-8.2
BP PLC	2.28	11	47.32	+1.28	-2.7
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.32	+.12	+2.6
BakrHu	.60	23	58.16	+1.15	+5.2
BkofAm	.04	17	16.69	+.29	+7.2
B iPVix rs			48.51	-5.36	+14.0
BasicEnSv			17.37	+.65	+10.1
BerkHe A	...		151656000.00	+1925.00	-6.7
BlkHillsCp	1.56f	21	53.11	+.49	+1.1
BlackBerry			9.96	+.27	+33.9
BostonSci		23	12.83	+.07	+6.7
BrkfdSg	1.44f	32	48.98	+.44	-7.8
BrownFA	1.16	28	76.12	+1.08	+3.2
BrownFB	1.16	27	77.15	+1.30	+2.1
CVS Care	1.10f	18	66.11	+.67	-7.6
Cameron	...	21	59.50	+.91	-.1
Caterpillar	2.40	17	93.83	+1.87	+3.3
Celestic g		17	9.32	+.20	-10.4
Cemex	.45t		12.85	+.24	+8.6
CntryLink	2.16		28.30	+.03	-11.1
ChesEng	.35	19	24.41	-1.80	-10.1
Chevron	4.00	10	111.27	+1.75	-10.9
Chicos	.30f	17	16.86	+.52	-10.5
Cimarex	.56	23	103.05	+3.02	-1.8
Cisco	.68	12	22.49	+.51	+1.0
Citigroup	.04	11	48.25	+1.19	-7.4
ClayEng	...	...	83.76	-1.27	+2.2
CocaCola	1.12	20	38.03	+.42	-7.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm s	1.36	25	60.60	+.18	-7.1
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.70	-.02	-8.9
ConchoRes	...	50	104.63	+4.29	-3.1
ConocoPhil	2.76	10	64.30	+.84	-9.0
Corning	.40	13	18.08	+.53	+1.5
CrackerB	3.00	19	95.86	+1.23	-12.9
CSVInvNG			3.60	+.22	-59.3
CSVelIVST			28.65	+2.55	-16.7
CrosTim	2.40e	14	30.25	+.28	+2.9
DCP Mid	2.93f	22	48.95	+.19	-2.8
DTE	2.62	19	67.58	+.53	+1.8
Datarm rs			2.56	-.06	-1.6
Dawson	.32	25	31.32	-.39	-7.4
DevonE	.88	...	60.45	+1.37	-2.3
DxSCBr rs			19.40	-.45	+14.3
Disney	.86f	21	75.56	+3.80	-1.1
DowChm	1.48f	12	45.59	+.74	+2.7
eBay		25	54.37	+.85	-.9
EMC Cp	.40	18	24.16	+.28	-3.9
EOG Res	.75	43	173.25	+5.76	+3.2
EmpDist	1.02	16	22.35	-.03	-1.5
Energen	.60f	27	71.99	+1.48	+1.8
EngyTsfr	3.68f	10	53.48	-.03	-6.6
EnPro	...	47	72.63	+.80	+26.0
EntPrPt	2.80f	23	64.88	+.24	-2.1
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.42	+.29	+1.4
Esterrain	...	25	35.16	+.31	+2.8
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	89.80	+.85	-11.3
Facebook			62.16	-.03	+13.7
FordM	.50f	11	14.85	+.12	-3.8
ForuStOil		10	2.94	-.02	-18.6
GATX	1.32f	16	56.74	+.25	+8.8
GasMutlT	.80	...	10.66	+.25	-14.1
GAInv	2.10e	...	32.93	+.40	-6.4
GenElec	.88f	17	24.95	+.43	-11.0
GenMotors	1.20	15	35.23	-.01	-13.8
GileadSci		42	76.50	-1.65	+1.9
GluMobile			4.94	+1.07	+27.3
GtPlainsEn	.92f	16	24.24	+.17	...
GreenMtC	1.00	30	102.10	+21.22	+35.2
HalconRes	...	18	3.49	+.10	-9.6
Halliburtn	.60f	17	50.76	+1.49	...
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	40.36	+1.28	-9.7
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.26	+.13	-7.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	34.27	+.56	-10.7
iShEMkts	.86e	...	38.51	+.79	-7.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	64.28	+1.12	-4.2
iShR2K	1.41e	...	109.51	+.86	-5.1
IntegrysE	2.72	14	52.67	+.39	-3.2
Intel	.90	13	23.99	+.47	-7.6
InterDig	40	28	26.58	+.11	-9.9
ItauUnibH	.38r	...	13.49	+.55	-.5
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	56.48	+1.27	-2.8
JohnJn	2.64	18	88.75	+1.47	-3.1
KimbClk	3.24	19	106.35	+.75	+1.8
KindME	5.44f	29	79.56	+.61	-1.4
KindMM	5.44f	47	74.57	+.52	-1.4
LegacyRes	2.36f	...	26.90	+.09	-4.5
Lubys	...	43	6.07	-.06	-21.4
MktVGold	.19e	...	23.19	-.02	+9.7
McDnlds	3.24	17	94.94	+1.36	-2.2
Merck	1.76f	37	53.77	+.24	+7.4
MeritMed	...	55	13.65	+.03	-13.3
MexcoEn			7.14	-.11	+3.5
MicronT		15	24.11	+.80	+10.9
Microsoft	1.12	13	36.18	+.36	-3.3
MorgStan	.20	20	29.69	+.51	-5.3
Nabors	.16	41	17.49	+.90	+2.9
NatGrid	3.17e	...	64.35	+.70	-1.5
NOilVarco	1.04	14	74.06	+.76	-6.9
NokiaCp	...	...	7.01	+.32	-13.6
NvMAd	.80a	...	12.72	-.01	+4.6
NvPMI	.86	...	13.24	+.01	+7.0
NuvPI	.86	...	13.06	+.05	+8.9
NSTFI3	.63a	...	13.46	+.11	+4.4
NTXQI	.70a	...	13.27	-.01	+3.3
OcciPet	2.56	12	88.48	+1.19	-7.0
Oracle	.48	16	36.72	+.77	-4.0
Pandora			32.23	-3.60	+21.2
PerTech	...	...	5.35	-.12	-1.8
PerkDrl	...	...	7.04	+.11	-13.4
PettUTI	.40f	18	27.87	+3.29	+10.1
Penney	...	...	5.66	+.44	-38.1
PennaRE	.80f	...	18.65	+.84	-1.7
Pmian	.87e	15	12.34	+.07	-4.0
Petrobras	.27e	...	11.22	+.44	-18.6
Pfizer	1.04f	15	30.84	+.19	+.7
PioNrl	.08	45	180.18	+5.23	-2.1
PlainsAAP	2.40f	18	51.80	+.38	-3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlugPowr h			3.18	+.11	+105.2
PwShs QQQ	.88e		85.77	+1.08	-2.5
Praxair	2.60f	21	124.28	+1.57	-4.4
PrmEgy	...	10	50.15	-.38	-.7
ProctGam	2.41	21	76.90	+.45	-5.5
RangeRs	.16	99	83.99	-2.14	-.4
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.27	+.37	+3.8
RiteAid			5.60	+.15	+10.7
Rowan		14	31.86	+.51	-9.9
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	68.78	+.65	-3.5
SpdrDJIA	3.52e		156.14	+1.96	-5.6
S&P500ETF	3.35e		177.48	+2.31	-3.9
SabinR	3.95e	13	51.30	+.12	+1.5
SanderFm	.80	12	70.60	+.05	-2.4
SandRdge	...	...	6.15	-.02	+1.3
Sapient	...	30	15.94	+.28	-8.2
Schlmbrg	1.60f	17	88.51	+2.35	-1.8
SigmaAld	.86	23	90.89	-.18	-3.3
SiriusXM	...	58	3.45	+.02	-1.1
Smucker	2.32	18	93.59	+.77	-9.7
SpiritAero	...	65	26.51	-6.46	-22.2
Sprint n	...	...	7.88	-.62	-26.7
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	21.03	+.32	-3.8
SunEdison	...	...	14.31	+.09	+9.7
SuncorLog	2.65f	21	78.00	+1.14	+3.3
T-MobUS n	...	...	29.55	-2.20	-12.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TelefEsp	.47e	...	15.33	+.37	-6.2
Tesoro	1.00	14	47.60	-2.35	-18.6
3M Co	3.42f	19	128.90	-1.54	-8.1
Torchmark	.68	13	74.00	+.89	-5.3
TriContl	.68e	...	19.14	+.15	-4.2
21stCFoxA	.25		32.15	+.43	-8.6
Twitter n			50.03	-15.94	-21.4
TylerTech	...	84	93.11	-9.44	-8.8
UBWV	1.28f	17	29.41	+.24	-6.8
US NGas			24.75	.56	+19.6
Vale SA	.78e		14.48	+.46	-5.0
ValeroE	1.00f	9	47.18	+.81	-6.4
VangEmg	1.15e		38.13	+.74	-7.3
VerizonCm	2.12	12	46.68	-.01	-5.0
Vodafone	1.61e		36.67	+1.27	-6.7
VulcanM	.04	...	65.66	+5.47	+10.5
Walgrn	1.26	21	59.22	+1.37	+3.1
WellsFargo	1.20	12	44.78	+.55	-1.4
WstnRefin	1.04f	8	36.59	-.87	-13.7
WhitingPet		13	57.45	+1.42	-7.1
WmsCos	1.61f	46	41.07	+1.22	+6.5
XcelEngy	1.12	15	28.46	+.19	+1.9
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16,588.25	13,794.01	Dow Jones Industrials	15,628.53	+188.30	+1.22	-5.72	+12.08
7,591.43	5,789.20	Dow Jones Transportation	7,181.91	+106.12	+1.50	-2.95	+21.99
537.86	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	500.34	+3.81	+.77	+1.99	+5.44
11,334.65	8,700.73	NYSE Composite	9,940.23	+131.20	+1.34	-4.42	+11.77
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,278.97	+20.89	+.93	-6.07	-4.85
4,246.55	3,105.37	Nasdaq Composite	4,057.12	+45.57	+1.14	-2.86	+28.18
1,850.84	1,485.01	S&P 500	1,773.43	+21.79	+1.24	-4.05	+17.49
19,776.59	15,574.94	Wilshire 5000	18,957.08	+218.83	+1.17	-3.80	+18.92
1,182.04	894.24	Russell 2000	1,103.93	+10.34	+.94	-5.13	+21.56

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of William Charles Lynch, Deceased, were issued on January 28, 2014 in Docket No. P17739, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to Susan Lynch Sanderford.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Ellis County, Texas. The post office address is

Susan Lynch Sanderford
402 Mt. Peak Bend
Midlothian, TX 76065

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 29th day of January, 2014

Canon & Sumner, P.C.
By: Justin W. Nichols

Attorneys for the Estate of William Charles Lynch

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:36 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by BDC Properties Construction for a zone change on the following property: On a 5.86-acre tract of land out of Section 14, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of N. Big Spring Street, approximately 280 feet south of W. Loop 250 North.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:48 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Grub Burger Bar for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant on the following property: On a 4,650 square foot portion of Lot 27A, Block 46, Skyline Terrace West, Section 8, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southeast corner of the intersection of N. Midland Drive and W. Loop 250 North.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of James A. O'Neill, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2014 in Docket No. P17723, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to James B. O'Neill, II.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Larimer County, Colorado. The post office address is

Mr. James B. O'Neill, II
P.O. Box 942
Ft. Collins, CO. 80522

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 29th day of January, 2014

Canon & Sumner, P.C.
By: Justin W. Nichols

Attorneys for the Estate of James A. O'Neill

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0286923
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan. 30, 2014 Status/Permit No. 777002
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, March 6, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Blk. 38, T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-162, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 7.9 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY March 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	BRIDGEWATER 'B'
Lease/Unit Well No.	3
Lease/Unit Acres	161.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	524.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1456.0

Lease Lines	524.0 F WEST L.	677.0 F SOUTH L.
Survey Lines	1980.0 F NORTH L.	2115.0 F EAST L.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) PARSLEY (ATOKA), (2) BETTY SUE (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

PARSLEY (ATOKA): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

BETTY SUE (STRAWN): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11,950 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA DONOVAN, at (972) 969-3643.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent located in the County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Suite 1103, Midland, Texas 79701 until 3:00 P.M., Local Time, **March 6th, 2014.** The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:15 P.M., Local Time, **March 6th, 2014**

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 to 90 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 14MC0496 - Law Enforcement Software.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP can be found on the Midland County website at
www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing/Pages/default.aspx

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4871 or **pur101@co.midland.tx.us**

Monte Jamison
County Purchasing Agent

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Burkett Media for a Specific Use Permit with Term for a Billboard on the following property: On Lot 8, Block 6, Ranchland Acres Replat of Lots 1 through 3, Block 1, Lots 2, 3 and 6 through 8, Block 4, Lots 1, 8 and 9, Block 5, Lots 1, 2 and 5 through 7, Block 6, Lots 1 through 3, Block 7, Lots 1 through 3, Block 8 and Lots 1 through 4, Block 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southwest corner of the intersection of W. Interstate Hwy 20 and Chisholm Trail.

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Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Burkett Media #3 for a Specific Use Permit with Term for a Billboard on the following property: On a 5.1-acre tract of land out of Section 37, Block 41, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of State Hwy 191, approximately 485 feet northeast of Jordy Road.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Midland Memorial Hospital for a Specific Use Permit without Term for a Heliport on the following property: On Lot 1A, Block 1, Midland Memorial Hospital Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Legal & Public Notices

MOTOR MPO POLICY BOARD

Announcement of Meeting

Date: February 10, 2014
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Located at: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of MOTOR MPO will meet to hear an update on work in progress related to the South Midland Mobility study, to adopt a Congestion Management Process, and to discuss the proposed Texas Freight Network map. The Board may conduct an Executive Session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code including but not limited to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney, Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

Legal & Public Notices

PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 10:30 a.m. and 10:33 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine to consider the initial zoning of annexed land as follows:

Legal Description of Areas proposed for initial zoning

Tract 1A and 1B (10:30 a.m.) to IP, Industrial District and LR-2 Local Retail District

Being a 15.81-acre tract of land (Tract 1A) out of Section 8 and a 14.71-acre tract of land (Tract 1B) out of Sections 7 and 8, all out of Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 1788 and Loop 40.)

Tract 2 (10:33 a.m.) to AE, Agricultural Estates District

Being on Lot 3, Block 5, Pecan Acres Addition, Section 5 and of Lots 4A & 4B, Block 5, Pecan Acres Addition, Section 7, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of Trenton Drive, approximately 550 feet east of Trobaugh Boulvard.)

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Midland, TX 79701
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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

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The Courtyard by Marriott is currently looking to fill a part-time/ full time Bistro Attendant. The ideal candidate must be customer focused, willing to go the extra mile for our guests and enjoy working in a high-paced, high-energy department. As a Bistro Attendant, you will handle all guest contact opportunities, including taking guests orders, prepping food, clearing tables, set up and clean up, bartending and providing overall outstanding customer service. This opportunity requires you be able to work any of the seven days/week during the day and night. Please contact Brenda Gil at 432-689-9400 or via e-mail at Brenda.gill@marriott.com.

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FLOWERLAND
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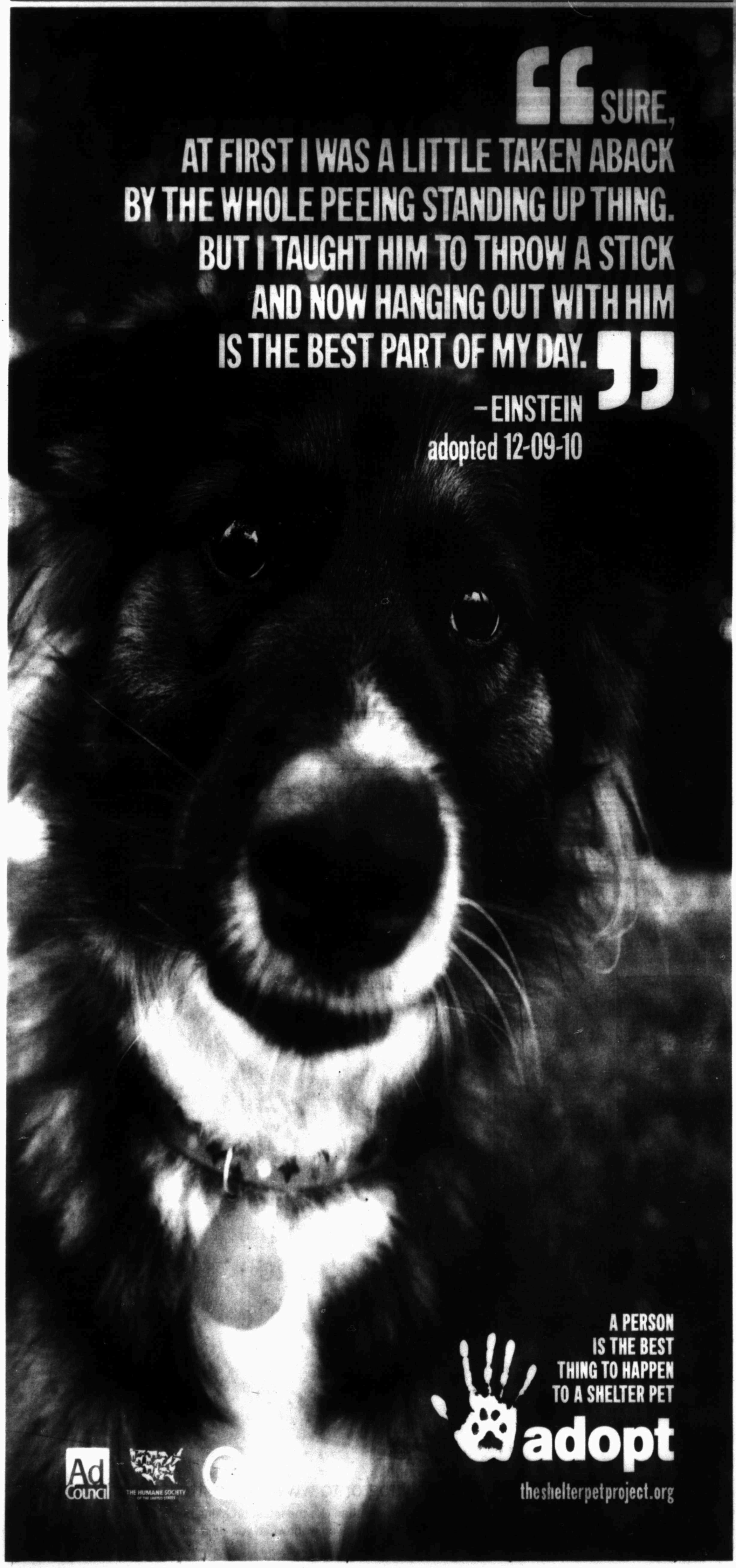
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Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (512-463-6792).

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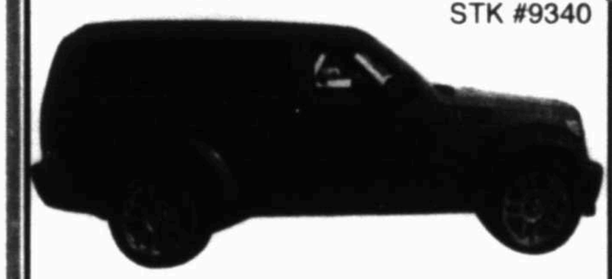

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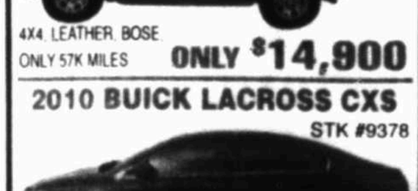

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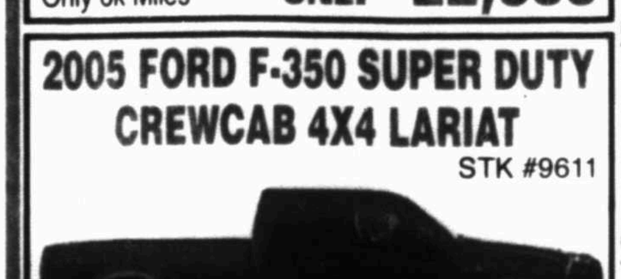

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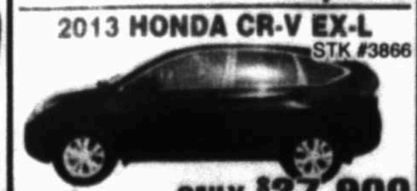

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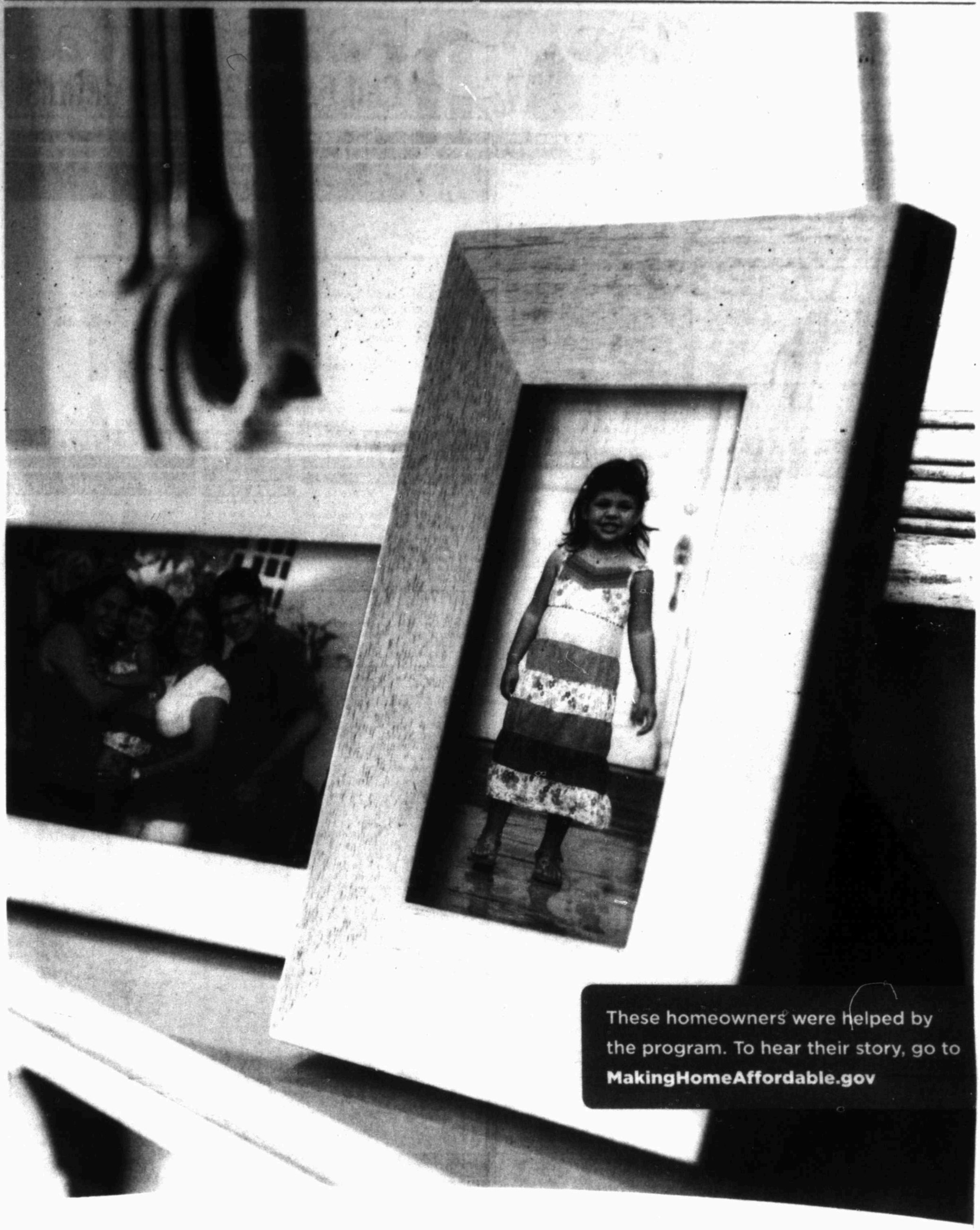

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