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One of the bright spots of winter is skiing, and the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program is hosting a fundraiser for a group that includes a 7-year-old Midland girl.

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Audience voices opposition to appointment

Public grills commissioners on Hood as interim tax assessor-collector

By Joseph Basco
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Members of the public on Monday grilled the country commissioners on their appointment of a tax assessor-collector candidate to an interim position.

In three-minute intervals during the Commissioners' Court meeting, speakers who were either neutral about the issue or against the appointment of Karen Hood repeatedly asked commissioners what Hood's qualifications were over former Assistant Chief Deputy Manny Natividad. Another oft-repeated inquiry had to do with why those being considered for the interim position were candidates for the office, rather than someone not seeking the post.

Commissioners, answering briefly and in general terms, mentioned referrals from constituents as their reason for choosing Hood. Regarding the issue about choosing from among candidates, commissioners said only Hood and Natividad came forward for the position.

Jesse Munoz, the second person to ask questions, wondered why former Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves wasn't appointed to remain in her position until after the March Republican primary. County Judge Mike Bradford said she resigned, while Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly said she was proposed as the interim.

"Most of us don't understand why a neutral party wasn't chosen with Kathy Reeves being one of them (and former tax office Chief Deputy) Terry Burge being another," Munoz said. "All of us are considering why this wasn't considered a conflict of interest."

Bradford said the discussion to find an interim tax assessor-collector was delayed several times in hopes of finding a neutral party.

Several people who came up to the podium repeated questions that already had been asked because they said they were not satisfied with the answers.

The discussion on the tax assessor-collector was suspended for an hour while commissioners honored long-tenured county employees. When the discussion resumed, audience members' intensity grew and speakers were more blunt about their suspicions of the controversy.

"It's a political thing what you guys have done," said

Please see **APPOINTMENT**/4A

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Mayor-elect Jerry Morales, top, Sharla Hotchkiss, bottom right, and J. Ross Lacy, bottom left, are sworn in at Midland Center on Monday. Hotchkiss represents District 3 and Lacy District 4.

City Council now & then

Midland's new City Council
Mayor: Jerry Morales
At-large: Scott Dufford
District 1: Jeff Sparks, District 2: John Love III, District 3: Sharla Hotchkiss, District 4: J. Ross Lacy
Sworn-in Monday: Morales, Hotchkiss, Lacy
Note: A special election to fill the vacant at-large position will be held in May.

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Source: City Secretary's Office

District 3 representatives since 1991
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Buddy Sipes (1991-94)
Ed Vogler (1994)
James Webb (1994-96)
Lee F. Wood (1996-2001)
Scott Dufford (2001-08)
John James (2008-14)
Sharla Hotchkiss (2014-)

District 4 representatives since 1991
Tom Johnston (1990-92)
Claudia Egan (1992-95)
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Michael Trost (2008-14)
J. Ross Lacy (2014-)

Source: City of Midland

MISD adjusts calendar following bad-weather cancellations

By Meredith Moriak
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Though Midland ISD employees got a few extra days off during the fall semester season because of cold and icy weather conditions that closed schools on Nov. 25 and Dec. 6, employees will now have to make up those missed work days on Good Friday and Memorial Day.

Trustees unanimously voted at Monday's meeting to amend the district's calendar and make April 18 and May 26 professional development days that will serve as holidays for students. These days initially were designated as bad weather make-up days, but MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said he prefers to not require students to attend school on holidays.

Students will instead make up the missed days on Feb. 18 and March 24, which were previously scheduled as professional development days for staff. By scheduling the make-up days earlier in the spring semester, Warren said students will have more time to prepare for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness which are administered in April.

Warren said it is unfortunate staff will have to complete professional development days on holidays. Staff must work to fulfill their number of contracted days during the spring semester.

Also at the meeting, trustees:

■ Approved the exterior and interior finish and color concepts for two new elementary schools designed by Parkhill Smith & Cooper.

Exterior brick at Barbara Fasken Elementary will be dark brown and cream, to mirror the colors used on Fasken Oil and Ranch's new headquarters in The Vineyard. Exterior finishes at the new Legends Park elementary school will be cream and red brick, to mirror those used at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Bright, colorful finishes will be used in both schools.

■ Awarded a $1.07 million contract to Cisco Solutions for an administrative and elementary schools telephone system that will provide all employees with a direct telephone line and voicemail.

■ Awarded Knight Security a $2.97 million contract for safety and security systems at each of the 24 elementary campuses.

This contract will allow the entire classroom to lockdown on command and create secure entries.

■ Heard from a parent who is concerned that "To Kill A Mockingbird"

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Gasoline	$3.061 ▼	$0.006

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Lab study cuts fracturing waste's radioactivity

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Researchers believe they have found an unlikely way to decrease the radioactivity of some hydraulic fracturing wastewater: Mix it with the hazardous drainage from mining operations.

The wastewater is created when some of the chemical-laced water used to fracture thick underground rocks flows back out of the wellbore. The water is tainted with chemicals, toxins and in some parts of the country, naturally occurring radioactive materials, such as radium. Research has shown that even wastewater that had been treated with conventional means was changing the chemistry of rivers when discharged into waterways.

In 2011, Pennsylvania barred drillers from taking the wastewater to treatment facilities, forcing them to haul the fluid waste to be disposed in underground injection wells in Ohio. This, along with a lack of freshwater in other parts of the country needed to drill new wells, has scientists and the industry looking for creative solutions.

The discovery by Duke University researchers would allow oil and gas drillers to combine flowback waters from the fracturing process with acid drainage from mining, or any other salty water. The solids that form, which include radioactive materials, are removed and dumped at a hazardous waste landfill, and then the now cleaner water is used to drill a new well, said Avner Vengosh, the Duke professor who oversaw the project, which included scientists from Dartmouth College and the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

The metals and radium in the drilling wastewater automatically attract to sulfates — or salts, he explained.

"It's a romance. It's inevitable it will combine," said Vengosh, a professor of geochemistry and water quality.

The research was primarily funded by Duke University, Vengosh said. One of the scientists had some funding from the National Science Foundation, he said.

Vengosh's research was published in December in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, but still needs to be field tested, he said.

Finding solutions for safely dealing with contaminated water and having enough usable water to drill new wells is crucial for the oil and gas industry. It has boomed in recent years because of new methods of hydraulic fracturing, a method that uses millions of gallons of chemical-laced water to crack thick layers of underground rock so fossil fuels can flow out.

But as drilling spreads to more areas the industry has faced obstacles. In the gas-rich Marcellus shale region of Pennsylvania, wastewater disposal is problematic. In drought-prone areas, such as Texas and California, drillers face a shortage of freshwater. As a result, the industry is seeking to recycle wastewater.

Vengosh's researchers blended fracturing wastewater from the Marcellus shale with acid drainage from mines, materials collected in western Pennsylvania by the industry. The researchers had hypothesized that the salts, metals and radium would combine so they could be removed as solids, leaving behind water clean enough to be used in another fracturing operation, though not quite pure enough to be potable.

After two days, they examined the chemical and radioactive levels of the 26 different mixtures they had created and found that within the first 10 hours the metals — including iron, barium and strontium — and most of the radium had combined to form a new solid. The salinity of the remaining fluid had reduced enough to be used in fracturing, Vengosh said.

"I'm not sure it resolves all the problems, but it can have some improvement," Vengosh said.

Midlander Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, which represents drillers, said maximizing water use is a top priority for the industry.

"Those of us who live, work and play near oil and gas activities place a premium on efficient water uses," he said in an email.

But Tad Patzek, chairman and professor of the petroleum engineering department at the University of Texas in Austin, cautioned that the method could present problems in the field. The remaining water would still be jam-packed with chemicals and toxins, he said.

"That water can get spilled," Patzek said. "That water can get into a shallow aquifer. There are many other considerations."

Water dispute closes South Texas school district

Associated Press

LA VILLA — A dispute over the water bill between a one-stoplight South Texas town and its school district has shuttered the schools and left students and parents scrambling.

The city of La Villa shut off water and sewer service to the La Villa Independent School District in December, shortly after students started their holiday break. The city had raised a water surcharge, but the district refused to pay the increase.

The district's approximately 625 students were supposed to return to classes Monday, but instead found this message on the school district's website: "All La Villa I.S.D. schools will be closed until further notice."

Students raising pigs at the district farm just behind the baseball field had to find new homes for their projects. The boys and girls basketball teams have had their home games converted to away games until the dispute is resolved. They beg court time for practices from other area districts. Seniors fret — perhaps prematurely — over whether they might be forced to finish out their final year in another district.

"It's a really sad situation knowing they can't come to terms," said Angie Reyna, who on Monday coaxed her daughter Amanda, a senior in La Villa, into coming to work at a relative's drive-thru convenience store in Elsa.

Maxine Elizondo had three grandsons to look after Monday instead of just the youngest. Their parents both work, so Elizondo was thankful she's retired and can help out.

"Some parents may not be as fortunate," Elizondo said, while the oldest boy, a fifth-grader, rode his bike in circles in the street. She said the quibbling adults are acting like children.

"I think it's sad because to me I don't think they're thinking about the children," Elizondo said.

The dispute has been festering for more than a year in the town of about 2,000, 25 miles east of McAllen. In December 2011, the city approved adding a surcharge for water and sewer service to the school district on top of the usage rate. It was initially set at $10 per person — students and staff — but the district fought it down to $6 and the two sides inked an agreement in November 2012. But the city commission turned around the following month and raised the surcharge to $14.

The school district has continued paying at the $6 surcharge rate, but the city says it's more than $58,000 in arrears.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Ray Allred, 21, theft by repetition, nine months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

AnnaMaria Jessynia Arsiaga, 36, theft by repetition, 18 months in state jail; forgery, one year in state jail; forgery, one year in state jail.

William Juan Brown, 24, credit card abuse, four years deferred, court cost and restitution.

Marsha Nicole Castillo, 29, theft by repetition, nine months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice; theft by repetition, nine months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

John Matthew Cervantez, 31, evading arrest and detention in a motor vehicle as repeat offender, five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Rheal Defer, 35, tampering with physical evidence, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Tyler Duniven, 19, failure to appear, two years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, two years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; retaliation, two years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Zackary Austin Edwards, 18, burglary of a habitation, three years deferred adjudication, pay fine and court cost.

Leonardo Paul Garza, 22, theft by deception, three years deferred probation, enroll in and complete the Treatment Alternative Incarceration Program (TAIP) and 90 days intensive supervision.

Angelica Ortega Hernandez, 47, hindering prosecution, four years on probation and pay $500 fine.

Elliotnet Hernandez, 20, possession of a deadly weapon in a penal institution, 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for five years on probation and pay $500 Fine.

Gene Steven Jobe, 50, possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine, two years in state jail, suspended for five years on probation, attend treatment program, and pay $140 in restitution.

Joshua Mark Junker, 17, assault family violence by strangulation, three years deferred, fine, court cost and Project Adam.

Danny Lara, 37, possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, five years deferred adjudication, pay $2,000 fine and one year driver's license suspension.

Richard Gus Lemon, 59, misapplication of fiduciary property, two years on probation, pay $2,000 fine and pay $35,000 in restitution.

Lionel Maltos, 31, felony DWI, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for five years on community supervision, 30 days in jail, fine of $1,500 and driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Patricia Ann Menchaca AKA Patricia Ann Ramirez, 53, theft by repetition, 20 months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice; theft by repetition, 20 months in the State Jail Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Tevin Darrell Neighbors, 22, assault family violence with previous conviction, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Martin Nunez Jr., 31, credit card abuse, 15 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; failure to appear, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Chance Dillon O'Donnell, 29, theft of property, 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for 10 years on probation and pay $43,000 in restitution; theft over $1,500 but less than $20,000, two years in state jail, suspended for five years on probation and pay $10,000 in restitution.

Oscar Delgado Ramirez, 51, felony DWI, four years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 728 days driver's license suspension.

Alejandro Perez Raya, 21, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, four years deferred adjudication, enroll and complete TAIP.

Mical Navarrete Rodriguez, 25, theft over $1,500 but less than $20,000, three years on probation and pay $11,400 in restitution.

Selena Alba Saenz, 18, tampering with physical evidence, three years on probation, and pay $1,000 fine.

Jacob Andrew Sears, 29, assault on a public servant, extended community supervision for three years, serve 100 hours of community service and pay $2,000 fine.

Lance Emery Snow, 20, assault family violence by strangulation, 10 years deferred, court cost and no contact with the victim.

Candace Dawn Williams, 41, theft of property over $1,500 or more but less than $20,000, two years in state jail, suspended for three years community supervision, pay $1,000 fine, 180 days driver's license suspension, enroll and complete TAIP, and report each week for the first 90 days to Midland County Community Supervision Department.

Abel Velasquez, 19, misdemeanor offense of assault as a lesser included offense of aggravated robbery, 45 days in jail.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RENO

North Texas has earthquake of 3.1 magnitude

North Texas has had another minor earthquake in an area where concerns about unexplained quakes led a state regulatory agency to hire a seismologist.

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a 3.1 magnitude earthquake at 11:40 a.m. Monday. The epicenter was in the town of Reno, about 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

The Parker County Sheriff's Office had no immediate reports of damage or injuries from Monday's quake. It's the latest in an area that has had more than 20 earthquakes since November.

The Texas Railroad Commission on Jan. 7 announced the hiring of a seismologist to help determine what's causing the quakes. The area has had significant oil and gas drilling.

AUSTIN

Davis endorses Alameel in Democratic primary

Fort Worth Sen. Wendy Davis has endorsed David Alameel in the Democratic primary race for the U.S. Senate.

Davis said Monday the Dallas dentist shares her commitment to creating jobs and improving public education.

Alameel is one of five candidates seeking the Democratic nomination on March 4. Incumbent Republican Sen. John Cornyn faces six challengers in the Republican primary.

AUSTIN

Texas DPS observes AMBER Alert anniversary

Texas Department of Public Safety officials have joined law enforcement around the country in observing National AMBER Alert Awareness Day.

AMBER, which stands for "America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response," was created by Dallas-Fort Worth area law enforcement and media representatives in 1996. It followed the kidnapping and slaying of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman.

Monday was the 18th anniversary of the child's abduction.

Since then, every state has adopted the program in which law officers put out missing child alerts and the advisories are broadcast by the media. Gov. Rick Perry established the Texas AMBER Alert in 2002, complementing existing programs already in place.

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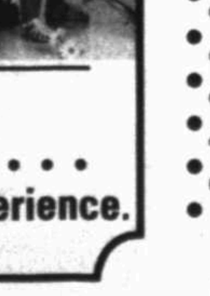

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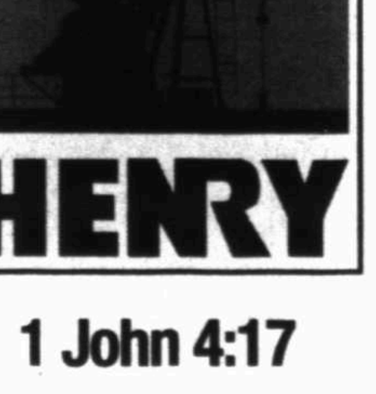


HENRY

1 John 4:17

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Newtown group criticizes gun trade show

By Denis J. O'Malley
Hearst Connecticut Newspapers

NEWTOWN, Conn. — As gun manufacturers from across the world set up at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, a group of Newtown residents and activists gathered across from the National Shooting Sports Foundation headquarters on Monday and called for the gun lobby to change its marketing and drop its opposition to background checks.

"Every industry has its trade show," Ron Pinciaro, executive director of Connecticut Against Gun Violence, said during the press conference held by the Newtown Action Alliance across Mile Hill Road from the headquarters of NSSF, the trade association for the gun industry. "The question is, while at the trade show, what are they thinking about?" He wondered if the Dec. 14, 2012, massacre of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School, just down the road from NSSF's headquarters, would be on their minds or if they would be "there simply to show and promote new and even more lethal assault weapons?" The 36th Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show begins today at the Sands, where 1,600 exhibitors will present their wares in the world's largest gun-industry trade show, which is closed to the public. Presented by NSSF, more than 60,000 gun-industry buyers and sellers are expected to attend the SHOT show, according to a press release about the event prepared by NSSF.

The gun-control advocates, flanked by a group of sign-holding supporters, commanded a much smaller stage Monday, but the group's platform was clear, as each speaker questioned the gun industry's tactics for marketing to children, the military-style narrative used in marketing materials and the gun industry's opposition to mandating background checks on private sales of guns.

The group handed out a report by the Washington D.C.-based Violence Policy Center that analyzed the effect of using military and law-enforcement language in marketing tactical-style weapons to civilians.

"Versatility on the range or during patrol," reads an advertisement for the Bushmaster XM-15, the same rifle used by Adam Lanza in the Sandy Hook shootings.

"Control your destiny," "Bravery on duty" and "Built as tough as the mission ahead," read ads for semi-automatic rifles like the Bushmaster manufactured by Freedom Group.

"While such ads never detail what ill-defined 'mission' might be carried out with these guns by their civilian owners, the Sandy Hook and (Washington) Navy Yard mass shootings offer one horrific answer," the Violence Policy Center report read.

For its part, the NSSF took issue on Monday with the language Newtown Action Alliance used to describe the products manufactured by the companies NSSF represents.

"Our members do not sell 'assault weapons' to the American public," Mike Bazinet, director of public affairs for NSSF, said in a statement. "Calling semiautomatic rifles that resemble, but are not military firearms, is purposely misleading and intended to confuse the public." But, the gun industry's marketing strategy hinges on a military-style narrative in which one must be armed for defense, said David Stowe, co-chairman of Newtown Action Alliance, a nonprofit formed in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings to advocate for gun-control and gun safety.

"If you look at their marketing materials they use those very terms," he said.

State Rep. Kim Fawcett, D-Fairfield, argued that visual style and color palette of gun industry ads are designed to intentionally mimic the graphic style of video games such as "Call of Duty", a similarity she said aims at intriguing the youthful audience for such games.

"You can't decipher them. They look identical ... They're targeting our youth," she said. "It is incredibly critical that we join together and ask the gun manufacturers to stop marketing to our kids." Throughout the press conference on Monday, a small, peaceful group of men stood across the street with signs in support of NSSF and in opposition to state Sen. John McKinney, R-Newtown, who played a large role in the gun-control legislation passed last year in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings.

But it was during Fawcett's remarks that a woman driving by showed just how combustible the debate over gun legislation can be in a place as affected by gun violence as Newtown. Heading west on Mile Hill Road, the woman abruptly stopped her SUV in the NSSF driveway, stepped out and screamed in the face of a man holding a "John McKinney Must Go" sign until town police stationed in the area directed her to go on her way.

"Yes, we are emotional and we make no apology for it because we are Newtown," said Kate Mayer, a Newtown resident and gun-control activist, though she was not commenting specifically on the incident across the street. "We are Newtown, we are strong and we are not alone. We are Newtown and NSSF is not." During her remarks, Mayer blamed NSSF for the "environment for lax gun laws" that preclude stricter gun-control legislation.

But, to be sure, Pinciaro pointed out, "this is not an intractable problem." "It can be solved. And I challenge the gun manufacturers to help, not hinder us," he said.

In its statement, NSSF laid out several areas in which they feel they have helped. The first mentioned was its ongoing initiative Project Childsafe, which has distributed more than 36 million gun locks in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies.

It also has a program aimed at educating retailers about the practice of straw purchasing in which a person buys a firearm legally then sells it to a person who would not have been able to do so.

"We all abhor the criminal misuse of firearms," the statement read.

On a legislative level, Pinciaro likened the gun-control campaign to that of same-sex marriage, which has focused on state legislation in lieu of federal legislation.

"Our goal is really a state-by-state accumulation of these things," he said of state gun control laws. "As you reach a critical mass across the states then it becomes more inevitable."

University investigates Utah clinic's sperm mix-up

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The University of Utah is investigating a complaint that a convicted felon working at a fertility clinic replaced a customer's sperm with his own, fathering a girl 21 years ago.

The girl's mother, Pamela Branum, said she and her husband discovered a genetic mismatch in their daughter, and were able to trace her lineage with help from relatives of the now-deceased fertility clinic worker, Thomas Ray Lippert.

"I don't think we're the only ones," Branum told CBS affiliate KUTV in Salt Lake City. "We think we're one of many" victims who used a clinic that was operated by faculty members.

The University of Utah said there is "credible" evidence of semen tampering or mislabeling. On Friday, the university announced it was opening a hotline and offering paternity testing to anyone who used the clinic between 1988 and 1993.

"It was hard at first, to think, 'Who am I?'" the daughter told KUTV in San Antonio, where the family moved in 2003. "I thought I was this person (of) my mom and my dad. Now, my dad is not my biological father. Who am I?"

In a statement that stopped short of taking responsibility or naming Lippert, the University of Utah Health Care system said it appears Branum's daughter was fathered by a clinic employee. The university said there are no remaining records from the Reproductive Medical Technologies clinic to prove the family's claim, or any evidence of other cases.

Kathy Wilets, a spokeswoman for the university's Health Sciences division, said she could not answer a series of questions submitted by The Associated Press in writing. She declined comment on what officials have learned since opening the investigation in April 2013.

"Truthfully, they haven't been investigating," Branum told The Salt Lake Tribune. "They've been stonewalling this whole time."

The fertility clinic performed some university services and was located next to a university laboratory. Three of the clinic's owners were faculty or staff members, the university statement said. Surviving members of the clinic refused comment to The Salt Lake Tribune.

A DNA test of Lippert's 99-year-old mother confirmed that she was the daughter's biological grandmother, professional genealogists have told Utah news outlets.

The family said they stumbled into their unhappy discovery while tracing their lineage using widely available DNA tests.

Branum said she didn't need a sperm donor — and would not have taken Lippert's — when she was impregnated with what she thought was her husband's sperm in 1991.

"I can't imagine a couple seeing him and saying 'Yeah, I want him,' she said.

In a widely publicized case in 1975, Lippert took a plea bargain on kidnapping and other charges for subjecting a Purdue University female student to electroshock behavioral modification techniques in a so-called "love experiment."

The Salt Lake Tribune said he served two years in prison. The AP wasn't immediately able to retrieve court documents for the case.

The Branums, formerly of Park City, Utah, moved to San Antonio in 2003. John Branum is a retired Marine; his wife has two sons from a previous marriage.

Fertility clinics are supposed to follow industry standards to avoid mix-ups and comply with the U.S. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act, said Eleanor Nicoll, a spokeswoman for the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Tapwater begins flowing in Charleston, W.Va.

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Safe tap water gushed from faucets and shower heads in West Virginia on Monday, a welcome sight and sound for a small fraction of the 300,000 people who have not been able to use running water since a chemical spill five days ago.

It could still be days before everyone in the Charleston metropolitan area is cleared to use the water, though officials said the water in certain designated areas was safe to drink and wash with as long as people flushed out their systems. They cautioned that the water may still have a slight licorice-type odor to it, raising the anxieties of some who believed it was still contaminated.

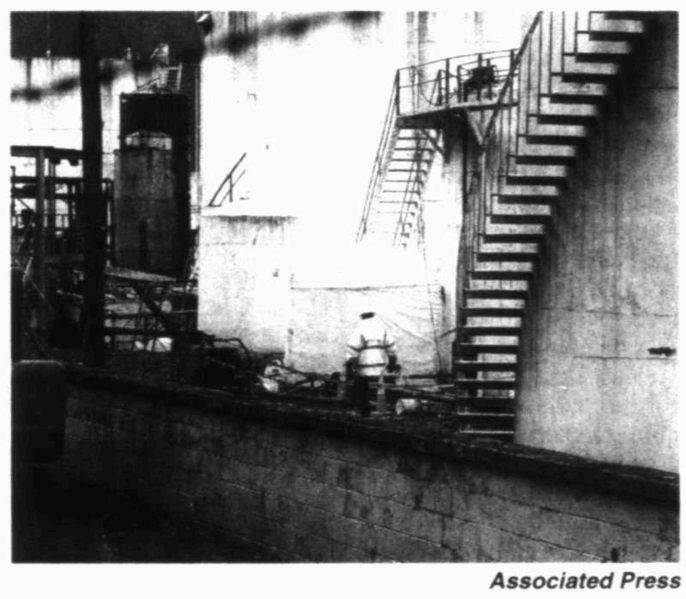
"I'm not going to drink it. I'll shower in it and do dishes in it. But I won't drink it. I don't think it's (the chemical) all out," said Angela Stone, who started the 30-minute or so process of flushing her system out soon after the ban was lifted.

By Monday evening, officials had given the green light to about 15 percent of West Virginia American Water's customers, and company spokeswoman Laura Jordan said as much as 25 percent of its customer base could have water by the end of the day.

The water crisis shuttered schools, restaurants and day-care centers and truckloads of water had to be brought in from out of state. People were told to use the water only to flush their toilets.

"Finally," said Stone's husband, James Parker. "I can finally take a shower, do dishes and cook some regular meals."

Officials were lifting the ban in a strict, methodical manner to help ensure the water system was not overwhelmed by excessive demand, which could cause more water quality and service problems. An online map detailing what areas were cleared showed a very small portion in blue and a vast area across nine counties still in the 'do not use' red.



Associated Press

Work continues around storage tanks at Freedom Industries storage facility in Charleston, W.Va., Monday. The ban on tap water for parts of West Virginia was lifted on Monday, ending a crisis for a fraction of the 300,000 people who were told not to drink, wash or cook with water after a chemical spill tainted the water supply. Gov. Earl Tomblin made the announcement at a news conference, five days after people were told to use the water only to flush their toilets.

Customers were credited with 1,000 gallons of water, which was likely more than enough to flush out a system. The average residential customer uses about 3,300 gallons per month.

Some people said they weren't worried about the odor.

"It's not going to bother me as long as we know it's clean," said Peter Triplett, a state library commission worker whose home was near the first area allowed to use water. "It's been rough going."

The first area cleared was downtown Charleston, the state capital and its largest city. Hospitals were open and flushing out systems, but schools were to stay closed today.

The water crisis started Thursday when a chemical used in coal processing leaked from a Freedom Industries plant into the nearby Elk River.

Complaints came in to West Virginia American Water about the odor and officials discovered the source was the chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol that spilled out of a 40,000-gallon tank.

In all, state officials believe about 7,500 gallons leaked from the tank. Some of the chemical was contained before flowing into the river and it's not clear exactly how much entered the water supply.

Federal authorities, including the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, have opened an investigation.

Charleston attorney Anthony Majestro represents several businesses that lost money while shut down and said he has lost count of the numerous lawsuits filed over the spill.

Over the past few days, tests have showed that levels were consistently below a toxic threshold, and in some samples, there was no trace of the chemical at all.

Some people put plastic bags around faucets so that they were reminded not to use the water. Others have left town to take a shower and find an open restaurant.

Steve Graham, who works at Union Mission in downtown Charleston, said they handed out more than 150 pallets of bottled water packs since the weekend. Graham said the water ban slipped his mind Monday night.

"I got that mouthful of water in the middle of the night just waking up, and instantly you got that candy taste in your mouth," he said.

Only 14 people exposed to the contaminated water were admitted to the hospital, and none was in serious condition. No fish kills were reported and there was no impact to aquatic life or wildlife, state officials said.

The chemical, even in its most concentrated form, isn't deadly. However, people were told they shouldn't even wash their clothes in affected water, as the compound can cause symptoms ranging from skin irritation and rashes to vomiting and diarrhea.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

'24' returns in May with 12-episode run on Fox

PASADENA — Jack Bauer is back, and he's on the run in London.

Kiefer Sutherland returns as the intrepid counter-terrorist in a 12-episode run of "24: Live Another Day," debuting with a two-hour show May 5 on Fox.

"I'm about as anxious and wound up as I've been in a long time," Sutherland said Monday at the Television Critics Association winter meeting.

He returns to a character he played for eight seasons, from 2001 to 2010.

"There's a great impetus for all of us to create something new with the show," Sutherland said.

The show will be set and shot in London and retain the real-time format with split screens and interwoven story lines. It picks up four years after the events of "24's" final season, with Bauer now a fugitive being hunted by the CIA.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Concert, Styx at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine

Naturalists meeting

The Llano Estacado chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, a volunteer group dedicated to learning about the state's natural resources, will meet 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center.

To become certified, naturalists must complete 40 hours of training and perform 40 hours of volunteer work. A schedule for the 2014 class has not been finalized, but anyone interested in the program is encouraged to attend, according to Paul Brown, the group's past president.

Speakers will be Mandi Thompson, director of education for the Petroleum Museum, and Michael Price, the new executive director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve.

Visit the group's Facebook page for more information: www.facebook.com/LlanoEstacadoTMN.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m., Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Patient Tower; 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor,559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

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

Citizen Police Academy

The Midland Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizen Police Academy that will begin on Feb. 25.

The academy is a free 36-hour course designed to give Midlanders a working knowledge of MPD. Officers will give lectures and demonstrations and provide hands-on opportunities for participants.

Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings for six weeks. MPD provides all classroom materials.

Applications are available on the city's website, http://www.midlandtexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/197. For more invformation, call 685-7582.

Recovered property

Property recovered by the Midland Police Department will be available for viewing 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the department, 601 N. Loraine St.

The property has been recovered since late summer and early fall. Residents who believe an item might be theirs are encouraged to bring a photo ID and police report case number. For more information, call 432-685-7148.

December airport report

■ Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
December 2013: 42,590
December 2012: 40,984
Percent difference: 3.9
Year to date: 127,965 (2.8 percent increase from 2012-13)
December 2011: 41,548
December 2010: 40,265
December 2009: 35,161
December 2008: 38,457
■ Total passengers
December 2013: 84,379
December 2012: 80,147
Percent difference: 5.3
Year to date: 253,058 (2.7 percent increase from 2012-13)
■ Fuel sales
(in gallons)
December 2013: 627,998
December 2012: 514,557
Percent difference: 22.0
Year to date: 1,855,544 (13.9 percent increase from 2012-13)
December 2011: 503,183
December 2010: 506,562
December 2009: 391,171
December 2008: 506,754
■ Parking revenues
December 2013: $212,970
December 2012: $177,114
Percent difference: 20.2
Year to date: $608,180 (8.5 percent increase from 2012-13)
December 2011: $165,449
December 2010: $150,352
December 2009: $130,141
December 2008: $150,101

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-7-5
Pick 3 day: 5-0-5
Pick 3 evening: 8-1-1
Pick 3 night: 2-1-7
Daily 4 morning: 3-2-1-9
Daily 4 day: 3-5-8-9
Daily 4 evening: 7-8-2-6
Daily 4 night: 5-6-1-5
Cash Five: 8-22-23-33-35
Texas Two Step: 2-6-27-34 BB: 28
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-7-10-11-13-14-18-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 3-6-8-9-11-13-14-16-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-6-7-9-13-15-17-18-19-22
All or Nothing night: 1-3-5-6-8-10-11-12-13-20-22-24

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested on burglary charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for allegedly breaking into a residence and stealing items, according to court documents.

Ritter

Dylan Henry Ritter, 33, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

A Midland police officer responded to a check area call at about 7 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of Devonian Drive.

The complainant told dispatch that people were moving stuff out of a residence and didn't believe they lived there.

The officer stopped a red pickup that was seen behind the home in an alley. The driver, Ritter, said he had dropped off a friend at a home in the area. The officer saw several tools, a generator, DVD player, Playstation 3 and brown bag containing ammunition in the truck bed, according to the arrest affidavit.

Another officer said he later discovered that the home's back door had been forced open, and several items appeared to be missing inside the residence. Some of those items were found bundled together in the backyard.

Police arrested Ritter as a suspect in the burglary and transported him to Midland County jail.

The affidavit does not provide details regarding any other suspects in the burglary.

If convicted, Ritter faces up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Dillard's employee used customer receipts to steal money

A Midland Dillard's employee was arrested Saturday after she used discarded or dropped receipts to place nearly $1,900 on gift cards, according to court documents.

Gabriela Elaine Torres, 23, posted a $5,000 bond Sunday after being charged with a state jail felony of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

A Midland police officer responded at about 2:15 p.m. Saturday to Dillard's at Midland Park Mall.

The manager told police that Torres would find Dillard's receipts that had been discarded or dropped and she would return that item/amount and the funds would be placed on a gift card. She would then use the gift cards for "her own personal gain."

Torres

Officials with Dillard's corporate office noticed "return hand entry on cards" by Torres and contacted the manager, who said that was a sign the employee needed to be watched, according to the arrest affidavit.

Torres worked for the store for about three months and allegedly returned $1,890.61 worth of merchandise she found on Dillard's receipts and placed that amount on gift cards. The arresting officer said she confessed to the theft.

If convicted, she faces up to two years in prison.

After 40 years, case of slain teen goes to trial

Associated Press

OTTUMWA, Iowa — Judith Cabanillas was just 13 when a middle-of-the-night phone call from police conveyed the shattering news: Her older sister had been found murdered in an Iowa farmhouse. Her mother screamed uncontrollably.

That was in 1974. Year after year, the slaying went unsolved as Cabanillas grew up and became mother to a daughter, who was named after her dead sibling. But she worked tirelessly to keep the case from fading away.

Now, almost four decades after that call, her quest could be near an end as authorities put a suspect on trial beginning today in the death of Mary Jayne Jones, a carefree 17-year-old with beautiful brown eyes who worked at a drive-in restaurant.

"We hope that we can get some justice for Jayne, that she can finally rest in peace and we can stop grieving so hard for her," Cabanillas said. "It's been a long road."

When her body was discovered, investigators quickly suspected the homeowner's cousin, who had been accused of luring another woman to the same house days earlier and forcing her to perform a sex act.

But authorities did not charge Robert "Gene" Pilcher in the murder because they had no hard evidence. That changed in 2010, when DNA testing linked Pilcher to the sheets on the bed where Mary Jayne's naked body was found.

His trial on a first-degree murder charge is expected to last two weeks in Ottumwa.

Pilcher, 67, hopes to prove the innocence he has always maintained. But for Mary Jayne's relatives, who are coming from all over the U.S., the trial is finally a chance to lock up the man they believe was responsible for the loss they suffered on April 9, 1974.

Pilcher's cousin, Max Marlin, owned the farmhouse west of Ottumwa, but was in California at the time. Marlin's father had come to the property that afternoon to farm. When his wife brought over dinner, she discovered the dead girl in a bedroom. Investigators said she had been raped, beaten and shot once each in the face and heart.

Mary Jayne had moved from Fayetteville, N.C., to Ottumwa in 1973 after her older sister, Jacque, married and settled there. She expected to stay only while Jacque was pregnant with her first child, but got a job at Henry's Drive-In, moved into an apartment and started dating.

At the time, Pilcher was the 27-year-old owner of an extermination business. He had access to his cousin's rural house, known as the scene of big parties. A barmaid who worked at the Tom Tom Tap told police that Pilcher took her there four days before the murder under false pretenses, handcuffed her to a bed and forced her to perform oral sex.

While they tried to build a murder case, prosecutors won a conviction against Pilcher for sodomizing the barmaid. But the Iowa Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 1975, finding the state's sodomy law unconstitutional. Pilcher was also convicted of perjury for falsely testifying about when he bought the handcuffs used to restrain the woman.

But the murder investigation sputtered. The family and the Iowa governor's office put up reward money seeking witnesses. Nothing materialized.

As years passed, Cabanillas kept pressing investigators. She traveled to Iowa in 1995, showing up unannounced on the doorstep of the woman who discovered her sister's body.

"I've never given up. Nobody in our family has ever given up. We might be quiet and unassuming, but there has been letters and phone calls back and forth for 37 years. What's happening? Why haven't you arrested him? Is he still alive? What is he doing?"

During the wait, Cabanillas routinely peppered Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agents with questions and kept meticulous notes. The family sought to publicize the case with local media, which often reported on the anniversary of Mary Jayne's death.

"The people there in the little town, they didn't forget," she said.

One agent, Wayne Sheston, took the case file with him after he retired and kept working on it until his 2007 death, she said.

When a cold-case unit took a fresh look at the murder, detectives sent long-stored evidence from the farmhouse off for forensic testing. Analysts found genetic material on the bed sheets and developed DNA profiles of three individuals.

A database search yielded a match for Pilcher, who had been required to submit a sample after an earlier felony theft conviction. Agents arrested him at a seedy Des Moines hotel in November 2012, and he's been jailed since.

When police called to tell Cabanillas, "it was just mind-blowing because it came out of the blue," she said. She was at the California home of her daughter, 28-year-old Marijayne.

Relatives know the trial will be difficult. They have been asked to meet with authorities to privately view graphic pictures of Mary Jayne's body before the images are displayed. They're ready for the defense to paint her as a "wild child," a caricature that Cabanillas said is false. They also know there's the possibility of acquittal.

Pilcher's defense lawyers argue that the presence of his DNA does not mean he's a killer, saying it could be from the previous sexual encounter in the home. And they note that other DNA materials, as well as hair and fingerprints from the scene do not belong to him.

Defense lawyer Allen Cook said Pilcher "had a pretty darn good alibi" in 1974: that he was working in a Jaycees circus office when the victim was killed. But, Cook said, the alibi has since been undermined because many witnesses are dead or have foggy memories.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Pizza Hut to offer 'by the slice' amid competition

Pizza Hut plans to start offering pizza by the slice for the first time in two locations this week, part of a test to refashion its image and court diners in their 20s and 30s.

The chain says the two locations — one in York, Neb. and Pawtucket, R.I. — will open today.

A slice will cost between $2 and $3 and take three to four minutes to heat up. They'll be made with new recipes more in line with the thinner pies sold in the Northeast.

The tests reflect how established restaurant chains are scrambling to keep pace with a rapidly changing industry. Diners are increasingly flocking to places such as Chipotle, where they feel they can get restaurant-quality food for just a little more than they would pay at fast-food chains such as Burger King.

Charter steps up pursuit of Time Warner Cable

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cable TV operator Charter Communications intensified its pursuit of the much larger Time Warner Cable and vowed Monday to bring an offer directly to shareholders if needed after getting rebuffed by Time Warner's management.

Time Warner Cable called the move "a non-starter."

There has been months of speculation over a cable company buying Time Warner Cable, the nation's No. 2 cable TV provider behind Comcast Corp. Monday's pronouncement by Charter represents its most public overture yet, even as financial terms haven't changed significantly. Although there is no formal proposal on the table, Charter said it is willing to make a cash-and-stock offer that could be worth up to $38 billion.

The developments come as broadcast and pay-TV channels demand higher fees from cable TV operators to include those channels in customers' cable lineups. Last summer, Time Warner Cable had to drop CBS for about a month because of a fee dispute. The cable company lost more than 300,000 video subscribers in the third quarter partly because of that.

By combining, Charter and Time Warner Cable could increase their negotiating powers with the TV channels — and perhaps reduce the fee increases they pass on to customers.

The cable companies could also develop better apps for customers to watch channels on phones and tablet computers, as they try to retain customers who are increasingly watching video on the Internet.

Charter Communications Inc., which is based in Stamford, Conn., said it is prepared to bring the offer directly to shareholders after determining there is "no genuine intent" from Time Warner Cable's management to engage in merger talks. But Charter said it was open to continued talks with New York-based Time Warner Cable first.

Charter said it has made repeated overtures to Time Warner Cable for more than six months. In December, Charter was planning an offer of less than $135 per share, including $83 per share in cash, according to published reports at the time. That values Time Warner Cable at up to $38 billion. In Monday's letter, Charter said it was willing to pay in the low $130s per share, including about $83 in cash.

Time Warner Cable's stock closed at $132.40 on Monday and rose 1.7 percent to $134.65 in after-hours trading. Shares have risen 35 percent over the past 12 months, much of it because of expectations of a deal.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dylan H. Ritter, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a habitation.

Gabriela E. Torres, 23, of Midland, was charged Saturday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Mario Alvarez Jr., 36, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Andre D. Harris, 20, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Abel A. Mendoza-Orozco, 19, of Midland, was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Ladislao V. Soto Jr., 24, of Midland, was charged Sunday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Jose A. Zubia, 58, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

APPOINTMENT

From 1A

Rachel Stone, CEO and president of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Speaking to Bradford, she said, "You abstained from the discussions and vote, but you didn't abstain from the process. What this looks like, is that you guys are mad that Kathy Reeves is running and now, the tax assessor's office is paying for it."

After Commissioners' Court, Bradford reiterated he abstained from the issue when asked about the suspected political motivations in Hood's appointment. He also said the commissioners did the best they could with the information they had at the time of Hood's appointment. Donnelly, when asked the same question, said that was one person's interpretation of the situation and did not comment any further.

Also at Monday's meeting, commissioners approved:

■ The Midland County Public Library's decision to do away with fines.

Library users will no longer have to pay a 10-cent-per-day fine if material is late. But a collections agency will be notified to collect the value of the item or items after a set amount of time.

■ Two sheriff's office projects — renovation of drains for the jail and upgrading video visitation software and equipment.

Sheriff Gary Painter said some of the 20-year-old floor and shower drains in the older part of the jail are failing, so the county will be searching for a contractor to renovate the drains. The county approved a winning bid for the drain renovations at a cost of $67,000.

The video visitation software and equipment, located at the Midland County Annex building, allows for visitors to see inmates remotely, but Painter said the current system's feed may become disconnected or the video quality is less than optimal.

Painter said early estimates for the visitation software and equipment is $500,000, but he is hoping that the county can get a better deal through the bidding process.

MISD

From 1A

remains on the district's approved reading list.

During the meeting's public forum period, the parent said a book that uses the word n----- more than 48 times is not something that students should be required to read, as it can be very problematic for African American students. She suggested the district update its reading lists. Warren said he has already tasked Susan Zachary, MISD's director of secondary English, with reviewing and updating the lists.

■ Approved the 2012-13 annual financial audit as prepared by Weaver.

■ Approved 10 personnel appointments and accepted nine resignations and three retirements.

■ Filed a complaint against and a request for sanctions from the Texas Education Agency against former employees W. Christopher, C. Jauz, C. Kidd, E. Nichols and R. Prieto, who abandoned their contracts without good cause for resignation.

Controversy plagues school mental health screening

Associated Press

MIAMI — After his father was diagnosed with cancer, a 15-year-old Champaign, Ill., teen started skipping school, erupting in angry outbursts, yelling at teachers and punching holes in walls or retreating to his room paralyzed by an overwhelming sadness.

When the teen's assistant principal approached him a few months ago about seeking help for mental illness, the student initially declined, saying he didn't need it. However, eventually he did seek treatment. Diagnosed with major depressive disorder, he joined group therapy sessions at his school.

As stories about increasing school violence dominate headlines, experts said many teens are struggling with untreated mental illness. However, even though federal health officials recommended universal mental health screenings for students nearly a decade ago, they still aren't required. An Associated Press review of policies around the nation shows screenings vary widely not only from state to state, but within each school district. There's no consistency on whether the schools screen, what age they screen and what they screen for.

"We have (schools) screening for all kinds of rare infectious diseases and then we don't screen for common behavioral disorders that are costly to the individual, the family and society in terms of health care utilization, crime cost and high risk of death ... it doesn't make any sense from a public health perspective," said Mike Dennis, of Chestnut Health Systems in Normal, Ill. He teaches clinicians in 49 states how to assess and treat patients with mental illness and substance abuse.

Although the 15-year-old Illinois student was not diagnosed through a school program, in his school-based group therapy he's learning practical tips to identify his triggers and calm them before emotions spin out of control.

"I think it is a good idea because a lot of people think they don't need help but they actually do," said the teen, who is not being identified by The Associated Press because he is a minor.

The federal government does not keep track of school mental health screening, so it's all but impossible to say how many schools do or don't offer it.

The offerings vary from intensive services to virtually none at all.

"No state is providing high-end services in all of their schools," said Sharon Stephan, co-director of the Center for School Mental Health, a national organization based at the University of Maryland that provides training for schools and mental health providers.

Baltimore and Chicago have robust screening and treatment programs. Teachers in one South Florida school district screen children as young as kindergarten by filling out a short questionnaire, while students in Minnesota answer anonymous surveys about drug use and depression. In Olympia, Wash., 21,000 students were screened for substance abuse and mental health issues in 2010, but that dropped to only 7,500 in 2012 because of lack of funding.

Mental health issues typically start during adolescence. If left untreated, they can lead to substance abuse, school dropouts and difficulty maintaining steady jobs and relationships. Yet many people are not diagnosed until later in life when they don't have access to services because they don't have health insurance or their insurance doesn't cover it.

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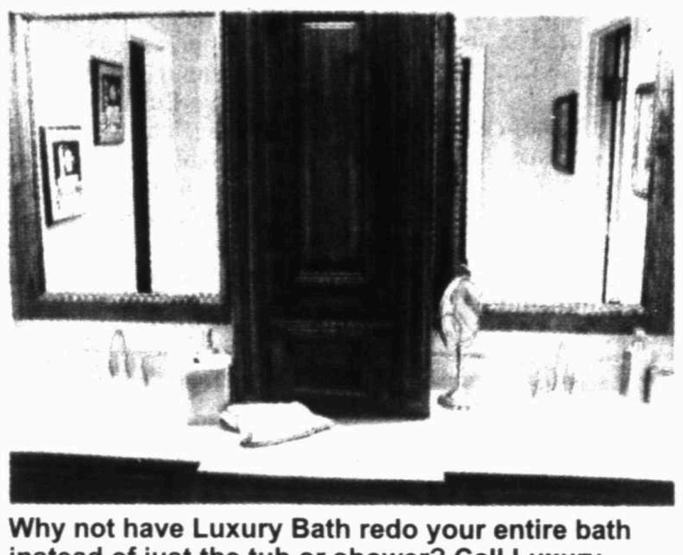

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OPINION

Gov. Christie passes first big test, faces more

■ The problem for the New Jersey governor isn't whether he can survive politically but whether he can build a White House ready team that can survive future doubts

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

There is something inherently absurd about a political scandal resulting from an event that could also have been caused by a stray deer and a truck filled with watermelons. Instead, the closing of two access lanes to the George Washington Bridge last fall was the result of stupidity and swagger in close proximity to one of the GOP's most promising presidential prospects.

Predictably, the scandal has unleashed a billiard table full of careening calculations. Democrats engage in premature hyperventilation because they fear that Gov. Chris Christie is an electable moderate conservative. Tea party conservatives do the same — for exactly the same reason. The media show their normal heightened enthusiasm for scandals involving public officials whose names end with a capital "R." Republicans show their normal backlash sympathy for the object of a press frenzy.

Judged purely as a matter of politics, Christie has done well. Assuming his vehement denial of all involvement is accurate — the alternative is the end of his credibility and his career — Christie's news conference was a model of crisis management. He accepted responsibility without admitting culpability. He apologized while maintaining he was a victim. I can't recall a political figure who has done the scandal drill — mistakes were made, heads will roll — any better.

In the pre-primary primary, this is actually a qualification. Presidential candidates — who are often human beings — have been known to face draft-record controversies, bimbo eruptions, early DUI revelations, drug-use allegations, questions about discreditable pastoral associations and the like. The successful ones share Christie's talent for crisis containment.

And the timing of this particular scandal is strangely good for Christie. A decisive re-election is just behind him. The primary season is years ahead. Political memories are short.

So — assuming the traffic cone caper was an isolated, rogue operation — that is that. But not quite that.

It is a fair assumption that a politician's closest advisers become the core of a presidential campaign and may eventually hold key positions in government. That, at least, is the hope of everyone involved. The character of a presidential campaign, or of a White House staff, is actually determined by the dynamics of a small group. Often five or six people set the tone — amplifying a leader's virtues or his (or her) less desirable traits.

In this case, some of the closest advisers to the New Jersey governor have been implicated in an act of nearly irrational vindictiveness and what Christie calls "abject stupidity." It was the abuse of power to punish random people on a roadway who would (if the scheme worked properly) never know the reason. This was the reduction of citizens to ants on a log. It is the political philosophy of a malicious child with a magnifying glass.

It is honestly hard to imagine that such political operatives would have been capable enough to carry Christie to the presidency. But such a thought experiment is sobering. The problem is that stupidity is scalable. Transposed to the White House, such attitudes and tactics might have been Nixonian. Some in Christie's circle of trust were not worthy of trust. Though he asserts, "I am not a bully," he apparently employed some bullies.

This is the reason that the bridge scandal is more than a test of crisis management; it is now a test of whether Christie can build a political team worthy of his presidential ambitions (assuming, I think safely, that he has them). Loyalty is an important virtue in a politician's closest staff — and one that Christie obviously values highly. But it is not sufficient. The bridge lane closings and cover-up did not result from staffers with insufficient loyalty to Christie but from staffers with insufficient regard for the public interest. This is where a deficit of trust now exists.

Christie remains a Republican frontrunner for good reasons. He is tough, candid, pragmatic, persistent and unafraid of vested political interests. He has shown a rare ability to explain the need for pension and benefit reform in the Garden State — a skill transferrable to national fiscal challenges. His decisive re-election was earned — and promising as the basis for a national Republican coalition that includes more of the political center.

But many Republicans are now closely watching Christie's first reaction to serious adversity. Does it make team Christie more combative and insular? Or is it taken as a painful but helpful lesson — producing a presidential campaign in which crackpot schemes of political vengeance are unthinkable?

OUR VIEW

Funding for children's safety organizations shouldn't be negotiable

There are few things as important to the community as our children. In the past we have used this space to talk about the importance of the right education for our children. We know there is another area that has to be of greater importance — their safety.

This past weekend, staff writer Rachael Gleason offered a report on child abuse and neglect in the area and the limitations of a system to handle each case and make things right for every child. It is a must-read, and we invite you to go to mrt.com to take a look at this exceptional piece of explanatory journalism.

We aren't writing this to say we know the magic formula to solve this problem. Child abuse is about right and wrong, and in our community, there are people who don't know the difference when it comes to actions involving our young people.

We also recognize the limitations in place. Funding from state agencies and nonprofit organizations is not anywhere close to where it needs to be. The result is a system where it is a given that no matter how hard officials work, they always will be behind.

So what can be done?

When you have the opportunity to speak to an official at the local, state or national levels, ask them what they are doing about funding for these organizations. Don't let them off the hook. It's an issue for congressional and gubernatorial candidates and officials at the county level. Let them know Midland can't be an afterthought when it comes to funding and manpower.

Make your time and money count locally. Give what you can to groups such as CASA of West Texas, Buckner Children & Family Services, Centers for Children & Families, Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center and Safe Place of the Permian Basin. They are doing good work in protecting today's children and are feeling the pinch of larger caseloads.

When it comes to the safety and well-being of our children, our community has an obligation. It would be nice to think that there is not a problem or that the problem will go away with an education program or a well-written news article. That is not the case. There are going to be people who make bad decisions and unfortunately, children will pay the price. We can't do much about that. What we can do is make sure the entities and organizations that are there to help the children are funded and have the resources they need.

Actually, it seems like the least we can do.

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2016 preseason comes to town

■ Santorum, Jindal show off political skills and leave conservatives, or at least Texans, dreaming of what could be

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

The 2016 presidential primary preseason (which began 10 minutes after the 2012 presidential primary season ended) rolled through Austin on Thursday.

Potential GOP candidates Rick Santorum and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal spoke at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's "Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature 2014," which is interesting because if things go as planned there will be no Texas Legislature 2014.

TPPF is a conservative bunch. Its three-day session attracts folks such as the bewhiskered guy at Thursday's breakfast buffet who said: "I'm not shaving until there is a Republican in the White House." (Should one's personal grooming decisions be based on the ballot-box whims of others?)

As Thursday's events kicked off, Texas Reps. James White, R-Hillister, and Cecil Bell, R-Magnolia, were good-naturedly yukking it up about the Obama administration. "Whatever they're for," White said, "we're against."

The sessions included one called "Getting Rid of Unnecessary Criminal Laws." A promo for that noted Texas has "11 felonies related to oysters!" PolitiFact Texas has decreed that "mostly true." Seems there are as many as 16 or as few as seven oyster-related felonies. (I wonder what kind of prison cred oyster-related felons get on the cellblock.)

Like many people, Santorum did a stint as a top-tier GOP presidential candidate in 2012. GOP primary voters brought that to an end. He also did a stint as a U.S. senator from Pennsylvania. Voters there brought that to an end.

Santorum is now a Texas businessman, though not a Texan, as CEO of Flower Mound-based EchoLight Studios, "America's Fastest-Growing Faith and Family Film Company." The firm recently released "The Christmas Candle" and saw it as "the next holiday classic." Some critics from the dreaded mainstream media saw otherwise.

"It's as if a little plastic holiday village came to life," wrote Joe Neumaier of the New York Daily News. "Except that might be interesting."

Referring to the plot, the New York Post's Kyle Smith said the movie "may appeal to the kind of viewers who regard electricity as disturbingly newfangled."

And despite now doing business in a business-friendly state that reformed its torts to get even business friendlier, Santorum is embroiled in courthouse unpleasantness. His firm has sued two of its ex-execs, claiming they orchestrated "a campaign of sabotage" including implicitly threatening to "malign Santorum."

Santorum is an inspiring home-crowd public speaker. He offered important words here Thursday, particularly about the impact of changing notions about marriage, and he was not talking just about same-sex marriage.

"Marriage is not about romantic love between two people," he said, quickly acknowledging: "That's a part of it."

I asked him how it goes at home after he tells the world "marriage is not about romantic love between two people."

"I said it's not only about romantic love," he reminded me. "It is, of course, about romantic love, but it's not just that."

So how does it go at home?

"I have seven children," Santorum said. "It goes well."

Jindal rallied the crowd by railing against the Obama administration as the most "extremely liberal" ever or the "most incompetent" ever. He's a great public speaker, so good that if he runs in 2016, he might be able to make people forget something he publicly spoke in 2012: "Rick Perry is the candidate who can lead our party to victory in 2012."

Jindal would be a good addition to the candidate mix. And I'm hoping Santorum runs. The more Texans in the race (even part-time ones like him), the better as we move toward ending one of those annoying interims without a Texas president. I also want Perry and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz to run.

The only thing better than a good intrastate scrum is a good intrafamily scrum. That's why I want ex-U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, of Texas, and son Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, to run, producing the best father-son political family feud since the last time George W. Bush did something to annoy George H.W. Bush.

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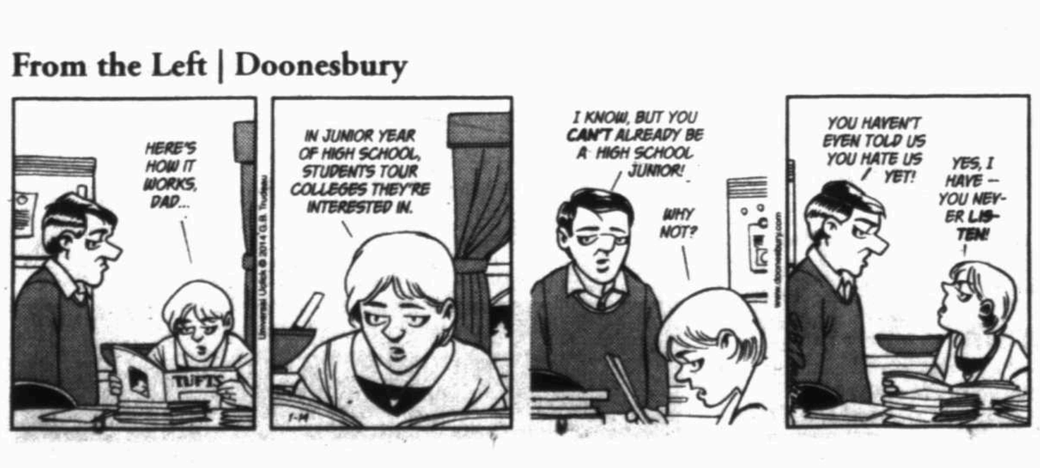

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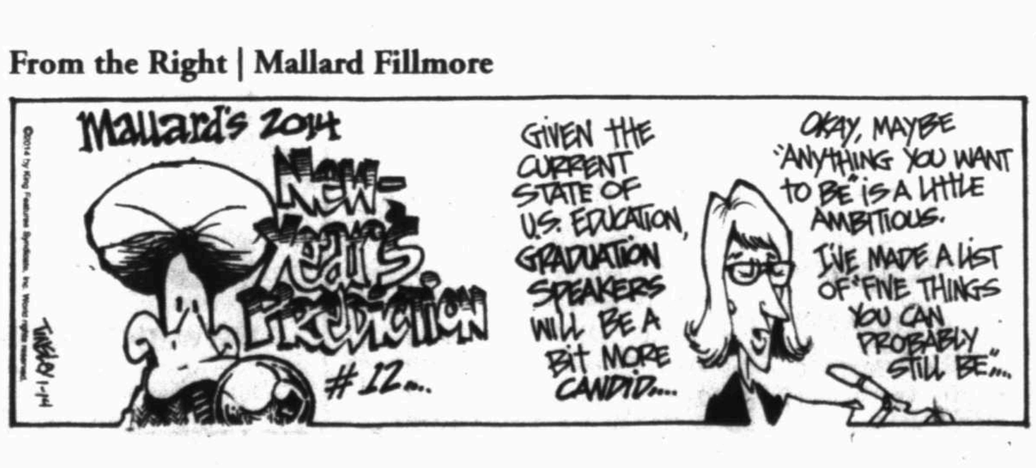

Health care signups: More older Americans so far

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's an older, costlier crowd that's signing up so far for health insurance under President Barack Obama's law, according to government figures released Monday. Enrollments are lower for the healthy, younger Americans who will be needed to keep premiums from rising.

Young adults from 18 to 34 are only 24 percent of total enrollment, the administration said in its first signup figures broken down for age, gender and other details. With the HealthCare.gov website now working, the figures cover the more than 2 million Americans who had signed up for government-subsidized private insurance through the end of December in new federal and state markets.

Enrolling young and healthy people is important because they generally pay more into the system than they take out, subsidizing older adults. While 24 percent is not a bad start, say independent experts, it should be closer to 40 percent to help keep premiums down.

Adults ages 55-64 were the most heavily represented in the signups, accounting for 33 percent of the total. Overall, the premiums paid by people in that demographic don't fully cover their medical expenses. Some are in the waiting room for Medicare; that coverage starts at age 65.

Some questions remained unanswered.

For example, the administration is unable to say how many of those enrolling for coverage had been previously uninsured. Some might have been among the more than 4.7 million insured people whose previous policies were canceled because they didn't meet the law's standards.

"The uninsured folks for whom the law was intended don't seem to have signed up in nearly as high numbers," said Richard Foster, a former statistics chief for the Health and Human Services department. "There is still a huge unknown aspect to this."

But even if the age mix remains tilted toward older adults, "it's nothing of the sort that would trigger instability in the system," said Larry Levitt, an insurance expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Premiums would go up next year for the overhaul, along with taxpayer costs per enrollee, but not enough to push the system into a "death spiral" in which rising premiums discourage healthy people from signing up.

Levitt and other experts expected older, sicker people to be more heavily represented in the early numbers. They would have had strong motivation to persevere in the face of website dysfunction.

Still, he said "it underscores a need to heighten outreach efforts to young people." Adults ages 18-34 represent 40 percent of the target group for the health care law, according to a recent Kaiser study. Open enrollment ends March 31.

Considering that the federal health care website was down most of the time in October, administration officials said they were pleased that the percentage of young adults was as high as it was.

"We think that more and more young people are going to sign up as time goes by," said Gary Cohen, head of the HHS office in charge of Obama's push to cover the uninsured. And there's a hammer, too: Those who fail to sign up face a tax penalty in 2015 for being uninsured.

Associated Press

In this June 25 handout photo, Gary Cohen, director of Health and Human Services' Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, speaks at the Brookings Institution in Washington. Health insurance sign-ups under President Barack Obama's law have skewed toward an older, costlier crowd. "We think that more and more young people are going to sign up as time goes by," Cohen said.

With Monday's numbers, a fuller picture has started to emerge of who's signing up.

Some of the highlights:

■ The administration continues to play catch-up. Originally, officials hoped to sign up more than 3.3 million people through the end of 2013, nearly halfway to the goal of 7 million enrollments by the end of March. Instead, enrollment as of Dec. 31 was not quite 2.2 million.

■ Fifty-four percent of those who signed up were women, a slightly higher proportion of females than in the population.

■ Nearly four out of five who signed up got financial help with their premiums.

■ The most popular coverage option was a so-called silver plan, which covers about 70 percent of expected medical costs. Three out of five people picked silver. One in five picked a lower-cost bronze plan. Only 13 percent picked gold, which most closely compares to the typical employer plan. Another 7 percent went for top-tier platinum plans, and about 1 percent picked skimpy "catastrophic" plans available only to certain groups of people, including those under 30.

■ A few states accounted for a huge share of the enrollment. California alone had 23 percent of the signups. California, New York, Florida, Texas and North Carolina accounted for nearly half the total.

Officials remain confident they'll be able to get young adults interested. Insurers, nonprofit groups, and advocates are moving ahead with marketing campaigns that were put on hold when the federal website that serves 36 states was struggling.

Administration officials said that in the coming weeks they plan to increase outreach to young people in 25 communities located in states served by the federal website. That effort includes a national youth enrollment day on Feb. 15 and targeted outreach by sororities and fraternities, as well as Voto Latino, which focuses on Hispanic youth.

In Miami, 19-year-old college student Stacy Sylvain was one of the last-minute online signups as 2013 drew to a close. In about an hour, the part-time waitress signed up for a plan with a $158 monthly premium, with the feds kicking in $48. She has a $2,500 deductible. Sylvain said she had no trouble navigating the website.

"Many people have a preconceived notion that young people are healthy and don't need to go to the doctor," said Sylvain, who suffered a minor injury when she fell and hit her head during an indoor soccer class in 2012. "Not having to worry about being uninsured and the what-ifs has made an incredible impact on my life."

Christie faces criticism, silence from rivals

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — As Democrats intensify their probe in New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie has found little support — and sharp criticism in some cases — from the slate of potential rivals for the Republican presidential nomination. At the same time, would-be allies from key states have been slow to rally behind the Republican governor, whose administration appears to have created a massive traffic jam to punish a political adversary.

Some Republican leaders in Iowa and New Hampshire — states already gearing up for the nation's first 2016 presidential nominating contests — offered only conditional support for Christie, acknowledging the New Jersey investigation is far from over.

"I think only time will tell on this," said Bruce Rastetter, a wealthy Iowa businessman who led a group of like-minded Republican donors to New Jersey to encourage a 2012 Christie presidential run. "And if he didn't have any knowledge, he should have a future."

Documents revealed last week that figures in the Christie administration may have intentionally caused major backups near the George Washington Bridge, linking the community of Fort Lee to New York City, to exact political retribution against a Democratic mayor who refused to endorse his re-election campaign. Christie fired a top aide and jettisoned his chief political adviser after internal communications confirming their involvement became public.

He adamantly denied any personal "knowledge or involvement" in the lane closures.

Democrats in New Jersey on Monday formed special legislative committees with subpoena power, expanding the traffic-jam investigation into an abuse of power probe. But Christie, who is considering a presidential bid, is also facing criticism from his own party — particularly from other Republicans who are eyeing the presidency.

The intense scrutiny underscores the tremendous political pressure Christie faces as one of his party's most popular figures ahead of the 2016 presidential contest.

"Nobody likes the idea of using government against someone for political reasons," Kentucky Republican Sen. Rand Paul, who is examining a 2016 run, said in an interview with KPNX-TV in Phoenix. "I think that's what's being addressed here and that's why I think it's a bigger issue than just traffic. Because if it is true, if it looks like someone who won an election is punishing people they beat in the election, that leaves a really bad taste in people's mouth."

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, weighing a second presidential candidacy, complimented Christie on Sunday for taking tough questions but raised new questions about the governor's staffing decisions.

"The people that you hire are the policies that are implemented," Santorum said. "It's very clear that the personnel there was not sensitive to what seemed to be a fairly obvious wrong thing to do."

Other prospective Republican presidential candidates simply declined to support Christie in recent days when given the opportunity.

Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan said he didn't "have any thoughts" on Christie's situation when asked after a Monday speech. "I've been busy doing my job," Ryan said.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said last week that he didn't know enough about the situation to comment. He has remained silent in the days since details emerged. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said Sunday that people should "reserve judgment" on Christie, but he largely avoided the topic.

On the ground in New Hampshire, a state known to make or break presidential candidates, state GOP chairwoman Jennifer Horn said that Christie "demonstrated leadership by taking responsibility." But other Republicans suggested Christie's denials could have longstanding consequences.

"I take him at his word that he didn't know," said Michael Dennehy, a veteran of Republican presidential politics. "That being said, it should be of serious concern there was such nonsense going on behind his back without him knowing. That is, and should be, of great concern for anyone looking at him as a possible presidential candidate."

A sample of party leaders in Iowa say the New Jersey governor is far from damaged goods, but only if nothing further emerges. Christie remains popular in Iowa with Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, expected to run for re-election this year. Reynolds said Christie would be welcome to campaign for the duo.

"I think Iowans and I think individuals across this nation respect somebody that's willing to stand up, apologize, take responsibility, take action," Reynolds said. "And, as long as they are not able to tie him to anything — if this is accurate, and I believe it is — then, he'll be fine."

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Senate completes overhaul of key appeals court

The Senate confirmed one of President Barack Obama's key judicial nominees on Monday, completing an overhaul of the country's second most powerful court into one dominated by Democratic-appointed judges.

The Senate voted 55-43 to confirm Robert Wilkins to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. That gives Democratic appointees a 7-4 majority on the politically influential bench. The D.C. Circuit, second in clout only to the Supreme Court, hears appeals of White House actions and federal rules and regulations.

Wilkins' confirmation is a fresh demonstration of Senate Democrats' ability to push through most presidential nominations by a simple majority.

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Passengers exit a Southwest Airlines flight that was supposed to land at Branson Airport on Sunday in Branson, Mo., but instead landed at Taney County Airport, in Hollister, Mo. The latter airport has about half as much runway. A Southwest spokesman said all 124 passengers and five crew members were safe.

Pilots grounded after landing at wrong airport

Associated Press

DALLAS — The pilots of a Southwest Airlines flight that mistakenly landed at the wrong Missouri airport were grounded Monday, less than a day after they touched down at a small airfield that gave them only half as much room as normal to stop the jet.

Southwest Flight 4013 was traveling Sunday evening from Chicago's Midway Airport to Branson Airport but instead landed at tiny Taney County Airport seven miles away.

No one was hurt, but after the 124 passengers were let off the plane, they noticed the airliner had come dangerously close to the end of the runway, where it could have tumbled down a steep embankment if it had left the pavement.

"As soon as we touched down, the pilot applied the brake very hard and very forcibly," said Scott Schieffer, a Dallas attorney. "I was wearing a seatbelt, but I was lurched forward because of the heavy pressure of the brake. You could smell burnt rubber, a very distinct smell of burnt rubber as we were stopping."

Branson Airport has a runway that is more than 7,100 feet long — a typical size for commercial traffic. The longest runway at Taney County is only slightly more than 3,700 feet because it is designed for small private planes.

After the jet stopped, a flight attendant welcomed passengers to Branson, Schieffer said. Then, after a few moments, "the pilot came on and said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry to tell you we landed at the wrong airport.'"

Southwest spokesman Brandy King said it's common for pilots to be grounded while the airline and federal aviation officials investigate.

Both pilots are Southwest veterans. The captain is in his 15th year flying for the carrier. The first officer will mark 13 years in June, the airline said.

At first, Schieffer said, he considered the error only an inconvenience. But once he got off the plane, someone pointed to the edge of the runway, which he estimated as about 100 feet away.

"It was surreal when I realized we could have been in real danger," he said. "And instead of an inconvenience, it could have been a real tragedy."

Mark Parent, manager of the smaller airport also known as M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport, described the distance as closer to 300 feet. He said the runway is built partly on landfill. At the end, there is a "significant drop-off," with a ravine beneath it, then busy U.S. 65 on the other side.

He said a Boeing 737 had never landed at the small airfield, which normally handles light jets, turboprops and small aircraft for the charter, corporate and tourism markets.

No one was at the airport when the Southwest flight landed. Airport employees had gone home about an hour earlier but were called back after the unexpected arrival, Parent said.

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating, but agency spokesman Tony Molinaro declined to elaborate.

At the time of the landing, around 6 p.m., skies were clear, with the temperature in the 50s, said Jeff Bourk, executive director of Branson Airport.

A third Southwest employee — not a pilot — was in the cockpit jumpseat, King said. That would not be unusual, since flight attendants sometimes ride along to meet another flight on which they are scheduled to work, a practice known as "deadheading."

Passengers were loaded on buses for the seven-mile trip to Branson. Southwest brought in another plane for passengers flying on to Love Field in Dallas. That flight departed around 10 p.m., Bourke said.

By mid-afternoon Monday, the plane involved in the mistaken landing was airborne again after an uneventful takeoff from the county airport. About 200 people gathered to watch the takeoff and cheered loudly as the jet climbed away.

It was scheduled to travel to Tulsa for fuel, then return to service.

The minimum runway length needed to take off varies depending on a plane's weight, the temperature and other factors. Based on Boeing documents, a lightly loaded 737-700 can take off from a runway about the length of the county airport.

Instances of commercial jets landing at the wrong airport are unusual, but not unheard-of, according to pilots and aviation safety experts. Usually the pilots are flying "visually," that is, without the aid of the autopilot, in clear weather.

The errors also typically involve low-traffic airports situated close together with runways aligned to the same or similar compass points.

"It's unlikely that you would have this problem between JFK and LaGuardia or Newark and LaGuardia," said former National Transportation Safety Board member John Goglia, referring to three New York-area airports. "They are too busy."

Pilots who are hand-flying — which is encouraged in some circumstances to keep skills sharp — look for runway lights to line up for landing. If the pilot sees the smaller airport runway, it would not be obvious from a distance of many miles that it's too short, Goglia said.

Once the pilot tells the control tower that he has the runway in sight, the plane is typically cleared to land. Air traffic controllers have no way of knowing if the pilot might actually be looking at the wrong airport.

Wrong-airport landings have been happening about twice a year for the past several years, Goglia said. Safety experts believe there are many more instances of planes that begin an approach toward the wrong airport, but the pilot realizes the error and aborts the landing in time.

In the Missouri case, a key question for investigators will be why the second Southwest pilot, who was not flying the plane, did not catch the problem in time to prevent the landing. Typically, the pilot not flying the plane is supposed to be closely monitoring navigation aids and other aircraft systems.

Sunday's event was the second time in less than two months that a large jet has landed at the wrong airport.

In November, a freight-carrying Boeing 747 that was supposed to deliver parts to McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan., landed nine miles north at Col. James Jabara Airport. The company that operated the flight later said in a training video that the crew was skeptical about the plane's automation after the co-pilot's flight display had intermittent trouble, and the pilot chose to fly visually when he spotted the brightly lit runway at Jabara.

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ARKANSAS

Judge OKs pact ending desegregation payments

LITTLE ROCK — A federal judge approved a settlement Monday that will allow the state of Arkansas to stop making payments to three Little Rock-area school districts to aid their desegregation efforts.

U.S. District Judge Price Marshall signed off on the pact after hearing several hours of testimony from opponents of the deal and lawyers for the signees: the state, the districts and black schoolchildren.

Since 1989, the state has given the Little Rock, North Little Rock and Pulaski County Special school districts more than $1 billion, total, above their regular state appropriations. The money — about $70 million this fiscal year — goes toward magnet schools and transporting students from districts where they'd be in the majority to those where they'd be in the minority.

The state has wanted to halt the payments for years, and Marshall had scheduled a March trial to hear Attorney General Dustin McDaniel's lawsuit seeking the arrangement's immediate end.

Under the new deal, the state will continue making payments through 2017, with final-year funding earmarked for facilities.

"The incentives are great for all of us," McDaniel told Marshall on Monday.

The original lawsuit was filed in 1982 — when the Little Rock district said policies among the state and the North Little Rock and Pulaski County districts left all schools countywide with a racial imbalance.

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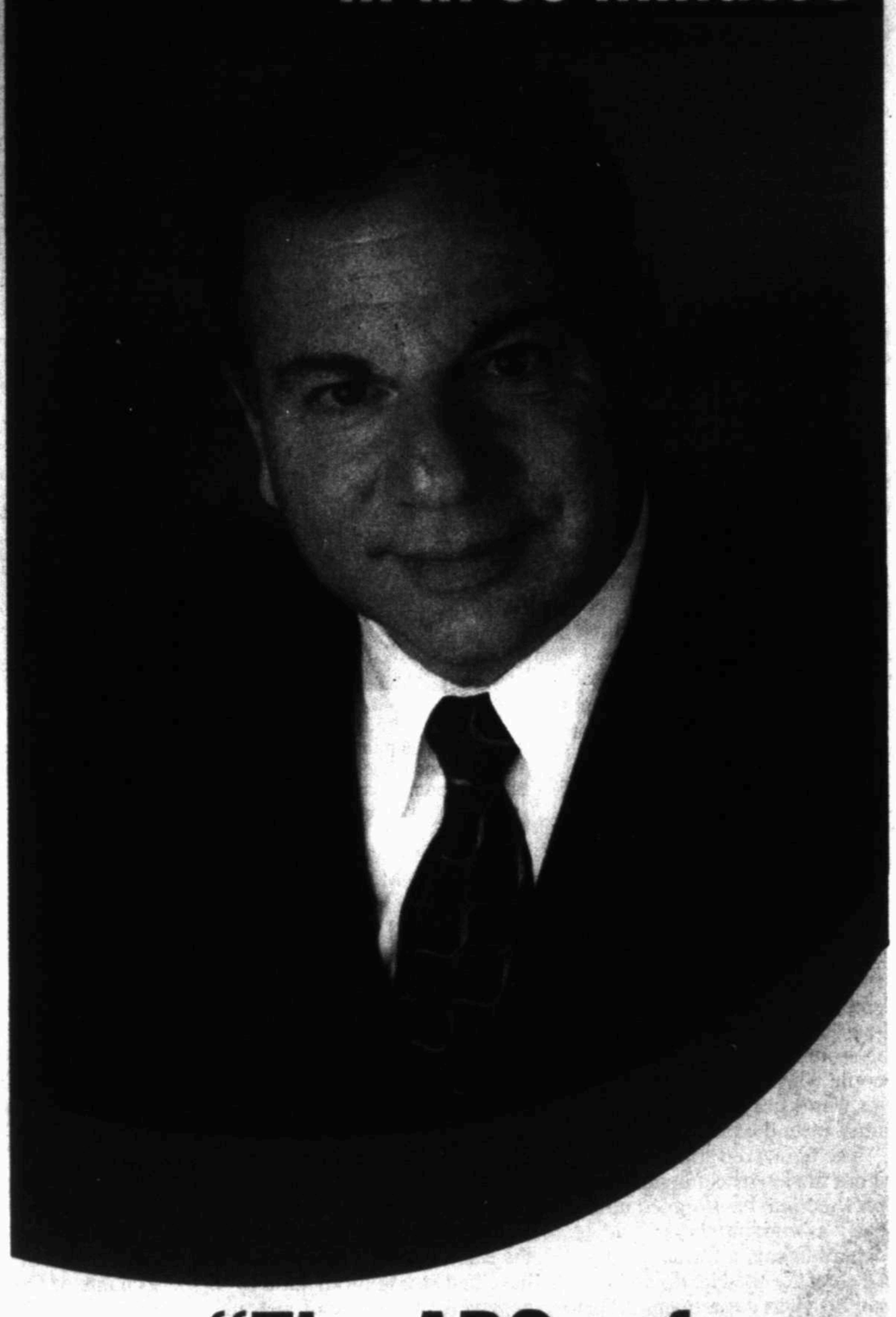

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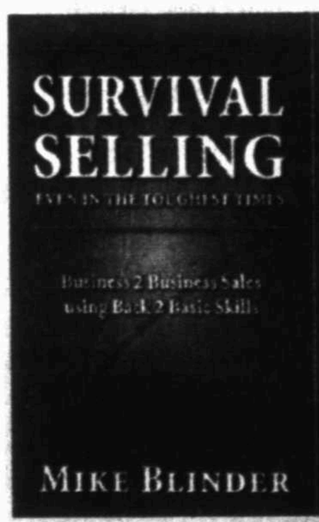

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Annual livestock show to feature nearly 400 animals

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Paula Morrison remembers raising steers for the Midland County Livestock Show when she was a child. Back in 1982, her steer won the show's grand champion title.

These days, she proudly calls herself a "professional stock show mom," with all three of her children showing animals in Midland's livestock shows over the past 16 years. For the Morrisons, the show is a family tradition.

The 62nd annual Midland County Livestock Show will take place Wednesday through Saturday at the Midland County Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail.

Nearly 400 animals — including steers, heifers, lambs, goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens and deer — will be shown this year. The animals were all raised by 150 children, third grade through 12th grade, who participate in Midland County 4-H or Future Farmers of America at Midland, Lee or Greenwood high schools.

Morrison's 15-year-old daughter, Camryn Morrison, who has been showing animals since she was 8, will show steers. She participates in Midland County 4-H.

"She's grown up in the barn," Morrison said. "It has taught my kids so much about responsibility and prioritizing because it's such a huge commitment."

Raising animals for show involves a great deal of time and care, said Choyr Gilbert, president of the Midland County Livestock Association.

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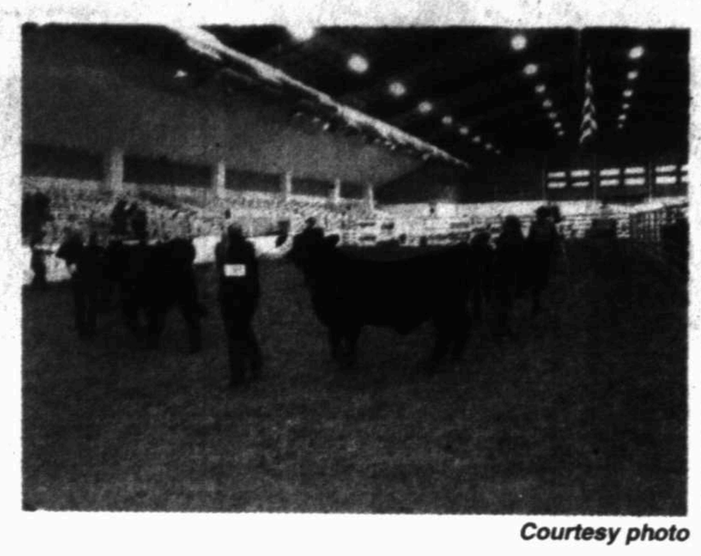
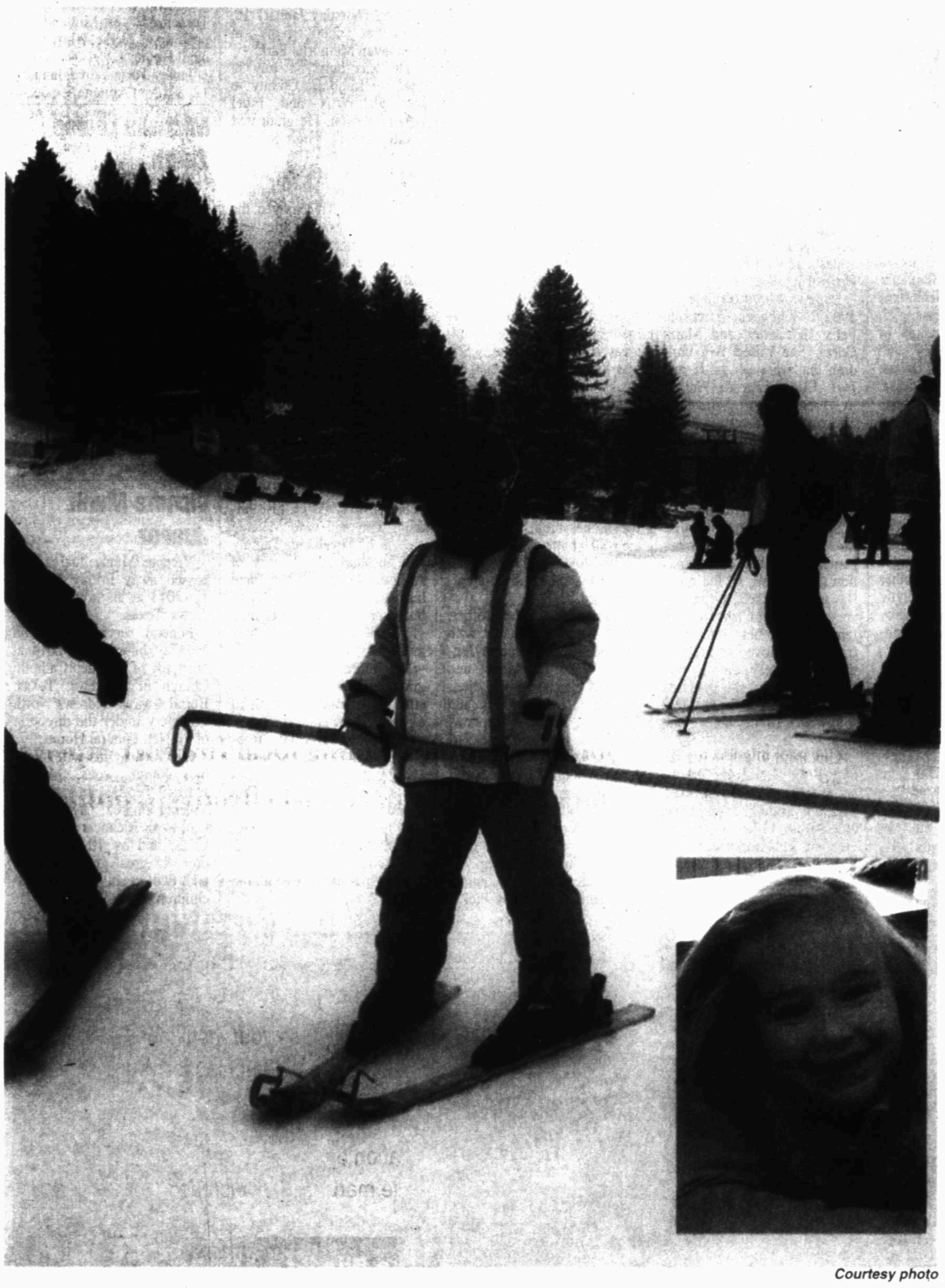


Courtesy photo

Participants show their steers in this undated photo. The 62nd annual Midland County Livestock Show will take place Wednesday through Saturday at the Horseshoe. Nearly 400 animals — including steers, heifers, lambs, goats, pigs, rabbits, chickens and deer — will be shown this year.



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Presley Parnham heads down the slope in this undated photo. The 7-year-old Midland girl, shown in inset photo, needs crutches to walk because of a mobility condition, but that doesn't stop her from skiing.

GLIDING & FLYING

Disabled skiers' program to hold auction fundraiser

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Seven-year-old Presley Parham walks with crutches because of a mobility condition, but that doesn't stop her from skiing.

Thanks to the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program in Ruidoso, N.M., the Midland resident has been skiing with her family since she was 3 years old. Her father, Trent Parham, said the program has done wonders for his daughter's confidence.

Based out of Ski Apache Ski Area, the program offers skiing and snowboarding instruction to anyone with a permanent disability, whether it's physical, motor, cognitive, social or sensory. More than 300 skiers visit the area every year to learn from a staff of about 50 coaches, the majority of whom are volunteers.

The program will hold its 28th annual Silent and Live Auction 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 25 at Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Road in Mescalero, N.M. Admission is $5.

The event will raise money for the Disabled Skiers' Program. Auction items include ski and snowboard equipment, dining and lodging packages, golf and spa certificates and artwork. Raffles will be held for two Southwest Airlines tickets, a Ski Apache full season pass for 2014-15 and a $350 gift certificate to St. Bernard, donated by Pinnacle Real Estate. Dinner will be provided, along with entertainment by Susan Kolb. The program hopes to raise $20,000-30,000.

The Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program was started in 1976 with a group of disabled Vietnam War veterans who were taught to ski. The program has grown over the years, recently expanding its "military on the mountain" service for veterans.

"We work with anyone with a permanent disability, helping people have that experience of gliding and flying with gravity," said Shippen Salas, program director. "It's very freeing, especially for someone that's limited or can't move freely."

Cody Broyles, a New Mexico native, was born with several eye conditions that left him with limited vision. He has color, light and motion perception but can only see vague outlines of other people. He's been attending the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program with the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the past seven years.

"What we do is get with one of the instructors and have ski lessons," he said. "We learn how to put our feet together and apart, speed up and slow down on skis, practice going down certain slopes that are steeper than others, know how to get on and off the lift. It helps people with such things as mobility."

Broyles remembers "taking tumbles in the snow" while skiing as a child and said the Disabled Skiers' Program has helped him experience the fun of skiing.

"I love my visual impairment; it's a gift from God," he said.

The Parham family goes skiing four or five times a year at Ski Apache. Trent Parham often volunteers as a coach with the Disabled Skiers' Program.

"If you ever desire to get on the snow but you have some type of disability that you're dealing with, they're going to figure out a way to adapt and get you onto the snow so that you can enjoy the snow," he said. "It's pretty neat to watch the students being able to participate in an activity that they're somewhat doing on their own — it really builds their confidence."

Presley has an undiagnosed mobility

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FOOD ETC.

Email Joan Huff at foodetcmrt@aol.com. See more recipes at mywesttexas.com.

Lemon adds flavor to meats and desserts

Start the new year off with the fresh taste of lemon. Not only does the flavor wake up your senses, but the aroma is delicious. Lemon can be used in all types of recipes including desserts, salads and main dishes to give them a refreshing appeal.

An average lemon will yield about three tablespoons of juice. Room temperature lemons will give more juice than cold ones. If your lemons have been refrigerated, place them in the microwave for a few seconds to take off the chill. Then, roll them under the palm of your hand on the counter. This will help burst the juice-filled sacks in the lemon, which will allow more juice to flow.

When zesting a lemon, the best tool I have found is a micro-plane. They come in all sizes and look like a wood-working tool. Lightly use it on a lemon or any other fruit, making sure not to go beneath the peel because the white part is bitter and should not be used. You can freeze lemon peel and then use it later for recipes that call for lemon zest.

The lemon cookie recipe today calls for lemon oil. Oils in various flavors are made from pressing the rind of the fruit to extract the oil. Oil is more concentrated than extracts. Lemon oil can be used as a substitute for lemon zest; keeping in mind you may not need to use as much as called for in the recipe.

Lemon is a popular ingredient in marinades because of the acid content. This acid helps break down tissues in meat and make it more tender. It can also have the opposite effect if marinated too long, so follow the suggested marinating time on recipes.

If I am out of buttermilk and need it, I use lemon and milk to make my own. For one cup of buttermilk, add one tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar plus enough whole milk (I've used 2 percent) to make one cup. Let stand for five minutes before using.

Recipes wanted

February is the "Great American Pie Month." Share your favorite pie recipe with our readers. Recipes can be sweet or savory. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./ Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Jan. 24.

Roasted Lemon Herb Chicken
From Allrecipes

2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt
1/2 teaspoon mustard powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 (3 pound) whole chicken
2 lemons
2 Tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 350. Combine the seasoning, salt, mustard powder, garlic powder and black pepper, set aside. Rinse the chicken thoroughly, and remove the giblets. Place chicken in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle 1 1/2 teaspoons of the spice mixture inside the chicken. Rub the remaining mixture on the outside of the chicken.

Squeeze the juice of the 2 lemons into a small bowl or cup, and mix with the olive oil. Drizzle this oil/juice mixture over the chicken. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 1/2 hours or until juices run clear, basting several times with the remaining mixture. Makes 8 servings. Per serving: Calories: 405, Total Fat: 29.2g, Cholesterol: 128mg, Sodium: 178mg, Total Carbs: 3.6g, Fiber: 1.5g, Protein: 32.2g.

Lemon Butter for Fish and Steak
From "Paula Deen Kitchen Classics"

Fish:
4 Tablespoons butter
1 clove garlic, minced
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
Dash of Worcestershire sauce
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in a saucepan. Sauté garlic for 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and mix

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Livestock show

Midland County Livestock Show schedule of events

Today
9 a.m.: Begin weighing and classifying swine
4 p.m.: Begin weighing and classifying lambs and goats
4 p.m.: Begin weighing and classifying steers, check in heifers
7 p.m.: Weigh-in closes for all species

Thursday
7:30 a.m.: Weigh and check in rabbits and poultry
10 a.m.: Poultry Show, followed by Rabbit Show, followed by Pee-Wee Rabbit Show
3 p.m.: Swine Show. Pictures of swine will be taken during and after the show.

Friday
8 a.m.: Market Goat Show, followed by Breeding Goat Show, followed by Market Lamb Show
1:30 p.m.: Heifer Show, followed by Steer Show
Pictures of lambs, goats, heifers and steers will be taken immediately after they are shown.

Saturday
10 a.m.: Judging of Culinary Arts
11 a.m.: Barbecue dinner served to the public
11 a.m.: 500 Club Invitational Luncheon
12:45 p.m.: Pee-Wee Goat Show (entries limited to children 7 and under)
1 p.m.: Welcome to Midland County Livestock Show Premium Sale
1:10 p.m.: Premium Auction Sale and Awards
Pictures of premium rabbits and poultry will be taken immediately after leaving the sale ring Saturday.

SHOW

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Most of the animals have been trained and maintained by the children for months before the show.

Morrison and her family have been raising their current six steers for nearly a year. Twice a day, her daughter feeds, waters, walks and combs them. It can take anywhere from one to three hours per day.

The aim of a livestock show is to teach children responsibility, commitment and caring for others from a young age, Gilbert said. He and his two siblings raised pigs growing up in Smyer, and he remembers the hard work involved.

"On those cold days, my parents were like, 'You gotta get out there; you gotta go break the ice. They need to eat, too, you know,'" he said with a chuckle. "(The show) is a time when you find all the work that you've put into the animals pays off."

Gilbert's children have shown pigs, goats and a steer in livestock shows over the years.

Judges from around Texas will evaluate the animals in the show and award a grand champion Saturday. Many of the children will go on to show their animals in other livestock shows in Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Austin and Houston, Gilbert said.

Along with livestock, the show will include a culinary arts homemade cake competition. The winning cake will be sold to raise money.

Auction

Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program Silent and Live Auction
6-9 p.m. Jan. 25
Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero, N.M.
Admission: $5

SKIING

From 1B

condition that affects her balance. She walks with crutches. Her symptoms most closely resemble a form of cerebral palsy, Parkam said.

"They'll use a team of coaches to help ski with her," he said. "They'll have two people on either side of her, holding her. She holds on to a bamboo pole, and they hold each end of the pole. They help her down the mountain."

The program has improved Presley's coordination, physical strength and balance, Parkam said.

Obituaries

Elwin Ross Standefer

Elwin Ross Standefer, 75, of Odessa, passed away Friday, January 10, 2014, at ORMC in Odessa. He was born Saturday, February 26, 1938,in Martin County to Hyrum and Lillian Standefer.

As a young man, Ross worked on the farm alongside his parents and family. He spent the remaining years of his life working in the oil industry and was partnership of a drilling rig, Amigo Drilling. He worked in offshore drilling as well. He later became the successful owner of trucking company, Ross Hotshot & Forklifting Service.

Those left behind to cherish his love and memory include his children, son Terry Standefer and wife Melinda of Dallas, daughter Nedinah Davis and husband Craig of Odessa, son Randy Standefer of Odessa; six grandchildren, Tj Standefer of Odessa, C.J. Davis and wife Amanda of Odessa, Megan Riley and husband Patrick of Dallas, Lauren Davis of Odessa, Kirsten Nelson of Odessa, and Randy G. Standefer of Odessa; and by four great-grandchildren, Kylee, Haylee, and Rylee Davis, and McKenzie Willenborg Riley.

He is also survived by three siblings, sisters Sarah Lands and husband Jerry of Midland, Freeda Baenziger of New Braunfels, brother Eddie Standefer and wife Jeannie of Deadwood; and by numerous nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents.

Viewing will be Tuesday, January 14, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with Jannie Linney officiating at American Heritage.

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Guadalupe "Lupe" Hernandez

Guadalupe "Lupe" Hernandez, 49, of Midland passed away on January 7, 2014. The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Carlos Ortiz officiating.

Lupe was born on June 10, 1964 in Lubbock, Texas to Felix Hernandez and Maria Garza. She raised five children that were her pride and joy - Elena, Ernesto, Anthony, Frances, and Samantha. She earned her certificate as a Certified Nurse Assistant and worked for Reliable Nursing. She loved her job, but her family was the most important thing in her life.

She will be remembered for her compassion for her patients and her determination to complete all the goals she set for herself. Lupe was very loving and loyal to her family and her numerous friends. She loved and served the Lord every day of her life. The lives she touched will never forget the joy that followed everywhere she went.

Lupe is survived by her father, Felix Hernandez; brothers, Robert Hernandez, Ricardo Lopez, John Gonzales, Rene Flynn, Johnathan Helmer, Sam Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, and Daniel Hernandez; a sister, Brenda Anzaldua; daughters, Elena Ortiz (Carlos), Frances Garcia-Huey (Royal), and Samantha Meza; sons, Ernesto and Anthony Garcia; granddaughters, Irma, Hannah, Keely, and Ella Ortiz; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Maria Garza.

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

Rebecca "Becky" Woodruff

Rebecca "Becky" Woodruff, 66, of Midland, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2014 at home. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Becky was born January 25, 1947 to Billy (Williams) and Kenneth Woodruff, Sr. in Bonham, Texas. Becky was the best daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, and friend. She was the Aunt Becky in Aunt Becky's Toys. She was always the one that the kids went to when they needed parts or help with their radio controlled cars at the R.C. Pro Shop. Bur her best undertaking came when she was the caregiver to her best friend, her mom. Our lives are all better for having known, loved and been loved by Becky. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include brother, Bill Woodruff and wife Theresa; Becky's niece, Jennifer Woodruff Urias and husband Asuncion and their children Mackenzie and Quintin; Becky's nephew, Nick Woodruff and wife Sarah; Becky's niece, Barbara Jean Woodruff Van Meter and husband B.J. and their child Bristol; and by her brother, Ken Woodruff and wife Cindy and their children, Stephanie and Greg.

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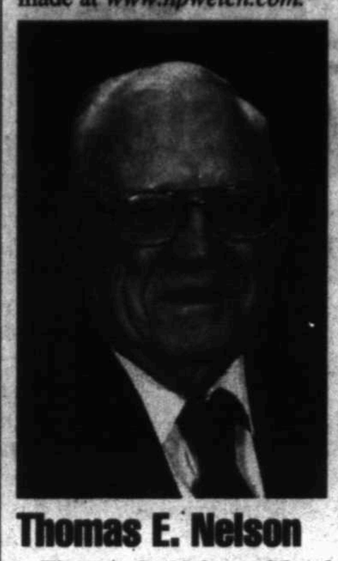

Thomas E. Nelson

Thomas E. Nelson, 85, of Lubbock passed away on Sunday January 12, 2014. A visitation will be held at Resthaven Funeral Home on Wednesday January 15, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 pm. A graveside service will be held on Thursday January 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born on July 8, 1928 in Lubbock County to the late W.H and Ethel (Blair) Nelson. He graduated from Lubbock High School. He served in The United States Army. He also was a plant operator in the natural gas industry. He enjoyed the simple things of life and liked to tinker around the house. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was also a member of the Coffee Pot Crew.

He married the love of his life, Wanda Faye Lester in Spur, Texas on April 24, 1954. They moved to Midland in 1958 and lived there four years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Faye Nelson; and by his son, Thomas E. Nelson, Jr.

He is survived by his children, Tim and wife Melanie Nelson of Levelland, Tammy and husband Art Ramsey of Alpine; sisters, Peggy and husband Barry Boyd of Lubbock, and Freddie Buchanan of Abilene; and by three grandsons, two step-grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and was excitedly anticipating the birth of a new great-grandson; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Roberts; Aunt Effie Lee Ross; and by nieces and nephews and a host of the relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, send memorial donations to your favorite charity.

www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Angelina Tarango Mora

Angelina Tarango Mora, 81, of Midland passed away on January 13, 2014. Rosary will be held on Wednesday, January 15 in the chapel at Ellis Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held on January 16 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Dorothy Blake

Funeral service for Dorothy Blake, 56, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Dorothy Blake died January 10, 2014; at her residence.

James Turner

Funeral service for James Turner, 47, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

James Turner died January 12, 2014, in Abilene, Texas.

Michelle Louise Smith

Michelle Louise Smith, 56, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2014 in Andrews, Texas.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Ector County Cemetery in Odessa, Texas.

She is survived by her sons, John Argabright, Jason Argabright, Kyle Smith, and Cleb Smith; her daughter, Kaula Smith; and by 11 grandchildren.

Vicente Muniz Juarez

Vicente Muniz Juarez, 78, passed away Friday January 10, 2014 at his home in Andrews, Texas.

Funeral services were on Monday January 13, 2014 at our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews, Texas. Burial was at Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Survived by his wife, Ventura Juarez; sons, Manuel Juarez, Teofilo Juarez, and Vicente Juarez, Jr.; daughters, Rosa Alcancar and Lidia Urias; and by 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren.

Courtesy photo

A grater, such as the one pictured, is ideal for gathering zest from lemons to use in recipes.

FOOD ETC.

From 1B

well. Serve warm over broiled fish.

Steak:
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
3 Tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1 Tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
Combine all ingredients. Pour over cooked steaks and garnish with lemon wedges.

Lemon Dessert

From "Cooking with Cornerbank"

2 cups crushed graham crackers
1 stick butter
3 1/2 cups milk
12 ounces frozen lemonade (thawed)
4 small boxes instant lemon pudding mix
16-ounces Cool Whip
Melt butter and mix with the graham crackers. Spread and press to cover the bottom of a 9x13-inch pan. Place pan in freezer. Mix milk and lemonade together. Add the lemon pudding mixes and mix well. Fold in the Cool Whip. Spread over graham cracker crust and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Lemon Loaf

From "Some Women Can Dish it Out"

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup margarine
Peel of 1 lemon, grated
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup all purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup lemon juice
3/4 cup buttermilk
1/3 cup walnuts, chopped
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
3 Tablespoons sugar
Preheat oven to 375. Cream 1/2 cup sugar and margarine. Add grated lemon peel and mix until smooth. Mix together flours, salt, baking powder and soda; set aside. Mix buttermilk and 1/4 cup lemon juice and set aside. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk mixture. Do not over mix. Stir in walnuts. Pour into a loaf pan coated with non-stick cooking spray. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes. In a small saucepan, combine 2 tablespoons lemon juice with remaining sugar. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Pierce top of loaf with fork. Spoon lemon sugar mixture over top. Let cool for slicing. Serves 10. Serving size: 1 slice. Per serving: Calories: 212, Total Fat: 7g, Sat Fat: 1g, Chol: 1mg, Sodium 342mg.

Boulevard Lemon Cookies

From "Second Helpings, Off the Eaten Path"

2 cups sugar
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
2 large eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 teaspoon lemon oil
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup powdered sugar
Preheat oven to 350. Beat sugar, butter and lemon zest at medium speed with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and lemon oil; beat at low speed until blended. Sift together flour baking soda and salt; add to butter mixture alternately with lemon juice, beginning and ending with flour mixture.
Scoop dough by tablespoonfuls and shape into balls; roll in powdered sugar. Place cookies 2 inches apart on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 for 16 to 18 minutes or just until cookies begin to brown (cookies should be soft in the middle). Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Transfer to wire racks. Makes 4 dozen.

Lemon-Orange Orange Roughy

From "Allrecipes 30 Minutes to Cook"

1 Tablespoon olive oil
4 (4-ounce) orange roughy fillets
1 orange, juiced
1 lemon, juiced
1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Arrange fillets in the skillet and drizzle with orange juice and lemon juice. Sprinkle with lemon pepper. Cook, turning once, for 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. **Yield: 4 servings. Per serving: Calories: 133, Protein: 17g, Carb: 8g, Fat: 4g, Fiber: 2g, Chol: 22mg, Sodium: 129mg.**

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Baylor alums see more than football game in Phoenix

As soon as the announcement was made that Baylor was going to play in the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix I started getting emails from my Baylor buddies that read, "Meet me in Phoenix?" So we immediately started making arrangements to get together for a meeting in the desert.

We flew out New Year's Eve and went to a party hosted by the son of one of my friends. It was in his home and dozens of people were there. It gave us a good chance to share stories and laugh. We laughed a lot before and after the game, even though Baylor lost to a school few people knew about. They know about it now.

The University of Central Florida has the second largest enrollment of any university in the U.S. More than 50,000 students attend. The campus is in Orlando. According to some alumni we met at our motel, the school is known for computer science and aerospace technology. A new medical school was added recently. UCF was founded in the '60s as a technical school.

The game was a great excuse to get together, although every Baylor fan who went to Phoenix thought it was a sure thing Baylor was going to win. The Bears were a 20-point favorite to win over the UCF Knights. I'm just glad we didn't have expensive seats on the 50-yard line. We did spring for a high-priced tailgate party billed as an upscale inside-the-stadium party with music and all types of entertainment, food and drink. Wrong. It was outside and the main item on the menu was alcohol. There was plenty of chips and salsa because Tostitos was a sponsor.

We had some time and explored a couple of places in Phoenix. As we drove to the different venues, we noticed the city had a clean and welcoming atmosphere. The traffic flow was the best I've ever experienced in a big city. We went to the Desert Botanical Garden and were surprised to find an exhibit of glassworks by Chihuly. The two textures — cactus and glass — complimented each other. It was a spectacular display of glass spines, swans, ice cubes and globes among the desert plants.

We went to the Musical Instrument Museum, a megamillion-dollar project of the former CEO of Target. It covers several acres and the building has striking architectural features. But the main thing to see is the display of musical instruments from all over the world. Visitors see a lot more than the instruments. Videos and photographs show dances, costumes and music from the hundreds of countries represented. We started out in the African section and realized that we needed not just a few hours but a couple of days to see everything. We visited exhibits from the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the U.S. Visitors are wired for sound and when they stand in front of a display, the sound of the instruments comes through the headsets. A store in the complex has instruments, recordings, videos and photos from all over the world. When we go back we'll be sure to get a two-day pass. For more information, go to mim.org.

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TUESDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 14, 2014

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK MOVIE LISTINGS

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Agents of SHIELD "Seeds" (N)		Goldberg (N)	Trophy Wife (N)	Killer Women "Some Men Need Killing" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Matt LeBlanc, The Fray		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Double Back" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Allegiance" (N)		Person of Interest "4C" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Jennifer Nettles		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	The Originals "The Casket Girls" (N)		Supernatural "Road Trip" (N)		Rules "Flirting"	Seinfeld	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	'70s "Rip This Joint"	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Dads (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Mindy "L.A." (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Biggest Loser The contestants train like athletes. (N)				Chicago Fire "Out With a Bang" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno Matt Damon		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		American Experience "1964" It was the year of the Beatles & the Civil Rights Act. (N)				Frontline (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley (N)
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..	Bones		Bones.		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) Kissing a Fool		Your Friends and Neighbors			(:40) ★★★ Next Stop Wonderland				★★★ 54 Ryan Phillippe.		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Tom Cruise.				True Detective		Girls	Girls	True Detective		Sex//Now	Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ Meet the Fockers Robert De Niro.				★★★★ The Bourne Legacy				(:15) For a Good Time, Call...			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:20) Big Momma...		Sopranos "University"		The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel				(:15) ★★★★ Les Misérables			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:50) Prometheus		Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fabulous				Banshee		Jump Off	(:35) Guide	(:05) This Is 40	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:50) ★★★ Tombstone Kurt Russell.				★★★ The Debt ('11, Thril) Helen Mirren.				(:55) Wet Hot American Su...			Movie
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ The Continental Divide				★★ The King of California			(:35) ★★ Stagecoach			(:15) Madison	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) Diary of a...		Lies	Episodes	Shameless		Lies	Episodes	Shameless		Killing Them So...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) Foolproof		(:20) Inescapable Alexander Siddig.				★★ The Killing Room			(:35) ★★★ White Lightnin'		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Don't Trust	Don't Trust	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Four Brothers		★★ Judge Dredd Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ Batman ('89, Act) Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.					
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★★ Why Did I Get Married? Tyler Perry.				Being Mary Jane (N)		Being "Girls Night In"		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset (N)		100 Days (N)		Watch (N)	Shahs of Sunset		Atlanta
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Austin	16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			Wander	A.N.T.	Jessie	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Wisconsin vs. Indiana (L)				NCAA Basketball Kentucky vs. Arkansas (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Oklahoma vs Kansas State (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Second Round Site: Melbourne Park (L)						ITF Tennis	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Pretty Little Liars		Ravenswood		The 700 Club		Ravenswood	
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	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Icons of Coaching	Stars Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	SportsD-ay OnAir	WPT Poker L.A. Challenge	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	★★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes James Franco.					Justified (N)		Justified		(:05) Justified	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Good Wife "Real Deal"		The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Virgins	Virgins	HouseH	House	theHouse	theHouse	Property	Property
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting Cars		Counting	Counting	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Counting Cars	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Choreographer's Cut"		Dance Moms Cares		Dance Moms		Kim of Queens "Angie Goes Rogue"		Dance Moms Cares		Dance Moms Cares	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers vs. Buffalo Sabres (L)					Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	EPL Soccer		
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) The Butterfl...		★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift					★★ The Butterfly Effect ('04, Sci-Fi) Ashton Kutcher.				
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Helix "Pilot"		Face Off		The Storm 1/2	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Family Guy	FamilyGu y "Bigfat"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) History Is M...		★★★ The Children's Hour				Bad Day at Black Rock			★★★ Marlowe James Garner.		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora (P) (N)		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Escaping the Prophet "A Family Torn Apart"		My 600-lb Life "Zsalynn's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story" (N)		Escaping "Fighting for Freedom" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"		Escape Prophet "Fighting for Freedom"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Deep in Death"		Castle "The Double Down"		Castle "Inventing the Girl"		Castle "Fool Me Once"		The Mentalist "Days of Wine and Roses"		The Mentalist "Little Red Corvette"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Kirstie	The Exes	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Stolen"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Babes"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Closet"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★★ E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial A young boy forms a special bond with a stranded alien and tries to help him return home.						Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

Historic recording studio preserved

By Fernando Del Valle
Valley Morning Star

Jesse Mendoza/Valley Morning Star

Retired businessman Lionel Betancourt lifts a recording die on a Finebilt record press Jan. 2 that he is donating to the Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame and Museum in San Benito.

SAN BENITO — Legends such as Narciso Martinez and Freddy Fender sang into the old microphones that once stood in the legendary Ideal Recording Co. studio in San Benito.

A tall Ampex Corp. recording machine captured many of the classics of conjunto music's pioneers on reel-to-reel tapes before three old Finebilt record presses stamped nickel-plated masters into vinyl recordings.

Since the Ideal Recording Co. closed in 1988, the relics have gathered dust in storage rooms.

Now, the city plans to build a museum complex that will give the Texas Conjunto Music Hall of Fame and Museum the space to showcase the artifacts in recreations of Ideal's recording studio and record factory, said Rey Avila, the museum's founder.

"I'm ecstatic," retired businessman Lionel Betancourt, who donated the artifacts to the museum in 2008, told the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen.

Betancourt said he ran the record company for about 10 years after his father, co-founder Paco Betancourt, died in 1971.

"The museum wants to recreate the heritage of our company," Betancourt said. "Now my father's efforts will be preserved."

The city used part of a new $1.2 million federal grant to buy resaca-side land to construct a complex to house the city's three museums, including the conjunto museum.

Officials will use money from a 2012 $1 million federal grant and 2007 certificates of obligation to fund the $1.8 million construction of the museum complex, said Pete Claudio, president of the San Benito Economic Development Corp.

Plans include construction of a 6,000-square-foot to 8,000-square-foot complex to house the conjunto museum along with the San Benito History Museum and the Freddy Fender Museum, said Salomon Torres, the EDC's executive director.

"They're going to get a real home now," Torres said. "This is going to be a boon for the city and our heritage."

Since the museums opened in 2007, they have shared cramped quarters at the city's Community Building on Heywood Street.

There, the conjunto museum displays its exhibits in a 600-square-foot area, Avila said.

"We've squeezed in every inch," Avila said. "Every square inch has been taken."

So the museum has stored Ideal's relics for about six years.

Soon, the city's new complex will give the museum about 1,500 square feet, Avila said.

"Now we can bring out the whole deal," he said.

Avila said the museum plans to showcase the three Finebilt record presses and the Ampex recording machine in recreations of Ideal's recording studio and record plant.

"It will give visitors a better picture of the recording process and how records were recorded and pressed way back before CDs," Avila said. "I think it will be one of the better attractions."

The exhibit will feature the glistening nickel-plated "stampers," or masters, that pressed their grooves onto vinyl more than 25 years ago, Avila said.

Artifacts include rows of old cardboard boxes that hold hundreds of vinyl records, with crisp album covers featuring the portraits of stars such as Paulino Bernal, Beto Villa and Tony de la Rosa.

Stacks of vintage record jackets, many wrapped in cellophane, chronicle the history of conjunto music's legends.

"It's very important to preserve all of this," Avila said. "For a time, San Benito was the capital of recording conjunto and Tejano in the Valley. All the pioneers were here."

Efforts underway to save Southeast Texas depot

By Tim Monzingo
Beaumont Enterprise

ORANGE — Carrie and Ron Woliver are convinced that buried somewhere beneath cracked, peeling white paint, decaying plywood and metastasizing rust is a local treasure waiting to be rediscovered.

So the Wolivers, along with a handful of other investors, picked a Beaumont architect to help peel back more than two decades of corrosion encasing the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot in Orange.

The fate of the Victorian-style building, which was built well over a century ago, was a topic of discussion for years while it decayed.

According to The Beaumont Enterprise archives, the building was in use as recently as 1990. It was being leased by an engineering firm until a fire — believed to have been started by kids — ravaged the building in 1990.

During its heyday, the station was a stop on the Sunset Limited train run, which carried travelers from the East Coast to Los Angeles. That line also was a center point for troop transports during World War II.

In 1992, a restoration effort repaired much of the damage done by the fire. Although there were a number of plans to renovate and use the building through the years, including as recently as 2010, nothing materialized.

Carrie Woliver, an Orange native and Houston resident, grew up only a few blocks from the building. It's the focus of her book "The Train Stopped in Orange," published in 2012, which spurred her interest in the building.

On return trips to her hometown, the sight of the decrepit building became a sort of silent call to action.

"We looked at this sad, sad depot and I kept thinking 'this is not good,'" she told the Enterprise. "How could we sit here and watch it crumble and die?"

The Wolivers bought the old building last year from Jeanie Jordan and donated it to the newly formed nonprofit The Friends of the Orange Depot. The organization's mission is to raise the money to convert the space from a relic of the past into a functioning meeting place and museum while preserving the architectural elements that give it character.

Woliver declined to say how much the landmark cost.

The task of recreating the historic character falls on the shoulders of Beaumont architectural firm Architectural Alliance Inc., which was hired to complete the restoration.

Rob Clark, who's spearheading the restoration work, said despite its years, the depot is in relatively good shape and many of the nuanced design features — like decorative iron buttresses and detailed molding around the base — have survived.

Inside the shuttered and sealed building, the new owners even discovered an antique, elaborately carved desk built into a wall in the ticketing office.

Some exploring and discovery remain to be done. Over the years, areas have been blocked up and redesigned.

Using historical documents and photographs as a guide, the firm hopes to return the depot to its original glory.

Clark's firm has handled a number of historic train depot restorations, he said.

BANANAGRAMS!

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In each puzzle, use three of the tiles from the bunch to fill in the blanks and make a six-letter word that connects the grid.

Yesterday's Answer: WOMEN, MEOW, WOE, OW

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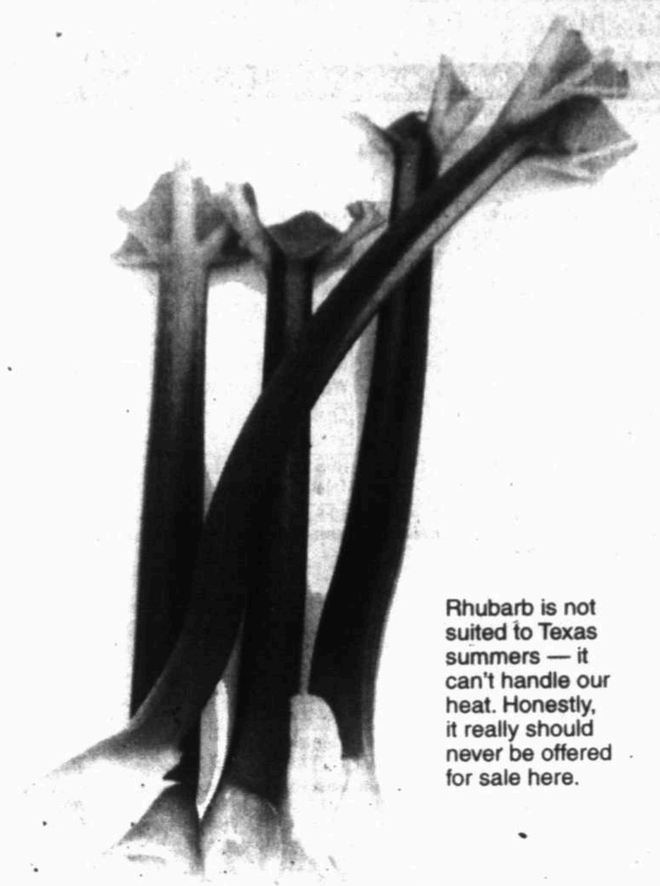

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NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Rhubarb can't stand up to Texas summers

Dear Neil: As the garden season starts, I thought I might try rhubarb. I saw some in the store the other day. What do I need to know to grow it? We've just moved to Texas.

Answer: I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but rhubarb is not suited to Texas summers — it can't handle our heat. Honestly, it really should never be offered for sale here. Don't give up on other vegetable crops, however. Almost all will do well if planted at the right time.

Dear Neil: Should I trim dead branches off an oleander that has obviously suffered freeze damage?

Answer: Don't worry as much about how the leaves look right now as how the stems look. If they are turning drab green or brown, and if their outer surfaces are shriveled, those stems are dead and can be pruned away. However, if only the leaves have turned brown, and if the stems are still plump, you really ought to wait to see if they don't sprout out new foliage in a few weeks.

Dear Neil: I have a bed of liriope that I would like to use for new plants so that I can start another bed elsewhere in my yard. When and how should I do that?

Answer: Start by trimming away any dead foliage left over from cold spells. That will give you a clearer vision of where the plants are. Use a sharpshooter spade to remove small clumps within the bed in a way that the remaining liriope will conceal the fact that you've been in the bed digging. Your new plants' root systems should be approximately tennis ball-sized, and you'll want to space them on 10-inch centers in the new bed. Late January through early February is the best time to do this dividing and transplanting, before new spring growth begins. Liriope starts growing very early, so don't wait too long.

Dear Neil: I planted ryegrass last October to cover a portion of our yard where we had taken down a building. So that it wouldn't look odd, I just seeded the entire backyard. But the grass looks tired right now, as if it hasn't endured the winter very well. How soon can I apply a fertilizer to it? The dogs are still able to track mud in that area.

Answer: You can fertilize it before any several-day warm spell. Because part of it is overseeding other turf, I would suggest putting perhaps a half-rate application on, just so you don't push the permanent grass too much at a time when it's not going to be able to grow. Normally it's best to apply a fertilizer and then water it in, but if water curtailments don't allow that in your area, you may want to wait the whole thing out. The grass will rebound by February. Or, if you're able to feed just ahead of a soaking rain, that might be an option, although that's usually not the best plan, because both organic and inorganic fertilizers are subject to nutrients being leached into runoff when rains turn out to be heavier than expected.

Dear Neil: I was given a kalanchoe plant in full bloom as a Thanksgiving gift, and it has just finished flowering all these weeks later. Is it possible to grow it and bring it back into flower another time?

Answer: Yes, although it requires some diligence. It's a succulent plant that is fairly closely related to jade plant and the various sedums. Trim off the seed heads, cutting the stems back into normal leafy growth. Repot it into fresh potting soil, and grow it in full morning sun with perhaps a little bit of afternoon shade in mid-summer. Of course, it won't stand freezing weather, so this process will have to begin on a windowsill now, then move out onto the patio this spring. Your biggest challenges will be in keeping the plant vigorous and compact until it's time to bring it back into flower. Kalanchoes, like poinsettias, produce flower buds naturally once nights get long. The plant you were given was carefully manipulated in a greenhouse setting. That doesn't mean you can't accomplish the same thing at home once your plant has regrown nicely. It just means that you'll have to keep it in total and uninterrupted darkness at night, full sun during the days to get it to set buds. That can be a bit cumbersome in an indoor setting.

Dear Neil: I've been doing some pruning on an old elm tree to remove a couple of dead branches, and I have noticed a cavity in the trunk about 15 feet off the ground. Should I try to get up there and fill it? What happens if I don't? Will it get bigger?

Answer: Cavities usually show up where a branch or even a twig has died or broken and when the stub has been left in place. That stub blocks the growth of protective bark across the wound, and by the time the stub finally falls away, there is active decay down into the trunk. And yes, it can spread. Often, other branches directly above or below the cavity become swallowed up in the decay. Check to see if that's the case with your tree. If this is a very old elm, especially an American elm, there could be significant loss of internal wood because of the tree's aging. Sometimes you can end up with just a cylinder of bark and outer tissue supporting a massive elm — just waiting for the right windstorm. I don't mean to alarm you, but I would certainly get a certified arborist, or at least a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional to take a look at the tree. Do not attempt to fill the cavity. That adds no strength to the trunk of the tree, and it can block normal healing.

Houseplants can use a little help in dark times

By Lee Reich
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Plants and people can't help but feel a bit wan this time of year, but things are brightening up already. Every day the sun is gradually moving higher in the sky, burning with increasing intensity and duration.

Light is measured in foot-candles — the amount of light cast on a square foot area by a candle at 1 foot distance — and the sun on a clear summer day can bathe us in 10,000 foot-candles. Contrast that with the paltry 500 foot-candles dribbling down on an overcast winter day.

Houseplants' problems are further compounded by windows, which cut sunlight by another 10 percent. No wonder these plants, if they are growing at all, stretch for light this time of year.

There are ways you can help them.

One is to clean your windows. Any dirt on the glass cuts down light. While you're at it, dust or spritz off your plants' leaves; dust has the same ill effect.

Fortunately, many houseplants hail from the shade of tropical jungles. Still, flowering and fruiting take energy, which comes ultimately from the sun, so if you want flowers or fruits from such plants as Jerusalem cherry, flowering maple, citrus and miniature roses, you have to arrange for abundant light. Otherwise these plants will just stay alive, might even grow, but will not flower and fruit.

How much light is enough? Most flowering and fruiting plants need 1,000 or more foot-candles, although some, such as African violet, rex begonia, flowering maple, zebra plant and crown-of-thorns, will provide colorful displays even at about 500 foot-candles. Below that level, stick strictly to foliage plants, such as cast iron plant, Swiss cheese plant, baby's-tears, parlor palm, pothos and ferns.

You can translate those needed foot-candles into light measured by a digital SLR camera. Set it on aperture priority with the aperture at f/8 and the ISO at 100. Hold a white sheet of paper so that whatever light you're measuring falls directly on it, and measure the shutter speed reading that the camera gives you (without a flash) for a good picture from about a foot away. Multiply the shutter speed times 4 for the approximate foot-candles. (Shutter speed is usually expressed as a fraction of a second, so a speed of "500" is really 1/500th of a second; for foot-candles, you'd multiply 500 times 4 for 2,000 foot-candles. If light is very dim, the shutter speed might be more than a second; no need to measure, in that case, because in such light any plant will barely stay alive.)

Take measurements at various locations and times of day; you'll probably be surprised at how little light falls near even a bright window.

If such exactitude is not your style, just gauge light by window direction. A south-facing window is brightest, followed by east and west-facing windows, with north windows being the darkest.

Natural light can be augmented with artificial light. Don't expect too much from artificial light, though, especially for large plants, the bulk of whose leaves cannot get close to the light source. A fluorescent light, for example, casts as much as 900 foot-candles of light, but that's only within 6 inches of the light bulb. Light levels drop dramatically as you retreat from the bulb — with the square of the distance, so double the distance and you have only one-fourth of the light, triple it and you have only one-ninth, etc.

My own plan is to wait out the sun.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Did nature give you a good freebie, but it's 5 inches from your foundation? The dormant season is a great time to move a misplaced tree, shrub or other woody plant, especially if it is young, deciduous and dormant.

Transplanting deciduous plants in the dormant season can be done using a bare-root method. Bare-root means digging the majority of the root system, but not moving the soil. Transplanting by bare root is faster, lighter and easier. Bare-root transplanting works best with deciduous plants rather than evergreen. Evergreens survive transplanting much better if an intact root ball is dug.

Young trees, shrubs and vines are the best candidates for bare-root transplanting. Fruit trees, roses, grape vines and berry vines are frequently handled as bare-root transplants this time of year. A tree trunk caliper should be no larger than two inches for the best results. Anything larger than that should be balled and wrapped in burlap or moved with a tree spade for optimum results.

Before you dig, be sure to water a few days in advance and sharpen the shovel with a file for easier digging. Start by digging straight down about 15 to 20 inches away from the trunk in a circle around the tree. Try not to tear roots by prying on the shovel. Cutting roots with a sharp shovel is much better than stretching and tearing. Get as many roots as is practical. Most roots grow laterally in the soil, not straight down, so you may not need to dig so far down before you begin to under cut the root system. Once most of the root system is revealed, cut any long roots that may not be critical in pursuing. Use a sharp pair of hand pruners to release the root system for the site.

Place the root system in a bucket of water while you prepare the new planting site. Dig the hole plenty wide and only deep enough to accommodate the root system. Plant at the same level it grew in the ground, unless it was planted too deep in the first place. The root flare should be at the soil line. Firm the soil in around the roots with your and water well.

Follow up with plenty of mulch and this is a great situation to use a tree watering bag. Water the new tree about once a week for the first year. In the hot summer time, water every five days.

Find re-leaf for your poorly located plants by transplanting using the bare-root method.

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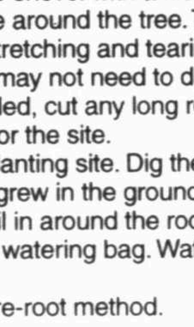
Amount of soil nutrients plays role in plant health

JEFF FLOYD



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The availability of soil nutrients plays a defining role in plant health. Soil pH, moisture and the relative quantities of each element have an influence on plant availability. A soil test should be performed to help determine what elements, if any, your soil may need for plant growth.

Plants must absorb minerals from the soil to grow and develop. Most soils contain all of the plant's required elements. However, in poor soils, fertilizers are occasionally necessary to supplement minerals for plant growth.

Minerals have positive or negative charges of varying strengths. They frequently form compounds with other soil elements based on their chemical attraction toward one another. Phosphorous is often found in soil as a negatively charged compound called organophosphate. Organophosphate is attracted to the positively charged elements iron and zinc in West Texas soils.

Plants use phosphorous for cell division. Since phosphorous is important in root growth, plants with inadequate amounts of phosphorous may appear stunted. Phosphorous-deficient plants may have a purple tint or dark green color.

However, West Texas soils usually contain abundant phosphorous because of the parent material from which our soils are formed. Phosphorous toxicity effects on plants are often indirect. Continued applications of phosphorous fertilizer may prove toxic for plants by binding to iron and zinc in the soil. This may cause plants to become deficient in these nutrients.

Iron is an important component in the green pigment responsible for converting the energy of the sun into plant sugars. Zinc is an essential component in plant growth hormones. In soils with excessive phosphorous, shallow-rooted plants may appear yellow or whitish. Their growth is often stunted with symptoms appearing first in the youngest tissues. Excessive soil phosphorous can severely stunt or even kill many plants.

When a soil analysis indicates high concentrations of phosphorous, homeowners should avoid adding additional amounts. If plants exhibit symptoms of phosphorous-related nutrient deficiencies, repeated applications of iron and zinc may be necessary. Iron and zinc sprayed on the foliage is more effective than soil applications. Soil-applied iron and zinc fertilizers are quickly tied up again.

The problem may persist for months or years. Regular soil testing can help determine changes in soil phosphorous levels over time. If you wish to fertilize without the valuable information provided by a soil test, then it is safest to assume you have plenty of phosphorous in your soil. In this case, chose fertilizers without phosphorous. A better method is to have your soil tested. Instructions and forms can be found at soiltesting.tamu.edu or your county extension office.

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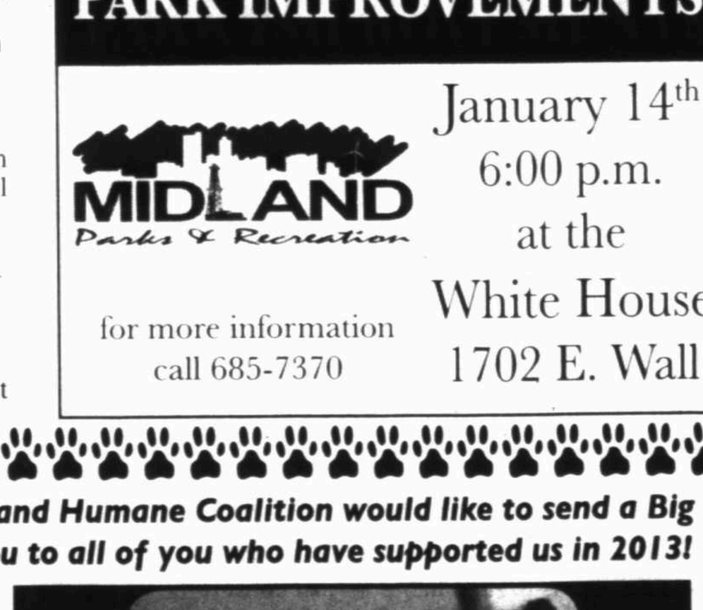
Meet Snowflake. She is a 6 year old blonde Pug mix. She is a little picky about her other dog friends, but is a very sweet and cuddly girl with people. Her previous owner went into the military. She could not go with him, so now she is looking for a new family to give her love and devotion to.
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TODAY: Sunny High: 59 Low: 27

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 64 Low: 36

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 33

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 54 Low: 31

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 59 Low: 33

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 61 Low: 37

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today, a high around 59 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast between 15 and 25 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as fast as 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions and a low around 27.

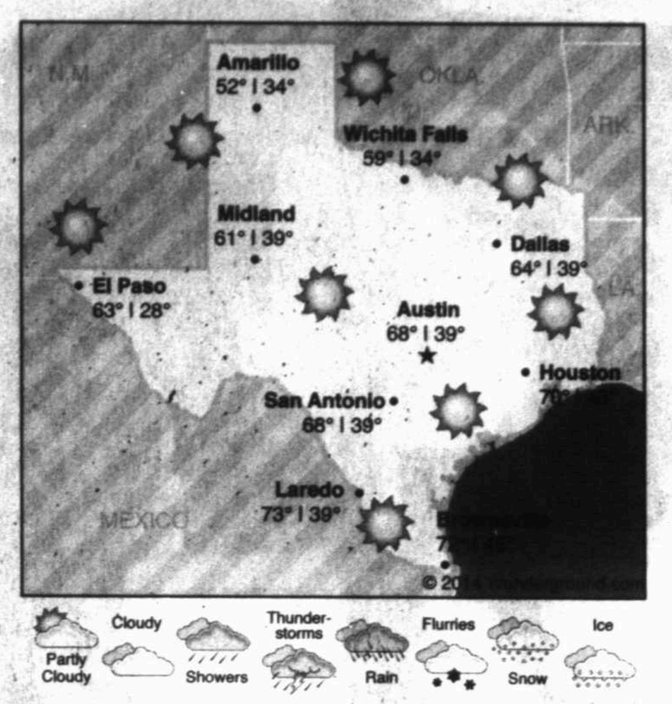
Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 64. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 60, while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Jan. 13 is 80 set in 1957. The record low is 7 set in 1964.

Weather why

Q: What exactly is a hard freeze?

A: There are several types of freezes, explained Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University, and they are classified according to their severity. "In general terms, a hard freeze occurs when the air temperature is 26 degrees or lower for at least four hours. Because of the cold temperatures, it usually means that many types of plants and most seasonal vegetation will be destroyed."



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.19 in.

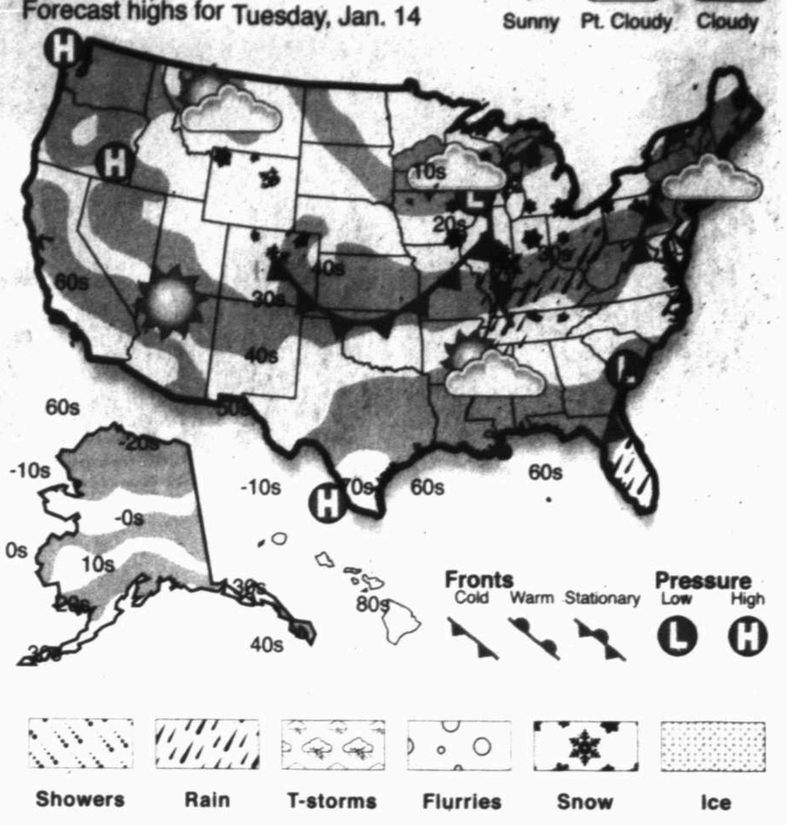
Monday's temperatures

High	60
Low	39
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:06 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Jan. 14

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Woman deserves to know her secret great-granddaughter

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: My family has been keeping a secret from my grandmother. I have a 17-month-old daughter that she doesn't know exists. I wanted to tell my grandma from the start about her great-granddaughter (her first), but I am afraid to. My family thinks that telling her will cause too much stress on her. NO one in the family takes my feelings into consideration.

I think my grandmother should know she's a great-grandma. The problem is, I don't know how to tell her. She's 90 years old. I'm afraid if I say something now, it really MIGHT be too stressful for her. Also, I'm afraid that if I reveal this secret, it will start a family feud.

I want a relationship with my grandma like I used to have. I cry every time I talk to her on the phone because I have to lie to her about my day-to-day life and why I can't come to see her. I am really starting to resent my family. Please help. — SECRET MOMMY IN NEVADA

DEAR SECRET MOMMY: Your grandmother wasn't born yesterday; she's 90. I'm sure that in her decades of living she has seen plenty of life.

While she will probably be shocked that she was kept in the dark this long, I agree she should know the truth. She should also know that you love her, which is why you are telling her the news. She may or may not want to see her great-grandchild, but the choice should be hers.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 70s, married for 50 years. I worked outside the home for many years and earned retirement benefits. There have been many ups and downs in my life, for me personally, as well as for members of my family. Of course, there have been good times, too. I feel blessed.

All my life I have been the "go-to girl" for my family as a daughter, sister, wife, mother and aunt for help or advice. I love them, but I'm tired. How do I retire my "crown" — which has been overwhelming at times — without hurting or alienating anyone?

There seem to be so many problems and only one of me. Many times I have felt stretched too thin, but now my health and energy are no longer what they once were. I'm reasonably healthy, but I'm very tired.

I value my Judeo/Christian belief of "doing unto others." Am I being selfish? — GO-TO GIRL IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR GO-TO GIRL: Your mind and body are trying to tell you something important. I hope you will pay attention before your health suffers because it could if you don't start drawing the line.

There is nothing selfish or wrong about saying: "I love you, but I can't help you. I can't because I'm at a point in my life where I can't handle stress like I used to." And if the person doesn't get it, you should repeat it.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend who I have been friends with for years. However, there is one thing I can't stand about her. It's her vulgar language. Every sentence that comes out of her mouth includes the F-word. She's not a soft-spoken individual, so others can hear her. It embarrasses me and makes me not want to be around her in public.

How can I tell her she embarrasses me when she talks that way? — SOFT-SPOKEN FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Tell her in exactly the way you told me. It is kind, helpful and the truth. And please don't feel bad about doing so because you'll be doing your friend a favor.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014:

This year you often see others in a new light. Your ability to empathize increases, thus you understand others better. A boss or someone you answer to could act in an unexpected manner. Learn to expect spontaneity from this person. If you are single, you could find that you like the person you are dating much more than you thought possible. Try not to panic; instead, learn to enjoy this feeling. If you are attached, the two of you juggle a lot of concerns, yet you both manage to put aside your differences in order to keep your bond viable and rewarding. Your sweetie could be quite endearing this year. CANCER respects your attitude about what is appropriate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Pressure's tendrils will find their way into the best of situations. As a result, many people might act in an odd or divisive manner. If you step back and observe what is happening, you could start laughing at everything that is going on. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might decide to head down a certain path only to discover that it is fraught with boulders. Rethink your choices. Make calls, and get feedback. Luck seems to appear just as certain issues dissolve. Tonight: Move quickly. Touch base with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be smart when handling funds. Someone could make an appealing offer. This person's words will mean nothing until you check out their validity. A friend who often shares some unique ideas could surprise you. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget. Is it working?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's childish behavior. You often put this person on a pedestal, but today he or she could fall off. Perhaps you have been projecting your own ideals instead of seeing reality. Tonight: Make a caring gesture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Continue to do your share of listening. Understand what your expectations are regarding someone you admire. This person could give you quite a jolt. Recognize what is happening below the surface, and act on those feelings. Tonight: Hopefully not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Move forward, and understand what a meeting and its message are really about. You know you can count on certain supporters; brainstorm with them more often. You might want to indulge a close loved one, but a partner could become jealous. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Think twice before assuming the helm of the ship. Remember that many responsibilities come with this position. Recognize your limits. Know what can be done in order to salvage a rapidly deteriorating situation. Changes might profoundly affect you. Tonight: Start a project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Reach out for a different perspective. Step back and take a look at the big picture. You will see matters in a new light after some reflection. Your decisions also will mirror a new and unique quality. Give yourself the luxury of choice. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might believe all is well under the advisement of a partner, but you will discover otherwise. A child could become quite rebellious and difficult all of a sudden. Be more in touch with what your limits are. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Someone might want to do things his or her way. Hand this person the reins and see what happens. Sometimes people just instinctively react to your position and determination. Let them walk in your shoes, and they will learn a lot. Tonight: Juggle different invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your decision to accomplish certain tasks demands focus. Some of you might want to screen your calls. Unfortunately, someone might misread your lack of availability and take it personally. Have a conversation, hopefully to cool this person down. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your imagination comes to the rescue, no matter what you do or where you are. You could find it difficult to convince a loved one, friend or associate of your solution. This person might be too into the drama to let go. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

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BORN TODAY

Rapper LL Cool J (1968), military commander Benedict Arnold (1741), theologian Albert Schweitzer (1875)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Wishing for trump tricks

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10
♥ J 6 3
♦ 6 4 3
♣ K Q J 7 4 2

WEST
♠ J 8 7 5
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ 8 7 5
♣ 10 5

EAST
♠ Q 9 4 2
♥ 9
♦ A K Q 9 2
♣ 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 6 3
♥ A Q 7 5 4
♦ J 10
♣ A 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	2	Dbl
4	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Five of ♥

This hand is from a North American Championship played more than 10 years ago. South was Glenn Milgrim, of New York.

East won the opening lead and cashed a second diamond before shifting to his singleton nine of trumps. South ducked, and West had to duck also — it would be all over if he played the king. South then led a spade to his king, cashed the ace, discarding a club and ruffed a spade on the board. Next came a diamond ruff back to his hand, followed by another spade ruff in dummy.

South now began cashing dummy's clubs, declarer ruffing the third club low. West was forced to over-ruff and then had to lead a trump from his king-10 into declarer's ace-queen. Beautifully done!

Had East shifted to a spade at trick two, South would win the ace and lead a low trump toward dummy's jack. Again, West would have to duck and the same ending would be reached. A club shift by East would have tangled up declarer's entries and led to the contract's defeat, but that was not easy to spot.

West second-guessed himself for the penalty double. East's take-out double was a bit light, though acceptable, and he did provide two defensive tricks. He could hardly be counted on for more than that. West's wishful second trump trick could disappear in many ways.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Like many bar brews
6 2013 World Series champs, familiarly
9 PC problem solver
13 Garlicky sauce
14 Stinky Le Pew
15 Storybook baddie
16 Recycled sheets for scribbling
18 Senior's big dance
19 Rain heavily
20 Dry as the Gobi
21 Perfect spots
22 Org. headed by the U.S. Comptroller General
23 End-of-filming cast event
25 "Alley __"
26 Under lock and __
27 Pervasive glow
28 Used a rotary phone
30 Fried rice ingredient
31 Spider's trap
34 Scandal-ridden Texas-based corporation
35 Pirate's "yes"
36 Odometer button
38 Fast sports cars
39 "Great" primate
40 Skiing coats
41 Rain delay rollout
43 Pick up the tab
44 Tattoos, slangily
45 Toy gun loaded with rolls
48 Morning hrs.
49 Plane handler
50 Stun with a police gun
51 Shopping bag
53 Admit frankly
54 Scrubbing brand with two periods in its name
56 Christmas candle scent
57 Works in un museo
58 With glee
59 Serving whiz
60 Golfer's smallest wood?
61 Tough journeys

DOWN

1 Brewer's oven
2 "Good job!"
3 Ripped to shreds
4 Shrine to remember
5 Dot on a domino
6 Old-timey photo hue
7 Spot with regular and guest columnists
8 Gen-__: millennial preceder
9 First-rate
10 Long-legged wader
11 Churn
12 Tailoring borders
14 Fencing defense
17 Poked at like a cat
21 Lobed organ
24 Wrinkly little dog
25 Keats' "__ on Melancholy"
26 Historical novelist Follett
29 Suffered a blackout
30 Cyclone center
32 Ice cream treat
33 Jack's access
35 Supplier of software hidden in 16-, 23-, 45- and 54-Across
36 Bit of sunlight
37 Pooh-pooher's sound
39 Tycoon Onassis
40 Prefix with -lithic
42 On point
43 Hustlers chasing rustlers
45 Word with duty or pride
46 Like a hermit
47 Personal shopper's asset
48 For the bond-issue price
49 Bearded Smurf
52 "Grand" ice cream maker
54 Went unused
55 TSA employee

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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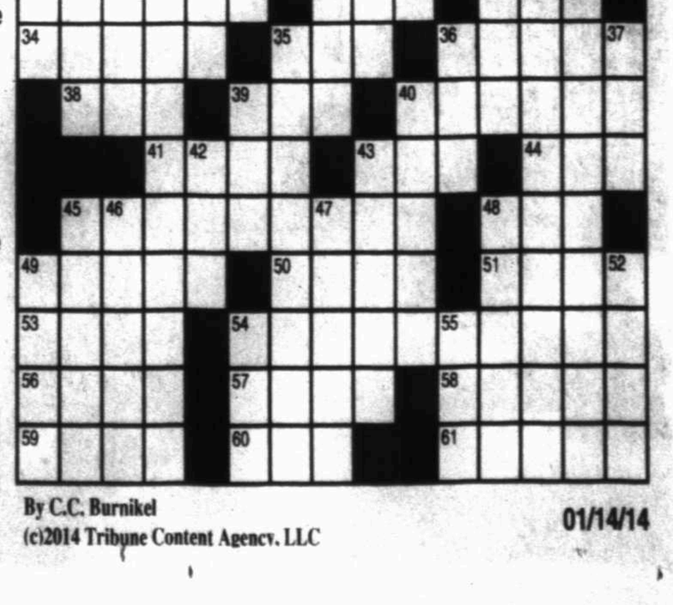

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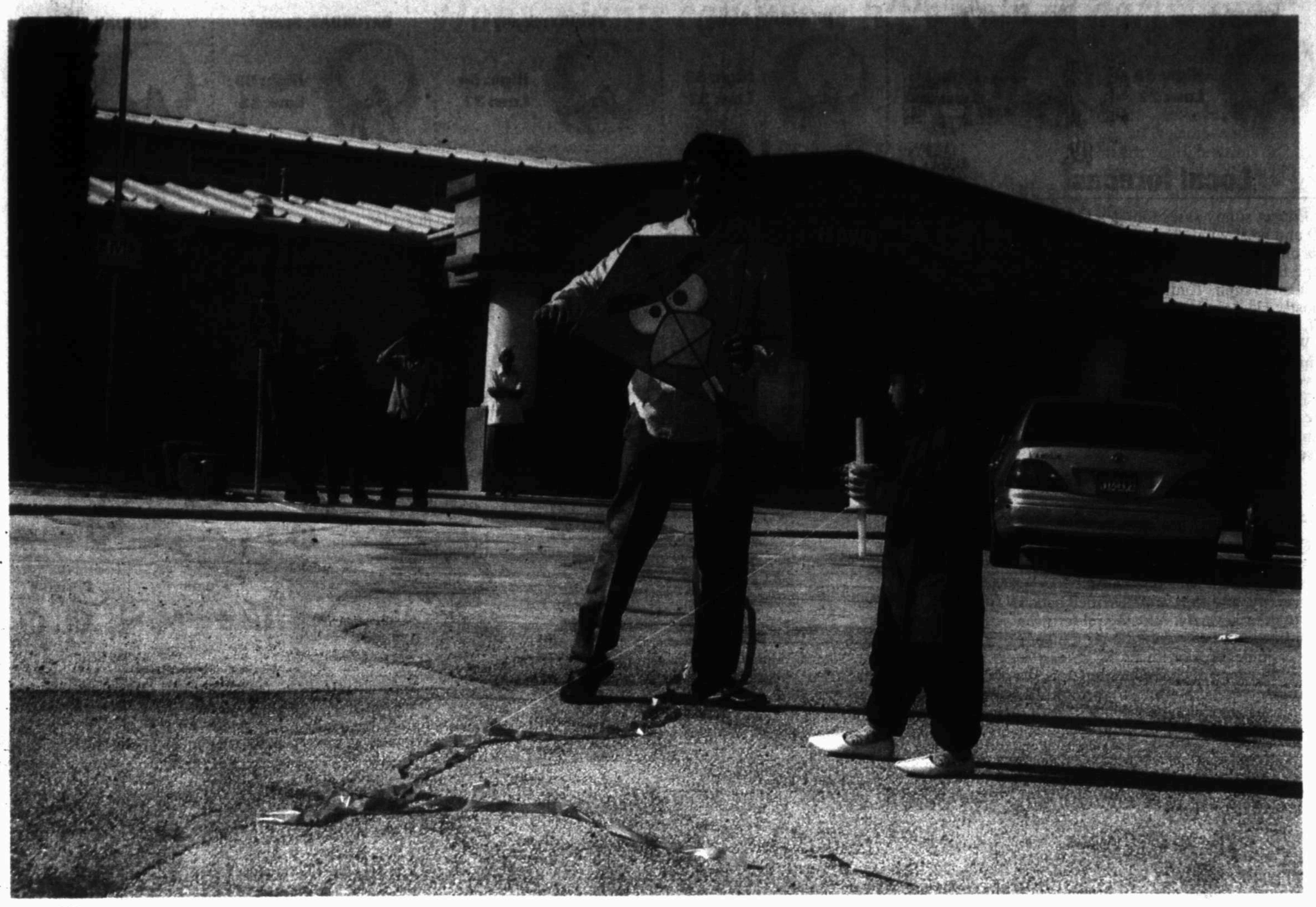

PONGAL PARTY

The Hindu Association of West Texas celebrated the harvest festival of Makar Sankranti, often called Pongal, at the Hindu temple Sunday. The festival is an auspicious day for Hindus and marks a bountiful harvest and the end of the traditional farming season. It is celebrated by flying kites.

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Chaps, Lady Chaps split with Western Texas College

Slow start dooms MC men in 3rd WJCAC loss

From staff reports

SNYDER — A slow start for the Midland College men's basketball team cost the Chaparrals in a 71-56 loss to Western Texas College at The Coliseum on Monday night.

Western Texas (15-4, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) jumped out to a 29-6 lead in the game and took a 32-16 advantage at the half. Midland College shot just 31.8 percent in that first half.

Westerners	71
Chaparrals	56

"Scoring six points in the first 13 minutes is not the way we wanted start off," MC coach Jordan Dreiling said. "We got good looks, we were patient, we just couldn't knock down shots. (Western Texas) didn't shoot lights out either, but we gave up too many offensive rebounds."

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Kruschke

Hernandez

Kruschke leads MC women to victory

From staff reports

SNYDER — Catherine Kruschke scored a game-high 20 points to lead the No. 20-ranked Midland College women's basketball team to a 74-42 victory over Western Texas College at The Coliseum on Monday night.

The Lady Chaparrals (12-6 overall) got back in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference win column as they improved to 2-1 in league play.

Lady Chaparrals	74
Lady Westerners	42

MC took a 42-16 halftime lead and shot 50.9 percent from the floor. Meanwhile, the Lady Chaps held Western Texas (5-10, 0-4) to 25.4 percent shooting for the game, including 18.2 percent in the first half when MC built its commanding lead.

"In the first half we came out with

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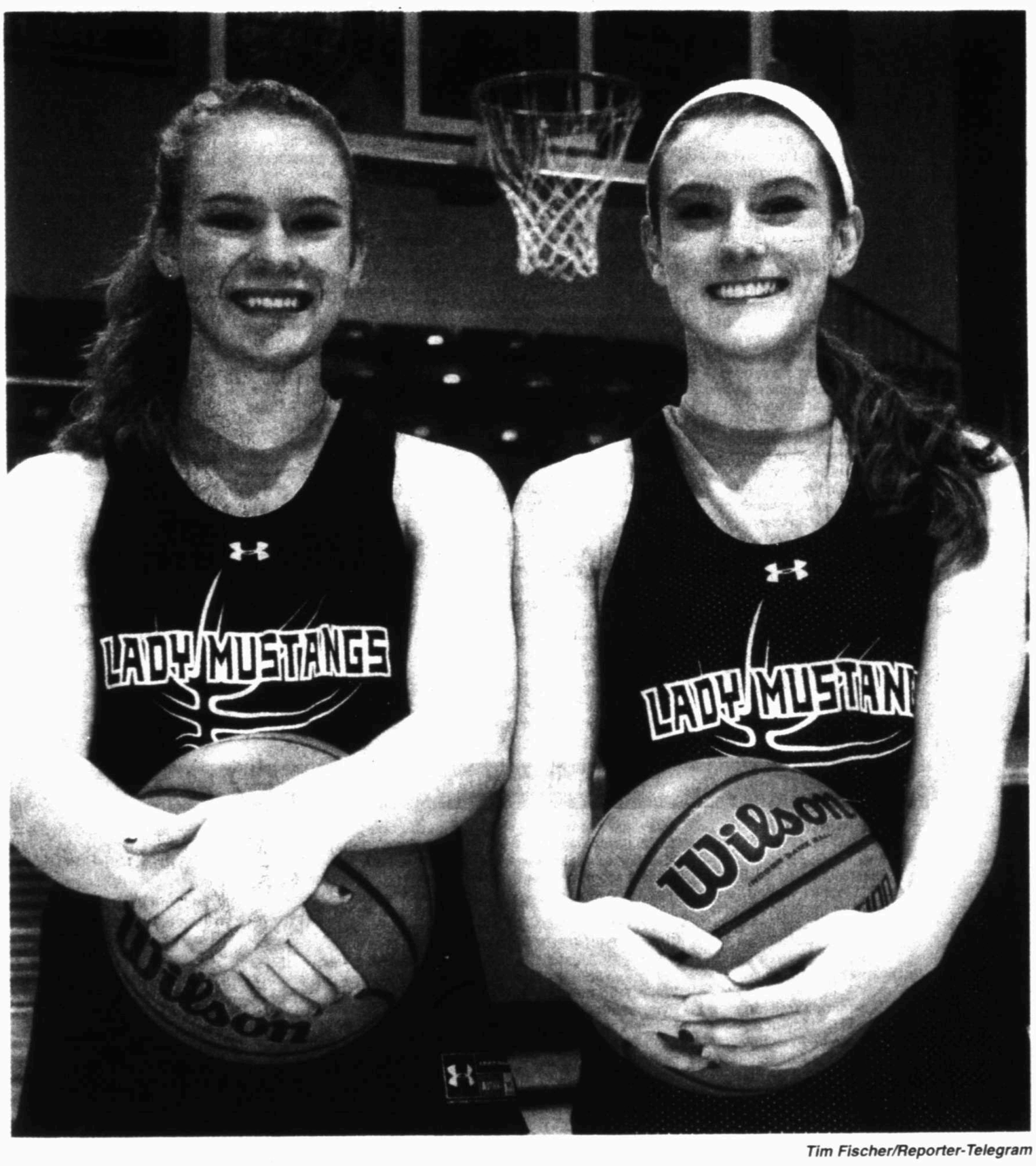
GIRLS HS BASKETBALL REPORT

Dual threat



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Megan, left, and Morgan Ashton have been a dual threat for the Midland Christian girls basketball team this season.

Ashton sisters bring different styles to help MCS

By Jonathan Hull
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Morgan Ashton is in the midst of her fourth year playing for the Midland Christian varsity girls basketball team. But none of her previous three seasons playing point guard for the Lady Mustangs can compare to this one.

An obvious reason for this season to be special for Ashton is because it's her senior year. However, making this year even more special for Ashton is the presence of her younger sister, Megan Ashton, on the team with her.

"It's a lot of fun to share this with her," Morgan said. "Even though she probably thinks I hate her. I'm just so tough on her and she takes it personally on her. But it's just because I know how good she can be and I want her to be the best she can be."

Like Morgan did three years ago, Megan is playing a significant role for the Lady Mustangs as a freshman. She's the first player off the bench, and has the versatility to play any of the three backcourt positions for MCS.

Lady Mustangs coach Chris Ryburn says Megan is more of a defensive specialist, and the freshman has embraced the role. She says that's probably the difference between her and Morgan in terms of style of play.

"I'm more of a defensive player and she's more offensive," Megan said. "She carries the load more for scoring. Scoring is expected more of her. I'm more of a smarter defensive player."

Megan spent the last three years watching her older sister play varsity basketball

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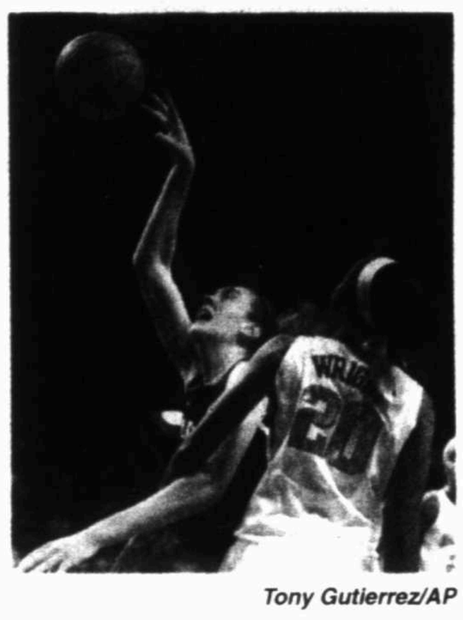

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Connecticut's Breanna Stewart, left, fights her way to a shot opportunity against Baylor's Imani Wright (20) in the first half of Monday's game in Waco.

No. 1 UConn women end Baylor home streak

Huskies	66
Lady Bears	55

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Breanna Stewart had 18 points and 11 rebounds as top-ranked Connecticut won 66-55 at No. 7 Baylor, ending the Lady Bears' national-best 69-game home winning streak Monday night.

In a matchup of the last two national champions, defending champ UConn (18-0) held on to win its closest game this season. The Huskies had beaten their first five ranked opponents by an average margin of 22 points, and nobody had finished within 17 of them.

"We talked about it before the game, we're the kind of program that we search out these games," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We enjoy these games, love the competitive aspect of these games. Baylor's a lot better than the outside world thinks they are because they haven't been away from home a lot of games. We knew coming in it was going to be really difficult, and it really, really was."

Baylor (14-2) hadn't lost at home since a 70-54 defeat to Texas in its regular-season home finale March 7, 2010. Senior starters Odyssey Sims, the national scoring leader, and Makenzie Robertson, the daughter of coach Kim Mulkey, had never lost a game in the Ferrell Center.

The Huskies have two of the five longest home winning streaks in women's basketball, their record of 99 snapped two years ago and an earlier 69-game streak. They have snapped the other three, previously ending Stanford's 82-game streak last season and winning at Tennessee after the Lady Volunteers had been the first

Please see **STREAK**/3C

Texas regents OK Strong contract worth $25M-plus

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — University of Texas regents on Monday approved a five-year contract for new football coach Charlie Strong worth more than $25 million.

Strong will be paid $5 million in the first year, with an annual $100,000 raise for the coach chosen to succeed Mack Brown. The regents met by phone Monday and approved the contract by a unanimous vote.

Strong, 53, spent the last four years at Louisville and will be the first African-American head coach of a Longhorns men's team. He went 23-3 the last two seasons at Louisville, and was introduced as Texas' new coach Jan. 6.

"We have the right coach on the right terms," Texas President Bill Powers said after the board vote. "I am so excited about coach Strong being here."

Brown spent 16 seasons at Texas and won the 2005 national championship. He resigned in December after four consecutive seasons with at least four losses.

Strong's deal includes Texas paying a $4.38 million buyout from his previous contract with Louisville. Strong's salary and the buyout with Louisville will be paid entirely with money raised by the athletic department, school officials said. No state taxpayer money is used.

Texas has the wealthiest athletic department in the country, with an annual budget of more than $160 million.

Patterson said school officials initially drew up a list of about 30 potential candidates when their coaching search began.

"We whittled that list down a bit and then went out, had about a half a dozen interviews, and Charlie was great to sit with in his kitchen," Pat-

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Ricardo B. Brazziell/AP

Texas football coach Charlie Strong speaks to fans during a time-out against Oklahoma in the first half of Wednesday's basketball game in Austin.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN
Oklahoma at Kansas St., 6 p.m., ESPN2
St. John's at DePaul, 6 p.m., Fox Sports 1
Kentucky at Arkansas, 8 p.m., ESPN
FS1 — Butler at Creighton, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NHL

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

TENNIS

Australian Open, second round, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Australian Open, second round, 2 a.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas State at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Trinity at Lubbock All Saints, 6 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Monahans, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Sterling City, 8 p.m.
Brownfield at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m.
Big Spring at Monahans, 6:15 p.m.
Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Sterling City, 6:30 p.m.
Brownfield at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Wolfforth Frenship at MHS, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with OF Dayan Viciedo on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Steve Connelly pitching coach for Vermont (NYP).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Gary Allenson manager and Randy St. Claire pitching coach for Buffalo (IL); Jeff Ware pitching coach for Vancouver (NWL); Willie Collazo pitching coach for GCL Blue Jays.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Lay Batista, RHP Yunesky Maya, LHP Atahualpa Severino, C Matt Kennelly, C Steven Lerud, INF Mat Gamel and INF Mark Hamilton on minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Named Carlos Subero manager, Sandy Guerrero hitting coordinator and Nate Dine strength and conditioning specialist for Huntsville (SL); Dave Chavarria pitching coach and Reggie Williams coach for Brevard County (FSL); Elvin Nina pitching coach and Chuckie Caufield and Kenny Dominguez coaches and Mike Hoffman strength and conditioning specialist for Wisconsin (MWL); Rolando Valles pitching coach and Jason Dubois coach, Luke Greene athletic trainer and Tim Gifford strength and conditioning coordinator for Helena (Pioneer); Al LeBoeuf coach of the Arizona League Brewers and Jeremy Reed minor league hitting coordinator.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with INF Ronny Cedeno on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Tom Prince manager of Bradenton (FSL), Brian Esposito manager of Jamestown (NYP), Edgar Varela Bristol (Appalachian), Dave Turgeon assistant minor league field coordinator, Frank Kremblas special assistant to player development, Larry Sutton minor league hitting coordinator, Carlo Alvarez sport performance coordinator, Hector Morales assistant coordinator of mental conditioning.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed LHP Ethan Opsahl, RHP Brian Ernst and INF Anthony Kaskadden.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed 1B Jeremy Hamilton.
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Miles Walding.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Will Walsh.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed LHP Dylan Chavez. Send RHP Zac Treece to Joliet to complete an earlier trade.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Sent LHP Connor Whalen to Schaumburg to complete an earlier trade.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed LHP Ian MacDougall.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Recalled F Shabazz Muhammad from Iowa (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Fired linebackers coach Chuck Driesbach.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed LB Frank Beltre, C Jarrod Shaw and CB Neiko Thorpe to reserve/future contracts.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Ken Whisenhunt coach.

Canadian Football League

MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Signed S Daryl Townsend and DB Michael Carter to three-year contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned D Nolan Yonkman to Norfolk (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned D Alexey Marchenko to Grand Rapids (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Agreed to terms with general manager Bryan Murray on a two-year contract extension through 2016 and named him president of hockey operations. Promoted Pierre Dorion and Randy Lee to assistant general managers.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned G Cedrick Desjardins to Syracuse (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled F Peter Holland from Toronto (AHL). Sent F Jerry D'Amigo to Toronto (AHL).

ECHL

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Announced F Kyle Bonis was reassigned to the team by Charlotte (AHL).
GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Signed F Casey Pierro-Zabotel.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW — Acquired the rights to D Michael Parkhurst from New England for a 2014 SuperDraft first-round pick and allocation money.
LA GALAXY — Signed F Rob Friend.
TORONTO FC — Signed MF Michael Bradley.

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Acquired F Danesha Adams from Houston Dash for F Stephanie Ochs.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA — Announced RB Ka'Deem Carey will enter the NFL draft.
ARIZONA STATE — Announced DE-LB Carl Bradford will enter the NFL draft.
ETSU — Named Scott Carter senior associate athletic director/chief operating officer.
IOWA STATE — Signed offensive coordinator Mark Mangino to a two-year contract.
JACKSON STATE — Named Harold Jackson football coach.
LOUISVILLE — Named Garrick McGee offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.
LSU — RB Jeremy Hill announced he will enter the NFL draft.
MARQUETTE — Announced men's freshman basketball C Luke Fischer transferred from Indiana.
MEMPHIS — Announced RB Brandon Hayes was been granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA.
NOTRE DAME — Named Brian VanGorder defensive coordinator.
SOUTHERN CAL — Announced the resignation of defensive line coach Bo Davis to take a similar position at Alabama.
STANFORD — Announced G David Yankey will enter the NFL draft.
VIRGINIA — Named Jerome Oliver defensive line coach.

HS BASKETBALL POLLS

BOYS
Class 5A

1. Converse Judson, 22-1; 2. South Grand Prairie, 16-3; 3. DeSoto, 17-3; 4. EP Bel Air, 19-0; 5. Justin Northwest, 18-3; 6. Euless Trinity, 16-5; 7. Plano West, 12-5; 8. Lewisville, 15-3; 9. Fort Bend Bush, 17-5; 10. Port Arthur Memorial, 15-5; 11. Galena Park North Shore, 20-3; 12. Richardson Berkner, 15-4; 13. Killeen Harker Heights, 17-3; 14. SA Churchill, 21-3; 15. McAllen Rowe, 22-1; 16. Humble Atascocita, 17-6; 17. Arlington Bowie, 17-3; 18. SA Madison, 18-4; 19. Lewisville Marcus, 17-2; 20. Fort Bend Dulles, 17-5; 22. Fort Bend Travis, 18-5; 21. Amarillo Tascosa, 17-0; 23. Allen, 17-3; 24. Pearland, 18-5; 25. Manvel, 19-4

Class 4A

1. Beaumont Central, 19-2; 2. SA Alamo Heights, 22-1; 3. FW Dunbar, 13-3; 4. EP Andress, 18-2; 5. Lancaster, 16-4; 6. Dallas Highland Park, 19-3; 7. Houston Wheatley, 18-4; 8. Frisco Heritage, 14-2; 9. Beaumont Ozen, 17-5; 10. Dallas Kimball, 12-4; 11. FB Marshall, 15-7; 12. Schertz Clemens, 20-3; 13. Humble Summer Creek, 15-4; 14. SA Northside Brennan, 19-4; 15. Cedar Park, 16-5; 16. Friendswood, 16-4; 17. Everman, 15-3; 18. Amarillo, 13-5; 19. Manor, 18-2; 20. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 14-5; 21. FW Trimble Tech, 13-6; 22. Dallas Lincoln, 10-5; 23. Dallas Wilson, 12-5; 24. Wolfforth Frenship, 18-4; 25. CC Ray, 19-6

Class 3A

1. Dallas Madison, 13-4; 2. Kennedale, 19-0; 3. Houston Yates, 9-7; 4. Dallas Triple A Academy, 12-5; 5. Abilene Wylie, 16-3; 6. SA Houston, 13-9; 7. West Orange-Stark, 17-7; 8. Wilmer-Hutchins, 11-6; 9. Houston Washington, 13-9; 10. Decatur, 16-5; 11. Burkburnett, 15-6; 12. Frisco Lone Star, 16-5; 13. Argyle, 14-4; 14. Lubbock Estacado, 11-9; 15. Silsbee, 16-7; 16. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, 24-3; 17. Athens, 18-1; 18. Cleveland, 18-2; 19. Navasota, 15-2; 20. WF Hirschi, 9-10; 21. Fairfield, 4-1; 22. Mexia, 15-4; 23. Pollok Central, 18-7; 24. La Vernia, 18-2; 25. Fredericksburg, 18-7

Class 2A

1. Brock, 18-6; 2. Kountze, 18-5; 3. Abernathy, 19-1; 4. Ponder, 17-7; 5. Tatum, 18-4; 6. Peaster, 15-5; 7. Wall, 5-0; 8. Breckenridge, 16-0; 9. Franklin, 17-3; 10. Clarksville, 12-8; 11. Holliday, 17-5; 12. Childress, 18-3; 13. Bushland, 12-8; 14. East Chambers, 14-9; 15. Aransas Pass, 19-7; 16. Whitesboro, 17-3; 17. Canadian, 9-2; 18. Salado, 19-3; 19. Sunnyvale, 14-1; 20. Edgewood, 15-2; 21. Brownfield, 11-6; 22. Blanco, 16-5; 23. Ingram Moore, 19-4; 24. Dallas Life Oak Cliff, 19-3; 25. Dallas Faith Family, 17-2

Class 1A Division I

1. Mumford, 23-1; 2. Grapeland, 18-5; 3. EP Harmony, 20-3; 4. Muenster, 15-1; 5. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 21-3; 6. Martins Mill, 17-5; 7. Poolville, 18-6; 8. San Augustine, 17-7; 9. Tenaha, 7-3; 10. Bartlett, 19-1; 11. Wellington, 5-1; 12. Memphis, 12-4; 13. La Poynor, 19-3; 14. Stamford, 5-2; 15. Sulphur Springs North Hopkins, 17-7; 16. Kerens, 10-7; 17. Smyer, 16-4; 18. Farwell, 12-5; 19. SA Gervin, 8-0; 20. Pineland West Sabine, 12-4; 21. Gruver, 15-4; 22. Collinsville, 9-5; 23. Trenton, 11-5; 24. Snook, 11-5; **25. Forsan, 11-4.**

Class 1A Division II

1. Oakwood, 16-2; 2. Texline, 15-3; 3. Laneville, 18-6; 4. Graford, 15-2; 5. Water Valley, 11-5; 6. Throckmorton, 17-2; 7. Douglass, 17-5; 8. Calvert, 12-4; 9. Lingleville, 15-2; 10. Huckabay, 13-5; 11. Ira, 8-1; 12. Eula, 14-6; 13. Coolidge, 14-1; 14. Roxton, 8-7; 15. Cumby Miller Grove, 16-8; 16. Crowell, 7-1; **17. Grady, 12-4; 18. Garden City, 10-6;** 19. Lometa, 13-5; 20. Moulton, 13-6; 21. Nazareth, 12-9; 22. Happy, 6-6; 23. Avinger, 16-2; 24. Fort Elliott, 11-3; 25. Petersburg, 9-2.

Large Private Schools

1. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 19-2; 2. Plano John Paul II, 17-4; 3. Houston St. Thomas, 20-8; 4. Houston Christian, 16-9; 5. Houston Kinkaid, 11-2; 6. Houston Westbury Christian, 11-8; 7. Houston St. John's, 14-12; 8. SA Central Catholic, 17-6; 9. Houston Second Baptist, 14-7; 10. Houston St. Pius X, 11-9; 11. Dallas Episcopal, 9-6; 12. The Woodlands John Cooper, 13-7; 13. Addison Trinity Christian, 15-9; 14. Dallas Greenhill, 13-6; 15. Houston Lutheran South, 15-9; 16. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 11-10; 17. FW All Saints, 12-7; 18. Bellaire Episcopal, 11-7; 19. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 12-13; 20. Laredo St. Augustine, 20-10; 21. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 10-11; **22. Midland Christian, 13-8;** 23. SA TMI-Episcopal, 16-8; 24. SA Christian, 23-9; 25. SA Antonian, 19-9.

Small Private Schools

1. Lubbock Christian School, 17-4; 2. Dallas Yavneh Academy, 16-3; 3. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 18-9; 4. Waco Vanguard College Prep, 15-3; 5. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 17-4; 6. SA St. Gerard, 17-4; 7. Abilene Christian High School, 9-6; 8. Geneva School of Boerne, 14-8; 9. Denton Calvary, 17-9; 10. Bullard The Brook Hill School, 8-7; 11. Dallas Lakehill Prep, 8-2; 12. Christian Academy of San Antonio, 11-7; 13. League City Bay Area Christian, 12-10; 14. Austin Brentwood Christian, 13-6; 15. Dallas Cambridge School, 5-3; 16. Universal City First Baptist, 18-2; 17. Bryan Brazos Christian, 10-4; 18. Arlington High Point Prep, 5-2; 19. FW Bethesda Christian, 12-4; 20. Austin Waldorf School, 12-7; 21. Conroe Covenant Christian, 14-6; 22. Houston Cypress Christian, 12-5; 23. De Soto The Canterbury School, 7-4; 24. FW Lake Country Christian, 12-5; 25. Conroe Lifestyle Christian, 15-5

GIRLS
Class 5A

1. Duncanville, 22-0; 2. Manvel, 24-2; 3. Pflugerville, 26-2; 4. Cedar Ridge, 22-2; 5. Lewisville Marcus, 19-2; 6. Arlington Bowie, 19-2; 7. Galena Park North Shore, 20-6; 8. Cibolo Steele, 17-4; 9. Southlake Carroll, 20-4; 10. League City Clear Springs, 20-5; 11. Plano West, 17-4; 12. Cypress Woods, 22-4; 13. SA Reagan, 21-3; 14. Spring DeKaney, 22-2; 15. Humble Atascocita, 17-5; 16. SA Northside Stevens, 17-5; 17. Round Rock Stony Point, 21-6; 18. Pearland, 20-5; 19. Houston Bellaire, 15-8; 20. Richardson, 22-5; 21. Mansfield Timberview, 18-7; 22. SA Churchill, 24-3; 23. Dallas Skyline, 22-6; 24. Cypress Ranch, 21-5; 25. Hurst Bell, 18-2

Class 4A

1. SA Northside Brennan, 23-1; 2. Aledo, 17-2; 3. McKinney North, 16-4; 4. Brenham, 22-2; 5. Canyon, 20-4; 6. Barbers Hill, 23-2; 7. Frisco Liberty, 17-3; 8. Georgetown, 19-6; 9. FW Trimble Tech, 19-4; 10. Dallas Adams, 19-3; 11. Arlington Seguin, 17-7; 12. Mansfield Summit, 14-7; 13. Schertz Clemens, 19-4; 14. Leander Rouse, 19-6; 15. Amarillo, 16-7; 16. EP Hanks, 25-4; 17. CC Ray, 19-6; 18. Plainview, 18-6; 19. Houston North Forest, 17-1; 20. Tomball, 15-6; 21. Houston Wheatley, 18-2; 22. Tomball Memorial, 17-4; 23. WF Rider, 18-6; 24. Montgomery, 21-4; 25. Carrollton Newman Smith, 14-5

Class 3A

1. Waco La Vega, 21-0; 2. Argyle, 24-1; 3. Celina, 20-4; 4. Abilene Wylie, 18-5; 5. Hondo, 21-4; 6. La Vernia, 18-5; 7. Shallowater, 19-3; 8. Lorena, 16-7; 9. Yoakum, 20-4; 10. CC West Oso, 22-4; 11. Robinson, 19-3; 12. Stafford, 18-7; 13. Melissa, 17-3; 14. Fairfield, 17-6; 15. Canton, 18-5; 16. Quinlan Ford, 19-4; **17. Big Spring, 13-5;** 18. Navasota, 23-4; 19. Wilmer-Hutchins, 17-5; 20. Hamshire-Fannett, 22-5; 21. Lytle, 16-6; 22. Bridge City, 25-4; 23. Brownwood, 16-5; 24. Kilgore, 16-7; 25. Dalhart, 18-4

Class 2A

1. Sunnyvale, 24-0; 2. Brock, 22-2; 3. SA Cole, 27-1; 4. Nacogdoches Central Heights, 26-0; 5. Canadian, 22-0; 6. Cisco, 19-2; 7. Tuscola Jim Ned, 18-5; 8. Wall, 20-4; 9. Grandview, 19-2; 10. Paradise, 18-4; 11. Hallettsville, 23-3; 12. Sonora, 20-4; 13. Winnsboro, 23-3; 14. Dallas Life Oak Cliff, 14-6; 15. Franklin, 17-5; 16. Tatum, 18-3; 17. Rogers, 21-3; 18. Mt. Vernon, 16-6; 19. Woodville, 18-3; 20. Jarrell, 21-3; 21. Idalou, 15-6; 22. Maypearl, 17-9; 23. Poth, 10-10; 24. Alba-Golden, 18-3; 25. Jourdanton, 18-6

Class 1A Division I

1. Martins Mill, 23-2; 2. Wellington, 15-4; 3. Mason, 21-2; 4. Christoval, 20-2; 5. Plains, 17-2; 6. Falls City, 18-4; 7. Dallas Triple A Academy, 15-5; 8. Santo, 14-7; 9. Goldthwaite, 13-5; 10. Slocum, 18-5; 11. Kerens, 16-4; 12. Weimar, 22-4; 13. Hubbard, 17-1; 14. Colmesneil, 17-1; 15. Windthorst, 14-2; 16. Hamlin, 15-2; 17. Gruver, 16-6; 18. Harper, 17-6; 19. Wells, 19-4; 20. Honey Grove, 16-1; 21. Panhandle, 15-7; 22. Snook, 12-6; 23. Zavalla, 16-7; 24. Muenster, 15-5; 25. Clarendon, 11-6

Class 1A Division II

1. Lipan, 24-1; 2. Roscoe Highland, 15-2; 3. Nazareth, 23-1; 4. Follett, 18-1; **5. Garden City, 20-1;** 6. Menard, 18-3; 7. Frost, 16-2; 8. Eula, 19-4; 9. Calvert, 16-0; 10. Round Top-Carmine, 10-1; 11. Chireno, 19-5; 12. Miami, 15-4; 13. Rochelle, 17-4; 14. Campbell, 18-3; 15. Baird, 16-3; 16. Morgan, 15-2; 17. Turkey Valley, 13-3; **18. Grady, 12-6;** 19. Leggett, 14-4; 20. Leakey, 14-5; 21. Cross Plains, 12-4; **22. Rankin, 17-5;** 23. Strawn, 15-7; 24. Paducah, 13-5; 25. Newcastle, 12-3.

Large Private Schools

1. Tomball Concordia, 21-6; 2. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 15-9; 3. Houston St. Agnes, 19-4; 4. Argyle Liberty Christian, 15-7; 5. SA Antonian, 18-8; 6. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 11-7; 7. Houston Second Baptist, 15-3; 8. SA IWA, 17-7; 9. Houston Kinkaid, 12-5; 10. Plano John Paul II, 9-10; 11. Dallas Christian, 19-3; **12. Midland Christian, 18-3;** 13. Corpus Christi IWA, 22-4; 14. Houston Westbury Christian, 13-14; 15. Austin Regents, 16-4; 16. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 16-2; 17. Houston Christian, 12-9; 18. Victoria St. Joseph's, 19-6; 19. Brownsville St. Joseph, 22-2; 20. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 18-9; 21. Waco Reicher, 16-6; 22. Houston St. Pius X, 10-15; 23. Austin St. Dominic Savio, 17-10; 24. Houston Lutheran North, 18-6; 25. Houston Duchesne, 11-7.

Small Private Schools

1. Austin Brentwood, 19-5; **2. Midland Classical, 8-6;** 3. FW Lake Country Christian, 14-7; 4. Marble Falls Faith, 15-4; 5. Houston Cypress Christian, 12-3; 6. Muenster Sacred Heart, 13-5; 7. Sherman Texoma Christian, 13-6; 8. Lubbock Christian, 13-11; 9. Victoria Faith, 19-7; 10. Austin Waldorf, 19-1; 11. League City Bay Area Christian, 15-5; 12. Granbury North Central Texas, 7-4; 13. Colleyville Covenant, 13-12; 14. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 14-6; 15. Spring Providence Classical, 13-8; 16. New Braunfels Christian, 12-13; 17. Tomball Woodlands Prep, 13-2; 18. Ovilla Christian, 6-2; 19. McKinney Christian, 7-6; 20. Boerne Geneva, 6-4; 21. Shertz John Paul II, 15-7; 22. Baytown Christian, 13-10; 23. SA Christian, 11-6; 24. Pasadena First Baptist, 12-3; 25. Houston Family Christian, 12-3.

HSBASKETBALLTODAY

BY JONATHAN HULL

District 2-5A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	9	1	19	6
Lee	8	2	19	6
Amarillo Tascosa	7	2	10	11
Midland High	5	4	9	13
Odessa Permian	5	5	9	10
Abilene High	4	6	14	11
San Angelo Central	3	7	8	13
Abilene Cooper	2	8	7	18
Odessa High	0	10	1	18

Friday's Scores
Lee 78, Odessa High 22
Lubbock Coronado 62, Abilene High 49
Odessa Permian 61, Abilene Cooper 44
Amarillo Tascosa 60, San Angelo Central 44

Today's Games
Lee at Odessa Permian
Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	8	0	17	0
Lubbock Coronado	6	2	17	4
Odessa Permian	5	3	8	5
Lee	5	4	10	6
San Angelo Central	4	4	9	9
Midland High	3	4	7	10
Odessa High	2	6	6	13
Abilene Cooper	2	6	4	12
Abilene High	1	7	4	12

Friday's Scores
Lee 74, Odessa High 58
Lubbock Coronado 67, Abilene High 44
Odessa Permian 75, Abilene Cooper 56
Amarillo Tascosa 67, San Angelo Central 37

Today's Games
Lee at Odessa Permian
Odessa High at Midland High
Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa

Girls

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Odessa High 1-18, 0-10 in 2-5A; Midland High 9-13, 5-4

Last game: Lee 78, Odessa High 22; Lee 49, Midland High 33

Last meeting: Midland High 63, Odessa High 28 on Dec. 10

Notable: Midland High is trying to get on a winning track and probably couldn't ask for a better opponent to do so than the Lady Bronchos, who have won just one game this season. ... Odessa High continues to struggle on both ends of the court. The Lady Bronchos have lost all 10 of their district game by at least 14 points. ... Midland High has been struggling offensively with the injury to sophomore guard Alexandrea Washington being part of the reason. Washington has missed the last couple games and her status for tonight is an unknown. ... The Lady Dawgs faced minimal resistance from Odessa High earlier this season. OHS had just seven points at halftime. Aubrie Elliott, who is MHS' leading scorer this season, led the Lady Dawgs with 22 points.

Next: Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Jan. 21; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa

Records: Lee 19-6, 8-2 in 2-5A; Permian 9-10, 5-5

Last game: Lee 78, Odessa High 22; Permian 61, Abilene Cooper 44

Last meeting: Lee 53, Permian 47 on Dec. 10

Notable: Both teams are coming into this game on positive notes. ... Permian has finally got on a winning track with two straight wins against Abilene High and Abilene Cooper. As a result, the Lady Panthers have worked their way back into the playoff picture and sits fifth in the district standings — a half-game back of Midland High. ... Lee has won its last five district games, including a 56-point victory against Odessa High on Friday. The Lady Rebels are second in the district and only a game back of first-place Lubbock Coronado. The Lady Rebels defeated Lubbock Coronado earlier this season and get a rematch with the Lady Mustangs on Friday. ... Lee got a great performance from junior guard Bri'An Washington in its previous meeting with Permian this season. Washington scored 23 points in the win. That game was her first back after suffering an ankle injury during a tournament in November.

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD AT NO. 4 ABILENE WYLIE

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Wylie High gymnasium, Abilene

Records: Greenwood 7-13, 3-0 in 4-3A; Wylie 18-5, 3-0

Last game: Greenwood 60, Snyder 39 ; Wylie 44, Big Spring 37

Notable: Since entering District 4-3A play, Greenwood has won three straight games. Junior forward Amanda Bell has been hot so far, averaging 22.7 points per game in 4-3A play. Bell got some help on the scoresheet from senior Morgan McKee in the Rangerettes' win against Snyder on Friday. McKee scored 13 points, as did Bell, in what was her best offensive performance since coming back from a knee injury at the start of district play. ... Wylie remains one of the top teams in the state. The Lady Bulldogs are led by sophomore post Brittany Brewer, who is listed at 6 feet, 4 inches, and is averaging 14.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Next: Big Spring at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m. Friday; Abilene Wylie at Sweetwater, 6:15 p.m. Friday

NO. 8 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN AT NO. 2 MID. CLASSICAL

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

Records: Lubbock Christian 13-11; MCA 10-6

Last game: Dimmitt 57, Lubbock Christian 54; New Way Christian 48, MCA 47

Notable: This is the TAPPS 1-3A opener for both teams. Midland Classical is the favorite in the district and won the league last season. However, it was Lubbock Christian — the district's third-place team — that ended up winning a TAPPS 3A state title. ... Lubbock Christian has been up and down so far this season, and hasn't played the same caliber of schedule the Lady Knights have. MCA's schedule includes matchups against Class 5A opponents like Lee and Odessa Permian. ... This is the second straight week for MCA to be ranked No. 2 in the TABC small private school poll. Only Austin Brentwood is ranked above the Lady Knights. Brentwood is also a TAPPS 3A school, and was the team Lubbock Christian beat in the state title game last season.

Next: Lubbock Christian at Lubbock Home School, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Midland Classical at Trinity, 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Boys

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

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

Records: Odessa High 6-13, 2-6 in 2-5A; Midland High 7-10, 3-4

Last game: Lee 74, Odessa High 58; Midland High 60, Lee 45

Last meeting: Midland High 73, Odessa High 64 on Dec. 10

Notable: Both teams are trying to keep in the conversation in regards to the District 2-5A playoff picture. The Bulldogs are in a more favorable situation than Odessa High due to being 3-4 and the Bronchos being 2-6 in district. However, the Bulldogs need a win all the same. ... MHS is coming off a bye Friday after defeating crosstown rival Lee last Tuesday. The win ended a six-game winning streak for the Rebels and went a long way to getting MHS within striking distance of a playoff spot. The Bulldogs currently sit sixth in the district standings — a full game back of fourth-place Lee. ... Five Bulldogs scored in double figures in their last meeting with Odessa High, including 13 points from Shawn Rivers. It took an impressive fourth quarter for the Bulldogs to pull out the win. They held the Bronchos to just nine points in the final frame, while scoring 22.

Next: Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

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

Records: Lee 10-6, 5-4 in 2-5A; Permian 8-5, 5-3

Last game: Lee 74, Odessa High 58; Permian 75, Abilene Cooper 56

Last meeting: Lee 67, Permian 65 on Dec. 10

Notable: This is a pivotal matchup in regards to the District 2-5A standings. Permian sits in third — a half-game up on fourth-place Lee. ... The Rebels have won seven of their last eight games with the lone loss coming last Tuesday against crosstown rival Midland High. They bounced back impressively with a win against Odessa High at home. ... The 74 points Lee scored against Odessa High is the most it has posted this season. Their second-best offensive performance of the season was also against Odessa High in a 73-43 win on Dec. 3. ... The Rebels narrowly beat the Panthers in their earlier meeting this season that featured a valiant comeback attempt by Permian. Lee led by as much as 48-30 early in the second half, but Permian managed to gradually cut into that deficit. Junior guard Robert Thomas led the Panthers' charge back, and finished with a game-high 29 points. Donald Ekman had 24 points for Lee. ... The Rebels have been without guard Jon Maldonado, who sprained his ankle against Midland High. Maldonado sat out the Rebels' win against Odessa High and his availability for tonight is unknown.

Next: Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD AT NO. 5 ABILENE WYLIE

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

Records: Greenwood 4-14, 1-0 in 4-3A; Wylie 16-3, 1-0

Last game: Greenwood 62, Snyder 45; Wylie 55, Big Spring 34

Notable: After a disappointing start to the season, Greenwood has won its last two games, including a successful start to the District 4-3A portion of its schedule Friday with a win against Snyder. The Rangers outscored Snyder, 34-19, in the second half as Grant Franklin led them with 21 points, which is also his season average. ... Wylie is one of the top teams in the state and will be a favorite to win both District 4-3A and Region I-3A this season. The Bulldogs played in the state tournament last season, losing in the semifinals.

Next: Big Spring at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene Wylie at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 1 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN AT MIDLAND CLASSICAL

When/where: 8 p.m. today, MCA gymnasium

Records: Lubbock Christian 17-4; MCA 4-5

Last game: Lubbock Christian 75, Dimmitt 58; Crane 58, MCA 48

Notable: Lubbock Christian is the top-ranked team in the TABC small private school poll. The Eagles are the defending TAPPS 3A state champions. ... Midland Classical is coming off a 58-48 loss to Crane. ... This is the TAPPS 1-3A opener for both squads.

Next: Lubbock Christian at Lubbock Home School, 8 p.m. Friday; Midland Classical at Trinity, 8 p.m. Friday.

Honor roll/top games

HONOR ROLL

BRI'AN WASHINGTON, JR., G, LEE

Washington led the Lady Rebels to their second straight win against Midland High last Tuesday, scoring 17 points. She also led Lee with 13 in a blowout win against Odessa High on Friday.

Amanda Bell, Jr., F, Greenwood

Bell has been impressive since the Rangerettes started District 4-3A play. She outscored Sweetwater by herself in a 66-18 win last Tuesday, posting 27 points. She followed that with 13 points against Snyder.

Brittney Garza, F, Grady

Garza had a big week for No. 18 Grady, scoring 25 points in a win against Loop and 19 in a win against Dawson.

Lindsey Mills, Jr., G, Midland Christian

The Lady Mustangs probably deserve mention as a team after beating Fort Worth Southwest Christian 75-4 Friday, but Mills was the leading scorer with a game-high 15 points.

GAMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Today

Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m., Wylie HS gymnasium, Abilene: The Rangerettes have turned it on in District 4-3A play, but getting a win over No. 4 Wylie would be huge. They haven't had many wins agains the Lady Bulldogs in recent memory.

Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m., MCA gymnasium: MCA is ranked No. 2, while Lubbock Christian is No. 8 in the TABC small private school poll. LCHS is also the defending state champion in TAPPS 3A, and likely MCA's biggest challenge in winning a district title this season.

Friday

Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center: The Lady Rebels handed Coronado's lone district loss of the season on Dec. 13, winning 44-42 on the Lady Mustangs' home court. It was the first time Coronado had lost at home in four years. Bet on the Lady Mustangs wanting to exact revenge.

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m., Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa: This is a key game in regards to the playoff picture. Midland High is currently in fourth in the 2-5A standings and just a half-game up on Permian in the race for the final playoff spot.

Big Spring at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m., Greenwood gymnasium: If Wylie is the top team in District 4-3A, then Big Spring and Greenwood are the favorites to be second and third. The Lady Steers are currently 17th in the TABC Class 3A poll, making them the second straight ranked opponent the Rangerettes will face this week.

Midland Classical at Trinity, 6:30 p.m., Beal Gym: It would be a big upset for Trinity to knock off the Lady Knights, but the girls on these two teams know each other well. It's nice to see this crosstown rivalry have district implications as well.

Saturday

Midland Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 1 p.m., North Richland Hills: This weekend will be a challenging one for the 12th-ranked Lady Mustangs with Grapevine Faith on Friday and FWC on Saturday. Traditionally, FWC is the bigger challenge, and the Lady Mustangs have struggled to find wins against the Lady Cardinals in the past.

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SISTERS

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and volleyball from the stands and is now relishing the opportunity to join her on the court.

"I'm kind of used to playing with her now because we played volleyball together," Megan said. "I'm kind of following in her footsteps. I'm just going through kind of what she went through."

Megan admits Morgan is a bit tough on her at times, but she doesn't hate her sister for pushing her.

"I do get a little more advice than other people," Megan said while glaring at her older sister. "Sometimes it's good tough, sometimes it's bad tough. I'd rather get tough advice from her than somebody else."

But for every tough moment the two share on the court, there's also plenty of joy in playing together.

"We laugh a lot together but at the same time I push her and she pushes me," Morgan said. "I mean, I don't want her to beat me. I push her really hard because I know how good she can be."

There's actually a decent chance Morgan will be handing over the Lady Mustangs' starting point guard position -- one she's held since her freshman year -- to her younger sister next year. Ryburn says Megan is one of the candidates to become the team's next point guard after Morgan graduates, but could also see Megan being more of an off-the-ball guard with the ability to slash through defenses.

"They have a lot of qualities in common," Ryburn said. "Like Morgan, Megan is very quick. She's got some of the best hands I've ever seen which is why she's so good for us on defense. We've got other girls I could see being a point guard, but Megan is definitely in that conversation. Her best fit might be as a two or three guard, though."

Both sisters say there isn't much of a competitive edge to their relationship, although Morgan won't admit Megan could end up being better than her by the time she's a senior.

"I don't want to answer that," Morgan said laughing. "No comment."

Megan doesn't exactly strive to be better than her sister, either.

"I think we're different players," Megan said. "People always ask us who the better player is. We don't really like being compared."

Whatever Megan's potential might be she's joining her sister on a varsity squad that both Ryburn and Morgan believe has the chance to advance further than any MCS team in recent memory.

The Lady Mustangs are currently ranked 12th in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches large private school poll with a 19-3 overall record, including 2-0 in TAPPS 1-4A play. The potential for a deep playoff run only adds to the sisters' only season together at MCS likely being one they'll cherish forever.

"I think we'll go either as far or farther than we did last year," Morgan said. "We pull through when the games get hard. To have (Megan) playing with me for that chance is special to me."

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Texas knocks off West Virginia

By Jim Laise
Associated Press

Longhorns	80
Mountaineers	69

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Javan Felix scored 19 points, on 8-of-13 shooting, as Texas beat West Virginia 80-69 on Monday night.

Cameron Ridley added 12 points and 12 rebounds for Texas (13-4, 2-2 Big 12). It was Ridley's fourth double-double of the season. Isaiah Taylor and Martez Walker each tallied 10.

West Virginia (10-7, 2-2) lost for the second straight time in Big 12 play after starting its league card at 2-0. The loss for WVU marked the first time the Mountaineers had been downed by double-figures this year.

Juwan Staten, who entered the game ranked fifth in the league in scoring (17 points per game) and second in the conference in assists (6.1), finished with 23 points and five assists. He was followed by Terry Henderson's 16 and Remi Dibo's 10. It was Henderson's fifth straight double-figure effort for the Mountaineers. True freshman Brandon Watkins had five blocks.

Texas' double-digit nod changed a previous five-game, all-time set between these teams which had been decided by 11 total points. The series is knotted at three apiece.

Ridley, a 6-foot-9, 285-pound sophomore, has reached double figures in scoring nine times this season.

The Longhorns entered the bout as the Big 12's leading rebounding squad with an average of 41.8 per game. Texas owned a 49-30 cushion and grabbed 39 defensive rebounds to West Virginia's 19. The Longhorns held a 34-30 edge in points in the paint and enjoyed a 12-5 lead in second-chance points.

That was due to the work of Jonathan Holmes (12 rebounds) and Ridley, who each doubled the Mountaineers' leading rebounder, true freshman Brandon Watkins, who hauled down six caroms. Watkins enjoyed five blocks in 14 minutes.

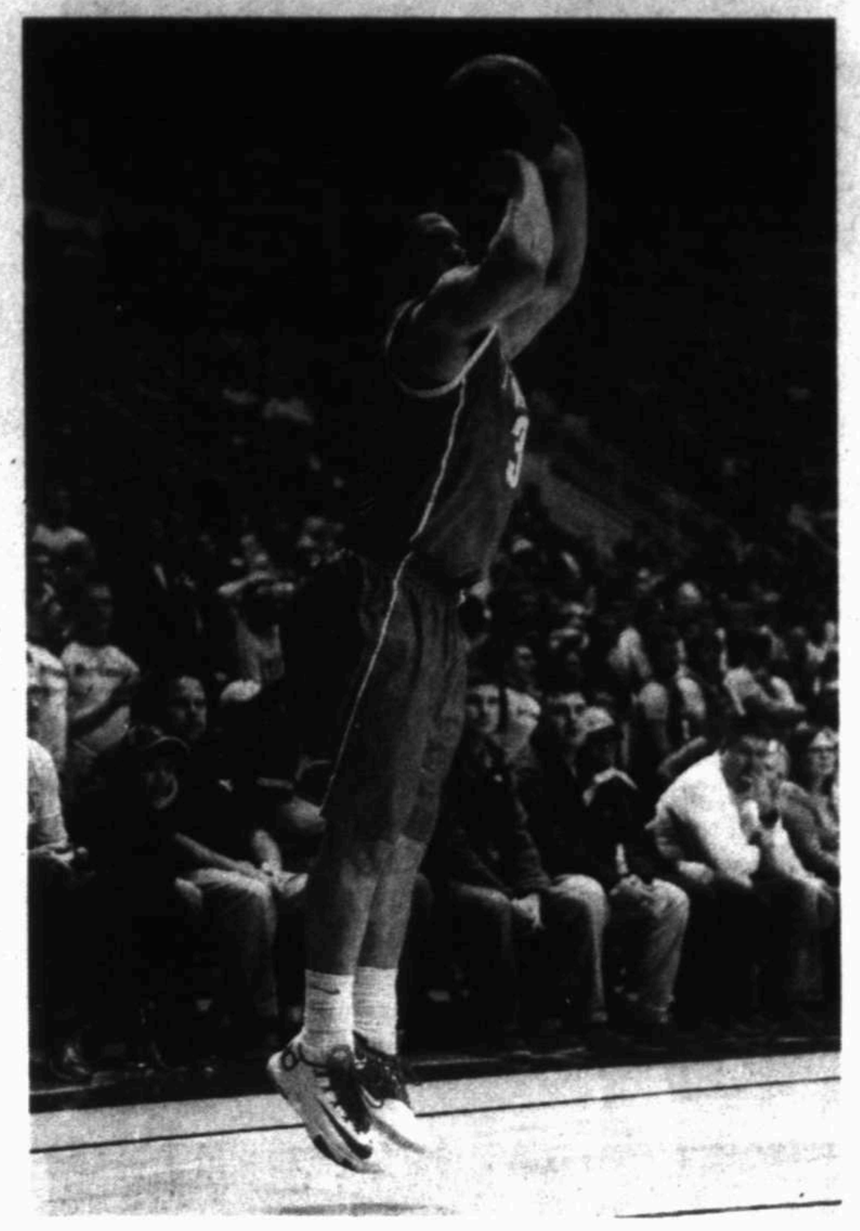
"The fact is that we have guys that can block shots," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Up until this point, they have been in foul trouble for most of our games."

To pace itself with the board-hungry Longhorns, West Virginia had to find points from outside and beyond the three-point arc.

West Virginia connected on just 4 of 25 triples (16 percent) and were 37.7 percent (26 of 69) from the field. At one point, the Mountaineers missed 15 consecutive three-pointers.

"We took makeable shots," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "For some reason we have started pump faking when we're open and dribbling into people when we're not. I don't understand the value in that. Remi took excellent shots. We just didn't make them."

Eron Harris entered the game as the league's second-leading scorer (18.1), but scored just six points before fouling out. He was 3 of 11 from the floor, 0 for 7 from beyond the arc.



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Texas' Javan Felix shoots a 3-pointer during the second half of Monday's game in Morgantown, W.Va. Texas won, 80-69.

After trailing by 14 at the half and 19 about three minutes into the second-half action, West Virginia showed signs of life.

The Mountaineers rattled off seven straight points at one stint and were down 48-36 with 15:23 to go. The Horns stretched their lead back to 19 with 12:24 showing.

West Virginia got it down to 14 twice, but the Longhorns, who started going to the line midway through the second half, jutted out to an 18-point lead with 7:34 to go.

Demarcus Holland's field goal with 2:25 left pushed Texas ahead by 15, but Mountaineers climbed with 78-67 with 1:22 left.

West Virginia took the two games against Texas in 2012-13.

This year, Texas has out-rebounded opponents 14 times in 17 games. The Longhorns are 12-2 when shooting 40 percent or better from the field.

The Longhorns are the Big 12's youngest team, starting one freshman, three sophomores and one junior. The Mountaineers are close behind. They started two juniors, two sophomores and a freshman.

STREAK

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team to win 69 straight at home 18 years ago.

Bria Hartley had 17 points, Moriah Jefferson 13 and Stefanie Dolson 10 for UConn, which has won 24 in a row overall. That matches the sixth-longest winning streak in school history, and is their second 24-game winning streak since their record 90 in a row ended in December 2010.

Sims, who entered the contest with 31.8 points per game, finished with 20 points on only 4-of-25 shooting. She made all 10 of her free throws, none after halftime.

Robertson had 10 points including three 3-pointers for Baylor. Freshman Nina Davis had 11 points and 17 rebounds.

It is the fifth season in a row the two national powers have met, this game featuring the two winningest active coaches by percentage and four of the six college players named earlier Monday to the U.S. women's basketball national team pool — Sims and UConn teammates Breanna Stewart, Stefanie Dolson and Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, who were all recognized before the game. Three were preseason AP All-Americans (Sims, Stewart and Mosqueda-Lewis)

UConn won the first two meetings, 70-50 in the 2010 Final Four, and by one point at home early the following season. Baylor as the No. 1 team for the last two games, winning in Waco two years ago and at UConn last season.

After trailing 36-27 at halftime, Baylor cut the gap to 45-42 with just under 14 1/2 minutes left when Niya Johnson scored on a layup after a bounce pass from Sims.

Geno Auriemma called timeout, but when play resumed Johnson stole the ball from Stewart before Robertson missed a layup. Jefferson then hit a 3-pointer for the Huskies.

Sims hit a 3-pointer from the left wing with 11 minutes left, and was only 4-of-21 shooting at the time, to get the Lady Bears within 50-49 — though they never got even or went ahead after that. Stewart made a short baseline jumper on the other end for UConn, which ended the game with a 16-6 run.

Jefferson is the only UConn player from Texas (Glenn Heights in the Dallas area). She had a breakaway layup and a 3-pointer for the first five Huskies points of the game. She then had a steal and stumbled but kept her balance long enough to scoop a pass to Hartley for a layup that made it 10-7.

WOMEN

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some energy and did a really good job defensively and held them to 16 points," MC coach Ron Jones said. "We also hit some shots against their zone (defense) and Mattie Turner came in a hit four threes and really sparked us off the bench.

"I was really happy with our energy as it led to some transition bucks and good comfortable lead at the half."

Mattie Turner added 17 points, including 5 of 7 from 3-point range, while Mary Savoy chipped in with 12 points.

Hanna Reyes was the only Lady Westerner in double figures with 10 points.

The Lady Chaps look to stay on the winning track in WJCAC play on Thursday as they host New Mexico Junior College. The Lady T-birds are coming off a 55-54 loss at Odessa College on Monday.

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	3	0	13	4
New Mexico JC	3	1	11	5
South Plains	3	1	9	8
Frank Phillips	2	1	14	2
Midland College	**2**	**1**	**12**	**6**
Howard College	1	3	10	9
Clarendon College	0	3	8	8
Western Texas	0	4	5	10

Monday's Games
Midland College 74, Western Texas College 42; Odessa College 55, New Mexico JC 54; Frank Phillips College 58, Howard College 45; South Plains College 95, Clarendon College 52

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

NO. 20 MIDLAND COLLEGE 74, WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 42

Midland College (12-6, 2-1) — Gabriela Martins 0-2 1-2 1, Tajanay Veiga 0-4 2-2 2, Mattie Turner 6-8 0-0 17, Tyler Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0, Mary Savoy 6-10 0-1 12, Catherine Kruschke 7-10 6-9 20, Nakisha Saintval 0-2 0-0 0, Sabrina Ochoa 0-0 0-0 0, Ellyn Avery, Ashleigh Sparks 2-3 0-0 4, Rose Sow 1-3 0-1 2, Manelka Garate 0-1 2-2 2, Diamalises Rivera 4-6 0-0 8. Totals 28-55 11-17 73

Western Texas (5-10, 0-4) — Corryn Englerth 1-6 1-2 3, Tiffany Young 1-3 0-0 2, Itze Teilane 0-0 0-0 0, Delaña Lopez 0-5 0-0 0, Niya Benavides 1-3 0-0 3, Brechelle Beachum 3-16 2-4 9, Tiffany Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, Macy Mays 0-0 0-0 0, Hanna Reyes 5-13 0-0 10, Kelah Guidry 4-8 0-0 8, Brittany McPherson 0-3 1-2 1, Corisha Williams 2-4 2-4 6, Destiney Hutchison 0-2 0-0 0. Totals

Halftime — MC 42, WTC 16. 3-point goals — MC 7 (Turner 5, Avery 2), WTC 2 (Beachum, Benavides). Total fouls — MC 8, WTC 13. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MC 43 (Rivera 6), WTC 40 (Englerth 7). Assists — MC 8 (Martins 3), WTC 7 (Beachum 2, Guidry 2). Turnovers — MC 14, WTC 14.

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

MEN

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The Chaparrals (9-8, 1-3) turned things around in the second half and even out-scored the Westerners, 40-39, in that period. But those first-half struggles were too much to overcome.

MC ended up shooting 51.2 percent from the floor, including 2 of 11 from 3-point range. MC was also a woeful 12 for 27 at the free-throw line.

"We could not hit free throws all night," Dreiling said. "We were 12 of 27 at the line and there's the 15 points that we lost by. We had really good chances to get much closer in the second half, but we made some tough mistakes and we have to mature quickly and fix those things."

The Westerners were 8 of 17 from 3-point range and also outrebounded the Chaps, 33-28.

Daniel Hernandez was the only Chap in double figures with a game-high 23 points.

WTC was led by Andris Misters with 18 points and Devonta Walker with 16.

The Chaps look to bounce back on Thursday night when they host New Mexico Junior College, which is coming off an 81-72 victory at Odessa College on Monday.

Dreiling said despite the loss, he remains encouraged that his team will turn things around.

"I think we're playing harder, we're caring for each other more and becoming a better team," he said. "I'm excited for the game on Thursday."

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	4	0	17	1
Odessa College	3	1	15	2
Howard College	3	1	15	3
New Mexico JC	3	2	15	3
Western Texas	3	2	15	4
Frank Phillips	1	2	11	6
Midland College	**1**	**3**	**9**	**8**
Clarendon College	0	3	5	11
New Mexico Military	0	4	10	6

Monday's Scores
Western Texas College 71, Midland College 56; New Mexico JC 81, Odessa College 72; Howard College 69, Frank Phillips College 49; South Plains College 89, Clarendon College 69; New Mexico Military Institute was open

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

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE 71, MIDLAND COLLEGE 56

Midland College (9-8, 1-3) — Daniel Hernandez 7-11 8-11 23, Domonique Bull 1-2 1-2 3, Darren Williams 3-6 0-3 7, Cory Scott 1-1 1-2 3, Jason Francois 0-1 0-0 0, Herve Aholode 2-3 1-4 5, Kenan Guzonjic 1-5 0-0 2, Kevin Thomas 3-8 0-0 6, LeBrent Walker 3-4 1-5 7. Totals 21-41 12-27 56

Western Texas (15-4, 3-2) — Justin Roberson 2-8 4-5 8, Derrick Herbert 1-2 1-2 3, Tiremone Williams 1-4 0-2 3, Andris Misters 6-10 2-2 18, Marqous Barnes 2-3 0-0 4, Gil Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph Gray 0-3 0-0 0, Devonta Walker 5-10 6-7 16, Kendall Smith-Rodriguez 0-1 0-0 0, Ronnel Jordan 4-7 0-0 9, Andre Hughes 0-0 0-0 0, Tobe Okafor 2-3 0-2 4, Tommaso Ingrosso 0-0 0-0 0, Jeffrey Turner 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 25-55 13-20 71

Halftime — WTC 32, MC 16. 3-point goals — MC 2 (Williams, Hernandez) WTC 8-17 (Misters 4, Turner 2, Williams, Jordan). Total fouls — MC 16, WTC 23. Fouled out — Williams. Rebounds — MC 28 (Guzonjic 8), WTC 33 (Walker 7). Assists — MC 3 (three with 1), WTC 16 (Roberson 5). Turnovers — MC 14, WTC 12.

Next: New Mexico JC at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Arizona (61)	17-0	1,621	1
2. Syracuse (4)	16-0	1,560	2
3. Wisconsin	16-0	1,482	4
4. Michigan St	15-1	1,442	5
5. Wichita St	17-0	1,300	6
6. Villanova	15-1	1,289	8
7. Florida	13-2	1,205	10
8. Iowa St	14-1	1,048	9
9. Oklahoma St	14-2	1,046	11
10. San Diego St	14-1	1,020	13
11. Ohio St	15-2	979	3
12. Baylor	**13-2**	**952**	**7**
13. Kentucky	12-3	912	14
14. Iowa	14-3	831	20
15. Kansas	11-4	686	18
16. UMass	14-1	579	19
17. Memphis	12-3	536	24
18. Louisville	14-3	525	12
19. Cincinnati	15-2	405	—
20. Creighton	14-2	329	—
21. Colorado	14-3	328	15
22. Pittsburgh	15-1	299	—
23. Duke	12-4	193	16
24. Saint Louis	15-2	148	—
25. Oklahoma	13-3	103	—
25. UCLA	13-3	103	—

Others receiving votes: Missouri 42, Oregon 39, UConn 35, Kansas St 25, Gonzaga 17, Michigan 11, California 10, Virginia 6, Louisiana Tech 5, Harvard 3, Illinois 3, New Mexico 3, Xavier 3, George Washington 2.

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Arizona (30)	17-0	798	1
2. Syracuse (1)	16-0	766	2
3. Wisconsin	16-0	724	4
4. Michigan State (1)	15-1	718	4
5. Wichita State	17-0	666	6
6. Villanova	15-1	598	10
7. Florida	13-2	573	11
8. Oklahoma State	14-2	517	12
9. Ohio State	15-2	516	3
10. Iowa State	14-1	495	7
11. San Diego State	14-1	481	15
12. Kentucky	12-3	424	16
13. Baylor	**13-2**	**413**	**9**
14. Louisville	14-3	393	8
15. UMass	14-1	330	19
16. Iowa	14-3	297	23
17. Memphis	12-3	274	22
18. Kansas	11-4	272	20
19. Creighton	14-2	216	23
20. Duke	12-4	163	13
21. Pittsburgh	15-1	144	—
22. Colorado	14-3	103	17
23. Cincinnati	15-2	87	—
24. Gonzaga	14-3	82	18
25. UCLA	13-3	74	25

Others receiving votes: Saint Louis 68, Oregon 51, Missouri 43, Oklahoma 39, Kansas State 15, California 9, Michigan 9, New Mexico 9, UConn 8, George Washington 6, Harvard 6, Southern Miss. 5, Virginia 4, VCU 2, Xavier 2.

MONDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Arizona (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.
2. Syracuse (17-0) beat Boston College 69-59. Next: vs. No. 22 Pittsburgh, Saturday.
3. Wisconsin (16-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Tuesday.
4. Michigan State (15-1) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
5. Wichita State (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bradley, Tuesday.
6. Villanova (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
7. Florida (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.
8. Iowa State (14-2) lost to No. 15 Kansas 77-70. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
9. Oklahoma State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
10. San Diego State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wednesday.
11. Ohio State (15-2) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
12. Baylor (13-2) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.
13. Kentucky (12-3) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Tuesday.
14. Iowa (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
15. Kansas (12-4) beat No. 8 Iowa State 77-70. Next: vs. No. 9 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
16. UMass (14-1) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Wednesday.
17. Memphis (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
18. Louisville (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Houston, Thursday.
19. Cincinnati (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Tuesday.
20. Creighton (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Tuesday.
21. Colorado (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 UCLA, Thursday.
22. Pittsburgh (15-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Tuesday.
23. Duke (13-4) beat Virginia 69-65. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.
24. Saint Louis (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Wednesday.
25. Oklahoma (13-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Tuesday.
25. UCLA (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Colorado, Thursday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH
Alabama A&M 68, MVSU 59
Alabama St. 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 64
Alcorn St. 64, Grambling St. 56
Coppin St. 75, SC State 69
Duke 69, Virginia 65
Florida A&M 76, NC A&T 66
Louisiana-Lafayette 81, Texas St. 58
NC Central 64, Bethune-Cookman 49
Norfolk St. 58, Delaware St. 56
Savannah St. 56, Howard 54
Southern U. 60, Jackson St. 36
UT-Martin 100, Tennessee St. 81

MIDWEST
Kansas 77, Iowa St. 70
Youngstown St. 67, Cleveland St. 66

FAR WEST
N. Arizona 70, S. Utah 36

EAST
Coll. of Charleston 58, Northeastern 49
Loyola (Md.) 77, Lafayette 63
NJIT 99, CCNY 60
Syracuse 69, Boston College 59
Texas 80, West Virginia 69

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Kentucky at Arkansas, 8 p.m.

SOUTH
Georgia at Florida, 6 p.m.
Campbell at Liberty, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST
St. John's at DePaul, 6 p.m.
W. Michigan at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma at Kansas St., 6 p.m.
Penn St. at Michigan, 7 p.m.
Bradley at Wichita St., 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
Temple at Cincinnati, 8 p.m.
Butler at Creighton, 8:07 p.m.

FAR WEST
Boise St. at Nevada, 9:05 p.m.

EAST
Towson at Drexel, 6 p.m.
VCU at George Washington, 6 p.m.

Women

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (36)	17-0	900	1
2. Notre Dame	15-0	841	2
3. Duke	16-1	828	3
4. Stanford	15-1	811	4
5. Louisville	16-1	736	5
6. Maryland	14-1	723	6
7. Baylor	**14-1**	**696**	**7**
8. South Carolina	16-1	647	10
9. North Carolina	14-3	571	13
10. Kentucky	14-3	540	9
11. Oklahoma St	14-1	539	15
12. Tennessee	13-3	522	8
13. Iowa St	14-1	453	11
14. LSU	13-3	404	12
15. California	12-3	330	19
16. Penn St	11-4	302	14
17. Florida St	14-2	301	18
18. Nebraska	12-3	246	16
19. Arizona St	14-2	230	23
20. NC State	15-2	183	20
21. Colorado	11-4	179	17
22. Purdue	11-4	172	21
23. Rutgers	13-2	101	—
24. Vanderbilt	14-3	96	—
25. Texas A&M	**13-4**	**95**	**—**

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 83, Indiana 61, Gonzaga 39, Michigan St 17, Middle Tennessee 15, Syracuse 10, Florida 9, Oklahoma 9, Iowa 8, Michigan 1, Saint Joseph's 1, San Diego 1.

MONDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (18-0) beat No. 7 Baylor 66-55. Next: at No. 23 Rutgers, Sunday.
2. Notre Dame (15-0) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
3. Duke (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
4. Stanford (15-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
5. Louisville (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Wednesday.
6. Maryland (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
7. Baylor (14-2) lost to No. 1 UConn 66-55. Next: at Kansas, Sunday.
8. South Carolina (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Texas A&M, Thursday.
9. North Carolina (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.
10. Kentucky (14-3) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.
11. Oklahoma State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Tuesday.
12. Tennessee (13-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.
13. Iowa State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
14. LSU (13-3) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
15. California (12-3) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Arizona State, Friday.
16. Penn State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.
17. Florida State (14-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 N.C. State, Thursday.
18. Nebraska (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
19. Arizona State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 California, Friday.
20. NC State (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Florida State, Thursday.
21. Colorado (11-4) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
22. Purdue (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
23. Rutgers (13-2) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Tuesday.
24. Vanderbilt (14-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.
25. Texas A&M (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 South Carolina, Thursday.

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
UConn 66, Baylor 55

FAR WEST
N. Arizona 82, S. Utah 77

SOUTH
Alabama St. 70, Ark.-Pine Bluff 61
Austin Peay 83, Morehead St. 75
Belmont 67, Murray St. 57
Bethune-Cookman 67, NC Central 52
Chattanooga 73, Appalachian St. 68, OT
Coppin St. 62, SC State 49
Davidson 78, UNC-Greensboro 59
Elon 68, Georgia Southern 49
Florida A&M 55, NC A&T 51
Grambling St. 77, Alcorn St. 72
Jacksonville St. 71, SIU-Edwardsville 68
MVSU 83, Alabama A&M 77, OT
Norfolk St. 57, Delaware St. 48
Savannah St. 65, Howard 49
Southern U. 69, Jackson St. 59
Tennessee Tech 64, E. Illinois 54
UT-Martin 100, SE Missouri 71
W. Carolina 54, Samford 50
Winthrop 77, Coastal Carolina 53

EAST
Bryant 88, St. Francis (Pa.) 86
Iona 73, Marist 71
LIU Brooklyn 60, CCSU 51
Monmouth (NJ) 64, Siena 49
Mount St. Mary's 85, St. Francis (NY) 79, 2OT
Robert Morris 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 51
Wagner 79, Sacred Heart 70

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
TCU at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
Kansas St. at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Georgia St. at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.

SOUTH
Rutgers at Memphis, 7 p.m.

EAST
SMU at Temple, 11 a.m.
Vermont at Maine, 6 p.m.
DePaul at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.

MONDAY IN THE NBA

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	19	17	.528	—
New York	15	22	.405	4 1/2
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	4 1/2
Boston	13	26	.333	7 1/2
Philadelphia	12	25	.324	7 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	10	.730	—
Atlanta	20	18	.526	7 1/2
Washington	17	19	.472	9 1/2
Charlotte	15	23	.395	12 1/2
Orlando	10	28	.263	17 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	7	.806	—
Chicago	17	19	.472	12
Detroit	16	22	.421	14
Cleveland	13	24	.351	16 1/2
Milwaukee	7	30	.189	22 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	8	.789	—
Houston	25	14	.641	5 1/2
Dallas	23	16	.590	7 1/2
Memphis	17	19	.472	12
New Orleans	15	22	.405	14 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	28	9	.757	—
Oklahoma City	28	9	.757	—
Denver	19	18	.514	9
Minnesota	18	19	.486	10
Utah	13	26	.333	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	—
Golden State	25	14	.641	1
Phoenix	21	16	.568	4
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	11
Sacramento	13	22	.371	11

Monday's Scores
Toronto 116, Milwaukee 94
Houston 104, Boston 92
New York 98, Phoenix 96, OT
Washington 102, Chicago 88
San Antonio 101, New Orleans 95
Dallas 107, Orlando 88
Utah 118, Denver 103

Today's Games
Sacramento at Indiana, 6 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MAVERICKS 107, MAGIC 88

ORLANDO (88): Harkless 5-11 2-4 13, T.Harris 4-9 2-2 10, Davis 8-14 3-3 19, Nelson 7-14 3-4 21, Oladipo 4-11 2-2 11, Moore 2-7 0-0 4, Maxiell 0-2 0-0 0, Lamb 1-4 1-1 4, O'Quinn 0-1 0-0 0, Nicholson 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 34-76 13-16 88.

DALLAS (107): Crowder 6-8 0-0 14, Nowitzki 4-10 6-6 15, Dalembert 1-2 0-0 2, Calderon 5-9 0-0 13, Ellis 8-18 4-5 21, Carter 6-10 2-2 17, Wright 1-5 0-0 2, Blair 3-4 0-0 6, Ellington 5-8 0-0 12, Mekel 0-3 0-0 0, Ledo 1-2 2-2 5, James 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-79 14-15 107.

Orlando	20	21	25	22	— 88
Dallas	28	31	25	23	— 107

3-Point Goals—Orlando 7-24 (Nelson 4-8, Oladipo 1-3, Lamb 1-4, Harkless 1-4, Davis 0-1, T.Harris 0-1, Moore 0-3), Dallas 13-27 (Carter 3-4, Calderon 3-6, Crowder 2-3, Ellington 2-5, Ledo 1-2, Nowitzki 1-2, Ellis 1-3, Mekel 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 42 (Davis 8), Dallas 43 (Blair 7). Assists—Orlando 18 (Nelson 7), Dallas 21 (Mekel 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 18, Dallas 16. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—19,695 (19,200).

SPURS 101, PELICANS 95

SAN ANTONIO (101): Leonard 4-6 4-4 13, Duncan 7-14 4-7 18, Ayres 1-1 1-2 3, Parker 9-15 9-10 27, Ginobili 4-9 6-6 14, Belinelli 5-11 0-0 12, Diaw 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 3-6 0-0 7, Baynes 0-1 2-2 2, Mills 0-1 0-0 0, Bonner 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 35-67 26-31 101.

NEW ORLEANS (95): Aminu 3-10 2-2 8, Davis 9-18 4-5 22, Smith 3-9 0-0 6, Roberts 7-12 2-3 19, Gordon 4-14 3-5 12, Ajinca 3-6 1-2 7, Miller 1-3 0-0 3, Rivers 5-11 0-0 11, Morrow 2-3 0-0 5, Withey 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-87 12-17 95.

San Antonio	24	27	25	25	—101
New Orleans	28	24	21	22	—95

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 5-12 (Belinelli 2-4, Leonard 1-1, Bonner 1-2, Joseph 1-3, Ginobili 0-2), New Orleans 7-11 (Roberts 3-5, Morrow 1-1, Gordon 1-1, Rivers 1-1, Miller 1-2, Davis 0-1). Fouled Out—Duncan. Rebounds—San Antonio 46 (Duncan 9), New Orleans 45 (Aminu 13). Assists—San Antonio 19 (Parker 7), New Orleans 19 (Rivers 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, New Orleans 23. A—15,552 (17,188).

ROCKETS 104, CELTICS 92

HOUSTON (104): Parsons 5-13 2-2 14, Jones 6-11 0-2 12, Howard 11-17 10-18 32, Lin 5-7 5-6 16, Harden 6-18 2-2 16, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Casspi 4-9 1-2 12, A.Brooks 0-2 2-2 2, Garcia 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-79 22-34 104.

BOSTON (92): Green 2-10 0-0 4, Sullinger 3-11 2-2 8, Humphries 2-7 0-0 4, Crawford 3-11 7-7 13, Bradley 11-21 0-0 24, Bass 6-15 2-3 14, Wallace 1-2 0-0 2, Bayless 7-13 2-2 17, Olynyk 2-5 0-0 4, Pressey 0-2 0-0 0, Faverani 0-0 0-0 0, M.Brooks 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 38-101 13-14 92.

Houston	19	33	32	20	— 104
Boston	27	16	22	27	— 92

3-Point Goals—Houston 8-19 (Casspi 3-5, Parsons 2-3, Harden 2-6, Lin 1-2, A.Brooks 0-1, Garcia 0-1, Howard 0-1), Boston 3-17 (Bradley 2-7, Bayless 1-1, Green 0-1, Wallace 0-1, M.Brooks 0-1, Sullinger 0-3, Crawford 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 61 (Jones 12), Boston 57 (Sullinger 10). Assists—Houston 24 (Lin 9), Boston 17 (Crawford 5). Total Fouls—Houston 16, Boston 26. Technicals—Houston defensive three second. A—17,750 (18,624).

JAZZ 118, NUGGETS 103

DENVER (103): Q.Miller 3-7 0-0 7, Faried 5-7 1-4 11, Hickson 8-9 5-6 21, Lawson 6-18 11-15 23, Foye 4-8 1-2 10, Fournier 6-15 1-3 16, Mozgov 0-3 0-0 0, Chandler 4-10 2-3 12, Robinson 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 37-84 22-35 103.

UTAH (118): Jefferson 5-9 3-4 16, Williams 3-6 0-0 7, Favors 7-12 5-9 19, Burke 6-12 3-4 18, Burks 13-19 8-8 34, Rush 3-3 0-0 7, Kanter 5-10 1-2 11, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 2-4 2-2 6, Lucas III 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 44-79 22-29 118.

Denver	31	22	24	26	— 103
Utah	35	32	26	25	— 118

3-Point Goals—Denver 7-26 (Fournier 3-7, Chandler 2-5, Foye 1-3, Q.Miller 1-4, Mozgov 0-1, Robinson 0-3, Lawson 0-3), Utah 8-18 (Burke 3-4, Jefferson 3-6, Rush 1-1, Williams 1-4, Burks 0-1, Lucas III 0-2). Fouled Out—Foye. Rebounds—Denver 52 (Hickson 10), Utah 50 (Favors 15). Assists—Denver 16 (Lawson 11), Utah 22 (Burke 8). Total Fouls—Denver 22, Utah 24. A—17,232 (19,911).

KNICKS 98, SUNS 96, OT

PHOENIX (96): Tucker 2-5 2-2 6, Frye 3-12 2-4 10, Plumlee 4-9 4-4 12, Dragic 9-22 6-6 28, Green 2-16 0-0 4, Marc Morris 4-9 3-4 12, Mark Morris 1-5 0-0 2, Barbosa 8-15 5-6 21, Kravtsov 0-0 1-2 1, Goodwin 0-0 0-0 0, I.Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Christmas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-93 23-28 96.

NEW YORK (98): Anthony 9-24 8-9 29, Martin 4-9 0-0 8, Bargnani 3-8 4-4 10, Felton 8-16 1-2 19, Shumpert 2-5 1-2 6, Stoudemire 2-5 5-6 9, Hardaway Jr. 1-1 2-2 5, J.Smith 5-11 0-2 10, Murry 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-81 21-27 98.

Phoenix	21	22	25	24	4	— 96
New York	28	24	23	17	6	— 98

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-30 (Dragic 4-8, Frye 2-7, Marc Morris 1-4, Tucker 0-1, Barbosa 0-3, Green 0-7), New York 7-20 (Anthony 3-6, Felton 2-6, Hardaway Jr. 1-1, Shumpert 1-4, J.Smith 0-1, Bargnani 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 56 (Plumlee 11), New York 61 (Anthony 16). Assists—Phoenix 14 (Dragic 4), New York 11 (Anthony 4). Total Fouls—Phoenix 25, New York 30. Technicals—Mark Morris 2, Martin. Ejected—Mark Morris. A—19,812 (19,763).

WIZARDS 102, BULLS 88

WASHINGTON (102): Ariza 5-10 3-4 16, Nene 9-14 1-6 19, Gortat 3-6 1-2 7, Wall 6-14 7-8 19, Beal 6-12 0-0 13, Booker 3-6 0-1 6, Webster 5-9 0-0 12, Temple 2-4 5-7 10. Totals 39-75 17-28 102.

CHICAGO (88): Dunleavy 3-9 1-2 10, Boozer 9-15 1-2 19, Noah 2-5 4-6 8, Hinrich 3-10 2-2 8, Butler 5-10 0-2 12, Gibson 4-7 0-0 8, Snell 5-9 0-1 12, Augustin 2-11 2-2 7, Martin 1-3 1-2 4, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-79 11-19 88.

Washington	26	30	22	24	— 102
Chicago	19	24	25	20	— 88

3-Point Goals—Washington 7-18 (Ariza 3-6, Webster 2-4, Temple 1-2, Beal 1-3, Wall 0-3), Chicago 9-21 (Dunleavy 3-5, Snell 2-4, Butler 2-4, Martin 1-3, Augustin 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 48 (Gortat 11), Chicago 52 (Noah 16). Assists—Washington 25 (Wall 7), Chicago 25 (Hinrich 8). Total Fouls—Washington 17, Chicago 21. A—21,287 (20,917).

Atty: Brent wasn't drunk when he crashed

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Josh Brent wasn't drunk, as police contend, when he wrecked his Mercedes in a crash that killed a teammate, Brent's lawyer told jurors Monday at the start of his trial.

Brent was "guilty of being stupid behind the wheel of a car," not driving drunk on the night of the December 2012 crash that killed his close friend and teammate, Jerry Brown, defense attorney George Milner said.

Milner's opening remarks signaled that he would try to discredit evidence of Brent's drinking central to the state's case, including a blood test that allegedly pegged Brent's blood alcohol content at more than twice the legal limit and dash cam video that jurors saw Monday showing Brent failing a field sobriety test at the scene.

Brent

If convicted of intoxication manslaughter or manslaughter, Brent could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

Milner argued in his opening statement that the tall, lumbering Brent, who was a 320-pound lineman when he played for the Cowboys, could drink more than the average person without becoming intoxicated.

"Josh Brent is as big as a house," Milner said. "He's got a heart — better yet a mind — of a person much younger than he really is."

Prosecutor Heath Harris said receipts would prove that on the night of the crash, Brent bought cocktails with several shots of liquor in them and three bottles of Champagne at a night club. Brent told officers right after the crash that he hadn't had any hard liquor.

"This is not a difficult case, ladies and gentlemen," Harris said. "There will be no disputing the fact that he was drinking that night."

Dash cam video played for the jury Monday showed an officer asking Brent about how much he had had to drink while paramedics were trying to save Brown, a linebacker on the Cowboys' practice squad who was also a teammate of Brent's at the University of Illinois.

"I've had a reasonable amount," Brent is heard saying on the video.

The officer, Kevin Palms, testified that Brent had watery eyes, an odor of alcohol and occasional issues with speaking. The video shows a field sobriety test in which Brent occasionally stumbles as he tries to walk in a straight line and takes more steps than the officer asked.

But Milner told jurors during his opening remarks that nobody could have passed a field sobriety test after such a fiery wreck. Brent suffered scrapes to his head in the crash, and the video shows him taking the test with a wrap around his head.

"Nobody's going to be able to do the tricks on the side of the road" after a crash of that severity, Milner said.

Titans hire Whisenhunt as coach

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have wrapped up their coaching search by hiring San Diego offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt as their new head coach and 17th in franchise history.

Titans president and CEO Tommy Smith called the hiring a big day in announcing the hiring Monday.

"Ken is a well-respected coach in this league and I am looking forward to seeing his vision become reality for this team," Smith said in a statement. "He has a history of building successful offenses and took Arizona to a Super Bowl as a head coach. We all share a common goal for this team and that is to build a consistent winner."

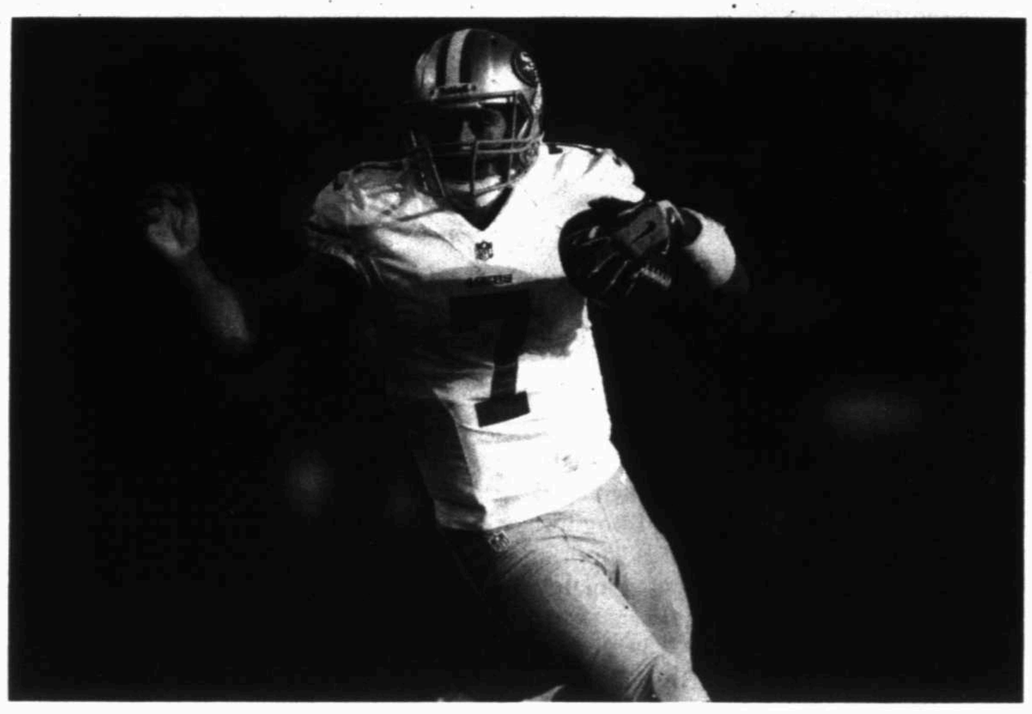
Whisenhunt, 51, will be introduced at a news conference Tuesday.

The Titans flew to San Diego on Friday and interviewed Whisenhunt, who started his coaching career in Nashville at Vanderbilt. He was the fourth person interviewed by the Titans, who fired Mike Munchak on Jan. 4.

But the Titans had competition for Whisenhunt, who also interviewed with Detroit and Cleveland last week. The Tennessean reported the Titans interviewed Cincinnati defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer for a second time Monday in Houston before hiring Whisenhunt.

Smith thanked general manager Ruston Webster for overseeing only the second coaching search by this franchise since moving to Tennessee in 1997. Webster said Whisenhunt's intelligence, track record with quality offenses and success as a head coach stand out to him most.

"I really enjoyed our meeting on Friday night in San Diego, and we share similar philosophies about the game," Webster said.


Gerry Broome/AP

San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick carries the ball against the Carolina Panthers during the second half of Sunday's game in Charlotte, N.C.

49ers gear up for tough return trip to Seattle

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers have conquered the bitter cold of Green Bay and the travails of a cross-country flight to Carolina.

Now they face their toughest test yet to get back to the Super Bowl: the deafening noise of Seattle's 12th man home crowd and that swarming Seahawks defense that thoroughly shut down the reigning NFC champion Niners in Week 2.

"Our team has been in a lot of good primers, been through a lot of situations, been through tough environments, whether it be weather or opposing stadiums," coach Jim Harbaugh said Monday. "This team has been in a lot of situations. Been everywhere, man. Just like something from a Johnny Cash song. 'We've been everywhere man.'"

In what has emerged as arguably the NFL's best rivalry, San Francisco is on an impressive roll riding an eight-game winning streak as it returns to the Pacific Northwest for Sunday's NFC title game — the 49ers' third in as many years.

NFL Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24
Sunday, Jan. 5
San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
Seattle 23, New Orleans 15
New England 43, Indianpolis 22
Sunday, Jan. 12
San Francisco 23, Carolina 10
Denver 24, San Diego 17
Conference Championships
Sunday
New England at Denver, 2 p.m. (CBS)
San Francisco at Seattle, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Honolulu
TBD, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

It's the trip everyone has envisioned for months now since it became clear Seattle would win the NFC West and secure the No. 1 seed.

"Long story short: They know us, we know them," linebacker NaVorro Bowman said. "We got to go there. We all know the history. But this is the Super Bowl. Everything is on the line. That says it all. We're ready. That's all it comes down to."

The 49ers (14-4) have committed seven turnovers and been outscored 71-16 in their last two trips to Seattle, including an embarrassing 29-3 defeat in September.

The memory of those visits stings.

Yet a lot has changed in four months since San Francisco last traveled some 800 miles up the Pacific Coast to face its archrival, such as the 49ers' 19-17 victory against the Seahawks last month at Candlestick Park. That game showed this team it can go back to Seattle this time and leave with a different result even if it thunders and rains all afternoon.

"Oh, man, this is everything. We've worked hard," linebacker Ahmad Brooks said. "Now we need to capitalize on what we've been doing all year."

Be prepared from some high-octane trash talking from both sides — and even from that raucous, tremor-causing home crowd. Seattle's secondary loves to chirp, and 49ers wideout Anquan Boldin has been talking after the play at any chance in recent weeks.

Brady embraces underdog role

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It's been seven years since the Patriots were underdogs in a postseason game.

So Tom Brady isn't wasting a chance to embrace that role now.

If that motivational tactic is good enough for the star quarterback, it's good enough for his teammates.

"If Tom's going to embrace it, I'm going to embrace it," New England running back LeGarrette Blount said with a smile on Monday. "That's the leader of this team, and if that's how he feels, I'm sure that's how most of the guys out here feel."

For the first time in 12 postseason games, the Patriots are underdogs in Sunday's AFC championship matchup with Peyton Manning and the Broncos in Denver.

The last time the Patriots weren't favored in the playoffs was in another conference title game against Manning when he was with Indianapolis in 2007. The Colts rallied at home for a 38-34 win after trailing 21-3 in the final minute of the first half.

That also was the Patriots most recent playoff road game. Since then, they're 7-2 at home and 0-2 in Super Bowls.

This season, they were underdogs at home against Denver on Nov. 24 but won 34-31 in overtime after trailing 24-0 at halftime.

In their next to last regular-season game, the Patriots (13-4) were underdogs at Baltimore, which had won four straight games, but beat the Ravens 41-7.

"I know when we played Baltimore, nobody picked us to win," Brady said during his weekly appearance on WEEI radio. "I'm sure no one's going to pick us to win this week. We've had our backs against the wall for a while. Really, the whole season we've lost players, and teams have really counted us out."

That may be an exaggeration. Teams don't take the Patriots lightly.

Still, Brady said, "We've got a bunch of underdogs on our team, and we'll be an underdog again."

He knows what it's like to be underestimated. Back in 2000, he wasn't drafted until the sixth round. Teams chose 198 players before the Patriots took a chance on him.

"He came into the league as a big underdog," fullback James Develin said, "so I'm sure he's used to that."

Manziel inks deal with LRMR, following LeBron path

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, — Johnny Manziel confirmed Monday that he has signed with LRMR and Maverick Carter, the longtime friend and associate of LeBron James, to handle some of the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner's off-field projects.

Manziel also said Erik Burkhardt will be his agent and Bradley Beckworth and Jeffrey Angelovich are overseeing his business-related matters.

The relationship with LRMR and Carter has been developing for some time. James said last week that he texted Manziel regularly throughout the quarterback's final season at Texas A&M. And when Manziel was deciding who to align with, Beckworth said the model that James followed was one that was most appealing.

Beckworth said after reviewing management models, the Manziel team was "most impressed by one uniquely established for the NBA's LeBron James."

STRONG

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terson said. "Wonderful family, tough football coach ... great in the community. By all accounts, we're just really excited to have him."

Strong's contract has bonus incentives, including $250,000 for winning the national championship and $100,000 for a Big 12 title or winning a national coach of the year award. It also pays at least $25,000 for appearing in a bowl game. Strong also could earn up to $150,000 based on his team's academic performance.

It also has some financial protection for the coach: Texas must pay Strong the balance of his contract if he is fired without cause. Brown's contract ran through 2020 but had a termination buyout that gradually reduced every year.

Now that he's been approved by university regents, Strong is expected to soon announce his staff.

Cristiano Ronaldo wins FIFA best player award

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

ZURICH — Cristiano Ronaldo has won the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2013, ending Lionel Messi's four-year run as the world's best player.

Ronaldo scored 69 goals for Real Madrid and Portugal last year, and his stunning hat trick against Sweden in a decisive World Cup playoff was perhaps the defining individual performance.

Ronaldo

Angerer

"There are no words to describe this moment," said Ronaldo, who was sobbing in tears after accepting the trophy with his young son, also named Cristiano, beside him on stage.

He beat out Barcelona's Messi and France winger Franck Ribery, who helped Champions League winner Bayern Munich to a sweep of major titles.

Germany dominated the other major awards, with goalkeeper Nadine Angerer named women's player of the year ahead of United States forward Abby Wambach, last year's winner, and Marta of Brazil.

Voting was done by national team captains and coaches, plus selected journalists, in FIFA's 209 member countries who chose their top 3 preferences.

In a tight race, Ronaldo received 1,365 points, Messi had 1,205 and Ribery got 1,127.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann voted Ribery first, followed by Gareth Bale and Radamel Falcao, while American captain Clint Dempsey had Ronaldo first followed by Messi and Zlatan Ibrahimovic. Paul Kennedy of Soccer America voted Ronaldo first, followed by Messi and Ribery.

Pele, after a dramatic pause and smile, read out Ronaldo's name. The Madrid star rolled back his head and closed his eyes, grinning, then kissed his girlfriend, model Irina Shayk, before going up to the stage.

"People who know me know how many people helped me," the emotional winner said in Portuguese. "If I have forgotten anyone, I do apologize because I am deeply moved."

Pele greeted Ronaldo minutes after he also cried on stage when collecting an honorary Ballon d'Or for his own outstanding career.

Ronaldo had to wait five years since first winning the award as a Manchester United player, as Messi found a way to overshadow him in each of the past four years — despite the Portugal winger's prolific scoring for Madrid.

LADY RAIDERS vs. KANSAS ST.
TUESDAY, JAN. 14, 2014
7:00PM

RED RAIDERS vs. BAYLOR
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, 2014
8:00PM

A-Rod sues MLB, union to overturn drug ban

By Ronald Blum and Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez sued Major League Baseball and its players' union Monday, seeking to overturn a season-long suspension imposed by an arbitrator who ruled there was "clear and convincing evidence" the New York Yankees star used three banned substances and twice tried to obstruct the sport's drug investigation.

As part of the complaint filed in federal court in Manhattan, Rodriguez's lawyers made public Saturday's 34-page decision by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, who shortened a penalty originally set at 211 games last August by baseball Commissioner Bud Selig for violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract.

Rodriguez

Horowitz, a 65-year-old making his second decision as baseball's independent arbitrator, trimmed the discipline to 162 games, plus all postseason games in 2014.

"While this length of suspension may be unprecedented for a MLB player, so is the misconduct he committed," Horowitz wrote.

Horowitz concluded Rodriguez used testosterone, human growth hormone and Insulin-like growth factor-1 in 2010, 2011 and 2012 in violation of baseball's Joint Drug Agreement. He relied on evidence provided by the founder of the now-closed Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic in Florida.

"Direct evidence of those violations was supplied by the testimony of Anthony Bosch and corroborated with excerpts from Bosch's personal composition notebooks, BBMs (Blackberry messages) exchanged between Bosch and Rodriguez, and reasonable inferences drawn from the entire record of evidence," Horowitz wrote. "The testimony was direct, credible and squarely corroborated by excerpts from several of the hundreds of pages of his composition notebooks."

While the original notebooks were stolen, Horowitz allowed copies into evidence.

Rodriguez's suit accused the Major League Baseball Players Association of "bad faith," said its representation during the hearing was "perfunctory at best" and accused it of failing to attack a civil suit filed by MLB in Florida state court as part of its Biogenesis investigation.

His lawyers criticized Michael Weiner, the union head who died from a brain tumor in November, for saying last summer he recommended Rodriguez settle for a lesser penalty if MLB were to offer an acceptable length.

"His claim is completely without merit, and we will aggressively defend ourselves and our members from these baseless charges," new union head Tony Clark said in a statement. "The players' association has vigorously defended Mr. Rodriguez's rights throughout the Biogenesis investigation, and indeed throughout his career. Mr. Rodriguez's allegation that the association has failed to fairly represent him is outrageous, and his gratuitous attacks on our former executive director, Michael Weiner, are inexcusable."

The suit also claimed the MLB engaged in "ethically challenged behavior" and was the source of media leaks in violation of baseball's confidentiality rules.

Rodriguez's lawyers said Horowitz acted "with evident partiality" and "refused to entertain evidence that was pertinent and material." They faulted Horowitz for denying Rodriguez's request to have a different arbitrator hear the case, for not ordering Selig to testify and for allowing Bosch to claim Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination in refusing to answer questions during cross-examination.

Azarenka, Wozniacki advance as heat wave arrives

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Victoria Azarenka began her bid for a third consecutive Australian Open title with a 7-6 (2), 6-2 win over Johanna Larsson on Tuesday as the start of a predicted heat wave arrived at Melbourne Park.

Conscious of the time and the temperature, former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki and No. 11 Simona Halep raced to straight-set wins in their first-round matches on the other show courts.

Second-ranked Azarenka had a tougher time on Rod Laver Arena against Larsson, who twice had chances to serve for the first set but lost it in a tiebreaker.

"Yeah it was a tough set first. The match was going to be tricky ... the weather was not helping," Azarenka said. "I had to play a little bit and find my rhythm."

Both players had trouble holding serve, with a combined six service breaks in 66 minutes leading into the tiebreaker. No. 91-ranked Larsson was taking big cuts with her ground strokes and forcing Azarenka to defend. But the two-time defending champion started getting on top in the second set and didn't drop serve again.

Both players draped bags of ice over their necks and shoulders and sat under covered seats in the changeovers. They retreated into the shade at the back of the courts between points.

Temperatures hit 40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) early on the second afternoon of the tournament and was expected to rise. A hot, gusty breeze swirled across the venue. Spectators on outside courts covered their heads and shoulders with damp towels to cool off.

No. 13 John Isner, the only seeded American man in the draw, retired after losing the first two sets 6-2, 7-6 (6) against Martin Klizan. He called for the trainer after the tiebreaker, tapped his racket on the ground three times while deliberating whether to go back out, and only played on for a few minutes in the third set. Tournament officials said he retired with a foot injury — Isner won the title last weekend at Auckland, where he was playing with an injured right ankle.

It was the second retirement in as many matches on Court 6. No. 25 Alize Cornet only had to win one game before Polona Hercog of Slovenia retired with an undisclosed injury. Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany didn't make it onto court, withdrawing before his first-round match due to a strained left hamstring.

The No. 21-seeded Kohlschreiber was replaced in the draw by Frenchman Stephane Robert, who beat Slovenia's Aljaz Bedene 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-0.

With the hot conditions forecast to continue at least until Friday, the higher-ranked players were desperate to progress quickly.

Wozniacki had a 6-0, 6-2 win over Lourdes Dominguez Lino in her first Grand Slam match since her New Year's Eve engagement to golfer Rory McIlroy, doing everything she could to keep cool.

"Every time in the changeovers, ice bags, ice towels, everything; and then in the second set I could feel they were starting to heat up even more," Wozniacki said. "I put the bottle down on the court and it started melting a little bit underneath, the plastic, so you knew it was warm."

Halep had a 6-0, 6-1 win over Polish qualifier Katarzyna Piter, while American Christina McHale advanced 7-5, 6-4 over Taiwan's Chang Yung-jan and No. 16 Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain beat Vania King of the United States 6-3, 6-2.

Australian Open results

Today
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $29.72 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men
First Round

Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.
Michal Przysiezny, Poland, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Stephane Robert, France, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-0.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Milos Raonic (11), Canada, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 7-6 (2), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
Martin Klizan, Slovakia, def. John Isner (13), United States, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 0-0 (30-0), retired.
Grigor Dimitrov (22), Bulgaria, def. Bradley Klahn, United States, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-4, 7-6 (9), 4-6, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (10), France, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.
Kei Nishikori (16), Japan, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Roger Federer (6), Switzerland, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Women
First Round

Alize Cornet (25), France, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 1-0, retired.
Simona Halep (11), Romania, def. Katarzyna Piter, Poland, 6-0, 6-1.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-0, 6-2.
Carla Suarez Navarro (16), Spain, def. Vania King, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-4.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.
Dominika Cibulkova (20), Slovakia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Storm Sanders, Australia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Monday
Men
First Round

Stanislas Wawrinka (8), Switzerland, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 4-1, retired.
Mikhail Youzhny (14), Russia, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig (32), Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (8), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3).
Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4.
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 3-6, 7-5 (3), 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3.
David Ferrer (9), Spain, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Dominic Thiem, Austria, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (9), France, def. David Guez, France, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 0-6, 6-3.
Ernests Gulbis (22), Latvia, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Fabio Fognini (15), Italy, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, 6-3, 6-2, retired.
Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Wu Di, China, 7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (2).
Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil (28), Canada, def. Samuel Groth, Australia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (9), 6-2.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 8-2.
Jeremy Chardy (29), France, def. Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Tommy Haas (12), Germany, 7-5, 5-2, retired.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Tomas Robredo (17), Spain, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-6.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Jerzy Janowicz (20), Poland, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 1-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 7-5, 7-5, 6-2.
Dmitry Tursunov (30), Russia, def. Michael Russell, United States, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

Women
First Round

Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-0, 6-1.
Kirsten Flipkens (18), Belgium, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-3, 6-0.
Irina Falconi, United States, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.
Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-2, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-2, 7-6 (7).
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Venus Williams, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Daniela Hantuchova (31), Slovakia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
Li Na (4), China, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 6-0.
Flavia Pennetta (28), Italy, def. Aleksandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-0, 6-2.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-1.
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-0, 6-0.
Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4.
Eugenie Bouchard (30), Canada, def. Tang Hao Chen, China, 7-5, 6-1.
Madison Keys, United States, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 9-7.
Sam Stosur (17), Australia, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Sara Errani (7), Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Roberta Vinci (12), Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-4, 6-1.
Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Lucie Safarova (26), Czech Republic, def. Julia Glushko, Israel, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.
Lukaika Kumkhum, Thailand, def. Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-2, 6-1.
Alison Riske, United States, def. Elena Vesnina (23), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Lauren Davis, United States, def. Sachia Vickery, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia, 6-2, 6-1.

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BLUE JACKETS 3
LIGHTNING 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mark Letestu redirected Jack Johnson's shot from the point with 2:38 left, lifting the Columbus Blue Jackets past the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 on Monday night.

It was the Blue Jackets' season-high fourth win in a row.

Nathan Horton scored his 200th NHL goal, also on the power play, and Ryan Johansen had a goal for Columbus, which is 5-1 in the new year.

Sergei Bobrovsky had 26 saves.

Alex Killorn and Victor Hedman had goals for Tampa Bay, and Anders Lindback stopped 25 shots.

Tampa Bay had been 17-1 when leading after two periods.

FLAMES 2
HURRICANES 0

RALEIGH, N.C. — Karri Ramo made 22 saves in his first NHL shutout, and Mikael Backlund and Sean Monahan provided the offense in Calgary's win over Carolina.

The Flames snapped a three-game losing streak and handed the Hurricanes their second straight shutout defeat.

Backland scored his seventh goal of the season for the Flames, who notched their second power-play tally in 26 chances. Monahan scored his 13th goal midway through the third period to add some insurance.

Ramo improved to 8-8-3 as the Flames swept the two-game season games from Carolina.

JETS 5
COYOTES 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The Winnipeg Jets found the energy they have lacked for weeks and made new coach Paul Maurice a winner in his debut behind the bench by routing Phoenix.

Olli Jokinen, Eric O'Dell, Blake Wheeler, Michael Frolik and Devin Setoguchi scored for the Jets (20-23-5), who held a 38-19 shots advantage.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored for Phoenix (21-15-9), but that was the only shot that got past goalie Ondrej Pavelec.

Maurice got his first cheer during the national anthem when his face showed on the scoreboard. He took over after Claude Noel was fired on Sunday, ending his 2 1/2 years as the first coach of the Jets after the franchise relocated from Atlanta.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	45	29	14	2	60	129	98
Tampa Bay	46	27	15	4	58	134	112
Montreal	46	26	15	5	57	117	107
Detroit	46	22	16	10	50	118	127
Toronto	47	22	20	5	49	128	143
Ottawa	46	20	19	5	48	131	146
Florida	45	17	21	7	41	105	139
Buffalo	44	13	26	5	31	77	121

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	47	33	12	2	68	152	112
Washington	45	22	16	7	51	136	135
N.Y. Rangers	47	24	20	3	51	118	124
Philadelphia	46	23	19	4	50	121	129
Columbus	46	22	20	4	48	129	131
New Jersey	47	19	19	9	48	108	117
Carolina	46	19	18	9	47	111	130
N.Y. Islanders	47	18	23	6	42	130	152

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	48	30	8	10	70	175	132
St. Louis	44	31	8	5	67	161	99
Colorado	45	28	12	5	61	132	115
Minnesota	48	25	18	5	55	118	119
Dallas	45	20	18	7	47	127	139
Nashville	47	19	21	7	45	109	141
Winnipeg	48	20	23	5	45	133	146

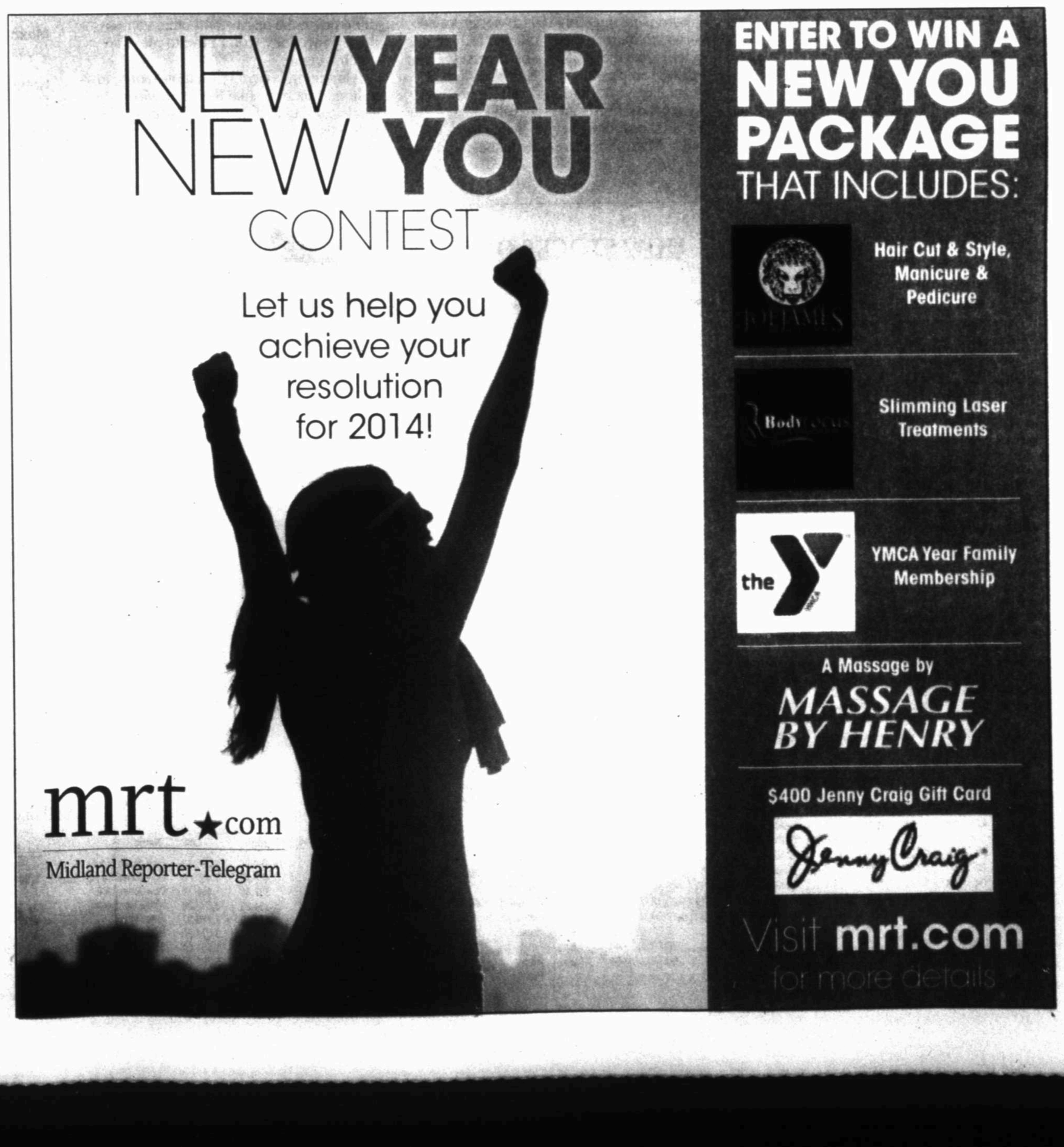
Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	48	35	8	5	75	161	119
San Jose	46	28	12	6	62	148	116
Los Angeles	46	27	14	5	59	119	96
Vancouver	46	24	13	9	57	123	114
Phoenix	45	21	15	9	51	134	141
Calgary	46	16	24	6	38	103	144
Edmonton	48	15	28	5	35	126	169

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

Monday's Scores
Calgary 2, Carolina 0
Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 2
Winnipeg 5, Phoenix 1
Vancouver at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.



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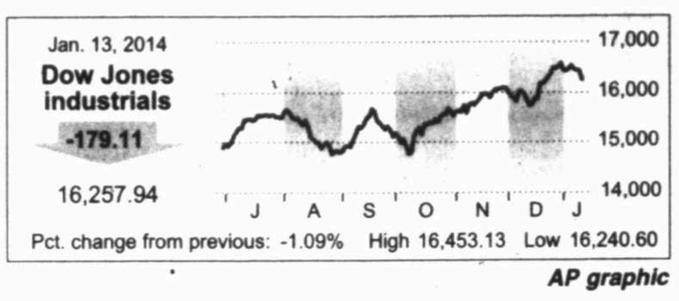
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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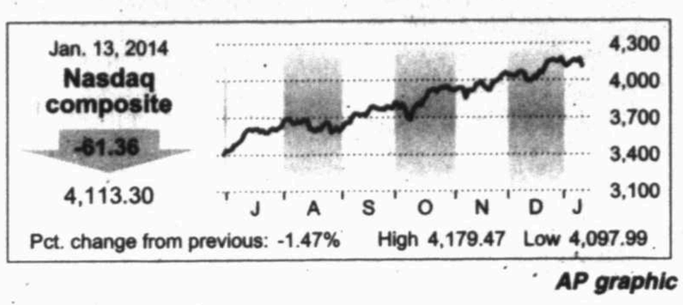

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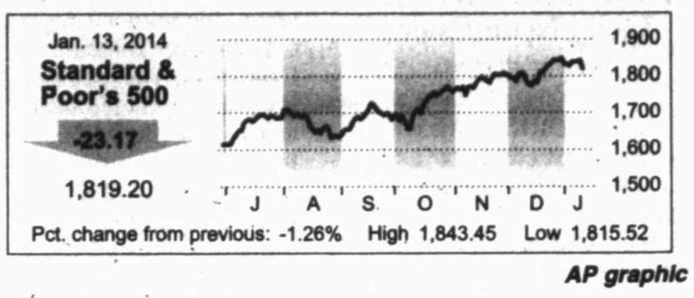

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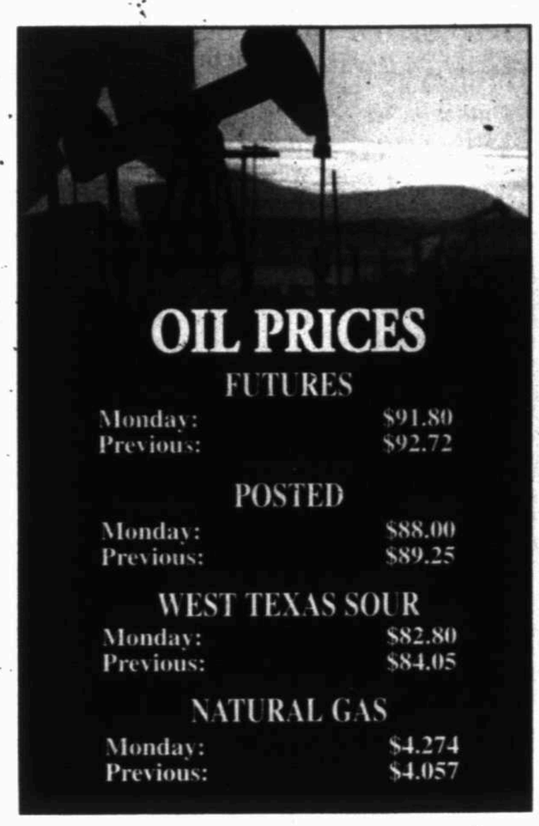

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Ford Motor Co., Executive Chairman Bill Ford is photographed at the automaker's display area at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on Monday.

Ford's radical F-150 redesign is talk of auto show

Associated Press

DETROIT — Some call it a game-changer. Some just shake their heads. Either way, Ford's new aluminum-clad F-150 is such a radical departure from past pickups that it dominated talk at the opening of the Detroit auto show.

Ford Motor Co. unveiled the 2015 F-150, whose body is 97-percent aluminum, on Monday. The lighter material shaves as much as 700 pounds off the 5,000-pound truck, a revolutionary change for a vehicle known for its heft and an industry still reliant on steel. No other vehicle on the market contains this much aluminum.

"It's a landmark moment for the full-size pickup truck," said Jack Nerad, editorial director for Kelley Blue Book.

The change is Ford's response to small-business owners' desire for a more fuel-efficient and nimble truck — and stricter government requirements on fuel economy. It sprang from a challenge by Ford's CEO to move beyond the traditional design for a full-size pickup.

"You're either moving ahead and you're improving and you're making it more valuable and more useful to the customer or you're not," Chief Executive Officer Alan Mulally told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

But it remains to be seen if customers will accept the change.

"Trucks are put to such hard use. They take bangs and dings and a lot of hard use," Nerad said. "We'll see how the use of lightweight aluminum plays out in the field."

Ford is taking a big risk. F-Series trucks — which include the F-150 and heavier duty models like the F-250 — have been the best-selling vehicles in the U.S. for the last 32 years; last year, Ford sold an F-Series every 41 seconds. Ford makes an estimated $10,000 profit on every F-Series truck it sells. Michael Robinet, the managing director of IHS's automotive group, said the trucks account for about a third of the company's revenue in North America — $80 billion in 2012.

"Anytime you make a change with that vehicle, it's got to be well thought out, because you are really playing with the crown jewels of that company," Robinet said.

But Robinet said Ford had to make a change, because its trucks were heavier than competitors', hurting their fuel efficiency. Ford, which has been selling F-Series trucks since 1948, also has a deep understanding of its customers, he said.

"They wouldn't roll the dice on this if they felt it wasn't going to work," he said.

Competitors aren't panicking, but they're on notice. Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, whose company makes Ram trucks, said he'll be watching the Ford truck carefully. He believes cost is still a big barrier to the wider adoption of aluminum.

"We've looked at it, but right now I can't make the weight to cost benefit analysis to work. But it may be my fault," he said.

The 2015 F-150 goes on sale late this year. As for cost, Ford wouldn't reveal prices, but its truck marketing chief Doug Scott said the F-Series will stay within its current price range even though aluminum costs more than steel. F-Series trucks now range from a starting price of $24,445 for a base model to $50,405 for a top-of-the-line Limited.

Pete Reyes, the F-150's chief engineer, said Ford expects to make up the premium by reducing its recycling costs, since there will be less metal to recycle, and by slimming down the engine and other components, since they won't have to move so much weight.

Aluminum is widely used on sporty, low-volume cars now, like the Tesla Model S electric sedan and the Land Rover Evoque. U.S. Postal Service trucks are also made of aluminum.

Crude oil falls below $92

The price of oil fell below $92 a barrel Monday as Libyan production continued to ramp up and the possibility of increased crude exports from Iran raised the prospects of excess supply on global markets.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery was down 92 cents to close at $91.80 in New York. Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude used by many U.S. refineries, was down 50 cents to $106.75 a barrel in London.

Iran and six world powers announced a plan Sunday to implement a six-month interim agreement on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program. Some economic sanctions against Iran will be eased while Tehran has agreed to limit its uranium enrichment and allow international inspectors access to its nuclear facilities.

The national average retail price of gasoline fell less than a penny to $3.31 per gallon Monday. That's a penny less than last week and the same as it was a year ago.

Gold rises

Gold rose $4.20, or 0.3 percent, to $1,251.10 an ounce. Silver rose 16.2 cents to $20.385 an ounce.

Platinum for April delivery rose $7 to $1,443.90 an ounce. Palladium for March fell $6.05 to $740 an ounce.

Copper for March delivery edged up half a cent to $3.35 per pound.

In March agricultural contracts, corn rise 1.75 cent to $4.345 a bushel, soybeans rose 15.75 cents to $12.9425 a bushel and wheat rose 4.5 cents to $5.735 a bushel.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1253221181	169	-2.46
BkofAm	880731	16.43	-.34
Penney	677394	6.72	-.62
iShEMkts	585903	39.79	-.48
FordM	571016	16.11	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Beam Inc	83.42	+16.45	+24.6
ChinHydro	3.35	+.62	+22.7
EnPro	71.21	+12.00	+20.3
DirGMnBull	21.26	+3.32	+18.5
CSVLgNGs	21.53	+2.99	+16.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMBear	43.81	-9.36	-17.6
PkGem n	14.07	-2.92	-17.2
CSVInvNG	8.31	-1.55	-15.7
ChiNBorun	2.44	-.34	-12.2
Nuverra rs	13.51	-1.63	-10.8

DIARY

Advanced	865
Declined	2,248
Unchanged	74
Total issues	3,187
New Highs	156
New Lows	24
Volume	3,515,986,300

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RexahnPh	760301	1.60	+.46
Organovo	102493	11.05	-.24
AlldNevG	76225	4.31	+.30
InovioPhm	52898	2.54	-.10
ChenereEn	34937	45.06	-1.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oragenics	4.25	+1.04	+32.4
Teche	70.17	+15.67	+28.8
RetractTc	3.54	+.37	+11.7
IGI Labs	3.60	+.34	+10.4
IntelligSys	2.29	+.18	+8.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MeetMe	2.03	-.17	-7.7
UQM Tech	2.02	-.15	-6.9
Medgenics	6.51	-.44	-6.3
AmpioPhm	8.77	-.58	-6.2
ImpacMtg	6.03	-.39	-6.1

DIARY

Advanced	210
Declined	202
Unchanged	29
Total issues	441
New Highs	23
New Lows	5
Volume	242,249,043

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	1010541	3.67	-.03
Facebook	620218	55.91	-2.03
Cisco	590876	22.19	-.03
Microsoft	448773	34.98	-1.06
PwShs QQQ	404412	86.01	-1.29

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlnylamP	93.28	+27.07	+40.9
DLH Hldgs	2.10	+.43	+25.7
NII Hldg	2.78	+.55	+24.4
Tekmira g	12.04	+2.16	+21.9
KingtoneW	4.72	+.84	+21.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SodaStrm	36.94	-12.95	-26.0
Galectin wt	8.01	-2.29	-22.2
InterceptP	364.36	-81.47	-18.3
ConatusP n	11.78	-2.47	-17.3
NV5 wt	2.21	-.44	-16.6

DIARY

Advanced	724
Declined	1,877
Unchanged	93
Total issues	2,694
New Highs	176
New Lows	18
Volume	2,261,271,626

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $69.60 Down 4.50

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $95.63 Down 3.27

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.16 Down 1.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $44.43 Down 2.54

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.78 Down 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.64 Up 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.19 Down 0.48

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.12 Up 0.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	24	33.30	-.32	-5.3
Abraxas	...	34	3.04	-.11	-6.8
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.88	-.09	-1.5
AMD	...	...	4.13	-.04	+6.7
AlcatelLuc	18e	...	4.32	...	-1.8
Alcoa	.12	31	10.10	-.01	-5.0
AlonUSA	.24a	19	16.15	-.48	-2.4
Amgen	2.44f	18	116.40	-1.59	+2.0
Anadarko	.72	22	78.37	-1.46	-1.2
Annaly	1.50e	3	10.39	+.15	+4.2
Apache	.80	13	84.29	-1.91	-1.9
ApldMatl	.40	82	17.32	-.15	-2.0
ATMOS	1.48f	17	45.24	-.57	-.4
AutoData	1.92f	27	79.05	-1.30	-2.2
BP PLC	2.28f	11	48.15	-1.05	-.9
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.02	+.13	+.6
BakrHu	.60	21	52.55	-.51	-4.9
BkofAm	.04	22	16.43	-.34	+5.5
B /PVix rs	...	...	42.31	+1.47	-.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	14.96	-.29	-5.2
Beam Inc	.90	34	83.42	+16.45	+22.6
BerkHa A	...	1	161708	93.00-1647.00	-3.9
BlkHillsCp	1.52	21	53.02	-.90	+1.0
BlackBerry	...	...	8.40	-.36	+12.9
BrMySq	1.44f	33	55.42	-.76	+4.3
BrownFA	1.16f	28	76.00	+2.28	+3.0
BrownFB	1.16f	27	78.22	+3.02	+3.5
CVS Care	1.10f	19	68.55	-.96	-4.2
Cameron	...	20	57.65	-1.82	-3.2
Caterpillar	2.40	18	89.89	-.82	-1.0
Celestic g	...	22	10.34	-.10	-.6
Cemex	.45f	...	12.14	-.46	+2.6
CntryLink	2.16	...	30.87	-.15	-3.1
ChesEng	.35	19	25.15	-.47	-7.3
Chevron	4.00	10	119.25	-1.76	-4.5
Chicos	.30f	18	17.62	-.62	-6.5
Cimarex	.56	20	92.73	-2.34	-11.6
Cisco	.68	12	22.19	-.03	-.3
Citigroup	.04	14	53.72	-1.00	+3.1
ClayEng	...	...	69.60	-4.50	-15.1
CocaCola	1.12	21	39.53	-.60	-4.3
ColgPalm s	1.36	27	64.69	-.39	-.8
ConAgra	1.00	18	33.57	-.29	-.4
Conchoflos	...	45	95.63	-3.27	-11.5
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	67.74	-1.13	-4.1
CrackerB	3.00	21	107.04	-3.39	-2.8
CrosTim	2.32e	13	29.29	-.55	-.4
DCP Mid	2.88f	22	49.84	+.24	-1.0
DTE	2.62	19	66.05	-.62	-.5
Datarm rs	...	...	2.98	-.10	+14.6
Dawson	...	17	33.16	-1.11	-2.0
DeltaAir	.24	12	30.92	-.55	+12.6
Dndreon	...	...	3.26	+.27	+9.0
DevonE	.88	...	59.18	-1.35	-4.3
Disney	.86f	21	73.27	-2.12	-4.1
DowChm	1.28	43	41.89	-.82	-5.7
DryShips	...	...	3.62	-.24	-23.0
eBay	...	25	52.54	+.38	-4.2
EMC Cp	.40	20	25.14	-.18	...
EOG Res	.75	40	163.46	-3.35	-2.6
EmpDist	1.02f	17	22.47	-.22	-1.0
Energen	.58	25	65.64	-2.74	-7.2
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	53.25	-.69	-7.0
EnPro	...	46	71.21	+12.00	+23.5
EntPrPt	2.80f	23	63.82	-.13	-3.7
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.87	-.27	-3.0
ExterranH	...	24	34.17	-.09	-.1
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	98.55	-1.97	-2.6
Facebook	...	...	55.91	-2.03	+2.3
FordM	.50f	12	16.11	+.04	+4.4
ForestOil	...	12	3.44	-.09	-4.7
FMCG	1.25a	12	35.63	-.23	-5.5
GATX	1.24	17	51.66	-.21	-1.0
GabMultT	.80	...	11.49	-.18	-7.4
GalenaBio	...	...	7.24	+.89	+46.0
GAInv	2.10e	...	34.33	-.15	-2.5
GenElec	.88f	20	26.73	-.23	-4.6
GenMotors	...	16	39.58	-.45	-3.2
Goldcrp g	.60	...	23.10	-.09	+6.6
GtPlainEn	.92f	16	24.49	-.32	+1.0
Groupon	...	...	10.98	-.58	-6.7
HalconRes	...	17	3.24	-.19	-16.1
Hallibrtn	.60f	17	49.58	-.94	-2.3
HewlettP	.58	11	28.12	+.42	+.5
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.00	-.08	-1.1
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	35.71	-.72	-6.9
iShEMkts	.87e	...	39.79	-.48	-4.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.23	-.58	-1.3
iShR2K	1.41e	...	113.94	-1.58	-1.2
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.61	-.35	-1.5
Intel	.90	14	25.50	-.03	-1.8
InterDig	.40	30	28.05	-.91	-4.9
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	57.70	-.79	-.7
JohnJn	2.64	21	94.50	-.24	+3.2
JnprNtwk	...	34	25.32	+1.78	+12.2
KimbClk	3.24	22	104.73	-.13	+.3
KindME	5.40f	30	80.34	+.14	-.4
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.10	-.40	-.7
Kinross g	...	...	4.58	+.08	+4.6
LegacyRes	2.34f	...	27.78	-.22	-1.3
Lubys	...	49	6.85	+.04	-11.3
lululemn gs	...	26	49.70	-9.90	-15.8
MGM Rsts	...	...	25.25	-.11	+7.4
MktVGold	.19e	...	22.65	+.64	+7.2
MastThera	...	...	.83	+.30	+79.7
McDnlds	3.24f	17	94.83	-.97	-2.3
Merck	1.76f	32	53.12	+3.24	+6.1
MeritMed	...	61	15.27	-.43	-3.0
MexcoEn	...	...	6.64	+.03	-3.8
MicronT	...	15	23.33	-.38	+7.3
Microsoft	1.12	13	34.98	-1.06	-6.5
NII Hldg	...	...	2.78	+.55	+1.1
Nabors	.16	38	16.53	-.54	-2.7
NatGrid	3.17e	...	63.34	-1.04	-3.0
NOilVarco	1.04	14	76.74	-1.31	-3.5
NokiaCp	...	...	7.98	-.20	-1.6
NvMAd	.80e	...	12.53	+.05	+3.0
NvPMI	.86	...	12.91	-.07	+4.4
NuvPI	.86	...	12.77	+.10	+3.6
NSTFI3	.63e	...	13.10	-.01	+1.7
NTXQI	.70e	...	13.18	+.03	+2.6
OcciPet	2.56	16	91.54	-2.31	-3.7
Oracle	.48	16	37.75	-.36	-1.3
ParTech	...	...	5.13	-.11	-5.9
ParkDrl	...	...	7.68	-.27	-5.5
PattUTI	.20	16	24.76	-.61	-2.2
Penney	...	...	6.72	-.62	-26.6
PennaRE	.80f	...	19.34	-.20	+1.9
PeregrinP	...	...	1.78	+.16	+28.1
Prmian	.67e	15	12.73	-.17	-1.0
Petrobras	.27e	...	12.46	-.38	-9.6
Pfizer	1.04f	16	30.54	-.15	-.3
PioNtrl	.08	41	164.78	-4.97	-10.5
PlainsAAP	2.46f	18	50.88	+.01	-1.7
PlugPowr h	...	...	3.63	-.02	+134.2
PwShs QQQ	.88e	...	86.01	-1.29	-2.2
Praxair	2.40	23	130.80	-1.69	+.6
PrmEgy	...	10	50.00	...	-1.0
ProctGam	2.41	20	80.01	-.29	-1.7
RF MicD	...	...	4.82	+.31	-6.6
RangeRs	.16	94	79.67	-2.04	-5.5
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.31	-.17	+4.2
RexahnPh	...	...	1.60	+.46	+213.7
RiteAid	...	...	5.56	-.04	+9.9
Rowan	...	15	32.83	-1.00	-7.2
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	71.05	-.95	-3
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	162.24	-1.94	-2.0
S&P500ETF	3.35e	...	181.69	-2.46	-1.6
SabnR	4.01e	13	49.64	+.19	-1.8
SanderFm	.80f	13	72.69	-1.34	+.5
SandRdge	...	...	5.91	-.15	-2.6
Sapient	...	31	16.91	-.31	-2.6
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	87.46	-.71	-2.9
SigmaAld	.86	23	91.47	-1.95	-2.7
SiriusXM	...	52	3.67	-.03	+5.2
Smucker	2.32	18	97.39	-1.03	-6.0
Sprint n	...	...	9.09	-.37	-15.4
SP Engy	1.52e	...	85.17	-1.73	-3.8
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	21.70	-.33	-.7
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	74.26	+.70	-1.6
TelefEsp	.47e	...	16.57	-.10	+1.4
Tesoro	1.00	16	54.81	-2.70	-6.3
3M Co	3.42f	21	134.68	-1.50	-4.0
Torchmark	.68	14	77.17	-1.10	-1.3
TriContl	.70e	...	19.61	-.28	-1.9
21stCFoxA	.25	...	32.35	-1.11	-8.0
Twitter n	...	...	57.82	+.82	-9.2
TylerTech	...	91	100.55	-2.10	-1.5
UBWV	1.28f	17	29.77	-.41	-5.3
Vale SA	.78e	...	13.60	-.12	-10.8
ValeroE	.90	12	51.49	-1.75	+2.2
VangEmg	1.15e	...	39.37	-.50	-4.3
VerizonCm	2.12	66	47.03	-.72	-4.3
VulcanM	.04	...	58.66	-.76	-1.3
Walgrn	1.26	21	60.20	-.16	+4.8
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.56	-.38	+.4
Wendys Co	.20	90	8.98	+.54	+3.0
WstnRefin	.88f	8	39.85	-.67	-6.0
WhitingPet	...	13	58.71	-.40	-5.1
WmsCos	1.52f	44	39.04	-.31	+1.2
XcelEngy	1.12	15	28.04	-.21	+.4
Xerox	.23	13	12.21	+.22	+.3
Yahoo	...	34	39.99	-1.24	-1.1
Zynga	...	...	4.03	-.08	+6.1

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	13,293.13	Dow Jones Industrials	16,257.94	-179.11	-1.09	-1.92	+20.36
7,468.05	5,455.86	Dow Jones Transportation	7,361.84	-104.19	-1.40	-.52	+31.45
537.86	455.75	Dow Jones Utilities	489.64	-4.23	-.86	-.19	+6.86
11,334.65	8,573.26	NYSE Composite	10,256.14	-114.99	-1.11	-1.39	+17.65
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,340.43	-35.07	-1.48	-3.54	-2.42
4,182.74	3,076.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,113.30	-61.36	-1.47	-1.52	+31.94
1,849.44	1,451.64	S&P 500	1,819.20	-23.17	-1.26	-1.58	+23.70
19,719.24	15,305.26	Wilshire 5000	19,424.36	-249.65	-1.27	-1.43	+25.21
1,167.97	871.01	Russell 2000	1,148.09	-16.28	-1.41	-1.34	+30.45

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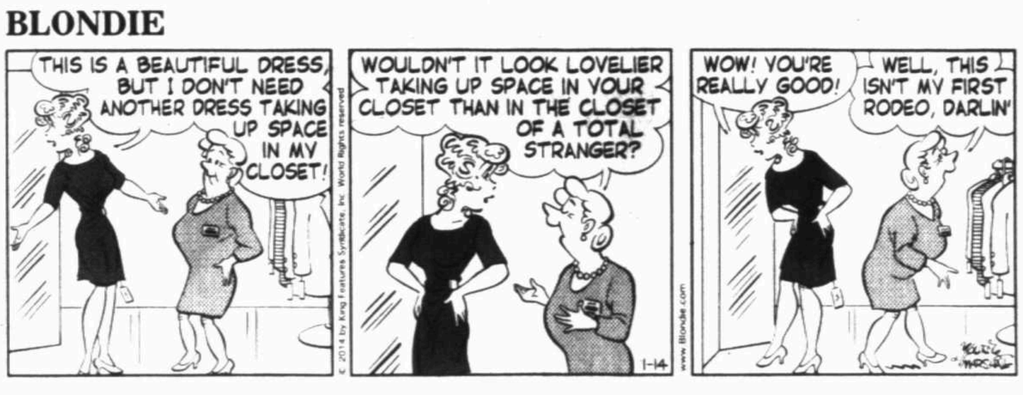

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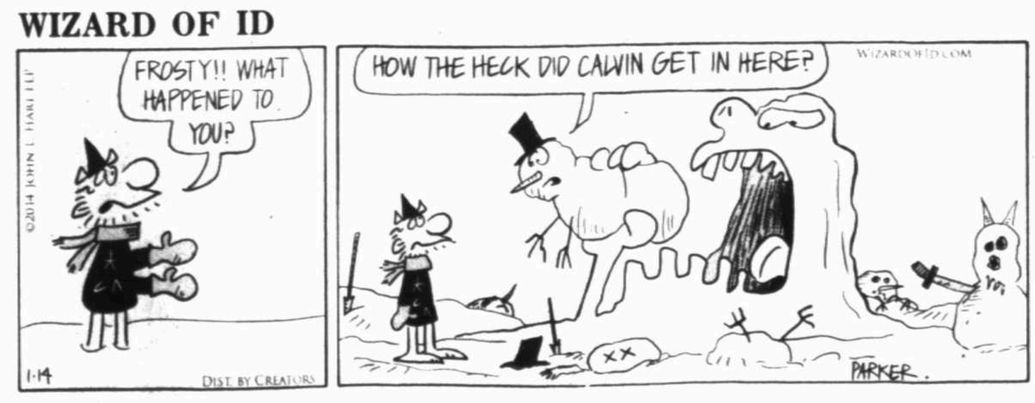

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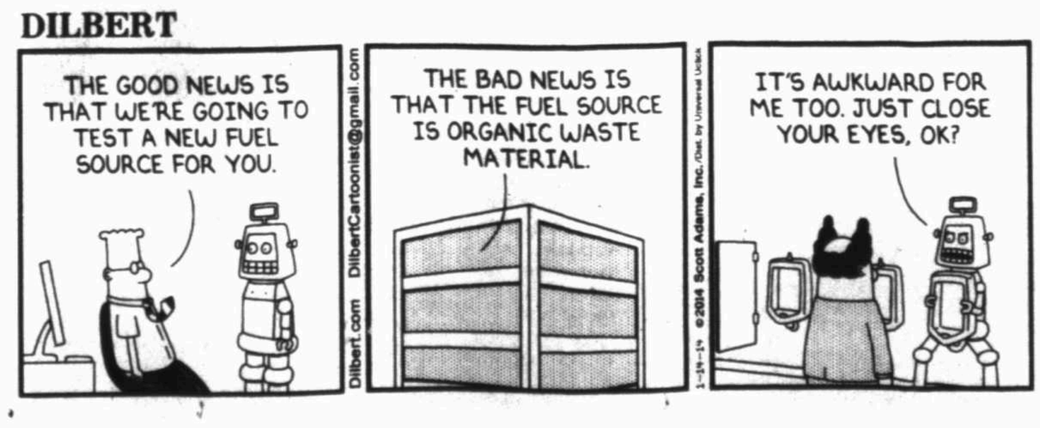

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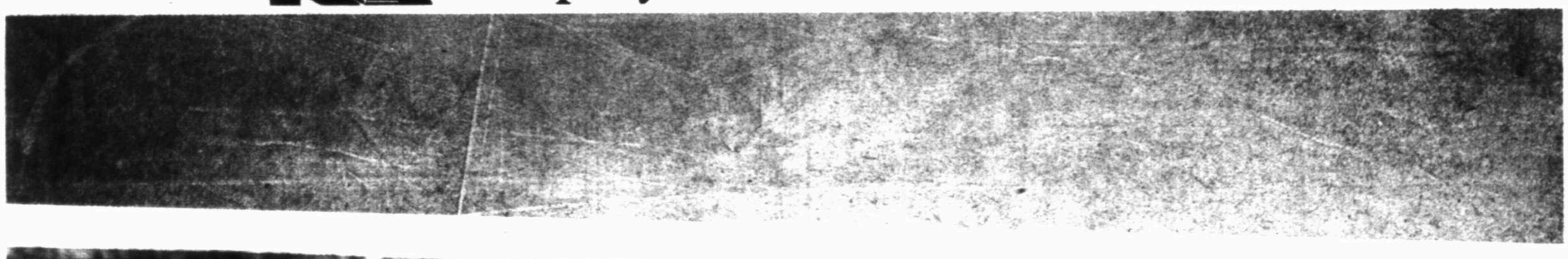

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Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

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Legal & Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off Premise Permit by RLP Country Store & Grill, LLC. located at 3701 E. Co. Road, Midland County, Midland, Texas 79706. Officers of said corporation are President - Antonio Hernandez, Jr.; Vice-President - Laura Eva Hernandez; and Treasurer - Natalia Duraes.

Legal & Public Notices

Notice to Physicians and Providers

The following healthcare organizations are accepting applications for physicians and providers who wish to become contracted physicians and providers during the period of **February 1, 2014 through February 20, 2014.** UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, offered by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas, L.L.C., is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) located at 14141 Southwest Freeway, Suite 800, Sugar Land, TX 77478, offers Medicaid Managed Care (STAR and STAR+PLUS) and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). UnitedHealthcare of Texas, Inc. and UnitedHealthcare Benefits of Texas, Inc. both located at 5800 Granite Parkway, Ste. 900, Plano, Texas 75024 offer basic health care service Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans. United HealthCare Insurance Company and PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company offer Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs) and Exclusive Provider Organizations (EPOs). Applicants must meet practice standards, qualifications and other participatory criteria established by the HMO and/or PPO/EPO's. To initiate the application process, have your tax ID number available and please call 1-877-842-3210. Select the following prompts: 1) Other professional services and 2) Credentialing.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harshel Rex Chambers, Deceased, were issued on January 2, 2014, in Docket No. P17686, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Joreen Louisa Chambers.

The mailing address of the Independent Executrix is Joreen Louisa Chambers, 1406 W. Pine Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

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.

James J. Napper
P.O. Box 1370
Stanton, Texas 79782
Attorney for the Estate

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Greater West Texas Combined Federal Campaign now accepting applications for organizations to manage 2014 campaign.

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee Chair for the Greater West Texas Combined Federal Campaign is currently accepting applications for the 2014 Principal Combined Fund Organization. Applications must contain information as required in CFR § 950.105, Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) responsibilities. Deadline for applications is 5:00 PM, February 2, 2014.

Applications should be mailed to:
LFCC Chair
P.O. Box 82
Abilene, Texas 79604-0092

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of Darrell Preston, Deceased, were issued on December 13, 2013, in Cause No. P17610, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to BRANDI FREDERICK, Independent Executrix.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Representative, Estate of Darrell Preston
413 E Co. Rd. 140
Midland, Texas 79706

DATED the 8th day of January, 2014.

Chris McCormack
Attorney for BRANDI FREDERICK, Independent Executrix
of the Estate of Darrell Preston
State Bar No.: 13453700
1109 North Big Spring Street
Midland, TX 79701
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Passenger Cars

1997 COBRA Mustang, black convertible, 5 speed, extra clean, 120K miles. $8,500. 4409 Wilshire, Midland. 432-697-4036.

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2006 MAZDA 6, 70K miles, serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for $6700. Call 432-557-0996.

2006 SILVER Chrysler Crossfire Limited. 19K miles. $17,000. 432-697-1245.

2008 MAZDA 6. 52K miles, garaged kept, new tires, 1 owner sunroof. Great condition. $9,499. OBO. 432-978-9335.

2010 ACURA TL. 4 door, V6. 13K miles, immaculate, clean Car Fax. $23,000. 432-967-0873.

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS

Cigna Health & Life Insurance Company, and Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, which provide medical care benefit services, will accept applications for participation in their networks of physicians, pharmacies, and other providers from December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. Applicants must meet all credentialing and other participatory criteria. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information, please write:

Cigna Companies
Attn: Provider Relations
1640 Dallas Parkway
Plano, TX 75093

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, **January 21st, 2014**. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:15 P.M., Local Time, **January 21st, 2014.**

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 14MCO495 - Genie Man Lift.

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

Passenger Cars

2012 VOLKSWAGEN Jetta, one owner, 26K miles, in excellent condition. $14,900. Call 432-413-1184.

FORD 1999 Taurus runs good, looks good, high mileage. $1600. 432-557-1226.

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2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/ Cream Beige Prem., Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles.

2011 BMW X5 50i
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2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk Conv. Prem., Nav, SaT, Though Loading System, heated seats 4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk M sport, Tech, Prem., heated, head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem. Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav. 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport, Prem. 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
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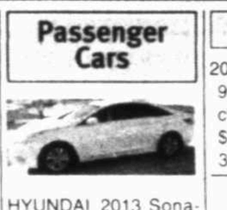

HYUNDAI 2013 Sonata, 11k miles, heated seats, white w/ tan cloth & black interior, garaged kept, perfect condition. $17,600. Call 432-312-2841.

MAZDA 2004 RX8 Bright blue, 6 speed automatic, 4 door, sun roof, 97K miles, new engine at 49K miles. As is, no warranty. $5,800.00. Call 432-557-8170.

NICE & clean 2005 Lexus 430, 81,500, $18,500 OBO can be seen at Jorge's Cafe on Big Spring St. Midland, Texas or call 432-528-1905.

NISSAN 1987 Mitsubishi 300ZX red sport car low mileage automatic $2,000 OBO. *32-262-2685.

PONTIAC 2009 G8 GT White, 95,800 Miles, new tires, Great Car, Loaded, $19,500 OBO. 432-288-8018.

SATURN 2001 SSL 4 dr. manual trans, runs good. $2000. ALSO 8ft camper shell $100. 432-557-1226.

TOYOTA 2007 Camry XLE, 113,200 miles, runs great, 1 owner, $9900. 432-894-6015.

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVY 2011 3500 crew cab, dually, 4X4, flat bed, $24,500. Call 432-413-2471.

DODGE 2001 Ram 1500, white in color, vin#:3B7HC13Y91G772379, 114,571 mileage $3,500. If interested call (432)661-1809.

DODGE 2002 Ram 1500, 4X4, Large Mud Tires, Dark Blue, 172000 miles, Newer Engine, $5750 OBO. 432-528-8994.

NISSAN 1997 PU XE, 131,000 miles, Bed lining, chrome bed hand rails, A/C works, $4,200. 432-661-1578.

Vans & Minivans

NEW TODAY!

2011 CHEVY 3 1/4 ton cargo van w/ shelving, 115k mi. Excellent condition, $13,500. Call 432-559-9465.

4WD & SUV

2004 Nissan Xterra, Yellow, 90K miles, $4995. Call 432-238-6466 or 432-218-9396.

4WD & SUV

2007 CHEVY Tahoe, 95K miles, impeccably clean & maintained, $15,000. Call 432-312-0401.

2007 LINCOLN Navigator, Ultimate, fully loaded, very good condition, 80K, $19,999. 432-553-2135.

2010 NISSAN Rogue SL, 4 dr. SUV, leather, premium pkg, 3 disc CD, 22K miles, GPS, XM, metallic gray w/black leather, power seats, sunroof & rails, 1 owner, excellent, $18,500, all records. 432-230-2680.

FORD 2011 Expedition King Ranch - 31,000 miles - sunroof - quad leather captains chairs - dual dvd players - navigation - power tailgate - power 3rd row seats - $36,500 - call 559-8498.

RVs

2013 DRV Elite Suites 38TKSB3 RV. Granite, washer, dryer, Sleep Number Bed, Original Owner, Non-Smokers, $102,500.00. Call 432.553.5334. View online www.sharpsales.com ID#132530.

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35' SIERRA 5th wheel, washer & dryer, custom cabinets 42" Plasma TV, 4 electric stabilizers, remote control landing jacks, electric dump valves, 3 slides, Air ride hitch. $16,500. 620-278-3281.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Payroll/Benefits Administrator

Growing Permian Basin pipeline construction and maintenance contractor seeks Payroll/Benefits Administrator. Ideal candidates will possess 2 + years experience in payroll administration with a concentration in coding and completing weekly payroll. Knowledge of payroll adjustments, voluntary and involuntary deductions, taxed, payroll reporting, and benefits administration are a must. Candidates will need to be computer literate in Microsoft applications, self motivated, and detail oriented. Compensation will include a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants can forward resumes by email to lvandever@tuckermidstream.com or by mail to 921 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, TX., 79706

Producer Accounting Position

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, Texas is looking to fill a **Producer Accounting** position. Duties will include data preparation and settlement of Gas Processing plants on a monthly basis. Must have excellent computer and communication skills. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K, and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accountant, **211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701** or email to **employment@westtexasgas.com**.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Office Coordinator

Part time Office Coordinator needed. Morning shift. Strong customer service, multi-line phone, filing, organization, purchasing, light bookkeeping, data entry, etc. Must drop off resume or fill out application in person at COM Aquafics, 3003 North A Street. No phone calls please

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Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions Clerical, Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to bill@lighthouseenergy.org.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

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2- LVN's & Medical Office Clerk

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Thomas Campagna, DMD FT

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OTHER JOBS

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Midland, TX 79701
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Direct Care Staff

Job Description
We are seeking energetic; youth oriented persons for part time/full time employment as a direct care staff working directly with children who have been removed from their families due to abuse or neglect. Children range in age from 0-17. Duties include cooking, cleaning, goal planning, goal teaching, transportation, meeting medical needs, complete assessments, daily logs of events, activity planning and working with a team. We offer part time benefits for vacation and sick time, competitive salary based on experience, work history and education. This person should be at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, High School diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned, and preferred bachelor's degree. We are looking for someone who can work the assigned schedule, shows up for work consistently and can receive and offer feedback. **Shifts Open:** 3-4 over night stays per week. Awake night hours are 10p-8a. Please contact Karen Kendrick at 432.694.7728 or karenb@highsky.org. Contact by email is preferred.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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HEARST *media services*

Vincent Cone, V.P. of Circulation
email to: vcone@hearstnp.com
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201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701 to complete an application
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JANITORIAL

PT

Now accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Hours worked 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday-Friday. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring.

Maintenance Specialist IV

Texas Department of Public Safety Midland Office
Please apply online at www.dps.texas.gov. no telephone calls please.

Housekeeper

Villa Chateau Apartments FT

Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical,Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

Multiple Positions

Midland's Premier Country Club FT

Midland Country Club's continued growth is your opportunity knocking! We are looking for reliable, dedicated and hard-working individuals to fill the following positions: **Dishwasher** and **Receptionist**. We offer a competitive wage as well as other benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance, vacation and 401k. Please apply in person at 6101 N. Highway 349.

Part Time Child Care Professional

To serve on Sundays and various other times for church events. Rate based on experience. All applicants subject to background check. Submit resumes to **office@uumidland.org** or mail to **3301 Neely, Midland, TX 79707**

Program Assistant

Aphasia Center of West Texas PT
5214 Thomason Dr.
Midland, TX 79703
Service Organization seeks part time Program Assistant to transport adult clients in agency van, clean building & run errands. Flexible schedule, competitive pay, happy, fun work environment. If interested please call 432-699-1261.

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Social Service Coordinator

Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

Staff

EnviroKids Pre-School now hiring Infant, Toddler & Pre-School teachers. Apply in person 3220 W. Illinois, Midland.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Cleaning Help

Cleaning Service FT
Now taking applications for cleaning service. Please call 432-520-3707.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Schlotzsky's Deli hiring for all positions. Full and part time, day and evening shifts. Fun, grease free environment and opportunity for advancement. Apply at 5211 W. Wadley or 1109 Andrews Hwy.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
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Looking for more pay? Look no more. We provide you with an exceptional training program that rewards you with a raise at the completion of each level. That's up to 3 raises in your first year! We also offer great promotion opportunities, flexible scheduling, paid vacation, benefits and a 401K savings plan.
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Stop by **3108 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com Cracker Barrel** EOE

SWENSEN'S NOW HIRING DAY & EVENING SERVERS!

Excellent working environment! Now adding **DAY & EVENING SERVERS** to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at **Loop 250 & A Street** or call **432-967-9823** & speak to someone immediately

RETAIL JOBS

Available Positions

Walgreens new location, 3221 W. Wadley Avenue, Midland opening soon. Hiring for all positions including Pharmacy. Excellent Benefits, employee discounts, great pay. Apply online @ www.walgreens.com

SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE

Peerless Tyre Company FT

Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa.**

SALES ASSOCIATES

Westlake ACE Hardware, one of the largest retailers of home hardware in the U.S., has immediate openings for **PART TIME** and **FULL TIME SALES ASSOCIATES** for our Midland TX store. We offer starting hourly rate of $11, incentive pay, a liberal employee discount and other benefits. Whether you've worked in the hardware industry, another retail environment or you're just getting started in your retail career, **Westlake ACE** could be the right fit for you. Please apply at **Westlake ACE Hardware, 1009 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX.**

mywesttexas jobs

http://www.mywesttexas.com/jobs

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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- Electrical Engineer
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- Class A CDA Diver
- Journeyman Lineman
- Journeyman Electricians
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- Weekly Paychecks
- Paid Holiday & Vacation Time

Apply in person today at 700 S. Fairgrounds Rd., Midland, TX, or email resume to HR@jwpwr.com, or fax resume to (432) 695-6256

JW Powerline is an Equal Opportunity Employer

SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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SALES JOBS

Sales Associate

Wood's Boots FT/PT

Start the New Year off right! Wood's Boots is adding to our sales team at both Midland locations. It is a good environment with great customers, the best hours in retail, room for advancement, and benefits. Stop in at 4803 Andrews Hwy or 812 W I-20 for an application.

Salesperson

Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for part time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

Sales Representative

Promotional advertising company looking for motivated individual to generate sales in Midland. Call **432-517-4000** for more information or mail resume to **D & R Enterprises P.O. Box 3826 Big Spring, TX. 79721.**

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

2 Backhoe Operators

FirstShot Production Services, LLC FT

2 Backhoe Operators with CDL needed, 3 yrs exp required, contact Harvey at 432-853-4932 or apply in person at 1601 Idlewilde Dr.

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355. Attn: H.R. Dept

Backhoe Operator

Looking for experienced backhoe operator with Class A CDL. Call: (432) 556-6534 or (432) 557-2025.

CNC/Machinist

Minimal 2 yrs experience or 5 yrs manual lathe experience. Must have knowledge of all gauge use and API connections. Pay depends on experience. Contact Ismael at 432-557-8535

Custom Powder Coater and Helper

Custome Powder Coater-2 years custom coating experience desired. Wage depends on experience. Benefits include medical insurance, paid time off, life insurance (employer paid), long term disability (employer paid), dental insurance, paid holidays & 401K. Please reply at Composite Lining Systems, 7812 W Hwy 80, Midland, Tx 79706 or email humanresources@glassbore.com. Call 432-617-0242 for more information.

Custom Powder Coater Helper Custom coating experience preferred. Wage depends on experience. Benefits include medical insurance, paid time off, life insurance (employer paid), long term disability (employer paid), dental insurance, paid holidays & 401K. Please reply at Composite Lining Systems 7812 W Hwy 80, Midland, Tx 79706 or email humanresources@glassbore.com. Call 432-617-0242 for more information.

DIESEL MECHANIC

Silver Oak Drilling LLC. Looking for **Diesel Mechanic**. This position requires CAT specific product knowledge on Diesel C-15, C-18 & 3500 series. Must be able to troubleshoot and repair stated engines. Must have your own tools and be able to run CAT ET. **Silver Oak Drilling LLC**., is an equal opportunity employer who is looking for a self-motivated person able to work with minimum supervision. Clean driving record required, must be able to pass a pre-employment Drug screen and follow all safety guide lines. **Silver Oak Drilling** is based out of Artesia, NM and you may be required to relocate. Minimum 2 years Exp. Benefits: 401k, Insurance, Vision, Dental. Vacation: after one year of service. Starting salary is negotiable. Contact: Gator Hampton Office **575-746-4405, 575-703-4447** Email resume **hr@silveroakdrilling.com** Application on Web site **www.silveroakdrilling.com**

Journeyman Electrician/Line Crew Foreman

Tessco - Energy Division FT

Excellent Pay. Journeyman Electrician - Line Crew Foreman - Electical Apprentice - Linemen - Equipment Operator. 401K. Paid Vacation. Holiday Pay, etc. Valid Drivers License/Drug Screen Required. Apply in Person: TESSCO-Energy Division, 2201 N. HWY137 Stanton, TX 432-756-2201

Journeyman Electricians & Exp. Apprentice Electricians

Electrical Maintenance Construction is looking for **Journeyman Electricians** and **experienced Apprentice Electricians**. Pay DOE. Excellent benefits including **401(k), dental**, vision, paid holidays and free medical for employee. **Please send resumes to sbarr@eeronline.com** or call **432-563-5000**.

Long time respected drilling fluids company needs Experienced Drilling Mud Technician in the Permian Basin. Applicant needs to have 2+ years experience in the Permian or equivalent area and be versed in water based and oil based systems. Company offers insurance, 401K, scheduled days off, vacations and FRC clothing reimbursement and other incentives. Please send resume to c/o MRT Box M34 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX, 79701

SKILLED LABOR

Multiple Positions

Confidential FT
Midland, TX **0-1 Years Exp.**

Wood production facility has immediate openings for production laborers, in Midland. Please call 806-773-2520 to schedule an interview.

NOW HIRING

Mattlock Drilling FT

Are you needing a change? Want to work close to home? Have at least 6 months experience working as a actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us. Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year.The schedule is 12 days on and 4 off. NO CAMP JOBS.

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Top Wages. If interested come in and apply at 12505 WCR 124, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and the coors road. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

PRESSMAN

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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Roustabout Pushers, Hands, Backhoe Operators

W&W Energy Services NOW HIRING Roustabout Pushers, Hands, Backhoe Operators. Experience a plus! Call Joel Richardson **@ 432-924-2569**.

Shop/Field Mechanics

Basin Engine and Pump FT

Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers

NOW HIRING GRIMMETT BROS / ANDREWS YD Class A CDL Drivers Experienced Heavy Equipment Operators Competitive Pay Employee Medical Ins Paid FRC Uniforms Furnished 401k Retirement Plan Paid Vacation MUST PASS DRUG TEST EOE Contact: Jim Shepker at 325.207.2404

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

DRIVERS and SPOOLERS

JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Also **Spoolers/Banders** with or without CDL. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training available. Contact 432-664-3408 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

Driver

Troy Vines Inc. FT

Drivers needed. Class A/B CDL required. Call 432-682-7031 for more info.

Experienced Driver

G & K Trucking, Inc. FT

Local trucking company seeks an experienced **Class A CDL HOTSHOT driver** in the Midland area for local, regional and out of state deliveries. Benefits include bonuses, scheduled days off, medical insurance and paid vacation. Hazmat preferred. Please call **432-413-2472** Mon-Fri.

HOT SHOT DRIVER NEEDED

Class A CDL required. 40 + hours. Local area. Experience trailer 45'. Go to Human Resources office at **13216 Highway 191 Midland, Texas 79707**

TTI TRUCKING IS NOW HIRING!

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REFRIGERATOR $225, Washer $160, Dryer $140, Electric stove $150, small Freezer $75, small dorm refrigerator $75. 432- 352-7988.

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FREE TO good home 2 female Chihuahua's 3 & 4 years old. Spayed, house trained, current shots. 432-238-3949.

Free Stuff

FREE WOODEN PALLETS!

Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

Furniture

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Miscellaneous for Sale

4 SPACES together at Resthaven, Garden of Hope. Valued at $2,395 each, make reasonable offer. 4332-528-2169

Miscellaneous for Sale

*36" Ext. door with glass panels exc. cond $50
*36" Metal door $25
*46" Flat screen TV $200
*55gl Plastic barrels $15
*Truck bed tool box $75
Call 432-352-8419

HAVE LOT and will receive your extra Caliche & dirt, no trash. 5617 E. I-20 Midland. 432-269-8482 Spanish speaking only.

I HAVE for sale two side by side burial spots at Resthaven in the Garden of Prayer. They are locations Lot 31 Space 5 and Lot 30 Space 8. The current price at Resthaven would be $2395.00 each as of May 1, 2013. I am asking only $2500.00 total for both as a package set. Please call 281-382-9935 only if you are seriously interested

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Sporting Goods

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Animals & Pets

Pets

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Pets

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2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, $875 month, $875 deposit no water bill. No water bill. Storage available for rent with apartment. 432-254-5159 or email cking@tanmarcompanies.com

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Residential Rentals

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4005 ST. Andrews, custom built 3 bd, 2 ba $2,350. 432-699-7720.

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NICE NEW totally furnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath, washer, dryer, cable, ice, RO water. $1950/mo. $1,000 deposit. 432-631-8100

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112 S BENTWOOD 3BD/Bath and a half/1 Car garage. Central AC/Heat. No pets, nonsmoker. A good credit check required. $1375 rent + $1375 deposit. Call 432-683-4864

2BD, 2BA, 2car, nice & clean w/ lawn sprinkler & new kitchen $1,600 mo. Call Verna after 4pm at 432-557-0134

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 2 living areas. $1525 per mo & $1250 deposit. 432-413-3489

3 Amhurst Ct. Large 4 Bdrm 2 1/2 Ba. 2 living areas, dining area, fireplace, all new flooring, 2 car garage, large backyard, and Great Neighborhood. No pets. $3,000 + $3,000 deposit. Background check. 432-695-4449

3bdrm/1ba, new floors, new paint. $750/mo must have 1st month + $750 dep. In Lamesa, Tx, out in the country. For info call Jessie 209-201-3097

3 BEDROOM 2 bath house, good condition. $2,000 month & $1,000 deposit. 432-741-2175 or 432-697-3205

4 BEDROOM, 3 1/2 bath, 3,000 SqFt. 2 car garage. Close to Goddard Jr. High. $2,500/mo. $2500 deposit. Additional pet deposit. Must have 625+ Credit score. Non-Smoking. References required. 432-967-1760 or 432-694-3728

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TOWNHOUSE - Nice, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, water paid, 2 car garage. No pets /smoking. $2,700/month, $2,000 deposit. 2202 Neely. 432-682-0602.

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

2004 W Missouri, 6 bedrooms 4 baths, 3400+ sq. ft. 2 car garage. Located in the Historic district of Midland. This unique home has much to offer in this nice quiet neighborhood. 4 of the bedrooms open onto the large beautiful pool. This house is great for entertaining or for a growing family. $375,000. Please call 432-352--5358 or 432-528-3654

3302 ROSEMONT 3/2.5/3 FP WS RO Dining, Seq-master with 3 closets, Mancave Workshop. Waterwell. 2 sheds. grill Low maint yards. patio Cul- de- sac Open Sat Sun 1-4 Owner 432-520-0234

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3 bed 2 bath nice neighborhood 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

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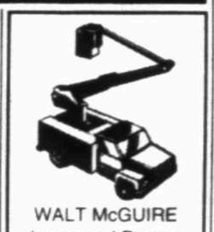

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DRY SPELL

Is the West's dry spell really a megadrought?

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO —

The drought that has been afflicting most of the Western states for the past 13 years may be a "megadrought," and the likelihood is high that this century could see a multi-decade dry spell like nothing else seen over the past 1,000 years, according to research presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in late December.

Today, drought or abnormally dry conditions are affecting every state west of the Mississippi River and many on the East Coast, with much of the Southwest under long-term severe, extreme or exceptional drought conditions. While drought conditions nationwide are down this year, they remain entrenched in the West.

Since 2000, the West has seen landscape-level changes to its forests as giant wildfires have swept through the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada, bark beetles have altered the ecology of forests by killing countless trees and western cities have begun to come to terms with water shortages made worse by these changes as future snowpack and rainfall becomes less and less certain in a changing climate.

"The current drought could be classified as a megadrought — 13 years running," paleoclimatologist Edward Cook, director of the Tree Ring Laboratory at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., said at an AGU presentation Wednesday night. "There's no indication it'll be getting any better in the near term."

But the long period of drought the West is currently experiencing may not be a product of human-caused climate change, and could be natural, he said.

"It's tempting to blame radiative forcing of climate as the cause of megadrought," Cook said. "That would be premature. Why? There's a lot of variability in the system that still can't be separated cleanly from CO2 forcing on climate. Natural variability still has a tremendous impact on the climate system."

Tree ring data show that decades-long droughts have occurred before humans started emitting greenhouse gases that fuel climate change. Long-lasting drought events have been tied to fluctuations in ocean conditions, which can alter large-scale weather patterns. For example, when the tropical Pacific Ocean is cooler than average, but the Atlantic Ocean is unusually mild — as has been the case during the past several years — there is a higher risk of drought in parts of the West and Central U.S.

The area of the West that was affected by severe drought in the Medieval period was much higher and much longer than the current drought, tree ring data show.

It is "indeed pretty scary," Cook said. "One lasted 29 years. One lasted 28 years. They span the entire continental United States."

Two megadroughts in the Sierra Nevada of California lasted between 100 and 200 years.

Cook is among the first to suggest that the current drought in the West is a megadrought, which is typically defined as a widespread drought lasting for two decades or longer. Cornell University assistant professor of earth and atmospheric sciences Toby Ault said during an AGU presentation Thursday.

But the idea that the current 13-year dry spell will be of similar magnitude of the megadroughts found in tree ring records is subject of debate.

"Are we in a megadrought? I guess we are," Ault said. "They are a threat to civilization in the future."

Ault is studying the probability that the U.S. will experience a megadrought this century on the order of no other dry period seen here at any time in the last millennium.

Data gleaned from tree rings and other sources show that the chance of a decade-long drought in the U.S. this century would be about 45 percent, and a multi-decade-long drought less than 10 percent, he said.

"That's not the whole picture because we're going to see climate change in this century," he said.

He said that the chances of a widespread multi-decade megadrought are high in the worst-case scenario, but he quoted University of Arizona geosciences professor Jonathan Overpeck to characterize the chances of megadrought in less severe scenarios: "It's extremely non-negligible, the risk of prolonged multi-decadal megadrought."

The bottom line: "The picture looks like we're going to have to take this seriously," Ault said.

Such dry spells would have severe implications for the nation's water supply, and the U.S. is going to have to adapt and find smarter ways to cope, he said.

'Find My Phone' app worth the $1 investment

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Dear PropellerHeads: Are the "Find My Phone" apps really useful?

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PPH: So Charlie, let's start at the beginning.

C: Well, I was wrapping up my normal work day, collecting my things, and noticed my iPhone was missing. I always put it in the same place…

PPH: I see your Mom taught you well.

C: …and after some searching, determined that is was not lost, but had been stolen. I quickly downloaded the "Find My iPhone" app on a co-worker's phone, typed in my Apple ID, and instantly found that it was in a neighborhood about 7 minutes away from where I work.

I called the police, told them the story, and when the officer arrived showed him the location of my phone using the app. Although the location was out of his jurisdiction, he had a colleague at another precinct go to the location and question the residents about the phone. They didn't find my phone, and the people they questioned denied any knowledge of it, but the officer said he wasn't going to let it drop there.

PPH: So, they questioned "perps" and partnered with other departments all on your story and information from your app?

C: Yep. And the officer had my apple ID and everything else he needed to track my phone while researching the case. Long story short, there were multiple locations scouted and a handful of suspects questioned all on only that information.

PPH: So, what we all want to know is, did they find your phone?

C: Well, honestly, the app found my phone. The police were coming up dry with the suspects they had. A few days later, I signed in to the app again and found that my phone was now at a convenience store a few miles from my work. A quick search of the property and I found it.

PPH: That's great. So, are you happy with the outcome?

C: I was pleasantly surprised by how hard the authorities worked with just my story and the app. They couldn't search someone's house just based on the information from it, but the conversations the police had with these suspects spooked them into ditching my phone.

The moral of this riveting story is that you do have some protection when your phone is stolen and not misplaced (did you check your other pants?).

The "Find My iPhone" app also features an Activation Lock feature that can prevent someone from using or selling your phone, as well as an option to remotely wipe your information if you are certain it was stolen.

The Android version, "Find My Phone," also features a remote wipe option, and the ability to notify you if someone changes the SIM card in your device.

And if you think Charlie (names have not been altered in order to make Charlie famous) is a rare case of phone theft, think again. The FCC reports that almost 1 in 3 U.S. robberies involve phone theft.

As a result, a bill is being introduced in California to require phone makers to install a "kill switch" on their devices. This would render the phone inoperable if stolen, and perhaps deter thieves from targeting phones.

So my final response is "yes." Safeguarding your info from a distance and perhaps ultimately locating your stolen phone is totally worth the $1.00 or less price tag…even if it was only the couch that stole your phone.

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