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# Why Texas won't get busted again by low oil prices

## *State has plenty of recourses to handle lowering oil prices, effects*

**By Mitchell Schnurman**
*The Dallas Morning News*

■ COMMENTARY

This time is different, and not by accident.

Oil prices have fallen by more than half since last summer, prompting cuts in energy jobs and rig counts. That is stoking fears of a deep downturn in the state's economy.

But Texas is less vulnerable to the kind of oil shock that derailed the state in the 1980s, and that's by design.

Almost 30 years ago, when the oil industry collapse put the state in a fiscal crisis, political and business leaders set out to diversify the economy and its tax base.

They launched economic development programs and recruited a wide range of employers, an aggressive approach that's been refined and copied elsewhere. They expanded the sales tax base to more products and business services. Licenses, fees and the lottery became more important contributors.

A rainy day fund was created to siphon off future gains from oil and gas and provide a safety net for the next emergency. Now, the fund has $8.5 billion, and the comptroller projects it will grow to $11 billion in two years.

All these initiatives helped diversify the Texas economy and make it less dependent on oil. In 1982, taxes on oil and gas production accounted for almost 18 percent of state revenue. Last year, the share was 5.5 percent.

Please see OIL/4A

# Snow off a duck's back

*Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Ducks shake off snow as it falls Thursday morning at Wadley Barron Pond.

**Winter weather updates**

**Two-hour delays today**

- MISD (Buses will also run two hours later in the morning)
- Texas Leadership Charter Academy
- Midland College
- Greenwood ISD
- Midland County

**Thursday's weather highlights**

- Snow fell but no accumulation reported
- 0.25 of an inch of precipitation reported from 9:53 p.m. Wednesday to 9:53 p.m. Thursday
- From the 3:53 a.m. Thursday report to 9:53 p.m., the temperature fluctuated between 33 and 35 degrees (wind chill ranged from 21 to 25 during that same time).
- The high of 41 was reported during the 12:53 a.m. Friday report.
- The low of 33 was reported multiple times. Normal low for Jan. 22 is 31 degrees

**Today's forecast**

- **High:** 45 degrees
- **Normal high for Jan. 23:** 58 degrees
- **Chance of rain:** 20 percent

**A lot of precipitation**

Through 4 p.m. Thursday, the National Weather Service was reporting 1.73 inches of rain had fallen in Midland this month. That makes this month as at least the sixth wettest January on record in Midland.

Last year was one of two Januarys when no precipitation fell in Midland.

**Wettest Januarys in Midland**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. 1939 | 4.99 |
| 2. 1949 | 3.66 |
| 3. 1946 | 3.18 |
| 4. 1958 | 1.97 |
| 5. 1991 | 1.80 |
| **6. 2014** | **1.73*** |
| Also | |
| 7. 2010 | 1.64 |
| 9. 2013 | 1.45 |

* indicates as of 4 p.m. Friday

# Texas Panhandle gets foot of snow

*Associated Press*

EL PASO — A winter storm has swept through parts of Texas, dropping up to a foot of snow in the Panhandle and prompting El Paso to close government offices early.

Dozens of school districts canceled classes or delayed opening in the Panhandle and South Plains on Thursday. Government offices, schools and universities from El Paso to the Midland-Odessa, San Angelo and Big Bend areas closed early Thursday and planned to open late today.

Almost 5 inches of snow was reported in El Paso by midafternoon Thursday before tapering off. As much as a foot of snow was reported in Amarillo and the northern Panhandle and a remote area of West Texas between Midland and San Angelo.

No major traffic problems were reported because of the weather.

**More online**

Check mrt.com for weather updates and cancellations.

# Obama idea to trim college savings hits GOP opposition

**By Stephen Ohlemacher**
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's proposal to scale back the tax benefits of college savings accounts is running into opposition from Republicans in Congress who say they have no intention of raising taxes on families trying to save money for their children's education.

Obama's plan would reduce the tax benefits of future contributions to the popular 529 college savings plans. Current accounts would be grandfathered, so existing funds could still grow and be withdrawn, tax-free.

The administration says all the additional tax revenue would be used to help expand and make permanent a $2,500 tax credit that families can use for education expenses. Under current law, the tax credit is scheduled to expire at the end of 2017.

"The president's plan would consolidate education savings incentives into one vehicle and redirect the savings into the better targeted" American Opportunity Tax Credit, the White House says in a description of the proposal.

Obama laid out the proposal as part of this week's State of the Union address. It is part of a broader effort by the Obama administration to simplify a sometimes confusing array of tax breaks designed to make higher education more affordable.

Obama is also proposing a $60 billion plan to make the first two years of community or technical college free.

Congressional Republicans have embraced the effort to simplify the education tax breaks, but key GOP leaders adamantly oppose scaling back college savings plans.

"Middle-income families that have worked hard and saved to send their children to college should receive our support, not a new tax bill to pay for (Obama's) agenda," said Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kan.

Jenkins said she supports the American Opportunity Tax Credit, but said the $2,500 limit doesn't come close to covering the annual cost of a college education.

"I have two kids in college. It's about $20,000 per kid, at a minimum," Jenkins said. "Where are we supposed to get the rest?"

Contributions to college savings plans are not tax-deductible. But once the money is invested, it can grow and eventually be withdrawn with no tax on the earnings, as long as the money is spent on tuition, fees, books and supplies needed to attend postsecondary school.

The savings plans, which are sponsored

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**Weather** Mostly sunny 45/29 Get your complete forecast on 7C

**Energy prices**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WTI Futures | $46.31 | ▼ $1.47 |
| WTI Posted | $42.75 | ▼ $1.50 |
| WTS Posted | $39.80 | ▼ $1.50 |
| Natural Gas | $2.835 | ▼ $0.139 |
| Gasoline | $1.986 | ▼ $0.004 |

**The big number**

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Courtesy photos

These photos show the inside and outside display of a Pandora store in the Shops at La Cantera in San Antonio.

# New jewelry store coming to Midland Park Mall

■ Pandora is scheduled to ooen Feb. 6.

**Rye Druzin**
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Finishing touches are being put on the storefront of a new jewelry store at Midland Park Mall.

Pandora is scheduled to open Feb. 6 and will employ between 10 and 15 people, according to owner Donald Brenner, who said he has high hopes for the local store.

"Midland's economy has grown tremendously," said Brenner, who is a franchise owner and has at least one Pandora store in San Antonio. "Everything I hear is that stores do well out there, and I wanted to open more Pandora stores. Many of the markets are already taken, and I think that West Texas is a hidden secret. I don't think people know how well it's doing."

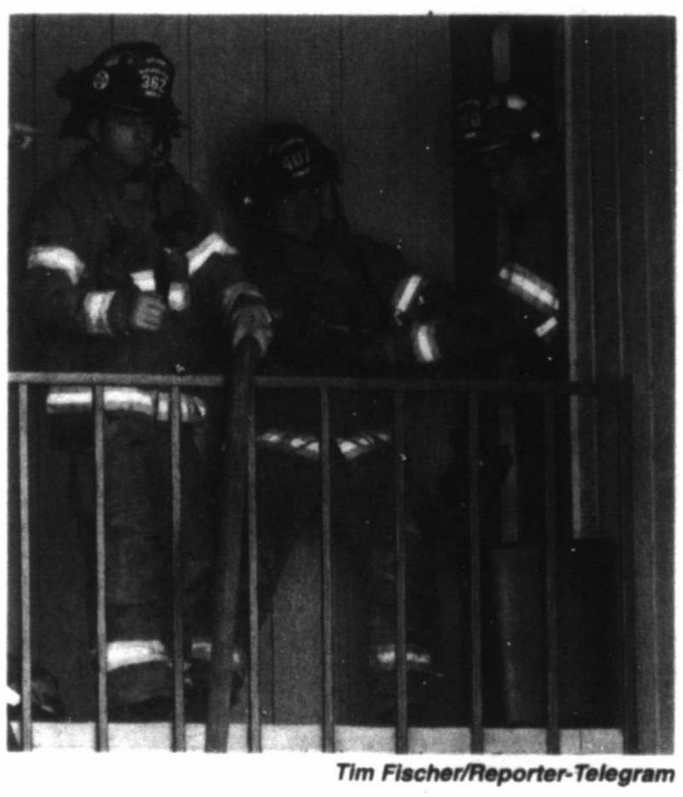
Brenner said construction began at the end of November and fixtures were some of the last things to finish. While his contractor had to bring in people from outside of Midland to complete the construction, Brenner said that he has had no problem filling positions for the store.

Pandora is the second largest jewelry brand in the world behind Tiffany and all of the production takes place in Thailand, Brenner said in a phone interview. He said the company, which uses sterling silver or gold, is best known for its patented charm bracelet concepts.

When asked about the drop in the price of oil, Brenner said, "You're always concerned as a businessman if anything happens. When you make a decision to do this, you've got to take the long-term approach. Do I believe in $40 oil two years from now? No."

He also pointed to the pace of growth and other businesses and construction that is still coming up in the area as a sign that people have not stopped what they are doing because of the price drop.

"There's a lot of projects that were started in Midland that have to be completed. The oil in the ground is not disappearing," Brenner said. "I'm concerned, but not staying up at night."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland fire personnel respond to a call of smoke Tuesday at Thornwood Apartments on North "A" Street.

# MFD: Gas leak causes explosion, fire at Midkiff Road building

*From staff reports*

The explosion and subsequent fire earlier this month at a building on South Midkiff Road was believed to be caused by a natural gas leak, according to the Midland Fire Department.

The investigation into the fire that occurred about 10 a.m. Jan. 9 revealed that natural gas was ignited by a central gas-fired furnace located adjacent to the room, according to a press release from the city. Investigators suspect that the gas originated from a buried service line located in the alley behind the building.

Employees of nearby businesses said they smelled natural gas earlier in the day. Gas vapors were discovered leaking through existing cracks in the building's concrete foundation, and gas was also discovered coming through the alley asphalt paving, according to the release.

The building — which housed several small businesses and storage spaces — was severely damaged by both the explosion and the fire.

Investigators also have determined that a fire at Thornwood Apartments, 2600 block of North "A" Street, at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesd was caused by a heating unit, according to the release.

Insulation material in the attic that was covering the top of the heater unit ignited and flames spread to the adjacent wood structure of the attic, according to the release.

Damage was confined to the heater unit and attic space above the apartment, but nearby apartments experienced minor smoke and/or water damage. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire, according to the release.

# Guard hurt in prison bus crash out of ICU, off critical list

*Associated Press*

ODESSA — A Texas prison guard critically injured in a prison bus wreck that killed 10 people has been removed from intensive care.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark says Corrections Officer Jason Self was upgraded Thursday from critical to stable condition. Self will continue to receive treatment at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Self and four inmates survived the Jan. 14 prison bus accident on icy Interstate 20 near Odessa. Two guards and eight prisoners were killed.

The injured prisoners have been transferred from Medical Center Hospital in Odessa to prison medical facilities.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# TODAY IN MIDLAND

## Things to do

**Today**

■ Mark McKinney at Lone Star Bar. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.
■ Cindy Ward & Friends in "Make 'Em Laugh," 7 p.m., Permian Playouse, Odessa
■ Crashmaster Monster Truck Show, 8 p.m., Horseshoe. midland-horseshoe.com.

**Saturday**

■ Tool Box Bash benefiting Habitat for Humanity, 6:30 p.m., CAF. 686-8877.
■ MOSC Masterworks 3 "There's a Good Chance You'll Love Strauss," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.
■ Crashmaster Monster Truck Show, 8 p.m., Horseshoe. midland-horseshoe.com.

## New movies in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Strange Magic," "Mortdecai," "The Boy Next Door"
■ **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "Strange Magic," "Mortdecai," "The Boy Next Door"
■ **At Big Sky Drive-In:** "Strange Magic," "Into the Woods"

## Support groups today

■ Stroke Support Group, noon; Midland Memorial Hospital, West Campus private dining room. For more information, call 221-1677.
■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

## Gas prices in Midland

■ **Cheapest gas:** $1.84 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
■ **Cheapest gas (non-membership store):** $1.89 (six stations in northwest and central Midland)
■ **Most expensive:** $2.05 (Alon, Business 20/SCR 1257)
■ **Cheapest prices in West Texas:** Lubbock $1.59, Abilene $1.78, San Angelo $1.78, Midland $1.84, Odessa $1.93

| | Midland-Odessa | Texas |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday | $1.996 | $1.846 |
| Last week | $2.046 | $1.856 |
| Last month | $2.304 | $2.143 |
| Last year | $3.104 | $3.107 |

*Source: TexasGasPrices.com*

## Lake levels

(Figures represent acre-feet and the percentage full lakes are)

| Lake | (Acre-Feet) | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas | 90,861 | 45.29 |
| Ivie | 79,941 | 14.42 |
| Spence | 10,652 | 2.06 |
| Total | 181,454 | 14.26 |

*Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District*

## Water usage

(includes water delivered from the Colorado River Municipal Water District, Paul Davis well fields and T-Bar Ranch)

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan. 14 | 15,254,000 gallons |
| Jan. 15 | 16,820,000 gallons |
| Jan. 16 | 15,377,000 gallons |
| Jan 17 | 15,420,000 gallons |
| Jan. 18 | 15,421,000 gallons |
| Sunday | 15,359,000 gallons |
| Monday | 15,548,000 gallons |
| Tuesday | 14,410,000 gallons |

The average delivery from CRMWD lakes to Midland in December was 7,281,613 gallons. The current average in January is 10,549,810.

*Source: City of Midland*

## Watering schedule

We are not sure why anyone would need to water their lawn for a while, but the current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

*Source: City of Midland*

## Community calendar

Casa de Amigos is hosting an informational session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday on earned income tax credit. Speaking at the session will be Maria Bustamante with the IRS office in El Paso.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 682-9701.

## Lottery

**Pick 3 morning:** 6-3-6
**Pick 3 day:** 8-6-5
**Pick 3 evening:** 5-7-6
**Pick 3 night:** 9-8-3
**Daily 4 morning:** 5-9-7-0
**Daily 4 day:** 6-3-2-9
**Daily 4 evening:** 9-5-2-5
**Daily 4 night:** 7-6-1-5
**Cash Five:** 4-11-21-28-37
**Texas Two Step:** 18-21-23-28 BB: 4
**All or Nothing morning:** 2-4-6-8-10-12-17-18-20-21-22-24
**All or Nothing day:** 1-2-3-8-10-16-17-18-21-22-23-24
**All or Nothing evening:** 2-3-6-7-12-13-14-16-17-20-23-24
**All or Nothing night:** 2-7-9-10-11-12-13-15-16-19-20-21

## Today in history

Today is Friday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 2015. There are 342 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War, and would be formally signed four days later in Paris.

# Writer tied to Anonymous sentenced to prison

*Associated Press*

DALLAS — An activist and writer linked to the hacking collective Anonymous was sentenced to five years in prison Thursday for threatening an FBI agent and helping share stolen data, marking the end of a criminal case criticized by free-speech advocates.

Barrett Lancaster Brown originally faced charges that carried more than 100 years in prison, but he pleaded guilty to greatly reduced charges last year. He will receive credit for the more than two years he's already spent in prison.

Supporters say Brown was targeted by the federal government after sharing data hacked from the Austin-based defense contractor Stratfor. The 33-year-old was often quoted on the workings of Anonymous, a shadowy group of hackers that has staged several high-profile attacks on governments and businesses all over the world. Brown courted attention on the Internet with provocative tweets and YouTube videos — including a live chat he conducted while taking a bubble bath. But some of those posts also landed him in trouble, including one in which he threatened an FBI agent.

Brown read a lengthy statement before he was sentenced, saying he broke the law to reveal illegal government activity going unpunished.

"If I criticize the government for breaking the law, but then break the law myself in an effort to reveal their wrongdoing, I should expect to be punished just as I've called for the criminals at government-linked firms ... to be punished," he said. "When we start fighting crime by any means necessary, we become guilty of the same hypocrisy as law enforcement agencies throughout history that break the rules to get the villains, and so become villains themselves."

He was arrested in September 2012, shortly after posting a video in which he threatened the FBI agent by name, promising to "ruin his life and look into his (expletive) kids." Three separate indictments followed, carrying a maximum sentence of more than a century in prison.

Brown's lawyers won the dismissal of most of a broad indictment related to his posting a link to the Stratfor data.

He eventually pleaded guilty in April to three counts: obstructing the execution of a search warrant, making Internet threats and being an accessory to an unauthorized access of a protected computer. The reduced charges carried a maximum sentence of more than eight years in prison.

According to plea agreement documents he signed, Brown admitted to sending online messages "threatening to shoot and injure" FBI agents.

# CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

## Bond for homicide suspect set at $500,000

Bond has been set at $500,000 for the Midland man who is a suspect in Tuesday's homicide at a Midland motel, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Edward Briceno, 43, was arrested Tuesday in connection with the stabbing death of Dedrick Lewis, 36, also of Midland. Briceno has been charged with a first-degree felony of murder.

Briceno

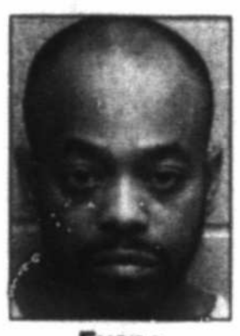
Briceno was found in a room a few doors down from Lewis' with blood on his clothes, according to the arrest affidavit. Officers allegedly found a knife wrapped in a towel in the trunk of Briceno's vehicle.

Briceno faces between two and 99 years in prison if he is convicted of the first-degree felony.

## MPD: Man tries to pass fraudulent check

A Big Spring man was arrested Wednesday for allegedly trying to pass a fraudulent check, according to court documents.

Anthony Evans, 34, was charged with a state jail felony of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information. He was held Thursday evening on an unspecified bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.


Evans

The affidavit states that Midland police officers responded to a check cashing business in response to a possible forgery by passing. The man, later identified as Evans, was allegedly trying to pass a check for $467.12 payable to a person in Big Spring. The check was declined once and, when sent for verification, was found to be fraudulent, and the police were called.

When the officers arrived, they detained multiple people in a vehicle and found that Evans had been trying to pass himself off as another person with a Texas ID card.

In the affidavit, officers say that Evans eventually admitted that his identity was other than the one on the ID card. The officers asked him if he would be willing to talk to them at the police department, and he said he would. When at the police department, Evans allegedly said that he answered a Facebook message on how to make money and said that a woman and a man had stolen the checks and made duplicates, selling them for a small fee. Evans claimed that the person on the ID was a "homeboy" from Big Spring, and when asked what would happen if his "homeboy" got a warrant for the offense, Evans allegedly laughed and shrugged his shoulders.

If convicted of the state jail felony, Evans faces up to two years in prison.

## Woman allegedly sexually assaults juvenile

A Midland woman was arrested Wednesday for allegedly sexually assaulting a juvenile multiple times, according to court documents.

Sonjia Cooper, 38, was charged Wednesday with a first-degree felony, aggravated sexual assault of a child. She was held on an unspecified bond Thursday evening, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Cooper

The affidavit states that a Midland police officer was called out to interview an alleged victim on Monday regarding an outcry of sexual abuse of a child. According to the interview, the alleged victim said that the alleged perpetrator, later identified as Cooper, had touched him inappropriately at least three times starting in 2013 and going until at least late 2014.

According to the affidavit, when the officer interviewed Cooper, she claimed that she had passed out drunk at least one time and that the alleged victim had attempted to have sex with her. She allegedly denied ever having sex with the alleged victim.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Cooper faces between two and 99 years in prison.

## Dispute leads to alleged brandishing of gun

A Midland man was arrested on Jan. 17 after allegedly pointing a gun at multiple men and attempting to take a truck, according to court documents.

William Benton, 48, was charged with three second-degree felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was released on a $150,000 bond on Jan. 18, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Benton

According to the affidavit, a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy was called out to a disturbance call at an unspecified address on West Interstate 20. The deputy said that three men were standing outside of a pickup and waved him over. The three were identified as victims and said that the man with the gun, later identified as Benton, was inside an office on the property.

The alleged victims said they were doing work on the property when Benton allegedly tried to take one of their trucks. One alleged victim said that he told Benton to give the keys back and an argument started. During the argument Benton allegedly pulled a gun from his boot. One alleged victim said they tried to record the incident on their phone despite being scared. All three men said that they were threatened by Benton.

If convicted of the three second-degree felony charges, Benton faces up to 60 years in prison.

# FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**Edward G. Briceno**, 43, of Midland was charged Wednesday with murder.

**Sonjia E. Cooper**, 38, of Midland was charged Wednesday with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

**Selena B. Enriquez-King**, 37, of Midland was charged Wednesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

**Anthony L. Evans**, 34, of Big Spring was charged Wednesday with fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

*Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office*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# Yemen's US-backed president quits; country could split apart

By Ahmed Al-Haj
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*Associated Press*

*"The coming hours will be decisive for Yemen for decades to come. Either they will usher in a new path, new openings, or we say our death prayers."*

Farea Al-Muslimi, Yemeni writer

SANAA, Yemen — Yemen's U.S.-backed president quit Thursday under pressure from rebels holding him captive in his home, severely complicating American efforts to combat al-Qaida's powerful local franchise and raising fears that the Arab world's poorest country will fracture into mini-states.

Presidential officials said Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi submitted his resignation to parliament rather than make further concessions to Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, who control the capital and are widely believed to be backed by Iran.

The prime minister and his cabinet also stepped down, making a thinly veiled reference to the Houthis' push at gunpoint for a greater share of power. Houthis deployed their fighters around parliament, which is due to discuss the situation on Sunday.

Yemeni law dictates that the parliament speaker — Yahia al-Rai, a close ally of former autocratic ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh — will now assume the presidency. Saleh still wields considerable power and is widely believed to be allied with the Houthis.

There were conflicting reports suggesting that authorities in Aden, the capital of southern region of Yemen, would no longer submit to the central government's authority. Even before the Houthis' recent ascendance, a powerful movement in southern Yemen was demanding autonomy or a return to the full independence the region enjoyed before 1990. Southerners outrightly reject rule by the Houthis, whose power base is in the north. The Houthis are Zaydis, a Shiite minority that makes up about a third of Yemen's population.

Concerns were also mounting about an economic collapse. Two-thirds of Yemen's population are already in need of humanitarian aid, according to reported U.N. figures. Iran's regional rival Saudi Arabia, which has long been Yemen's economic lifeline, cut most of its financial aid to Yemen after the Houthis seized the capital in September. The Houthis deny receiving any Iranian support.

The Houthis' recent encroachments on Sunni areas have also fanned fears of a sectarian conflict that could fuel support for al-Qaida, a Sunni movement that has links to some of the country's tribes and is at war with both the Shiites and Hadi's forces. U.S. officials say the developments are already undermining military and intelligence operations against al-Qaida's Yemen-based affiliate, which made its reach felt in this month's deadly Paris attacks.

Hadi's resignation comes four months after President Barack Obama cited Yemen as a terrorism success story in a September speech outlining his strategy against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, which involves targeted U.S. strikes on militants with the cooperation of a friendly ground force. Obama called it an approach "that we have successfully pursued in Yemen and Somalia for years."

In Washington on Thursday, a senior State Department said the U.S. Embassy remains open and will continue to operate as normal, although with reduced staff. The official says the U.S. is continuously reassessing the situation on the ground.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to publicly discuss embassy security.

The resignations mark the collapse of an internationally backed transition that compelled Saleh, who ruled for three decades, to resign in 2012 following months of Arab Spring protests.

Hadi's rule was deeply undermined by Saleh loyalists who retained posts in state institutions and the security apparatus. Last year the U.N. Security Council imposed targeted sanctions on Saleh and two top Houthi leaders, accusing them of obstructing the political transition.

Despite widespread fears, some observers said Thursday's resignation of the elected president could encourage Yemenis to take to the streets just as they did in 2011 in against Saleh.

"The coming hours will be decisive for Yemen for decades to come. Either they will usher in a new path, new openings, or we say our death prayers," said Yemeni writer Farea Al-Muslimi.

Shortly after Hadi's resignation, the Supreme Security Committee, the top security body in Aden, the capital of the south, issued orders to all military bases, security bodies and popular committees composed of armed civilians to be on a state of alert and take orders only from Aden central command.

It was not immediately clear how much mandate the security authorities have over the southern region, and analysts predicted that internal conflict among southern secessionist leaders would probably delay action toward a split with the north.

The greater threat, they said, is fragmentation of other regions.

"We are not talking here about split of north and south, but the fracture of the state to small pieces where each tribal region disintegrates," said Al-Muslimi.

Hadi's resignation came despite efforts by U.N. envoy Jamal Benomar to implement a deal reached Wednesday to resolve the crisis.

"We reached a deadlock," Hadi said, according to a copy of his letter of resignation obtained by The Associated Press. "We found out that we are unable to achieve the goal, for which we bear a lot of pain and disappointment."

Presidential adviser Sultan al-Atawani told AP that the Houthis refused to withdraw from the presidential palace, the republican palace where the prime minister lives or from the president's house. They also refused to release a top aide to Hadi whose abduction earlier this week set the violence in motion.

Military officials close to the president said the Houthis also pressured Hadi to deliver a televised speech to calm the streets. They said the Houthis also demanded appointments in his own office, the Defense Ministry and provincial capitals. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Shortly before Hadi's resignation, Prime Minister Khaled Bahah submitted his own resignation, saying he feared "being dragged into an abyss of unconstructive policies based on no law."

Three ministers of his cabinet told AP that they were subjected to heavy pressures from Houthi gunmen who visited them in their homes with list of names of people they want to appoint in their ministries. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

## Oil

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The share is smaller even as production has boomed from the shale revolution. In 2014, Texas collected almost $5.8 billion from taxes on oil and natural gas production. That's $3.4 billion more than in '82, an increase of about 143 percent.

It wasn't a straight-line rise, not with the industry's boom-and-bust cycles. But it seems impressive enough — until it's compared with gains in other taxes.

Sales tax revenue, which generates over half the state's collections, was almost eight times higher than in '82.

In '82, sales tax provided about $1 billion more than oil and gas in state revenue; last year, sales tax provided almost $22 billion more than oil and gas.

The franchise tax also grew faster than energy, as did taxes on vehicle sales and rentals. The lottery, which began in 1992, adds almost $2 billion annually to state coffers.

"No, we will not become the next Detroit," economist Stuart Greenfield wrote in an op-ed this month in response to news articles about Texas being at risk.

Greenfield, who previously worked as an analyst for three Texas comptrollers, said the decline in oil prices would have an adverse effect on the economy and state tax collections.

"But the impact will be minimal," he wrote in the Quorum Report, reducing the growth rate of the Texas economy "by a few tenths of a percent."

While prices may be lower, companies will keep pumping oil and gas and paying taxes, he said in a phone interview.

But Dale Craymer, chief revenue estimator for the Texas comptroller in the 1980s, said low oil will take a toll on the economy and state treasury.

"Severance taxes don't tell the whole story," said Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

Every oil and gas worker supports 2.3 additional jobs, from finance to fast food. That's almost twice the ripple effect of a lawyer or accountant.

The industry also spends heavily on materials and other items, such as pipe, tools and trucks. Oil and gas drillers accounted for almost $2 billion of Texas' sales tax collections last year, Craymer said. They paid $1.5 billion in school taxes and a big chunk of the franchise tax.

Low gasoline prices will boost consumer spending, which adds to state collections. But the gains won't be enough to cover the hit from energy, Craymer said.

If oil and gas drilling declines by a third, Texas will have $1 billion less to spend annually, he estimated.

"We're certainly in a better position than in the '80s," Craymer said, citing the state's cash on hand and the rainy day fund. "But we're still going to feel this."

Last week, the comptroller projected 3 percent growth for 2015. That's down from a 3.7 percent gain in real gross state product last year. He cited the decline in oil prices and possibility of a slowdown in global growth.

While the energy business is under pressure, other sectors are growing fast. Local governments, which lost workers for almost two years, have been adding teachers, cops and firefighters at a rapid clip.

By 2017, oil and gas taxes still won't be back to 2014 levels, the comptroller projects. But total tax collections for Texas will be 10 percent higher and economic growth will top last year's rate, according to his estimate.

If he's right, the state economy will roll on, even as the oil and gas industry pulls back. Decades ago, that's exactly how Texas leaders envisioned it.

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## College

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by states, can also be used to prepay college tuition.

The Obama administration says college savings plans mostly benefit wealthier families.

"Tax incentives are more beneficial to families with higher tax liabilities, in part because these families have a higher marginal tax rate," the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, said in a 2012 report.

About 12 million families take advantage of college savings plans. About half were held by families making more than $150,000, according to the GAO report.

About 30 percent of plans were held by families who make less than $100,000, the report said.

Families could continue contributing to college savings accounts under Obama's proposal. Students would have to pay taxes on the earnings, but not until the money is withdrawn.

Obama's proposal would make similar changes to Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, which are similar to 529 accounts but have income limits.

The president's plan for expanding the $2,500 tax credit for college expenses would make it available to families with incomes up to $180,000 a year. The amount of the credit would grow with inflation, and students could use it for up to five years, as long as they are attending school at least part-time.

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# Video of NJ man shot by police raises questions

By Sean Carlin
And Geoff Mulvihill
*Associated Press*

BRIDGETON, N.J. — A video of police officers confronting and then fatally shooting a black man at a traffic stop has raised questions and stirred anger over another death at the hands of police.

On Thursday, the Rev. Al Sharpton's civil rights organization got involved. The National Action Network released a statement saying it was joining other groups calling for the state government to investigate.

The video of the Dec. 30 killing of Jerame Reid in Bridgeton, a struggling, mostly minority city of 25,000 people, was released this week.

The nearly two-minute deadly standoff came after the killings of black men in New York and Ferguson, Missouri, triggered months of turbulent protests, violence and calls for a re-examination of police use of force.

Attorney Conrad Benedetto said he has been hired by Reid's wife, Lawanda Reid, to investigate. He said in a statement the footage "raises serious questions as to the legality and/or reasonableness of the officers' actions that night" because Reid was shot as he raised his hands.

Police, with the dashboard camera in their cruiser rolling, pulled a Jaguar over for running a stop sign on a dark night. But things suddenly turned tense when one of the officers warned his partner he could see a gun in the glove compartment.

Screaming repeatedly "Don't you f---ing move!" and "Show me your hands!" at the man in the passenger seat, the officer reached into the car and appeared to remove a silver handgun.

Then, the passenger, despite being warned repeatedly not to move, stepped out of the Jaguar, his hands raised about shoulder level.

The officers opened fire, killing him.

Reid and the man driving the car were black. The Bridgeton officer who spotted the gun, Braheme Days, is black; his partner, Roger Worley, is white. Both officers have been placed on leave while prosecutors investigate.

Associated Press

In this frame grab from an officer's dashboard camera taken Dec. 30, 2014, and provided by the Bridgeton, N..J. Police Department, police officers Braheme Days and Roger Worley stand near a car they pulled over for running a stop sign in Bridgeton. One of the officers warned his partner that he could see a gun in the glove compartment. The nearly two-minute standoff resulted in the death of Jerame Reid, one of two men in the car.

Reid, 36, spent about 13 years in prison for shooting at three state troopers when he was a teenager. And Days knew who he was; Days was among the arresting officers last year when Reid was charged with several crimes, including drug possession and obstruction.

In Bridgeton, where two-thirds of the residents are black or Hispanic, the killing has stirred small protests over the past couple of weeks, including a demonstration on Wednesday, a day after the video was made public at the request of two newspapers under the state's open records law.

The Cumberland County prosecutor's office previously said a gun was seized during the stop but would not comment further on the investigation. Bridgeton police would not answer any questions about the video and said they opposed its release as neither compassionate nor professional.

County prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae has disqualified herself from the case because she knows Days. But Lawanda Reid's lawyer and activists are demanding the state attorney general's office take over the investigation, something it said it will not do.

Sharpton's group added to that call on Thursday.

"We maintain our position that local officials should not handle incidents such as this," the group said.

# Officer who carried dying girl comforts grieving father

By Sadie Gurman
*Associated Press*

EVERGREEN, Colo. — Every year on his daughter's birthday, Ian Sullivan visits the grave of the child he lost when a gunman slipped into a Colorado movie theater and fatally shot the 6-year-old as she sat with her mother in the fourth row.

And every year, he finds a birthday card on the headstone from the man who was with Veronica when Sullivan couldn't be: the police officer who carried the dying girl out of the theater in his arms.

Since the 2012 attack, survivors and their loved ones have each sought comfort in their own ways. One wounded couple got married. A father whose son was killed became a gun-control advocate. Others turned to faith.

The 28-year-old Sullivan withdrew, cutting ties to many of those who had been closest to him and retreating to a home in the mountains. But he found a lifeline in the police officer he only knows by his first name, Mike.

The officer still checks in on Sullivan with texts on the days that are the hardest — holidays and the birthday, Sullivan said.

"It's not so much all he was able to tell me, but more so the understanding that I was not alone," he said.

The officer is Mike Hawkins, who declined to comment to The Associated Press, citing a judge's gag order barring attorneys, authorities or witnesses from talking to the news media about the case.

The young girl he scooped up that night was born when Sullivan was 19. At the time, he and the girl's mother, Ashley Moser, weren't necessarily ready for parenthood, he said.

But he was proud when he saw his newborn daughter. "It dramatically changed my life to have her," he said.

The couple divorced when Veronica was 3, but he still saw her regularly. He reveled in their time outdoors. A high point came in May 2012, when she caught her first fish, a trout, and gutted it herself.

On a recent afternoon at his home, Sullivan flipped through photos of her: Veronica on a sandy beach. In a race car. On the first day of kindergarten. She flashes a toothless grin beneath her sandy blonde hair and Hello Kitty earrings.

He pushed a button on a photo frame she gave him a month before her death, and her voice filled the room.

"I love you, Daddy," she cooed, stumbling over a Father's Day greeting.

To keep Veronica's memory alive, he tries to do the things he used to do with her — hiking, skiing, working on cars. She used to hand him wrenches while he was under the chassis, he said.

He tries to stay busy to keep his mind from wandering into darker thoughts. It doesn't always work.

# Montana city gets OK to drink water after oil spill in river

By Matthew Brown
*Associated Press*

BILLINGS, Mont. — Thousands of people in an eastern Montana city were told Thursday they can resume using tap water after tests showed no further signs of contamination from a weekend oil spill into a nearby river.

The 6,000 residents of Glendive had relied on bottled water since Monday after elevated levels of cancer-causing benzene were found in the public water supply. The chemical came from 40,000 gallons of oil that spilled on Saturday from a pipeline breach beneath the Yellowstone River, about 6 miles upstream of the city.

Paul Peronard with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said residents should open their taps and run the water to flush out any residual contamination.

"If it doesn't smell anymore you have cleaned it out, you're good," Peronard said. "Citizens can start drinking it."

Filters added to the city treatment plant should protect against further contamination to the water supply.

Yet even as Glendive appeared to have overcome the initial public health threat from the spill, officials struggled over how to clean up the crude released by the pipeline break. Most of that oil is believed trapped beneath ice on the river.

The river's environmental damage could take months to gauge. The section of river downstream from the spill is home to fish, including the endangered pallid sturgeon, and is used for irrigation, boating and other recreation.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recorded no wildlife covered by oil during initial flyovers of the spill area on Wednesday, though spokesman Ryan Moehring said the agency was still very early in its surveying.


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# Obama's actions seem to be aiding Iran

■ Administration's continued negotiation extensions worry America's allies in the region

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
*Washington Post Writers Group*


While Iran's march toward a nuclear bomb has provoked a major clash between the White House and Congress, Iran's march toward conventional domination of the Arab world has been largely overlooked. In Washington, that is. The Arabs have noticed. And the pro-American ones, the Gulf Arabs in particular, are deeply worried.

This week, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels seized control of the Yemeni government, heretofore pro-American. In September, they overran Sanaa, the capital. On Tuesday, they seized the presidential palace. On Thursday, they forced the president to resign.

The Houthi have local religious grievances, being Shiites in a majority Sunni land. But they are also agents of Shiite Iran, which arms, trains and advises them. Their slogan — "God is great. Death to America. Death to Israel" — could have been written in Persian.

Why should we care about the coup? First, because we depend on Yemen's government to support our drone war against another local menace, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. It's not clear if we can even maintain our embassy in Yemen, let alone conduct operations against AQAP.

And second, because growing Iranian hegemony is a mortal threat to our allies and interests in the entire Middle East.

In Syria, Iran's power is similarly rising. The mullahs rescued the reeling regime of Bashar al-Assad by sending in weapons, money and Iranian revolutionary guards, as well as by ordering their Lebanese proxy, Hezbollah, to join the fight. They succeeded. The moderate rebels are in disarray, even as Assad lives in de facto coexistence with the Islamic State, which controls a large part of his country.

Iran's domination of Syria was further illustrated by a strange occurrence last Sunday in the Golan Heights. An Israeli helicopter attacked a convoy on the Syrian side of the armistice line. Those killed were not Syrian, however, but five Hezbollah fighters from Lebanon and several Iranian officials, including a brigadier general.

What were they doing in the Syrian Golan Heights? Giving "crucial advice," announced the Iranian government. On what? Well, three days earlier, Hezbollah's leader had threatened an attack on Israel's Galilee. Tehran appears to be using its control of Syria and Hezbollah to create his very own front against Israel.

The Israelis can defeat any conventional attack. Not so the Gulf Arabs. To the north and west, they see Iran creating a satellite "Shiite Crescent" stretching to the Mediterranean and consisting of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. To their south and west, they see Iran gaining proxy control of Yemen. And they are caught in the pincer.

The Saudis are fighting back the only way they can — with massive production of oil at a time of oversupply and collapsing prices, placing enormous economic pressure on Iran. It needs $136 oil to maintain its budget. The price is today below $50.

Yet the Obama administration appears to be ready to acquiesce to the new reality of Iranian domination of Syria. It has told The New York Times that it is essentially abandoning its proclaimed goal of removing Assad.

For the Saudis and the other Gulf Arabs, this is a nightmare. They're engaged in a titanic regional struggle with Iran. And they are losing — losing Yemen, losing Lebanon, losing Syria and watching post-U.S.-withdrawal Iraq come under increasing Iranian domination.

The nightmare would be hugely compounded by Iran going nuclear. The Saudis were already stupefied that the U.S. conducted secret negotiations with Tehran behind their backs. And they can see where the current talks are headed — legitimizing Iran as a threshold nuclear state.

Which makes all the more incomprehensible President Obama's fierce opposition to Congress' offer to strengthen the American negotiating hand by passing sanctions to be triggered if Iran fails to agree to give up its nuclear program. After all, that was the understanding Obama gave Congress when he began these last-ditch negotiations in the first place.

Why are you parroting Tehran's talking points, Mr. President? asks Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez. Indeed, why are we endorsing Iran's claim that sanctions relief is the new norm? Obama assured the nation that sanctions relief was but a temporary concession to give last-minute, time-limited negotiations a chance.

Twice the deadline has come. Twice no new sanctions, just unconditional negotiating extensions.

Our regional allies — Saudi Arabia, the other five Gulf states, Jordan, Egypt and Israel — are deeply worried. Tehran is visibly on the march on the ground and openly on the march to nuclear status. And their one great ally, their strategic anchor for two generations, is acquiescing to both.

## GUEST VIEW

# Abbott's inauguration begins to rewrite the narrative on education

Houston Chronicle

It is a new day in Texas. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick made that proclamation Tuesday after he was sworn in by his son, District Judge Ryan Patrick. With a crowd of thousands in front of the state Capitol, and brisket served by the ton under a bright-blue Texas sky, it seemed more like a spring awakening than a winter's day.

For anyone younger than a high school freshman, Rick Perry is the only Texas governor they have ever known. Our longest-serving chief executive now leaves Austin to a new class of leaders. The state Senate replaces the businessman's demeanor of David Dewhurst with Patrick's tea party passion, and the governor's veto pen is handed from the son of a cotton farmer to a legal scholar.

The leadership is still all Republican, but change can be felt in the air — and heard in Gov. Greg Abbott's inaugural speech.

When Abbott met with the Chronicle editorial board during election season, the future governor focused on one issue as key to Texas' continuing success: education. He repeated that call Tuesday in Austin in terms that seemed designed to connect with everyone in faculty lounges to open-carry clubs.

"Countries sometimes excel because of their military might," Abbott said. "States are different. We excel by our mental might. Texas should be the source of the greatest minds the country has ever known."

Over the past 15 years, the Texas economic model has explicitly relied on low taxes and economic incentives as a way to lure business. We're now facing the limits of that model. As Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp told the Chronicle last week, businesses will put up with all sorts of regulations and red tape if it means access to world-class institutions of higher education.

"You look at the recruitment that we've tried to do from California, that other states have tried to do, and they won't leave those big research universities."

For too long, the dynamics of Texas politics have cast pro-business attitudes and well-funded education as natural opponents. Perry's misguided crusade against the University of Texas only exacerbated the problem.

Abbott looks like he is trying to rewrite that political narrative.

"On this point we cannot be captive to partisan arguments," Abbott said in his inaugural address. "Our children transcend politics. If Texas is to remain the leader at creating jobs, we must become the leader at educating our children."

There's already been much bipartisan agreement to be found in Texas' education policy, from support for charter schools to reduced reliance on standardized testing. There's also the consistent bipartisan opposition to school vouchers.

Plenty remains the same with Abbott's inauguration, from swearing in on Sam Houston's Bible to the long lines for celebratory barbecue. But after years of an agenda that targeted jobs from other states, we now have a governor who talks about targeting Nobel laureates. It really is a new day in Texas.


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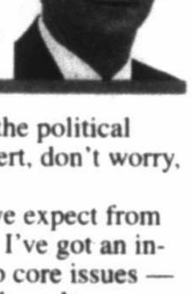
# State has to do more with less

■ We'll see how 'Republicaner' leadership does as it begins 'a new day in Texas.'




KEN HERMAN
*Austin American-Statesman*


So do you feel that feeling? You know, that kind of newish feeling? Nah, me neither. I'm not sure what we were expecting, but it seems there should have been some magic moment, some bolt of lightning at 11:37 a.m. Tuesday when, on the south steps of downtown Austin's most famous pink building, Texas got its first elected new governor since George W. Bush took the oath in January 1995, the last time a newly elected governor took the oath in Texas. (Perry was not elected when he took the oath for first time and was not a new governor the first time he took oath after election.)

Unmanly confession: The first ceremonial cannon volley did make me jump a bit.

So far, so good under Gov. Greg Abbott. As I write this, Texas somehow has survived without Rick Perry as our governor for the first time in 14 years. This is where the wise guys among you say we should have tried it sooner.

Inauguration Day went just fine. Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick oathed in without a hitch. (Trivia: For 15 minutes — the interval between the two oaths — Perry was governor and Patrick was lite guv.)

The weather was perfect and the crowd appreciative, if not all consumed with enthusiasm. This was, after all, mostly a home crowd of Republicans on hand for the swearing in of the newest Repubs running our state.

As the ceremony ended, I told Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, it was nice that he showed up for the ceremony but Dem lawmakers can go home now. He told me he wasn't at the ceremony but had come by afterward to look for someone. Seems he spent inauguration day dealing with car problems.

The only Democratic name I saw in the planning materials was in this passage: "The parade will begin at the Ann Richards Bridge and end at the Texas Capitol."

So that's what the first day of Abbott/Patrick Texas looked like, highlighted by Patrick's call-and-response about "a new day in Texas." The crowd responded on cue, but this was not to be confused with a gospel revival.

It was a feel-good event, unless you're a Democrat. To those folks, still enduring the political equivalent of wandering in the desert, don't worry, your day will come. Maybe.

Looking forward, what should we expect from an even Republicaner Legislature? I've got an inkling that Abbott will stick more to core issues — roads, taxes, schools, etc. — than the culture wars that sometimes sidetrack Texas Repubs.

That's good, because we know Patrick has culture warrior tendencies. The first two paragraphs of his inaugural address were about his religion, ending by proclaiming, as he long has: "I respect all religions but I am a Christian first, a conservative second and a Republican third. And I praise Jesus for this moment and this day."

He deviated from the text at the top of the speech when, immersed in the moment, he found someone more important than God to recognize. Patrick took three selfies.

My takeaway from the two inaugural addresses were characteristically Republican: We'll do more with less. Abbott strung together a bunch of mores: "As great as Texas is, there's more we must do. More for the families stuck in traffic. More for parched towns thirsty for water. More for parents who fear their child is falling behind in school. More for employers searching for skilled workers. More for our veterans who return broken from battle."

Patrick offered promises of improved education, border security and other stuff you want while also trumpeting a full-throated reprise of his campaign-trail promise to cut taxes for homeowners and businesses.

I'm rooting for them because I, like you, love to get more and spend less. Is it an achievable equation? Sure, Abbott said in his speech.

"The Book of Matthew reminds us with God all things are possible," he said.

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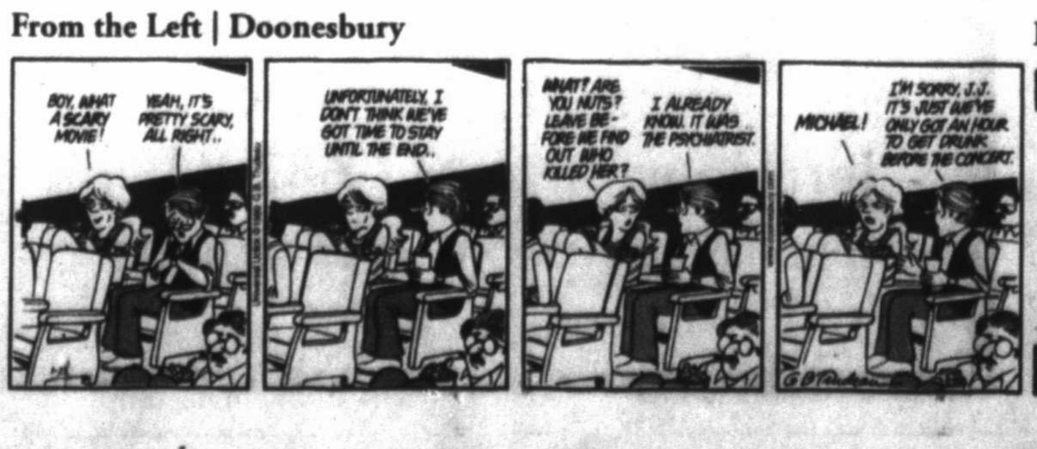


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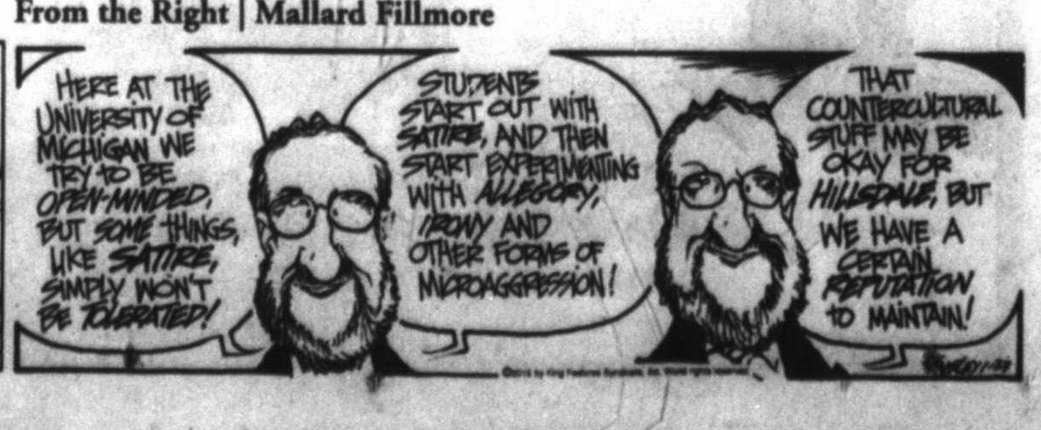

# GOP pushes abortion bill through House

By Alan Fram
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — With thousands of abortion protesters swarming the city in their annual March for Life, Republicans muscled broadened abortion restrictions through the House on Thursday after a GOP rebellion forced leaders into an awkward retreat on an earlier version.

By a near party-line 242-179 vote, the House voted to permanently forbid federal funds for most abortion coverage. The bill would also block tax credits for many people and employers who buy abortion coverage under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

A White House veto threat and an uncertain fate in the Senate mean the legislation has no realistic chance of becoming law. But on a day when crowds of anti-abortion demonstrators stretched for blocks outside Capitol windows — and hours after the embarrassing GOP stumble on another abortion measure — Thursday's vote let party leaders signal that the Congress they now command is at least trying to end abortion.

The GOP's passage of one bill and the abrupt derailment of another forbidding most late-term abortions underscored the party's perilous balancing act of backing abortion restrictions crucial to conservatives while not alienating women and younger voters wary of such restrictions.

Obama, out West to promote his State of the Union economic agenda, embraced the same 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion that the protesters were vilifying.

He said the decision in the Roe v. Wade case "reaffirms a fundamental American value: that government should not intrude in our most private and personal family matters." He said the House-passed bill would "intrude on women's reproductive freedom and access to health care and unnecessarily restrict the private insurance choices that consumers have today."

Republican House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio praised the marchers in a written statement that also seemed to acknowledge discord among Republicans.

"This march is part of a longer one, and our destination is clear: to secure and protect the rights of every unborn child. When there is disagreement, we should pause and listen closely. When there is movement, we should rejoice, and the House's vote to ban taxpayer funding of abortion is cause for doing so," he said.

Even so, the GOP sidetracking of the late-term abortion measure sparked grumbling from politically potent allies.

In a sharp statement that singled out Rep. Renee Ellmers, R-N.C., and others, National Right to Life President Carol Tobias criticized GOP dissenters on the late-term bill and warned, "Some of these lawmakers may ultimately conclude that they were ill advised to sacrifice the trust of their pro-life constituents so egregiously."

Ellmers, who has had a strong anti-abortion voting record, was among those who had objected to portions of the late-term abortion bill. Her spokeswoman, Blair Ellis, declined to comment.

Dozens of protesters visited her Capitol Hill office Thursday to protest her role in scuttling that measure.

On the House floor, a debate that has raged virtually every year for decades was emotional, as usual.

"Abortion is not health care. It's a brutal procedure that ends lives of unborn children," said Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa.

"I urge my colleagues to stand with the hundreds of thousands of people out on the Mall right now by voting for this bill," said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

Democrats said such talk showed that Republicans were willing to subjugate women's rights to political pandering to the crowds outside.

"Women's rights should not be theater, it shouldn't be drama," said Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn.

The debate took a turn for the personal when Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., referred to "hypocrites on the other side of the aisle who have counseled their own girl friends to have abortions. It's legal."

Rep. Scott DesJarlais, R-Tenn., a doctor who opposes abortion rights, once urged a patient he was dating to seek an abortion. His aides did not return phone and email requests for comment.

Outside, thousands of demonstrators trudged up Capitol Hill to the Supreme Court in protest of the justices' legalization of abortion exactly 42 years ago. Some wore religious garb while others carried signs with messages ranging from "I am a voice for the voiceless" to "Thank God my mom's pro-life."

No. 4 House GOP leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington state told the crowd that her 7-year-old son, who has Down syndrome, has intensified her commitment to the anti-abortion fight.

The approved bill would permanently block federal money for nearly all abortions — a prohibition in effect for decades but one which Congress must renew yearly. Rape and incest victims and women whose lives were in danger would be exempted.

# House heads to vote next week on border security legislation

By Erica Werner
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The House is moving toward a vote on a bill aimed at securing the U.S. border with Mexico as majority Republicans try to show they can chart their own course on immigration, not just oppose President Barack Obama's.

The legislation passed the House Homeland Security Committee late Wednesday on a party-line vote of 18-12, and the full House is expected to take it up next week.

"For God's sakes, if we can't unite around border security what can we unite around?" said GOP Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, the committee's chairman.

It's uncertain whether House Republicans will unite behind the measure. Conservatives who have scuttled past attempts by GOP leaders to deal with the issue expressed concerns that the legislation does too little to stem illegal immigration.

Several also groused that leadership was trying to rally support for the border security bill instead of making a strong stand against recent executive actions by Obama granting relief from deportation to millions.

The border bill "is a show horse, not a work horse, and as such it is an effort to convince the American people that we are doing something substantive to secure the border when in fact nothing substantive is being done," said Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala.

The Obama administration said the bill "would actually leave the border less secure."

In a statement released Thursday night, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said, "The bill sets mandatory and highly prescriptive standards that the Border Patrol itself regards as impossible to achieve, undermines the Department of Homeland Security's capacity to adapt to emerging threats, and politicizes tactical decisions." He called the bill "unworkable, plain and simple."

Congressional Democrats said the bill was filled with unrealistic mandates that would make it harder for border agents to do their jobs, while proposing to spend $10 billion on an array of drones, surveillance systems, radar, fencing and other technologies that might do little real good.

"It is overly prescriptive and it is impossible, operationally, to succeed," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas. "This bill militarizes the nation."

A companion version was introduced in the Senate by Republicans Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Jeff Flake of Arizona and John Cornyn of Texas. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Thursday he was adding his name as a co-sponsor. McCain, who led efforts on a comprehensive, bipartisan immigration bill that passed the Senate in 2013, said border security must come first.

The bill would require operational control of high-traffic areas of the border within two years, and operational control of the full border within five years. The bill defines operational control as stopping or turning back all attempted border crossers, which Democrats said was unrealistic. Some past immigration and border bills, including one advanced in the last Congress by McCaul's committee, have sought to block 90 percent of would-be crossers.

McCaul's earlier border bill won unanimous Democratic support by leaving it up to the administration to come up with a strategy to secure the border. This time he abandoned Democrats to write a bill designed to be tougher and win more GOP support.

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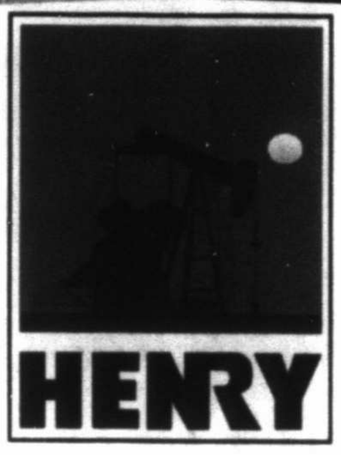


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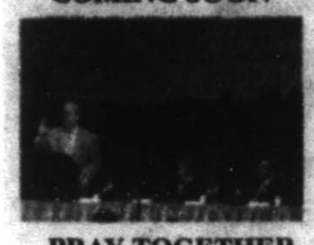

**PRAY TOGETHER** Midland Prayer Breakfast is set for Feb. 17 at Midland Center.

**SHRIMPFEST** Ellen Noel Art Museum's annual fundraiser is Feb. 23 at Ector County Coliseum.

See more calendar items on page 6B.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

**FOOD BANK** Albertsons stores are collecting donations for the West Texas Food Bank through the Souper Bowl of Caring program through Feb. 1. For $9, customers may purchase a bag that will be filled with food to be donated to the food bank.

**DEPARTMENT STORE DONATIONS** Stage Stores, parent company of Bealls, donated $3 million to charity during its Community Counts Program last year. Of that, $1.4 million came from customer donations during the 30 Days of Giving campaign. More than 850 organizations benefited from the donations, including The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Susan G. Komen, Adopt-A-Classroom.org, American Cancer Society, The ALS Association, March of Dimes and United Way.

## IN NEED

**SPARE CHANGE** Managing Editor Mary Dearen is preparing for the 2015 Autism SHARE Walk, set for April 25 at Grande Communications Stadium. Her donation will include change she finds during her daily neighborhood walks.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the cause may contact Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com or 687-8852. You also may make a contribution at her walk fundraising page. Google "2015 Austism SHARE Walk" and type in Mary Dearen under participant.

**MENTORS NEEDED** Big Brothers Big Sisters is in need of school-based mentors. Volunteers meet with a child for one hour a week at an elementary school. For more information, call 687-0195.

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

# GIVING TO A SWEET CAUSE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Attendees sample the sweet offerings at Chocolate Decadence benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas in 2011. The Aphasia Center is gearing up for its 2015 fundrasier next month.

## Aphasia Center celebrates 10 years of Chocolate Decadence

By Megan Lea Buck
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Boxes and plastic tubs stacked with decorations and supplies fill one end of a hallway at the Aphasia Center of West Texas, awaiting their reveal next month at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Kitty Binek, executive director for the nonprofit, meets me in the lobby — chocolate candies in hand. Offering to share some of the treats, she leads me to a conference room at the other end of the hall where we sit down with Kathryn Shelley, marketing and development director and founder of the Aphasia Center, and Cece Brune, author and mastermind behind the center's main fundraiser — Chocolate Decadence.

The annual benefit, set for Feb. 12 and presented by West Texas National Bank, generates close to half of the center's operating budget. This year the center is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the original chocolate-inspired charity event.

**Want to go?**

Chocolate Decadence benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas is Feb. 12 at Horseshoe Pavilion. At the time of this interview, only a few tickets remained. Go to aphasiawtx.org or call 699-1261.

### A good idea

The three women were generous with their time as they recalled stories of volunteers, board members and staff involved with Chocolate Decadence through the years.

Early on, the fundraiser brought in about 19 percent of the nonprofit's annual operating fund; now it's responsible for raising nearly 45 percent of the budget.

What has made the event so successful?

"It's really the legacy of what one volunteer's idea can do for a community in need," Shelley said. "I think there's an incredibly beautiful story there as far as impact and what that idea has allowed our nonprofit to return to the people we serve — to stroke survivors."

Brune, the founder of Chocolate Decadence, was not part of the staff or on the board of the Aphasia Center when she came up with the idea for the fundraiser. She wasn't even a volunteer at the center. She was serving as a board member for Community and Senior

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## New Buckner director focuses on sustainability, foster and adoption programs

By Steve Kuhlmann
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In the face of a potential economic downturn for the Tall City, Buckner Children and Family Services' new executive director, Jordan Parnell, is focused on promoting sustainability that will keep the nonprofit running smoothly into the future.

"I want to make sure that I'm doing whatever I can from an administrative standpoint to make sure that Buckner is sustainable for 10, 15, 25, 35 years," Parnell said. "We live in such a volatile economy here in Midland that I want to do whatever I can as far development, program coordination and administration to make sure that Buckner Midland and the programs that operate in Buckner Midland are sustainable for many years to come."

Although his wife is a native of Midland, Parnell — who grew up in Lubbock — is relatively new to the Permian Basin. Having lived in Midland for nearly six months in 2012, however, he is not a complete stranger and he said that he is excited to be back.

"I love Midland, I think it's a fantastic place and the community is very vibrant (and) very passionate," Parnell said. "The people of Midland have really taken me in, taken my family in and it's just been wonderful."

Since his brief stay in the Tall City, Parnell said he has been working as a mitigation specialist for the regional public defender for capital cases in Lubbock.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jordan Parnell stands next to the original blue prints of Buckner homes on Tuesday in his new office as executive director of Buckner Children and Family Services.

While he studied social work in college, Parnell said it took him a little while to realize he was interested in pursuing a career in nonprofit management.

"It is definitely something that has grown over time," Parnell said. "Once I went to graduate school I decided that my talents and my passion really lie in nonprofit management, especially in the realm of children

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## Program aims to help people struggling with divorce, marital separation

■ First Presbyterian Church now hosting 13-week DivorceCare class

By Steve Kuhlmann
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For those struggling with divorce or marital separation, several local churches are offering support groups sponsored by the international organization DivorceC are to help lend a hand during the arduous process.

"The program is designed to guide you to either heal after the end of the divorce process, go forward with your life or, at the same time, the principals that we learn — love, forgiveness, acceptance — also help you to reconcile with your spouse if you're separated," said L.E. Sawyer, one of three leaders in First Presbyterian Church's DivorceCare class.

Meeting once a week for two hours, the 13-week classes sponsored by DivorceCare seek to guide those dealing with separation or divorce through that difficult period of time. The program places a focus on group discussion, guided by program-standard video seminars featuring experts on divorce and those who have gone through the program themselves.

"All of us came out of that stronger

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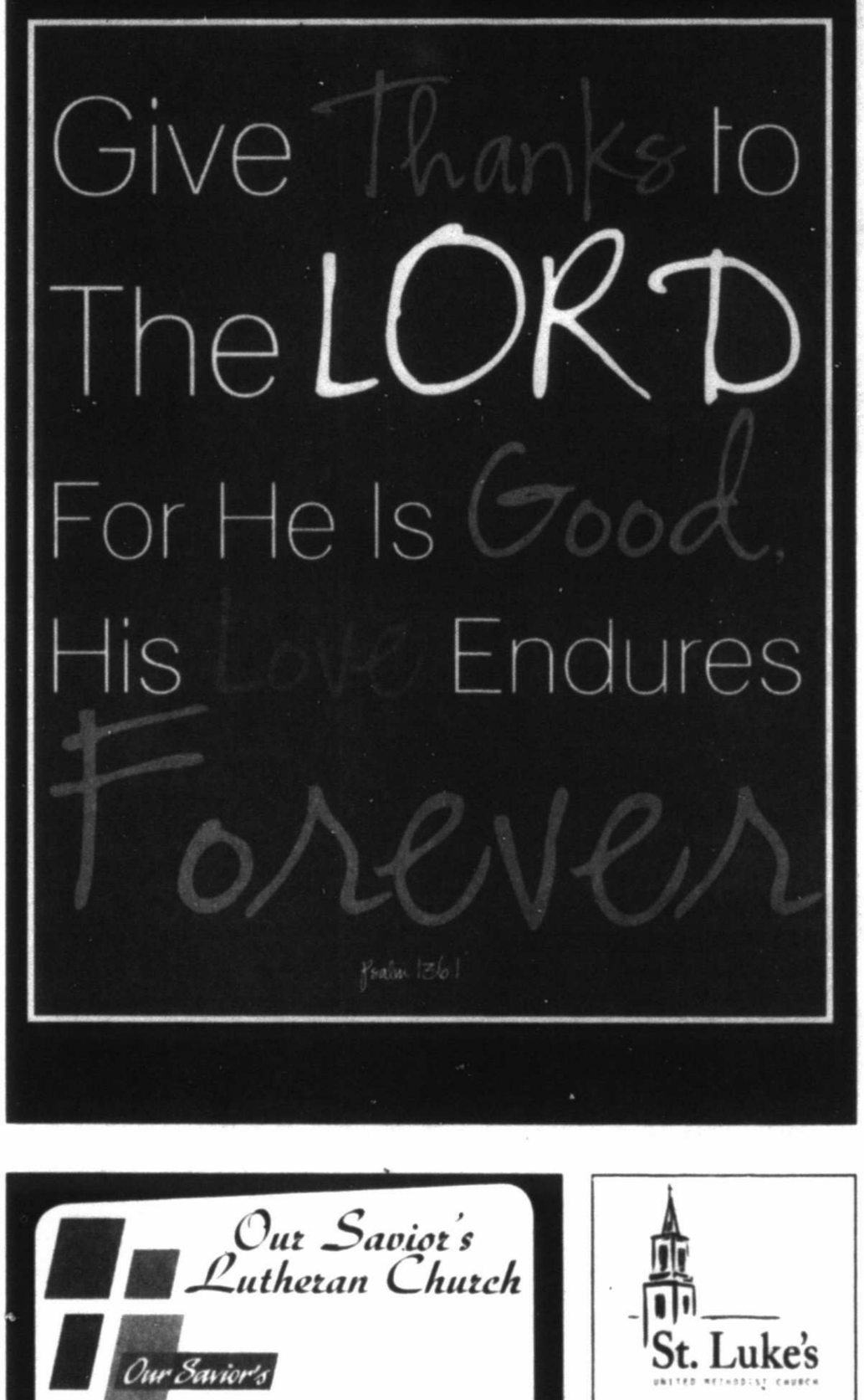


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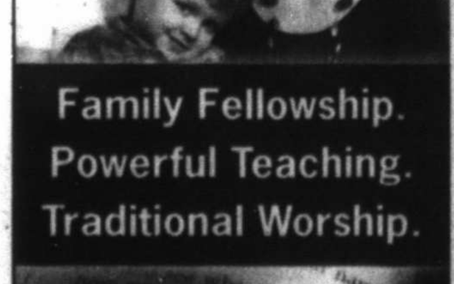
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**St. Mark's United Methodist**
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432-683-3339

**First United Methodist Church**
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432-682-3701

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**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**
3011 W. Kansas
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**Muslim Association of West**
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**Islamic Center of the Permian Basin**
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3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
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**New Day Christian Fellowship**
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
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**Rock Fellowship Church**
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3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

**Solid Rock Fellowship Outwest**
4601 W. Interstate 20 (South Service Road Between Midkiff and Loop 250)
432-664-4279

**St. Paul C.M.C. Church**
409 S. Lee Street
432-682-0010

**Teen Challenge Services**
6901 S. CR 1200
432-687-0348

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711 S. Main
432- 686-2525

**Templo Jerusalem**
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

**The World Wide Church of God Bible**
1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
432-381-8352

**True Life Christian Fellowship Church**
3001 N. A St.
432-687-3077

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432-682-7186

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**The Pentecostals**
5110 W. Illinois Ave
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2801 N. Garfield
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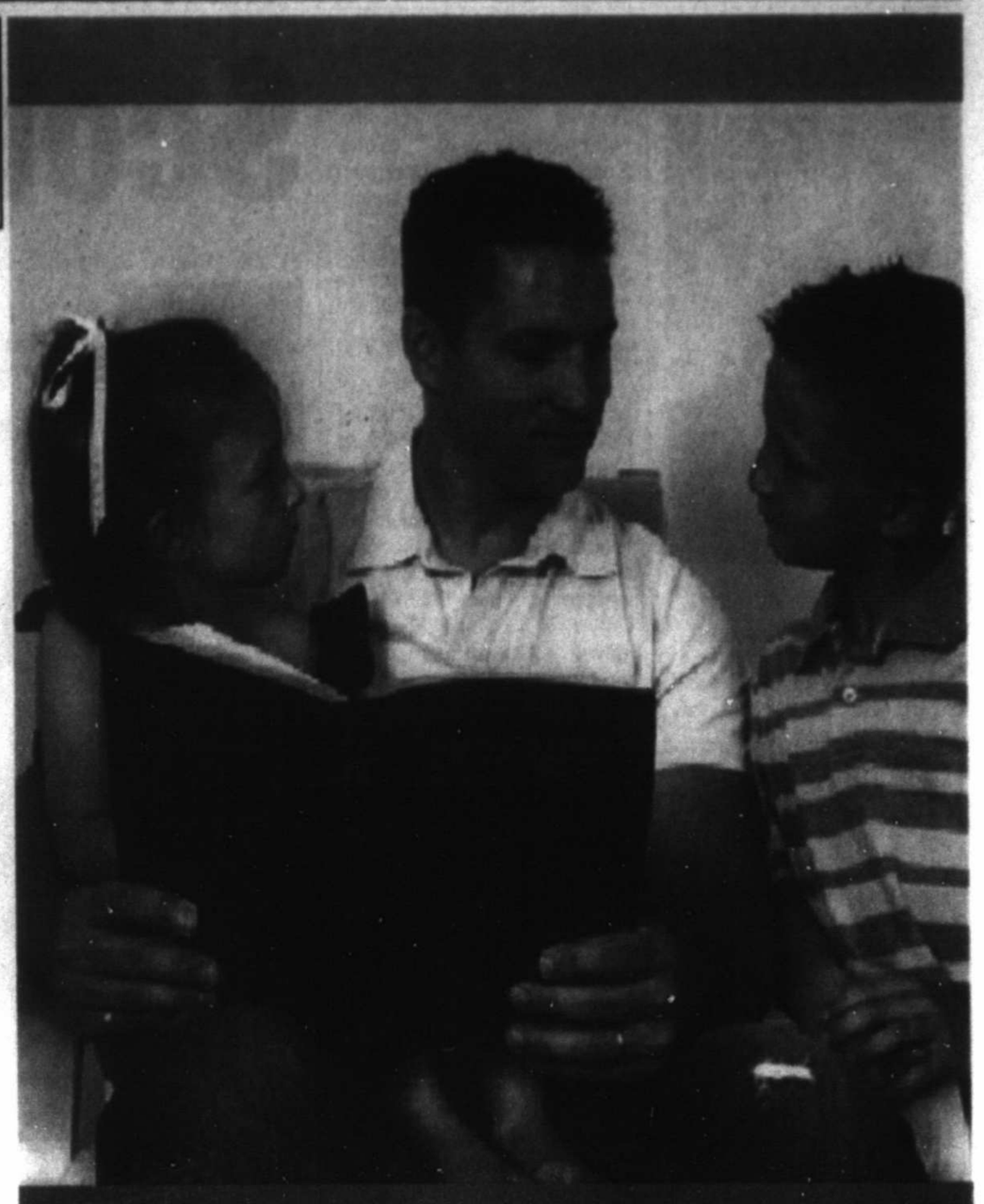

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# Obituaries

## Carolina "Carrie" Gomez

Carolina "Carrie" Gomez, 89, of Midland passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Carrie was born March 19, 1925 on the family farm in Poteet, Texas and was raised there.

In 1963, she married Jacinto Gomez and the couple moved to Welch, Texas. A devoted wife and mother, Carrie loved to cook for her family and friends. She was a member of West Side Church of Christ where she enjoyed being a member of the Women's Bible Study group. Carrie was unselfish in her love and devotion to her family and friends and will be missed by all who knew her.

Carrie was preceded in death by her husband, four sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Missy Martinez and husband Johnny; grandchildren, Renee Elkins, Vanessa Elkins, and Kenny Elkins, all of Midland. Also surviving, Carrie's nephew, Steven Casanova and wife Delia of Midland; as well as many other nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Diane Luna, Donna Hernandez, Dina Clark, Janie Garcia, Mildred Rodriguez, and Compass Hospice for the love and support given to the family.

A memorial service will be Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. with Clay Porter officiating at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2500 N. Big Spring Midland, TX (432) 682-3700

## Sue Noel

Sue Noel, 75, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Gilstrap Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born June 5, 1939 in Welch, Texas and married Don Noel May 27, 1977 in Lamesa, Texas.

Sue graduated from Dawson High School in Welch, Texas in 1957. She moved to Lubbock and worked at Time D/C Credit Union for 13 years. She then moved to Odessa and worked for Odessa 66 Credit Union, retiring as Vice-President after 24 years. She then moved to Big Spring in 2008.

Survivors include her husband, Don Noel of Big Spring; four sons, Kelley Stewart and wife, Sandra of Lamesa, Victor Noel of Big Spring, Kelly Don Noel and wife, Lisa of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Justin Noel and wife, Grainne of Celina; four daughters, Emily Uzzle and husband, Mark of Grapevine, Gwyn Burns of Big Spring, Shelley Kerby of Leander, and Lana Elaine Young and husband, Larry of Jarrell; two brothers, Jerry Kelley of Las Cruces, New Mexico and Jackie Kelley of Lamesa; two sisters, Marie Kidd of Lamesa and Pat Hinkle of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Alice Bingham Kelley; one sister, Peggy Blair; and one brother, Leonard Kelley.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzhiemer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

## Death Notices

### Matilde R. Sanchez

Matilde R. Sanchez, 81 of Big Lake, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Family will be receiving friends tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his sons, Frank Sanchez, Leo Sanchez, Isidro Sanchez, Marcelino Sanchez, Sylvestre Sanchez, Locadio Sanchez, Joaquin M. Sanchez, and Maximo Sanchez; and daughters, Juanita Schneider and Maria Sanchez.

### Apolinar Perez

Apolinar Perez of Stanton, Texas passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Funeral services will be held Friday January 23, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be held at St. Josephs Catholic Cemetery, immediately following the services.

Apolinar is survived by his daughter, Mary Martinez; and sons, Oscar Perez and Richard Perez.

# Scouting for funds

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Cub Scout Adam Bourland of Pack 67 collects donations for the West Texas Food Bank on Saturday at H-E-B. The Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trail Council's annual "good turn" is Scouting for Food. Scouts from Packs 67, 216, 83, 641 and Troops 19 and 232 participated in the fundraiser. Cash donations amounted to more than $400 and more than 600 pounds of food was collected.

## Divorce

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people and certainly knowing more about this whole thing from how we have to now move forward with our lives so that we're not stuck in this rut," said Michael Huston, who attended a previous session of the class. "Watching that (in others) and seeing that (progress) in myself really helped."

Huston said one of the most beneficial parts of that class was that no one person in class was in the same place. They were able to offer each other both perspective on where they had been and a window to where they may soon be.

"Everyone was in a different stage in the journey," Huston said. "I could look back and so, 'oh, I'm glad I'm past that' or I could look forward to somebody who was further along and I could see that there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

Although the DivorceCare program is faith-based, relying on "what the biblical view of the issue that you're facing is (like) forgiveness (and) reconciliation," said Sawyer, he added that personal faith is not a requirement for the course.

"It's not a denominational thing," Sawyer said. "In fact, it's open to the community and there is not a religious qualification at all."

While both Sawyer and Huston admitted the program was not for everyone, Huston said he would encourage anyone who is curious to give it a chance.

"You've got nothing to lose," Huston said. "I think that anyone who is on the fence should come one week and if it's not their thing, great, but if they have any doubts about what's happening in their lives, this is one place to get some answers."

For more information on the DivorceCare program or to find a class nearby, visit divorecare.org.

## Parnell

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and family services. It took me a little while to get to this point, but through a lot of different things, mentors and learning, I really decided that this is where my talent lies and this is where my passion is."

Among his immediate goals for the nonprofit is to grow the foster and adoption programs throughout the Permian Basin by recruiting more foster parents willing to provide support for the many children in need.

"We have terrific foster parents, a wonderful staff and we think that we're in a good position to help more children," Parnell said. "There are a lot of children that come through the foster care system that need to be served and I think that we're in a great position to do that. That's why we're going to try to seek to get some more foster care parents."

While Parnell's personal experience living in Midland has been brief thus far, he said he is none-the-less ready and willing to contribute to the community in any way that he can.

"I am dedicated to this community even though I'm new," Parnell said. "I'm dedicated to doing whatever I can from my position at Buckner and beyond to just really help out this community in whatever way that I can. Midland is a very tight-knit group of people and I just admire that very much and I just want to get involved and figure out what I can do and move forward so that the people of Midland, the giving spirit of Midland can just be put on display."

# Monk stands by offensive language against UN envoy

By Aye Aye Win
*Associated Press*

YANGON, Myanmar — Following a stinging rebuke by the United Nations' human rights chief, Myanmar's ultranationalist Buddhist monk fired back Thursday, saying he didn't regret calling a U.N. special envoy a "whore" and a "bitch" after she criticized a bill opposed to interfaith marriage and religious conversions.

U.N. Special Rapporteur Yanghee Lee visited Rakhine state last week, where hundreds of people, most of them minority Muslims, have been killed and hundreds of thousands displaced since 2012 in violence which the monk Wirathu has been accused of inciting.

She had criticized several pieces of legislation proposed by a coalition of nationalist Buddhist monks, including a bill that would place curbs on interfaith marriage and conversions, saying they were discriminatory toward women and minorities and could inflame tensions.

"We have explained about the race protection law, but the bitch (Lee) criticized the laws without studying them properly," Wirathu shouted from a stage at a protest rally last Friday to the loud applause from the crowd. "Don't assume that you are a respectable person because of your position. For us, you are a whore."

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein urged Myanmar's religious and political leaders to condemn the "insulting, sexist" language used by Wirathu.

"It's intolerable for U.N. Special Rapporteurs to be treated in this way," he said.

On Thursday, Wirathu told The Associated Press when contacted by telephone that it was time for the international community to butt out of his country's internal affairs.

"It was nothing compared to the insult Ms. Yanghee Lee gave to our country," Wirathu said.

Newfound freedoms of expression that accompanied predominantly Buddhist Myanmar's transition from a half-century of military rule in 2011 lifted the lid on deep-seated prejudice against members of the country's Rohingya Muslim minority, and those seen as defending them.

# Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah has died, Prince Salman is his successor

By Aya Batrawy and Abdullah Al-Shihri
*Associated Press*

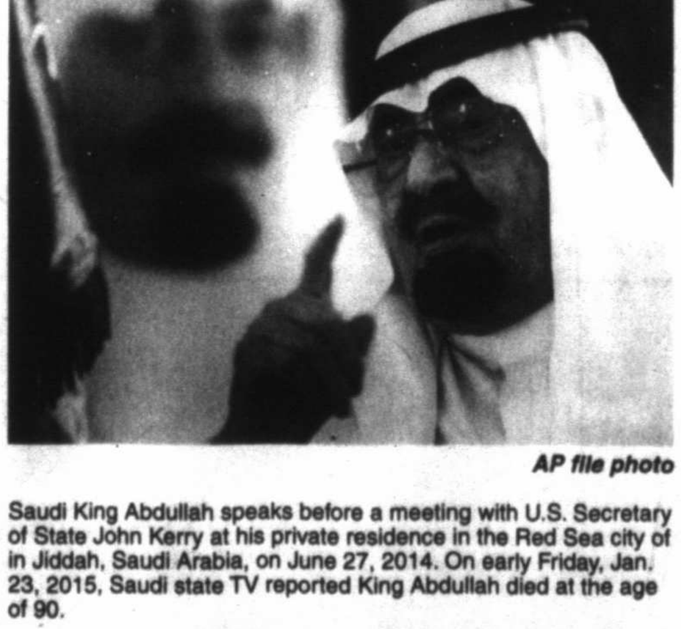
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, the powerful U.S. ally who fought al-Qaida and sought to modernize the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom, including by nudging open greater opportunities for women, has died. He was 90.

A royal court statement said the king died at 1 a.m. today. His successor was announced as 79-year-old half-brother, Prince Salman, a Royal Court statement carried on the Saudi Press Agency said.

Salman was Abdullah's crown prince and had recently taken on some of the ailing king's responsibilities. The 69-year-old Prince Muqrin, a former head of intelligence in Saudi Arabia and half-brother to both Salman and Abdullah, was announced as the kingdom's crown prince.

More than his guarded predecessors, Abdullah — who ascended to the throne in 2005 — assertively threw his oil-rich nation's weight behind trying to shape the Middle East. His priority was to counter the influence of rival, mainly Shiite Iran wherever it tried to make advances. He and fellow Sunni Arab monarchs also staunchly opposed the Middle East's wave of pro-democracy uprisings, seeing them as a threat to stability and their own rule.

Regionally, perhaps Abdullah's biggest priority was to confront Iran, the Shiite powerhouse across the Gulf. He backed Sunni Muslim factions against Tehran's allies in several countries, where colliding ambitions stoked proxy conflicts around the region that enflamed Sunni-Shiite hatreds — most horrifically in Syria's civil war, where the two countries backed opposing sides. Those conflicts in turn hiked Sunni militancy that returned to threaten Saudi Arabia.



AP file photo

Saudi King Abdullah speaks before a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at his private residence in the Red Sea city of in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on June 27, 2014. On early Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, Saudi state TV reported King Abdullah died at the age of 90.

Abdullah was selected as crown prince in 1982 on the day his half-brother Fahd ascended to the throne. He became de facto ruler in 1995 when a stroke incapacitated Fahd. Abdullah was believed to have long rankled at the closeness of the alliance with the United States, and as regent he pressed Washington to withdraw the troops it had deployed in the kingdom since the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The U.S. finally did so in 2003.

He was constantly frustrated by Washington's failure to broker a settlement to the Israel-Palestinian conflict. In 2000, Abdullah convinced the Arab League to approve an unprecedented offer that all Arab states would agree to peace with Israel if it withdrew from lands it captured in 1967. Alarmed by the prospect of a rift, President George W. Bush soon after advocated for the first time the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Abdullah also pushed the Obama administration to take a tougher stand against Iran and to more strongly back the mainly Sunni rebels fighting to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Expressing his condolences, President Barack Obama focused on Abdullah's efforts to nurture the kingdom's ties with the U.S.

"As a leader, he was always candid and had the courage of his convictions," Obama said. "One of those convictions was his steadfast and passionate belief in the importance of the U.S.-Saudi relationship as a force for stability and security in the Middle East and beyond."

Abdullah was born in Riyadh in 1924, one of the dozens of sons of Saudi Arabia's founder, King Abdul-Aziz Al Saud. Like all Abdul-Aziz's sons, Abdullah had only rudimentary education. His strict upbringing was exemplified by three days he spent in prison as a young man as punishment by his father for failing to give his seat to a visitor, a violation of Bedouin hospitality.

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| PREMIUM | FLIX | 340 | 65 | | 165 | | (5:15) What Abou... | | A Low Down Dirty Shame | | (:45) What's the Worst That Could Hap... | | | | | | Meet the Applegates | |
| | HBO | 300 | 68 | 14 | 14 | | (5:15) The Skelet... | | Wedding Crashers | Owen Wilson. | Bill Maher (N) | | | | Bill Maher | | Together | Looking |
| | HBO2 | 302 | 69 | 15 | 101 | 23 | (:15) The Grand Budapest Hotel | | | | Grudge Match ('13, Act) Sylvester Stallone. | | | | The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey | | | |
| | HBO5 | 304 | 70 | 16 | 102 | | Movie | Together | Girls | Looking | The Devil Wears Prada | | | | Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler. | | | |
| | MAX | 380 | 71 | 17 | 120 | 24 | (4:45) The Wolveri... | | (:55) Lone Survivor | Mark Wahlberg. | Banshee (N) | | | | Banshee | | Banshee | |
| | MAX2 | 382 | 72 | 18 | 122 | | (:15) Big Momma's House | | | | Banshee | (:50) | Devil's Due | Zach Gilford. | (:20) Swordfish | John Travolta. | | |
| | PLEX | | | 96 | | | (3:25) Firewalker | | The Natural | Robert Redford. | | | | | (:20) Hannah and Her Sisters | | (:10) Erik the Vi... | |
| | SHOW | 320 | 66 | 19 | 140 | 25 | (5:00) The Trip | | Shameless | | | | Django Unchained ('12, West) | Jamie Foxx. | | (:45) Shameless | (:45) Lies | |
| | TMC | 336 | 67 | 22 | 155 | 26 | (5:20) Step Up Re... | | Akeelah and the Bee | | | | | | Dead Poets Society | | (:10) Barb Wire | |
| CABLE | A&E | 27 | 32 | 28 | 35 | 47 | Criminal Mind "I Love You, Tommy Brown" | | Criminal Minds "Foundation" | | Criminal Minds "Heathridge Manor" | | Criminal Minds "The Company" | | Criminal Minds "Divining Rod" | | Criminal Minds "Foundation" | |
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| | BET | 58 | 26 | | 40 | | (5:30) Jumping the Broom ('11, Com) Paula Patton. | | | | It's a Mann's World | | Game | | Game | Husbands | Wendy Williams | |
| | BRAVO | 65 | 63 | | 41 | | (4:30) How to Los... | | Enchanted | Julie Andrews. | | | Enchanted | Julie Andrews. | | | How to Lose a | |
| | CNBC | 46 | 45 | | 39 | 72 | America's Gun | | Shark Tank | | The Celebrity Apprentice "A Family Affair" | | | | Car | Car | Car | Car |
| | CNN | 43 | 24 | 51 | 30 | 56 | OutFront | | A. Cooper 360 | | The Hunt | | The Hunt | | The Hunt | | The Hunt | |
| | DISC | 50 | 20 | 31 | 24 | 42 | Rush "Piles of Gold" | | Gold Rush: Dirt (N) | | Rush "Gold Road" (N) | | Bush People (N) | | Rush "Gold Road" | | Alaskan Bush People | |
| | DISNEY | 56 | 27 | 36 | 25 | 36 | Austin | Austin | KC Under | Liv/Mad | Phineas | Wander | I Didn't | Liv/Mad | Dog Blog | A.N.T. | Jessie | Liv/Mad |
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| | ESPN2 | 34 | 28 | 49 | 32 | 31 | NCAA Basketball | VCU vs Saint Louis (L) | | | ITF Tennis | Australian Open Third Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L) | | | | | | |
| | FAMILY | 53 | 54 | 34 | 42 | 33 | (5:00) Dirty Dancing | | | | Rock of Ages ('12, Com) Tom Cruise. | | | | The 700 Club | | Boy MW | Boy MW |
| | 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 | Diners... | Diners, Dr. | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... | Diners... |
| | FSSW | 37 | 43 | 50 | 45 | 29 | Mavericks (N) | Mavs Live Pregam (L) | NBA Basketball | Chicago Bulls at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L) | | | | Maverics Live (L) | The Game 3... | Icons of Coaching | Rangers Insider | Maverics Insider |
| | FX | 31 | 31 | 59 | 64 | 69 | (4:00) Battleship | | Immortals | ('11, Act) Mickey Rourke, John Hurt, Henry Cavill. | | | | | Immortals | ('11, Act) Henry Cavill. | | |
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| | HISTORY | 71 | 62 | 29 | 50 | 43 | Pickers "Off the Road" | | American Pickers | | American Pickers | | American Pickers | | (:05) Amer. | Pickers | American Pickers | |
| | LIFETIME | 28 | 25 | 25 | 28 | 48 | Bring It! "Chumps or Champions?" | | Bring It! "Prepare 4 Battle Preview" | | Bring It! "Miami Heat is Back" (N) | | Preacher "Mission from God" (N) | | Bring It! "Miami Heat is Back" | | Bring It! "Prepare 4 Battle Preview" | |
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| | SYFY | 66 | 64 | 41 | 57 | 67 | (5:00) Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of t... | | | | 12 Monkeys (N) | | | | Helix "Reunion" (N) | | 12 Monkeys | |
| | TBS | 25 | 11 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | King of the Nerds (N) | | | | Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Winona Ryder, Peter Gallagher, Adam Sandler. | | KingNerd | "King of the Nerds: Judgment Day" |
| | TCM | 41 | 61 | 24 | 63 | 66 | Movie | MGM Par. | Lost in Yonkers | Richard Dreyfuss. | | | | | Biloxi Blues | Matthew Broderick. | | Seems Like Old. |
| | TELE | 20 | 8 | 10 | 20 | | Caso cerrado | | Los miserables | | Tierra de reyes | | | | Dueños del paraiso | | Al rojo (:35) Titular. | Tierra de reyes |
| | TLC | 51 | 33 | 32 | 38 | 52 | What Not to Wear: Stacy's Top 10 "Beryl" | | What Not to Wear: Stacy's Top 10 | | Love, Lust (N) | Love, Lust (N) | Say Yes Dress (N) | Say Yes Dress (N) | LoveLust "Tanika" | LoveLust "Mika" | Say Yes Dress | Say Yes Dress |
| | TNT | 24 | 23 | 40 | 26 | 50 | Castle "Disciple" | | Cold Justice (N) | | Wake Up Call (N) | | Cold Justice "Burned (Fairview Park, OH)" | | Wake Up Call | | Bad Boys ('95, Act) Will Smith. | |
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| | USA | 26 | 30 | 42 | 27 | 49 | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Modern Family | Fantastic Four (2005, Action) Jessica Alba, Chris Evans, Ioan Gruffudd. | | | |
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# When Pope Francis talks the world listens

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Forget E.F. Hutton. It's P.F. (Pope Francis) these days who, when he talks, people listen.

And then they get busy trying to figure out what he was really saying. Even non-Catholics are keen to study his words, so surprised and delighted are they to hear a pope say things that suggest to them a more enlightened view of the world, even if those views are attitudinal rather than tangible.

Each time Francis speaks, his words are as shiny objects on a desert floor. We scramble to examine them.

Perhaps Francis finds this amusing. Then again, perhaps he is as shrewd as he seems to be guileless. He says what he means to say, and if people want to argue over the implications of what he says, well, so be it. Once he has said something, the light he sheds travels with the speed of a meme.

Many examples come to mind, but the most recent was about women, always treacherous territory for a pope — or any man. Speaking to a crowd of students at the University of Santo Tomas during his recent visit to the Philippines, Francis noted with gentle disapproval that there weren't many women in attendance.

Then he said a series of things so simple and true that they were at once obvious and sublime.

"Women have much to tell us in today's society. Sometimes we're too macho, and we don't leave enough room for women." And, "Women are able to see things with different eyes than us. Women are able to ask questions that men can't understand."

Well, now, that's a mouthful. But what was he really saying?

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe," co-anchor Mika Brzezinski postulated that Francis was hinting at changes in the church that might allow women to become priests. Many people, including Catholics, think it's time, but it's not likely to happen under Francis' watch. The pope has said the issue is settled and "that door is closed."

But, wait, what does that mean? Didn't he say "door"? See how fertile the pope's words are?

Robert McClory, Northwestern University journalism professor and author of "As It Was in the Beginning: The Coming Democratization of the Catholic Church," explored the door as metaphor in an article for the National Catholic Reporter. Francis didn't say the issue is behind a wall or a barbed-wire fence, McClory wrote. A door can be opened.

In the same vein, writer Lorena O'Neil said in her article "Catholocism, Women and the Winds of Change" that Francis is "touching the doorknob to see how hot the fire is on the other side."

Perhaps they are right. But while we're speculating, there's yet another possibility. Maybe he was signaling to followers of Islamic fundamentalism, which subjugates and dehumanizes women. Does the Taliban pay attention to what the leader of the Catholic Church has to say?

To those who would suggest that the church also dehumanizes women by keeping them in subordinate positions, there's the problem of Mary. She wasn't just the mother of Jesus but the mother of God, no secondary role. In the church, Mary is the mediator of all grace and in the hierarchy of heaven, she is higher than all men.

Even non-believers believe this, or so goes the joke (wit unknown) beloved by Catholics: "There is no God and Mary is his Mother."

This is to say, Mary holds an exalted position in the church that can never be compromised. Herein lies the conflict for modern feminists, who long ago renounced women's status as the revered object on a pedestal and traded the favors of chivalry for the mundane privilege of full participation in the machinations of "mankind," for lack of a better word.

And, though Francis wishes to soften the language of the church and welcome all to the pew, he isn't likely to budge that door. Whatever his intent in Manila, which, someone has to say, may have been only an observation intended for his immediate audience, Francis got people thinking and talking about a subject the larger world still needs to hear. Women have much to say.

And certainly not since the time of Adam has any man ever doubted it.

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Yesterday's Answer: MAYOR, PRINCE, PREMIER 1-23

# A DECADE OF DECADENCE

*Courtesy photos*

A look at past events as the Aphasia Center of West Texas celebrates 10 years of its fundraiser, Chocolate Decadence. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Chocolate Decadence is the brainchild of Cece Brune, left, pictured with Joan Huff. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** 2011 board president Lori Wesley crowns the 2011 sweetheart, Dianne Williams.

## DECADENCE

From 1B

Services when Shelley and the Aphasia Center's founding board president, Nancy Anguish, came to the CSS board wanting to rent a building on the property. Brune said the visit "stuck with her."

"I just kept thinking, 'Gosh, they don't have a fundraiser,'" Brune said. "A couple weeks later I came up with the idea. I ran it by my husband first because he's an accountant — they can pretty much find a reason why it wouldn't work — and he said, which I love, 'What man in his right mind wouldn't take his wife out for chocolate near Valentine's?'"

She went to Shelley and Anguish with the idea and they asked her to come to the center's next board meeting.

"When I think back in history to when (Brune) came and said, 'Well, I've got an idea and I know every nonprofit is looking for an idea and here's one I'd like to share,' and of course we all fell out of our chairs and were so excited, but then (Brune) agreed to chair it," Shelley said. "What a gift to be handed."

Since bestowing that gift and organizing the first Chocolate Decadence, Brune has written two chocolate-centered cookbooks — "Chocolate Crimes" in 2009 and "Chocolate Rehab" in 2010 — with proceeds benefiting the Aphasia Center. And this year, she's returning to the role of event chair.

### A good time

The theme for the 10th annual Chocolate Decadence is "An Evening at Versailles" with a French market, a wine lotto, photo booth and special anniversary cake tasting.

"It's an especially elegant evening, given the theme," Shelley said.

In addition to the chocolate treats and the cake, food will be provided by Susan Ball, of San Angelo's City Cafe & Bakery, who will prepare a French-inspired menu.

Anyone looking for a very special Valentine's Day gift will have several auction items to consider, including a piece of jewelry from Cathy Eastham.

"She really wanted to choose something special this year and it really does look like something the queen would wear," Shelley said.

In the spirit of the French-inspired theme, the live auction also will include a trip to Paris with cooking lessons at Le Cordon Bleu.

The set-up encourages those in attendance to mingle, visit, eat and shop, and organizers have intentionally kept it that way.

"The only thing that happens from the stage that we ask for a captive audience for is our live auction and that is about 20 to 30 minutes tops," said Binek. "It really is just a big party."

Through the years staff and committee members have considered adding entertainment to the lineup but decided against it.

"One of the comments we consistently have received through the years is 'I really like this event because I can just visit with my friends,' so we haven't gone down certain paths to make it where people can't hear," Shelley said. "We haven't opted to do a a band; we haven't opted to do certain kinds of activities so that people can really enjoy being with each other."

The result is an event with broad appeal.

"It can be a friend night, a date night, a work night," Brune said. "Any group you assemble is going to feel comfortable at that event; they're not going to feel like they don't belong here."

Along with creating an inviting atmosphere, organizers work to set the pace of the event and ensure their plans work in the chosen venue. This year Chocolate Decadence will be at the Horseshoe Pavilion. It's the first charity event planned at the newly constructed facility.

### A good group

It may just be one night, but the event takes months — on some level even years — to plan.

"Part of what we've learned is to plan well in advance," Shelley said.

The Chocolate Decadence planning committee — a group of about 25 — works on the event for at least 10 months, far less time than Brune has spent organizing and crafting the evening.

"We already know who is going to chair 2016; we already know what the theme is going to be for 2016," Binek said. "There's preliminary things that happen well before that 10-month period."

The event chair chooses the theme, something Binek said helps keep the event fresh.

"I think people are interested in seeing, 'What are they going to do this year?'" Brune said. "It's always chocolate, but the fact that it's always getting better is one of the good things about this event."

Brune likens chairing the event to running a business and came to the first committee meeting with detailed plans, specific jobs and, maybe most importantly, chocolate.

"Cece brings treats to meetings," Binek said. "Feeding your volunteers is always a plus."

Not surprisingly, there has been little turnover on the planning committee.

"Not only is it a fun idea to begin with and it's a broad idea that appeals to a broad population — you know, who doesn't like chocolate? — but then the committee itself is fun," Shelley said. "Serving on the committee is an attractive, fun group to be part of."

Throughout the planning process, Brune included fun activities for committee members to enjoy and to get to know one other. And the fun continues the night of the event.

"I would say we even have fun setting up, even tearing down," Binek said, noting the center's staff and board members also pitch in.

Volunteers from Summer Mummers sell raffle tickets every year and the same group of women always volunteer to cashier the boutique.

Aphasia Center staff make it a point to be mindful of the volunteers who donate their time to make the event a success.

"This event could not get pulled off without the volunteers," Binek said. "So often what happens in nonprofits is event fundraisers end up not necessarily being the big benefit they should be because staff time becomes overwhelming, and that's not the case with us because we have amazing volunteers. It's a very well-oiled high-functioning group of volunteers that make this event possible."

### A good cause

"One thing about this event that is so different from other events is that the clients from the center attend. When you actually see the clients out there interacting, having a good time, you can tell there's a pay-off," Brune said.

Smiling, Shelley pointed out how the clients' participation in the event perfectly aligns with the purpose of the Aphasia Center.

"Because part of our mission is for people with communication barriers — because of aphasia — to re-engage in life's activities, that's exactly a merging of one of those goals," she said.

The mission of the center is "to improve the quality of life of individuals and families living with aphasia by overcoming communication barriers," and staff, board members and volunteers work to spread awareness about the condition that does not affect a person's intellect but can cause difficulty speaking, writing and reading. Aphasia is often the result of a stroke or head injury.

Not wanting to stand on stage and talk about the center, staff and event planners have found other ways to include educational elements in the fundraiser.

"I think another thing that's been in the formula of our event is how we work in educating about aphasia and our services within the event," Shelley said. "At every event there's signage that does subtle things; we're not up there giving a speech, but in subtle ways it can be found easily."

In 2012, event chair and former board member Janice Thompson incorporated center services into the live auction.

"I think people give — whether it's through volunteer time or money — because they truly want to make a difference, and you come away seeing how that contribution is concretely making a difference," Shelley said.

Whether it's the volunteers and board members, staff and clients or the sweet treats, Chocolate Decadence has a lot to celebrate in its 10-year history, and much to look forward to.

# CALENDAR

**TODAY**

Women's event Fresh Grounded Faith area-wide women's event with Jennifer Rothschild, through Saturday at Stonegate Fellowship. freshgroundedfaith.com.

**SATURDAY**

Family event Tool Box Bash benefiting Habitat for Humanity, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at CAF. 686-8877.

**SUNDAY**

Revival Guest speaker Jimarne Nelson of Riverside, California, 11:30 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. through Wednesday. 684-5253.

**WEDNESDAY**

Speaker Oasis School of Prayer with Larry Lea, 6:30 p.m. at Crossbar Cowboy Church in Andrews. crossbarcowboychurch.com.

Speaker Steve Carrier with Team Mega Force ministry, Feb. 6-8 at Cornerstone Fellowship Church. cornerstonemidland.com.

Concert Hymns, 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. www.gcrcc.org/hymns

Fundraiser Chocolate Decadence benefiting Aphasia Center of West Texas, Feb. 12 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Concert City Rock Fest tour with Disciple, Decyfer Down, Seventh Day Slumber and Nine Ashes, 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at Andrews County Expo. whatyeshuacando.com.

Prayer gathering Midland Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 17 at Midland Center. npbmidland.org.

Bowling Bowl for Kids' Sake benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feb. 21 at Bowlero. bbbsmidland.org.

Concert Mark Lowry with The Martins and Mark Whitmire, Feb. 22 at First United Methodist Church. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Fundraiser Ellen Noel Art Museum's Shrimpfest, Feb. 23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcouritycoliseum.org.

**FEBRUARY**

Speaker Oasis School of Prayer with Larry Lea, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 at Crossbar Cowboy Church in Andrews. crossbarcowboychurch.com.

*To include your event on this calendar, email Megali Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.*

## HS BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

# Coahoma coach Nichols reaches 500-win milestone

By Will Korn
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Coahoma head basketball coach Kim Nichols reached a career milestone last Friday at home. The Bulldogs battled Sonora to a 30-30 tie after three quarters of play, but then mounted a 31-10 run in the fourth quarter to bring home Nichols' 500th career win in thrilling fashion, 61-40. Braxton Iden scored a game-high 22 points, while Mason Moore and Kyler Franks added 17 and 11 points, respectively.

"Sonora is way better than advertised," Nichols said. "We started hitting shots we didn't make earlier in the game and started playing better defense. (Iden) got hot in the fourth quarter."

Nichols, who is in his 30th year as Coahoma's head coach, said he's proud of what he's been able to accomplish over his tenure at Coahoma. He said he's enjoyed every minute of the journey.

"I have no regrets about being here," Nichols said. "I've got a couple of guys I coached who are on the school board now. I'm coaching the kids of guys I coached. I'm proud of what I've got going here. It's been fun, and it's still fun. The kids still work hard."

Still, Nichols doesn't want the spotlight on himself or on his new achievement. He said there are more important things his team needs to be focusing on right now.

"I told the kids (after the Sonora game) that it's way more important to be 1-0 in district than for me to get 500," Nichols said. "I'm just glad it's behind me now. My own kids were keeping up with it. When I decide to quit, I'll think more about it then, but I think we've got a good basketball team, and we need to get ready to play district ballgames."

Nichols got his first chance to carry on Tuesday night, when his Bulldogs played Colorado City on the road.

Coahoma fell, 63-48, as it trailed by 16 at halftime and couldn't dig itself out of that hole. The Bulldogs are now 1-1 in District 5-3A and 10-9 overall on the season.

The Bulldogs will next take on Regan County on the road at 8 p.m. Jan. 27.

### STANTON'S GORDON APPROACHING 500TH WIN

Stanton head coach Doug Gordon is also approaching the 500th career win mark. After Stanton's 51-41 road win against Reagan County last Friday, he is currently sitting at 493 wins with seven games remaining this season.

The Buffaloes (14-7, 1-0) will host Sonora at 8 p.m. today.

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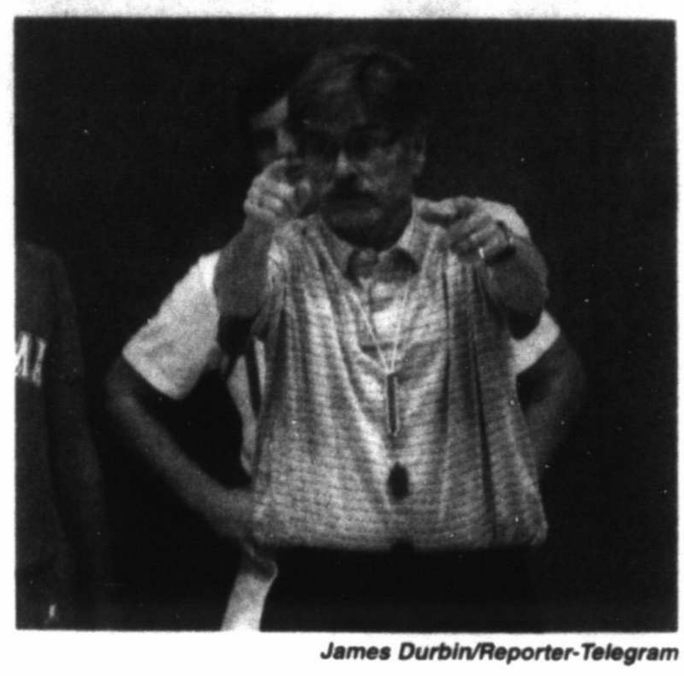

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Coahoma High School boys basketball coach Kim Nichols, who won his 500th career game last week, gives instructions during the team's practice Wednesday at CHS.

# Split result

## Texans blow out Chaps

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By Oscar LeRoy
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It seemed like the Midland College men's basketball team was grabbing some momentum late in the first half against No. 25 South Plains College. However, Pat Birt wasn't going to allow that to happen.

The 6-foot-5 sophomore guard for the Texans got hot from the outside as he nailed three consecutive 3-pointers to help give South Plains a 49-43 lead at the intermission Thursday night at Chaparral Center.

The Texans continued to build on that momentum in the second half, plus the starting point guard for the Chaparrals got into foul trouble. It all equaled a 101-73 blowout Western Junior College Athletic Conference victory by South Plains College.

"I thought it was a good momentum shift because it was back to back to back to back," said Birt of his late first-half barrage. "It got our guys going after that, I think. We just kept picking up and didn't slow down."

Added MC coach Jordan Dreiling about Birt's play late in the first half: "They put him at the (power forward position) which was a good move by (SPC coach Steve Green), so we guarded him with Jamal Evans and we really should have put (Maurice) O'Field over there and put in a smaller lineup ourselves. But he got hot there and those shots were contested. We had a hand right there and there was nothing else we could have done."

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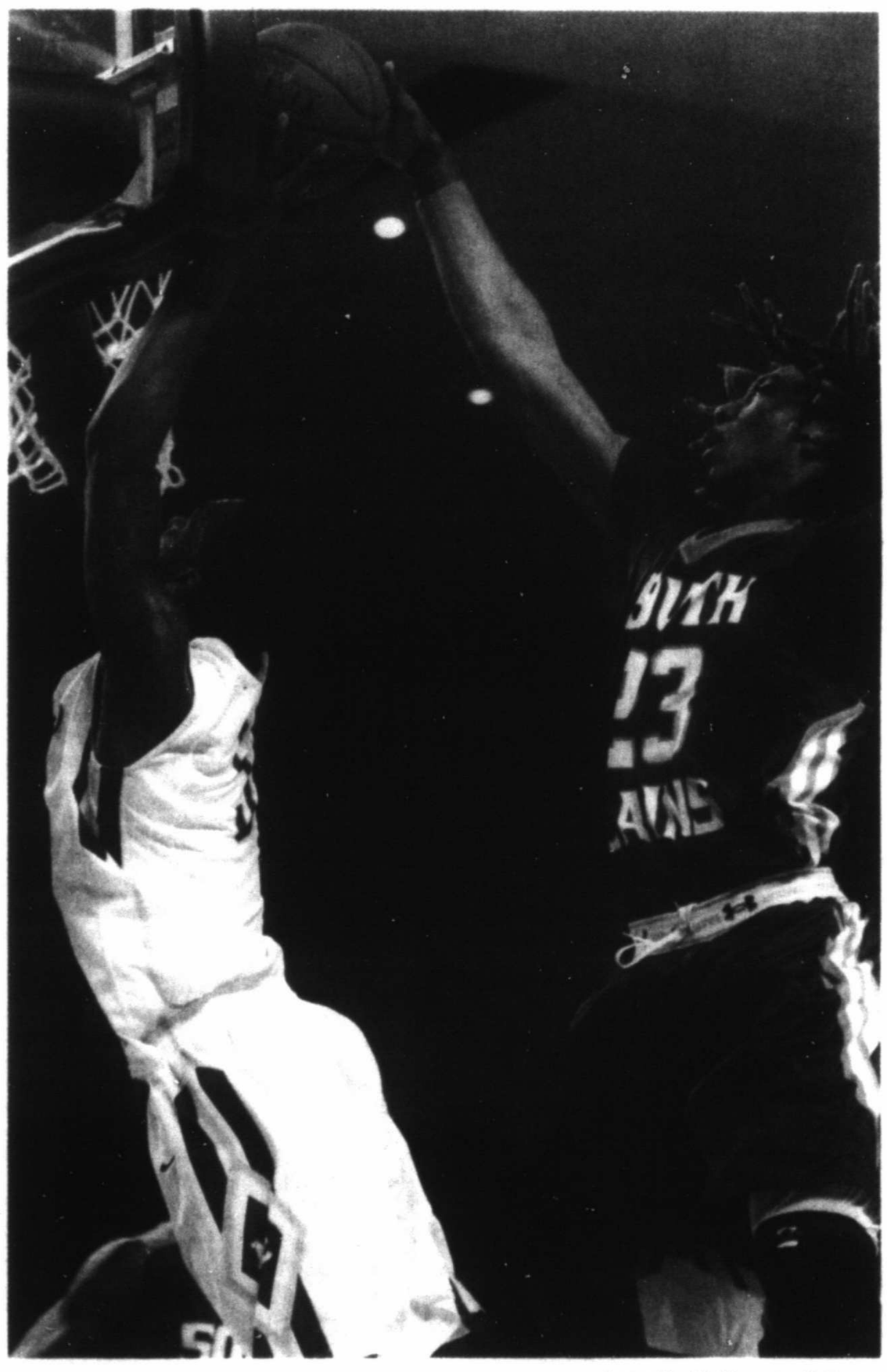

*James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Midland College's Maurice O'Field, left, gets his shot blocked by South Plains College's Marlon Jones, right, on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

## Veiga paces Lady Chaps past South Plains

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|---|---|
| Lady Chaparrals | 81 |
| Lady Texans | 54 |

By Oscar LeRoy
*oleroy@mrt.com*

Tajanay Veiga had kind of a quiet game in the win against Odessa College on Monday. The Midland College sophomore guard made up for that on Thursday.

Veiga's 19 first-half points helped Midland College to a strong start against South Plans College and then the Lady Chaparrals rolled from there to an 81-54 victory at Chaparral Center.

While the Lady Chaps (14-8, 5-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) had a size advantage, as SPC (7-13, 3-3) did not have a player taller than 5-foot-10, it was MC's sophomore 5-6 point guard who set the tone early and played with the kind of energy that head coach Ron Jones likes to see from his team.

"Before the game I told myself just to have fun, and if I'm open, shoot," said Veiga, who helped her team take a 42-28 halftime advantage. "I was open so I just shot the ball. It definitely got us excited. We were scoring and the teammates were ready to play harder."

The Boston native finished with a game-high 21 points and 13 rebounds. That performance came after she was held to six points and six rebounds in a 69-57 victory over the Lady Wranglers.

"I told myself to forget about last game and just get my teammates involved and get the win," Veiga said.

Jones said with the Lady Texans starting off with a zone defense in an attempt to neutralize MC's size, it opened some outside shots that Veiga was able to take advantage of.

"We started hitting shots early which kind of forced the issue a little bit, but (Veiga) hitting those shots early and having a big first

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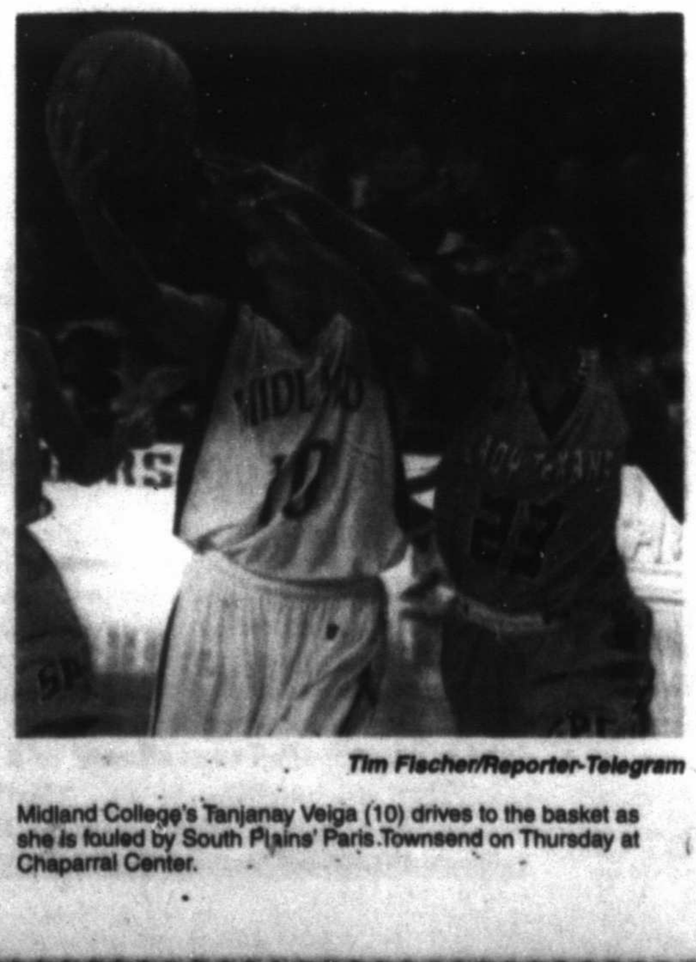

*Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Midland College's Tanjanay Veiga (10) drives to the basket as she is fouled by South Plains' Paris Townsend on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

## MCS senior Wilson selected to play in International Bowl game

*From staff reports*

Midland Christian senior Johnny Wilson has been selected to play for Team USA in the USA Football International Bowl on Feb. 7 in Arlington.

Wilson

Wilson was a three-year starter at left tackle for the Mustangs and is set to sign with Oklahoma State to play football Feb. 4 on National Signing Day.

Wilson is one of 52 players selected from across the country to play for the Under-19 national team as it will take on Team Canada at 1 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Maverick Stadium in Arlington.

## Jeff Gordon to make 2015 season his last

By Dan Gelston
*Associated Press*

Jeff Gordon, the charismatic four-time NASCAR champion who became the face of the stock car racing as the sport exploded in popularity a generation ago, will retire as a full-time driver after the 2015 season.

Gordon did not call his decision a retirement because there is "always the possibility I'll compete in selected events, although I currently have no plans to do that." But it is clear that he is ready to step away after spending his entire 23-year career in the No. 24 car with Hendrick Motorsports. He delivered the news to his team early Thursday at its shop in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Gordon

"As a race car driver, much of what I've done throughout my life has been based on following my instincts and trying to make good decisions," Gordon said. "I thought long and hard about my future this past year and during the offseason, and I've decided 2015 will be the last time I compete for a championship."

The 43-year-old Gordon is coming off one of his best seasons in years, one that ended a single point short of another shot at a title. He won four times in 2014.

Gordon suffered serious issues years ago in his back, specifically his lower spine, and needed anti-inflammatory medication and workouts with a trainer to return to full strength. He drove in pain during a winless 2008 season and briefly contemplated retirement. He did not cite health issues in Thursday's announcement.

Gordon's fame reaches far beyond the track and resonates with non-sports fans. He won all the big races, collected four championships in just seven years and had 58 victories before his 30th birthday.

He was a new breed of driver when he broke into NASCAR's top series, arriving with a sprint car pedigree

Please see **GORDON**/5C

# DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

## ON THE AIR

**TODAY**

**WHAT'S ON TV**

**COLLEGE WRESTLING**

Wisconsin at Michigan, 6 p.m., BTN

**GOLF**

PGA: Humana Challenge, Second Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

Champions: Mitsubishi Electric Championship, First Round, 6:30 p.m., GOLF

European PGA: Commercialbank Qatar Masters, Final Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

VCU at Saint Louis, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Manhattan at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Valparaiso at Green Bay, 8 p.m., ESPNU

**MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY**

North Star Cup: Minnesota Duluth vs. Bemidji State, 4 p.m., FCSP

Ohio State at Michigan State, 6 p.m., FCSA

Colorado College at North Dakota, 7 p.m., CBSSN

North Star Cup: Minnesota State vs. Minnesota, 7 p.m., FCSP

Michigan at Wisconsin, 8:15 p.m., BTN

**MEN'S SOCCER**

Scottish Premier: St. Johnstone vs. Aberdeen, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP

FA Cup: Cambridge United vs. Manchester United, 2 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

Liga MX: Monarcas Morelia vs. Club Leon, 7:30 p.m., ESPNDEP

Liga MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Cruz Azul, 8:15 p.m., UniDep

A-League: Adelaide United vs. Newcastle Jets, Midnight, FS2

**NBA**

Chicago at Dallas, 7 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

LA Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA

**NHL**

All-Star Media Day, 11 a.m., NHL

All-Star Fantasy Draft, 7 p.m., NBCSN

**TENNIS**

Australian Open, Third Round, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Australian Open, Third Round, 8 p.m., ESPN2

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

Oregon at Arizona State, Noon, P12

Seton Hall at Villanova, 6 p.m., FS1

Creighton at DePaul, 8:15 p.m., FS1

Stanford at UCLA, 9 p.m., P12

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS**

Texas Women's & SE Missouri St at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSWP/FCSC

Florida at Alabama, 7 p.m., SEC

UCLA at Utah, 7 p.m., P12

Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

**X GAMES**

America's Navy Snowboard Big Air Final & Snowmobile Long Jump Final, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

**WHAT'S ON RADIO**

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Girls: Greenwood at Monahans, 6 p.m., KPTX 98.3 FM (Pecos)/http://www.98xfm.com/

Boys: Greenwood at Monahans, 7:30 p.m., KPTX 98.3 FM (Pecos)/http://www.98xfm.com/

**NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Amarillo at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

## WHAT'S ON DECK

**TODAY**

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL**

Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Monahans, 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo San Jacinto at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Colleyville Covenant at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Sterling City at Garden City, 7:45 p.m.
Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian, 8 p.m.
Sweetwater at Big Spring, 8 p.m.
Sonora at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 8 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Monahans, 6 p.m.
Amarillo San Jacinto at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Andrews, 6 p.m.
Colleyville Covenant at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Sterling City at Garden City, 6:15 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 6:30 p.m.
Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Sweetwater at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Sonora at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER**

Lee at Wichita Falls Winter Cup
Midland High vs. TBA, 5 p.m., Wichita Falls Winter Cup

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER**

Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 5 p.m.
Lee at Richardson Tournament

**NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Amarillo at Odessa, 7 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER — Suspended Minnesota RHP Hudson Boyd (Cedar Rapids-MWL) free agent RHP Chris Capper Texas OF Chris Grayson (Frisco-TL) and Cleveland RHP Duke von Schamann (Akron-EL) 50 games each, without pay, for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

**American League**

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jairo Asencio, Scott Carroll, Jesse Crain, Logan Kensing, Arcenac Leon, J.D. Martin and Brad Penny, LHPs Zach Phillips and Joe Savery, Cs George Kottaras and Geovany Soto, INFs Juan Diaz and Andy LaRoche, and OFs Tony Campana and Michael Taylor on minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with UTL Shawn O'Malley on a minor league contract.

**National League**

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with INF Kelly Johnson on a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Doug Jones pitching coach for Boise (NWL), Dave Burba pitching coach for New Britain (EL), and Brandon Emmanuel pitching coach for Modesto (Cal).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with OF Gregor Blanco on a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with 1B-OF Kila Ka'aihue and RHP Evan Meek on minor league contracts.

**American Association**

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Rogelio Bernal.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed 1B Alex Cabrera and INF Abel Nieves.

**Frontier League**

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed Cs Josh Adams and Garrett Gail and OF Madison Beard to contract extensions.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**

NBA — Fined Miami G Dwyane Wade $15,000 for making an obscene gesture during a game against Charlotte on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

NFL — Fined Seahawks RB Marshawn Lynch $20,000 for making an obscene gesture during last Sunday's NFC championship game.

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Frank Smith tight ends coach and Jason George strength and conditioning coach.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Named Ryan Day quarterbacks coach.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Mike Bajakian quarterbacks coach.

**Canadian Football League**

B.C. LIONS — Named George Cortez offensive co-ordinator and quarterbacks coach, Doug Malone offensive line coach, Robin Ross defensive coach, Quinn Tedford quality control-offense and Willie Fields quality control-defense and assistant defensive backs coach.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Signed RB Marquay McDaniel to a contract extension.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Ian Wild.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned LW Josh Anderson to Springfield (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Assigned D Dylan DeMelo and Fs Tomas Hertl and Barclay Goodrow to Worcester (AHL). American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned D Dalton Thrower to Brampton (ECHL).

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released Fs Adam Hughesman and Kenton Miller.

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Assigned Fs Zach Budish, Fredrick Gaudreau, and Joe Pendenza and D Garrett Noonan to Cincinnati (ECHL).

**ECHL**

ELMIRA JACKALS — Loaned D Nick Tuzzolino to Binghamton (AHL). Announced Buffalo (NHL) assigned Fs Justin Kea and Allan McPherson to Elmira from Rochester (AHL).

READING ROYALS — Released F Adam Hughesman.

**SKIING**

U.S. SKI TEAM — Named Brandon Dykstra-house interim women's tech coach through the remainder of the season.

**SOCCER**

**Major League Soccer**

D.C. UNITED — Announced the option for F Fabian Espindola was extended and he now has designated player status.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Named Ante Razov assistant coach.

**North American Soccer League**

ARMADA FC — Signed MF Marcos Flores.

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed F Estefania Banini.

**COLLEGE**

ARKANSAS — Named Dan Enos offensive coordinator.

CARSON-NEWMAN — Announced sand volleyball as a varsity sport.

FIU — Announced the resignation of Cindy Russo women's basketball coach.

GEORGIA — Signed football coach Mark Richt to a two-year contract extension through 2019.

HOLY CROSS — Named Catherine Roy women's assistant rowing coach.

LANDER — Named Lee Squires men's soccer coach.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE — Announced the resignation of baseball coach Scott Loiseau to become assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator at Oklahoma.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Named Donovan Dowling men's assistant soccer coach.

THIEL — Named Amanda Baur women's volunteer assistant lacrosse coach.

## NHL STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 48 | 30 | 14 | 4 | 64 | 156 | 127 |
| Detroit | 47 | 27 | 11 | 9 | 63 | 139 | 119 |
| Montreal | 45 | 29 | 13 | 3 | 61 | 123 | 106 |
| Boston | 48 | 25 | 16 | 7 | 57 | 126 | 121 |
| Florida | 44 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 50 | 107 | 122 |
| Ottawa | 46 | 19 | 18 | 9 | 47 | 126 | 128 |
| Toronto | 48 | 22 | 23 | 3 | 47 | 142 | 150 |
| Buffalo | 47 | 14 | 30 | 3 | 31 | 89 | 167 |

**Metropolitan Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Islanders | 46 | 31 | 14 | 1 | 63 | 151 | 129 |
| Pittsburgh | 46 | 26 | 12 | 8 | 60 | 138 | 117 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 44 | 27 | 13 | 4 | 58 | 134 | 106 |
| Washington | 46 | 24 | 13 | 9 | 57 | 137 | 120 |
| Philadelphia | 48 | 19 | 22 | 7 | 45 | 130 | 146 |
| Columbus | 45 | 20 | 22 | 3 | 43 | 113 | 142 |
| New Jersey | 47 | 17 | 22 | 8 | 42 | 107 | 134 |
| Carolina | 46 | 16 | 25 | 5 | 37 | 98 | 120 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville | 45 | 30 | 10 | 5 | 65 | 137 | 104 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 29 | 13 | 4 | 62 | 148 | 111 |
| Chicago | 47 | 30 | 15 | 2 | 62 | 148 | 108 |
| Winnipeg | 48 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 60 | 135 | 117 |
| Colorado | 48 | 26 | 18 | 10 | 50 | 125 | 137 |
| Dallas | 47 | 21 | 18 | 7 | 49 | 144 | 151 |
| Minnesota | 46 | 20 | 20 | 6 | 46 | 128 | 137 |

**Pacific Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 47 | 31 | 10 | 6 | 68 | 139 | 124 |
| San Jose | 48 | 25 | 17 | 6 | 56 | 131 | 132 |
| Vancouver | 45 | 26 | 16 | 3 | 55 | 124 | 114 |
| Calgary | 47 | 25 | 19 | 3 | 53 | 136 | 125 |
| Los Angeles | 47 | 20 | 15 | 12 | 52 | 129 | 126 |
| Arizona | 46 | 16 | 25 | 5 | 37 | 105 | 156 |
| Edmonton | 47 | 12 | 26 | 9 | 33 | 109 | 158 |

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

**Wednesday's Scores**

Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO
Colorado 3, Boston 2, SO
Ottawa 4, Toronto 3
Winnipeg 4, Columbus 0
Anaheim 6, Calgary 3
San Jose 4, Los Angeles 2

**Thursday's Scores**

No games scheduled

**Today's Games**

No games scheduled

## SKI REPORT

**ROCKIES**

**New Mexico**

Angel Fire — Thu 6:42 am 13 new MG machine groomed 34 - 34 base 69 of 78 trails 89% open, 450 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Plan to Open 01/24

Red River — Wed 5:24 pm4 new powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 44 of 57 trails 78% open, 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

# Young to return to Camping World Trucks

*From staff reports*

Midlander Tyler Young announced that he will again campaign full-time on the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series again in 2015.

Young finished 2014, his rookie season in the NASCAR series, 13th in points with five top-15 finishes, including a career-best 11th place finish at Chicagoland Speedway.

Young

The family-owned team also announced that Bryan Berry will return to the team as crew chief, and that AKL Insurance Group will be an associate sponsor for seven races this season.

"Other than a few internal personnel changes, we are building on what we had last year," Young said in a release from the team. "We had some great runs this year, just not the best of luck, and I made some rookie mistakes. I don't see why we can't compete for top-10 finishes each and every week this year."

Young's team will again use engines from Pro Motor Engines, and the race-day, over-the-wall pit crew will consist of members of Stewart-Haas Racing's development team.

The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series opens its season on Feb. 20 at Daytona International Speedway.

# Jones replaces Novacek as speaker at sports banquet

*From staff reports*

The Midland RockHounds have announced that former Texas Ranger great Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez will be joined by former Dallas Cowboys great Ed "Too Tall" Jones as featured guests and speakers for the 2015 West Texas Sports Banquet and Memoribilia Auction.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Midland Country Club.

Jones replaces another former Cowboys great, Jay Novacek, who was scheduled to appear but will be unable to attend.

The 6-foot-9 Jones was selected in the first round of the 1974 draft out of Tennessee State University. As a defensive lineman, he was a key part of the "Doomsday Defense" and played 15 years in Dallas.

Jones was a two-time All-Pro selection (1981 and 1982), he appeared in 16 playoff games, including three Super Bowls, and was part of the win over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XII in 1978.

Sponsorships and tickets are available by calling the RockHounds office at (432) 520-2255 or by visiting the club's website at www.midlandrockhounds.org.

## Girls HS basketball honorables

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Braxton Iden, Coahoma** — Iden scored a game-high 22 points to help lead Coahoma past Sonora, 61-40, last Friday in what was head coach Kim Nichols' 500th career win. Against Colorado City on Tuesday, Iden again was the game's high scorer with 23 points, but the Bulldogs fell on the road, 63-48.

Iden

**HONOR ROLL**

**Grant Little (Jr.), MCS** — Little poured in 31 points in the Mustangs' 72-52 win over Fort Worth Christian on Saturday in Fort Worth.

**Daniel Venzant (Jr.), MCS** — Venzant scored 21 points in MCS' win over Fort Worth Christian on Saturday.

**Alex Montes (Sr.), Greenwood** — Montes scored 14 points in the Rangers' 64-49 loss to Seminole last Friday, and then tallied a game-high 19 points in his team's overtime loss to Pecos, 54-47, on Tuesday.

**Beau Lucas, Grady** — Lucas scored a game-high 25 points for Grady in its 83-28 win over District 11-A rival Loop.

**Gary Ringo (Sr.), MHS** — Ringo scored a team-high 20 point to help guide MHS past District 3-6A rival Abilene High, 78-64, last Friday.

*Compiled by Will Korn*

# REPORT

From 1C

**District 3-6A basketball**

**GIRLS**

| Team | District W | District L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lee | 4 | 0 | 12 | 9 |
| Midland High | 3 | 1 | 21 | 5 |
| Odessa Permian | 2 | 2 | 6 | 11 |
| Abilene High | 2 | 2 | 9 | 13 |
| San Angelo Central | 1 | 3 | 6 | 19 |
| Odessa High | 0 | 4 | 3 | 16 |

**Tuesday's Scores**

Lee 57, Midland High 49
Odessa Permian 79, San Angelo Central 35
Abilene High 65, Odessa High 32

**Today's Games**

Midland High at San Angelo Central
Odessa Permian at Odessa High
Abilene High at Lee
All games at 6 p.m.

**BOYS**

| Team | District W | District L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Midland High | 2 | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| Odessa Permian | 2 | 0 | 10 | 9 |
| Abilene High | 1 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| San Angelo Central | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 |
| Odessa High | 0 | 2 | 6 | 15 |
| Lee | 0 | 2 | 1 | 19 |

**Tuesday's Scores**

Midland High 60, Lee 48
Abilene High 64, Odessa High 46
Odessa Permian 84, San Angelo Central 59

**Today's Games**

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

### MHS OPENS 2-0 IN DISTRICT 3-6A PLAY

Charles Tatum's group is off to a nice start in District 3-6A play. MHS handily defeated Abilene High, 78-64, last Friday in the district opener at Chaparral Center and then turned back rival Lee, 60-48, on Tuesday at the Chaparral Center.

"We're where we want to be (after two district games)," Tatum said. "This next stretch against Central and Permian is very important. We want to be healthy, playing well and have some momentum, and I think we've got that after winning the first two district games."

Against Abilene High, the Dawgs busted out of the gates to a 31-7 lead after the first quarter. But the Eagles started to hit some shots early in the second quarter and rode a wave of momentum all the way up to the half, by which time MHS' 24-point lead had been cut to 12. Forward Gary Ringo led the Dawgs with 20 points, including eight in the third quarter, to help fend off Abilene High runs in the second half and secure the district-opening victory.

On Tuesday against Lee, MHS found itself in an early struggle. The Dawgs trailed, 13-6, after the first quarter and were tied at 31 at halftime. But 6-foot-10 center Nate Rogers sparked a 10-2 run in the third quarter to hand MHS the lead for good. A.D. Johnson added 11 points in support, as MHS outscored Lee, 29-17, for the rest of the game.

Things get a bit tougher now for MHS (11-8, 2-0 in District 3-6A) going forward. It'll square off against San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. today in San Angelo and then will travel to Odessa to take on Permian at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27.

### LEE FLIRTS WITH 2ND WIN, FALLS SHORT AGAINST MHS

Lee head coach Chris Packer said he understands the value of playing hard every night, even when the season has gone south. But he also knows that there are no moral victories in basketball. Tuesday night's 60-48 loss against MHS was a loss — no matter how one may want to look at it.

"The kids played hard," Packer said. "But playing hard doesn't constitute a win."

That loss was on the heels of a 50-point blowout at the hands of Permian last Friday in Odessa. Now, Packer and his team are just trying to replicate the effort they've been playing with and hope it begins to bring in positive results. The Rebels' (1-19, 0-2 in District 3-6A) next target is Abilene High at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center.

"We will have to bring the same effort but continue to get better at doing the little things consistently, if we are to have success against Abilene," Packer said. "Coach Woodard has his guys playing well and it'll be a tough, competitive game."

### MCS SEEING MIXED RESULTS IN DISTRICT PLAY

Midland Christian has been on a wild rollier coaster lately in TAPPS 1-4A play, having been on the extremities of both winning and losing decisions. The Mustangs (12-10, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) fell, 81-74, to Arlington Pantego last Friday in Arlington, but bounced back to defeat Fort Worth Christian, 72-52, on Saturday in Fort Worth. Grant Little led all scorers in that contest with 31 points, while point guard Daniel Venzant added 21 points for MCS.

But then the inexplicable happened on Tuesday night. No. 11 Lubbock Trinity smashed the Mustangs on the road, 109-51. For as talented as MCS is, it'll need to find some consistency if it has legitimate hopes to win its district.

For MCS head coach Marks Lanham, the solution is simple.

"We need to get back to having fun and trusting each other," Lanham said. "Rebounding would help also."

In search of its fourth district win and some stability, MCS will host Colleyville Covenant at 7:30 p.m. today.

### TRINITY HAVING A ROUGH GO

So far, Trinity is having a difficult time establishing themselves in the tough TAPPS 1-3A. The Chargers (8-12, 0-2) have been outscored by a combined 80 points over their first two district games.

Trinity was throttled, 97-37, by No. 3 Lubbock Christian at Beal Gymnasium last Friday. Phillip Beal led Trinity with 11 points in that game but received little help, as his team was outscored, 31-8, in the second quarter. Then on Tuesday, the Chargers fell, 54-34, to Midland Classical Academy at MCA, as they failed to put a single scorer in double digits. Again, it was one awful quarter that sent the Chargers packing. MCA went on a 22-2 run in the third quarter to put the game away.

Trinity head coach Chris Jauz said that his team needs some fundamental improvement if it wants to be competitive in its district, and said it's about playing consistently over the full 32 minutes.

"We are at the bottom of the district," Jauz said. "We must improve offensively and get past having a bad quarter that gets us behind."

The Chargers will get another chance for a turnaround when they battle Amarillo San Jacinto at 7:30 p.m. today at Beal Gymnasium.

### MCA LOOKS STRONG, SET TO FACE NO. 3 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

No. 19 Midland Classical continues to ride its balanced offensive attack to a solid 2-1 start in TAPPS 1-3A and a 17-5 overall record on the season. Garrett Sparks led the Knights with 17 points, while Heath Gladson added 10 points. Blake Gladson scored nine points and Josh Rabe tallied eight.

MCA is in for a big test when it takes on No. 3 Lubbock Christian at 8 p.m. today in Lubbock.

### GREENWOOD LETS POTENTIAL 2ND WIN SLIP AWAY IN OT

Greenwood picked up its 21st loss last Friday, as it fell on the road to Seminole, 64-49, in the two teams' District 4-4A opener. The Rangers nearly notched their second win of the season against Pecos on Tuesday, as they used a 16-9 fourth-quarter run to come back and send the game into overtime. But Pecos blitzed Greenwood in the extra period. The Rangers were outscored 9-2 to drop the game, 54-47, dropping them to 1-22 and 0-2 in district. Alex Montes scored a game-high 19 points, while Jake Rogers chipped in 10 points for the Rangers.

Greenwood head coach Paul Hartman said he knows his team was close to the win and that it still believes it can beat anyone in the district.

"We played well in the fourth quarter and had a few chances to win the game," Hartman said. "In overtime, they (Pecos) hit 3-point shots on their first two possessions and we were never able to get the momentum back. We know we are a good enough team to win against anyone in our district. We are playing our best basketball of the season and just have to take the next step, which is winning games."

Greenwood will hit the road to play Monahans at 7:30 p.m. today in Monahans.

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# Bulldogs top Lubbock to open Wichita Falls Winter Cup

*From staff reports*

WICHITA FALLS — Frankie Rodriguez scored two goals and Brooks Ferguson added another as the Midland High boys soccer team beat Lubbock 3-1 in the Wichita Falls Winter Cup on Thursday.

Rodridguez scored in the 12th minute and 41st minute as Allan Aguilar assisted on the first goal and Alex VonHolle had the helper on the second. Aguilar also had an assist on Ferguson's goal.

Midland High improved to 4-2-2 and will play either Borger or Wichita Falls Rider at 5 p.m. today at a site still to be determined.

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Chicago's Derrick Rose (1) shoots past San Antonio's Danny Green (14) during Thursday's game in Chicago.

# Derrick Rose scores 22, struggling Bulls beat Spurs

**By Andrew Seligman**
*Associated Press*

Bulls.................................104
Spurs...................................81

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose scored 22 points and the struggling Chicago Bulls beat the San Antonio Spurs 104-81 on Thursday night.

The Bulls came away with a much-needed win after dropping six of eight and handed the defending champions their most lopsided loss of the season.

The Central division leaders broke this one open in the third quarter, outscoring the Spurs 31-20, and snapped San Antonio's four-game win streak.

Rose, who called out his team after Monday's loss at Cleveland, backed it up by going hard to the rim and hitting 9 of 16 shots. He led six Bulls in double figures.

Pau Gasol added 12 points and 17 rebounds after being voted to his fifth All-Star game and first as a starter.

Jimmy Butler scored 17. Taj Gibson added 15 points and nine rebounds. Aaron Brooks scored 15, and the Bulls snapped a three-game home losing streak.

After giving up at least 102 points in six of the previous eight games, Chicago held San Antonio to 37-percent shooting. The Spurs' Kawhi Leonard scored all of his team-leading 16 points in the first half.

Rose had it going right from the start with 15 points the first half, and Chicago headed to the locker room with a 46-40 lead that was about to get much bigger.

# NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**JAZZ 101**
**BUCKS 99**

MILWAUKEE — Gordon Hayward scored 13 of his game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter and the Utah Jazz held on for a 101-99 victory over Milwaukee on Thursday night as the Bucks missed their last five shots in the closing minute.

The Jazz appeared to be in control after a 15-3 run, taking a 101-92 lead on two free throws by Hayward with 2:35 remaining. But the Bucks pulled within the final score on Jared Dudley's 3-pointer from the top right with 1:29 left.

The Bucks had a final opportunity when an officials review awarded them the ball out of bounds under the basket with 7.1 seconds left. Brandon Knight missed a jumper with two seconds left and Zaza Pachulia missed the tip-in at the buzzer.

Enes Kantner had 23 points for the Jazz.

# NBA STANDINGS & BOXES

**STANDINGS**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 27 | 15 | .643 | — |
| Brooklyn | 18 | 24 | .429 | 9 |
| Boston | 13 | 26 | .333 | 12 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 34 | .190 | 19 |
| New York | 7 | 36 | .163 | 20 1/2 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 35 | 8 | .814 | — |
| Washington | 29 | 14 | .674 | 6 |
| Miami | 18 | 24 | .429 | 16 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 18 | 25 | .419 | 17 |
| Orlando | 15 | 30 | .333 | 21 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 28 | 16 | .636 | — |
| Cleveland | 23 | 20 | .535 | 4 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 21 | 21 | .500 | 6 |
| Detroit | 17 | 26 | .395 | 10 1/2 |
| Indiana | 15 | 29 | .341 | 13 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Memphis | 30 | 12 | .714 | — |
| Dallas | 30 | 13 | .698 | 1/2 |
| Houston | 29 | 14 | .674 | 1 1/2 |
| San Antonio | 27 | 17 | .614 | 4 |
| New Orleans | 21 | 21 | .500 | 9 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 31 | 12 | .721 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 22 | 20 | .524 | 8 1/2 |
| Denver | 18 | 24 | .429 | 12 1/2 |
| Utah | 15 | 28 | .349 | 16 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 34 | .171 | 23 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden State | 34 | 6 | .850 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 28 | 14 | .667 | 7 |
| Phoenix | 26 | 18 | .591 | 10 |
| Sacramento | 16 | 26 | .381 | 19 |
| L.A. Lakers | 12 | 31 | .279 | 23 1/2 |

**Thursday's Scores**
Chicago 104, San Antonio 81
Utah 101, Milwaukee 99
Boston at Portland, late
Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, late

**Today's Games**
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY'S BOXES**
**BULLS 104, SPURS 81**

**SAN ANTONIO (81):** Leonard 5-11 5-6 16, Duncan 2-7 2-2 6, Splitter 2-5 0-0 4, Parker 4-9 0-0 9, D.Green 3-6 0-0 8, Ginobili 1-6 0-0 2, Mills 3-11 4-4 12, Diaw 1-9 0-0 2, Baynes 0-1 0-0 0, Bonner 1-1 1-1 3, Joseph 4-7 3-5 11, J.Green 4-7 0-0 8, Ayres 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-81 15-18 81.

**CHICAGO (104):** Snell 4-11 4-5 12, Gibson 5-13 5-8 15, Gasol 5-6 2-2 12, Rose 9-16 2-2 22, Butler 4-9 7-7 17, Hinrich 1-5 0-0 2, Brooks 4-7 5-7 15, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0, Mirotic 3-6 0-0 6, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Bairstow 1-2 1-1 3, McDermott 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 26-32 104.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 22 | 18 | 20 | 21 | — | 81 |
| Chicago | 21 | 25 | 31 | 27 | — | 104 |

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-21 (D.Green 2-3, Mills 2-6, Parker 1-2, Leonard 1-2, J.Green 0-2, Diaw 0-8, Ginobili 0-3), Chicago 6-19 (Butler 2-2, Brooks 2-3, Rose 2-4, Hinrich 0-2, Mirotic 0-2, Snell 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 47 (Duncan, Splitter 7), Chicago 53 (Gasol 17). Assists—San Antonio 17 (Mills 4), Chicago 19 (Rose 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 24, Chicago 16. A—21,648 (20,917).

**JAZZ 101, BUCKS 89**

**UTAH (101):** Hayward 6-13 10-12 24, Kanter 8-15 6-6 23, Gobert 5-7 4-6 14, Exum 5-12 0-0 15, Ingles 2-5 0-0 6, Burke 4-11 0-0 10, Booker 1-4 1-2 4, Millsap 1-4 2-2 5. Totals 32-71 23-28 101.

**MILWAUKEE (99):** Antetokounmpo 5-10 3-3 13, Ilyasova 3-6 0-0 7, Pachulia 4-14 2-2 10, Knight 6-16 4-5 16, Middleton 3-6 0-0 7, Bayless 3-7 0-0 6, Henson 2-4 0-0 4, O'Bryant 4-8 0-0 8, Mayo 6-10 0-0 12, Dudley 6-10 1-2 16, Martin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-92 10-12 99

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 26 | 27 | 23 | 25 | — | 101 |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 31 | 32 | 20 | — | 99 |

3-Point Goals—Utah 14-31 (Exum 5-10, Ingles 2-3, Hayward 2-4, Burke 2-7, Booker 1-2, Kanter 1-2, Millsap 1-3), Milwaukee 5-13 (Dudley 3-5, Middleton 1-1, Ilyasova 1-1, Mayo 0-1, Bayless 0-1, Knight 0-2, Antetokounmpo 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 53 (Kanter 16), Milwaukee 43 (Pachulia 10). Assists—Utah 25 (Ingles 7), Milwaukee 26 (Bayless 9). Total Fouls—Utah 15, Milwaukee 25. A—12,415 (18,717).

**NBA All-Star Voting**
**Released Jan. 22**
**Game: Feb. 15 at Madison Square Garden**
**x-denotes starter**
**Eastern Conference**
**Frontcourt**

1. x-LeBron James, Cleveland, 1,470,483. 2. x-Pau Gasol, Chicago, 974,177. 3. x-Carmelo Anthony, New York, 647,005. 4. Marcin Gortat, Washington, 570,005. 5. Chris Bosh, Miami, 542,006. 6. Kevin Love, Cleveland, 386,208. 7. Jonas Valanciunas, Toronto, 231,741. 8. Joakim Noah, Chicago, 203,718. 9. Nikola Vucevic, Orlando, 129,293. 10. Paul Millsap, Atlanta, 121,936. 11. Al Horford, Atlanta, 114,955. 12. Al Jefferson, Charlotte, 110,980. 13. Kevin Garnett, Brooklyn, 106,820. 14. Nikola Mirotic, Chicago, 103,645. 15. Andre Drummond, Detroit, 86,717.

**Guards**

1. x-John Wall, Washington, 886,368. 2. x-Kyle Lowry, Toronto, 805,290. 3. Dwyane Wade, Miami, 789,839. 4. Kyrie Irving, Cleveland, 535,873. 5. Jimmy Butler, Chicago, 455,756. 6. Derrick Rose, Chicago, 379,994. 7. DeMar DeRozan, Toronto, 159,123. 8. Jeff Teague, Atlanta, 83,900. 9. Lou Williams, Toronto, 82,135. 10. Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee, 55,014.

**Western Conference**
**Frontcourt**

1. x-Anthony Davis, New Orleans, 1,369,911. 2. x-Marc Gasol, Memphis, 795,121. 3. x-Blake Griffin, LA Clippers, 700,615. 4. Tim Duncan, San Antonio, 546,817. 5. Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City, 545,226. 6. LaMarcus Aldridge, Portland, 498,131. 7. DeMarcus Cousins, Sacramento, 465,334. 8. Dwight Howard, Houston, 348,275. 9. Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas, 292,557. 10. Rudy Gay, Sacramento, 144,702. 11. Kawhi Leonard, San Antonio, 132,150. 12. DeAndre Jordan, LA Clippers, 117,816. 13. Serge Ibaka, Oklahoma City, 107,223. 14. Draymond Green, Golden State, 99,039. 15. Tyson Chandler, Dallas, 98,654.

**Guards**

1. x-Stephen Curry, Golden State, 1,513,324. 2. x-Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers, 1,152,402. 3. James Harden, Houston, 1,069,368. 4. Chris Paul, LA Clippers, 551,167. 5. Damian Lillard, Portland, 365,417. 6. Klay Thompson, Golden State, 314,254. 7. Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City, 248,758. 8. Rajon Rondo, Dallas, 219,506. 9. Jeremy Lin, LA Lakers, 216,246. 10. Mike Conley, Memphis, 103,015.

# LADY CHAPS

From 1C

half got us going," Jones said.

Veiga led four Lady Chaps in double figures as Walnatia Wright had her second straight double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Mary Savoy and Sierra Dixon each had 11 points.

MC, which played six players taller than 6 feet, also outrebounded the smaller Lady Texans 60-38.

"Offensively we had a good night, but defensively I told the team our energy wasn't what it should be," Jones said. "I think we followed them around a little bit more, instead of getting after it on defense. Other than that, it was a good win for us."

The Lady Texans were led by Markeyla Hicks with 17 points, Victoria Lopez had 14, and Courtney Randle added 10.

The win helped the Lady Chaps finish the first half of WJCAC play on a good note with two straight victories. Veiga said she's noticed things coming together well and looks for big things in the second half.

"We're improving with each game," Veiga said. "That's our goal every day; work on something new so we can get better."

The Lady Chaps are off for a week and then host rival Howard College on Jan. 29.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Walnatia Wright, left, fights for a loose ball with South Plains' Courtney Randle on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

**MIDLAND COLLEGE 81, SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE 54**

South Plains (7-13, 3-3) — Victoria Lopez 6-12 0-0 14, Johnesia Major 1-2 0-0 2, Markeyla Hicks 6-19 3-3 17, Kennedi Foreman 0-2 0-0 0, Tanae Ramos 0-2 0-0 0, Courtney Randle 4-18 0-0 10, Shazay Norris 0-4 0-0 0, Taylor Osborn 0-1 0-0 0, Bievie Meyia Lucchesi 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 21-73 4-6 54.

Midland College (14-8, 5-2) — Tajanay Veiga 7-17 4-4 21, Sierra Dixon 4-9 0-0 11, Mary King 0-3 2-2 2, Valentine Zambelli 3-6 0-0 7, Mary Savoy 5-9 1-3 11, Walnatia Wright 8-13 0-1 16, Julia Zarth 2-4 0-0 4, Quinique Johnson 1-5 1-2 3, Manelka Garate 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 33-73 8-12 81.

Halftime — MC 42, SPC 28. 3-point goals — HC 8-30 (Lopez 2-5, Hicks 2-9, Townsend 2-6, Randle 2-7, Foreman 0-2, Norris 0-1), MC 7-19 (Veiga 3-8, Dixon 3-7, Zambelli 1-2, King 0-2). Total fouls — HC 14, MC 10. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — HC 38 (Townsend 7), MC 60 (Veiga 15, Wright 10). Assists — HC 6 (Norris 2), MC 17 (Veiga 4, Dixon 4). Turnovers — HC 8, MC 8.

**Next game:** Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Jan. 29.

**WJCAC Women's basketball**

STANDINGS

| | District | | Overall | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| New Mexico JC | 6 | 0 | 19 | 1 |
| **Midland College** | 5 | 2 | 14 | 8 |
| Odessa College | 4 | 2 | 18 | 4 |
| South Plains | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 |
| Frank Phillips | 3 | 3 | 15 | 4 |
| Clarendon College | 3 | 3 | 12 | 7 |
| Western Texas | 0 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Howard College | 0 | 5 | 6 | 14 |

**Thursday's Scores**
Midland College 81, South Plains College 54; New Mexico JC 65, Howard College 37; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, ppd; Clarendon College 81, Southwest Texas JC 43 (non-conference); Odessa College is open

**Today's Game**
Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, 2 p.m.

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

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

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

# CHAPS

From 1C

Birt led the Texans (16-4, 6-1) with a game-high 25 points, including six 3-pointers. Emmanuel Omogbo — a Colorado State signee — added 24 points, while Brandon Neel finished with a double-double of 21 points and 12 rebounds.

"We've been playing together for a while and now we're starting to get that connection going and we all know what we can do," said Birt, whose team has now won five in a row. "I think we're rolling right now. We're 16-4, we've got a lot of good wins and we just want to keep that going."

The Chaps (13-9, 3-5) never had an answer for the Texans' scoring punch. It didn't help matters that starting point guard, Dontay Caruthers, battled foul trouble for most of the game. Dreiling said not having Caruthers on the floor got his team a bit out of sync on both ends of the floor.

"It's disappointing with the way we responded in a tough situation," Dreiling said. "We found ourselves without a point guard and I think everybody got down and the ball wasn't moving the same. Instead of taking it upon ourselves to change it and really buckle down and have a mature approach, we didn't. We all got down because offensively we weren't getting what we wanted and then stopped playing defense. You can't do that."

Maurice O'Field scored 17 points, Torren Jones had 14 and Tyler Herron came off the bench to score 10 for the Chaps.

Dreiling, whose team was coming off a big win against rival Odessa College on Monday night, said this will only be a setback for his team if the Chaps allow it to be.

"It's something we can learn from and grow from if we respond the right way," Dreiling said.

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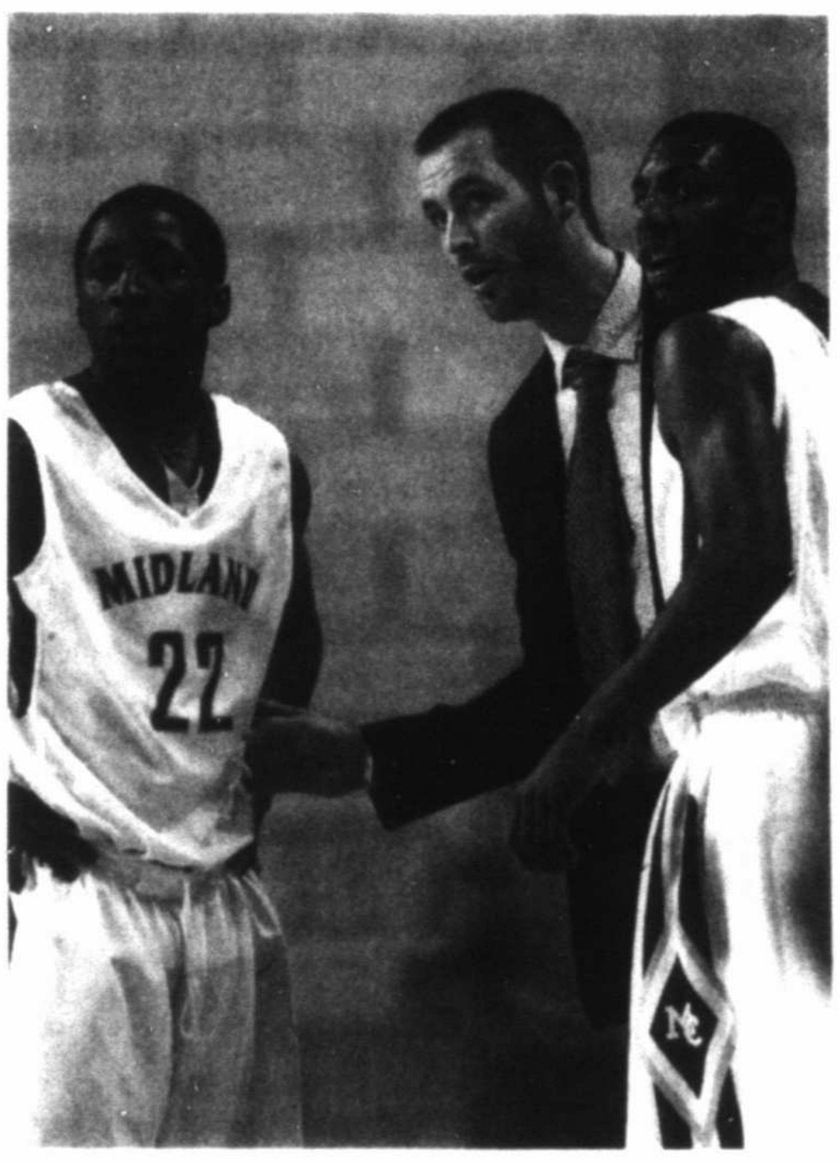

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Midland College head basketball coach Jordan Dreiling, center, talks with Tyler Whitehead, right, and Dontay Caruthers during their game against South Plains College on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

**WJCAC Men's basketball**

| | District | | Overall | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Team | W | L | W | L |
| South Plains | 6 | 1 | 16 | 4 |
| Howard College | 6 | 1 | 15 | 5 |
| Odessa College | 4 | 3 | 16 | 4 |
| New Mexico JC | 4 | 3 | 15 | 6 |
| Frank Phillips | 3 | 3 | 14 | 6 |
| **Midland College** | 3 | 5 | 13 | 9 |
| New Mexico Military | 2 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Western Texas | 1 | 5 | 10 | 8 |
| Clarendon College | 1 | 4 | 4 | 14 |

**Thursday's Scores**
South Plains College 101, Midland College 73; New Mexico JC 75, Howard College 69; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, ppd; Clarendon College at New Mexico Military Institute, ppd; Odessa College is open

**Today's Game**
Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College, 4 p.m.; Clarendon College at New Mexico Military Institute, 6:30 p.m.

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

**NO. 25 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE 101, MIDLAND COLLEGE 73**

South Plains (16-4, 6-1) — Jerron Martin [illegible] 3, Andre Spight 3-13 2-3 9, David Kadr [illegible], Diamante Langston [illegible] 4, Pat Birt [illegible] 5-5 25, Emmanuel Omogbo [illegible] 24, Andre Horne 2-4 0-0 4, Brandon Neel [illegible] 21, Marion Jones 1-4 2-2 4, Lincoln Davis [illegible], Dino Muminovic [illegible]. Totals 34-69 24-32 101.

Midland College (13-9, 3-5) — Torren Jones 5-8 4-4 14, Tyler Whitehead [illegible], Juan King 3-6 0-0 [illegible], Dylan Cham[illegible] 2, Maurice O'Field 8-14 1-2 17, Bryce Ervin [illegible], Jordan Miller [illegible], Jamal Evans [illegible] 9, Dontay Caruthers 2-5 4-5 8, Tyler Herron 3-4 4-5 10, William [illegible]. Totals 26-55 19-25 73.

Halftime — SPC 49, MC 43. 3-point goals — HC 9-23 (Birt 6-[illegible], Martin [illegible], Spight [illegible], Omogbo [illegible] 2, Horne 0-1, Neel [illegible], Davis [illegible]), MC 2-12 (Evans [illegible], King 1-4, Jones 0-1, Whitehead 0-1, O'Field 0-2). Total fouls — HC 22, MC 22. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — HC 36 (Neel 12), MC 37 (Jones 7). Assists — HC [illegible] (Spight 4), MC [illegible] (O'Field 3, Caruthers 3). Turnovers — HC [illegible], MC 22.

**Next game:** Howard College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 29.

# Gasol brothers to start NBA All-Star game; Lowry gets spot

**By Brian Mahoney**
*Associated Press*

Pau and Marc Gasol have been voted the first brothers to start in the NBA All-Star game, while Toronto's Kyle Lowry made a late surge in fan balloting and will start for the Eastern Conference.

Lowry passed Dwyane Wade and will start alongside Washington's John Wall, the first time the East has had two first-time starters at guard since 2000.

Golden State's Stephen Curry made his own late surge to pass LeBron James as the overall leading vote-getter, the league announced Thursday. Kobe Bryant was also voted to start at West guard, though that's in jeopardy because of a torn right rotator cuff.

Pau Gasol of Chicago will start up front for the East along with James and Carmelo Anthony for the Feb. 15 game in New York. Memphis' Marc Gasol joins New Orleans' Anthony Davis and the Clippers' Blake Griffin in the West frontcourt.

Tom and Dick Van Arsdale played in the 1970 and 1971 games, but the Gasols — once traded for each other — are the first brothers to chosen to start.

"Knowing that I will be facing my brother Pau for the opening tip, it will be a true accomplishment for our family and a memory I will cherish for the rest of my career," Marc Gasol said in a statement through the Grizzlies. "It holds special meaning to be voted in by the fans, and I look forward to representing my teammates, the organization, the city of Memphis and entire Mid-South community and Grizzlies fans across the world."

Both Gasols were among the leaders in all the balloting updates, but Lowry was running more than 100,000 votes behind Wade, a perennial All-Star and fan favorite, when the last results were released. Fans rewarded him for his hard-nosed play in leading the Raptors to a huge lead in the Atlantic Division with his first All-Star appearance.

Wall earned his first last year, and now he's earned his first start. The East hasn't had both its guards making their first start since Philadelphia's Allen Iverson and Charlotte's Eddie Jordan in 2000.


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# COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

## UTPB ROUNDUP

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**
**LCU COMES BACK TO BEAT UTPB IN OT**

ODESSA — Lubbock Christian University outlasted the University of Texas of the Permian Basin men's basketball team 74-73 in overtime on Thursday in a Heartland Conference showdown at the Falcon Dome.

The two teams played a tight game throughout as UTPB's Codye Hatcher hit a jumper to tie the game at 66 with 18 seconds remaining to force overtime.

In overtime, the Chaparrals' A.J. Luckey hit a layup with :04 remaining to clinch the victory.

Madison Turner led UTPB with 19 points and Hatcher added 11 as Luckey scored 19 to lead LCU.

UTPB is now 11-6 overall and 6-3 in the Heartland Conference, and will take on Oklahoma Panhandle State at 3 p.m. on Saturday at home.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
**FALCONS DROP CONFERENCE GAME AT HOME**

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's basketball team fell 89-76 to Lubbock Christian University on Thursday in Heartland Conference action at the Falcon Dome.

The Falcons found themselves in a deep hole early and trailed, 48-25, at halftime. UTPB, which shot just 33.8 percent from the field for the game, made a run in the second half, but it fell well short. Valerie Barriga scored 21 points for the Falcons (10-6, 4-4 in HC) while Myangel Johnson added 18 points.

Haley Fowler paced Lubbock Christian (13-5, 7-1 in HC) with a game-high 22 points. Allison Szabo contributed 17 points for the Lady Chaps.

## TEXAS ROUNDUP

### Women

**NO. 22 GEORGIA 54**
**NO. 10 TEXAS A&M 51**

ATHENS, Ga. — Freshman Mackenzie Engram scored 16 points and No. 22 Georgia held off No. 10 Texas A&M 54-51 on Thursday night to deny the Aggies another comeback win in the SEC.

The Aggies trailed at halftime in each of their four SEC wins, and they staged another comeback after trailing 27-21 at halftime. Texas A&M took its last lead at 42-41.

Jordan Jones, who had 11 points, missed a last-second 3-pointer for Texas A&M (16-4, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) that would have tied it. Courtney Walker scored 12 points and Courtney Williams had 11 for the Aggies.

Marjorie Butler had 11 points for Georgia (17-3. 5-2 SEC), including two free throws with 9.7 seconds remaining.

Georgia earned its first win in five tries all-time against the Aggies.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY 80**
**UTEP 74**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Chastity Gooch scored 19 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had eight steals to help Western Kentucky beat UTEP 80-74 on Thursday night to stretch its winning streak to 14 games.

Micah Jones had a game-high 22 points, going 10 of 12 from the free throw line, for Western Kentucky (17-2, 6-0 Conference USA). Tashia Brown was 5 of 8 from the field and hit all six of her free throws for 17 points. Alexis Govan hit 4 of 4 free throws and finished with 10 points as the Lady Toppers converted 30 of 36 from the line.

Cameasha Turner led UTEP (8-7, 3-3) with 18 points. Lulu McKinney had 16 and Anete Kirsteine 15. The Miners were hurt by 24 turnovers.

Lawna Kennedy pulled UTEP within 70-66 with 56 seconds left, but Jones, Govan, Kendall Noble and Ivy Brown combined to hit 10 of 10 free throws to seal it.

### Men

**RICE 58**
**SOUTHERN MISS 56.**

HOUSTON — Marcus Jackson had 19 points, and Seth Gearhart scored five of his 16 in the final 68 seconds on Thursday night to help Rice beat Southern Miss 58-56.

Norville Carey's dunk with 7:28 left gave Southern Miss (5-12, 0-6 Conference USA), which lost its ninth-consecutive game, a 52-42 lead.

Gearhart hit a 3, Andrew Drone a jumper and Bishop Mency another 3-pointer to pull Rice (6-11, 3-3) within two about 2 minutes later.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY 71**
**UTEP 66, OT**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Chris Harrison-Docks scored 12 points, including a big 3-pointer in overtime, and Western Kentucky beat UTEP 71-66 on Thursday.

Harrison-Docks' 3-pointer with 1:24 left in overtime put Western Kentucky up by three. George Fant's dunk moments pushed it to four and UTEP's C.J. Cooper missed two 3-pointers in the last seven seconds.

**NORTH TEXAS 73**
**LOUISIANA TECH 66**

DENTON — Jeremy Combs blocked a shot with 49 seconds left, then tipped in a basket at the other end to help North Texas hold off a Louisiana Tech rally Thursday night and clinch a 73-66 win.

Combs finished with 16 points on 6-for-8 shooting and grabbed 13 rebounds. Colin Voss, Jordan Williams and T.J. Taylor also scored 16 points apiece for North Texas (8-10, 2-4 Conference USA). Voss padded the final margin with a pair of free throws to put the game out of reach.

**TEXAS-ARLINGTON 61**
**LOUISIANA-MONROE 57**

MONROE, La. — Drew Charles scored 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, to lift Texas-Arlington to a 61-57 win over Sun Belt Conference leader Louisiana-Monroe on Thursday night.

Lonnie McClanahan contributed 11 points and Johnny Hill added nine for UTA (11-7, 5-3) to avenge a Jan. 8 overtime loss to the Warhawks.

**UTSA 82**
**MARSHALL 68**

HUNTINGTON, West Va. — Jeromie Hill scored a career-high 36 points to lead UTSA in an 82-68 victory over Marshall on Thursday night.

Hill scored 23 of the Roadrunners' 41 points in the first half for a 16-point lead at the break. Marshall shot 25 percent in the opening half and scored just three points in the first 4:50 of the second, allowing the Roadrunners a 51-27 lead, their largest of the game. Ryan Taylor hit a 3 to spark the Thundering Herd into a 15-0 run and Marshall climbed within seven, 58-51, with 7:32 left to play.

**UTAH VALLEY ST. 72**
**TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 54**

EDINBURG — Donte Williams scored 23 points, Zach Nelson chipped in 20 and Utah Valley rolled to a 72-54 victory over Texas-Pan American on Thursday night.

Williams was 7 of 8 from the floor, including 4 of 4 from long range. Nelson finished on 9-of-15 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds. Brenden Evans dished out four assists and added eight points for Utah Valley (7-10, 2-1 Western Athletic Conference), which shot 27 of 48 for 56.3 percent from the field.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN 45**
**TEXAS STATE 43**

SAN MARCOS — Mike Hughes got to the basket for a game-winning layup with 1:39 left as Georgia Southern held off Texas State for a 45-43 Sun Belt Conference victory Thursday night.

Georgia Southern (12-4, 5-2 Sun Belt) beat Texas State 40-36 in their first meeting, January 3.

## THURSDAY'S SCORES AND TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### Men

**TOP 25 FARED**

1. Kentucky (18-0) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
2. Virginia (18-0) beat Georgia Tech 57-28. Next: at Virginia Tech, Sunday.
3. Gonzaga (18-1) vs. Saint Mary's. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.
4. Villanova (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Creighton, Sunday.
5. Duke (16-2) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
6. Wisconsin (17-2) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.
7. Arizona (17-2) beat Stanford 89-82. Next: at California, Saturday.
8. Notre Dame (18-2) beat Virginia Tech 85-60. Next: at N.C. State, Sunday.
9. Iowa State (14-3) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
10. Louisville (15-3) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
11. Kansas (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Texas, Saturday.
12. Utah (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Sunday.
13. Maryland (17-3) lost to No. 23 Indiana 89-70. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
14. Wichita State (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Sunday.
15. North Carolina (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.
16. VCU (15-3) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Friday.
**17. Texas (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Kansas, Saturday.**
18. West Virginia (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
19. Oklahoma (12-6) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Baylor, Saturday.
20. Northern Iowa (17-2) did not play. Next: at Illinois State, Sunday.
**21. Baylor (14-4) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Tuesday.**
22. Dayton (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Saturday.
23. Indiana (15-4) beat No. 13 Maryland 89-70. Next: at Ohio State, Sunday.
24. Seton Hall (13-5) lost to DePaul 64-60. Next: at Butler, Sunday.
25. Iowa (13-6) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Saturday.

**THURSDAY'S SCORES**

**SOUTHWEST**

Arkansas 93, Alabama 91, OT
Concordia-Austin 87, Howard Payne 79
Georgia Southern 45, Texas St. 43
Hardin-Simmons 102, U. of the Ozarks 81
Mary Hardin-Baylor 81, Sul Ross St. 70
North Texas 73, Louisiana Tech 66
Rice 58, Southern Miss. 56
UALR 73, Troy 65
Utah Valley 72, Texas-Pan American 54

**SOUTH**

Appalachian St. 64, South Alabama 53
Belmont 72, UT-Martin 67
Chattanooga 86, VMI 64
ETSU 70, The Citadel 59
Florida Gulf Coast 71, SC-Upstate 68
Gardner-Webb 79, Longwood 67
Jacksonville St. 71, E. Kentucky 67
Kennesaw St. 88, Stetson 82
Lipscomb 80, Jacksonville 77, 2OT
Louisiana-Lafayette 96, Arkansas St. 59
Miami 65, NC State 60
Middle Tennessee 68, Old Dominion 58, OT
Morehead St. 78, Tennessee Tech 74
North Florida 74, N. Kentucky 68
Notre Dame 85, Virginia Tech 60
Presbyterian 72, Campbell 70
Radford 73, High Point 66
Samford 89, UNC Greensboro 78
Texas-Arlington 61, Louisiana-Monroe 57
Towson 53, Elon 51
UAB 81, Charlotte 76, OT
UNC Asheville 75, Coastal Carolina 65
UTSA 82, Marshall 68
Virginia 57, Georgia Tech 28
W. Carolina 60, Mercer 52
W. Kentucky 71, UTEP 66, OT
Winthrop 71, Liberty 56
Wofford 74, Furman 49

**MIDWEST**

Indiana 89, Maryland 70
Murray St. 77, E. Illinois 62
N. Dakota St. 69, IUPUI 61, OT
Oakland 65, Milwaukee 53
Ohio St. 69, Northwestern 67
SIU-Edwardsville 69, Austin Peay 65
Seattle 75, Chicago St. 67
South Dakota 68, W. Illinois 58
UMKC 66, CS Bakersfield 63

**FAR WEST**

Arizona 89, Stanford 82
Cal Poly 66, Cal St.-Fullerton 55
E. Washington 95, N. Colorado 85
Montana 64, N. Arizona 57
Montana St. 79, S. Utah 65
New Mexico St. 85, Grand Canyon 63
Oregon St. 66, UCLA 55
Portland St. 69, Weber St. 63
Sacramento St. 62, Idaho St. 59
Washington 52, Colorado 50

**EAST**

Albany (NY) 62, Hartford 53
Bryant 74, LIU Brooklyn 69
Canisius 64, Fairfield 50
DePaul 64, Seton Hall 60
George Washington 79, Fordham 59
Iona 78, Rider 68
New Hampshire 73, Vermont 68
Northeastern 82, James Madison 59
Providence 69, Xavier 66, OT
Rhode Island 59, La Salle 47
Robert Morris 63, Mount St. Mary's 59, OT
Sacred Heart 78, Fairleigh Dickinson 77, OT
St. Bonaventure 100, Duquesne 97, OT
Stony Brook 65, Mass.-Lowell 45
Temple 73, South Florida 48
UConn 67, UCF 60
UMBC 76, Maine 59
Wagner 63, St. Francis (Pa.) 58

**TODAY'S GAMES**

**MIDWEST**

Detroit at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.
VCU at Saint Louis, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

**EAST**

Niagara at Monmouth (NJ), 6 p.m.
Manhattan at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
Marist at Siena, 6 p.m.

### Women

**TOP 25 FARED**

1. South Carolina (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Texas A&M, Monday.
2. UConn (17-1) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Sunday.
**3. Baylor (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.**
4. Louisville (17-2) lost to No. 17 Florida State 68-63. Next: vs. Miami, Sunday.
5. Tennessee (16-3) beat LSU 75-58. Next: vs. No. 22 Georgia, Sunday.
6. Notre Dame (18-2) beat Georgia Tech 89-76. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
7. Maryland (16-2) beat Michigan State 85-56. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.
**8. Texas (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Sunday.**
9. Oregon State (16-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
**10. Texas A&M (16-4) lost to No. 22 Georgia 54-51. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Monday.**
11. Stanford (13-5) did not play. Next: at UCLA, Friday.
12. North Carolina (17-3) beat N.C. State 61-59. Next: vs. No. 15 Duke, Sunday.
13. Arizona State (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
14. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Sunday.
15. Duke (13-6) lost to Boston College 60-56. Next: at No. 12 North Carolina, Sunday.
16. Nebraska (15-3) beat Wisconsin 89-72. Next: at No. 20 Iowa, Monday.
17. Florida State (18-2) beat No. 4 Louisville 68-63. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
18. Mississippi State (20-2) beat Mississippi 64-62. Next: at Auburn, Monday.
19. Princeton (17-0) did not play. Next: at Harvard, Friday, Jan. 30.
20. Iowa (15-3) beat Michigan 74-72. Next: vs. No. 16 Nebraska, Monday.
21. Minnesota (16-3) lost to Purdue 90-88, OT. Next: at No. 25 Rutgers, Sunday.
22. Georgia (17-3) beat No. 10 Texas A&M 54-51. Next: at No. 5 Tennessee, Sunday.
23. Syracuse (14-5) beat Pittsburgh 68-60. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
24. Western Kentucky (17-2) beat UTEP 78-71. Next: at UTSA, Saturday.
25. Rutgers (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Minnesota, Sunday.

**THURSDAY'S SCORES**

**SOUTHWEST**

McNeese St. 104, Incarnate Word 101, 2OT
Sam Houston St. 63, Abilene Christian 58
Stephen F. Austin 59, Lamar 55
Texas St. 67, Georgia Southern 57
UALR 82, Troy 56
UTSA 60, Marshall 48
W. Kentucky 78, UTEP 71

**SOUTH**

Alabama 51, Auburn 50
Appalachian St. 70, South Alabama 59
E. Kentucky 64, Murray St. 59
Florida Gulf Coast 79, SC-Upstate 61
Florida St. 68, Louisville 63
Georgia 54, Texas A&M 51
James Madison 92, William & Mary 50
Lipscomb 75, Jacksonville 63
Louisiana Tech 92, North Texas 57
Louisiana-Lafayette 69, Arkansas St. 57
Louisiana-Monroe 56, Texas-Arlington 51
Maryland 85, Michigan St. 56
Middle Tennessee 65, Old Dominion 48
Mississippi St. 64, Mississippi 62
North Carolina 67, NC State 63
North Florida 81, N. Kentucky 79, 2OT
Southern Miss. 65, Rice 54
Stetson 75, Kennesaw St. 64
Tennessee 75, LSU 58
Texas A&M-CC 74, SE Louisiana 53
UAB 60, Charlotte 52
UNC Wilmington 76, Elon 68
Vanderbilt 55, Arkansas 53

**MIDWEST**

Detroit 73, Oakland 62
Green Bay 65, Cleveland St. 61
IUPUI 71, Denver 54
Iowa 76, Michigan 70
N. Dakota St. 77, Nebraska-Omaha 60
Nebraska 89, Wisconsin 72
North Dakota 68, Idaho 62
Northwestern 68, Illinois 67
Notre Dame 89, Georgia Tech 76
Purdue 90, Minnesota 88, OT
South Dakota 73, IPFW 72
Youngstown St. 75, Wright St. 70

**FAR WEST**

CS Bakersfield 70, UMKC 67
CS Northridge 72, UC Irvine 63
Cal Poly 57, Cal St.-Fullerton 48
Gonzaga 52, Saint Mary's (Cal) 42
Hawaii 58, UC Davis 53
Loyola Marymount 82, Santa Clara 57
Montana 69, N. Arizona 42
N. Colorado 64, E. Washington 56
New Mexico St. 74, Grand Canyon 62
Pacific 71, Portland 69
S. Utah 74, Montana St. 69
Sacramento St. 84, Idaho St. 53
San Francisco 70, Pepperdine 58
Seattle 75, Chicago St. 51
Texas-Pan American 59, Utah Valley 52
UC Riverside 89, UC Santa Barbara 74
Weber St. 60, Portland St. 51

**EAST**

Albany (NY) 72, UMBC 62
Boston College 60, Duke 56
Delaware 80, Coll. of Charleston 49
Drexel 63, Hofstra 56
Fairfield 43, Rider 40
Maine 74, Vermont 46
Penn St. 79, Indiana 75
Quinnipiac 73, Marist 55
Siena 54, Monmouth (NJ) 52
Stony Brook 64, Mass.-Lowell 60
Syracuse 68, Pittsburgh 60
Towson 65, Northeastern 61

**TODAY'S GAMES**

**SOUTH**

Wake Forest at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.

**MIDWEST**

Drake at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.
N. Iowa at Evansville, 7 p.m.
Providence at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Illinois St. at Wichita St., 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Missouri St., 7:05 p.m.
Creighton at DePaul, 8:15 p.m.

**FAR WEST**

Oregon at Arizona St., Noon
Oregon St. at Arizona, 9 p.m.
California at Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
Stanford at UCLA, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 9 p.m.
Utah at Washington St., 9 p.m.

**EAST**

St. John's at Georgetown, 5 p.m.
Yale at Brown, 6 p.m.
Iona at Niagara, 6 p.m.
Seton Hall at Villanova, 6 p.m.

# Azarenka beats Wozniacki, joins Williams in 3rd round

**By John Pye**
*Associated Press*

MELBOURNE, Australia — Unseeded and floating dangerously in the draw, two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka took out No. 8-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-2 on Thursday night to reach the third round at the first major of 2015.

Azarenka's ranking slipped into the 40s due to a series of injuries that restricted her to nine tournaments in 2014, meaning she didn't have a seeding at the Australian Open despite winning the title here in 2012 and 2013.

Former No. 1-ranked Wozniacki, who had never previously failed to make the third round in seven trips to Melbourne Park, reached the U.S. Open final last year before losing to Serena Williams.

"I knew that I'm unseeded so I can play anybody — I just accept whoever is on the opposite side," Azarenka said. "She had such an incredible end of last season so I knew I had to step up my game and really take my chances today. I think I did that pretty well."

Top-ranked Williams fended off three set points before going on a 10-game roll to beat Vera Zvonareva 7-5, 6-0 in another tough second-round match.

Men's No. 1 Novak Djokovic had an easier run, spending a minute less than Williams on Rod Laver Arena in his 84-minute, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4 win over No. 88-ranked Andrey Kuznetsov.

Defending champion Stan Wawrinka, who ended four-time champion Djokovic's 25-match winning streak at Melbourne Park in the quarterfinals last year, advanced to the third round for the seventh consecutive year with a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-3 win over No. 194-ranked qualifier Marius Copil.

Wimbledon semifinalist Milos Raonic had a 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3 win over Donald Young to move into a meeting with Benjamin Becker, who came back from two sets down to end former No. 1-ranked Lleyton Hewitt's 19th consecutive run at his home Grand Slam tournament.

Fourth-seeded Wawrinka said he wasn't changing his approach despite the fact he's defending a major title for the first time.

"I don't compare from last year to this year. Just a new Grand Slam. It's been two matches now. Going to be ready now for the next one," he said. "That's it."

Williams, seeking a sixth Australian and 19th Grand Slam title, saved three set points in the ninth game before holding to swing the momentum of her match against Zvonareva, a two-time Grand Slam finalist who played only five tournaments in 2014.

That's when she told herself: "'You know Serena, you've done so well here, you have nothing to lose.'"

"Things really clicked. I had no other option but for things to click," she added. "Yeah, I just had to start playing better."

After breaking Williams' serve twice in the first set, Zvonareva only won eight points in the second set and didn't get close to another break-point chance.

Williams will next play No. 26 Elina Svitolina, who beat Nicole Gibbs 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6).

Venus Williams had a 6-2, 6-3 win against fellow American Lauren Davis. The elder of the Williams sisters, a seven-time major winner, hasn't been beyond the third round at a major since reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon on 2011.

### Australian Open results

**Friday**
**At Melbourne Park**
**Melbourne, Australia**
**Purse: $32.8 million (Grand Slam)**
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**
**Men**
**Third Round**

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Grigor Dimitrov (10), Bulgaria, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

**Women**
**Third Round**

Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Ekaterina Makarova (10), Russia, def. Karolina Pliskova (22), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Sara Errani (14), Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Peng Shuai (21), China, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
Eugenie Bouchard (7), Canada, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 7-5, 6-0.

**Doubles**
**Men**
**Second Round**

Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers (16), Australia, def. Omar Jasika and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.
Dominic Inglot, Britain, and Florin Mergea (14), Romania, def. Diego Schwartzman and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-2.
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, def. Pablo Carreno Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (9), 6-4.

**Women**
**Second Round**

Klaudia Jans-Ignacik, Poland, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, def. Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro (6), Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Alla Kudryavtseva and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (12), Russia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Heather Watson, Britain, 6-0, 6-2.
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Sania Mirza (2), India, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

**Mixed**
**First Round**

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Juan Sebastian Cabal (5), Colombia, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Marin Draganja, Croatia, 6-2, 5-7, 10-6.

**Thursday**
**Singles**
**Men**
**Second Round**

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.
Steve Johnson, United States, def. Santiago Giraldo (30), Colombia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (0).
John Isner (19), United States, def. Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4.
Feliciano Lopez (12), Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 4-0, retired.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 7-6 (4), 7-5, 7-5.
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-4.
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (13), Spain, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Gilles Simon (18), France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-4.
David Ferrer (9), Spain, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Gael Monfils (17), France, 6-4, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3.
Fernando Verdasco (31), Spain, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 2-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Milos Raonic (8), Canada, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

**Women**
**Second Round**

Agnieszka Radwanska (6), Poland, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-0, 6-1.
Venus Williams (18), United States, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Garbine Muguruza (24), Spain, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-1, 1-6, 6-0.
Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Anna Tatishvili, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 7-5, 6-0.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko (30), United States, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
Dominika Cibulkova (11), Slovakia, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-2, 6-0.
Alize Cornet (19), France, def. Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-2.
Madison Keys, United States, def. Casey Dellacqua (29), Australia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-2, 6-4.
Elina Svitolina (26), Ukraine, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6).
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (25), Czech Republic, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 6-1, 7-5.
Madison Brengle, United States, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-1, 6-3.
Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Caroline Wozniacki (8), Denmark, 6-4, 6-2.
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Sam Stosur (20), Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

**Doubles**
**Men**
**First Round**

Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (5), Brazil, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-1, 6-4.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, and Philipp Oswald, Austria, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (2).
Carlos Berlocq and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Nicholas Monroe, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (11), Colombia, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Diego Schwartzman and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-4, 6-3.
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Daniel Nestor (7), Canada, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, and Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 7-6 (2), 7-5.
Jeremy Chardy, France, and Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Daniele Bracciali, Italy, and Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4.
Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (2), France, def. Lee Hsin-han, Taiwan, and Zhang Ze, China, 6-1, 6-4.
Oliver Marach, Austria, and Michael Venus, New Zealand, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis and Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Marcin Matkowski (9), Poland, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, 6-4, 6-4.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, def. James Duckworth and Luke Saville, Australia, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (5), 6-2.
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (6), Romania, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, and Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 6-4, 6-2.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, and Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (5).
Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Steve Johnson and Sam Querrey, United States, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg, Poland, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 6-4, 6-4.
Eric Butorac, United States, and Sam Groth (12), Australia, def. Paolo Lorenzi and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

**Women**
**First Round**

Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (16), Germany, def. Maddison Inglis and Alexandra Nancarrow, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (9), Czech Republic, def. Lyudmyla Kichenok and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-0, 7-6 (4).
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, and Anna Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-0.
Caroline Garcia, France, and Katarina Srebotnik (7), Slovenia, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, and Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, and Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Yang Zhaoxuan and Ye Qiu Yu, China, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Heather Watson, Britain, def. Annika Beck, Germany, and Shahar Peer, Israel, 2-6, 7-5, 3-1, retired.
Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, and Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (10), France, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, and Katarzyna Piter, Poland, 6-1, 6-3.
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Zheng Jie (14), China, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, and Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-0.
Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, and Lisa Raymond, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Karin Knapp, Italy, def. Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, and Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-3.
Jarmila Gajdosova and Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Jessica Moore and Abbie Myers, Australia, 6-0, 6-0.
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (5), United States, def. Kimberly Birrell and Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.
Silvia Soler-Espinosa and Maria Torro-Flor, Spain, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, and Yuliya Beygelzimer, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

# Texas judge rules against Longhorns coach in OSU dispute

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — A Texas court has dismissed a contract interference lawsuit by University of Texas assistant Joe Wickline against Oklahoma State, which claims he broke his deal with the Cowboys when he was hired to join the Longhorns' staff.

Texas hired Wickline as offensive line coach and offensive coordinator in 2014. Oklahoma State sued Wickline for nearly $600,000 in damages, saying a clause in Wickline's contract let him leave the Cowboys without financial penalty only if he took a job with play-calling duties

Wickline countersued and says he calls plays, although most of those duties appear to belong to assistant head coach Shawn Watson.

A Texas judge agreed Thursday that Wickline can't sue in Texas over the terms of his Oklahoma State contract.

Oklahoma State's lawsuit continues in Oklahoma.

# Wagner wins short program at US Championships

**Rachel Cohen**
*Associated Press*

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Ashley Wagner knew she wouldn't lose any sleep this night.

A year after a miserable trip to the U.S. Championships, Wagner won the short program with 72.04 points Thursday. Her performance had her thinking beyond nationals and to contending for international medals.

Defending champ Gracie Gold was second, 5.02 back after doubling the second jump of her triple-triple combination. In 2014, Wagner was the one with all the pressure after winning the previous two U.S. titles, and she cracked, finishing a distant fourth to spend a night fearing she'd missed out on an Olympic berth.

Wagner made the team because of her previous successes and finished seventh in Sochi with some redemptive performances. She won bronze at the Grand Prix Final last month, and afterward, she vowed that she needed more difficulty in her programs to make the podium at the world championships.

Wagner tried a triple lutz-triple toe loop combination in competition for the first time Thursday. She two-footed the second landing but was heartened by the jump.

"I think that it is one of the steppingstones along the way to becoming one of the top ladies internationally," she said.

The top of the standings looked familiar. Polina Edmunds, who joined Wagner and Gold at the Sochi Games, was third, .98 points behind Gold.

# Brady, Belichick offer no explanation for deflated footballs

By Howard Ulman
*Associated Press*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The two men most responsible for delivering wins for the New England Patriots both said Thursday they have no explanation for how footballs used to reach the Super Bowl were underinflated by 2 pounds per square inch.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said he has not been contacted by the NFL, even as league officials investigate whether the team cheated against the Indianapolis Colts.

"I don't know what happened," Brady said, answering questions from reporters hours after Patriots coach Bill Belichick said he almost never thinks about football pressure and doesn't know what happened, either.

Unlike Belichick, who briefly answered questions after a long opening remark by repeatedly saying "I've told you everything I know" and "I don't have an explanation," Brady answered many questions and said he doesn't think about football conditions during games.

"I get the snap, I drop back, I throw the ball," Brady said. "I don't sit there and try to squeeze it and determine that."

He does, however, have his preferences — he likes the football to be pumped to 12.5 pounds per square inch of air pressure, he said. The NFL requires balls to be inflated between 12.5 and 13.5 pound per square inch.

"To me, that's a perfect grip for the football," he said. "I would never do anything outside the rules of play."

With different approaches, Belichick and Brady sent a unified message: Both said they have no clue how the footballs were tampered with or switched, and started learning about the issue along with fans and everyone else.

"I have no knowledge of anything, any wrongdoing," Brady said when asked who on the Patriots was responsible for the underinflated footballs. "I'm very comfortable saying nobody did it as far as I know."

Brady said he picks the game balls he wants to use several hours before kickoff, then doesn't think about them at all. He said he didn't know the protocol for handling game balls after he chooses them.

"Once I approve the ball that's the ball that I expect out there on the field," Brady said. "It wasn't even a thought, inkling or concern of mine that they weren't the same ball."

Belichick said that before this week, he didn't give air pressure in footballs much thought at all.

"I've learned a lot more about this process in the last three days than I knew or have talked about it in the last 40 years that I've coached in this league," Belichick said during an 8 1/2-minute opening statement during an 11 1/2-minute news conference Thursday morning.

While neither Belichick nor Brady took responsibility for the underinflated balls, neither absolved anyone besides themselves of potential wrongdoing.

Softer balls are generally considered easier to throw and catch, and quarterbacks, specialists and equipment managers are known to have very individualized preferences in how footballs are readied for games. Belichick said he was unaware of the process for game balls until the accusations were raised.

Belichick said he sometimes hears quarterbacks, kickers and other specialists talk about their preferences.

"I can tell you and they will tell you that there is never any sympathy from me whatsoever on that subject. Zero," Belichick said.

Under league rules, each team provides 12 balls for use on offense. Referees approve the balls more than 2 hours before game time, then keep the balls until they're turned over to ball handlers provided by home teams just before kickoff.

Belichick said the balls used by the Patriots offense are inflated to the "12 1/2-pound range" and "any deflation would then take us under that."

Going forward, he said, the Patriots will inflate footballs to a safe level to prevent them from dropping under allowable air pressure during games.

The coach who has won three Super Bowls said he generally forces players to practice under bad-ball conditions.

"Anytime players complain about the quality of the footballs, I make it worse and that stops the complaints," he said. "We never use the condition of the footballs as an excuse. We play with whatever or kick with whatever we have to use."

The issue has drawn inflated reaction from around the game and its fans as the Patriots prepare to play the Seattle Seahawks on Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona, for the NFL title.

Several players said it would not distract them in preparing for the game.

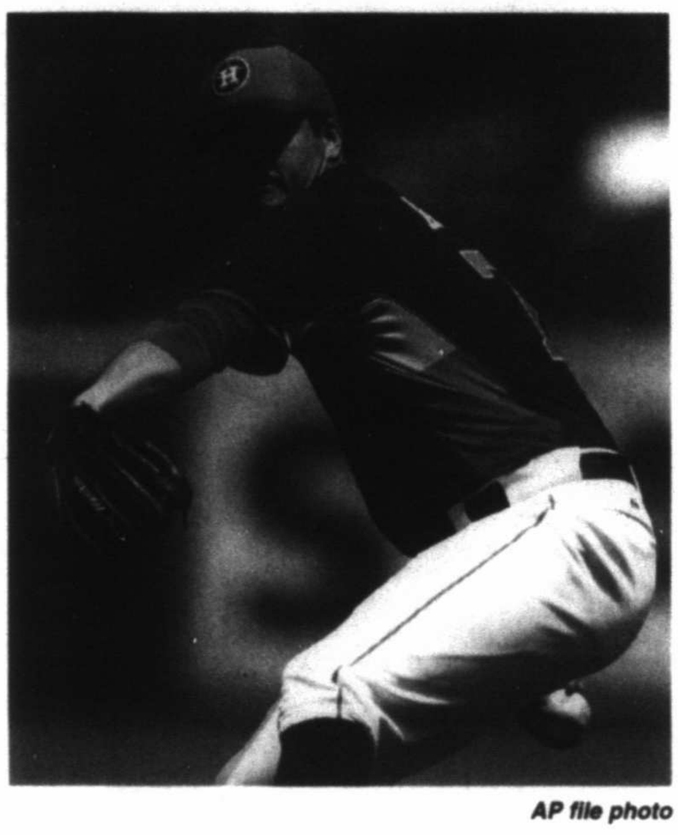
"We'd rather be celebrating our trip to the Super Bowl," special teams captain Matthew Slater said. "It's important to us that we respect the game and deal with things in a way that's considered professional."

But Brady said the topic of the sport's integrity is serious.

"Everyone's trying to figure out what happened but at the same time you've got to prepare for the Seahawks," he said.

# Appel hopes to make MLB debut for Astros in 2015

By Kristie Rieken
*Associated Press*



*AP file photo*

In this March 30 photo, Houston's Mark Appel throws in the first inning of a spring exhibition game in Houston. Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow says the teams top pick in the 2013 draft has a chance to make his major league debut this year.

HOUSTON — Mark Appel struggled in a forgettable 2014.

As this season approaches, the Houston Astros believe the right-hander has grown because of that adversity, and general manager Jeff Luhnow says the top pick in the 2013 amateur draft could make his major league debut this year.

"I think he will have a good experience in big league camp. He'll open some eyes, and I do believe that he has a chance to be with this team in 2015," Luhnow said.

This comes after a season that was hampered from the start after Appel missed a big chunk of spring training following an appendectomy. He started at Class A Lancaster, where he pitched so poorly the Astros sent him back to Florida for extended spring training.

He returned to Lancaster about five weeks later feeling healthy, but the results didn't change. Appel's tough start wasn't all because of his surgery, but he knows it was a factor.

"That was the first domino of a few things that happened," he said. "It obviously set me back physically a little bit, and the first probably month of the season I didn't really recover physically. (After extended spring training) I was good physically, but mentally I still wasn't quite ready and kind of struggled a little bit."

He ended up making 12 starts for Lancaster and finished 2-5 with a staggering 9.74 ERA.

It was in this period that Appel got down and had to remind himself of who he was and what got him to that point, the pitcher who was good enough at Stanford to command a $6.35 million signing bonus.

"I was really struggling with kind of a negative outlook on life and it was difficult to go to the field every day and work hard," he said. "And that switched once I realized internally: 'Mark you're kind of doing this the wrong way. You've been called to do it the right way.'"

He was also helped by words of wisdom from an assistant coach.

"He said: 'When you're pitching in the big leagues I don't think anyone's going to remember what you did in Lancaster,'" Appel said. "So it kind of put it in perspective. Yes, I went through some struggles early on in my minor league career, but if I come out of those a better person and a better player because of it, it was all worth it."

Despite his problems, the Astros promoted him to Double-A Corpus Christi where finally started pitching like he had in his final season at Stanford when he was 10-4 with four complete games and a 2.12 ERA.

In seven games in Corpus Christi, he posted a 3.69 ERA and struck out 38 in 39 innings.

After the season he went to the Arizona Fall League where he was even better, finishing with a 2.61 ERA in seven games where opponents hit just .167.

When Luhnow sent Appel back to Florida in late April, he told him his season wouldn't be judged on how he started but rather how he finished the season.

"I think that was the important part was where he ended," Luhnow said. "I don't consider last year a bad year for Mark Appel. I consider last year a learning opportunity and continued development and it's going to help him going forward. He's ready to take the next step and I think it will happen this year."

Appel agreed and said it's hard to list all the things he learned in this winding season.

"Sometimes I feel like what didn't I learn would be a better question," he said. "Just really understanding where my priorities fall and what I'm doing this for. It's something that's meant to be fun. It's something I'm supposed to enjoy and I wasn't really doing that too much in Lancaster."

A season like the one Appel had in 2014 is valuable in Luhnow's eyes because elite athletes who have spent their entire lives as the best player on the field often haven't had to deal with many setbacks.

"We know what Mark is capable of doing now because he's had adversity, he's handled it well, he's overcome it and he's made himself a better person and better player as a result of it," Luhnow said. "And that's going to benefit him both this year and in his major league career which certainly is very bright."

# Martinez's Hall plaque to have Red Sox cap, Smoltz goes with Braves

*Associated Press*

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Pedro Martinez's Hall of Fame plaque will have the cap of the Boston Red Sox and John Smoltz's will have the Atlanta Braves.

The Hall of Fame made the announcement Thursday. It said last week that Randy Johnson's plaque will have the cap of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Martinez won two of his three Cy Young Awards with the Red Sox and pitched seven scoreless innings to win the third game of the 2004 World Series sweep of St. Louis — Boston's first title since 1918.

"I cannot be any prouder to take Red Sox Nation to the Hall of Fame with the logo on my plaque," Martinez said in a statement released by the Hall. "I am extremely proud to represent Boston and all of New England with my Hall of Fame career."

Smoltz was the only player on all of Atlanta's record-setting 14 consecutive playoff teams from 1991-04.

Craig Biggio, the other player to be inducted on July 26, did not present an issue: He spent his entire 20-year major league career with the Houston Astros.

"The museum staff works with each inductee by suggesting an appropriate logo option, or no logo at all," Hall President Jeff Idelson said. "For those whose most compelling contributions clearly took place with one team, a logo makes sense.

"For those whose careers were built significantly among multiple teams, not having a team logo is equally acceptable."

# Virginia Tech outlines new pact with athletes

By Hank Kurz Jr.
*Associated Press*

Virginia Tech is putting in place a program that is essentially a pact between the school and it athletes.

Athletic director Whit Babcock on Thursday unveiled what the school calls "The Pylons of Promise," a long-in-the-works document outlining how the university will respond to changes completed last weekend at a landmark meeting of the so-called Big Five conferences.

The changes are ones each of the 65 schools in the Big Five, and many others, will need to address before they take effect in August.

Most notably, the changes will allow schools to increase the value of athletic scholarships by several thousand dollars to cover the actual cost of attending college, beyond the traditional tuition, room, board and books.

Virginia Tech intends to provide the maximum allowable cost of attendance for men and women in each of its 22 athletic programs, Babcock said. He attended the NCAA meeting and supports the Big Five gaining some autonomy from the NCAA. He said by phone Wednesday night he believes the biggest winners will be the athletes.

"With what coaches make, ADs make, when you spend millions on facilities and other things, it's a little tough to justify that we haven't been taking care of our student-athletes a little bit better," he said by phone Wednesday night, noting that today's scholarships rules were crafted in the 1980s.

Babcock says the amount the school will be able to put in athletes' pockets will be determined by a federally mandated formula. He estimates the cost to Virginia Tech will be $850,000 to $950,000.

The plan, Babcock said, is designed to keep schools competitive in a changing landscape. All 65 schools in the Big Five likely will take similar measures before August.

"If we're going to have a comprehensive athletic department, we're going to go to full cost of attendance in every scholarship in every sport," he said, adding that some schools may find such financial costs easier to absorb than others.

"There may be changes on down the road," he said. "Until then, we're all in."

The Pylons of Promise also details several other changes for Virginia Tech athletes.

The school will allow its coaches to offer four-year scholarships that are guaranteed regardless of whether athletes perform on the field as hoped. Only academic issues or misconduct can result in the loss of the scholarship.

The school will assist, or possibly provide, athletes in securing "loss of value" insurance that protects their potential earning potential as professional athletes while they are in college.

A potential NFL draft pick, Babcock said, might be more likely to stay in school "if you knew there was insurance that would pay you pretty well if, God forbid, you had a career-ending injury."

Schools also have a Student Assistance Fund available, through which they can provide aid for incidental expenses, such as an emergency trip home or a dental procedure. The fund is administered by the school, but funded with $425,000 per school by the NCAA, which monitors its use.

Babcock said the new guidelines will intensify the pressure on coaches to make good recruiting good choices. He added that most programs at Virginia Tech and elsewhere, even while allowed to continue to offer year-by-year scholarships, will "very quickly" move toward four-year commitments.

Leaders at some schools outside the Big Five have questioned whether these new rules will widen the gap between the top 65 schools and the rest. Babcock allows for that possibility, but he was gratified that any talk of increasing FBS-level football scholarships from 85 to 95 never gained traction.

The lower-rung Atlantic 10, which held meetings in conjunction with the convention, announced Wednesday its members will offer cost of attendance scholarships to men and women in basketball.

# GORDON

From 1C

and talent that made him an immediate contender. Gordon was a clean-cut kid who raised NASCAR's corporate image beyond its moonshine roots, making it a legitimate power on Madison Avenue as tens of thousands of new fans flocked to automobile racing in the late 1990s and 2000s.

"Jeff changed the personality and perception of a race car driver in NASCAR," retired NASCAR crew chief Larry McReynolds said. "Before he came along, the perception was more about the good old Southeastern boy wearing blue jeans, big belt buckles and boots. But he created a new buzz in our sport because he looked like he stepped off the cover of a GQ magazine."

Hall of Fame driver Darrel Waltrip said a lot of people "think NASCAR started in 1992 because that's when he came on the scene" with fresh appeal for 18-to-35 demographic.

"We didn't really have a driver at the time who could do that," he said.

Gordon became such a household name that he even hosted "Saturday Night Live" and was name-dropped in a Nelly song. He did it all while dominating as the "Rainbow Warrior" and teaming with crew chief Ray Evernham to collect checkered flags at a record pace.

Gordon debuted in the final race of the 1992 season at Atlanta and heads into this season with 92 career Sprint Cup wins and championships in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2001. Gordon is third in career victories, trailing only Hall of Fame drivers Richard Petty (200) and David Pearson (105). He has three Daytona 500 victories and a record five Brickyard 400 wins, including last year's race.

Leading up to last year's Daytona 500, Gordon said he would retire if he won a fifth championship. Now, he's made it official and will take one final victory lap around the circuit with drivers such as reigning Sprint Cup rookie of the year Kyle Larson, who grew up a die-hard fan and routinely posts childhood photos of himself in Gordon gear.

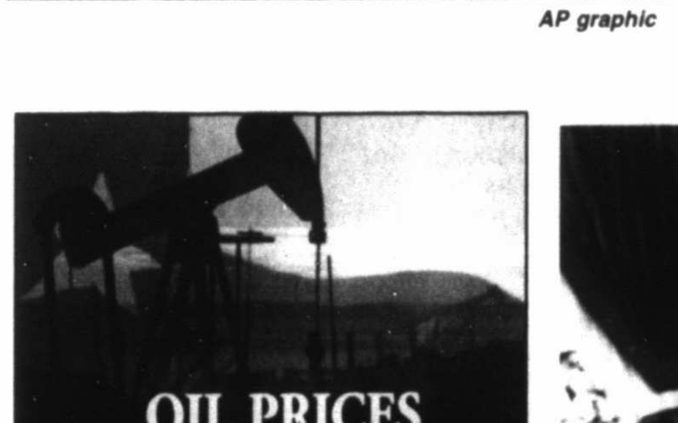
Gordon is an equity owner in Hendrick Motorsports and will remain involved with the organization.

"I'll explore opportunities for the next phase of my career, but my primary focus now and throughout 2015 will be my performance in the No. 24 Chevrolet," he said. "I'm going to pour everything I have into this season and look forward to the challenge of competing for one last championship."

Gordon earned the nickname "Four Time" because of the Cup titles early in his career, though wins have been harder to find as his career stretched into its second decade. He posted winless seasons in 2008 and 2010 and, even in the years he qualified for the Chase in Sprint Cup championship, was never a true threat to bring home the title. Last season he returned with a vengeance and missed the championship round by one point.

"There's simply no way to quantify Jeff's impact," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "He's one of the biggest sports stars of a generation, and his contributions to the success and growth of NASCAR are unsurpassed. There's been no better ambassador for stock car racing and no greater representation of what a champion should be."

## A DAY ON WALL STREET

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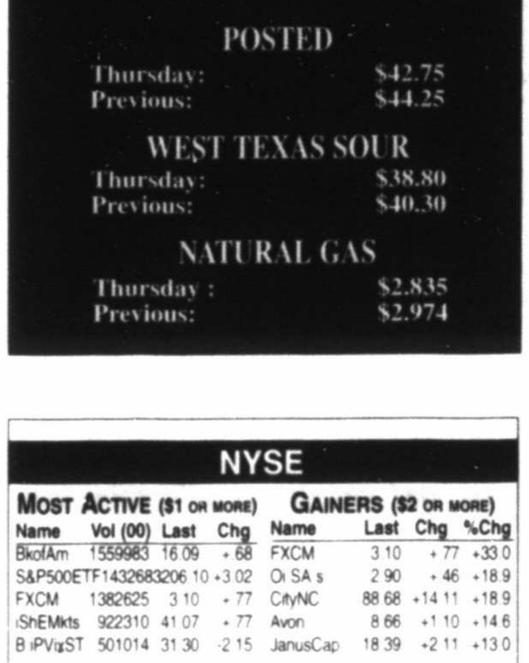


## OIL PRICES

**FUTURES**

Thursday: $46.31
Previous: $47.78

**POSTED**

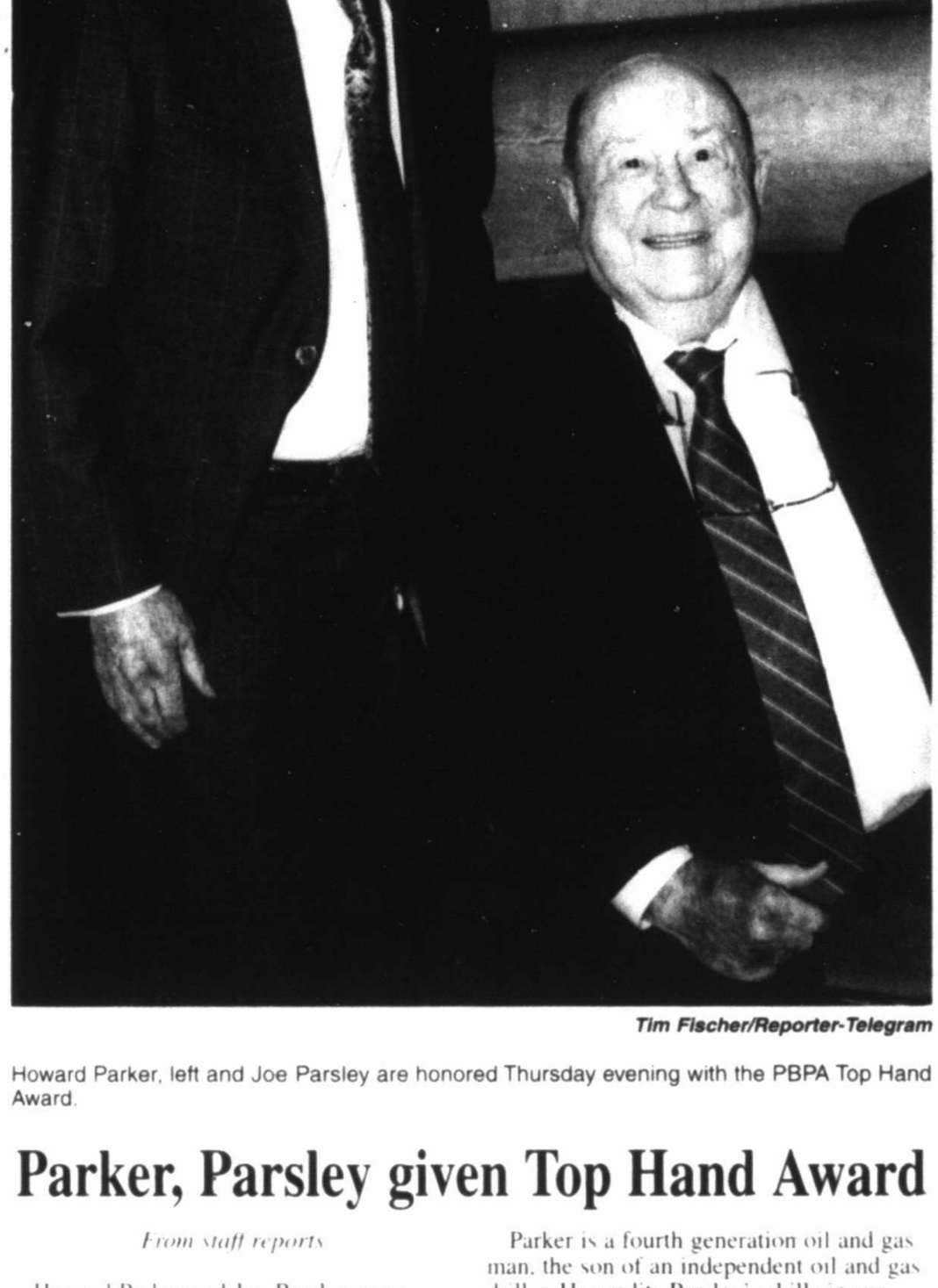
Thursday: $42.75
Previous: $44.25

**WEST TEXAS SOUR**

Thursday: $38.80
Previous: $40.30

**NATURAL GAS**

Thursday : $2.835
Previous: $2.974



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Howard Parker, left and Joe Parsley are honored Thursday evening with the PBPA Top Hand Award.

# Parker, Parsley given Top Hand Award

*From staff reports*

Howard Parker and Joe Parsley were honored with the Top Hand Award from the Permian Basin Petroleum Association at its annual dinner Thursday at Midland Center.

The two formed a partnership in 1962 known as Parker & Parsley. In the mid-1980s, Parker, a geologist, and Parsley, and engineer, sold their company to management. In 1997, the company became Pioneer Natural Resources following a merger with Mesa Inc. and is now the nation's third largest independent oil and gas operators.

Parker is a fourth generation oil and gas man, the son of an independent oil and gas driller. He credits Parsley's skills in successfully drilling wells with the partnership's success, while Parsley credits Parker's skills in acquiring leases and investors willing to buy interests in their wells.

Parsley initially studied architectural engineering but, after hearing his father, who had bought a drilling rig, talk about drilling for oil and gas, switched to petroleum engineering.

Both are graduates of the University of Texas at Austin

## Stocks rally

A plan to revive Europe's sagging economy rippled through the financial world on Thursday, setting off a rally in the stock market that wiped out its losses for the year.

The pledge by the European Central Bank to spend 1.1 trillion euros on bonds knocked down government borrowing rates across Europe and drove the euro to its lowest level against the dollar in 11 years. For investors, the long wait for action in Europe was over.

"It's all about the ECB today," said Jeff Kravetz, regional investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "This is a very positive development. They have a reputation of overpromising and underdelivering, and today they delivered."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 31.03 points, or 1.5 percent, to close at 2,063.15. That nudged it into positive territory for the year, up 0.2 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 259.70 points, or 1.5 percent, to 17,813.98 while the Nasdaq climbed 82.98 points, or 1.8 percent, to 4,750.40.

The ECB announced Thursday that it would start buying 60 billion euros worth of government and private bonds every month, slightly more than what many in the markets anticipated. The central bank said the program will run 18 months, from this March until September of next year but left open the option of extending the program if necessary.

## NYSE

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| BkofAm | 1559983 | 16.09 | + .68 |
| S&P500ETF | 1432683206 | 10 | +3.02 |
| FXCM | 1382625 | 3.10 | + .77 |
| iShEMkts | 922310 | 41.07 | + .77 |
| B iPVixST | 501014 | 31.30 | - 2.15 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
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| FXCM | 3.10 | + .77 | +33.0 |
| Oi SA s | 2.90 | + .46 | +18.9 |
| CityNC | 88.68 | +14.11 | +18.9 |
| Avon | 8.66 | + 1.10 | +14.6 |
| JanusCap | 18.39 | + 2.11 | +13.0 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| DrxRsaBear | 18.22 | - 3.84 | -17.4 |
| NuvernaE | 2.08 | - .31 | -13.0 |
| PUVixST rs | 24.22 | - 3.56 | -12.8 |
| Alamos g | 7.04 | - .85 | -10.8 |
| CSVLgNGs | 3.36 | - .38 | -10.2 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 2,460 |
| Declined | 687 |
| Unchanged | 94 |
| Total issues | 3,241 |
| New Highs | 284 |
| New Lows | 34 |
| Volume | 4,043,032,688 |

## AMEX

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| iShIndia bt | 46416 | 33.28 | + .44 |
| BarcGSOil | 44011 | 10.47 | - .21 |
| NwGold g | 39521 | 4.51 | - .20 |
| GranTrra g | 35569 | 2.38 | - .03 |
| Globalstar | 31736 | 2.52 | + .04 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

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| NanoVinc | 2.84 | + .30 | +11.8 |
| Sifco | 30.50 | +2.60 | +9.3 |
| BlonderT | 2.02 | + .15 | +8.0 |
| FstWV | 21.65 | +1.57 | +7.8 |
| VirnetX | 5.31 | + .35 | +7.1 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| CT Ptrs | 8.87 | - 3.63 | -29.0 |
| MagHR pfC | 15.00 | - 2.80 | -15.7 |
| MagHR pfE | 11.72 | - 2.18 | -15.7 |
| MagHR pfD | 19.85 | - 3.50 | -15.0 |
| AltsrcAst | 240.11 | - 29.88 | -11.1 |

**DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Advanced | 253 |
| Declined | 146 |
| Unchanged | 28 |
| Total issues | 427 |
| New Highs | 14 |
| New Lows | 10 |
| Volume | 92,693,873 |

## NASDAQ

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| Apple Inc s | 485101 | 112.40 | +2.85 |
| BlackBerry | 432655 | 10.51 | - .58 |
| PwShs QQQ | 382417 | 104.03 | + 1.89 |
| Microsoft | 319037 | 47.13 | +1.21 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

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| EgaletCp n | 6.11 | +1.18 | +23.9 |
| MinervaN n | 5.09 | + .72 | +16.6 |
| VestRMI rs | 3.50 | + .40 | +13.0 |
| CathGn wt | 6.23 | + .72 | +13.0 |
| CarverBcp | 6.21 | + .71 | +12.9 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| TrovaGn wt | 3.36 | - .89 | -20.9 |
| Escalera pf | 7.00 | - 1.67 | -19.3 |
| LandsEnd n | 41.97 | - 8.74 | -17.2 |
| Travelzoo | 9.54 | - 1.81 | -15.9 |
| Ottomony n | 29.34 | - 4.90 | -14.3 |

**DIARY**

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|---|---|
| Advanced | 2,005 |
| Declined | 742 |
| Unchanged | 116 |
| Total issues | 2,863 |
| New Highs | 63 |
| New Lows | 80 |
| Volume | 1,941,414,390 |

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)**
Closing Price $54.94 Down 0.18

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $106.40 Down 2.09

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $11.61 Up 0.23

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)**
Closing Price $67.98 Down 0.56

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $8.18 Down 0.63

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $4.42 Down 0.10

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $21.56 Up 0.43

**RSP Permian (RSPP)**
Closing Price $28.55 Up 0.35

**Ring Energy (REI)**
Closing Price $8.72 Down 0.05

**Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)**
Closing Price $17.00 Up 0.01

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
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| AT&T Inc | 1.88f | 10 | 33.79 | - .21 | + .6 |
| **Abraxas** | ... | 10 | 2.93 | +.07 | -.3 |
| **AdamsEx** | 1.18e | ... | 13.75 | +.19 | +.5 |
| AMD | | | 2.47 | + .02 | -7.5 |
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| **Xerox** | .25 | 15 | 13.97 | +.39 | +.8 |
| Xilinx | 1.16 | 16 | 38.96 | -2.55 | -10.0 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
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| 18,103.45 | 15,340.89 | Dow Jones Industrials | 17,813.98 | +259.70 | +1.48 | -.05 | +9.98 |
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| 4,814.95 | 3,946.03 | Nasdaq Composite | 4,750.40 | +82.98 | +1.78 | +.30 | +12.80 |
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| 1,221.44 | 1,040.47 | Russell 2000 | 1,190.37 | +24.12 | +2.07 | -1.19 | +1.53 |

**TODAY:** Mostly sunny — High: 45 Low: 29

**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny — High: 56 Low: 32

**SUNDAY:** Sunny — High: 62 Low: 35

**MONDAY:** Sunny — High: 65 Low: 39

**TUESDAY:** Mostly sunny — High: 66 Low: 42

**WEDNESDAY:** Sunny — High: 67 Low: 43

## Local forecast

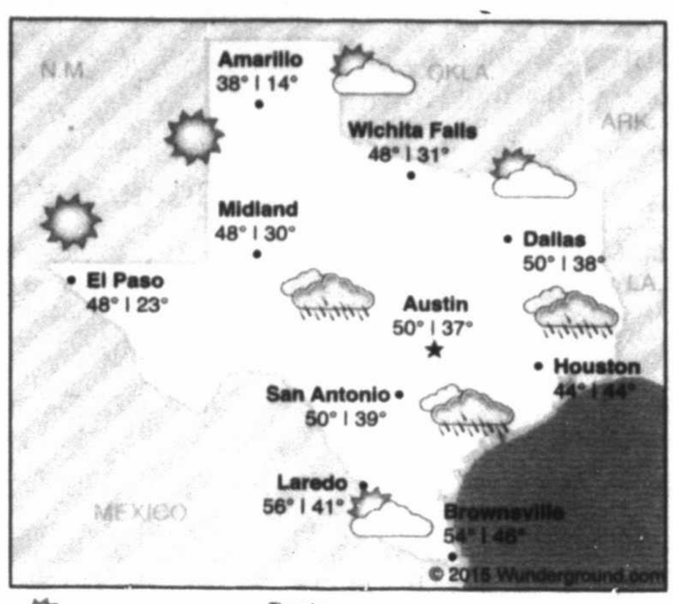
Expect a 20 percent chance of preceipitation and mostly sunny skies today with a high temperature around 45 degrees and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 29 and a west wind around 5 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 56 and northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. The forecast Saturday night calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 32 and a west wind around 5 mph.

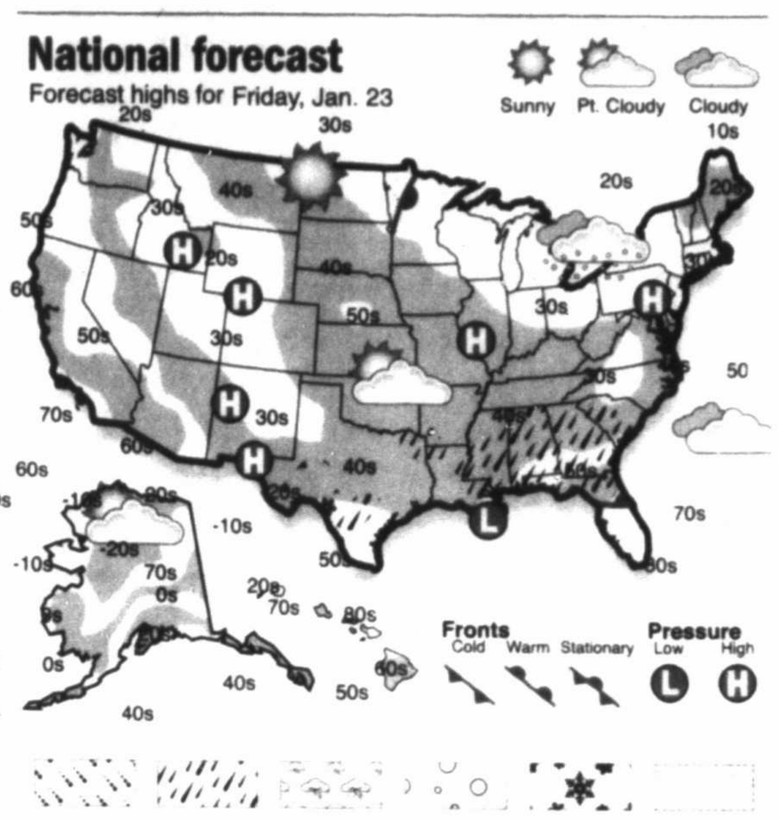
The high on Thursday reached 41 while the low dropped to 33. The record high for Jan. 22 is 83 set in 1950. The record low is 2 set in 1966.

## National forecast

The area from New England to the Plains, the Rockies, the Great Basin and California is forecast to be dry on Friday. Much of the region will be sunny, as well. High-pressure areas will extend from the Delmarva Peninsula to western Texas, Idaho and the coast of Northern California. As a storm passes to the north, snow is projected to sweep across the upper Great Lakes.




| Precipitation | | Thursday's temperatures | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 0.07 in. | High | 41 |
| Thursday | 0.13 in. | Low | 33 |
| Month total | 1.73 in. | Normal high | 58 |
| Year total | 1.73 in. | Normal low | 31 |
| Normal total (year to date) | 0.36 in. | Sunrise | 7:47 a.m. |
| | | Sunset | 6:14 p.m. |




## *New desk comes with a view co-worker would like to avoid*

# DEAR ABBY

*Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.*

**DEAR ABBY:** I like my job a lot, but I have recently been assigned a different desk. I now sit next to someone who regularly draws his blood with a lancet and gives himself a shot for his diabetes just a foot away from me.

I am extremely uncomfortable around blood and needles. I don't want to make waves because this person has been here a lot longer than I have, and, apparently, no one has ever been bothered by it.

Am I being silly? Would it be improper to ask my supervisor to move me? Moving desks is a big enough deal that I will have to give a reason. Help. — SQUEAMISH IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.

**DEAR SQUEAMISH:** Because the sight of blood and needles makes you uncomfortable, discuss this with your supervisor ASAP. While these are procedures many people with diabetes must attend to on a daily basis, you shouldn't have to watch if you don't want to.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a child two years ago. My ex-husband (not my daughter's father) has hardly been in her life since our divorce 15 years ago. She never called him Dad. We have both remarried.

He and his new wife have moved close to the kids and want to be grandparents. I don't have a problem with them being close to my daughter, but I resent them being called "grandparents." I feel that title should be reserved.

Frankly, this has put a chasm in an otherwise close relationship. My daughter and son-in-law don't understand why I'm having a problem with it. Please give me some advice. — EARNED THE RIGHT IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR EARNED:** OK. While I understand your jealousy, for all concerned, you need to realize that the more love and attention a child has, the better. Your grandchild will benefit from having many caring adults in his/her life as long as they're not at each other's throats. While your ex and his wife might not technically be grandparents, if you blow this out of proportion, you risk alienating your daughter, so I advise against it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a professor at a university on a military base in Germany. Most of my students are soldiers, their families or retirees, so my students range in age from 18 to 60. I do not yet have my Ph.D., only my master's.

I communicate a lot with my students through email. How should I sign my emails to them? I can't say Dr. So-and-So. Do I use my full name or Professor So-and-So? While I'm friendly with my students, I still believe in keeping a professional distance, and I want to convey a sense of professionalism in my emails. — PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO

**DEAR PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO:** Sign your communications with your students exactly the way you have signed the one you have written to me.

# GOREN BRIDGE

*With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch*

### Bold play

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 4 3
10 9 8
J 10 9
♣ J 4 3

WEST
♠ 10 6 5
A J 5 3 2
K 7
♣ 7 5 2

EAST
♠ K Q
K 7 6 4
Q 8 6 5 4 3
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A J 7 2
Q
A 2
♣ A K Q 9 8 6

The bidding:

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2♣ | Pass | 2 ♦ | Dbl** |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3 ♥*** | Pass |
| 3NT | All pass | | |

*Negative
**Good diamonds
***Double negative

Opening lead: King of ♦

This deal took place in the U.S. Open Team Trials more than 20 years ago. The actual auction, except for East's lead-directing double, is lost to us. We have given the imperfect auction above, where South probably felt that, on a diamond lead, he wouldn't need much from dummy to have nine tricks. South was Jeff Meckstroth, of Florida, one of the world's greatest players.

Once in a while, all players find themselves in a terrible contract like this one. The good players think: "Just because the contract is hopeless is no reason to go down in it!"

West, "guided" by his partner's questionable double, led his high diamond rather than a heart. Meckstroth, known for his quick tempo at the table, won the ace of diamonds and immediately led the queen of hearts. He was acting like a man needing to set up a trick or two in hearts.

It worked! West won his ace of hearts and led his remaining diamond. East won with his queen and, certain that he had an entry with the king of hearts, played a third round of diamonds. That was Meckstroth's ninth trick. He quickly claimed and reached for the next board, leaving his opponents staring at each other.

# JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 23, 2015:

This year you'll find that your finances are a key factor in making plans, especially as you consider a major life change. Sometimes you prevent yourself from realizing how you really feel about a situation. Be aware of this tendency, as it could cause a problem. If you are single, 2015 will be a year to remember. Expect to encounter an abundance of suitors; at least one of them will be very appealing. If you are attached, the two of you have a tendency to go overboard, but you always manage to have a ball doing it. Make sure to schedule special time together as a couple. PISCES wants to be involved in your life, but it is your call.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be facing a decision that will force you to go within. You might resist the process at first, but you will warm up to it eventually. Don't fight it, and you will have an easier time. Make time to have a discussion with a key confidant. Tonight: Try not to be so visible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Information you are receiving could be subject to dramatic change, even if you don't see it yet. Emphasize your goals and priorities. A get-together with friends will be highlighted. Make a note of what is not being said. Tonight: TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be startled by how someone else takes a stand before you can even verbalize what you feel needs to be done. Try not to hold a grudge. This person might want control at any cost. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Reach out for more information and/or to an expert if you are not satisfied with what you are hearing. You could be questioning what works for you. Distance yourself from the issue as much as possible; only then can you make a good decision. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll want to cut back and relax more, yet you might resist letting go of certain responsibilities. Figure out what you really want to do, and you won't have a problem. A loved one will let you know where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Munchies with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You seem to be unusually resourceful when dealing with someone who can be very controlling. Be aware of your objective, and don't play into this person's control games. The results will be a lot better than you might have expected. Tonight: Accept a special invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with a difficult, controlling person. Avoid getting into a conflict by backing away carefully. The only way to be effective is to be nonreactive. Listen to others' feedback. Tonight: Accept a colleague's invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might have to handle a task, but your mind will be on a loved one. Break free from the shackles of your schedule, and go be with this person. Remember that life is for living. Sometimes you get too caught up with work and responsibilities. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Perhaps you don't realize how much you enjoy staying close to home. However, given the opportunity, you might consider having a home-based business, if you don't already. Make a call to someone who can help you clear up a problem. Tonight: Kick back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Express what you feel, and remember to be diplomatic. You will get better results than if you were to proceed in your usual way. Someone might be trying to win a power play, but this person doesn't know how strong and willful you are. Tonight: Head out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could have the best intentions, but you might unknowingly trigger others. Do some soul searching or have a discussion with a trusted friend. You will want to root out this problem in order to have better communication. Tonight: Treat a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you're on top of the world, yet a problem could be brewing within a friendship. This issue will need to be addressed. Ask yourself how important this person is to you, and then proceed accordingly. Tonight: You are noticed wherever you are.

BORN TODAY

Statesman John Hancock (1737), musician Jacky Vincent (1989), actress Tiffani Thiessen (1974)

# DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 "Mad Men" productions
4 Bark elicitor
9 Lax
13 Force (open)
14 Close-fitting dress
15 Powerful dept.?
16 Striking painting of paddles, net and ball?
19 Uber
20 Facebook button
21 Truncation abbr.
22 Austin of "Knot's Landing"
23 Extraordinary northern bird?
26 Statistician's challenge
28 Plot component
29 "__ thoughts?"
30 Reasonable
32 Purim heroine
34 Mythological figure who touched 16- 23- 46- and 55-Across?
36 Available
39 Anthony Hopkins' "Thor" role
40 Channel for old films
43 Noodle
44 "I'm not kidding!"
46 Alaskan insects?
51 Chief Justice Warren
52 Subjects of some conspiracy theories
53 Specks on cartes
54 Enthralled
55 Overdevelop a high plain?
60 It may be cautionary
61 "I shall be late!" speaker of fiction
62 Letter director
63 Narrow opening
64 Indo-__ languages
65 Nixon has two

**DOWN**

1 Angry Birds, e.g.
2 "Happy Days" setting
3 Cooperative action
4 "Dexter" airer, for short
5 Write
6 Scout rank
7 Top story
8 Uniform material
9 Sprinkling on French fries?
10 Free sample limitation
11 Top story
12 Cab driver?
14 One of a pair of Mad adversaries
17 Off the __
18 Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
22 Sched. uncertainty
23 Witness __
24 Sharp feeling
25 Rowing beneficiaries, for short
27 Z-zebra link
31 Dashboard Confessional's genre
32 Changes, in a way
33 Without
34 Rosebud's owner
35 "Cool, man!"
36 Things
37 __ color
38 Fictional pilot with the iconic line, "Laugh it up, fuzzball"
40 Circus staple
41 Sun block
42 "The Producers" screenwriter Brooks
45 Milk dispenser
47 Help
48 Uber
49 "The View" alum Joy
50 Milk carton words
54 Snitch
56 18th Amendment opposer
57 Cops' org.
58 Harvard grad Jeremy who's now a Laker
59 Rises

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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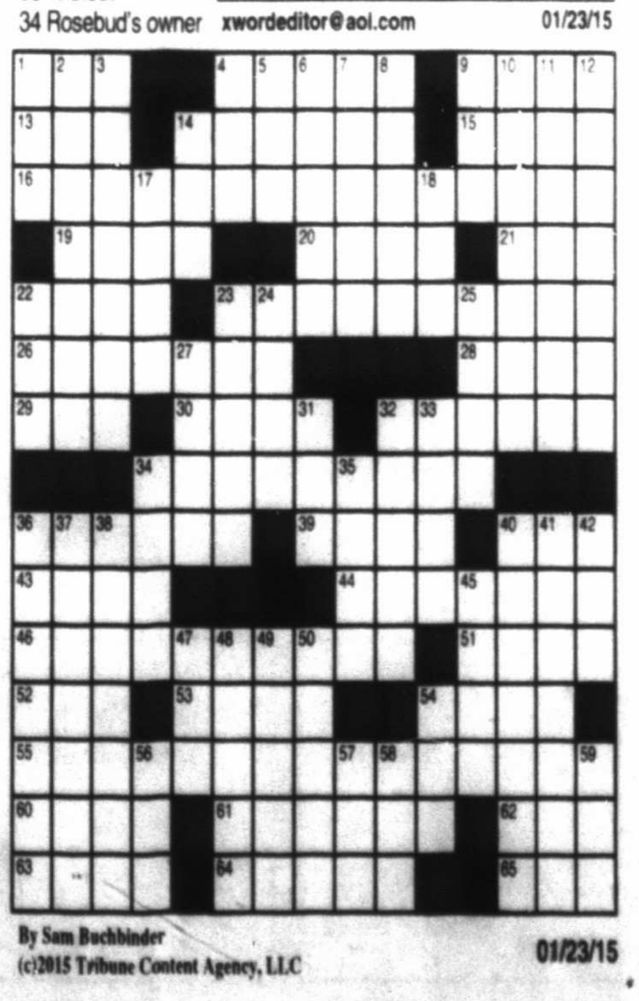

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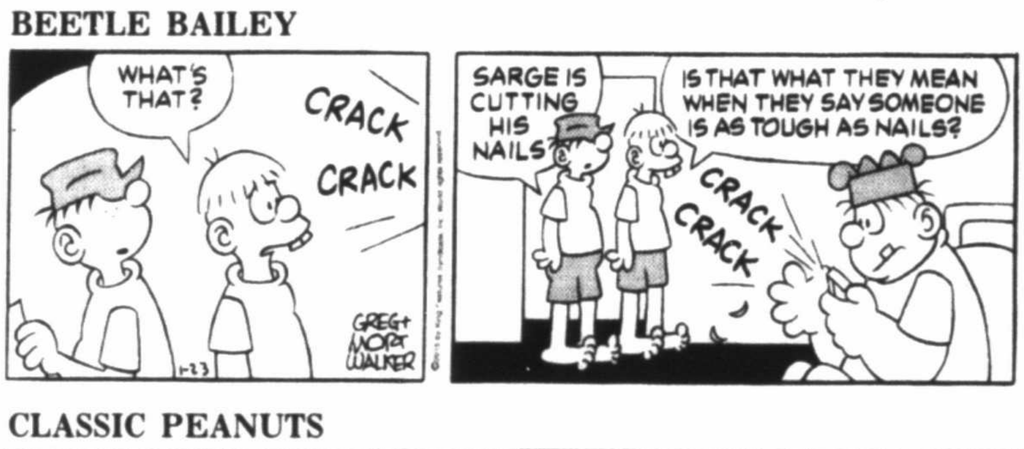


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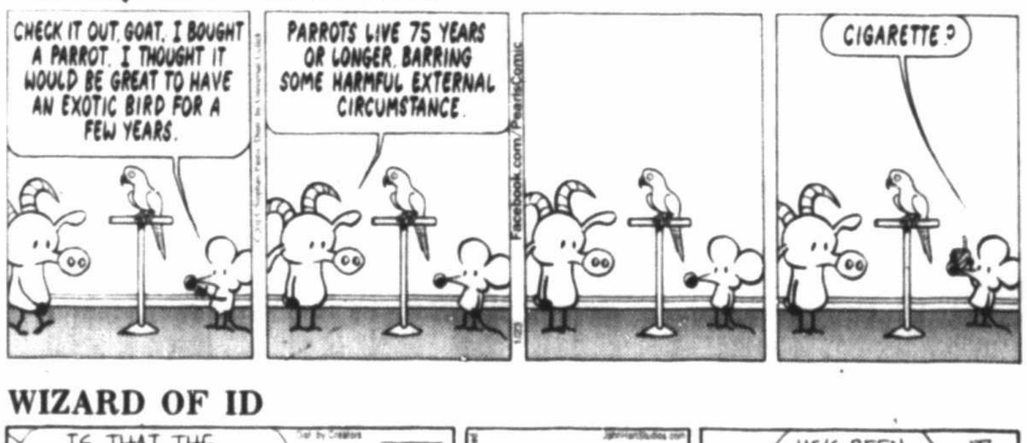


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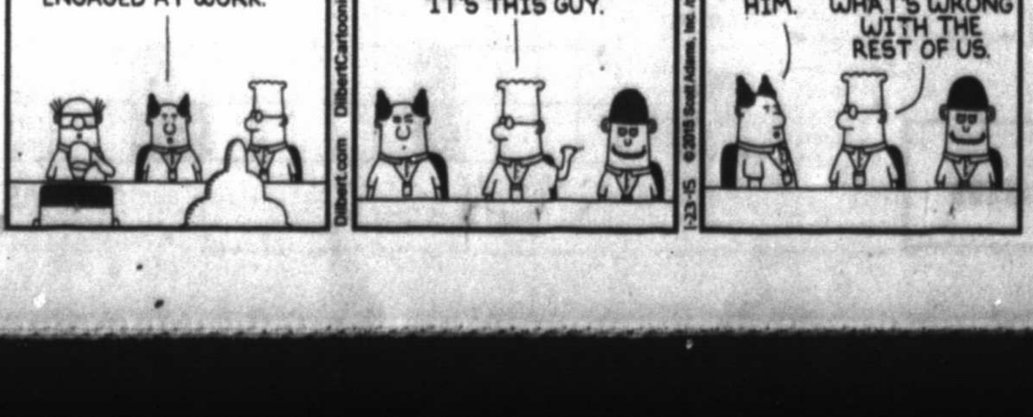


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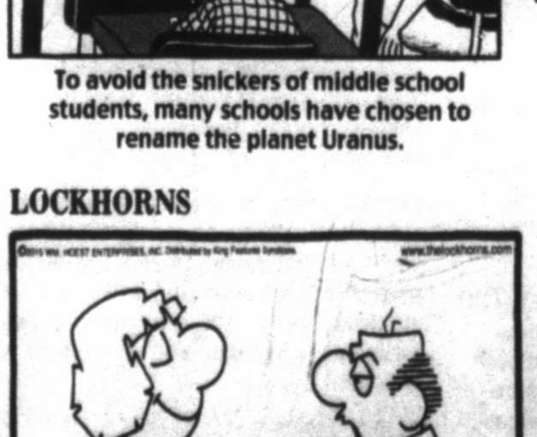


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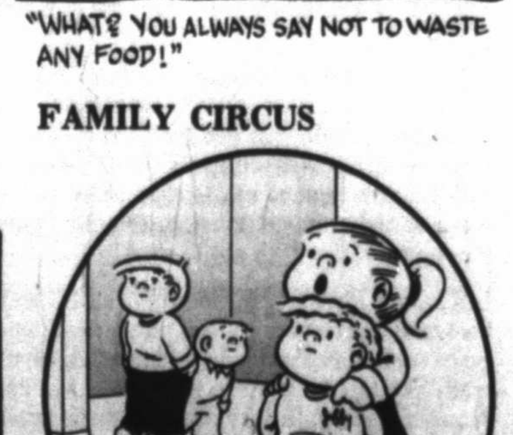

"WHAT? YOU ALWAYS SAY NOT TO WASTE ANY FOOD!"

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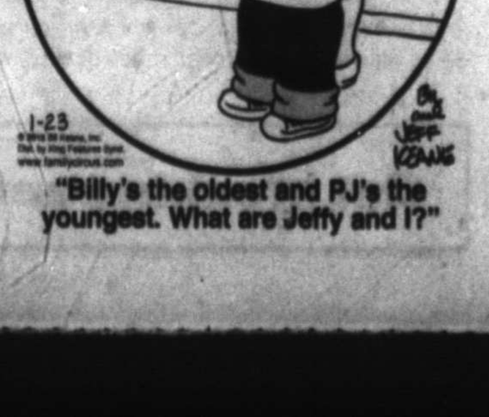

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Generally located on the south side of State Highway 191, approximately 0.5-miles west of S. FM 1788.

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Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m. on February 10, 2015, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Endeavor Energy Resources for a permit to drill an Oil and Gas Well within the City Limits on the following described property: On 1,980-feet from north line and 467-feet from east line, Section 34, Block 38, T-1-N, T & P RR Co. Survey, Martin County, Texas.

Generally located in the eastern corner of Section 34, approximately 467-feet west of North County road 1150.

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## 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, 2015 through February 20, 2015.** 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 prompt: 4) Credentialing.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on February 10, 2015, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Endeavor Energy Resources for a permit to drill an Oil and Gas Well within the City Limits on the following described property: On 467-feet from north line and 467-feet from east line, Section 34, Block 38, T-1-N, T & P RR Co. Survey, Martin County, Texas.

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## Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Cato Operating, Inc., PO Box 397, Coahoma, Texas 79511 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, GJ & K SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 19 Miles Southwest of Garden City, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,900 to 5,200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

## Legal & Public Notices

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RESULTS FOR DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES FILED AT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

Notice was hereby given that a public hearing was held before the City Council, City of Midland, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, at **10:30 A.M.**, o'clock on the **December 16, 2014**. At this hearing the City Council considered an Ordinance requiring the removal or demolition of the buildings(s) or structure(s) located on the below referenced properties for the reason that the building(s) or structure(s) located on said property fails to comply with the minimum standards for the intended use and occupancy of the building, as provided in Title IV, Chapter 9 of the Midland City Code. On January 13th the City Council passed the Ordinance on second reading with a 6-0 vote. A complete copy of the Ordinance can be found at the City Secretary's Office, 300 N. Loraine, Suite 330, Midland, Texas 79701.

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| 502 S FAIRGROUNDS RD | BLK: 026, LOT: 2(E167.9 OF N35)<br>ADDN: GREENWOOD | LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST<br>P O BOX 9262<br>MIDLAND, TX 79708 |
| S FAIRGROUNDS RD | BLK: 026, LOT: 004<br>ADDN: GREENWOOD | LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST<br>P O BOX 9262<br>MIDLAND, TX 79708 |
| 506 S FAIRGROUNDS RD | BLK: 026, LOTS: 5 & 6(N10)<br>ADDN: GREENWOOD | LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST<br>P O BOX 9262<br>MIDLAND, TX 79708 |
| 505 S TYLER ST | BLK: 053, LOT: 010<br>ADDN: PARK AVENUE, HEIGHTS | NIBLETT BRENDA JOYCE<br>1416 E PECAN AV<br>MIDLAND, TX 79705 6800 |
| 505 S WEBSTER ST | BLK: 025, LOT: 010<br>ADDN: GREENWOOD | HOWARD SAMUEL<br>710 S WEBSTER ST<br>MIDLAND, TX 79701 1211 |
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| 3106 DELANO AV | BLK: 019, LOT: 004<br>ADDN: CRESTVIEW HEIGHTS | RUIZ MARK ANTHONY<br>10008 W COUNTY RD 54<br>MIDLAND, TX 79707-1398 |
| 3708 CEDAR SPRINGS DR | BLK: 033, LOT: 027<br>ADDN: PERMIAN ESTATES | BEGGS IMA JEAN EST<br>SELENE HERNANDEZ<br>ROCKWOOD MANOR<br>2000 N MAIN ST<br>MIDLAND, TX 79705 |

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Patrick Allen Hicks
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

**DATED** the 22nd day of January, 2015.

PINSON LAW FIRM
By: Brandon W. Pinson

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Cathy Butler, f/k/a Cathy Woodside, gives notice that she plans to sell, at public sale, all ownership interests (the "Interests") in Barrington Northeast, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company, that were assigned by Mark W. Woodside pursuant to a Turnover Order dated November 15, 2014, entered November 17, 2014, in Cause No. FM-35,058 in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas; In the Matter of The Marriage of Cathy K. Woodside and Mark Walter Woodside and In the Interest of Christopher Monroe Woodside and Matthew Christian Woodside, Minor Children. The Sale is scheduled to take place at 10:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, but before 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at the East Entrance to the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine St., Midland, Texas 79701.

Copies of the Turnover Order, the Assignment executed by Mark W. Woodside and the Judgment referenced below are available upon request to Cathy Butler, c/o Robert K. Whitt, 3300 N. A St. Bldg. 2-101, Midland, Texas 79705. Other information regarding Barrington Northeast, LLC may be available in the file for Cause No. FM-35,058, maintained by the Midland County District Clerk, 500 N. Loraine St., Suite 300, Midland, Texas 79701.

The sale of the interests in Barrington Northeast, LLC, will be "AS IS, WHERE IS," with no representations or warranties being made by Cathy Butler.

To the extent the Interests consist of securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), the purchaser of such securities will be required to represent in writing that (i) the securities are being acquired for the purchaser's own account and not with a view to their sale of distribution in violation of the Act and (ii) the securities will not be sold by the purchaser except pursuant to an effective registration or a valid exemption from the registration requirements of the Act.

Cathy Butler reserves the right to bid for and purchase the interests in Barrington Northeast, LLC, and to credit the purchase price against the amounts due to Cathy Butler under the Turnover Order and under the Final Judgment dated May 28, 2003. Inquiries should be directed to Cathy Butler at the address listed above.

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### Yard & Garage Sales

#### 79701

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### Yard & Garage Sales

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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:**
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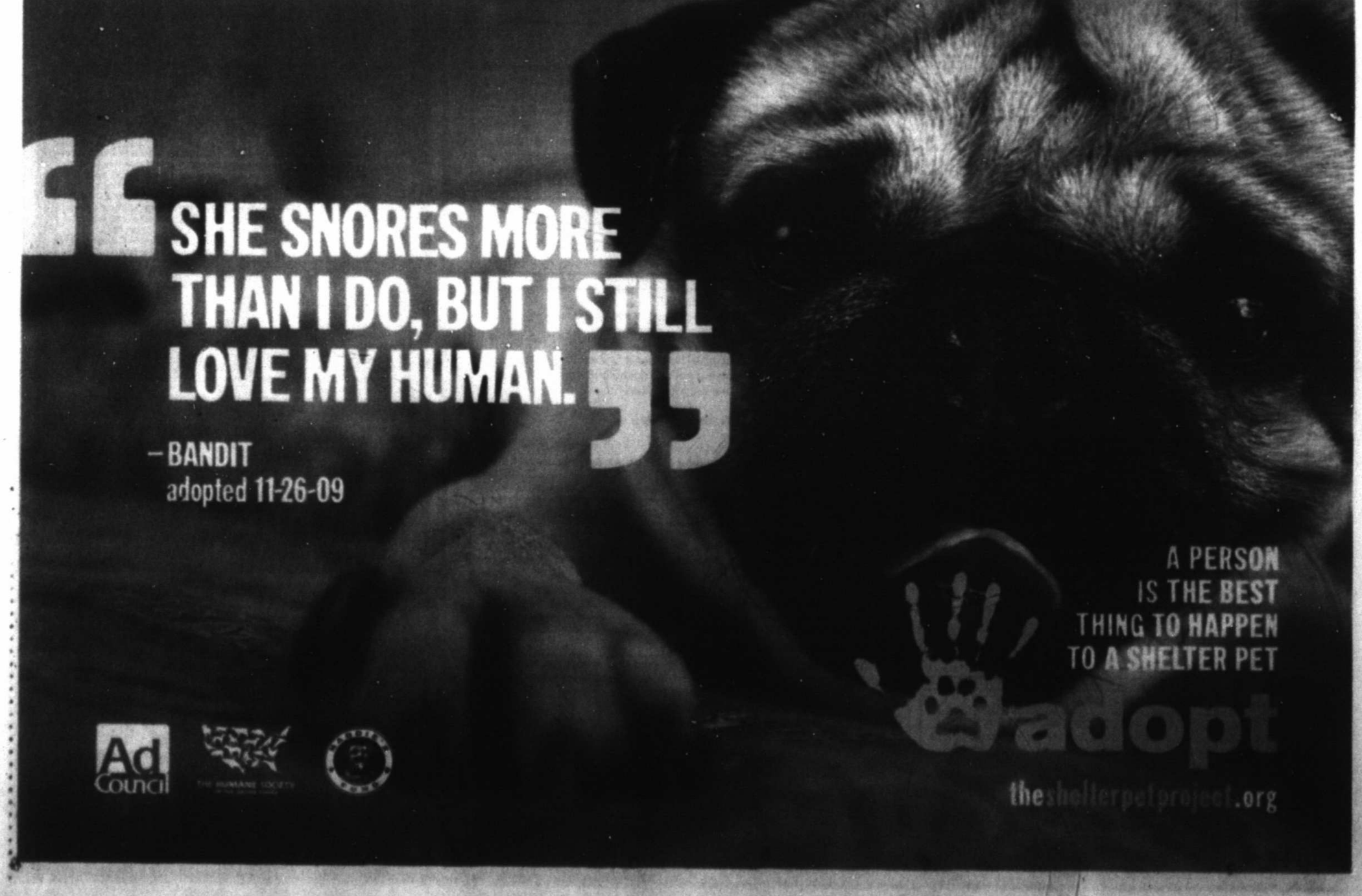

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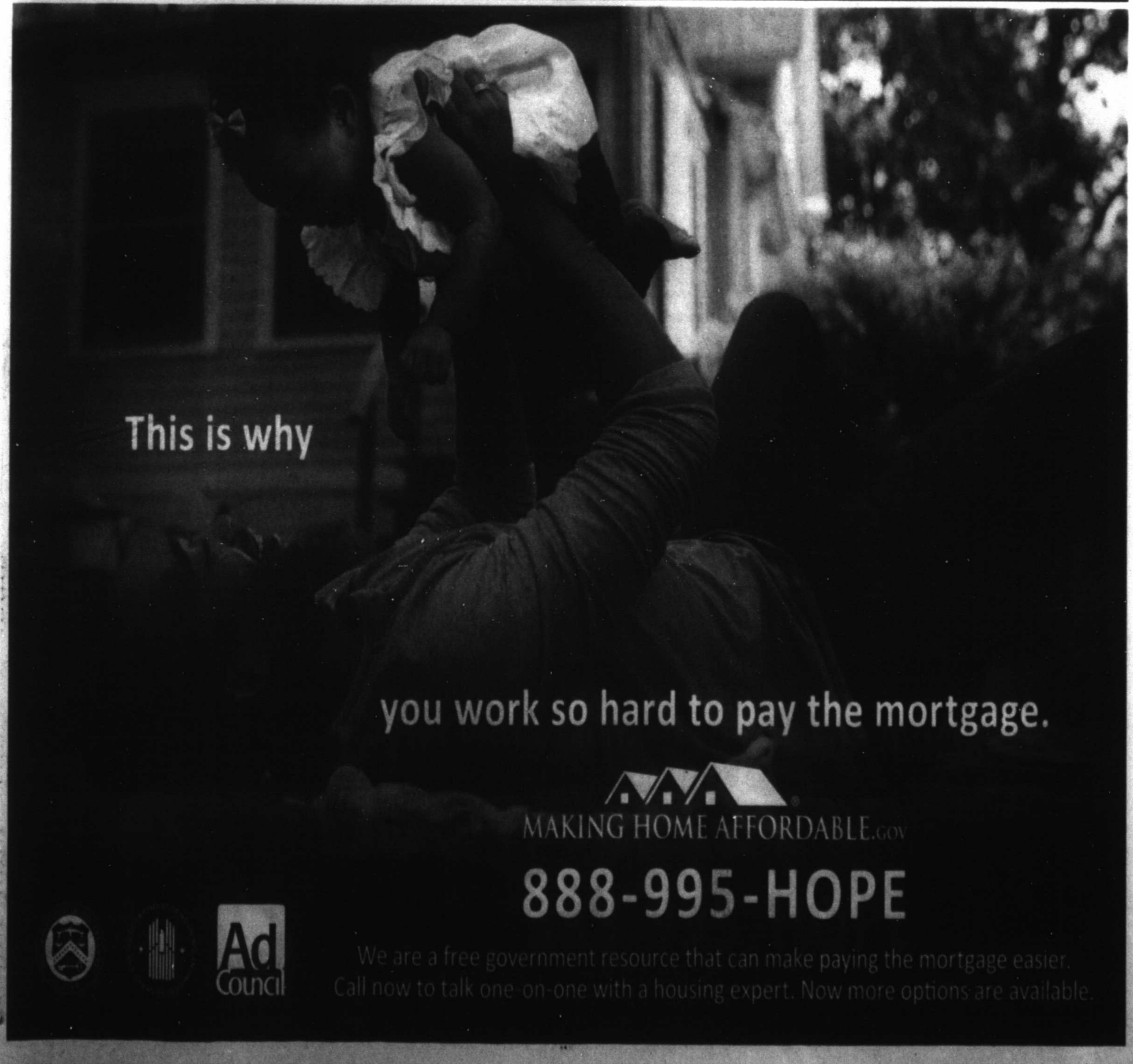

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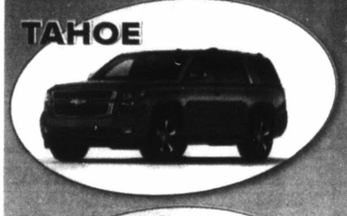

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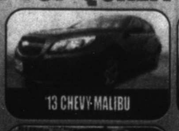
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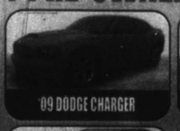
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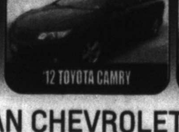
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