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Council meeting draws added security

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland residents attending Tuesday's City Council meeting over the Blue Ridge Apartment complex controversy might have noticed the added security during the contentious debate.

City officials asked for a second patrol officer to be in attendance during the meeting and for a supervisor to check in on the proceedings because of the contentious nature of the hearing.

"We asked for an additional officer because of the heated nature of the topic," said Tasa Watts, the city of Midland's public information officer.

"The added security was not directly related to the Arizona shooting; rather it was the nature of the topic. But the shooting may have played a part."

In Tucson, Ariz., a lone gunmen opened fire at an outdoor mall killing six and injuring more than a dozen others Saturday. The dead included federal district Judge John Roll and the injured include Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.

Several members of the media and fellow lawmakers have blamed the attack on vitriolic rhetoric, although there has not been any evidence released to support the conclusion. Some legislators even have floated the idea of changing security policy methods and increasing security budgets in light of the attack.

Although Watts said it wasn't directly related to the shooting, she said the level of apprehension and uncertainty precipitated the need for added security at the council meeting.

During a previous meeting concerning the apartment complex, people in attendance were reminded not to shout and to maintain a calm atmosphere while debating the issues. There weren't any instances of violence.

Standard policy for security at City Council meetings require one officer to be present to ensure there is no violence and a level of decorum is main-

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

INTRODUCTION Roger Williams introduces Sue Brannon to Melanie Fischer on Wednesday at the Republican Women's Luncheon before he addresses the Midland County Republican Women.

Senate hopeful says business-minded leader is needed

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Although the November election tremendously bolstered Republican ranks state and nationwide, former Secretary of State Roger Williams said Wednesday it's not time to rest just yet.

Speaking at the first Midland County Republican Women's meeting of the year, Williams said while the 2010 election was a victory, the 2012 election is even more important.

"What a challenging time we live in," Williams said. "The next most important election of our lifetime is 2012. We have only won the first half."

Acknowledging he's early in his race for the 2012 seat presently held by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Williams said he's working to emphasize the need for business-minded leaders, like him, in Washington. Without people who understand the importance of small government and low taxes in allowing companies to thrive, America won't be able to stabilize from its recession, he said.

"This idea of penalizing success and rewarding failure in this administration has got to stop and it's got to stop now," Williams said. "The government still thinks they can get us out of this mess. They're the ones who got us into this mess."

If elected, Williams said he would not support extending unemployment benefits like has been done and instead would decrease the corporate income tax, the personal income tax, the capital gains tax and the payroll tax paid by employers.

Plus, he added, as several clapped, the inheritance tax should be completely nullified.

In doing all of that, business owners would be able to hire more individuals as well as investing in equipment, he said.

"We're sitting on a 9.2 percent unemployment rate and they're bragging about it. Are you kidding me?" Williams said, raising his voice after having already put down the microphone.

If the government got out of the banking industry, health care sector and every other venture that previously was private, Williams said it would be able to decrease its scope and costs to the point these changes could take place.

"We've got people in Washington, D.C. that don't have a clue what we're talking about," Williams said. "I'm worried about

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GETTINGSTOCKED







Story by Audrie Palmer
Photos by Tim Fischer

Tucker Bales, 8, hangs a feed trough, above, for his pig, Ranger, Wednesday morning as he and other students get ready for the upcoming Livestock Show at the Midland County Horseshoe. **TOP LEFT:** Kade McLelland, 16, fixes one of the gates in the pen as he and other Lee High School FFA students get ready for the show. **TOP RIGHT:** Stephanie Dresel, 17 and Kassandra Aguilar, 17, pour out some bedding for their pigs as they prepare one of the pens in the Lee High School FFA area. **See schedule on 4A**

Livestock show set to start today

Responsibility and leadership. That's what volunteers with the 58th annual Midland County Livestock Show said the competition helps to instill in the children who participate.

"We do the livestock and produce youth that have leadership abilities and create responsibility in feeding and caring for animals," said Midland County 4-H agent Kodie Hoover.

The free event is open to the public and will begin today at the Midland County Horseshoe with the rabbit and chicken show and the swine show is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

Friday morning at 8 a.m. the sheep and lamb show will begin followed by the showings of goats, heifers and steers.

A culinary arts contest will start at 9 a.m. Saturday where competitors will enter cakes into the contest. A barbecue at 11 a.m. will be held before the auction begins at 1 p.m., staff said.

Participants are allowed to enter up to six market animals each into the show, and Hoover said 419 entries have been accepted for this weekend.

The livestock program is one of the largest programs for the Midland County 4-H, according to Hoover, and is based around family involvement, encouraging everyone in a family to be involved.

Dennis Sever, president of the Midland County Livestock Association, said the programs with 4-H and FFA help keep the children involved focused on families and family values.

"They're learning to take care of them and being responsible. Accountability is taught at a young age," he said.

Out of town judges who have background knowledge on livestock will be on hand to participate in the competitions. Scholarships will also be awarded at the show.

"Agriculture is one of the most important industries in the world. Everybody has to eat and wear clothes; that all comes from agriculture," Sever said.

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January sales tax revenues up

From staff reports

Sales tax revenues for January are up 36.1 percent from the previous year, the city of Midland announced Wednesday.

The total amount of revenue received from the State Comptroller's Office was $2,197,436, which was an increase of $582,870 from the previous year, according to a release from the city.

The year-to-date sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2010-11 is up 26.8 percent or more than $1.85 million over the previous year. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is $8,736,642, the release says.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection, meaning January's collection is based on November sales.

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Palin's words reach back to sordid history

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Sarah Palin accused journalists and pundits of "blood libel" in the wake of the deadly Arizona shootings, she reached deep into one of medieval history's most sordid chapters to make her point.

The term "blood libel" is not well known, but it is highly charged — a direct reference to a time when many European Christians blamed Jews for kidnapping and murdering Christian children to obtain their blood. Jews were tortured and executed for crimes they did not commit, emblematic of anti-Semitism so virulent that some scholars recoiled Wednesday at Palin's use of the term.

In a video posted to her Facebook page early Wednesday, the 2008 GOP vice presidential candidate accused the U.S. media of inciting hatred and violence after the shooting that gravely wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Palin has been criticized for marking Giffords' district with the cross hairs of a gun sight during last fall's campaign.

"But, especially within hours of a tragedy unfolding, journalists and pundits should not manufacture a blood libel that serves only to incite the very hatred and violence they purport to condemn. That is reprehensible," she said.

But some experts on the history of blood libel took exception to Palin's use of the term.

"In her own thinking, I just don't understand the logical use of this word," said Ronnie Hsia, a professor of history at Pennsylvania State University who has written two books about blood libel. "I think it's inappropriate and I frankly think if she or her staff know about the meaning of this word, I think it's insulting to the Jewish people."

Said Jerome Chanes, a research fellow at the Center for Jewish Studies at the City University of New York: "It's a classic case of, I don't know what you want to call it, semantic corruption."

Palin's aides did not immediately respond to an e-mail Wednesday.

Blood libel dates back to the 12th century in England, France, Germany and elsewhere in Europe, when many Christians believed that Jews killed children, usually boys, for supposed rituals including re-enacting the crucifixion of Christ, historians say. According to the belief, Jews would torture and kill the children and use their blood, often to make matzoh, the "bread of affliction" that is central to celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover.

"That was the Christian fantasy," Hsia said. "In some of these cases, the Jewish community was interrogated and in many cases people were tortured into confession and executed. Sometimes the Christian authorities tried to intervene, but sometimes the authorities also believed in the supposed allegations."

Officer stopped suspect on day of Ariz. shooting

By Amanda Lee Myers and Justin Pritchard
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — In the hours before the assassination attempt against Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, Jared Loughner went to Walmart, was pulled over for running a red light and ran from his father after an angry confrontation.

Investigators are piecing together the timeline of Loughner's frenzied morning before the attack that killed six.

"What he did and the morning before the shooting, we're just trying to find all that out," said sheriff's Capt. Chris Nanos.

Nanos wouldn't say what Loughner bought during two trips to Walmart.

After the shopping trips, Loughner ran a red light but was let off with a warning, the Arizona Game and Fish Department said. The officer took Loughner's driver's license and vehicle registration information at 7:30 a.m. but found no outstanding warrants and didn't search the car, a late 1960s dark gray Chevy Nova.

About 8 a.m., Randy Loughner saw his son walk to one of the family's vehicles and take a black bag out of the trunk.

"The father went out and said, 'What's that?' and he mumbled something and took off running," said Sheriff Clarence Dupnik.

Randy Loughner got in his truck and chased his son, but Jared ran into the desert.

At 10:11 a.m., police say Jared Loughner showed up at a Tucson grocery store in a taxi and shot 19 people, killing a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl, among others and wounding more than a dozen.

Hours after the attack, sheriff's deputies swarmed the Loughners' home and removed what they describe as evidence Loughner was targeting Giffords. Among the handwritten notes was one with the words "Die, bitch," which authorities believe was a reference to Giffords.

Investigators with the Pima County Sheriff's Department previously said they found handwritten notes in Loughner's safe reading "I planned ahead," "My assassination" and "Giffords." Capt. Chris Nanos said all the writings were either in an envelope or on a form letter Giffords' office sent him in 2007 after he signed in at one of her "Congress on Your Corner" events — the same kind of gathering where the massacre occurred.

Meanwhile, the city held a tribute to victims the eve of a presidential visit.

On Tuesday night, several hundred mourners filled a Tucson church for a public Mass to remember the slain and pray for the injured. As people filed in, nine young girls sang "Amazing Grace." The youngest victim of the attack, 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, was a member of that choir.

"I know she is singing with us tonight," said Tucson Bishop Gerald Kicanas, who presided over the service.

President Barack Obama visited Arizona on Wednesday and honored the victims in a speech to a rattled state and nation.

In one apparent reaction to the shooting, the FBI said background checks for handgun sales jumped in Arizona following the shootings, though the agency cautioned that the number of checks doesn't equate to the number of handguns sold.

Still, there were 263 background checks in Arizona on Monday, up from 164 for the same day a year ago — a 60 percent rise. Nationally, the increase was more modest: from 7,522 last year to 7,906 Monday, a 5 percent jump.

Loughner's parents, silent and holed up in their home since attack, issued a statement Tuesday, expressing remorse over the shooting.

"There are no words that can possibly express how we feel," Randy and Amy Loughner wrote in a statement handed to reporters waiting outside their house. "We wish that there were, so we could make you feel better. We don't understand why this happened.

"We care very deeply about the victims and their families. We are so very sorry for their loss."

Four days after a bullet went through Giffords' head, she was making small movements on her own and tugging at her hospital gown, though she remained in critical condition.

"She was able to actually even feel her wounds herself," said Dr. Peter Rhee, trauma chief at the University of Arizona.

The three-term Democrat was expected to live and has been making progress. Giffords is more alert after nurses eased her sedation. She can breathe on her own, respond to voice commands and even make small spontaneous motions.

As she improved, authorities continued their investigation of Loughner.

Sheriff's deputies had been to the Loughner home at least once before the attack, spokesman Jason Ogan said. He didn't know why or when the visit occurred, and said department lawyers were reviewing the paperwork and expected to release it Wednesday.

The visits were for nonviolent incidents, including a report by Jared Loughner of identity theft, a noise complaint and Amy Loughner's claim that someone had stolen her license plate sticker, according to a report by The Wall Street Journal.

In addition to the new details about the hours before the shooting, interviews with those who knew Loughner or his family painted a picture of a young loner who tried to fit in.

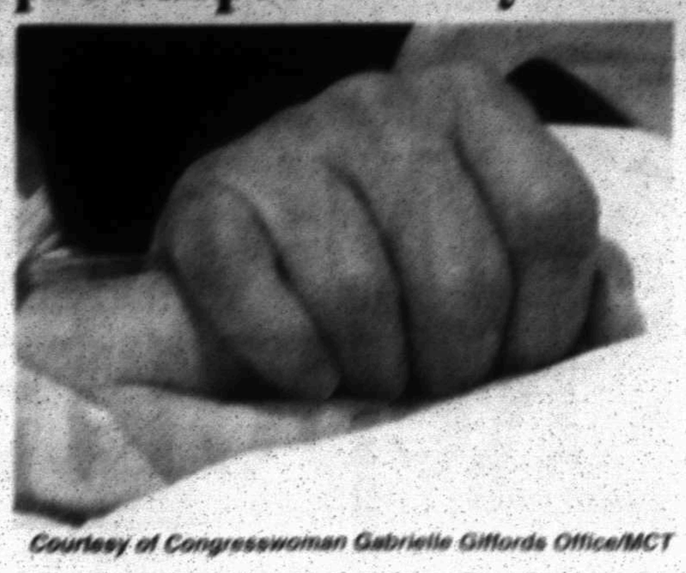
Before everything fell apart, he went through the motions as many young men do nowadays: Living at home with his parents, working low-wage jobs at big brand stores and volunteering time doing things he liked.

None of it worked. His relationship with his parents was strained. He clashed with co-workers and police. And he couldn't follow the rules at an animal shelter where he spent some time.

Loughner grew up on an unremarkable Tucson block of low-slung homes with palm trees and cactus gardens out front. Fittingly, it's called Soledad Avenue — Spanish for solitude.

Solitude found Loughner, even when he tried to escape it. He had buddies but always fell out of touch, typically severing the friendship with a text message: Zach Osler was one such friend.

Loughner's father moved into the house as a bachelor, and eventually got married, longtime next-door neighbor George Gayan said. Property records show Randy Loughner has lived there since 1977. Unlike other homes on the block, the Loughners' is obscured by plants. It was assessed in 2010 at $137,842.



Courtesy of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords Office/MCT

RECOVERY Capt. Mark Kelly clutches Rep. Gabrielle Giffords hand Sunday as she lays in the ICU at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., the day after she was shot while appearing at a community event in Tucson.

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Actor David Nelson of famous TV family dies at 74

Associated Press



Nelson

LOS ANGELES — David Nelson, who starred on his parents' popular television show "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," has died, a family spokesman said. He was 74.

Nelson, who was battling complications of colon cancer, died Tuesday at his Los Angeles home, said family spokesman and longtime Hollywood publicist Dale Olson.

Nelson was the last remaining member of the Nelsons TV family, which included actor/bandleader Ozzie, his singer wife, Harriet Hilliard and his teen idol brother Rick. The show originated on radio in 1952 as "Here Come the Nelsons," then ran for 320 episodes on TV from 1952 to 1966 as "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" with some of the story lines taken from the stars' own lives. David Nelson also directed and produced numerous episodes of the show throughout its run.

Singer Gunnar Nelson, a son of Rick Nelson, issued a statement Wednesday, saying his uncle's death was "a great loss to the Nelson family."

"We will all miss Uncle Dave's laughter and evolved sense of humor," Gunnar Nelson said.

Exterior scenes for "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" were shot outside the Nelson family home in the Hollywood foothills, and it remains a popular attraction for visitors on celebrity bus tours. The home's interior was mirrored on a studio sound stage where the series was shot.

Born in New York City, David attended Hollywood High School and the University of Southern California.

His film credits included "Peyton Place," "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker," "The Big Circus," "Day of the Outlaw," "30," "The Big Show," "Love and Kisses" and "Swing Out, Sweet Land." In 1976, he costarred with his mother in "Smash-Up on Interstate 5."

His television credits included "Up In Smoke," "The Love Boat," "High School USA," and "A Family For Joe." Directing credits included "O.K. Crackerby," "Childish Things," "Easy To Be Free," "Ozzie's Girls," "Death Screams," "Last Plane Out," "Goodnight Beantown" and "A Rare Breed."

Nelson also was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; four sons and a daughter; and seven grandchildren. A service will be held today at Pierce Brothers Westwood Mortuary.

Senators say military cyber ops not disclosed

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon failed to disclose clandestine cyber activities in a classified report on secret military actions that goes to Congress, according to a Senate document that provides a public peek at oversight concerns surrounding the government's computer war capabilities.

A brief written exchange between Senate questioners and the Pentagon's assistant secretary for special operations, Michael Vickers, underscores unresolved questions about how and when the Pentagon conducts cyber warfare, and about the guidelines for military action in the event of a computer-based attack on the U.S.

The U.S. military's use of offensive cyber warfare has only rarely been disclosed, the most well-known instance being the electronic jamming of Iraqi military and communications networks just before the lightning strike against Saddam Hussein's army in 2003. But Pentagon officials have been clear that cyber espionage and attacks from well-funded nations or terror groups are the biggest threats to military networks, including critical battlefield communications.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Wednesday that the cyber threat from China is significant and that the Defense Department needs to focus more on cyber warfare. The Pentagon has made a lot of changes to deal with the threat, he said in remarks at the Foreign Press Center, but added that the U.S. has to "come to a place where, again, those threats are diminished, if not eliminated."

The growing threat has been evident in recent global clashes including the Internet blitz against Georgian government sites just before the Russians invaded in 2008 and the Chinese government's reported efforts to develop computer viruses to attack enemy networks. The Pentagon created Cyber Command to better deal with the threats, but has yet to clearly define the parameters of its offensive and defensive cyber operations.

Nowhere does the brief Senate exchange obtained by the Associated Press detail the cyber activities that were not disclosed. But cyber experts suggest they may have involved secret operations against insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan, and could possibly include other hotspots such as Yemen or Somalia.

The exchange emerged in a question posed to the Vickers, who has been nominated as undersecretary of defense for intelligence.

The Senate Armed Services Committee voiced concerns that cyber activities were not included in the quarterly report on clandestine activities. But Vickers, in his answer, suggested that such emerging high-tech operations are not specifically listed in the law — a further indication that cyber oversight is still a murky work in progress for the Obama administration.

Vickers told the committee that the requirement specifically calls for clandestine human intelligence activity. But if confirmed, he said, he would review the reporting requirements and support expanding the information included in the report.

"It would be my intent, if confirmed, to fully comply with that responsibility, to include cyber activities," he said.

The exchange was included in 33 pages of Senate questions and answers from Vickers in preparation for his nomination hearing. No hearing date has been set.

Pentagon spokesman Cmdr. Bob Mehal declined to discuss the clandestine activities report or the answers Vickers submitted to the panel, because the report is classified, and Vickers' submission has not been made public.

James Lewis, a cyber security expert and longtime consultant for the government on such high-tech related issues, said it is likely the committee complaint referred to ongoing military cyber activities in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, although there also could be similar efforts in Yemen or other countries where the U.S. is supporting counterinsurgency operations.

Lewis said there have been long-standing tensions between the congressional committees and the various military and intelligence agencies over how much sensitive information is given to lawmakers, as well as historical turf battles that have played out repeatedly between the various panels with overlapping oversight of military and intelligence.

The oblique exchange between Vickers and the Senate panel also highlight congressional efforts to map out strict oversight and command and control guidelines for the military's shadowy cyber role.

"Congress members and staff always feel they should be getting much more info about clandestine operations than they get," said Lewis. He added that while there are times when it's better to strictly control access to some classified information, there is still "a legitimate need for oversight since such clandestine activity can have political consequences."

The exchanges between Vickers and the Senate panel also cover a wide range of other intelligence issues.

If confirmed, Vickers said, his big challenge would be the continuing struggle to meet the military's "unmet demand" for intelligence as the U.S. fights two wars and works to dismantle terrorist networks, including those in Yemen and Somalia.

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Obama tells polarized nation: 'We can be better' at memorial service

By Julie Pace and Ben Feller
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Summoning the soul of a nation, President Barack Obama on Wednesday implored Americans to honor those slain and injured in the Arizona shootings by becoming better people, telling a polarized citizenry that it is time to talk with each other "in a way that heals, not in a way that wounds." Following a hospital bedside visit with Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the target of the assassination, he said: "She knows we're here, and she knows we love her."

In an electrifying moment, the president revealed that Giffords, who on Saturday was shot point-blank in the head, had opened her eyes for the first time shortly after his hospital visit. First lady Michelle Obama held hands with Giffords' husband, Mark Kelly, as the news brought soaring cheers from thousands gathered for a memorial service.

Obama bluntly conceded that there is no way to know what triggered the shooting rampage that left six people dead, 13 others wounded and the nation shaken. He tried instead to leave indelible memories of the people who were gunned down, and to rally the country to use the moment as a reflection on the nation's behavior and compassion.

"I believe we can be better," Obama said to a capacity crowd in the university's basketball arena and to countless others watching around the country.

"Those who died here, those who saved lives here — they help me believe," the president said. "We may not be able to stop all evil in the world, but I know that how we treat one another is entirely up to us."

In crafting his comments, Obama clearly sought a turning point in the raw debate that has defined national politics. He faced the expectations to do more than console, but to encourage a new day of civility, all without getting overly political in a memorial service.

Obama settled on a theme of challenging the country to have a debate that is worthy of those who died. He tapped into the raging debate about the role of incendiary rhetoric without dwelling on it. "Let's remember that it is not because a simple lack of civility caused this tragedy. It did not," the president said. After offering personal accounts of every person who died, he challenged anyone listening to think of how to honor their memories, and he was not shy about offering direction. He admonished against any instinct to point blame or to drift into political pettiness or to latch onto simple explanations that may have no merit. The president said it was OK, even essential, for the country to suddenly be debating gun control, mental health services and the motivations of the killer. But then he added: "At a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized — at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do — it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds," the president said.

The shooting happened as Giffords, a three-term Democrat who represents southern Arizona, was holding a community outreach event in a Tucson shopping center parking lot Saturday. A gunman shot her in the head and worked his way down the line of people waiting to talk with her, law enforcement officials said. The attack ended when bystanders tackled the man, Jared Lee Loughner, 22, who is in custody.

Obama's speech, by turns somber and hopeful, at times took on the tone of an exuberant pep rally as he heralded the men who wrestled the gunman to the ground, the woman who grabbed the shooter's ammunition, the doctors and nurses who treated the injured, the intern who rushed to Giffords' aid. The crowd erupted in multiple standing ovations as each was singled out for praise. The president ended up speaking for more than half an hour, doubling the expected length of his comments. Memories of the six people killed dominated much of Obama's speech. The president, for example, recalled how federal Judge John Roll was on his way from attending Mass when he stopped to say hello to Giffords and was gunned down. Dorothy Morris, shielded by her husband, but killed nonetheless, and Phyllis Schneck, a Republican who took a shine to Giffords, a Democrat, and wanted to know her better. He spoke at length of 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the only girl on her Little League team, who often said she wanted to be the first woman to play in the major leagues. She had just been elected to the student council at her elementary school and had an emerging interest in public service.

"I want us to live up to her expectations. I want our democracy to be as good as she imagined it," Obama said. The little girl was born on Sept. 11, 2001, and had been featured in a book about 50 babies born that day. The inscriptions near her photo spoke of wishes for a happy child's life, including splashing in puddles.

Said Obama: "If there are rain puddles in heaven, Christina is jumping in them today."

Obama hit an emotional high point when he told of Giffords opening her eyes for the first time not long after his visit to her bedside.

"Gabby opened her eyes, so I can tell you: She knows we are here, she knows we love her, and she knows that we are rooting for her through what is undoubtedly going to be a difficult journey," Obama said.

The lawmakers who were in Giffords' hospital room when she opened her eyes were three of her close female friends in Congress: House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.

"The doctors couldn't believe it," Wasserman Schultz later told CNN. "It was the most incredible experience that I have ever had."

Giffords is expected to survive, although her condition and the extent of her recovery remain in doubt.

As finger-pointing emerged in Washington and beyond over whether harsh political rhetoric played a role in creating motivation for the attack, Obama sought to calm the rhetoric.

"Bad things happen," he said, "and we must guard against simple explanations in the aftermath."

He spoke of decency and goodness, declaring: "The forces that divide us are not as strong as those that unite us."

Obama's appeal for civility played out against a deepening political debate. Earlier in the day, Republican Sarah Palin, criticized by some for marking Giffords' district with the cross hairs of a gun sight during last fall's campaign, had taken to Facebook to accuse pundits and journalists of using the attack to incite hatred and violence.

Obama spoke to a crowd of more than 13,000 in the arena and thousands more listened on from an overflow area in the football stadium. About a mile away, at University Medical Center, Giffords lay fighting for her life. Other victims also remained there hospitalized.

The memorial service was an important part of the mourning process for some of those who had lined up hours in advance to gain a seat.

"If we don't say goodbye and have a chance to say goodbye in an appropriate way, it will linger," said Patty Sirls, 62. "So, for me, it's a closure."



J. Scott Applewhite/AP

ARIZONA MEMORIAL President Barack Obama puts his arm around first lady Michelle Obama near the end of a memorial service in Tucson, Ariz., to honor the victims of a shooting rampage that killed six people and left 14 injured, including Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

58th Midland County Livestock Show

When: Thursday-Saturday
Where: Horseshoe Arena
Admission: Free to the public
Info: The Midland County Livestock Show is sponsored annually by the Midland County Livestock Association in cooperation with county agents, vocational ag instructors and the 4-H and FFA clubs of Midland County. This show is staged to recognize the efforts of the youth of Midland County in feeding, fitting and showing fine livestock.

2010 fast facts

For the show and sale, there were 155 youth exhibitors with 444 livestock projects.
Additionally, there were approximately 20 culinary entries.
There were 125 projects sold in the premium auction and other contributions were made that raised in excess of $240,000 for the youth.

2011 schedule of events

Thursday
6 a.m. weigh-in, check in rabbits and poultry
10 a.m. rabbit show
poultry show (immediately following rabbits)
2 p.m. swine show
pictures of swine will be taken on Thursday, before and during the show.
Friday
8 a.m. lamb show
meat and breeding goat show
1:30 p.m. (approximately) heifer show
steer show (immediately following heifers)
pictures of lamb, goats, and steers will be taken on Friday immediately after they are shown.
Saturday
10 a.m. judging of culinary arts
11 a.m. barbecue dinner served to public
11 a.m. 500 - Club Invitational Luncheon
12:30 p.m. pee-wee goat show — entries limited to children 7 and under
12:45 p.m. awards program
1 p.m. welcome to sale
premium auction sale
pictures of premium rabbits and fryers will be taken immediately after leaving sale ring on Saturday.

List of champions from the 2010 show:

Grand Champion Market Steer: Amanda Hightower
Reserve Champ Market Steer: Lacy Law
Reserve Champion Market Goat: Cassie Morin
Grand Champion Market Goat: Hayden Brown
Reserve Champ Market Lamb: Fritzi Francis
Grand Champion Market Lamb: Hayden Brown
Senior Showmanship: Jack Lehman
Junior Boy Swine Showmanship: John Deramus
Reserve Champ Market Swine and Jr. Girl Showmanship: Kadyn Ellis
Senior Girl Swine Showmanship: Kelsey Dove
Grand Champion Market Swine: Kody Keesler
Senior Boy Swine Showmanship: Robert Francis
Junior Showmanship: Luke Cowan

Scholarships awarded:

Control Technologies Scholarship: Micaela Gonzales
Druce Down Memorial Scholarship: Chris Stewart
Charlie & Eileen Welch Memorial Scholarship: Summer Mills
The Bosworth Company Scholarship: Jeff Martin
H-E-B Scholarship: Emily Wright
Joel & June McEndree Scholarship: Justin Abernathy
Curtis Erwin Scholarship: Gabe Golson
Don-Nan Pump & Supply Scholarship: Robert Francis
T. P. & Louise Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Garrit Skiles
Mike & Becky Brouder Scholarship: Summer Mills

Source: Midland County Livestock Association

Lebanese leader heads to Paris after seeing Obama

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri on Wednesday declared their commitment to strengthening Lebanon's sovereignty and independence even as Hezbollah ministers forced the year-old unity government to collapse.

Hariri made no public comment after the Oval Office visit and immediately departed for France to consult with President Nicolas Sarkozy before returning to Beirut, according to a Lebanese official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomatic moves.

A White House statement issued afterward said Obama had commended Hariri for his "steadfast leadership and efforts to reach peace, stability and consensus in Lebanon under difficult circumstances."

"The efforts by the Hezbollah-led coalition to collapse the Lebanese government only demonstrate their own fear and determination to block the government's ability to conduct its business and advance the aspirations of all of the Lebanese people," the statement said.

Police: Actor finds dead body in car

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police say actor Peter Fonda discovered a dead body in a car and they are investigating the death.

Sgt. Carlton Cook at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station says the "Easy Rider" actor called 911 on Wednesday after he spotted a car parked on the side of Sunset Boulevard. Cook says Fonda is absolutely not a suspect but did not have any more details.

The call was first reported by TMZ, which says Fonda got out of his car and found the man slumped over in the front seat.

Fonda is best known for his role in the 1969 film "Easy Rider" as sex-and-drugs loving biker Captain America. Other film credits include "Race With the Devil," "Dirty Mary Crazy Larry," and "3:10 to Yuma."

Idaho woman claims $190M Mega Millions prize

Associated Press

RATHDRUM, Idaho — A northern Idaho woman has claimed the remaining half of a $380 million Mega Millions jackpot, Idaho Lottery officials said Wednesday.

Holly Lahti, a 29-year-old mother of two from the small town of Rathdrum, will split the second-largest lottery jackpot in history with Jim and Carolyn McCullar of Ephrata, Wash.

The McCullars appeared at a news conference last Thursday to announce they'd won half the jackpot, or $190 million.

Lahti wasn't on hand for Wednesday's announcement in Boise.

"She's requested that the media respect her privacy and not attempt to contact her until she's prepared to speak to you," Lottery Director Jeff Anderson said at a news conference.

He referred to Lahti as a "delightful young lady" and said he tried to persuade her to go public because there are "a lot of curious people out there." But he said she has a lot to get in order first.

"We expect she'll be coming forward shortly," Anderson said.

HOPEFUL

From 1A

people on both sides of the aisle that don't get it."

When it comes to the energy sector, Williams said he thinks entrepreneurs like those in the Permian Basin should be able to go after oil and gas reserves instead of worrying about increased regulation from the federal government.

"While we have these numerous reserves we need to go for it," he said.

The car dealership owner from Weatherford said for him, or any other candidate, to succeed, the Tall City will be key.

"I cannot win this race unless I win Midland County," Williams said.

After welcoming the group on Wednesday, President of the Republican Women Linda Hagler said they're looking to boost their own numbers this year and to be prepared to work hard for the party.

"I'm so excited about this new year," she said. "We had an historic election."

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SECURITY

From 1A

tained. Watts said the standard policy isn't set to change but said that meetings' security will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

"Each situation will need to be evaluated to determine the level of security," Watts said. "Some meetings may require more security or less security, it will all depend on the nature of the topic and the surrounding issues."

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0-9-5-3
Daily 4 Night:
0-3-5-3
Mega Millions:
19-21-23-40-48 PB: 27
Power Play: 4

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IDAHO

Lawmakers take state history quiz; some fail

BOISE — Audience members got a brief chuckle during a legislative hearing at the Idaho Capitol, when lawmakers were hit with a pop quiz on their state's history — and not everyone passed.

Public schools chief Tom Luna demonstrated new technology being used in Idaho classrooms during a presentation Wednesday to the 27 lawmakers on the state Senate and House education committees.

He asked lawmakers two questions and gave them each an electronic device that functions like a remote to input their answers.

Luna asked what year Idaho became a state, and the legislators' answers were calculated and projected on a screen. It showed 17 percent of lawmakers on the two education panels didn't know the answer: 1890.

When asked which town was Idaho's first capital, 15 percent did not know the correct answer: Lewiston.

MINNESOTA

Baby girl born at 1:11 a.m. on 1/11/2011

ST. PAUL — It's one for the record books. A lot of ones, that is.

A Minnesota woman gave birth at exactly 1:11 a.m. on Tuesday — Jan. 11, 2011.

That's 1-11-2011.

Amy Zeller and Codjo Mensah of Eagan welcomed their daughter, Flora Mensah, at United Hospital in St. Paul.

OKLAHOMA

Boy rescued after tongue gets stuck on pole

WOODWARD — In a scene straight from the movie "A Christmas Story," an 8-year-old Oklahoma boy got his tongue stuck to a metal pole after he licked it on a dare.

Officials said when rescue crews arrived Tuesday morning, the boy was standing on his tiptoes, trying to wriggle his frozen tongue free from a stop sign pole across the street from Woodward Middle School.

Paramedics were able to help the boy by pouring water on his tongue. Once free, the boy told officials he got stuck after his brother dared him to lick the pole.

The boy was taken to a Woodward hospital for treatment.

The scene was similar to one in "A Christmas Story," a 1983 movie adapted from Jean Shepard's memoir of a boy in the 1940s.

OHIO

Lawmaker gets new term without running for it

COLUMBUS — A member of the Ohio House will serve another term, even though he did not run for re-election.

House Republicans have picked 78-year-old Richard Hollington to continue in the northeast Ohio seat he held the last two years.

Hollington chose not to run for a new term last year, and the House race was won by state Sen. Timothy Grendell of Chesterland. But Grendell ultimately decided to stay in the Senate, where he has two years left in his current term.

A dozen people then sought the open House seat. State Rep. Louis Blessing of Cincinnati says the Republican caucus chose to go with Hollington, partly because of his experience in the Legislature.

WASHINGTON

Evacuation ends at Library of Congress

Workers at the Library of Congress in Washington are returning to work after smoke in one building caused an evacuation.

D.C. fire department spokesman Pete Piringer says smoke was initially reported Wednesday in the library's Madison Building on Capitol Hill on the sixth floor. A burning odor was reported on other floors. Piringer says firefighters traced the smoke to a malfunctioning air handler.

TENNESSEE

Teacher arrested in vandalism case

DYERSBURG, — A Lake County High School teacher has been arrested on vandalism charges in Perry County.

According to the State Gazette in Dyersburg, 25-year-old Elizabeth Yates is accused in the vandalism of several Perry County and Lake County vehicles Nov. 19 during a football game between the schools.

She is charged with damaging school property and criminal responsibility for actions of others for observing cars being "keyed" and not reporting it. Both are misdemeanors.

Canceled flights piling up with Northeast snow

By David Koenig
Associated Press

Airlines canceled more than 3,000 flights on Wednesday, mostly in the snowy Northeast, but they said travelers won't be stuck for days as they were after a Christmas weekend storm.

It will be easier to put stranded passengers on later flights, which aren't as full as they were during the holidays, according to the airlines.

Travel in and out of New York, the nation's busiest airspace, was very limited until Wednesday afternoon. Officials at the region's three major airports said more than 1,700 flights were canceled.

New York accounted for half the nation's 3,400 cancelations, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware. By late in the day flights were picking up at New York's LaGuardia, and airlines were even talking of adding extra planes to help stranded passengers.

American and Southwest canceled all flights into Boston's Logan Airport until Wednesday night.

"Basically we're going to write off the day" in Boston, where only one runway was open and conditions allowed for just "fair braking," said American spokesman Ed Martelle. In all, American and its regional affiliate, American Eagle, scrubbed 420 flights.

Delta decided late Tuesday to cancel more than 1,000 flights on Wednesday — about one-fifth of its schedule. In recent years, airlines have increasingly canceled flights early to prevent travelers from reaching the airport only to discover that their flight has been grounded.

Continental Airlines, which has a hub in Newark, N.J., canceled 485 flights. United Airlines dropped 180, and JetBlue Airways canceled 275. Southwest scrubbed 231 flights — everything before 5 p.m. into Boston, Manchester, N.H., Providence, R.I., and Hartford, Conn. The Hartford airport was open but closed periodically to clear snow from the main runway.

The ripple effect from weather problems spread across the country. At San Francisco International, most morning flights to the East Coast were halted. This week's snow in Atlanta marked an service out of Minneapolis, where Atlanta-based Delta carries nearly 80 percent of passenger traffic.

"We had a couple of days when very few flights were able to make it to or from Atlanta," said Minneapolis airport spokesman Patrick Hogan. "It's been a tough week for flying anywhere to or from the East Coast."

Delta expected to operate about 25 percent of its Atlanta schedule Wednesday. That counted as progress, coming two days after snow shut down Hartsfield-Jackson, the world's busiest airport.

Delays that linger long after the snow stops falling aren't limited to the southeastern U.S. Last month, London's Heathrow Airport took nearly a week to completely recover after a few inches of snow fell. Virgin Atlantic Airways is protesting by withholding payments to airport operator BAA Ltd.

With so many canceled flights, stranded U.S. travelers were going to airline websites and calling travel agents to rebook on later flights. Airlines reported heavy phone call loads at reservation centers.

Some, including United and Continental, automatically rebooked passengers on the next open flight, said Megan McCarthy, a spokeswoman for those two airlines.

The late December blizzard that shut down New York and Boston airports and led to more than 10,000 canceled flights, and it took several days for many passengers to get home because there were few empty seats on later flights. Airlines are confident things will be better this time.

"We're in the early-January trough — travel isn't as heavy as it is around Christmas," said Martelle, the American spokesman. "It should be easier to get people on planes sooner."

Gov. Quinn promises to quickly sign Ill. tax hike

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn defended a massive increase in state income taxes passed by lawmakers Wednesday and promised to quickly sign the measure to help heal the state's ailing finances.

Lawmakers worked overnight to pass the increase to raise the personal income tax rate from 3 percent to 5 percent for four years — a 66 percent increase. Corporate income taxes also will rise, but Quinn rejected the notion that it would decimate businesses.

The rate increase might be the biggest any state has adopted in percentage terms while grappling with recent economic woes. Nevertheless, Illinois' tax rate would remain lower than in several other states in the region.

"It's important for their state government not to be a fiscal basket case," Quinn told reporters outside his Capitol office.

Legislative leaders rushed early Wednesday to pass the politically risky plan before a new General Assembly was sworn in at noon, taking a stab out of the Democratic majority and removing lame-duck lawmakers willing to support the tax before leaving office.

The tax increase would temporarily raise the personal tax rate to 5 percent, a two-thirds increase from the current 3 percent rate. Corporate taxes also would climb as part of the effort to close a budget hole that could hit $15 billion this year. Quinn's office said the higher taxes will generate about $6.8 billion a year — a major increase by any measure.

The tax increase will be coupled with strict 2 percent limits on spending growth. If officials spend above those limits, the tax increase will automatically be canceled. The plan's supporters warned that rising pension and health care costs probably will eat up all the spending allowed by the caps, forcing cuts in other areas of government.

Other pieces of the budget plan failed.

Lawmakers rejected a $1-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes, which would have provided money for schools. They also blocked a plan to borrow $8.7 billion to pay off overdue bills, which means long-suffering businesses and social-service agencies won't get their money any time soon.

House Speaker Michael Madigan said Republicans should have supported some parts of the plan instead of voting against everything. The proposal passed the House on Tuesday night 60-57, the bare minimum. No Republicans backed the measure there or in the Senate, where the measure passed 30-29.

"They're on the sidelines. They don't want to get on the field of play," the Chicago Democrat said. "I'm happy that the day has ended."

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Government spending addicts take the pledge again

■ It is too early to say if era of earmarks and oversized spending bills is over.



JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Every two years, politicians of both parties pledge on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November to stop wasteful spending and make government work harder for the health and welfare of the nation. But sometime after noon on the third day of January, many of them slip into the mindset of the addict.

Just one more earmark. A balanced budget, next year. This is our last omnibus spending bill. I swear.

More than temptation is at work here — even more than the glad-handing of special interest lobbyists and the donations of political action committees. A belief system prevails on Capitol Hill that holds as its primary article of faith that every district, every state, indeed every person can and should get back from Congress in the form of perks and benefits more than they send to Washington in taxes.

To any person of sound mind, such a belief is obviously implausible. It's the political equivalent of a Ponzi scheme, promising endless returns on limited investments. Eventually the money runs out, even in Washington, where the results of eight years of fiscal profligacy were met in 2009 with two additional years of more — more spending, more deficits, more quantitative easing.

The United States has been on a 10-year bender under Tom DeLay Republicans and Nancy Pelosi Democrats, stumbling down a path of debt monetization and currency devaluation well-trodden by economic invalids in the Third World, Argentina and, lately, Greece. Will the resolutions for sobriety in 2011 meet with any more success than in years past?

There's good reason for pessimism. In December, the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform issued its recommendations — sort of. The 10-year plan to put the United States back on sound fiscal footing received support from 11 of the commission's 18 members. That was three short of the 14 votes needed to officially endorse the blueprint and send it to Congress.

"After all the talk about debt and deficits," the commission's final report states starkly, "it is long past time for America's leaders to put up or shut up. The era of debt denial is over."

One month later, its recommendations are largely shelved and forgotten, along with those of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force and the Peterson-Pew Commission on Budget Reform, which also issued plans.

Still, there's some cause for optimism. The fact that three bipartisan groups that include quite a few political heavyweights — Paul Volcker, Alice Rivlin, Tom Coburn, Max Baucus and Paul Ryan, to name a few — are working on serious debt-reduction plans is a sobering sign. Our $14 trillion national debt hasn't gone away. Neither will the efforts of sensible people to find common ground in promoting governmental abstinence.

The November election was a referendum on the size and scope of government. A Congress infused with the temperate effects of independent voters and tea party members who determined its results may act differently from previous ones.

During the lame-duck session, Democrats brought forward a $1.2 trillion omnibus spending bill with 6,630 earmarks, many of them from Republicans who had just pledged to go cold turkey. You could see some of the old spenders wavering. You could read their minds: "Just one more."

In the end, Republicans — including Sens. John Cornyn and John Thune — repudiated their own earmarks and stopped the spending bill.

"Old habits aren't easy to break," Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, a recovering earmarker, explained on the floor of the Senate. "It's time for some of us in Washington to show in every way possible that we mean what we say about spending."

Admission is the first step on the road to fiscal recovery. But it's still far too early to tell whether the era of debt denial is truly over.

OUR VIEW

City's smoking ordinance works well for Midland

It was disappointing news this week to hear that Midland County has a larger percentage of smokers than some metropolitan areas across the state, including Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio.

There is no question smoking is bad for your health, and there seems to be a larger percentage of smokers in this area than in most other areas in the state. Twenty-two percent of Midland residents reportedly smoke, according to a recent study by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. That ties Midland County with Ector County with having one of the highest percentage of smokers in West Texas.

While this number is high by today's standards, it is far below the percentage of smokers back in the 1950s or 1960s. Smoking dramatically has been reduced in the last 30 years.

We also hear the Midland Coalition is looking at possibly proposing a new city ordinance that would provide residents a more smoke-free environment. We think that might be going a bit far. We certainly respect the coalition's efforts in trying to reduce smoking, but some pretty firm steps already have been taken.

We supported the most recent city ordinance on smoking. We think it is fair for all involved — non-smokers, smokers and businesses. Businesses could decide to be smoke-free or provide smoke-free areas. A business could also decide to be an all-smoking facility.

To go beyond this point would to be taking us reform measures. It's one thing to have an ordinance that protects the rights of non-smokers, but it is quite another to produce an ordinance that tries to reform society. It might be a subtle difference, but we have to draw a line in the sand somewhere.

We believe we have a reasonable smoking ordinance now in place and think it would be difficult to produce a more stringent anti-smoking ordinance that would still be fair to all concerned. We think we already have taken the best path forward in this matter.

Livestock show is part of area's heritage

We welcome today's start of the annual Midland County Livestock Show at the Horseshoe Arena. This event takes us back to our West Texas roots and is part of our great heritage.

We hope Midlanders will support this event because we think it teaches our youth responsibility on so many levels. The kids who raise these animals must learn about management skills, planning, what it takes to properly care for animals, budgeting, grooming, stage presence and a myriad of other positive attributes.

Also, the livestock show keeps us in touch with this area's real heritage. The Permian Basin grew from the dust through an agricultural environment that still is one of our great economic providers.

Good luck to all the participants, but as far as we are concerned, all of you already are winners.

CORRECTION

The headline on the George Will column in Wednesday's edition should have read "Moratorium on sociology needed after Arizona shootings."

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

DOONESBURY



By Garry Trudeau



Speaker's election shows limits to tea party's influence

■ Straus was helped by being incumbent, members' reverence for tradition.



JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

The re-election of Texas House Speaker Joe Straus to begin the 2011 legislative session Tuesday showed the tea party, while a potent force in Texas politics, is not the dominant force.

For months, activists used e-mails, social media and phone calls to try to rally opposition to Straus, who seems unable to shake the label of a moderate.

Yet, an overwhelming majority of House Republicans, when given the chance to support somebody else for speaker this week, stuck with Straus, paving the way for his re-election with only 15 dissenting votes Tuesday.

In conversations throughout the duration of the speaker's race, lawmakers, staffers and lobbyists have pointed to a number of reasons for Straus' win.

For one, he was helped by lawmakers' reverence for the traditions of the House and the relationships formed within. Even some of the House's most conservative lawmakers rejected the notion that keyboard-happy activists and the fear of defeat in the next Republican primary would bully them into abandoning a speaker whom most find approachable and fair-minded.

"It's imperative that members make this decision," said Rep. Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, a close Straus ally. "We're the ones who work with each other. If you think about, when we get in session, it's almost 24 hours a day. We're the ones who are in position to really know who can provide the leadership that the House and the citizens of Texas expect."

To be fair, that there has even been a discussion about a speaker's race during the past couple of months is a testament to the strength of the tea party in Texas. After Republicans won a legislative majority larger than any expert anticipated on Nov. 2, Straus was quick to produce a list of more than 120 lawmakers who pledged to support him for speaker on the first day of the session. Usually, that would just about seal it.

But defeating Straus seemed to become a preoccupation of many supporters of the tea party movement. Guided by a few professional political operatives, conservative activists across the state zeroed in on the fact that Straus had become speaker in 2009 with the vital support of dozens of Democrats, and that he had appointed some of those Democrats committee chairmen and given them great leeway to run their committees.

It probably didn't help that Straus is, in many ways, an establishment Republican. The mild-mannered speaker from a wealthy San Antonio enclave paints quite a public contrast with Gov. Rick Perry, the boisterous tea party hero from Paint Creek.

In his brief time in the public spotlight, Straus has soft-peddled on some of the social issues, such as abortion, that motivate many conservative activists.

And Straus himself, in his public pronouncements about the state's budget outlook, stayed steadfastly to the right, insisting that lawmakers would combat a budget shortfall without raising taxes.

Throughout November and December, key Republican organizers flooded lawmakers and their staffs with pleas to vote against Straus, who was painted increasingly liberal in chain mails and the conservative Texas blogosphere.

Some Republican members responded by publicly declaring their opposition to the speaker. But most either hedged their bets or stuck with him as it became clear the House was moving in a more conservative direction.

A number of other factors worked to Straus' advantage. For one, after an emotionally charged, prolonged battle for the speakership in 2009, when Straus beat conservative favorite Tom Craddick, many lawmakers did not have the stomach for another speaker's fight. It helped that Straus had given rank-and-file members more control over legislation than Craddick.

The speaker also received inadvertent help from his opposition. One of his challengers, Republican Rep. Warren Chisum, of Pampa, is a veteran legislator who is personally well-liked by many of his colleagues. But he is also a rural legislator in an increasingly urban and suburban House, and one who is known to be close to Craddick.

The other challenger, Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, generated more excitement among the grass roots. But he has not been a major player and he had no base of support beyond the House's most conservative members — and even some of them did not support him.

Straus also enjoyed the advantages of incumbency. He raised millions of campaign dollars in the past two years and helped many of his GOP colleagues. He could claim some credit for the Republicans' overwhelming win at the polls.

And, of course, he appoints lawmakers to committees and various state commissions, and that helped make him an attractive candidate as long as he was the front-runner.

Beating an incumbent speaker who was popular inside the House might have been an impossible task for tea partyers. But the true gauge of whether the push for change was effective might be the legislation that comes out of the chamber in the next five months.

If the body takes a giant step to the right, which seems likely, the activists, organizers and tea partyers who tried to oust Straus rightfully can claim some credit.

"We're very sensitive to the outside groups," said Rep. Larry Taylor of Friendswood, the chairman of the House Republican Caucus. "But I think it's important for these groups to understand that you judge a legislative body by the end of the process."



ONE YEAR LATER A woman prays during a Mass outside the ruins of the national cathedral in Port-au-Prince,Wednesday, on the occasion of the one year anniversary of the earthquake. Associated Press

Prayer and mourning in Haiti a year after quake

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The normally traffic-clogged streets of the Haitian capital turned quiet Wednesday as businesses closed and people walked in solemn processions to prayer services marking the anniversary of the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

Many people wore white, a color associated with mourning in Haiti, and sang hymns as they navigated collapsed buildings and rubble from the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake that left much of Port-au-Prince in ruins. The government increased the estimated death toll to more than 316,000 people, but it did not explain how it arrived at that number.

Evens Lormil joined mourners in a crowd at the Roman Catholic cathedral, its towering spires and vaulted roof now collapsed, waiting for a memorial Mass next to what was once a prominent landmark in a ragged downtown. The 35-year-old driver of the collective taxis known as tap-taps said his wife and two children were in the countryside north of the capital, still too traumatized by the quake to attend the service, or even live in the city.

"I'm here to mourn all the victims," he said before the Mass, which was held in a tent next to the ruined cathedral. "Even though life was bad before the earthquake, it got worse. I am hoping the country can move together and come forward."

Terez Benitot, who sat barefoot outside the Mass because there was no more room inside, said she lost a cousin in the earthquake, her house collapsed and her husband, a mason, has less work than before the quake.

"God blessed me by taking only one of my cousins that day," the 56-year-old woman said. "Our house collapsed but we have health and life."

Crisscrossing the central Champ de Mars Plaza were prayer groups who thanked God for sparing them from the earthquake, and others who took advantage of the day to promote women's rights, oppose the U.N. force that provides security in Haiti, and other causes.

"It is a grand day for us that we are able to give thanks to God that we are still here," one of the marchers, 54-year-old Acsonne Frederique, said as a preacher exhorted him and others in the cheering crowd to pray. "Others are here to repair our country. We are here to repair our souls."

President Rene Preval and former U.S. President Bill Clinton attended a ceremony to lay the cornerstone for a new National Tax Office, where many workers were killed in one of the blows to the public sector that paralyzed the government following the earthquake.

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Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on January 7, 2011, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on June 30, 2010, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately $353 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 12.6% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of $2,809.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to annualize the rate increase from Oncor's last base rate case, to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Advanced Metering Cost Recovery Factor, Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and Rate Case Expense surcharge, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) adjustments approved or pending after June 30, 2010. If the approved or pending TCOS and TCRF adjustments are excluded from the adjustments to test-year revenues (and thus included in proposed base rates), the total base rate increase over adjusted test-year revenues is approximately $441 million, or approximately a 16.2% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of $2,720.6 million. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a February 14, 2011 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 38929, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

Rain, mudslides in Brazil kill 140

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Torrential summer rains tore through Rio de Janeiro state's mountains, killing at least 140 people in 24 hours, Brazilian officials said Wednesday. Rescuers using heavy machinery, shovels and bare hands struggled to dig through tons of mud and debris in a search for survivors.

In Teresopolis, a town 40 miles north of Rio, flash floods tossed cars into trees and mudslides poured tons of red earth over houses below. At least 114 died, according to a local Civil Defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to release the information. She added that 10 inches of rain fell on the town during 24 hours.

Survivors waded through waist-high water, carrying what belongings they could, trying to reach higher ground. Floodwaters continued to flow down the mountains, though rains had stopped.

"I've lived here 25 years and I've never seen anything like it," Teresopolis citizen Manoel Rocha Sobrinho told the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper. "I live on high ground and when I looked below, I only saw a sea of mud. Most people saved themselves by climbing trees."

With the new disasters, nearly 200 people have died since Christmas across the southeastern portions of the country.

The mayor of Teresopolis decreed a state of emergency, calling the calamity "the worst to hit the town." About 800 search-and-rescue workers from the state's civil defense department and firefighters dug for survivors.

"There was no saying what would collapse. Rich people's homes, poor people's homes. Everything was destroyed," Fernanda Carvalho, 27, a house cleaner, told Globo TV.

In neighboring Petropolis, 18 people were confirmed dead by the city's mayor.

The death toll in the region is expected to rise as firefighters reach remote valleys and steep mountainsides where neighborhoods were destroyed, said Jorge Mario Sedlacek, the mayor of Teresopolis. About 1,000 there were left homeless.

Eight people died in the neighboring mountain town of Nova Friburgo, including four firefighters who were engaged in the rescue effort, according to a statement by Rio de Janeiro state's civil defense authorities. One fire truck was hit by a landslide, and three firefighters remained missing Wednesday.



Associated Press

STRANDED Residents stand at the entrance of a house on a flooded street at Vila Itaim neighborhood in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday.

Floods turn Brisbane into ghost town

By John Pye
Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Residents of Australia's third-largest city woke Thursday to find their community submerged in muddy water after floodwaters pouring through streets reached their crest.

Thousands of homes were filled with water, and many areas were without electricity.

In one spot of bright news, the swollen Brisbane River's peak was about three feet lower than predicted, at a depth slightly below that of 1974 floods that swept the city.

Still, waters in some areas had reached the tops of roofs, shut down roads and power and devastated entire neighborhoods. Mayor Campbell Newman said 11,900 homes and 2,500 businesses had been completely inundated, with another 14,700 houses and 2,500 businesses at least partially covered in water.

The flooding, which has killed 22 people since late November, has submerged dozens of towns — some three times — and left an area the size of Germany and France combined under water. Highways and rail lines have been washed away in the disaster, which is shaping up to be Australia's costliest ever.

At least 74 people are missing. Many of those unaccounted for disappeared from around Toowoomba, a city west of Brisbane that saw massive flash floods sweep away cars, road signs and people. Twelve died in that flood alone.

In Brisbane, roads were flooded, railway lines were cut and sewage began spilling into the floodwaters. People moved about in kayaks, rowboats and even on surfboards. Boats torn from their moorings floated down an engorged river. Brisbane's office buildings stood empty with the normally bustling central business district transformed into a watery ghost town.

A 300-yard stretch of a pedestrian boardwalk broke loose and drifted downstream before two tug boats were able to steer it away from bridges.



Associated Press

LOVEABLE In this Dec. 15, 2010, file photo, a cross-eyed opossum called Heidi sits in her interim enclosure, in the zoo in Leipzig, Germany.

Latest German animal star a cross-eyed opossum

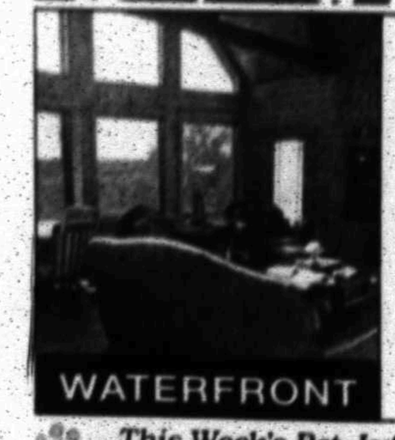
Associated Press

BERLIN — Heidi, the cross-eyed opossum, is the latest creature to rocket from Germany's front pages to international recognition, capturing the world's imagination with her bright, black eyes turned toward her pointed pink nose.

Since the first photos were published in December, the marsupial from Leipzig Zoo has attracted more Facebook fans than Chancellor Angela Merkel. By Wednesday more than 111,000 fans from as far away as Bangkok and Montreal and clear across Europe were exclaiming "so cute!!" and "so sweet."

Experts say that like Knut, Berlin's famous fluffy white polar cub who was abandoned by his mother, and Paul, the late octopus who correctly predicted the outcome of all of Germany's 2010 World Cup games and Spain's victory in the final, the hype surrounding Heidi is fed by a human weakness for cuddly looking critters and the ability of modern mass media to spread images around the globe instantly.

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Coalition opens discussion on smoking ban

■ Group announces medicine roundup set for Saturday.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Coalition met Wednesday during its monthly meeting to discuss the idea of possibly having a new city ordinance against smoking similar to one San Angelo recently passed. Copies of the San Angelo city ordinance were made available to those in attendance.

"It's just an idea and we'd like to look into it," said coalition coordinator Dale Seago.

The San Angelo smoking ban passed by 61 percent in the November general election and prohibits smoking from all enclosed public places as well as enclosed facilities and city-owned facilities.

While Seago said the organization in Midland is nowhere near seeking passage of such an ordinance here, he did want to discuss the possibility with board and staff members at the meeting.

"We can start thinking about the issue and a lot of things we can do as a community," he said.

The coalition also discussed surveys which they are passing out to students throughout the community between grades 6 and 12. They are wanting to have at least 3,000 surveys completed on the issues of tobacco, violence and underage drinking.

Brent Blackburn with the Palmer Drug Abuse Program said the surveys are a way of taking community assessments and providing the group with updated statistics and data from those in the area.

The group is also looking for about 500 adults who would also be willing to participate in the surveys and help provide feedback.

If, for example, a student admits in the survey that the reason he or she drinks is to relax and have a good time, the coalition might also look at the adult surveys for the same responses and see if there is a correlation between the two.

"It also tells us if what we're doing is working," he said.

The coalition has already started conducting the surveys but groups, such as a Rotary or Lion's club, can also participate if they are interested in helping with the adult community assessment surveys.

"What we're trying to find out is what the community thinks," Seago said.

On Saturday, the coalition announced it will host the third medicine take back program

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MIDLAND'S MODEL



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Ed Magruder 'led a charmed life' in peace and in war

While professing that he has "led a charmed life," Midland's Edwin "Ed" Magruder, Jr., prayerfully expressed hope for a resurrected America, a nation of compassionate boldness and integrity that harkens to its national lyrics: " ... Land of the free and home of the brave."

With vision and clarity, the Mississippian-turned-West Texan of Scotch-French ancestry spoke of a yearning for the idyllic and the ideal, thus far unattainable in an imperfect world. Yet, the vision is there just as it surely occurs, from time to time and fleetingly so, in each person's life, every man and woman and every boy and girl, who dared to dream despite life's vicissitudes.

Virtually in the same breath, Magruder spoke of a truth reflected over his 86 years and penned by English poet John Donne four centuries ago: "No man is an island, entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main ... ".

And so it is.

"Everybody has help along the way," he said, influenced by others and events, by happenstance and by design. "There is no such thing as a self-made man."



ED TODD
PROFILE

Daily and dutifully, Magruder is taking care of the homefront, his home life, his community volunteerism and his Midland office work as a veteran landman involved in the petroleum business and ranching.

In World War II, he was a United States Navy aviator. Calling himself a "draft dodger" with a bit of glee, he joined the Navy to avoid the Army as an infantryman. "At the time, the Navy wanted pilots." He started out flying the basic Piper J-3 Cub and took on high-performance aircraft to earn his gold wings. "If you didn't excel, they would wash you out. They would look for any excuse ..."

In post-war Midland, he served in leadership roles and in volunteerism, including Midland's mayor from 1968 into 1972.

Endowed with hope and rich in faith, Magruder called forth wisdom and courage to restore America to its legendary 20th century greatness.

"My prayer for this nation is that it finds its way back to fiscal responsibility and returns to its rightful role as rescuer and benefactor of those who are oppressed and stricken by illness and natural disasters throughout the world," Magruder told an audience of friends, family and other admirers when he received the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award granted by the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trail Council.

"Thank you. Thank you all," he said. "God bless our country and God bless the Boy Scouts of America."

Magruder alluded to America's pivotal roles in World War I and World War II in fighting aggression, oppression and tyranny toward restoring world peace and ensuring freedom.

A seminal point in his life, as it was for millions of

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Ed Magruder is shown in these photos from 1945 and 2010.

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>
> — ED MAGRUDER
> Former Midland mayor

Mother's boyfriend 'person of interest'

■ Missing girl's mom, boyfriend offer conflicting information on her disappearance.

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

COLORADO CITY — Investigators in the case of a missing 13-year-old West Texas girl have identified her mother's boyfriend as one of several "persons of interest," a city official told the Associated Press on Wednesday.



Hailey Darlene Dunn, of Colorado City, has been missing since Dec. 28.

Hailey Darlene Dunn's mother reported the middle school cheerleader missing Dec. 28 in Colorado City, 80 miles east of Midland.

Authorities have identified several "persons of interest" in the case, which has prompted a multicounty search involving the FBI, Texas Rangers and several sheriff's departments. Trooper Sparky Dean with the Texas Department of Public Safety told a news conference: No charges have been filed in the case.

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City Manager Pete Kampfer later told the Associated Press that Shawn Adkins, 25, is among the persons of interest. Adkins has been identified as Hailey's mother's live-in boyfriend and police have said the couple offered contradictory information about when the girl disappeared.

Adkins, through his uncle Matt Taggart, declined to speak with the AP on Wednesday. Taggart said his nephew is innocent in Hailey's disappearance.

"He is the most passive, gentle person you would meet in your whole life," Taggart said. "He's not capable of that. He wouldn't even know where to start to make a human disappear."

Billie Dunn also denies having anything to do with her daughter's disappearance.

Midland College offers classes for people over 50

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

If you are over the age of 50 and still want to further your education, Midland College might have the class for you.

The college specifically offers a variety of classes called College Classics for people over 50.

"We saw a need for people over the age of 60 (in particular) who want to be on campus and still be active," Midland College Associate Director of Community Programs Brenda Cordero said.

Cordero said each class offers a unique look at its subject.

Movies in Review students watch, review and then discuss each film in class. John Deats, the Midland College Learning Resource Center director, teaches the class.

Deats said the class looks at films thematically. One week could be Western films. The next week might include documentary films.

Sometimes the two intertwine. For example, the class might watch the film "Gandhi" and then watch a documentary about India.

Students dig deep into the films, often talking about the director, actors or music

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Obituaries

Beauty Melinda Brodnex

Beauty Melinda Brodnex was born Sept. 21, 1953. She departed this life Jan. 10, 2011.

She was a very loving and caring mother. She worked at Midland High School until she became disable.

She is preceded in death by her mother, LaDonnie Brodnex; her father, Wiley Brodnex; and her sister, Ethel Kay Brodnex Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Claudia (Charles); sons, Joseph (Laura G.); Malcom (Laura) all of Midland, TX.

She also leaves to cherish her memory sisters, Curtis Jean Moore and Rosie Ester Brodnex of Midland, TX. Four brothers, Johnny, Walter, Mack, and Michael Brodnex of Midland, TX.

She also leaves to cherish her memory 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday 1:00pm at Macedonia Baptist Church, with Pastor Bailey officiating and eulogy by Rev. Archie.

Bobby Ritter

Our precious mother Bobby Ann (Lile) Ritter, 74, a long time resident of Odessa passed away Monday, January 10, 2011 at her home. She was born October 17, 1936 in Midland. She was a fifth generation Odessan. Her great-grandmother Donna Rabb gave Ector County the land for the Ector County Cemetery in the late 1800's. Bobby lived in the same house at 208 N. Sam Houston for 73 years. She loved Odessa and she believed Odessa developed good people with good hearts. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1956. She married Floyd "Ed" Ritter August 30, 1958 in Odessa. She was a legal secretary for Harman & Harman Law firm until her retirement in 1990. She was voted Odessa's Legal Secretary of the Year in 1983. She was a member of Life In Grace Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Floyd Ritter on February 16, 2010.

She is survived by her sons, Mark E. Ritter, & Scott C. Ritter both of Odessa, grandchildren, Megan N. Healer of Odessa, & Carson N. Ritter of Atlantic Beach, FL; and great-grandchildren, Carter & Mackenzie Healer.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Life in Grace Lutheran Church, on the corner of 11th & Tom Green.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2011 at Life In Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Becky Hand officiating. Soloist will be Rev. Clydell Chapman.

Interment will follow in family plot at Ector County Cemetery.

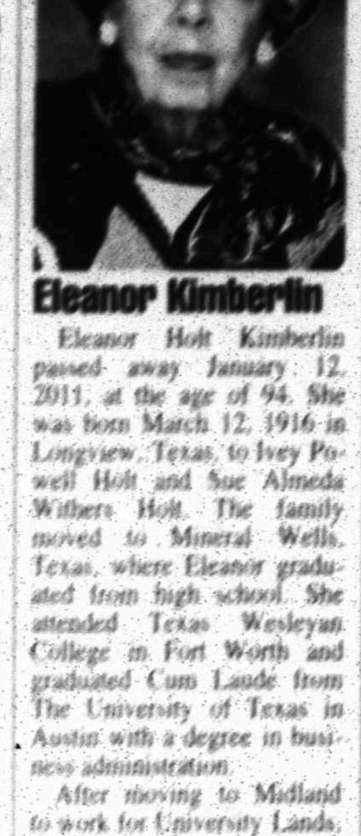
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Eleanor Kimberlin

Eleanor Holt Kimberlin passed away January 12, 2011, at the age of 94. She was born March 12, 1916 in Longview, Texas, to Ivey Powell Holt and Sue Almeda Withers Holt. The family moved to Mineral Wells, Texas, where Eleanor graduated from high school. She attended Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth and graduated Cum Laude from The University of Texas in Austin with a degree in business administration.

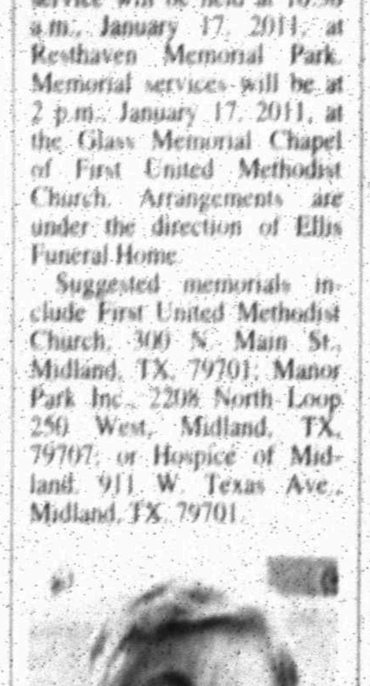
After moving to Midland to work for University Lands, she met and married John Zay Kimberlin on December 24, 1938. They lived in Midland their entire married life, except for the years during World War II when Mr. Kimberlin served in Europe.

Eleanor has been a member of First United Methodist Church, where she taught primary age Sunday School classes since 1938. She was a past member of the American Association of University Women, Progressive Study Club, Santa Rita Club and several bridge clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away June 11, 1997; her parents, and her sister. She is survived by her son, John Zay Kimberlin, Jr. and wife Charlotte of Dallas; and daughters, Kathryn Lea and husband Luther of Midland, and Mary Elizabeth Kimberlin of Dallas. She is also survived by one grandson, four granddaughters, five great-grandchildren, one nephew and one niece.

A private family burial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., January 17, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., January 17, 2011, at the Glass Memorial Chapel of First United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Suggested memorials include First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St., Midland, TX, 79701; Manor Park Inc., 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX, 79707; or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.



Elisa Reyes

Elisa Reyes, 69 of Midland, went to be with her heavenly Father on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. She was born on June 22, 1941 in Midland to the late Elias and Estella Reyes. Elisa was raised and educated in Midland. She managed the family store in her earlier years, and later she went to work for first Presbyterian Daycare Center for over 20 years. After retirement she stayed home to take care of her niece's children. Elisa loved to be around her family and enjoyed cooking for them. She took care of her parents and siblings during their illness. She was a loving, nurturing, and caring person, and never met a stranger. Elisa was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Elisa was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers: Juan Reyes, Santiago Reyes, Albert Reyes, Victor Reyes, and Valentine Reyes; two sisters: Abelina Gallego and Juana Trevino. She is survived by her brother Mike C. Reyes and wife Blanca of Midland; two sisters: Tiodora Reyes of Midland and Josie De la O of Odessa; niece Helen Gonzales (whom she helped raise) and husband Adam of Midland; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Friday January 14, 2011 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Active pallbearers for the service will be Ryan Olgin, Ted Reyes, Elias Reyes, Dario Reyes, Mark Gallego, Dion De La O, and Jerry Zambrano. Honorary pallbearers are Michael Gonzales, Jordan Olgin, Bertha Enriquez, Thomas Gonzales, and Erica Reyes.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home

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Jennie Key Allison

Jennie Key Allison, 96, passed away at the Hospice of Midland wing of the Midland Memorial Hospital January 11, 2011. She was born October 8, 1914 in Lexington, Texas, and was the youngest of 11 children, from the marriage of Henry M. Stence and Jennie Victoria Stence. Jennie was an incredible Mother and Grandmother. She had a quick wit and phenomenal sense of humor. She grew up in a seven-room farmhouse with no bath, water or electricity. She said those outhouses were really cold in the winter. She lived through two world wars and witnessed technology advancements from radio to television and Model T's to stealth bombers. She was raised in the country and learned to work hard chopping cotton, tending to livestock and washing clothes in a big iron wash pot with boiling water. Jennie said that on Christmas Day her Dad would take the wagon out to the pasture, cut down a cedar tree that would go almost to the ceiling and put it in the living room. They would pop corn and cut out paper rings to decorate the tree. Their only Christmas gift was a stalk of bananas, which they were thrilled to receive, and did not even think of getting any other gifts. As a young girl she memorized the books of the Bible and could still recite them until her final illness.

She was an excellent seamstress and could make almost anything. In 1933 at the age of 19 she married Walter Albin Key and they were married until he passed in 1991. Their marriage lasted 58 years and produced three children Barbara Wright, Harold Key and Chris Key. Barbara and Harold both preceded her in death. Her grandchildren are Greg Wright, his wife Christy; Cynthia Crutcher her husband Bill; Richard Wright his wife Lexy; Garth Wright his wife Sabrina; Brad Wright his wife Catherine; Dean Key and Dayton Key. During their marriage they owned an antique store in Lubbock, Texas, participated in carpet installation for several companies and managed motels in Colorado Springs, Ruidoso and Midland. Jennie has 10 great grandchildren 8 great great-grandchildren.

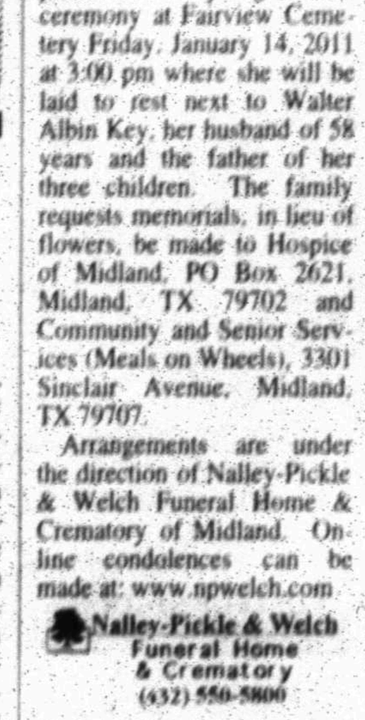
She remarried almost three years after Albin passed away to Clyde Allison and their marriage lasted until 2004 when Clyde passed away. She was active in the Senior Center at the old Dellwood Mall here in Midland for many years and celebrated her 90th birthday there with her friends and family. She was a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ and a Christian from the time she was a young girl. In her own words she said: "I want all to know I love you. Thank you for seeing that I am taken care of and I thank God for letting me live so long ....lots of love to all and God Bless you all ..... Your Mother, Grandma, Great Grandma and Great-Great Grandma.

The family would like to thank Dr. Miller and his staff along with the caregivers at Saddle Ridge Assisted Living for her special care over the last years of her life. Also a special thanks to Hospice of Midland during her final days are in order for their care and attention to her physical and spiritual needs.

As per Jennie's request, a visitation will occur on Thursday, January 13, 2011, in the evening at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on North Big Spring in Midland from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, followed by a graveside ceremony at Fairview Cemetery Friday, January 14, 2011 at 3:00 pm where she will be laid to rest next to Walter Albin Key, her husband of 58 years and the father of her three children. The family requests memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702 and Community and Senior Services (Meals on Wheels), 3301 Sinclair Avenue, Midland, TX 79707.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

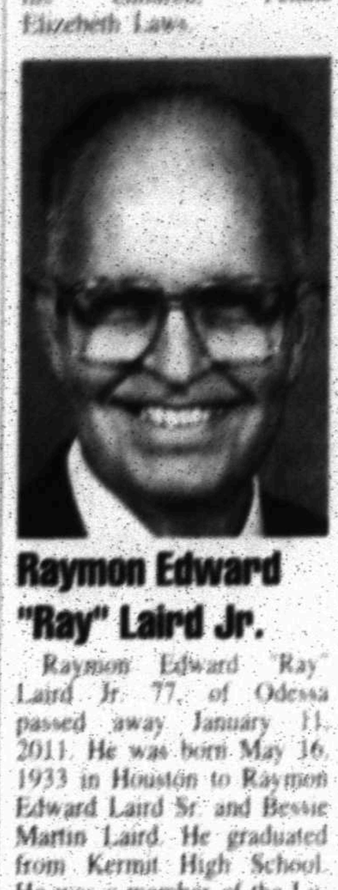


Pete Orona

Mr. Pete Orona, age 51, of Colorado City, died Tuesday in a Stanton hospital. Services will be Friday, January 14, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at Saint Ann's Catholic Church with Father Michael Udegbunam officiating. Burial will follow at Mitchell County Cemetery. There will be a Rosary at the Funeral Home on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 7:00 P. M.. All arrangements will be under the care and direction of Kiker- Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Orona was born on April 26, 1959 in Loraine, TX to Jose and Consuelo Orona and was a lifelong resident of Colorado City, TX. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Pete worked for Robinson Drilling. He loved music, hot rods, motorcycles, and working on oil rigs since he was 15 yrs old. Pete was a loving father, grandfather, brother, son and uncle.

Survivors include a son: Derek Keith Orona and wife Jessica of Ft. Worth; daughter Tuesday Elizebeth Orona and John Faught of Lubbock, TX; grandchildren: Drew Keith Orona and Joshua Derek Orona; parents: Jose and Consuelo Orona; brothers: David Orona and wife Mary Jane of Snyder, Sabino Orona and wife Colleen of Midland, Robert Orona and wife Diana of Roswell, New Mexico, Tony Orona and wife Kay of Colorado City, Ruben Orona and wife Tenchie of New Braunfels, TX, Arthur Orona of Austin, TX; sisters: Josie Ortegon and husband Mario of Roscoe, Rita Rushing and husband Bill of Kingwood, TX; former wife and mother of his children, Pennie Elizebeth Laws.



Raymon Edward "Ray" Laird Jr.

Raymon Edward "Ray" Laird Jr. 77, of Odessa passed away January 11, 2011. He was born May 16, 1933 in Houston to Raymon Edward Laird Sr. and Bessie Martin Laird. He graduated from Kermit High School. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord, retired after 32 years with National Supply. He was a member of the Optimist Club and the Toast Master.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Lynda, sister, Pat, and son, Tray.

He is survived by his son, James Laird and wife Gaylia of Dallas, daughters, Debbie Robertson of Midland and Mary Hanson of Odessa, grandchildren, Justin Robertson, Jason Robertson, Mahlee Laird, Hannah Laird, Landry Laird, Tim Hanson, Lyndi Hanson, and Ella Hanson.

Visitation will be from 6pm-8pm Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Funeral will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 14, 2011 at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Preston Weatherly officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

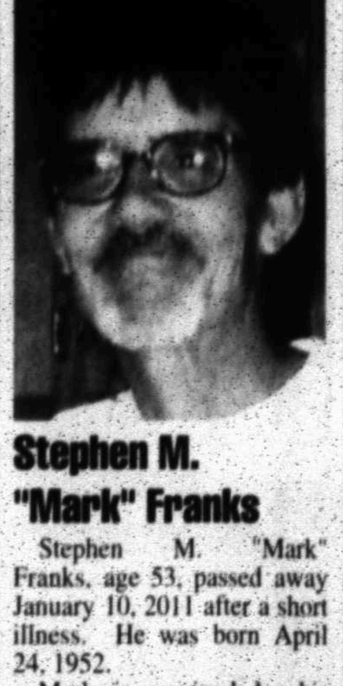
Memorials may be made to the Parkinson Disease Foundation.

Funeral services are entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors

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Condolences may be offered at www.frankwilson.com



Stephen M. "Mark" Franks

Stephen M. "Mark" Franks, age 53, passed away January 10, 2011 after a short illness. He was born April 24, 1952.

Mark is survived by his mother, Betty Franks of Midland; son, Kelly Franks of San Angelo; grandmother, Joy Green of Midland; brother, John Franks of Midland; sister, Mary O'Connor of Iowa; sister, Carla Nunley of Snyder; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Haskell Franks.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Santa Rita Senior Village in Midland.

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

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Death Notices

Erlene Sims

Erlene Patricia Sims, 85, died on Monday, Jan. 10, in Midland.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor.

Luis James Vasquez

Luis James Vasquez, 44, of Big Spring died on Monday, Jan. 10.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by son, Luis Vasquez, Jr.; daughter, Samantha Vasquez; mother, Teresa Vasquez; one brother, Frank Vasquez; sisters, Cindy Talamantez (Jesse), Sylvia Torres (Sammy) Lisa Reyes.

Martha Goodman

Martha Jean Goodman, 86, of Midland, died on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14, at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survived by husband, Miller Goodman; son, Galen Goodman; daughter, Patty Simon, and 4 grandchildren.

Nita Clayton

Nita Louise Clayton, 89, died on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in Brownwood.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Ralph Armbruster

Ralph "Pete" Armbruster, 86, of Midland, died on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Service will be held Saturday, Jan. 15, at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Pecos, Texas. Arrangements were made through Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Survived by sons, Ron Armbruster, David Armbruster; brothers, Jimmy Armbruster, Dan Armbruster; sisters, Koneta Hopkins, Mary Obenour, Marjorie Robertson and Maxine Williams; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Riley Bickerstaff

Riley Zane died on Jan. 10, in Booker.

Services will be at 9:00 a.m. on Friday Jan. 14, at Second Baptist Church. Visitation with the family will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Sunset Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Kermit. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Survived by wife, Joyce; daughter, Kimberly (Lowell) Harper; 31 grandchildren; daughter in law, Sherry Bickerstaff, Mike (Lauri) Taylor, Kara (Parker); step children, Bianca Brister, Keith (Phyllis) Brister, Rene (Mark) Kindol; siblings, Winfred Bickerstaff, Amy Wright.

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since starting it last fall and will again be at Medical Center Pharmacy, 3510 N. Midkiff Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After their first event on Sept. 25, officials said they received an overwhelming response from those in the community and started to plan a roundup event shooting for four each year.

The first roundup netted more than 54,000 pills; and officials previously told the Reporter-Telegram they are concerned about the unused medicines and prescriptions in the community that may become abused by underage teens and young adults.

Prescription drugs represent a growing addiction across the nation, volunteers said.

Residents with any outdated, expired or unused prescription meds are asked to bring them to Medical Center Pharmacy Saturday to have law enforcement properly dispose of them. A drive-through area will be set up so drivers can drop off the medicines.

Items that can be dropped off include prescription medications such as pills, liquids and creams, along with over-the-counter meds, pet medications, vitamins, nebulizer solutions, medication supplies and inhalers.

All medications must be brought in their original containers if at all possible, officials said.

The coalition will not collect oxygen tanks, nebulizer machines, IV bags, syringes and any significant amounts of medications from physician offices, clinics and hospitals.

Seago said the coalition is also looking at developing a program to accommodate homebound residents who might also have medicines that they are looking to dispose of.

Staff hope to have the program ready by the end of the month.

For more information about the medication take-back program, call Seago at 685-3645.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com

Lawmakers move to ban synthetic marijuana

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers announced Wednesday they hope to ban the production, sale and possession of six forms of synthetic marijuana in legislation they said would be the most comprehensive in the nation.

The legislation seeks to ban new chemical compounds that mimic tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the main active ingredient in marijuana. Chemists spray the chemicals on herbs and then sell them under a variety of brand names to be burned as incense or smoked. There are hundreds of different chemical formulations that attach to chemical receptors in the brain and intoxicate people like marijuana, and many early forms are already banned.

The proposed Texas laws would make the production, sale or possession of synthetic marijuana a felony, and place it in the same class as ecstasy and methamphetamines — making the punishment more severe than possession of regular marijuana.

Plano Republicans Sen. Florence Shapiro and Rep. Jerry Madden introduced legislation to ban six currently unregulated subclasses of the compounds that make up most of the products currently sold across the state.

"The most important thing is that it's unregulated. We don't know what the health effects are of this," Shapiro said. "There are street chemists, as we've come to call them, who are mixing these compounds and selling them."

Shapiro said the scientifically complex bill would be the most comprehensive in the nation. Sixteen other states have already banned some forms of synthetic marijuana, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is developing federal legislation to be introduced this year.

Researchers developed synthetic cannabinoids, as scientists refer to the compounds, to test the effects of THC on mice as early as the 1970s. In recent years, though, producers have developed new compounds and sold them in tobacco shops, gas stations and online. The drugs have become popular with teens, particularly in North Texas.

Dr. Collin Kane, a pediatric cardiologist at Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said he has treated three teenagers for heart attacks caused by synthetic marijuana, often referred to by the dominant brand K2.

"Until a few months ago, I'd never heard of K2," Kane told a Capitol press conference. "When a few teenagers came to our emergency room and were admitted with heart palpitations, chest pain, shortness of breath, and it was only after a lot questions that they admitted they had taken something like K2."


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THURSDAY EVENING — JANUARY 13, 2011

Channels	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KMID ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "Winter Wipeout: The Musical"		Grey's Anatomy "Don't Let Me Be Lonely"		(5N) Private Practice "Home Can Wait"		News	(5N) Nightline	(5N) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	CBS 7 News at 5	Entertainment Tonight	Big Bang Theory	(3D) $ 1 My Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Sin City"		The Mentalist "Carnelian Sky at Sunset"		CBS 7 News at 10	(5N) Late Show With David Letterman	Late	
KWWT CW	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	The Vampire Diaries "Masquerade"		Nikita Alex sees a new side of Michael.		Married... With Children	Married... With Children	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park	South Park
KPEJ FOX	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Million Dollar Money Drop		Bones Booth's girlfriend visits the lab.		The Simpsons	How I Met Your Mother	Everybody Loves Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
KMLM IND	Inhuman Sacrifices	Dr. Ron Charles	Update News	Sid Roth	Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians,				Dr. Hollea Amerie	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Bill Cloud	Dr. Swallow
KWES NBC	News	Be a Millionaire	Community	Community	The Office "Niagara"	The Office "Niagara"	30 Rock "College"	30 Rock	News	(5N) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night	
KOPT PBS	PBS Newshour	Antiques Roadshow	The Amateurs	Pyrex and Wildlife	Antiques Roadshow "Miami Beach"		The Titus Old House Hour		Charlie Rose	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	
KUPB UNI	Lleno de Amor	Eva Luna	Eva Luna		Triunfo del Amor		Mujeres Asesinas 3 "Gabriela"		Noticias Telemundo	Noticiero univision	La Verdad Oculta	
MyTV	Earl	Smarter	Without a Trace		Without a Trace		My Name Is Earl	Access H	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage

FLIX	340	65			(5:15) "The 400 Blows"		★★ "Explorers" (1985, Ethan Hawke			★★ "Invaders From Mars" (1986	(:45) ★★★ "Scream 3" (2000)	
HBO	300	08	14	14	(:15) ★★ "Tooth Fairy" (2010, Dwayne Johnson			"Percy Jackson & the Olympians"		Grayson, Reid Sea	★★★ "Good Hair"	
HBO2	302	09	15	101	"Transformers"		★★ "Clash of the Titans" (2010,			★★ "Fast & Furious" (2009,	(:15) "Pirate Radio"	
HBO3	304	79	16	102	(:15) ★★ "The Time Traveler's Wife" (2009,			★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001,	Gwyneth Paltrow		★ "Leap Year" (2010, Amy Adams	Lonely
MAX	320	71	17	225	24	"Animal House"	★★ "The Ring" (2002, Naomi Watts,		★★ "The Hangover" (2009,		(:45) The Erotic Traveler	
MAX2	322	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ "She's Out of My League" (2010,			★★ "Jennifer's Body" (2009,		(:45) Lingerie	(:20) ★★★ "Braveheart" (1995,
PLEX			96			(5:30) "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"				(7:55) ★★★ "Superman II" (1980,		"Hercules and the Lost Kingdom"
SHOW	350	66	19	240	26	(5:30) "Rock Style"		★ "Scary Movie 2" (2001,		"Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work"	Laugh	Laugh
TMC	335	67	22	116	28	"Boys-City Clare"		★★ "K" (2008, Josh Brolin,			(:15) ★★★ "Life During Wartime" (2009,	

A&E	27	32	28	29	47	The First 48 "Road Hazard; Cold"	The First 48 A college student is stabbed		The First 48 "Underworld"		Beyond Scared Straight "The Valley Stole Prison for Women"	The First 48	(5N) The First 48 A college student is stabbed
AMC	46	21	23	42	31	(5:00) ★★ "Swordfish"	★★★ "Enter the Dragon"	(1973, Adventure, Bruce Lee			★★★ "Enter the Dragon"	(1973, Adventure, Bruce Lee
BET	58	26		46		106 & Park: Top 10 Live	The Game	The Game	★★ "Kingdom Come" (2001,			The Mo'Nique Show	Wendy Williams Show
BRAV	66	63		61		Housewives/Atl.	Real Housewives		Real Housewives			Happens	Real Housewives	Happens
CNBC	46	45		36	72	The Kudlow Report	Marijuana USA		Target: Inside		Target: Inside	Mad Money	Target: Inside	
CNN	43	24	31	35	56	John King, USA	Parker Spitzer		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live	
DISC	50	25	21	24	42	MythBusters (N	MythBusters (N		American Chopper		Auction	Oddities	Man vs. Wild	American Chopper
DISN	56	27	26	25	36	Good Luck	Good Luck	"16 Wishes"	Shelby Ryan		SuiteSlack	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
ESPN	32	29	30	31	35	College Basketball	Teams TBA		College Basketball		Teams TBA			SportsCenter		NFL Live	Final
ESPN2	34	28	29	32	31	College Basketball	Teams TBA		College Basketball		Teams TBA			College Basketball			
FAM	53	54	34	43	33	Funniest Home Videos		★★ "Van Helsing"	(2004, Fantasy, Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale					The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
FNC	45	56	33	33	55	FOX Report	The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		Greta Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	37	58	64	Ace. Cakes	Best Thing	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Ace. Cakes	Unwrapped	Chopped		Iron Chef America	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	25	Texas Polit	SFW Sports	Women's College Basketball	LSU at Mississippi State			The Game	College Basketball	USC at Oregon	Live
FX	31	31	39	44	69	(4:00) "Spider-Man 3"		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men		★★★ "Double Jeopardy"	(1999, Action, Ashley Judd			"Double Jeopardy"	
HALL	54	49	58		34	The Boss	The Boss	Little House			"Wild Hearts"	(2006, Drama, Richard Thomas		Good Girls	Good Girls	Good Girls	Good Girls
HGTV	63	55	35	48	44	Hunters	House	First Place	First Place		Selling NY	Selling NY	House	Hunters	Cash. Cari	Hunters	Selling NY	Selling NY
HIST	71	62	38	55	43	Modern History		Ancient Aliens			Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Stan Lee's		(:01) Ancient Aliens	
LIFE	28	35	25	28	48	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	Reba	Reba	"The Boy Next Door"	★ "Poison Ivy II: Lily"	(1996, Drama, Alyssa Milano, Xander	Berkeley, Jonathan Schaech	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	Frasier	Frasier
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		Countdown			Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show	
NICK	16	34	36	34	37	Arnolds	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife		Chris	Chris	George	George	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
SPIKE	35	22	55	53	58	Gangland		Gangland			TNA Wrestling				MANowars	MANowars	MANowars	Son Beach
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ "Star Trek II: The Voyage Home"					★★★ "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country"	(1991,				★★★ "Sunshine"	(2007,	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★ "16 First Dates"	(2004, Romance-Comedy, Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore			Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan		Lopez Tonight	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★★ "Play Girl"		★ "Only Two Can Play"	(1962, Peter Sellers			★★★ "The Millionairess"	(1960,			(:45) "I Love You, Alice B. Toklas"	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado	Edición	Aurora			El Fantasma de Elena		Alguien Is Mira		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Police Women of Memphis		Police Women of Memphis			Police Women of Cincinnati		Secrets of the Secret Service		Police Women of Cincinnati		Secrets of the Secret Service	
TNT	24	23	45	26	50	Bones Heart failure.		NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Oklahoma City Thunder							NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Denver Nuggets			
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	House "Massage Therapy"		★★ "The Break-Up"	(2006, Vince Vaughn, A couple end their relationship.						★ "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry"	(2007, Comedy, Adam		
VS.	38	39				Dokur	The T.O	WEC WrestCage			UFC Live: Jones vs. Matyushenko				NHL Overtime	Live	Dokur	WrekCAGE
WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		WWE Superstars			How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars	

Perry's trips to keep him on national stage

By Jay Root
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Rick Perry has practically turned Washington-bashing into a sport, but he can't seem to stay away from the nation's capital — or the national stage.

Perry has three trips planned to Washington and its environs through February, along with a jaunt to California for an event honoring former President Ronald Reagan, aides said. Most of the events are drawing other national Republican figures, including a few eyeing the White House in 2012.

But in an interview with The Associated Press this week, Perry said he has no aspirations beyond the Lone Star State. Still, the trips are sure to fuel speculation about his intentions and raise a few eyebrows as the state faces a budget shortfall of at least $15 billion, one of the largest in the country.

The governor said he'll oppose tax increase and hopes to make Texas a model of fiscal responsibility despite fears that the state could soon be facing deep cuts in the public school system and the health care infrastructure.

"I'm not running for president," said Perry, who will be sworn into his record third term as governor next week. "I'm interested in the members of Congress doing what they said they would do and putting this country back into a substantially closer relationship with the Constitution."

Perry will get to deliver that message to GOP members of the U.S. House on Friday, when aides said he'll travel to Baltimore, just outside Washington, to attend a weekend retreat for the new Republican majority.

Also expected to attend are Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, both considered potential contenders for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination. All of them — and virtually every other Republican heavyweight — will be back in Washington in mid-February to attend the annual Conservative Political Action Conference, a huge draw for conservative activists and presidential wannabes.

Perry will join high-profile speakers such as 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin and 2008 presidential contenders Mitt Romney and Ron Paul at the meeting, according to a roster of speakers posted online.

Before that trip, Perry is expected in California on Feb. 6 to attend events commemorating what would be Ronald Reagan's 100th birthday, Perry aides said.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION

Man accused of stabbing child at McDonald's

COLLEGE STATION — Police want to know if a man charged in the apparent random stabbing of a 12-year-old girl at a McDonald's restaurant near Texas A&M University had been drinking.

College Station police say 23-year-old John Robert Murphy III was arrested Wednesday in the Houston area.

Murphy, who lives in an apartment complex next to the restaurant, is charged with injury to a child. Bond is $150,000. Officer Rhonda Seaton had no details on an attorney for Murphy.

Seaton says the girl was standing inside the restaurant, near the exit, when she was stabbed in the stomach Monday night. The girl's father is a restaurant employee and she was waiting for him. An affidavit says the girl smelled alcohol on her attacker's breath.

Police say the juvenile remains hospitalized in stable condition.

DALLAS

DART buying compressed natural gas-powered buses

Dallas Area Rapid Transit, in an effort to clear the air, is spending $217 million on up to 452 buses powered by compressed natural gas.

DART's order for new buses will be the nation's largest and will be the first big purchase to include electric air conditioning. The Dallas Morning News reported in its Wednesday editions.

A DART board committee voted unanimously Tuesday for the fleet purchase, with service expected to begin in 2013.

DART will build CNG fueling stations, with the federal government helping cover the cost. Current buses run on diesel fuel.

"This is one of those game-changing decisions that affects all of North Texas," said William Velasco, DART board chairman. "Cleaner air is better air and this helps clean the pollutants out of the North Texas region."

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MAGRUDER

From 1B

Americans, was the Greatest Generation's efforts on the home front and overseas to emerge victorious in war.

A naval aviator, Magruder piloted the PBY Catalina, a twin-engine flying boat famously reliable and widely used for escorting convoys, rescuing downed aviators and sailors adrift, seeking out enemy submarines and ships, bombing and flying reconnaissance missions.

"It was just a sweetheart," he said of the Catalina.

By 1945, Magruder was assigned to the Atlantic Ocean's Caribbean Sea where the Axis powers, primarily the German Navy, had been thwarted. Late in the war in 1945, he was assigned to operations in the Pacific Theatre where he was flying the heavier and faster PBM Mariner in readying for the Allies' assault on Japan in bringing the 1939-45 war to a halt and victory for America and her Allies over the Axis powers, primarily Germany and Japan.

Before the invasion would have been launched at a cost of untold lives and wounded, "Uncle Harry," as Magruder fondly characterized USA President Harry S Truman, authorized the August 1945 atomic bombing of Japan by two B-29 Superfortresses. The twin blasts quickly resulted in Japan's unconditional surrender.

Just like millions of other American warriors by land, sea and air, "I could have kissed Uncle Harry's feet," Magruder said, "and would have, given the opportunity."

Magruder, an exemplary role model for those to follow him, settled in Midland in 1949, initially as a landman for Skelly Oil Company, following his 1948 graduation from "Ole Miss," the University of Mississippi, where he majored in business. Saved earnings from his boyhood newspaper route in the 1930s, his savings as a naval aviator and the G.I. Bill "enabled me to go to college" following the war. He also flew as a crop-duster, a ready job for many aviation veterans, and piloted other aircraft, including Midland's innovative and high-performance Windecker Eagle.

His volunteerism included such causes as the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Museum of the Southwest, Casa de Amigos, the Permian Basin Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Midland Memorial Hospital, the old Midland Fair and Rodeo Association, and the Boy Scouts' Buffalo Trail Council.

Magruder, who was born in 1924 just 14 years after the Boy Scouts was founded in America, said, "I am forever grateful to the Boy Scouts and West Texas for shaping my life."

From childhood forward, various forces, such as mentors and events to challenge his mettle, helped mold Magruder's character and readied him to set sail into life's vastness.

For example, his patriotic father, Edwin Magruder, Sr., was a U.S. Army artillery observer in Europe, principally France and Germany, in World War I, which was waged from 1914 into 1918.

In Midland, another inspiration and mentor was William Watson LaForce, Sr., an oilman and city councilman who encouraged Magruder to "get into the oil business" and who in World War I in Europe was a combat aviator who piloted the French SPAD XIII biplane, both a pursuit aircraft and bomber, for the U.S. Army's aviation wing.

The enterprising LaForce, who took Magruder "under his wing" in teaching him the oil business, also got him involved in city government first as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, then as a councilman and as mayor beginning in 1968, the year of Midland's historic flooding caused by heavy downpour and inadequate drainage, on May 9. "It was pretty devastating for a while."

Among his other mentors were Ed Culbertson, who was well-versed in the petroleum business, and Midland rancher Frank Cowden, Jr., a cousin by marriage, who "lured me back into Scouting."

Another mentor was Holt Jowell, who was "intimately familiar with most of the ranches" on which landmen travel, and still do, toward securing drilling rights. He was astute in land work.

"Your word was your bond," Magruder said. "If another person couldn't depend on your word, he would back off."

Magruder, "forever grateful" to Scouting, joined the Boy Scouts in his hometown of Jackson, Miss., "the minute I was 12 years old." By age 14, just shy of his 15th birthday, he had earned the Eagle Scout rank and was active in his high school's ROTC. In both outfits, he learned discipline and camaraderie in part via close-order drill.

His business acumen took on root in his youth during the Great Depression of the 1930s when he was "an independent businessman" in delivering "The Jackson Daily News," an evening newspaper.

"I rode Shanks' mare," Magruder said of his delivery mode. "I walked." He had borrowed $43 from a bank to buy his newspaper route. For a month's work, he grossed 25 cents off each subscription, buying a month of newspapers for 40 cents and collecting 65 cents from each customer and earning $10.75 per month early into the newspaper business. On Saturdays, he earned 15 cents an hour sacking groceries.

Before his newspaper-throwing days took hold, Magruder got another lesson in discipline: book reading.

After the 1935 movie "Mutiny on the Bounty," starring Charles Laughton as Captain William Bligh and Clark Gable as mutineer Fletcher Christian, came to Magruder's hometown, his maternal grandfather, Ernest Robin, a speed-reader, conditionally agreed to buy his grandson the nine-cent ticket to the theater. The condition was that he first read the book, which he did. The film played one week in Jackson.

An avid swimmer, Magruder continued the sport in Midland along with William "Bill" Blakemore, Midland rancher and philanthropist, who served aboard the B-17 Flying Fortress in Europe. As did Art Cole, founder of the Midland Community Theatre, Blakemore served at the Midland Army Air Field (MAAF), a bombardier-training base. Magruder maintained friendships with other World War II veterans, including P-47 Thunderbolt pilots Earle Craig Jr., and Earl Rodman, and many others.

The making of character, a work of integrity and service to others while accepting personal responsibility, is a lifetime enterprise visited by victories and failures, encouragement and discouragement, and a willingness to regroup. As Sir Winston Churchill famously said in 1941 as war raged in Europe, there needs to be this resolve: "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never, in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense."

Ed Maguder is an example, a model, of that lifetime effort.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Possession of a controlled substance: Larry L. Casias, 28, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Aggravated sexual assault against a child: Jose P. Chavez, 58, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on charges of aggravated sexual assault against a child and indecency with a child.

Violation of probation: Alexandro P. Dominguez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Violation of probation: George E. Ingram Jr., 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Driving while intoxicated: Tommy Jefferson Jr., 42, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

Violation of probation: Cassie F. Julian, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of violation of probation.

Credit card abuse: Cecilia A. Montoya, 49, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of credit card abuse.

Violation of probation: Sergio M. Rodriguez, 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Applications being accepted for Early College High School

From staff reports

Applications now are being accepted for Early College High School at Midland College.

This is the third freshman cohort for ECHS and is for students who would graduate in 2015.

Applications are available through junior high school counselors. Deadline to apply is Feb. 4.

ECHS — a partnership between Midland College and Midland Independent School District — has scheduled a series of meetings for parents:

- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Abell Junior High School;
- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at Allison Fine Arts auditorium at Midland College;
- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at San Jacinto Junior High School;
- 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Alamo Junior High School; and
- 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at Goddard Junior High School.

CLASSES

From 1B

from the film.

Some Movies in Review students have taken the class since it began four years ago, Deats said.

Some classes continue beyond the semester. Dean of Social & Behavioral Science William Morris will teach a class on the United States presidents for the first time this semester. Beginning with the early presidents, Morris said it could take several years to get to the modern presidents.

For this reason, Morris, like Deats, has a lot of repeat students. He averages between 25 and 35 students per class. Many of whom have been enrolled for several years, previously taking a course on China with Morris as the instructor.

Morris has been a College Classics instructor since 1989, when the program began. In that time students have come and gone as they please. Morris said students aren't held to any particular curriculum. In other words, no homework or term papers are assigned, he said.

Accommodating the students is an important part of College Classics. Cordero said the college realizes many of the students are limited in funds, so they have attempted to keep the cost down.

Still, Morris said other students show their appreciation, making donations to the college, offering a win-win situation for both the college and student. Making a donation is not necessary. Students may attend as many classes as they like.

Each class is taught by a volunteer community member or Midland College staff, like Morris.

"If it wasn't for the volunteer instructors, we couldn't offer College Classics," Cordero said. "Without them we wouldn't have this program."

For more information about College Classics, visit www.midland.edu/ce/classics or call 685-4724.

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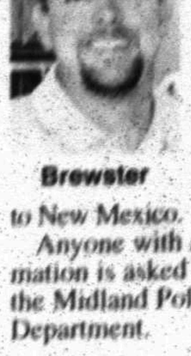
Types of classes

- Each class is one day a week for four weeks, during the daytime.
- Tuition is $25.
- The spring semester includes three sessions.
- Classes run from Jan. 24 through May 6 for the spring semester.
- Not all classes have the same start date.
- List of classes: American Indian Studies, geography, history & culture, Art History and appreciation, Astronomy, Computer basics, Dutch Masters: Age of Rembrandt, Frontier Army, Movies in Review, Political Geography, (held at Manor Park nursing home), The U.S. Presidents, Toning With Tap Dance

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Midland man reported missing

From staff reports



Brewster

Midland police are investigating a missing person report of a 30-year-old resident after family members lost contact Monday evening.

Justin Brewster left work at noon Monday from his job in Odessa because of a family illness, police said. After receiving one call at about 6:30 p.m., family members have not heard from Brewster.

Brewster should be driving a 2006 four-door Chevrolet pickup, police said. Police said he has ties to New Mexico.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Midland Police Department.

Spaceport future on uncertain path

By Diana M. Alba
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Just days into the new year and the tenure of a new governor, Spaceport America has experienced a shake-up that has left some proponents questioning where the $209 million project stands going forward.

Republican Gov. Susana Martinez hasn't expressed opposition to the state-financed project. But neither has she voiced the kind of head-over-heels support that's characteristic of die-hard spaceport fans.

Last week, spaceport director Rick Homans resigned, saying he'd been told to do so by the Martinez administration or face firing. The status of six of the seven members of the spaceport governing board is up in the air as they wait to find out whether Martinez will seek their resignations.

At issue, Homans said, is the message being sent to the larger commercial aerospace community, which has followed the development of the world's first "purpose-built" spaceport with keen interest.

"There's a lot of people all over the world that are watching this transition from one governor to another, and I think what they want to hear, quite frankly, is that the new governor is unequivocally supportive of Spaceport America," Homans said.

Martinez has plans to audit spending on the project, as well as a state contract with the spaceport's anchor tenant company, Virgin Galactic.

She's also mentioned a move toward privatization, though what that means is unclear. She has said she recognizes that Dona Ana County and Sierra County voters have approved sales taxes and plans to honor that investment.

The sales taxes account for about a quarter of the financing for construction, while the remaining funding came from the Legislature. The first and largest phase of construction is about 80 percent finished, while a second phase is beginning.

In all, about $130 million of the $209 million has been spent, officials said. The first Virgin Galactic suborbital flights are expected to begin later this year.

The spaceport was a major initiative of former Gov. Bill Richardson, though advocates are quick to point out that the idea for the project originated in the late 1980s. Opponents have argued it's a case of wasteful spending and are skeptical it will establish the industry proponents claim.

Asked whether the spaceport's future could somehow be jeopardized, former spaceport board Chairman Ben Woods, a vice president at New Mexico State University, said he has no reason to believe so.

Rather, he said the recent changes in leadership, as well as Martinez's request for an audit, are typical of an administration transition. An audit gives a clear picture, both for the outgoing administrator and the incoming one.

"Whenever you take ownership, you want to know what it is you're responsible for," he said.

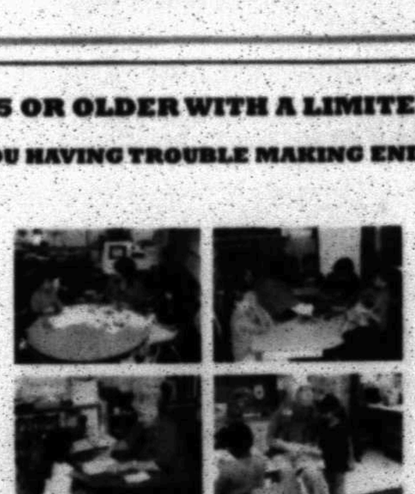
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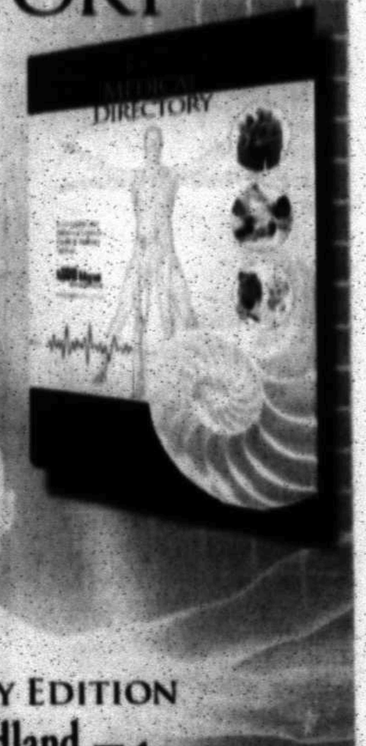
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TODAY — Mostly sunny — high 49, low 23

FRIDAY — Sunny — high 58, low 25

SATURDAY — Partly cloudy — high 56, low 29

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 49 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 23 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 58, a low around 25 and southwest winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 56 and a low around 29.

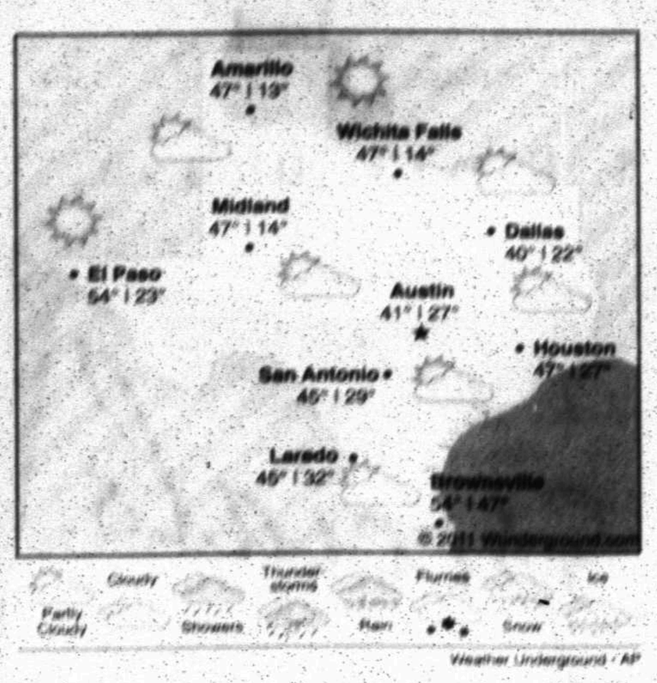
The high on Wednesday reached 38 while the low dropped to 20. The record high for Jan. 12 is 79 set in 2000. The record low is 5 set in 1963.

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The bitter winter blast that has had Texas in its grip the first half of the week appeared to be loosening that grip, according to the National Weather Service.

Skies are to be mostly cloudy across the state today and tonight, except for fair skies in the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Trans-Pecos of West Texas. Far South Texas could have a slight chance of light showers.

High temperatures are expected to reach the upper 40s in most of the state Thursday afternoon, with low 40s in North and Central Texas and upper 30s in the Ark-La-Tex region of northeast Texas. Winds will be southerly at 5 to 10 mph, with gusts to 15 mph in the Panhandle and West Texas.



Precipitation

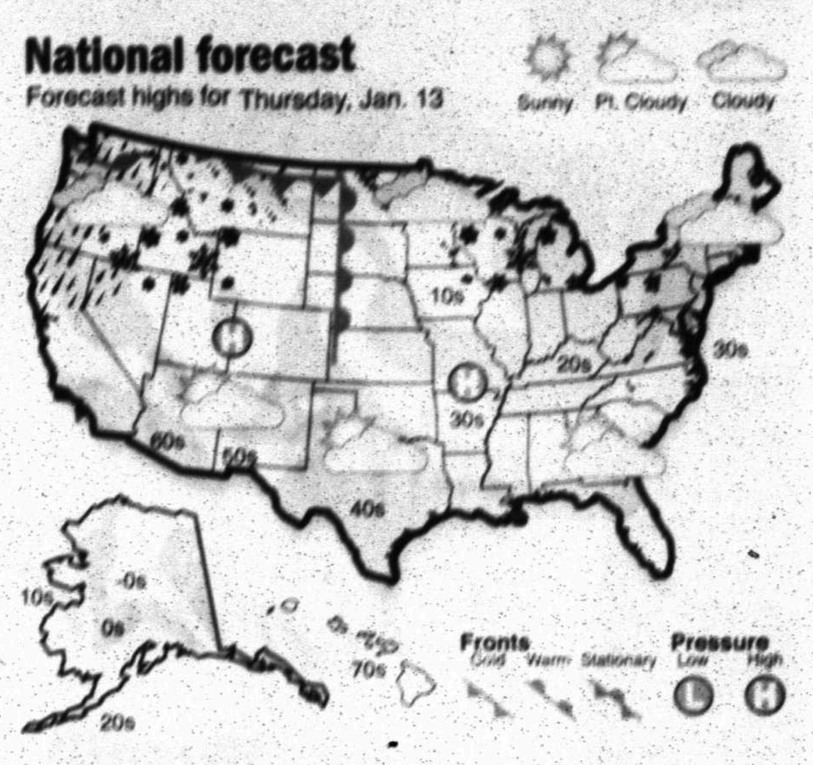
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	Trace
Normal total (year to date)	0.23

Wednesday's temperatures

High	38
Low	20
Normal high	56
Normal low	29
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:05 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 13



Wife takes weight loss to dangerous extreme

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My wife went on a diet a year ago and lost a tremendous amount of weight. The problem now is she won't quit. Every time I suggest she stop and put a few pounds back on, she gets angry and won't speak to me.

My wife isn't anorexic, but I have a feeling she may be headed in that direction. She has no health concerns that either of us is aware of, and when I say anything she just says, "You wanted me thin, so now I'm thin!"

Please tell me what I should do before her dieting gets out of control and becomes a serious threat to her health. — DISTRAUGHT HUSBAND OF A VERY THIN WIFE

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Your wife may have worked so hard to lose the weight you urged her to lose that she hasn't figured out how to stabilize and maintain it. Because you are worried that she may have gone off the deep end, the two of you should make an appointment with her doctor to discuss what a healthy weight is for her — and possibly get a referral to a licensed nutritionist who can help her establish a healthy maintenance plan.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister, "Irma," has hurt us with her words and actions many times. When the drama is over, she will suddenly send an e-mail saying she "misses" my husband and me. I do not want to seem like an unforgiving person, but I'm tired of this repeated behavior. My husband and I feel we're better off not socializing with her and my brother-in-law, but if I respond to her e-mail, it just opens the door for yet another incident. How can we clear the air but not leave ourselves open for another attack? — FORGIVEN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

DEAR FORGIVEN: Your feelings are understandable, but this is your sister-in-law — so you can't dodge her forever. This doesn't mean you must see her often. When you do, take an emotional step backward and treat her with the same respect — and degree of closeness — that you would any other acquaintance. When she acts out, absent yourself.

The woman appears to have poor impulse control and a high degree of volatility. And that's a subject that your husband might approach (privately) with his brother-in-law and you should stay away from. Your brother-in-law might be more receptive to the message if he hears it from his wife's brother.

DEAR ABBY: I have been spending more time than usual in doctors' offices now that I care for my elderly father. Lately, a lot of these offices have added TVs to their waiting rooms.

The sets are invariably tuned to 24-hour news channels on which combative people yell at each other. I think this is a bad choice for sick people. Subjecting them to this kind of programming can only raise their blood pressure. If the televisions have to be there, they should show calmer programming, like shows about food and cooking, homes and gardens, science or history.

I have tried making this point to the various health care professionals, but they look at me like I'm from Mars. Am I overreacting? — TIRED OF YELLING HEADS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR TIRED OF YELLING HEADS: Yes, you are. The next time you encounter this situation with your father, ask the receptionist to please change the channel and I'm sure you will be accommodated.

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♡ A 8 6 5
♢ K J 10
♣ 6 5 3

WEST
♠ J 10 9 3
♡ 10 3
♢ 8 5 2
♣ K Q J 10

EAST
♠ Q 8 5
♡ Q J 9 7 2
♢ 7 6 4 3
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ A 6 2
♡ K 4
♢ A Q 9
♣ A 9 8 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

It goes without saying that the defenders can signal each other as to whether or not they like the opening lead by playing a high card to encourage and or a low card to suggest a switch. However, not everyone is aware that declarer can suggest the same thing to the opening leader by signaling in the same way!

The auction was routine. With 28 high-card points and a five-card suit in the combined eight-card holding, three no-trump should have been simple. Indeed, switch one of South's low clubs for a low diamond, or North's for that matter, and nine tricks were there for the taking.

West led the king of clubs, and there were only eight fast tricks available. To complicate matters, the only suit declarer could develop for a ninth trick was clubs, and the opening lead made that difficult. For example, if South grabbed the ace and returned a club, West could shift to a spade at trick three and the defenders would collect five tricks before declarer had nine.

The best shot was to encourage West to persevere with clubs. Fortunately, East's singleton club was the seven and, when that appeared, declarer contributed the eight. Since two lower clubs were missing, West thought the opening lead had struck gold and continued with the queen of clubs. Only when East discarded did West realize he had been conned. Declarer took the ace and returned the suit and, though East shifted to a spade, it was too late. Declarer won and conceded another club, and the long club was set up as the fulfilling trick.

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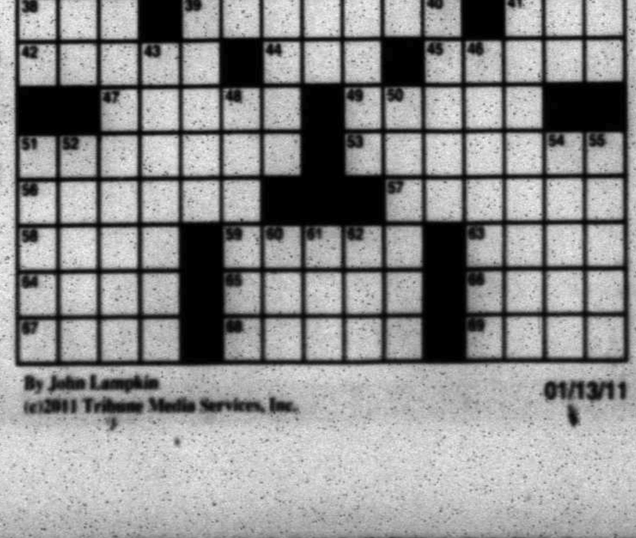
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By John Lampkin
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011:

This year, you see life from a renewed and invigorated position. Understanding evolves as you go within and transform your reactions. If you are single, you could meet a very interesting person this summer. Know that it will take a while to get to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you could start acting like newlyweds this summer. Enjoy. TAURUS enjoys life. Learn from him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Others find you to be wise and grounded. What happened to the impulsive Ram? The good news is, he or she will return; meanwhile, make your imprint as one with experience and intelligence. Your instincts guide you with a higher-up. Tonight: Buy a new item, for your home or wardrobe, on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You bloom. With your magnetism, your impact easily will be felt. If you could have an impact in any area of your life, where would it be? Your vision is changing, as is your ability to find the right path. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Know when you need to pull back. Even if others are encouraging you to take a stand or be more vocal, you might not be ready. With processing, you could come to a whole new conclusion. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You juggle various ideas. Make sure your actions will take you where you want to be. A partner seems to be perpetually changing like a glow rock. Know that you have to make the call. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others look up to you. They know what you want. Maintaining a high profile and not getting into a catty situation of blaming only adds to your stature. You might inadvertently push a key person away. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Express your unusual practicality and attention to detail. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities at hand. Start the sorting process, and you naturally will detach. Don't make any snap decisions. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Deal with loved ones and associates directly. You'll get results. Nothing is more flattering than feeling cared about. You have a way of conveying just that quality, making others more responsive and supple. Try not to let a volatile situation become even more explosive. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others want to run with the ball. You cannot get the ball away from them, so fighting a losing battle simply isn't a good idea. You know what needs to happen, but others need to find out. Be gracious. Let others have their way. Tonight: Enjoying the one you are with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Realize you can only do so much for people. You are happy to help, but at a certain point you become an enabler. Revamp your finances — namely, your budget — if you don't like what is coming down the pike. A family member supports you in a project. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Express your libido energies. Holding back certainly isn't helpful. Your creativity emerges within a relationship. For others, this ingenuity funnels into various factors of your day-to-day life. A child or loved one would be delighted to take a break with you. Tonight: Go off and be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Excitement comes naturally with your sign. Being stubborn and causing yourself a problem domestically is another issue. Find a more peaceful way to add surprise to your life. What is clear is that you need to have a discussion about pent-up anger (yours). Tonight: Happy to be at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be pushed by one person or several people in a meeting. Don't cave in, but know when to say "enough." Many people are frustrated. Still, there is no reason to be the brunt of all those feelings. Establish clear boundaries. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

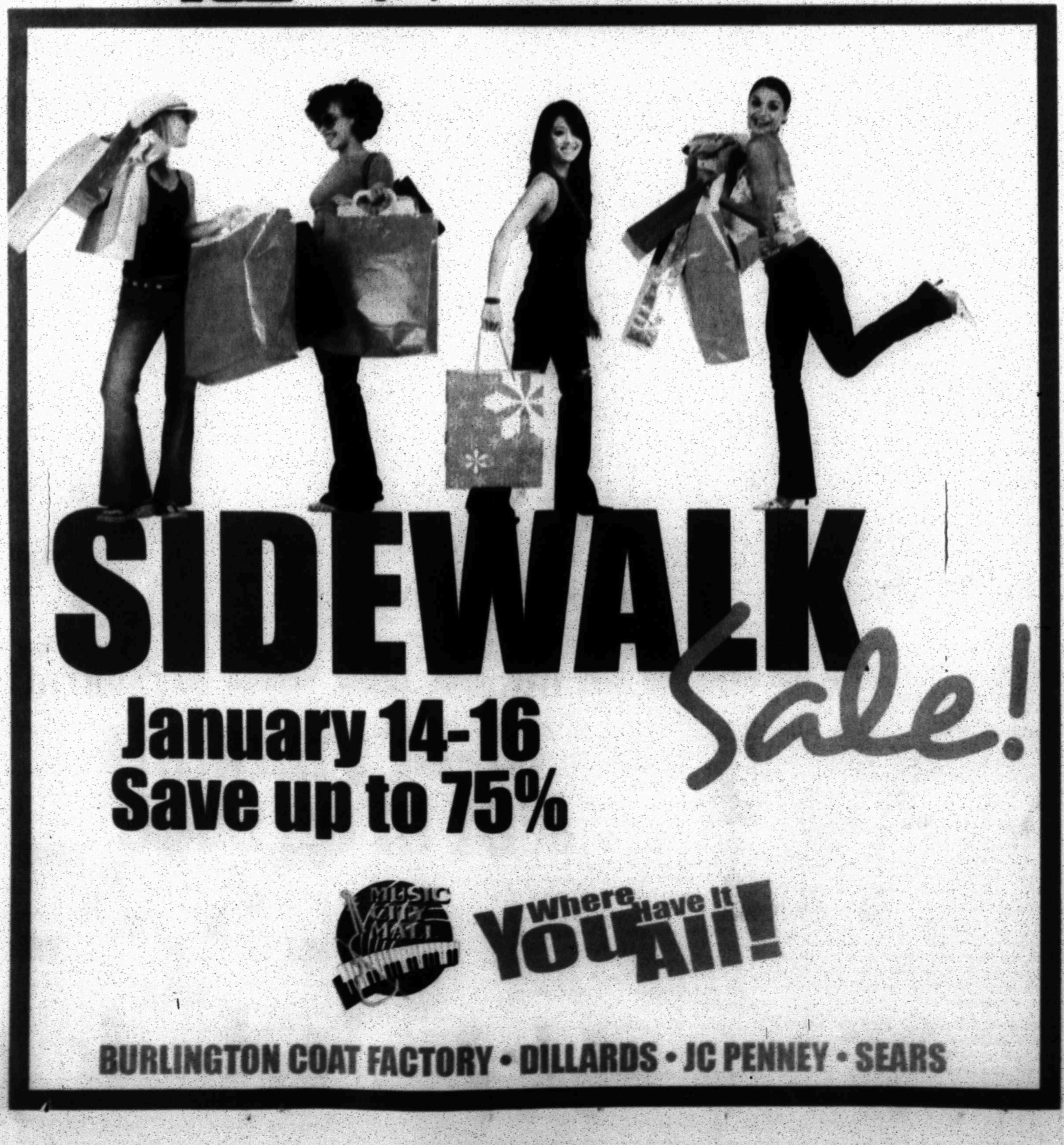
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Actor Patrick Dempsey (1966), actor Orlando Bloom (1977), actor Richard Moll (1943)



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EASY TWO Baylor's Brittney Griner (42) drives to the basket Wednesday during the second half of a game in Austin. Baylor won 87-72.

Griner scores 27 for Baylor in win

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Another win, another milestone for No. 1 Baylor and Brittney Griner.

Neither of them came very easy.

Griner fought through a tough shooting night to score 27 points — reaching an even 1,000 for her career in just 51 games — to lead No. 1 Baylor to an 87-72 win over Texas on Wednesday night.

Griner was 9 for 24 from the field but 9 of 12 from the free-throw line and added 10 rebounds. The sophomore also blocked seven shots to give her 303 for her career, No. 2 all-time in the Big 12.

"I got a little frustrated," the 6-foot-8 sophomore said of a night that saw her miss several layups and short jumpers. "I tried to get closer to the rim and just drop it in instead of shoot it."

Griner nearly dunked as Baylor was starting to seize control in the second half, but did indeed drop in a soft shot instead.

Odyssey Sims added 23 points for Baylor (15-1, 2-0) which won its 12th in a row and snapped a two-game losing streak to the Longhorns.

Lady Bears	**87**
Longhorns	72

"They've had our number," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "We felt like if you want to win a Big 12 championship, you have to win on the road."

Texas is just looking for any kind of win. After a tough road loss at Missouri and now losing at home to Baylor, the Longhorns (11-5) are off to an 0-2 start in the Big 12 for third time in coach Gail Goestenkors' four seasons.

"I thought we could play with them. I thought we could win," Goestenkors said.

Chassidy Fussell scored 25 points for Texas. But the nation's highest scoring team at 86 points per game shot just 39 percent on its home court and got no points from leading scorer Kathleen Nash, who came in averaging 16.

Defensively, Texas hamstrung Griner in the first half. Posted up against Texas' 6-4 center Ashley Gayle, one of the country's best shot blockers, Griner missed her first six shots and 10 of 13 in the first half.

Please see **GRINER**/4C

LESS MEANS MORE

Fewer teams means more time to to prepare

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The last two seasons, Midland Independent School District high school soccer teams had little time to prepare for the District 2-5A schedule.

The teams typically played in one tournament the opening weekend of the season, which included anywhere from three to five games, and then the next Tuesday district play began. It was a harsh greeting to a season that included a daunting 18-game league schedule.

This season, though, Midland's four high school teams will be back to having nearly a month to prepare for the district slate as the reunification of District 3-5A will have district play beginning on Feb. 5, instead of early January.

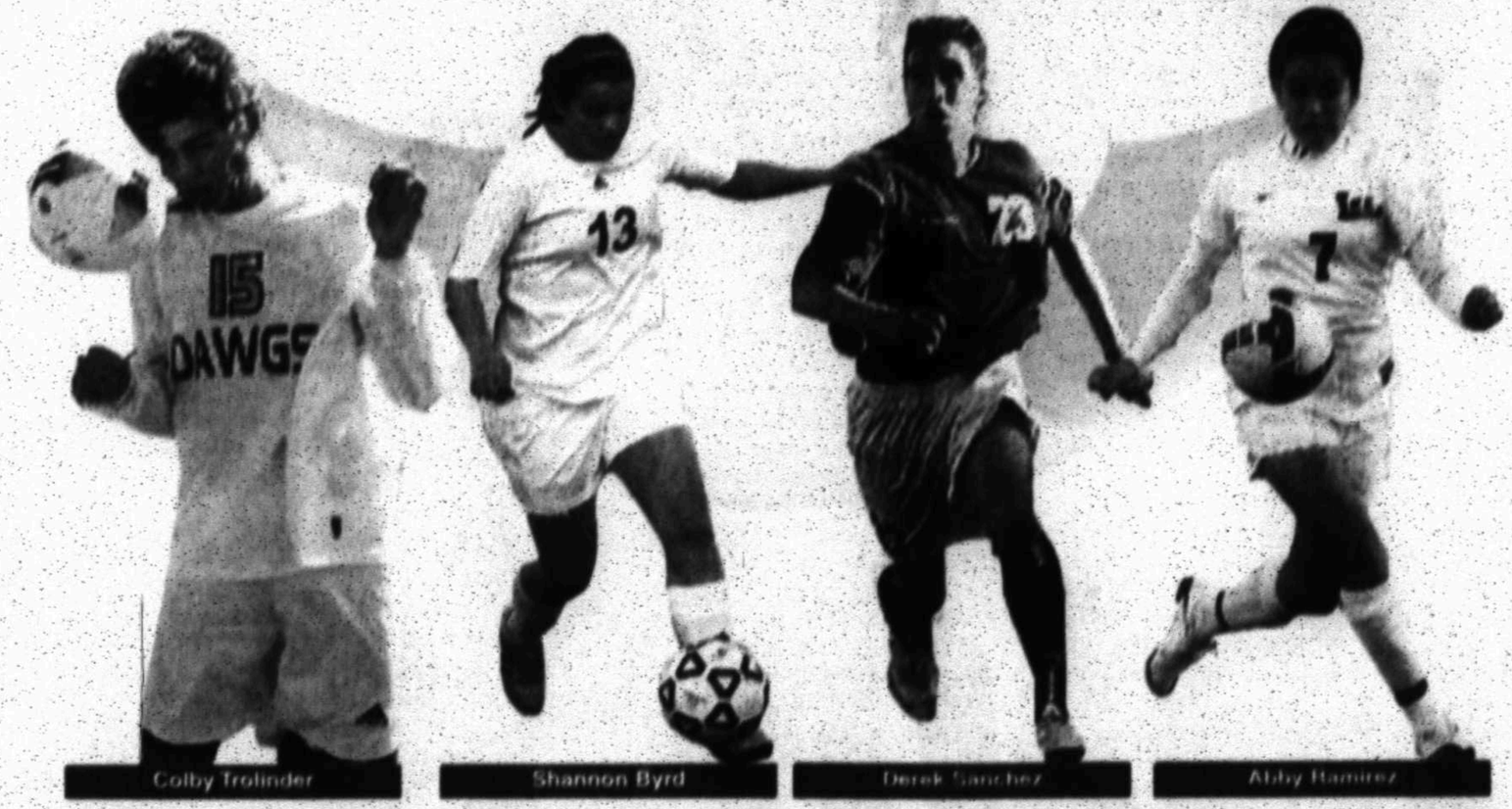
"This year it's unbelievably better," said Midland High boys soccer coach Warren Cottle. "Last year we had to get on the ground running, and you didn't have time to really mess around or tweak things."

All four teams in the city will play in tournaments this weekend at various locations across the state, and for the first time in two years there will be less pressure to find that right starting lineup.

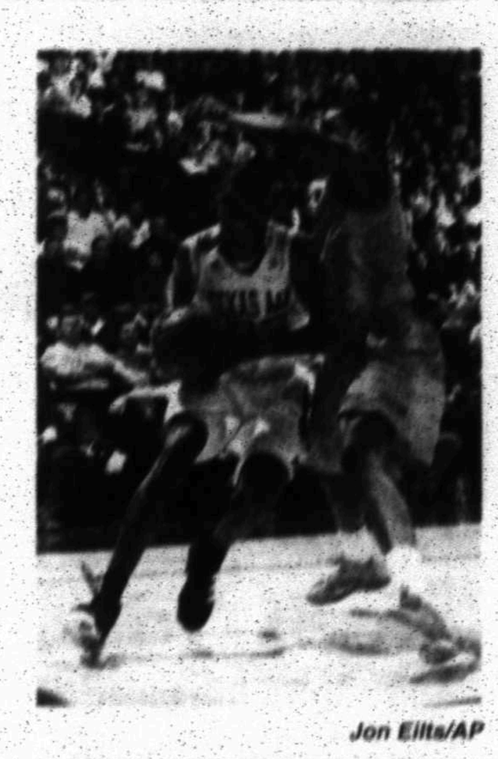
In the two previous years, coaches had those three to five tournament games to figure out a lineup and went into district play. Not having to face that decision so early this season, has coaches much happier.

"We would go to the Metroplex and play in the Nolan Showcase, and we would have to try to answer some question marks, literally in a week," Midland High girls soccer coach Kent Rivas said. "At least now, you can look at the question marks and try to figure out different scenarios just in case."

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DRIVING PAST OSU Texas A&M guard Naji Hibbert, left, drives the ball against Oklahoma State defender Markel Brown, right, Wednesday during the first half of their game in College Station.

No. 14 Texas A&M beats OSU for 12th straight win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Mark Turgeon was surprised. The Texas A&M coach knows the Aggies better than anyone, and even he didn't see this coming.

Nathan Walkup and David Loubeau each scored 16 points and No. 14 Texas A&M extended its winning streak to 12 games with a 71-48 victory over Oklahoma State on Wednesday night.

"I didn't expect this," Turgeon said of the blowout win. "I though Oklahoma State was potentially the best team that we've played all year. ... It looks really good. They're a lot better than that."

Aggies	**71**
Cowboys	48

The Aggies (15-1, 2-0 Big 12) haven't lost since a 67-65 setback against Boston College on Thanksgiving. Their current win streak is the third-longest in school history.

Turgeon's team led by six at halftime and didn't trail in the second

Please see **TEXAS A&M**/4C

'Business as usual' for underclassmen in NFL draft



Chris Carlson/AP

DRAFT NEXT Auburn's Cam Newton celebrates with fans after beating Oregon 22-19 Monday in the BCS National Championship game in Glendale, Ariz.

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

As college football underclassmen from Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck — staying in school — to LSU cornerback Patrick Peterson — leaving for the pros — weigh whether to head to the NFL, it's clear they're aware of the league's impending labor unrest.

Still, that does not appear to be influencing many decisions ahead of Saturday's deadline to declare for the draft.

"I don't think the looming potential of the lockout is affecting decisions," agent Peter Schaffer said in a telephone interview. "I really don't believe the uncertainty of the labor situation is skewing decisions one way or another in any significant proportion. It's pretty much been business as usual."

Indeed, the NFL expects the number of underclassmen eligible for the draft to fall within the range established over the past decade. An average of 46 players was granted what the NFL calls "special eligibility" each draft since 2001, with a low of 35 that year and a high of 53 in both 2008 and 2010.

While Saturday is the last day an underclassman can put his name up for the draft, he then has 72 hours to change his mind. The NFL will announce the early entry candidates next Wednesday.

The current NFL labor deal expires in early March, and the players' union is convinced the owners are planning to lock them out. Even if that happens, April's draft will go on as scheduled, although rookies wouldn't be able to sign contracts until a new collective bargaining agreement is in place.

Among the factors underclassmen might consider:

■ It's possible there won't be a 2011 NFL season at all, so players leaving college could wind up sitting out an entire year.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL TODAY

Women

NO. 7 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/Where: 5:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 16-3 overall, 1-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 9-5, 0-1

Last game: Midland College 96, Frank Phillips College 64; Howard College 67, South Plains College 55

Notes & quotes: Midland College is coming off an impressive conference opener in which it held Frank Phillips to 31 percent shooting, including 14 for 44 from 3-point range. Five Lady Chaparrals were in double figures, led by Anfisa Shutha and Morgan Schwartz with 16 points each; Jessi Cowden and Danesha Long each had 14 and Lindsay Ansley had 12. Titania Simmore almost had a double-double with nine points and 10 rebounds. ...MC coach Ron Jones said he was not only happy with his defense against the Lady Plainsmen but thought his team did a good job of moving the ball around. ...South Plains is coming off a loss at Howard College in which the Lady Texans turned the ball over 23 times even though they outshot the Hawks 38-37 percent. TaElasha Cooper had 17 points and Kelsey Canavari had 12 points in a losing effort. ...Jones expects his team to be in a dogfight on the Lady Texans' home court. "As with most places in our conference, South Plains is a tough place to play," he said. "I know when we went into their place last year and won, they had a 44-game home winning streak at the time. I know they're going to be ready for us. It's just a matter of us going in there, playing great defense and holding them to one shot and one shot only."

Next: New Mexico Junior College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; South Plains College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Midland College women's statistics
(16-3, 1-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	PTS	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Danesha Long	16	77	32	49	203	12.7	96	6.0
Jessi Cowden	16	62	27	36	190	11.9	56	3.5
Tetri Stoika	16	72	19	30	175	10.9	64	4.0
Lindsay Ansley	16	54	50	78	177	11.1	72	4.5
Titania Simmore	16	35	40	37	110	6.9	86	5.4
Grissy Sanchez	16	36	36	54	111	6.9	36	2.3
Anfisa Shutha	16	62	18	19	160	10.0	72	4.5
Morgan Schwartz	16	60	19	32	166	10.4	72	4.5
Theresa Simmons	16	30	12	18	85	5.3	60	3.8
Candace Bascue	16	27	12	18	80	5.0	41	2.6
Tori Cardenas	16	6	6	4	19	1.2	26	1.6
Totals	16	448	246	401	1,305	75.2	673	44.5

Opponents' goals (16-3): Cowden 36, Shutha 19, Long 17, Simmons 12, Anderson 12, Schwartz 4, Ansley 3, Cardenas 3, Bascue 2, Sanchez 1

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	1	0	16	3
Howard College	1	0	15	3
Odessa College	1	0	11	7
New Mexico JC	0	0	14	3
South Plains	0	1	9	5
Western Texas	0	1	10	5
Frank Phillips	0	1	4	13

Today's Games

Midland College South Plains; Howard College at New Mexico Junior College; Western Texas at Frank Phillips; Midland College South Plains; Odessa College is open

Men

NO. 18 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

When/Where: 7:45 p.m., Texan Dome, Levelland

Records: Midland College 15-2 overall, 1-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains College 11-5, 0-1

Last game: Midland College 82, Frank Phillips College 44; Howard College 73, South Plains College 63

Notes & quotes: It took about a half for Midland College to finally adjust to Frank Phillips' zone defense, but once it did the Chaparrals rolled to an impressive victory. MC led only 31-24 at halftime before a 26-4 run to begin the second half put the game away. Dwayne Davis paced the Chaps with 19 points, Rodney Milum added 16 and Ty Nurse had 13 in the victory. ...South Plains played well enough to win on the road on Monday but couldn't sustain a second-half lead to the seventh-ranked Hawks. Howard didn't pull away until the final 90 seconds of the game. ...Greg Gainey, a 6-foot-5 freshman forward, had a game-high 21 points to go with eight rebounds for the Texans. Derrell Edwards added 15 points and Kenny Brown had 10 for SPC. ...MC coach Ross Hodge said with the Texans coming off a loss, they should be very motivated to play his team. "I think we're going to have to go over there and play a really good basketball game to have a chance to win," Hodge said. "I'm sure they're going to play with a lot of energy and effort and we're going to have to match their intensity." ...Gainey (15.6 ppg) and Edwards (11.6 ppg) are averaging in double figures, as well as 6-0 guard Brandon Thompson (10.5 ppg), an Arizona State University transfer. Lee grad Malcolm Miller, a 6-6 guard is averaging 9.9 ppg. ...Hodge said it's going to be important for his team to play well on the defensive end. "I think we'll have to have our best defensive effort of the year," he said. "I'm not sure South Plains will zone us like Frank Phillips did for 40 minutes, but we also have to make sure we're taking quality shots."

Next: New Mexico Junior College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; South Plains College at Western Texas College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Midland College Men's Statistics
(15-2, 1-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	PTS	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Dwayne Davis	17	79	53	71	227	13.4	71	4.2
Trey Landry	13	49	26	40	136	10.5	81	6.1
Lonnie Walker	17	69	36	56	170	10.0	64	3.8
Jamale Tice	17	59	34	45	164	9.6	64	3.8
Rodney Milum	14	47	19	19	126	9.0	31	2.2
Kamon Johnson	9	31	18	29	82	9.1	57	6.3
Ty Nurse	17	66	29	39	196	8.1	71	4.2
Dwight Miller	17	57	22	29	139	8.2	105	6.2
Carson White	13	41	11	24	96	7.4	36	2.8
Wade Mask	17	35	23	46	95	5.6	67	3.9
C.J. Johnson	7	9	6	9	24	3.4	10	1.4
Bobby Hatchett	11	14	5	10	34	3.1	22	2.0
Kevin Jones	13	9	1	8	20	1.5	16	1.2
Marcel Campos	12	3	2	3	14	1.2	14	1.2
Totals	17	555	279	429	1,496	88.0	750	44.1

Opponent goals (15-2): Milum 29, Tice 25, Nurse 23, Landry 14, Davis 10, White 5, Jones 5, Miller 5, Campos 2, K. Johnson 1

"no longer with team"

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	1	0	14	1
Midland College	1	0	15	2
Odessa College	1	0	12	5
Howard College	1	0	13	2
Western Texas	0	1	14	2
South Plains	0	1	11	5
New Mexico Military	0	1	8	7
Frank Phillips	0	1	8	9

Today's Games

Midland College South Plains; Howard College at New Mexico Junior College; New Mexico Military Institute at Odessa College; Western Texas at Frank Phillips

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

Cooper-Davis take first in Open Roping at SandHills Rodeo

From staff reports

ODESSA — From late roping events at the 19th Annual SandHills Rodeo at the Ector County Coliseum, the roping team of Jake Cooper and Justin Davis took first place in the Open Roping event.

Cooper and Davis took first with a time of 28.77 seconds.

In the Pro Am event, Todd Hooker and York Gill took first place.

SandHills Rodeo Results at Ector County Coliseum

Late Tuesday

Invitational Roping — Open
1. Jason Cooper/Heather Cooper, Iowa Park, on 28.77; 2. Bob Whitehead/Jake Whitehead, Quail, Neb., 29.07; 3. Jason Cooper/Justin Davis, 29.12; 4. Kevin Bonnin/Tracy Bonnin, 30.2; 5. Kevin Gardner/Trey Johnson, 30.2

Fast times for round 1: 1. Josh Sigmon/Lance Sigmon, 5.48; 2. Brock Hancock/Colby Ramey, 5.54; 3. Jake Cooper/Justin Davis, 5.57

Invitational Roping -Pro Am
1. Todd Hooker, York Gill, 27; 2. Tyler Spradley/Ross Swanson, 3 Duke Bames/Paul Bames, 4 Dominic Mosbarger/Jeff Mosbarger

Fast times for round 2: 1. Steph Carey and Casey DeLaCruz

Fast Times for round 1: Ty Lamesa/Hunter Cure

Team Roping Match (total after 5 rounds): Clay Tryon/Travis Graves, 0.8/20; Chad Masters/Jade Corkill, 7.6/20

8th Annual Junior Calf Match (total after 4 rounds): Tyler Gifford 66.83; Landon Williams 55.15

15th Annual Midland McMullen Memorial Calf Roping Match (total after 4 rounds): Brian Smith, 3.999; Josh Pool, 5.999

Thinel has 5 assists in CHL All-Stars win

From staff reports

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Odessa Jackalope Sebastien Thinel had five assists as he helped the CHL All-Stars to an 11-6 victory over the Rapid City Rush at the the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Arena.

Thinel, the lone Jackalope voted to the CHL All-Star Game, was also named as one of the captains earlier in the day.

Bloomington's Jason Dale took home the game's Most Valuable Player honors with two goals and a CHL record-tying five assists. The MVP honor for the home team went to Ryan Menei who scored a pair of goals in a 25 second stretch of the second period.

In the second period, the Rush would treat Missouri goaltender Robby Nolan rudely in the first minute setting an CHL All-Star record with three goals in a 39 second time frame. Menei's two goals followed by Konrad Reeder grabbed the lead at 5-4.

Not to be outdone, the CHL team answered back scoring the game's next three goals regaining the lead around the midway point of the period.

The CHL All-Stars scored three times in the final three and a half minutes to put the game away.

CHL All-Stars	11
Rapid City	6

TUESDAY'S LATE HS BASKETBALL

GRADY 36, LOOP 34

LOOP — Julie Schuelke scored 15 points to lead the Grady girls basketball team to a District 8-A, Division II victory over Loop on Tuesday.

Kelly Cook added 10 for the Lady Wildcats, who improve to 3-3 in district play.

Loop led 13-12 at the half before Grady went on a 14-9 run in the third quarter to take the lead.

Grady 36, Loop 34

Grady (3-3 in district) — Kristen Stocker 1, Sarah Clay 4, Dominique Arnold 4, Julie Schuelke 15, Kelly Cook 10

Loop (3-4) — Rainsley 2, Estrada 2, Foster 2, Cartwright 21, Newfield 3, Carballo 5

	1	2	3	4	
Grady	5	8	14	10	36
Loop	5	8	9	12	34

3-Point Goals — Grady 1-12 (Clay 1-2); Loop 3-20 (Cartwright 2-5, Foster 1-2, Carballo 1-5, Newfield 1-4, Rainsley 0-2). Total Fouls — Grady 16, Loop 13. Fouled Out — Grady: Savannah Sawyer. Loop: Estrada.

Next game: Border County at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Friday

WEDNESDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

THUNDER 118, ROCKETS 112: At Houston, Kevin Durant scored 30 points, Russell Westbrook added 23 points and 13 assists, and Oklahoma City snapped the franchise's 11-game losing streak in Houston.

Thabo Sefolosha grabbed 13 rebounds, and Serge Ibaka and Jeff Green added 16 points apiece for the Thunder. The franchise won in Houston for the first time since Feb. 22, 2005, when the team was still the Seattle SuperSonics.

Luis Scola scored 31 points, but none in the fourth quarter, for Houston. The Rockets played without leading scorer Kevin Martin (sore right wrist) and backup center Brad Miller (sore left knee) for the second straight game.

SPURS 91, BUCKS 84: At Milwaukee, reserve Matt Bonner scored all 17 of his points in the second half, Manu Ginobili added 23 and San Antonio picked up its fourth straight win.

The Spurs improved the NBA's best record to 33-6 despite a pace more fitting to the grinding Bucks, who came in as the worst shooting and lowest scoring team in the league.

PACERS 102, MAVERICKS 89: At Indianapolis, Brandon Rush scored eight of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help Indiana get the victory.

Danny Granger and Darren Collison both scored 17 points and rookie Paul George added a season-high 16 for the Pacers, who won their second straight.

HORNETS 92, MAGIC 89: At New Orleans, Emeka Okafor had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets held off Orlando 92-89 in overtime on Wednesday night, snapping the Magic's nine-game winning streak.

Marcus Thornton capped a 22-point performance with a crucial jumper and two free throws in the final minute of the extra period as the Hornets took lead for good and won their second straight. Chris Paul had 12 points and 13 assists and David West had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

BOBCATS 96, BULLS 91: At Charlotte, N.C., D.J. Augustin had 22 points and 12 assists, outplaying Derrick Rose in the Bobcats' victory.

The Bulls, off to their best start since their last title under Michael Jordan in 1998, couldn't keep it going with Jordan sitting courtside.

GRIZZLIES 107, PISTONS 99: At Auburn Hills, Mich., Zach Randolph had 34 points and 17 rebounds for Memphis, and Rudy Gay scored 26 points.

The Pistons debuted a new starting lineup — and benched Richard Hamilton. Ben Wallace (ankle) missed the game and was replaced by rookie Greg Monroe, while Tracy McGrady and Chris Wilcox came in for Ben Gordon and Charlie Villanueva.

CELTICS 119, KINGS 95: At Boston, Paul Pierce scored 25 points and Rajon Rondo had 19 points and 13 assists, leading the Celtics to the victory.

Pierce scored 15 in the first quarter as Boston got off to a quick start while bouncing back from a surprising home loss to Houston on Monday night. The Celtics had been 5-5 since Christmas, when they lost to the Orlando Magic to end a 14-game winning streak.

HAWKS 104, RAPTORS 101: At Toronto, Mike Bibby made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 8.2 seconds left. Jamal Crawford scored a season-high 36 points and Atlanta earned its fifth straight victory.

Joe Johnson scored 26 points and Al Horford had 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks, who have won nine of their past 11 meetings with the Raptors.

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More games means more injuries for NFL players

By Jim Dahlberg
Associated Press

Listen to the players and their labor dispute with the NFL comes down to something no rational union in a thriving industry would accept: Work longer and get paid less.

It's more complicated than that, of course, though there is some truth to the union claims. The NFL wants to change the way it does business with players, and the league seems willing to risk a lockout over a longer season and a rookie salary cap once the current collective bargaining agreement expires in March.

Still, it's not likely to garner much sympathy among fans, many of whom have had to do the very same thing in difficult economic times — work longer and get paid less. So the players' union went down a different path this week in objecting to the push for an 18-game regular season.

It said it was worried about injuries. And on this, the most vital issue of all for a professional athlete, the union is right.

More games mean more wear and tear in a sport that already is bruising. And that means the average NFL career of less than four years could be cut even shorter.

"Any time there's more exposure there's more risk for injury," said Wayne Sebastianelli, director of athletic medicine at Penn State University. "I worry about it even for the non-paid athlete in the sense of what they're exposed to."

The NFL wants to trade two meaningless preseason games for two extra regular-season games as a way to bring in more cash and resolve fan complaints about the exhibitions. Commissioner Roger Goodell called it "a significant change" in an e-mail sent last week to some 5 million fans.

Players call it other things.

"To me, right now, as things stand, 18 games, the way it's being proposed, is completely unacceptable. ... I see more and more players get injured every season," Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said.

Both sides are vying for the sympathies of fans who can't bear even the suggestion that their favorite league might not open for business on time next season. Unfortunately, there's not nearly as much talking going on behind closed doors, with no formal talks between the league and the union in weeks.

In his e-mail, Goodell said an agreement can be reached on a new deal "if both sides give a little." But he also made it clear the NFL isn't terribly interested in giving a little on its plan to expand the season.

And, in a league that days ago created a safety advisory panel headed by John Madden and Ronnie Lott to look at ways to keep players healthy, that means more injuries.

"You will have more injuries numerically, there's no doubt," said David Geier, an orthopedic surgeon and director of the Medical University of South Carolina sports medicine program. "Cumulatively, the effects on the team will be great. There will more holes to fill so you won't have the depth on your roster."

Those holes figure to get even bigger as the season goes on and the wear and tear adds up. Conceivably, starters could play in a whopping 22 games that mean something in a Super Bowl season. Even the two remaining exhibition games will be more important because there won't be as much time to get ready for the season.

Dr. Matthew Matava, the head orthopedic surgeon for the St. Louis Rams, said four to 10 players on his team are injured in a typical week, and that said the longer season would inevitably raise the number.

"The people making these decisions don't necessarily consult the team physicians," Matava said. "But if our coach or GM or ownership asked me that, I would certainly tell them. It makes common sense."

■ Column

LOCAL SPORTS

Awasom signs with Vikings

The West Texas Roughnecks announced on Wednesday that defensive lineman Adrian Awasom, who signed with the Roughnecks for the 2011 season has signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

Awasom (6-foot-5, 280 pounds) spent two seasons with the Las Vegas Locomotives of the United Football League and was credited with 24 total tackles, five sacks and three pass breakups last year.

NHL ROUNDUP

PENGUINS 5, CANADIENS 2: At Montreal, Alex Goligoski scored twice and added an assist, and the Pittsburgh Penguins scored four power-play goals to end a three-game losing streak with a 5-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night.

Tyler Kennedy and Jordan Staal scored with the man advantage in the second period to give Pittsburgh a 3-2 lead. Goligoski, who opened the scoring at even strength in the first, and Chris Kunitz added power-play goals in the third.

LIGHTNING 3, CAPITALS 0: At Tampa, Fla., Dwayne Roloson made 23 saves for his second shutout this month against Washington.

BLACKHAWKS 4, AVALANCHE 0: At Chicago, Corey Crawford made 24 saves for his second straight shutout and Dave Bolland and Fernando Pisani had a goal and an assist apiece for Chicago.

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■ Even if an agreement is reached in time for next season to be played, the timing of a deal might result in shortened training camps or no minicamps, so "your development might be stunted a little versus years past," Schaffer said. A rookie would have less time to learn his new team's system and prove he deserves to start — or, in some cases, even make the roster.

■ Owners are intent on having a rookie wage scale be part of a new CBA. Commissioner Roger Goodell wrote about "the outrageous sums paid to many unproven rookies" in a recent letter sent to fans about the labor situation, and such a change could apply to the 2011 draft class.

■ Entering the pros sooner starts a player's NFL "clock" sooner, moving him closer to his second contract and free agency, which could be particularly attractive if a rookie wage scale is created.

"The labor situation in the NFL right now is something each one of these guys had to evaluate as a reality of how it could affect their development," Alabama coach Nick Saban said last week, when Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram and two other juniors opted to enter the draft. "I think every guy did that."

From what players making their announcements have said, it sounds as though plenty of more traditional factors are playing roles: how high they expect to be drafted; what the expectations are for their college teams next season; whether an injury in college could set them back; whether they think there is room to rise in the draft with another good college season, etc.

Two Oklahoma State players who announced Wednesday that they'll return to college, All-America receiver Justin Blackmon and quarterback Brandon Weeden, both said the NFL's labor status didn't affect their decisions.

Luck's father, West Virginia athletic director and former NFL quarterback Oliver Luck, said he discussed the implications of a potential lockout with Andrew. But Oliver Luck said that didn't affect his son's choice to remain at Stanford, which was more about continuing to play with his Cardinal teammates and graduating from school.

"I went through the '82 strike as a player and retired before the '87 season, when there was another strike," Oliver Luck said. "As a lawyer, I shared information with him about the labor situation. In the end, that did not matter as much as those two other factors. That's how he made his decision."

While NFL spokesman Greg Aiello acknowledged that the labor "uncertainty is affecting a lot of things," he said he isn't aware of anyone suggesting or requesting that the league change the deadline or procedures for underclassmen who want to make themselves eligible for the draft.

NFL Playoffs

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 16
Seattle at Chicago, Noon (FOX)
N.Y. Jets at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. (NBC)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 30
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK JETS — The National Football League injury report as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DOUBTFUL - Probably will not play; QUESTIONABLE - Unknown participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice; DID NOT PARTICIPATE):

BALTIMORE RAVENS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — RAVENS: DNP: G Matt Birk; WR Donte' Stallworth; limited: LB Ray Lewis; OB Chris Chang; FULL: CB Samari Rolle; CB Josh Wilson; S Tom Zbikowski. STEELERS: DNP: S Ryan Mundy; limited: LB James Farrior; CB Bryant McFadden; DB Keenan Lewis; FULL: None.

GREEN BAY PACKERS at ATLANTA FALCONS — PACKERS: DNP: G Jason Spitz; OLB Brady Poppinga; limited: LINEBACKER Nick Barnett; DT Ryan Pickett; CB Charles Woodson; WR Jordy Nelson; FULL: CB Tramon Williams; WR Greg Jennings; TE Jermichael Finley; DE Cullen Jenkins; DE Jarius Wynn; DT Howard Green; DE Mike Neal; DT Johnny Jolly; OLB Clay Matthews; limited: OT Chad Clifton; DT Ryan Pickett; OLB Brady Poppinga; CB Charles Woodson; FULL: RB Ryan Grant; DNP: CB Brian Williams; limited: LINEBACKER Jonathan Joseph; DT Peria Jerry; DE Kroy Biermann; DE Thomas DeCoud; limited: DE Curtis Lofton; limited: S Dunta Robinson; limited: WR Roddy White; limited: RB Jason Snelling; limited: RB Michael Turner; limited: TE Tony Gonzalez; limited: WR Harry Douglas; limited: WR Eric Weems; limited: OT Sam Baker; limited: OT Will Svitek; limited: OT Mike Johnson; limited: OT Todd McClure; limited: WR Kevin Cone; limited: S Erik Coleman; limited: S William Moore; limited: S Chris Hope; limited: S Thomas Dimitroff; limited: S Lawyer Milloy; limited: S Jamaal Reynolds; limited: S Brent Grimes; limited: S Dominique Foxworth; limited: S Corey Graham; limited: S Curtis Lofton; limited: S Sean McGrath

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

SMU 64, MEMPHIS 56: At Dallas, Papa Dia finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds as SMU rallied to defeat Memphis 64-56 Wednesday night.

Robert Nyakundi and Collin Mangrum each added 15 points for the Mustangs (10-6, 1-1 Conference USA), who beat the Tigers in Dallas for the second straight year. Last season SMU defeated Memphis' 27-game road winning streak within the conference.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 75, CENT. ARKANSAS 63: At Nacogdoches, Jordan Glenn scored 21 points and finished with 15 rebounds as Stephen F. Austin defeated Central Arkansas 75-63 Wednesday night.

TCU 78, WYOMING 60: At Fort Worth, Ronnie Moss finished with 27 points and 16 rebounds to lead TCU to a 78-60 victory over Wyoming on Wednesday night.

NJIT 79, TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 60: At Newark, N.J., freshman Lamar Keese came off the bench to score a career-high 22 points and New Jersey Institute of Technology cruised to a 79-60 win over Texas-Pan American on Wednesday night in the Great West Conference opener for both teams.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 65, SAM HOUSTON STATE 58: At Huntsville, Bo Ingram snagged a double-double, scoring 28 points and pulling down 16 rebounds, as Texas-Arlington topped Sam Houston State 65-58 on Wednesday night.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 81, RICE 78, OT: At Houston, Gary Flowers scored 24 points, including six in overtime, to lead Southern Mississippi to an 81-78 victory over Rice on Wednesday night.

UTSA 56, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 47: At Corpus Christi, Melvin Johnson III scored 19 points and UTSA snapped a five-game losing streak, beating Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 56-47 Wednesday night.

UTEP 69, TULANE 56: At New Orleans, Randy Culpepper scored 26 points, 22 in the first half, as UTEP raced to a big lead and coasted to a 69-56 victory over Tulane on Wednesday night in a Conference USA game.

MCNEESE STATE 78, LAMAR 76: At Beaumont, Diego Kapelan had 14 points and scored the go-ahead basket with 1:24 left to boost McNeese State over Lamar 78-76 Wednesday night.

Women

NO. 7 TEXAS A&M 82, OKLAHOMA ST. 57: At Stillwater, Okla., Maryam Baker scored a career-high 21 points, Tyra White added 20 and a career-best 13 rebounds and No. 7 Texas A&M won its Big 12 road opener.

TCU 66, WYOMING 47: At Laramie, Wyo., Celisa Gross scored 11 points and Starr Crawford added 10 as TCU defeated Wyoming 66-47 Wednesday night.

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WEDNESDAY'S TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Men

FLORIDA STATE 66, NO. 1 DUKE 61: At Tallahassee, Fla., Deividi Kitchen scored 22 points. Chris Singleton added 18 and Florida State snapped No. 1 Duke's 25-game winning streak with a 66-61 victory Wednesday night.

NO. 2 OHIO STATE 68, MICHIGAN 64: At Ann Arbor, Mich., William Buford scored 19 points and No. 2 Ohio State went on a 12-0 run in the second half before holding off Michigan 68-64 on Wednesday night.

NO. 3 KANSAS 84, IOWA STATE 79: At Ames, Iowa, Marcus Morris had career highs with 33 points and 12 rebounds. Markieff Morris added 17 points and No. 3 Kansas held off Iowa State 84-79 to win its 20th straight conference opener.

NO. 4 SYRACUSE 76, ST. JOHN'S 59: At New York, Kris Joseph scored 18 points and No. 4 Syracuse remained undefeated by beating St. John's at Madison Square Garden.

NO. 5 PITTSBURGH 72, NO. 22 GEORGETOWN 57: At Washington, Ashton Gibbs hit five 3-pointers and scored 22 points, and No. 5 Pittsburgh broke open the game early and remained unbeaten in the Big East with a win over No. 22 Georgetown.

NO. 6 SAN DIEGO STATE 55, UNLV 49: At San Diego, Kawhi Leonard had 16 points and a season-high 17 rebounds, and Malcolm Thomas also had a double-double as undefeated and sixth-ranked San Diego State beat UNLV 55-49 on Wednesday night to become the first team in the country to win 18 games.

NO. 7 VILLANOVA 88, NO. 18 LOUISVILLE 74: At Philadelphia, Corey Stokes scored 23 points and Mouphtaou Yarou had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 7 Villanova over No. 18 Louisville for its 10th straight win.

NO. 15 MISSOURI 77, NEBRASKA 69: At Columbia, Mo., Marcus Denmon made five 3-pointers and matched his career best with 27 points, helping No. 15 Missouri end Nebraska's 11-game winning streak.

NO. 19 TEMPLE 82, ST BONAVENTURE 55: At Philadelphia, Ramone Moore scored 13 of his 19 points in the last 5:17 of the first half and No. 19 Temple beat St. Bonaventure.

COLORADO 74, NO. 21 KANSAS STATE 66: At Manhattan, Kan., Levi Knutson scored 20 points, Alec Burks added 12 and Colorado beat a ranked team on the road for the first time in 14 years with a 74-66 win over No. 21 Kansas State on Wednesday night.

VANDERBILT 73, NO. 24 GEORGIA 66: At Nashville, Tenn., John Jenkins and Festus Ezeli scored 18 points apiece and Vanderbilt beat No. 24 Georgia to snap the Bulldogs' nine-game winning streak and ruin their first game back in the Top 25 since the end of the 2003 season.

NO. 25 CINCINNATI 74, SOUTH FLORIDA 66: At Cincinnati, reserve freshman Sean Kilpatrick scored 18 points, giving No. 25 Cincinnati some spark in a lopsided game, and the Bearcats bounced back from their first loss of the season by beating South Florida.

Women

NO. 2 CONNECTICUT 84, ST. JOHN'S 52: At New York, Maya Moore and Tiffany Hayes each scored 21 points to help No. 2 Connecticut rout St. John's and give coach Geno Auriemma his 750th career win.

NO. 8 XAVIER 75, ST. JOSEPH'S 54: At Philadelphia, Ta'Shia Phillips had 20 points and 17 rebounds, and No. 8 Xavier rallied from a halftime deficit.

NO. 12 NOTRE DAME 80, LOUISVILLE 60: At South Bend, Ind., Devereaux Peters and Kayla McBride scored 14 points each as No. 12 Notre Dame routed past Louisville.

NO. 15 OKLAHOMA 92, KANSAS STATE 45: At Norman, Okla., Danielle Robinson scored 20 points and No. 15 Oklahoma rallied from its worst-scoring first half in more than 10 years.

NO. 23 WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY 72, LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 51: At Green Bay, Wis., Kayla Teschlog scored 25 points as No. 23 Wisconsin-Green Bay cruised to its seventh straight win.

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Miles has 7-year contract at LSU

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Les Miles made it clear, in his own particular way, that he is living in the present.

His nostalgia for Michigan, where he played, and his enduring pride in his alma mater could not outweigh the relationships he's built in the past six seasons at LSU, where he's won 62 games and five bowls, including the 2007 national title.

"I'm one of those guys that believes where you are at is where you live your life," Miles said Wednesday shortly after LSU announced that the Tigers' coach had agreed to a new contract that would keep him living down on the bayou for the next seven seasons.

The announcement of Miles' new deal came two days after Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon flew to Baton Rouge to meet with Miles about the Wolverines' coaching vacancy that has since been filled by Brady Hoke.

Miles' annual salary will remain the same at a little more than $3.75 million. However, his new deal gives him three additional years and more opportunities to win bonuses based on postseason success.

LSU Athletic Director Joe Alleva said the contract will lend stability to a program that has already piled up an average of more than 10 victories a year since Miles arrived.

Miles said that stability would only make him a better recruiter and allow him to weather intermittent down years caused by injuries or unexpected departures of key players on account of personal or academic factors.

It also should make it easier for Miles to ignore his vocal critics. Miles has been lambasted on sports call-in shows in Louisiana and even booed in Tiger Stadium when the Tigers have struggled, as they did in a memorable narrow victory over Tennessee this past season.



George Walker IV/AP

BIG MONEY LSU head coach Les Miles celebrates his teams' 27-3 victory over Vanderbilt, on Sept. 11 in Nashville, Tenn.

Hoke introduced as Wolverines' next coach

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Brady Hoke set the tone for a new era of Michigan football with his mouth and fist, pounding the lectern with each word when asked about the suddenly lopsided rivalry with Ohio State.

"It's like none other in football," Hoke said when he introduced as the leader of college football's winningest team Wednesday, a week after Rich Rodriguez was fired. "Being engaged in that battle for eight years and growing up in the state, you know Bo and Woody and the great fights they had. It is the most important game on that schedule. Not that the others aren't important, but it is the most important game on that schedule.

"It's almost personal."

The late, great coaches of the stories programs — Michigan's Bo Schembechler and Ohio State's Woody Hayes — likely would've loved the passion that poured out of Hoke when he landed his dream job.

"I think my dad is probably as happy as anybody right now," Shemy Schembechler said with a smile after attending Hoke's news conference. "This is an exciting day for Michigan."

Hoke, who turned around San Diego State and Ball State after being a Michigan assistant for eight seasons, might not have been the fans' first choice because many of them wanted Jim Harbaugh or Les Miles to restore the program as a national power.

Texas A&M

From 1C

half. The Cowboys cut the deficit to three points with about 15 minutes remaining, but the Aggies responded with an 8-1 run that included five points by Andrew Darko and pushed the lead to 51-41.

"I had a lot of guys play well," Turgeon said. "I thought Darko's 3 and the follow was huge. We never really looked back after that."

Oklahoma State (13-3, 1-1) got 11 points from Ray Penn. Marshall Moses had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Turgeon raved about the Aggies' defense on Moses, who entered averaging a team-best 17 points.

"He earned every one of those points," Turgeon said. "I thought we did a really good job on him. He's a load."

Walkup opened the second half with a 3-pointer and finished with four from long range, tying a career high.

Texas A&M led by 14 with about 5 minutes left before Dash Harris grabbed a rebound on a missed 3-pointer by the Cowboys and took it back for a monster dunk that brought the crowd to its feet. Harris clung to the rim to allow players to vacate the area, but nearly straddled Loubeau when he finally came down, with one of his legs landing over Loubeau's shoulder.

Baylor Bears add Gush, Buckels to coaching staff

WACO (AP) — Baylor has shaken up its defensive coaching staff after its first winning season in 15 years.

Coach Art Briles announced Wednesday the hirings of defensive assistants Jim Gush and Carlton Buckels. They will work under Phil Bennett, the defensive coordinator hired Friday.

"Both of these coaches have a wealth of experience and knowledge," Briles said. "They both have extensive experience with coach Bennett, and we're excited about what they can bring to the table on the defensive side of the ball to help us continue our climb."

While the Bears (7-6) had their first winning season since 1995, and first bowl appearance since 1994, they ranked 104th out of 120 FBS teams in total defense, allowing 436 total yards a game. They were 89th in scoring defense (30.5 points a game).

No longer on the Baylor staff are linebackers coach Larry Hoefer, secondary coach Kim McCloud and defensive ends coach Theo Young. Hoefer, who just completed his eighth season, was the longest-tenured Bears coach.

Griner

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"She's strong. She makes you work to get position," Griner said. "It was a tough night."

Ashleigh Fontenette scored 11 points as Texas raced to 19-8 lead before the Lady Bears roared back with a 16-2 run to take the lead on Griner's 3-point play. Baylor stretched the lead to nine before Texas closed to 32-30 at halftime.

Even with her struggles shooting, Griner still had 11 points in the first half and did her usual part on the defensive end with three blocks and diverted several other shots.

"Keep shooting," Mulkey told her.

Griner didn't miss her first shot of the second half, a 10-foot jumper, and forced Gayle to pick up her third foul and go to the bench two minutes into the period.

Griner never really find her shooting touch from up close, but had no problems from the free-throw line, making her first nine. Her putback basket, when Gayle picked up her fourth foul, put Baylor up 48-39 with 14 minutes left.

Griner nearly dunked two minutes later but settled for drop-in basket.

"That hurt us," Goestenkors said. "We didn't have that size on Brittney and more and she just turned and scored on us a couple of times."

The Longhorns gave Griner few easy shots, but all the attention they paid to her left Sims free to drive to the basket or pull up for open jumpers.

Texas kept the game within reach deep into the second half before Griner made a short hook over Kristen Nash and Melissa Jones' 3-point play put the Lady Bears in firm control at 66-54.

All's quiet on baseball front as Selig, GMs meet

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Commissioner Bud Selig met with baseball's general managers at the start of what promised to be an uneventful two-day meeting of owners at an appropriately tranquil Phoenix-area resort.

Expansion of the playoffs to include two more wild card teams has been put off until at least 2012, largely because it would must be agreed to by the players' association. The union's labor contract with Major League Baseball expires in December.

Selig wasn't scheduled to talk with reporters until today, following a joint meeting of general managers and owners. When he walked past reporters on Wednesday he told them they were "in for a lot of dead time" at the meetings.

While the NFL and NBA are talking lockout in labor confrontations, baseball has made no such dire warnings, a sign of the peace that exists between owners and the union since the devastating 1994-95 strike that wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades.

"Commissioner Selig has worked hard obviously to put the game into the position, as well as the union side, to both work together to find compromise," New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "They've done a great job with that."

Several general managers said the playoff expansion and proposed increase in the use of instant replay didn't even come up when the GMss met with Selig. They said those are issues to be decided at the ownership level.

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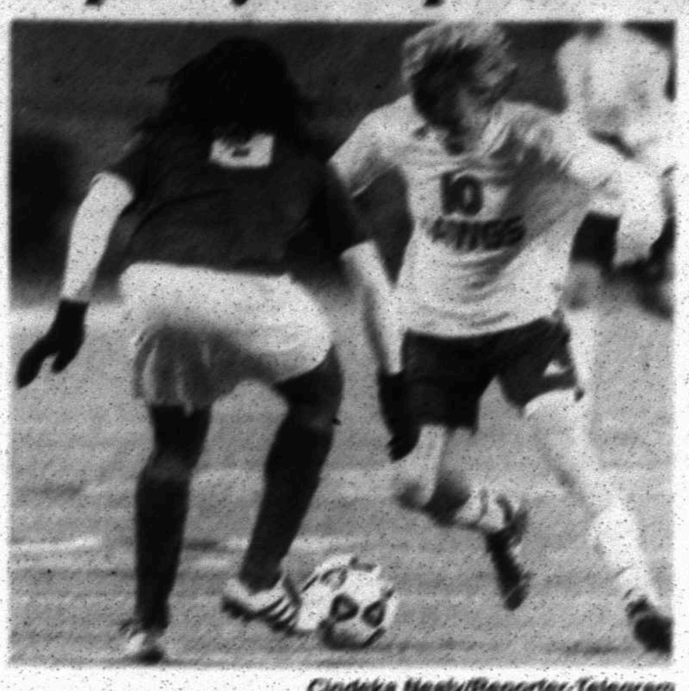
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Bulldogs have plenty of experience

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



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DRIBBLING BY Midland High's Wes Blue (10) attempts to dribble the ball past Abilene Wylie's Jabril Jackson (8), Tuesday night during their scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland High won the game 2-1.

Midland High boys soccer coach Warren Cottle has almost a proud tone to his voice when he starts talking about the 2011 version of the Bulldogs.

Yes, the Bulldogs won the District 2-5A championship in 2010, but the big reason that has Cottle proud and smiling a lot these days is that he has a team with 14 seniors.

As Cottle starts his fifth season leading the Midland High program, he said this season's early practices have been some of the smoothest he's experienced.

"It's been a progression and actually this our second true group to come through from the beginning," Cottle said. "These guys have stuck around for that long. It's been good and it makes for a fun team."

The momentum from winning the district title last spring and the number of experience players returning has expectations soaring for the Bulldogs this season.

A key piece of last year's squad, 2010 2-5A Most Valuable Player Cutter Wineman, graduated, but with as important as Wineman was to Midland High's success in 2010, the players know that other players will have to step up to make a difference.

"We have to keep our mentality the same and get ourselves prepared for district," said senior midfielder Saturny Ibarra. "Expectations are high, and at Midland High we've never been on the high end, but now that we are on top we are going to see people coming at us. We are ready, and we are going to try and make it further than we have before."

The number of seniors and experienced players returning has given Cottle the opportunity to work on more things, and he farther ahead heading into a season than he's been during his tenure at the school.

"Having all those seniors adds focus, and we've got guys who have been in the system for four years," Cottle said. "We are able to get deeper into tactical situations. I know what they like and they know what I like, and together we put together a pretty good picture."

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Rebels want more than just playoffs

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



MRT file photo

BATTLE ON THE PITCH Lee forward Keagan Davis battles with San Angelo's Ray Olvera as he prepares to send a pass to a teammate during a game last year against San Angelo Central at Grande Communications Stadium.

The last three years, the Lee boys soccer team has made the playoffs but there was no rule, which means there wasn't even a victory.

Wedged in between postseason appearances in 2008 and 2010 was a District 2-5A championship in 2009, but in all three of those years, the Rebels were defeated in the first round of the playoffs.

The last two seasons were somewhat understandable as a first-round matchup against a team from El Paso is a tough way to start the playoffs, but they ate still losses and have left the 2011 version of the Rebels with a taste in their mouths they want to change.

"Going to the playoffs just keeps us wanting to get better," said senior defender/forward Ben Bradbery. "We just want to try and go further and progress on."

The first goal for the Rebels, though, is to make the playoffs if they even want a chance to reach their ultimate goal of playing in their home stadium for the Region I-5A tournament.

The Rebels, who finished 11-4-8 last season, lost some key players from a season ago, including George Ulmo and Adam Reker, who were both first team all-district selections in 2010. But it wasn't as though Lee was left without any experience in any classification.

Senior goalkeeper Josh Marquez returns, and five other players who earned all-district honors come back, including Dustin Beal, who was a first team selection as a sophomore.

It's that experience that has coach Scott Hicks confident his squad will contend for not only a playoff spot but a district title.

"I think we have three total seniors that were actually juniors on the varsity last year," Hicks said. "We are still young, but we still have experience."

It could be that experience for those players who have spent the last two years playing the grind of a District 2-5A schedule, and seeing tough El Paso teams in the first round that could provide some playoff success.

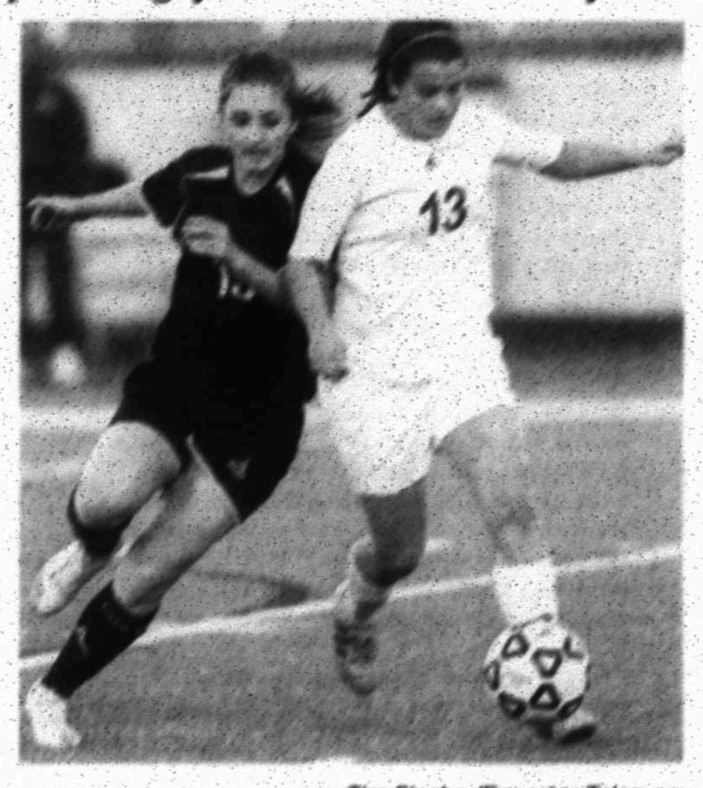
The change to 3-5A will give the Rebels a different first round opponent from the Metroplex, and that change could help them jump over the bi-district hump.

"The first thing is to make the playoffs, but what I told these guys is our motto is just getting there is not good enough," Hicks said. "If we can get there great, but that's not what it's about. It's about getting there and doing something once you get there."

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Lady Dawgs expect big year in Rivas' 4th year

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

BEATING THE DEFENDER Midland High's Shannon Byrd tries to shield the ball from Amarillo High's Heather Terbush during a game last year at Grande Communications Stadium.

When Kent Rivas took the job as head girls soccer coach at Midland High prior to the 2008 season, he said he knew there would be a period of transition.

Even with the success the Lady Bulldogs have had during his tenure, including winning a District 2-5A title in 2010, it's this year that Rivas could be pointing to as the one where the Lady Bulldogs could take that next step.

Midland High will begin its fourth season under Rivas and the team will have players that have known nothing but his program and coaching style, and hoping that the longest playoff run in Rivas' time is also head.

"This is the first year that they're all mine," Rivas said. "Everything that we've been working on has kind of shown."

Rivas said over the last three years he has put an emphasis on the players being somewhat self-sufficient, and if he is not there they will continue with workouts. Plus, he said this year's team chemistry is as good as its been at this time of year since he's been here.

"The last three years what I've tried to make them understand is even though I'm the coach they've got to be able to coach themselves sometimes," Rivas said. "They have to do some things on their own and take the initiative."

Rivas said that self-sufficiency was noticed by MISD Executive Director Todd Howey on a recent visit to the Lady Bulldogs' practice fields, and for Rivas it shows a progression in the players getting used to his style.

"I think this year our determination is a lot more serious than it has been in the past years," senior defender Laramie Holifield said. "We are all focused on our skills and working hard, and I think that's helped a lot."

Some key players will have to be replaced from last season's district champions, including midfielder Lauren Collyer, defender Jade Babcock and forward Shelby Morrow, but Rivas said he is more than confident he will find the players needed to fill those roles.

But Rivas said the players are comfortable with each other, and more importantly, comfortable with his system.

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Lady Rebels confident after late run last year

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MRT file photo

CHASING IT DOWN Lady Rebel Serena Painter chases down the ball as San Angelo Central's Danielle Lewis during a game last year at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee girls soccer coach Brian Pollard saw the type of confidence from his team late last season that showed they were ready to win.

The Lady Rebels began the 2010 season, the first under Pollard as head coach, with a 0-4-4 record. That early season schedule included games against district stalwarts Midland High and Odessa Permian, but it was still a frustrating start for a young team.

But that young Lady Rebels team went 6-4 in its last 10 games to finish 6-8-4 in District 2-5A, and ended the season riding a wave of confidence that Pollard hopes will carry the Lady Rebels into this season. Lee begins its season this weekend at the Emily Hunter Tournament in Arlington not only with a seasoned roster but also a team expecting to make a return to the postseason.

"We just keep getting that confidence and knowing how to win," said Pollard, who is in his third season overall at Lee and second as head coach. "That last game against Lubbock High (in 2010) we were trying everything and I think we outshot them 23-1. We beat them 1-0 on a goal with two minutes left in the game. In the past that would've been a tie."

Pollard said the confidence built off wins like the one against Lubbock High and others late in 2010 have also showed how quickly the players have become accustomed to his coaching style and system.

The Lady Rebels' roster has three seniors in midfielder Jamie Bush, along with defenders Rachel Roberts and Ashlee Lopez. All three have three years of varsity experience under their belt. In fact, every player on Lee's roster, sophomores included, have at least one year of experience.

That familiarity could be key for a team with only three seniors and a hunger to help return Lee back in playoff contention in District 3-5A.

"I don't even know how to explain it," Pollard said. "They know me and I know them. They know real quick when things aren't going good because they can tell when I'm starting to get heated up over something. They've got a lot more control over how it goes down."

The Lady Rebels played solid defense through much of the 2010 season, and Pollard said that will likely be a strength this season. The first three tournaments, though, will help determine if Lee can find a go-to scorer that can provide the offense needed to make a run at the playoffs.

Pollard said is confident someone will step forward.

"We've got several girls who can do it, and it's a matter of giving them confidence," Pollard said. "It's a matter of getting them shots and getting them on goal. We are just trying to build confidence in ourselves and our teammates."

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PREPARE

From 1C

No team could probably benefit as much from the long non-district schedule as much as the Lee girls. The Lady Rebels entered last season's 2-5A schedule with a young, inexperienced team and a new coach. Lee started the season 0-4-4, but by the end of the year the Lady Rebels were playing much better soccer.

Now, second-year Lee coach Brian Pollard said that the three weeks of non-district play could be big for his young team.

"It gives us a whole lot more time to evaluate and really hit our stroke," Pollard said. "We've got a couple of travel tournaments, and we hopefully see some good competition in there. Victories are important, but hopefully we get a good look at where we stand and find out what we need to work on."

No matter what combinations of starting lineups or tactics teams will work on over the next three weeks as the season starts, all the coaches and players simply don't feel the pressure of the past two years.

"It just gives us a lot more time," said Midland High senior defender Laramie Holifield. "We can find out what people go where and who to play at what position and what format to use. It just gives us all a little more experience, and removes a lot of last year's pressure."

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TEAM CAPSULES, SCHEDULES AND ROSTERS

BULLDOGS AT A GLANCE

2010 Record: 16-3-4 overall, 13-2-3 in District 2-5A (1st)
Coach: Warren Cottle
Players to watch: M Wes Blue, Jr.; M Sammy Ibarra, Sr.; D Kierre Woods, Sr.; M Jake Forrester, Jr.; Robert Gonzales, Sr.
The scoop: The Bulldogs return a core group of players from last year's district champs, including Co-Newcomer of the Year Gonzales. Woods will help anchor the defense as Blue, Ibarra and Forrester will be part of what could be one of the district's most potent offensive teams.

2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 11	Abilene Wylie	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. North Garland	8 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Plano	4 p.m.
Jan. 15	vs. Colleyville Heritage	10 a.m.
Jan. 20-22	President's Cup	TBA
Jan. 28	vs. Wichita Falls	Noon
Jan. 28	vs. El Paso Del Valle	4 p.m.
Jan. 29	vs. Mineral Wells	8 a.m.
Feb. 5	Odessa Permian	2 p.m.
Feb. 8	at San Angelo Central	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Lee	2 p.m.
Feb. 15	Odessa High	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Abilene High	2 p.m.
Feb. 26	Abilene Cooper	2 p.m.
March 1	at Odessa Permian	6:30 p.m.
March 5	San Angelo Central	2 p.m.
March 8	Lee	6:30 p.m.
March 12	at Odessa High	2 p.m.
March 15	Abilene High	6:30 p.m.
March 22	at Abilene Cooper	6:30 p.m.

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LADY BULLDOGS AT A GLANCE

2010 Record: 17-3-2 overall, 16-1-1 in District 2-5A (1st)
Coach: Kent Rivas
Players to watch: D Laramie Holifield Sr.; M Shannon Byrd Sr.; D Madison Scribner Soph.
The scoop: Rivas said that the three weeks of tournaments will be important to fill some holes left from some key players graduating off last year's team. The biggest move made by Rivas is that Madison Scribner has moved from the forward position to a defender position. ... Holified is returning to play this season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during the area round game against Mansfield last season.

2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 13-15	FW Nolan Showcase	TBA
Jan. 20-22	President's Cup	TBA
Jan. 27-29	Brazos Valley Cup	TBA
Feb. 5	Odessa Permian*	Noon
Feb. 8	at San Angelo Central*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Lee*	Noon
Feb. 15	Odessa High*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Abilene High*	Noon
Feb. 26	Abilene Cooper*	Noon
March 1	at Odessa Permian*	4:30 p.m.
March 5	San Angelo Central*	Noon
March 8	Lee*	4:30 p.m.
March 12	at Odessa High*	Noon
March 15	Abilene High*	4:30 p.m.
March 22	at Abilene Cooper*	4:30 p.m.

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2011 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS
0	Amy Powell	GK	Sr.
1	Jamie Hall	GK	Sr.
2	Annie Bergman	MF	Soph.
3	Cheyenne Kinsey	F	Sr.
4	Madison McAdams	F	Soph.
5	Mckenzi Maynard	MF	Sr.
6	Meagan Martin	MF	Soph.
7	Savannah Ross	MF	Jr.
8	Molly Barham	MF	Jr.
9	Harleigh Mannix	D	Jr.
10	Nicole Hartzhog	F	Fresh.
11	Kyndal Hawkins	MF	Soph.
12	Maryevelyn Ward	D	Jr.
13	Shannon Byrd	MF	Sr.
14	Channing Harrell	F	Soph.
15	Megan Maynard	D	Sr.
16	Madison Scribner	D	Soph.
18	Laramie Holifield	D	Sr.
19	Hannah Kirby	D	Soph.
21	Morgan Hannon	MF	Jr.
22	Madison Monroe	MF	Soph.

REBELS AT A GLANCE

2010 Record: 11-4-8 overall, 9-3-6 in District 2-5A (4th)
Coach: Scott Hicks
Players to watch: GK Josh Marquez Sr., D Dustin Beal Jr., F Keagan Davis Jr.
The scoop: The Rebels will have a familiar face on the sideline this season in former coach Chris Bryant. Bryant has returned as an assistant to Hicks this season. ... The Rebels will likely use the January tournament season to find a consistent scorer.

2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 13-15	Comal Cup	TBA
Jan. 20-22	President's Cup	TBA
Jan 27-9	Marcus Cup	TBA
Feb. 5	at Odessa High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 12	Midland High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	Abilene Cooper*	2 p.m.
Feb. 21	at San Angelo Central*	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Abilene High*	2 p.m.
March 1	Odessa High*	6:30 p.m.
March 8	Midland High*	6:30 p.m.
March 12	Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
March 15	at Abilene Cooper*	6:30 p.m.
March 22	San Angelo Central*	6:30 p.m.
March 22	Abilene High*	6:30 p.m.

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2011 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS
1	Colyn Moore	MF	Jr.
2	Brandon Estrada	MF/D	Jr.
3	Alex Bell	F/MF	Fresh.
4	Chase Swavy	MF	Sr.
5	Juan Valdiva	MF	Sr.
6	Kevin Sanchez	MF	Sr.
9	Derek Sanchez	MF	Jr.
10	Felipe Sinistorra	F	Soph.
11	Miguel Hernandez	MF	Sr.
12	Ben Bradbery	D/F	Sr.
15	Juan Portes	MF	Sr.
16	Trent Johnson	F	Jr.
17	Miles Vincent	D	Jr.
18	Dustin Beal	D	Jr.
20	Jakab Marquez	MF	Jr.
21	Miguel Ramirez	MF/GK	Sr.
22	Keagan Davis	F/MF	Jr.
24	Luis Olano	MF	Sr.
	Josh Marquez	GK	Sr.
	Juan Baeza	GK	Fresh.

2011 LADY REBELS AT A GLANCE

2010 record: 7-8-4 overall, 6-8-4 in District 2-5A
Coach: Brian Pollard
Players to watch: MF Jamie Bush, Sr.; F D Ashlee Lopez, Sr.; MF Serena Pinter, Jr.
The scoop: The Lady Rebels return a wealth of experience from last season's team that finished 6-8-4 in District 2-5A and built some momentum at the end of the 2010 season. ... Pollard said his biggest goal during the three weekends of tournament play will be to find a go-to scorer. Who that will be remains to be seen, but Pollard said that there are a number of candidates and one needs to step forward. ... Lopez was a first-team 2-5A All-District selection in 2010 and is one of three seniors on the roster. Bush and senior defender Rachel Roberts is the other.

2011 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 13-15	Emily Hunter Tournament	TBA
Jan. 20-22	President's Cup	TBA
Jan 27-29	Mansfield Tournament	TBA
Feb. 5	at Odessa High*	Noon
Feb.12	Midland High*	Noon
Feb. 15	at Odessa Permian*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Abilene Cooper*	Noon
Feb. 21	at San Angelo Central*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Abilene High*	Noon
March 1	Odessa High*	4:30 p.m.
March 8	Midland High*	4:30 p.m.
March 12	Odessa Permian*	Noon
March 15	at Abilene Cooper*	4:30 p.m.
March 19	San Angelo Central*	Noon
March 22	Abilene High*	4:30 p.m.

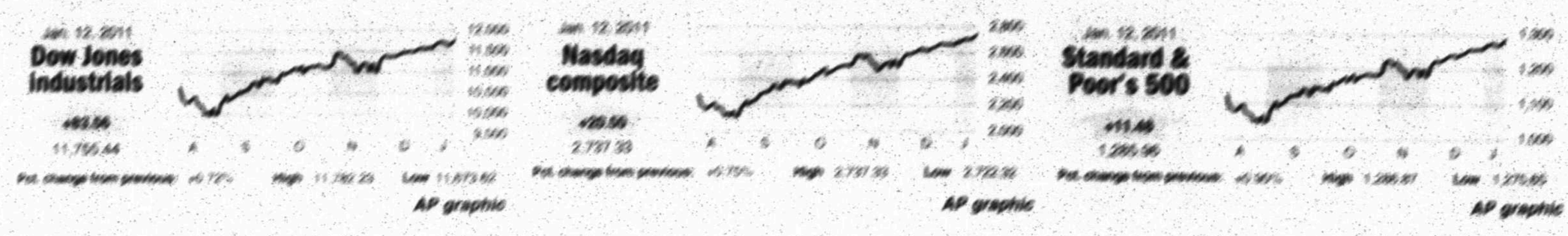
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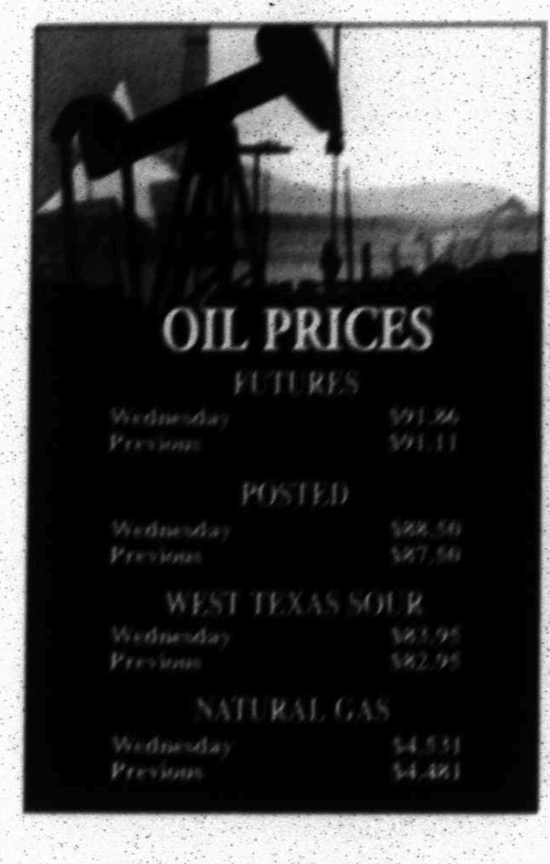
2011 Roster

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS
1	Celest Beil	MF	Soph.
2	Haley Smith	MF	Jr.
3	Hailey Conner	D	Jr.
4	Kendall Stark	MF	Jr.
5	Megan Hodges	MF	Soph.
6	Tori Rzicka	F	Soph.
7	Amanda Peterson	D	Soph.
8	Serena pinter	MF	Jr.
10	Jamie Bush	MF	Sr.
11	Ashlee Lopez	D	Sr.
13	Erin Cumbest	D	Soph.
14	Abby Ramirez	F	Soph.
15	Maddison Bacon	D	Jr.
16	Hailee Outlaw	F	Soph.
17	Jessi Gonzalez	D	Jr.
18	Rachel Roberts	D	Sr.
19	Emily McBryde	F	Jr.
20	Samantha Stewart	F	Jr.
21	Maria Gil	MF	Soph.
23	Kelly Bradbery	F	Jr.
	Kaitlin George	GK	Jr.
	Taylor Roberts	GK	Soph.

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A DAY ON WALL STREET







NAME CHANGE? Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams is shown in this undated file photo. Commissioners Elizabeth Ames Jones, top, and David Porter are inset.

Commission may get new name, one elected commissioner

From staff and wire reports

A Texas panel has recommended changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

The 120-year-old agency long ago gave up having anything to do with trains. Rather, it is responsible for overseeing oil and gas exploration and development activities and more than 350,000 miles of pipelines.

The Sunset Advisory Commission says lawmakers should change the name to the state Oil and Gas Commission. The panel also recommended on Wednesday that the agency be led by one official elected statewide, rather than the three commissioners who have led the agency historically.

"I applaud Chairman (State Sen. Glenn) Hegar and the Sunset Commission members for their decision placing the authority and responsibility of America's premier state energy agency in the hands of a single statewide elected official," said Michael Williams, chairman of the Railroad Commission, in a statement. "Texans will get undivided leadership, direction and accountability. Smaller, cheaper, faster government will save taxpayer dollars. The Railroad Commission will become an even stronger advocate for American energy security. I'm confident this is in the best interest of Texas."

Newly-elected Railroad Commissioner David Porter issued a statement stressing his opposition to the vote.

"Today, the Sunset Advisory Commission met to discuss proposed changes to the Texas Railroad Commission — the state's regulatory body over the energy industry. While this is just the second step in a very lengthy legislative process, some of the recommendations are drastic, namely the complete restructuring of the RRC from the top down," Porter stated. "The current structure of three commissioners provides a reliable system of checks and balances in the regulation of the state's most important industry. This structure allows for diverse opinions when making important decisions that affect all Texans. It also prevents politicalization of the day-to-day operations of the agency. The actual result of today's recommendation would be to vacate the votes of millions of Texans cast over the last three election cycles. I was recently elected to this office with nearly 60 percent of the vote — votes that should count — and intend to serve the people of Texas in the job they elected me to do."

Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said from Austin, where he was attending the first days of the 82nd Texas Legislative Session, that he and other industry groups would prefer to see the Railroad Commission continue to be overseen by three elected commissioners with a "resign to run" clause requiring the commissioners to resign if they want to run for another elected office. Two of the commissioners, he noted, are running for the U.S. Senate.

With Williams' support of the change to one elected commissioner, Shepperd said, "I don't know how strongly we can fight (to keep three)."

Ken Levine, director of the Sunset Commission, said the panel, comprised of six state senators and six state representatives, voted to adopt most of the other recommendations made by the commission staff last November.

"They did adopt the recommendation that the industry pay the costs of operating the regulatory programs at what may be the Oil and Gas Commission," Levine said. Noting that some in the industry were concerned over the impact the recommendation the agency become self-funding would have on the Oil Field Cleanup Fund used to plug and clean up abandoned well sites, Levine said the staff recommendation "combined the two purposes so it's dedicated to and used for agency purposes. The money going into the clean-up fund will continue to go to the clean-up fund and other money will go to other uses."

The recommendations approved by the panel will now be put into legislation to be put before lawmakers.

"It's too early in the process to tell what will happen," Shepperd said.

Oil settles higher

Oil prices rose Wednesday after the government reported a larger-than-expected drop in crude oil supplies and stock markets climbed on Europe's improving financial picture.

Benchmark oil for February delivery rose 75 cents to settle at $91.86 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil prices have hovered between $88 a barrel and just above $92 a barrel since the new year began on expectations that the U.S. economy was getting stronger. Demand for oil has remained robust in emerging markets, particularly in Asia. Some analysts expect the price to top $95 a barrel and perhaps push toward $100 a barrel in coming weeks.

"All systems appear to be "Go" for some higher lift in oil values here, at least through the balance of this month anyway and probably well into next," energy analyst Jim Ritterbusch said.

Gas pump prices continue to climb, with the national average on Wednesday just above $3.09 for a gallon of regular. That's nearly 12 cents more than a month ago and 34 cents higher than a year ago, according to Wright Express, AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Euro rises

The euro rose against the dollar Wednesday after Portugal successfully raised more than $1.6 billion in a bond auction, helping assuage some fears that the country will soon need a bailout.

The euro rose to $1.3132 during late trading in New York, from $1.2970 Tuesday. The euro has slid about 8 percent since early November as investor fears intensified about government debt defaults and bailouts in Europe.

The dollar was lower against other currencies around the world as stocks rose.

February gold added $1.50 to settle at $1,386.80 an ounce.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	952807	4.58	+.14
BkofAm	1965956	14.99	+.30
S&P500ETF	692047	128.56	+1.15
SPDR Fncl	782991	16.51	+.27
GMMotrs	554030	48.21	+.36

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LakeGp	5.76	+1.75	+43.9
QwestC wtB	2.90	+.52	+21.8
ITT Corp	61.99	+8.72	+16.5
Fidlty n	5.07	+.66	+15.2
FullerHB	23.09	+2.92	+14.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LeapFrog	4.22	-1.21	-22.3
MS GMZ	12.96	-2.29	-15.0
CBVBzvHG	56.77	-4.64	-8.4
SnrDMBear	7.91	-.55	-6.5
BeoShtG	21.72	-1.48	-6.4

Diary

Advances	2,186
Declines	869
Unchanged	86
Total issues	3,141
New Highs	358
New Lows	41
Volume	4,201,564,804

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NA Pall g	155474	7.19	+.31
NovaGld g	90821	14.14	+.44
ChinaShen	74674	8.79	+.91
NthgtM g	57575	2.93	+.03
Rubicon g	57217	5.94	+.46

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Barnwell	7.93	+1.86	+30.6
CoMedix n	2.64	+.28	+14.9
ChinaShen	8.79	+.91	+11.5
NDynMn g	17.00	+1.71	+11.2
PyramdOil	5.95	+.48	+8.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Rex	3.72	-.23	-5.8
GrffBall g	2.62	-.11	-4.0
AdmtG	19.35	-.40	-2.1
GrpSerMn	23.87	-.87	-3.5
SeaGlbMed	3.34	-.12	-3.5

Diary

Advances	257
Declines	239
Unchanged	23
Total issues	519
New Highs	24
New Lows	11
Volume	178,594,657

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsft	916900	27.94	+.62
Nvidia	850961	23.35	+3.04
Microsoft	521745	28.55	+.44
Intel	505103	21.30	+.25
Level3 n	468881	1.27	+.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SinaEdug	2.63	+.77	+41.4
PDF Sol	5.96	+1.16	+24.2
Cufrx	2.85	+.52	+22.6
CascadMic	6.06	+.90	+17.5
CardioNet	3.77	+.51	+15.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WesbryLn	8.72	-3.34	-33.2
GrandSth rs	2.25	-.42	-15.7
CelwvHdg	2.22	-.34	-13.3
CntyCap	3.40	-.25	-6.7
GrainEtc	4.60	-.40	-8.0

Diary

Advances	1,799
Declines	851
Unchanged	122
Total issues	2,765
New Highs	227
New Lows	7
Volume	1,845,509,919

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $16.40 Up 0.80

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $86.21 Up 1.48

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91.75 Up 3.10

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $34.01 Up 0.83

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.92 Down 0.39

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.89 Up 0.31

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.79 Up 0.95

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.54	+.13	-4.3
Abraxas			4.50	+.10	-1.5
AdamsEx	.51e		11.05	+.13	+2.9
AMD		5	8.39	+.03	+2.5
AlcatelLuc			3.26	+.19	+10.1
Alcoa	.12	71	16.24	-.09	+5.5
AlonUSA	.16		6.48	+.19	+8.4
Amgen		12	56.85	+.66	+3.6
Anadarko	.36	45	78.53	+1.01	+3.1
Apache	.60	15	126.20	+1.07	+5.8
ApldMatl	.28	20	14.26	+.18	+1.5
ATMOS	1.36f	15	32.19	+.25	+3.2
AutoData	1.44f	20	48.98	+.63	+5.8
BP PLC			47.59	+.86	+8.0
BakrHu	.60	39	58.76	+1.00	+2.8
BcoSantand	.78e		10.89	+1.22	+2.3
BkofAm	.04	22	14.99	+.30	+12.4
BasicEnSv			16.40	+.80	-.5
BeaconPw			.25	+.01	+13.6
Berkhla A			171209	10.00	+1905.00	+.4
BerryPet	.30	21	46.67	+1.19	+6.8
BkHillsCp	1.44	18	30.84	+.02	+2.8
BostonSci			7.44	-.03	-1.7
BrMySq	1.32f	13	25.95	+.34	-2.0
BrownFA	1.28e	22	67.86	-.19	-2.3
BrownFB	1.28e	23	68.10	+.10	-2.2
CVS Care	.50f	14	34.81	+.52	+.1
Cameron		25	52.13	+.56	+2.8
Caterpillar	1.76	31	93.49	+.46	-2
Celestic g		14	9.69	+.05	-.1
CntryLink	2.90	12	44.63	+.22	-3.3
ChesEng	.30	19	27.89	+.55	+7.6
Chevron	2.88	11	92.45	+.82	+1.3
Chicos	.16	17	10.91	+.15	-9.3
Chimera	.89e	6	4.09	+.02	-.5
Cimarex	.32	14	94.56	+1.63	+6.8
Cisco		15	21.12	+.24	+4.4
Citigrp			5.08	+.14	+7.4
ClayEng			86.21	+1.48	+2.7
CocaCl	1.76	19	63.04	+.35	-4.2
ColgPal	2.12	17	78.41	+.20	-2.4
CompPrdS			27.34	-.25	+7.5
ConAgra	.92	16	23.21	+.54	+2.8
ConchoRes			91.75	+3.10	+4.7
ConocPhil	2.20	11	68.69	+.52	+.9
CrackerB	.88	14	53.07	-1.38	-3.1
CrosTim	2.60e	16	43.10	+.60	+8.1
DCP Mid	2.44	58	40.29	+.72	+7.7
DTE	2.24	14	46.66	+.22	+3.0
Dataram h			1.93	+.16	+22.9
Dawson			34.01	+.83	+6.9
Dell Inc		13	14.39	+.31	+6.2
DevonE	.54	8	81.99	+1.13	+4.4
DrSCBear rs			14.55	-.38	-6.8
DirFnBear			8.57	-.37	-9.3
DrxFBull s			30.41	+1.20	+9.2
Disney	.40f	19	39.17	+.23	+4.4
DowChm	.60	24	35.85	+.36	+5.0
DryShips		26	5.50	+.11	+.2
EMC Cp		30	23.45	-.29	+2.4
EOG Res	.82	49	98.49	+1.92	+7.7
EmpDist	1.28	17	21.80	-.06	-1.8
Energen	.52	14	53.91	+.67	+11.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	37	53.64	+.56	+3.5
EnPro		37	42.22	+.32	+1.6
EntPrPt	2.33f	21	42.90	+.32	+3.1
EricsnTel	.28e		11.40	+.24	-1.1
ExterranH		4	23.96	+.26	
ExxonMbl	1.76	14	76.58	+.89	+4.7
FordM		9	18.71	+.43	+11.4
ForestOil		24	38.02	-.08	+.1
FrozenFd			4.80	-.09	+8.8
GATX	1.12	19	34.20	+.51	-3.1
GabGloM	.80		8.35	+.05	+1.7
GAInv	.43e		27.04	+.30	+.8
GenElec	.56f	21	18.67	+.04	+2.1
GenMot n			38.62	-.13	+4.6
Goltsmith			2.97	+.37	+22.7
Goodrich	1.16f	22	89.98	+.81	+2.2
GtPlainEn	.83	12	19.75	+.19	+1.9
Hallibrtn	.36	24	39.89	+.51	-2.3
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Nvidia		65	23.35	+3.04	+51.6
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Oracle	.20	23	30.95	-.05	-1.1
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PenRE	.60		13.25	-.01	-0.8
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Petrobras	1.20e		38.43	+1.39	+1.6
Pfizer	.80f	10	16.37	+.15	+4.9
PioNtrl	.08	19	91.69	+2.02	+5.8
PlainsAA	3.80f	29	64.51	+.46	+2.7
PwShs QQQ	.35e		56.56	+.40	+3.8
Praxair	1.80	20	93.72	+.42	-1.8
PrmEgy			20.64	+.71	+3.6
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RangeRs	.16		47.84	+.17	+6.4
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Tesoro		24	18.77	+.04	+1.2
3M Co	2.10	16	88.66	+.92	+2.7
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TrtCentl	.25e		13.96	+.10	+1.5
TylerTech		31	20.80	+.16	+.2
UBWV	1.20	18	29.15	+.20	-.2
US NGsFd			6.14	+.03	+2.5
Vale SA	.76e		36.61	+1.28	+5.9
ValeroE	.20		24.56	+.40	+6.2
VangEmg	.82e		48.88	+1.09	+1.5
VerizonCm	1.95		35.47	+.11	-.9
VulcanM	1.00		40.71	+.21	-6.2
Weigm	.70	18	41.20	+.37	+5.7
WellsFargo	.20	13	32.01	+.61	+3.3
WstnRefin			10.78	-.17	+1.9
WhitingPet		31	118.14	+1.49	+.8
WmsCos	.50	36	25.89	+.52	+4.7
XcelEngy	1.01	14	23.54	+.06	
Xerox	.17	16	11.53	+.06	+.1

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5,243.83	3,742.01	Dow Jones Transportation	5,212.60	+40.46	+.78	+2.07	+23.32
413.75	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	408.63	+2.53	+.62	+.90	+1.75
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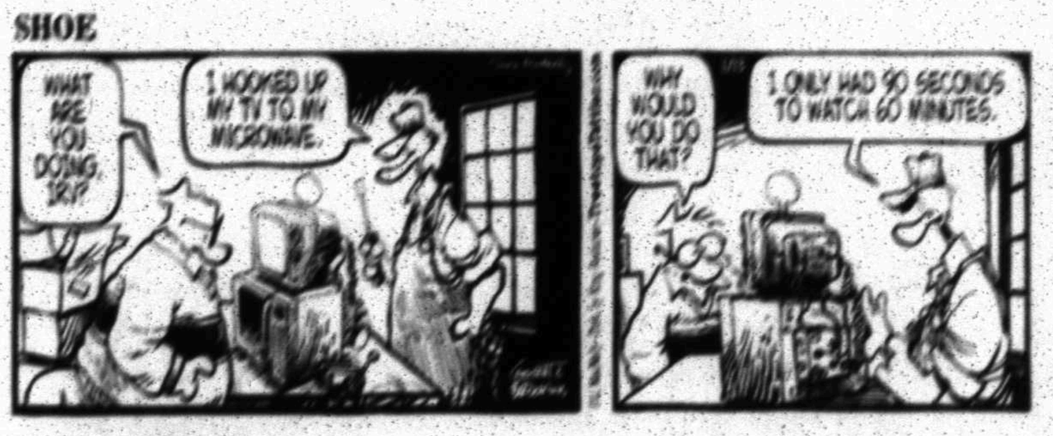
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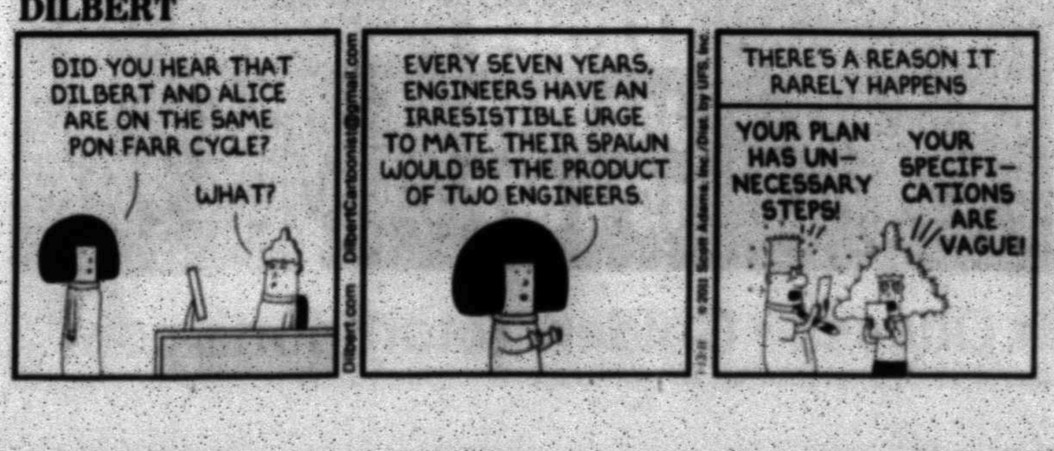
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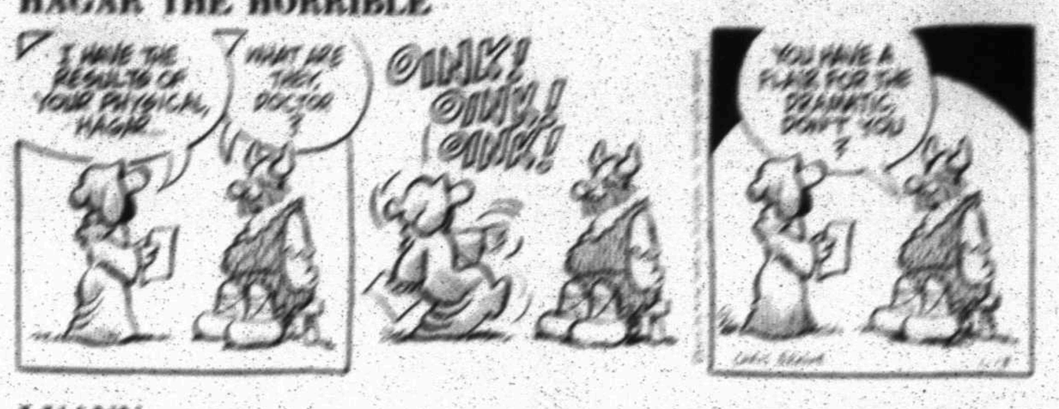
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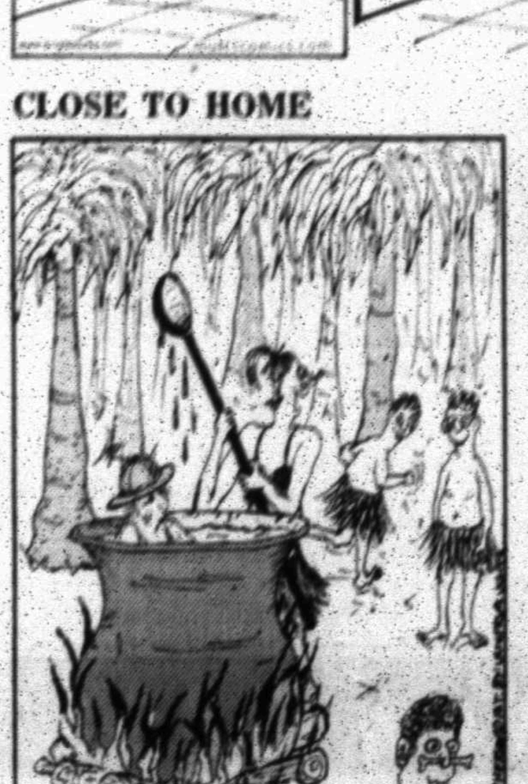
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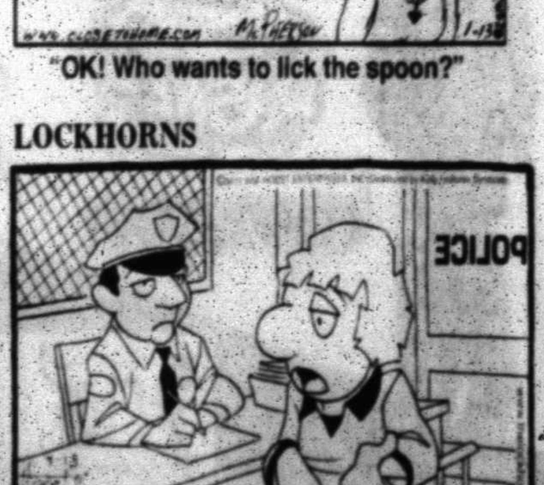
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Drivers to watch

▶There aren't much benefit to the "wait time," but as usual, a number of NASCAR drivers are competing in the Jan. 29-30 Rolex 24 at Daytona. Among them is five-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson.

▶Almost every year Michael Waltrip Racing has fallen short of preseason expectations. Perhaps it's time for those expectations to be tempered a bit.

▶NASCAR screwed with the Budweiser Shootout format again. After all, how could the race be run without Kevin Conway in the field?

▶David Reutimann and Aj Allmendinger are the most prominent drivers left out in the Shootout shuffle.

▶On the heels of an XGames performance in the Dakar Rally, Robby Gordon has now decided to compete for the SCORE off-road championship. He's going to know exactly how far it is from the desert to a NASCAR victory lane.

▶The question regarding Hendrick Motorsports' offseason changes isn't whether they will work as much as it is how much they will work. Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. all need a boost.

▶Richard Childress Racing had a big year in 2008, a rotten year in 2009 and another big year in 2010. In 2005, RCR attempted unsuccessfully to expand from three to four teams. That is again the case this year. Perhaps lessons have been learned, or perhaps not.

▶The game people who, five years ago, were proclaiming that brand loyalty was obsolete are now saying it's great to bring back brand loyalty.

▶A prediction: The effect of new pavement at Daytona isn't going to be anywhere near as significant as offseason propagandists claim. The racing will be fine, but it's not going to change markedly.

2011 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 12	Bud Shootout
Feb. 17	Gatorade Duel
Feb. 20	Daytona
Feb. 27	Phoenix
March 6	Las Vegas
March 20	Bristol
March 27	Fontana
April 3	Martinsville
April 9	Texas
April 17	Talladega
April 30	Richmond
May 7	Darlington
May 15	Dover
May 22	All-Star Race
May 29	Charlotte
June 5	Kansas
June 12	Pocono
June 19	Michigan
June 26	Sonoma
July 2	Daytona
July 9	Kentucky
July 17	Loudon
July 31	Indianapolis
Aug. 7	Pocono
Aug. 14	Watkins Glen
Aug. 21	Michigan
Aug. 27	Bristol
Sept. 4	Atlanta
Sept. 10	Richmond
Sept. 18	Chicago
Sept. 25	Loudon
Oct. 2	Dover
Oct. 9	Kansas
Oct. 15	Charlotte
Oct. 23	Talladega
Oct. 30	Martinsville
Nov. 6	Texas
Nov. 13	Phoenix
Nov. 20	Homestead

2011 NATIONWIDE SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 19	Daytona
Feb. 26	Phoenix
March 5	Las Vegas
March 19	Bristol
March 26	Fontana
April 8	Texas
April 16	Talladega
April 23	Nashville
April 29	Richmond
May 6	Darlington
May 14	Dover
May 22	Iowa
May 28	Charlotte
June 4	Chicago
June 18	Michigan
June 25	Road America
July 1	Daytona
July 8	Kentucky
July 16	Loudon
July 23	Nashville
July 30	OPEN at Indianapolis
Aug. 6	Iowa
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen
Aug. 20	Montreal
Aug. 26	Bristol
Sept. 3	Atlanta
Sept. 9	Richmond
Sept. 17	Chicago
Oct. 1	Dover
Oct. 8	Kansas
Oct. 14	Charlotte
Nov. 5	Texas
Nov. 12	Phoenix
Nov. 19	Homestead

A few late-breaking items for the fans



Allmendinger

▶A new team, Leavine Fenton Racing, has been formed to compete in the Sprint Cup and Camping World Truck series. Owned by Texans Bob Leavine and Landa Fenton, the team will run Fords with driver David Starr paired with crew chief Matty Rogers. The Cup plans include two races each at Charlotte and Texas, as well as Kentucky and Chicagoland.

▶NASCAR drivers Aj Allmendinger and Michael McDowell will be teamed with IndyCar's Justin Wilson in the Rolex 24 at Daytona. It is one of three Daytona Prototype entries by Michael Shank Racing. The 45th running of the twice-around-the-clock race is Jan. 29-30.

▶J.C. France will also compete in the Rolex 24. The 46-year-old grandson of NASCAR founder William H.G. France has been out of action for more than a year after facing charges of drug possession and street racing in 2009. Charges were eventually dismissed in the case after France's arrest by the Daytona Beach, Fla., police department.



Patrick

▶Danica Patrick, asked about any Sprint Cup plans, said there would be no point in competing at the Cup level unless she makes a further commitment to NASCAR. She said she was "a long way" from deciding whether or not NASCAR was what she "wanted to do." Patrick was in Mobile, Ala., for the GoDaddy.com Bowl.

▶Justin Lofton has joined Germain Racing and will be reigning champion Todd Bodine's teammate in the Camping World Truck Series. Lofton, 24, won the ARCA championship in 2009 and finished 12th as a rookie in the Truck Series last year.



Vickers

▶Veteran crew chief Jimmy Elledge now heads Justin Allgaier's Nationwide Series effort at Turner Motorsports. Elledge's lone Cup victory as a crew chief was with the late Bobby Hamilton at Talladega Superspeedway in 2001. Elledge worked with Brian Vickers, Reed Sorenson and Kasey Kahne, among others, at Team Red Bull last year.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DAYTONA 500 FEB. 20, FOX



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TOP: Fans wait and watch for the start of the 2010 Daytona 500.

AT LEFT: Cars run through Turn 4 on last year's track. After potholes appeared, speedway officials worked in the offseason to repave the track.



Daytona 500 Stands Alone

Sprint Cup season's premier race also its most important

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's most prestigious race (and quite often) one of its more exciting. It's also the first race of the season, which sets it apart from most other sports.

The numbers suggest that the Daytona 500 is a poor predictor of what will follow. Jamie McMurray pulled off a memorable upset a year ago but did not manage to follow up by contending for the Sprint Cup championship or even making the Chase.

Jimmie Johnson has won five straight championships but only began the first by winning the 500. Before Johnson, no Cup champion had won the Daytona 500 in that year since Jeff Gordon in 1997.

In the 2010 Daytona 500, only five of the top 10 finishers wound up making the Chase. The eventual champion, Johnson, placed 35th. The eventual runner-up, Denny Hamlin, was 17th.

Why does NASCAR hold its most important race first?

- It focuses attention on the season right off the bat and gives NASCAR a boost in interest as football is ending, basketball and hockey are at their height and baseball is starting to rustle.
- It raises expectations, however premature. A year ago, Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished second in the 500.
- All the teams are at the height of their resources. No one is running on empty when the season begins.
- Many teams that might not be competitive later desperately attempt to do well as a means of securing sponsorship.

McMurray didn't make the Chase, but he did manage to win three races, including the two richest. His earnings from the Daytona 500 and Brickyard 400 (Indianapolis) alone totaled almost $2 million.

A year ago, McMurray surprised the sporting nation. Earnhardt Jr. served notice to his legion of fans that perhaps his fortunes were getting better. McMurray failed to blossom into a title contender, and Earnhardt languished for most of the rest of the year.

It was, however, fun while it lasted.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Kyle Busch

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Earnhardt Jr.

KYLE BUSCH VS. DALE EARNHARDT JR.

Busch hasn't forgotten that he was kicked out at Hendrick Motorsports to make room for Earnhardt. He needs to now much better he has done at Joe Gibbs Racing. Earnhardt has taken the high road throughout but would undoubtedly like to even the score.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "What would make this a significant rivalry would be a return to form by Junior."

Know Your NASCAR

1. What was the nickname of Jimmy Pardue?
2. What was the nickname of Alfred Thompson?
3. What was the, uh, "track name" of Francisco Menendez?
4. What is the nickname of Everett Owens?
5. What was the nickname of J.C. Elder?
6. What is the nickname of Richard Petty?
7. From where is "Awesome Bill"?
8. Who was "The Intimidator"?
9. Who is the "Elmhurst Express"?
10. For what is Charlie Glotzbach's nickname?
11. What was the nickname of Herman Beam?
12. What is the nickname of Marvin Panch?

12 Pancho
11 The Flash
10 Charlie
9 Fred Lorenzen
8 Dale Earnhardt
7 Awesome (Bill)
6 The King
5 Jackson Iron
4 Curtis
3 Tricky, Tricky, Smoky
2 Speedy
1 Smokey Jimmy



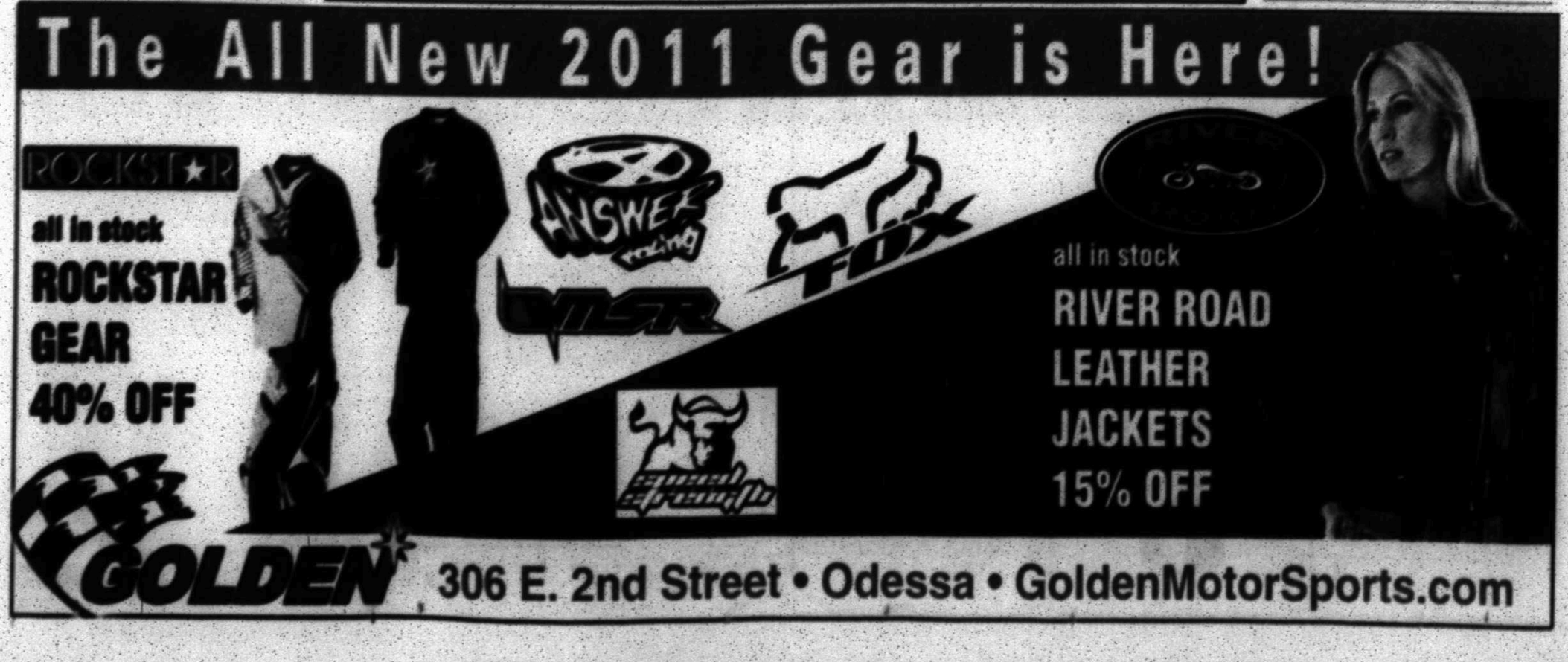
FAN TIPS



Short Careers In Spotlight; Nashville Slashing Prices

This week the NASCAR Hall of Fame (in Charlotte, N.C.) is running an exhibition, "Short Careers, Lasting Legacy," recognizing figures such as Tim Richmond, Alan Kulwicki, Davey Allison, Bondy Long, Carl Kiekhaefer, Adam Petty and the Myers brothers, Billy and Bobby.

Nashville Superspeedway (Lebanon, Tenn.) has reduced ticket prices for its Nationwide Series races on April 23 and June 23, as well as its Camping World Truck Series events on April 22 and June 22. Nationwide tickets start at $30 each, while the lowest-priced Truck Series tickets are $25 apiece. "Junior tickets" are now for fans 14 years old and under, and they are now just $10 each when purchased in advance. For more information, call 1-866-RACE-TIX or visit NashvilleSuperspeedway.com.



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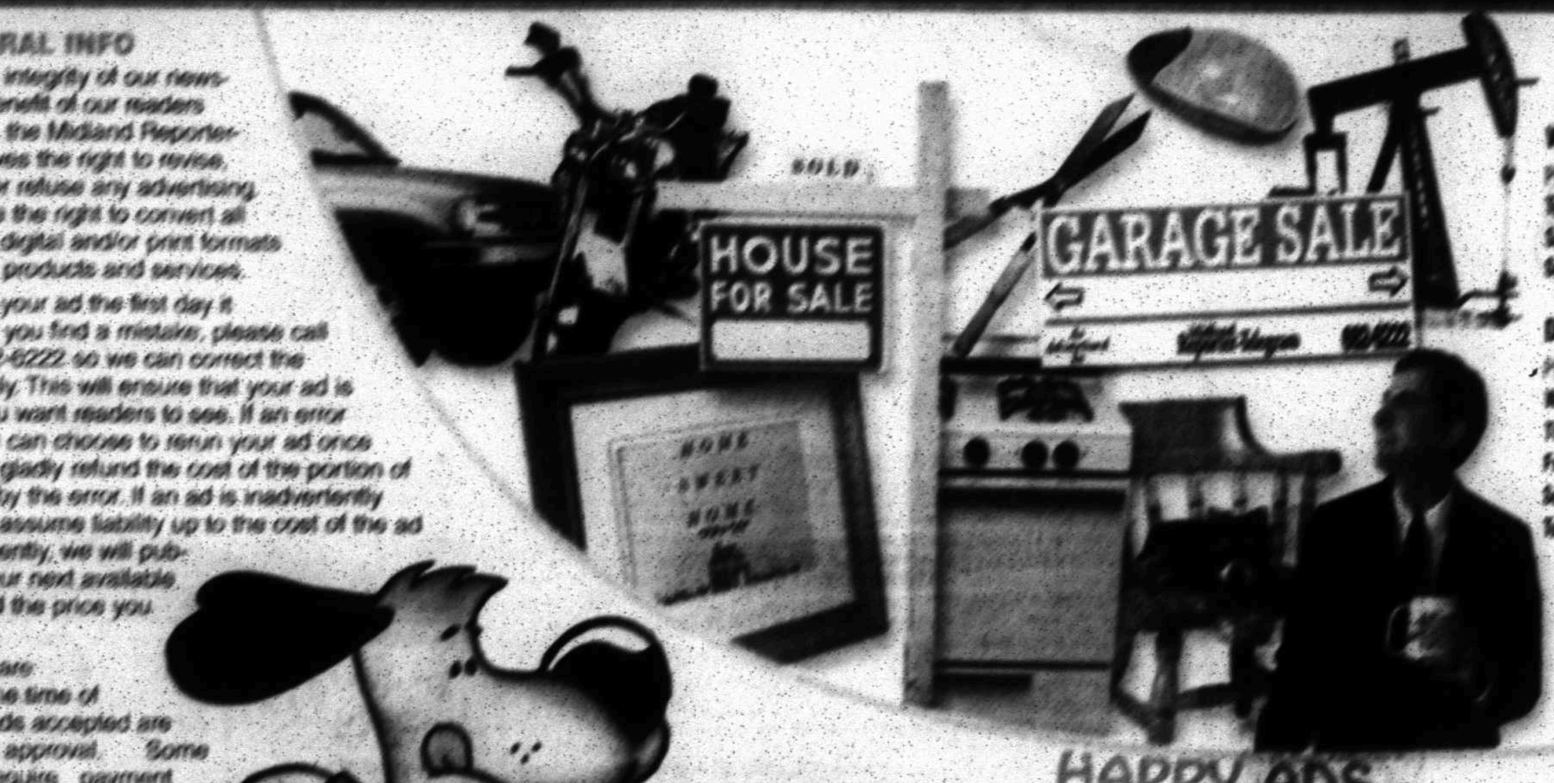
GENERAL INFO

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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri	5:30
Saturday	Noon Friday
Sunday	5:30

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
Sunday, Monday	3p.m. Thursday
Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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Events and Notices

Lost & Found

WHITE MALE with brown specs in North Midland. Call to identify. 432-689-4187

LOST DARK gray female cat, spade declawed. YOJO Call 432-770-8245.

LOST FEMALE Chihuhua Tan color, beloved family pet. Last seen Monday evening, vicinity of Seaboard and Mogford. Reward! Call 432-770-1151

LOST TORTOISE shell female cat, by the UPS trucking center Call 432-813-4770

LOST WHITE Pitbull mix, young male, white with brown spots, off 135 & Rankin, blue collar with tags. 432-686-2867

LOST YORKIE male, age, 5lbs, needs daily meds, responds to Ozzy. Last seen Tuesday in the 4800 block of Shady Ln. If found, call 432-853-4105.

Lost & Found

FOUND DOG white female. Call to identify 432-294-3336

FOUND SMALL Puppy Reddish brown. Southside of town. Call 432-556-9344.

Legal & Public Notices

Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (HMO Blue® Texas) is a gatekeeper model individual practice association health maintenance organization that arranges for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to its members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in HMO Blue Texas at 3300 N. A Street, Bldg. 9, Suite 120, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to 325-224-2032 from January 11, 2011, until January 30, 2011.

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS and OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

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Physicians and other health care providers may request an application by sending a letter to: Humana Insurance Company P.O. Box 19013, Green Bay, WI 54307-9013, Attention: Network Development.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

BMW 2001 740i Excellent condition 133k miles. $7,500 OBO 432-689-3842

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BMW 2007 328i, hard top convertible, silver, 20K miles, beautiful, $29,900. 528-6828


BMW 2008 X5 AWD, 3rd seat ALDERSON 432-699-7993

CADILLAC 1979 Coupe DeVille, 56K mi, 1 owner, $6000 OBO. GMC 1991 Suburban $1000 OBO 853-7905.

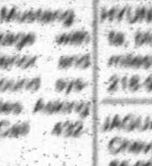
CADILLAC 2007 CTS, black interior/exterior, new paint in 2010 $19,000. 755-9477.


CADILLAC 2009 Escalade, DVD, 4x4, miles. ALDERSON 432-699-7993

Passenger Cars

FORD 2006 Mustang, Pony package with leather interior and premium sound system. 54k miles. Asking $11,800. Call 432-269-9851.

FORD 2009 FUSION SE, 28k mi, tilt, windows, locks, seats, cruise, $13,900, 432-967-0873.


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432-617-2000

2008 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV
White/Tan, 69K Miles
$39,900

2008 TOYOTA
15,600 Miles, PS, Cruise, Two Tone Beige, Lift Kit, 4x4
$27,500

2009 FORD EDGE SEL
Gray, 19,500 Miles
$24,900

2006 MERCURY PREMIER
Monroe Blk/Tan, 68K Miles, Heated Seats
$14,900

2010 FORD EXPLORER
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$28,800

2004 BMW
Silver/Gray, 525i Prem Package
$12,900

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White/Beige, 41K Miles
$29,900

2005 FORD MUSTANG GT
White/Red Leather, Red Stripes, 8K Miles

2011 FORD F250 LARIAT
White/Beige Leather, 6.7 Liter Diesel 3K Miles

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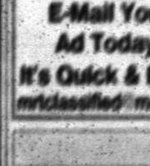
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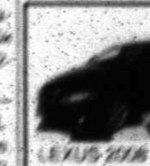
JAGUAR 1979 XJ12L Chevy 350 engine $5,000 obo. Call 432-349-1765

KIA 2006 Sorento EX, 60,500 miles, new tires, dvd player, sunroof, well-maintained $10,000. 425-7832.


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MAZDA 2002 626 leather, sunroof, 92k miles $5,995. Call Matt 432-557-4474

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MAZDA 2.5 S (Touring, 11K miles, 4 door, automatic transmission. White with tan cloth. Lots of options. $16,500 OBO Call 432-349-6597

MERCEDES 2006 E350 White/tan, warranty, 75k miles, extremely nice, $22,000. 553-8549

MERCEDES 2006 R350 Silver with black leather interior, loaded, 60K miles $21,000. 934-7777


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CHEVY 2008 HHR LT, dark metallic gray, lots of extras sporty & economical. Asking $9000 obo. 432-230-2006, 432-366-0666.

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DODGE 2004 Stratus, cruise, 65k miles, $6,500. Cal Matt 432-557-4474

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Accounts Payable Clerk

Needed to maintain detailed records, reconcile statements, invoicing / purchasing, and general office duties. Previous accounting experience / education and strong computer skills required. In addition to competitive wages, MCC offers paid medical and 401k. Submit resume / application in person at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland.

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Confidential FT

IT Assistant needed for local pipeline company. Knowledge of Server/PC hardware & operating systems, and wireless & ethernet networking will be required. Competitive benefits. Salary DOE. Send resume to IT Manager at 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is accepting résumés for a full-time copy editor and page designer position on its universal desk. The right candidate should have a knack for grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style but also can find inconsistencies in stories and isn't afraid to ask questions. He or she also should have an eye for page design. Some online duties will be required.

A bachelor's degree in journalism or English, two years of editing experience, Quark or InDesign knowledge and proficiency in AP style are preferred. Recent college graduates also are welcome to apply. Time on a universal desk and experience editing sports copy are pluses.

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If you are interested in the copy editor and page designer position, please send a cover letter, résumé, your best design samples and three references to Trevor Hawes, News Editor, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Candidates also can e-mail PDF files to thawes@mrt.com.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Secretary

Community & Senior Services of Midland FT

SECRETARY: Full-time with benefits, energetic, outgoing professional needed to answer the phone, clerical duties, assist with activities, substitute van driver. The ability to work well with people is a must. Requires Microsoft Word and Excel, high school diploma, 2 years experience. Send resume to 3301 Sinclair, Midland, TX 79707. EEO

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Division Order/Title Analyst

Clear Water Inc. FT

Clear Water Inc. is hiring a division order/title analyst. Duties include: prepare division orders, review leases & title opinions & maintain files. Salary depending on experience. For interview please call Mark Dettinger 432-528-6751

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Midland, TX

Wireline company in need of Rig hands. Must have CDL license. Haz-Mat a plus. Must pass drug screen & background check

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Confidential FT

Experienced Tubing Tester. CDL with tank endorsement required. Call 432-557-2807.

HEALTHCARE

Billing Specialist

Home Health Agency is seeking a Billing Specialist. Must have experience with TMHP. Knowledge of Sandata and EVV a plus. Bilingual a plus. Please fax resume to 432-620-8250

Licensed Social Worker or Registered Nurse

Texas Department of State Health Services FT
Midland/San Angelo **$2,970.91/month**

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Physician Assistant

Busy orthopaedic total joint practice in Midland, TX requires full time Physician Assistant. No ER call. Competitive compensation package including health insurance and 401(k). Experience preferred but not required. Send CV to PO Box 5556, Midland, TX 79704.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Needing an experienced Medical Assistant for busy physician's office. 6 months medical experience will be required for this position (ORTH-5001). Please mail or fax your resume to: PO Box 5293 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284 Attn Alesha McCoy.

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Confidential FT

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RN

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RN

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Manager

Grock Vacuums **10AM-6PM Weekdays**
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Midland, TX 79705 **rose110@clearwire.net**

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OTHER JOBS

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Reynold's Brothers PT

Delivery Person needed at furniture warehouse. Must have neat appearance, excellent driving record required. Full time, Monday-Friday 8-5. Please apply in person. 315 N. Colorado or fax resume to 432-687-3403.

Direct Care Staff Member

High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time. Requires good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current position open is for a direct care staff member working 2-3 evenings during the week 3p- 11p and rotating weekends. Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday. Call for an application or access at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707. Attn: Shawna Bowerman. For inquiries or a full job description you can contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 1/14/11.

Draftsman

Surveying Company in the oil & gas industry is looking for a draftsman with experience in AutoCad. References. Salary DOE. Please submit resumes to corey.morse@topographic.com.

Driver/ Laborer - Midland, TX

General Job Responsibilities: Operates company vehicles in the early morning to deliver products to and from specified vendors. Responsible for loading/unloading product for delivery to jobsites, which results in frequent lifting of 40-60 pound product bags or boxes. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the jobsite under the direction of the Blaster in charge. Performing duties of loadplant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the location manager.

Qualifications: Must possess a current **Class A or B CDL**, **HAZMAT** and **Tanker** endorsements are preferred but not required. Must possess a high school diploma or GED and 2+ years driving experience. Must meet all requirements of State and Federal explosives laws.

Contact: Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Company. **Fax:** 216-591-1568. **Call:** 432-684-5123 or **Email:** humanresources@austinpowder.com. **EOE**

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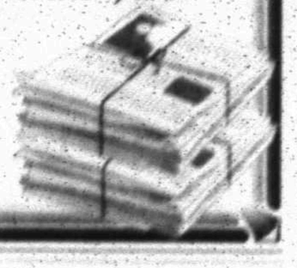
Part-time shift work available:
Schedule consists of both day and night shifts
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Starting pay is $8.25 hourly.

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Lobby Information Desk
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ellsworth@hearstnp.com
No Phone Calls Please.



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Part Time Work

Confidential PT

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Party Chief

Surveying Company looking for experienced party chief. Candidates should have the ability to supervise a crew in the oil & gas industry. GPS knowledge is required. References. Salary DOE.Please submit resumes to corey.morse@topographic.com

Positions Available

Kelly Services now hiring:
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- **Engineering Consultant** - 6 month assignment
- **Part-time Admin** - 20 hours per week
- **Shop Hand/ Warehouse** - forklift experience
- **Part -time Marketing** - 4pm-8pm on Tuesday and Thursday
- **Human Resources** - staffing specialist - temp only; travel required
- **Dispatcher** - work 40-60 hours per week

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Tree Panner

Confidential PT

Tree Panner with experience and a Warehouse Helper. Apply at: 11524 County Rd 128 W. Midland, Tx.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CNC Programmer

Eagle Rig Mfg & Services FT

Needed CNC Programmer. Call 432-561-7000 or fax resume 432-561-7097.

Intake Specialist

High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for full time work. Requires good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, BA in social work or related field 1 year experience with children in a residential setting is preferred. You must be organized, detail oriented, willing to alter hours, weekend on call and follow timelines as assigned. The current full time position open is for an Intake Specialist. Call for an application or access at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707. Attn: Shawna Bowerman. For inquiries or a full job description you can contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes on 1/17/11.

Licensed Counselor

West Texas Counseling PT

Licensed Counselor (LCDC/LPC) needed for addiction treatment center. Part-time; 20 hours a week: M-F 7:15am-11:15am. Case management/treatment planning CEU days/personal days/sick days. Fax resume : 800-671-8364.

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

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Midland, TX

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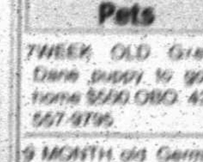
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Dictionary Magic!



The oldest dictionaries ever found were _____ in the Middle East and China. The first European dictionaries _____ words in several _____. The first English dictionary included French, Italian and _____ words with their definitions in English.

Help the Word Wizard make the missing words appear!

LANGUAGES INCLUDED LATIN DISCOVERED

Along Came Webster

In 1825, a man by the name of Noah Webster completed a dictionary containing 70,000 words. Twelve thousand of these had never been in a dictionary before.

Webster started that project in 1807. Do the math to reveal how many years it took him to create his dictionary.

ANSWER: _____ years!

Standards Links: Number Sense: Calculate differences.

Create a Dictionary Page

If **balloon** were the first word on this dictionary page and **basket** were the last word, which words would be on this page? Think up as many as you can or look some up in a dictionary and write them on the lines.

balloon: a brightly colored rubber sac that can be blown up with air or gas.

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basket: a container made by weaving together materials such as reeds, straw or strips of wood.

Standards Links: Research: Use guide words in a dictionary.

Word Order

Imagine how hard it would be to look up a word like **woofits** if the dictionary words were not in ABC order. *(Yes! Woofits is a word. Want to know what it means? Look it up in the dictionary!)*

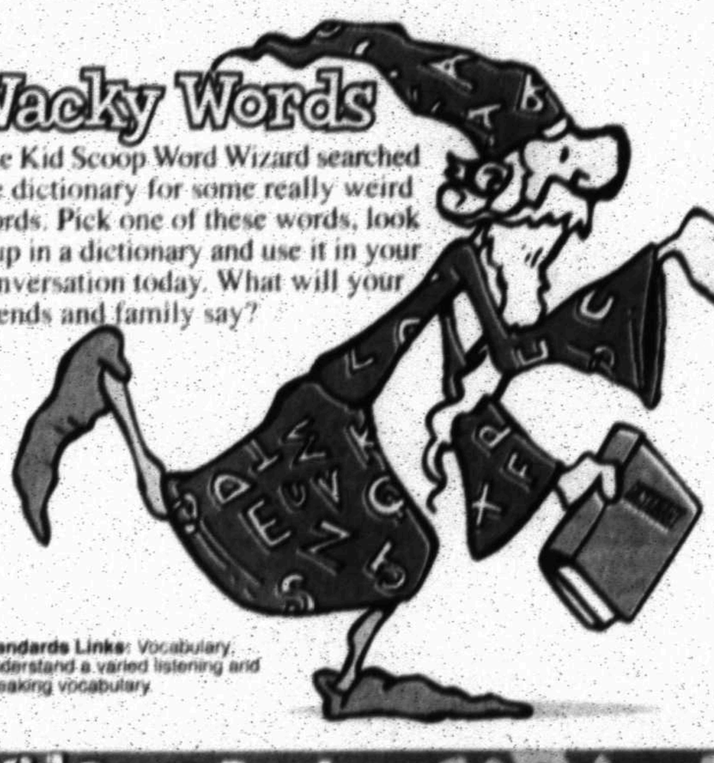
Number each set of words below in alphabetical order.

__ friend	__ kite	__ ball	__ help
__ farm	__ kick	__ bounce	__ hide
__ flag	__ kind	__ block	__ house
__ fish	__ king	__ bowl	__ hurt
__ pig	__ move	__ dash	__ wish
__ part	__ mash	__ dance	__ wizard
__ play	__ mice	__ dish	__ word
__ plan	__ movie	__ doll	__ wash

Standards Links: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.

Wacky Words

The Kid Scoop Word Wizard searched the dictionary for some really weird words. Pick one of these words, look it up in a dictionary and use it in your conversation today. What will your friends and family say?



legume furrow galumph traduce brumal selcouth photophobic turnverein

Standards Links: Vocabulary: Understand a varied listening and speaking vocabulary.

Extra! Spelling with the News

With this week's spelling or vocabulary list in hand, browse through one section of the newspaper. How many of your words can you find there? Circle each one you find.

Standards Links: Language Arts: Students use knowledge of spelling patterns to spell words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What are these words?

Find letters in today's newspaper to complete the words below.

n__w__p__ __er

th__ __r

n__ __ghb__r

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__ou__ __

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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

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O	W	I	T	B	K	O	A	U	H
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N	D	R	A	Z	I	W	T	H	S

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

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Have fun with this guessing game in which you match definitions to words. Go to: **www.kidscoop.com/kids**

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Opposite News

Rewrite a headline in today's newspaper so that it means just the opposite of the original meaning. Show the headline you created to a friend. Can they look through the newspaper to find the original headline?

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Use strategies to understand informational texts.



What word is always spelled incorrect in the dictionary?

ANSWER: I-N-C-O-R-R-E-C-T

Weekly Writing Corner

My favorite word is the word "friends." The word "friends" means a person who is truthful and kind. I like this word because my friends are the ones who make me feel happy. I use this word when I describe people who are always truthful to me.

Victoria Gotovac

My favorite word is "resting" because I barely get to use it, ever. I am always busy dancing or with school so I never get to rest. But when I am peaceful and relaxing, I will just tell everyone, "I am resting!" So that is my favorite word.

Hannah Gutierez

My favorite word is "obstinate." "Obstinate" means supremely stubborn. I like this word because it sounds like something a judge would say. I use this word when I am mad at my older brother.

Anuj Mocherla

My favorite word is "obsolete." It means out of date, and useless. I really like this word because it sounds harsh and judge-like. I also like it because you can call people this and they have no idea what it means at all. (It works especially well on a brother or sister.) When I use it I slam my fist on a desk and say "obsolete!" It looks like a judge with his hammer.

Lewis Ohlman

My favorite word is "serendipity." It means the faculty of making happy discoveries in accidents. Every mistake you do will bring some good. If you have a mistake on a paper, you will probably remember it the next time. Many of the things that we use today, like plastic and bubble wrap, were made by accident.

Sami

My favorite word is "holiday" because it means to me we might be out of school. It really means a day to give thanks or remember someone who did something special. I use this when I am excited and can't wait to be out of school.

Courtney Hamilton

My favorite word is "random." It means done without method or conscious choice. I like this word because usually random things are funny. I use "random" all the time like at school and at home.

Paxton Heiting

My favorite word is "win," and it means to be victorious in a competition or game. I love this word because I love to win, and I think it fits me. I use this word when I am saying I am going to win.

Logan Schmidt

My favorite word is "friend!" It means a person with who one enjoys mutual affection and regard. You may ask why I like this. It's because whenever I think of friends, I think of people I can trust and have fun with. I use this word daily.

Megan Warren

My favorite words are the "Texas Rangers." It means a major league baseball team in Arlington, Texas. I like these words because that is my favorite baseball team. I use these words when I am at their games and cheering them on. I basically use it every day.

Grant Wood

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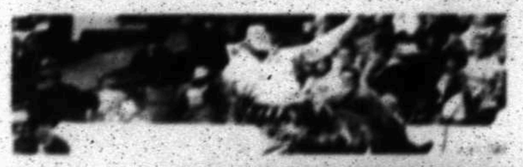
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When: accepting applications for COA now through Feb. 15
Where: Arts Assembly of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorn@artsassemblyofmidland.org for more information.
Info: COA is a three-day arts festival in May.

MIDLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW
When: today through Saturday
Where: Horseshoe Arena & Livestock Barn

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY'S MASTERWORKS III
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Mid-Cities Community Church
Info: Guest artist Peter Cooper, oboe.

CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY, "DON'T STOP DREAMING"
When: 7 p.m. Monday
Where: Lee Freshman High School Auditorium.
Info: Guest speaker will be City Councilman John James. Public invited. Presented by the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club of Midland.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Cigar Frog's

TUESDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: 4601 N. FM 1788, Knights of Columbus Bldg.
Info: Live country music
Admission: $7 members, $8 guests

Kids Zone

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Where: Children's Museum, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
When: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2-5 p.m. Sundays



Cost: $3 per person. Free for members.
Info: New exhibit goes up Feb. 14

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(At Midland County Public Library)
■ Wednesday children's storytime, 10 a.m., Thursday storytime for birth through 18 months, 9:30 a.m.; children's storytime, 10 a.m., Midland County Library
(at Barnes and Noble)
■ Wednesday storytime (various themes on most Wednesdays), 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Kids Zone
"No Name Calling" storytime, 11 a.m., Saturday, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
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Road Trip

Mescalaro, N.M.
8 p.m. Friday: Performing Southern rock hits for nearly 40 years, the legendary Marshall Tucker Band rocks the Inn of the Mountain Gods Friday with classic hits and new tracks off the latest album "Love Songs." MT Band has recorded a blend of jazz, country and rock hits since the early '70s. Tickets start at just $ 26.75 and can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

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Cindy Ward & Friends put on a musical variety show that takes folks back to dinner on the grounds and gospel music. The show will be on stage at the Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. For reservations, call 432-362-2329 and leave a message. The staff will call back after 2 p.m.

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IMPROV AT THE YUCCA FRIDAY & SATURDAY @ THE YUCCA THEATRE
Hey — whose line is it anyway? The comedy routines begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. The skits may include some material not suitable for young audiences. For more informationand ticket prices call Midland Community Theatre's box office, 570-4111. Tickets $15 pit, $12 house.

In the limelight
sandhills rodeo



Graham Dixon

ALL THE DETAILS:

What: 78th SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo
When: 7 p.m. today through Saturday
Where: Ector County Coliseum
Tickets: $15 box seats, $13 reserved seats and $11 general admission today and Friday; and $17 box seats, $15 reserved seats and $13 general admission Saturday.
Special: Today's performance: 4 for 44 — four tickets, four hot dogs, four drinks and four bags of chips for $44.
Dance: Friday, Building G, features Brian Milson

By Graham Dixon

Growing up in England, my view of America consisted of several television programs. First, there was "Dallas," second "The Dukes of Hazzard" and third, numerous old Westerns that were shown every Wednesday afternoon after I got home from school. Not, one might sensibly argue, a particularly accurate view of the United States, but the vision of larger-than-life figures striding, riding — and driving — across an immensely large landscape, left an indelible impression.

It is optimism that runs through both the myth and reality of America. JR Ewing was supremely optimistic in thinking he could succeed by treating people so shoddily; Bo and Luke were optimistic as they leapt into cars without benefit of open doors — and the American people are optimistic in attempting to create a society in such an inhospitable, often brutal physical environment.

The current SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo — at the Ector County Coliseum through Saturday — presents this rose-tinted American view of the world. The pre-show setting is surreal — three brand new trucks are parked in the middle of the dirt at jaunty angles, with their hazard lights mysteriously flashing. Commercialization exudes from the whole evening — from these silent car dealership commercials to the beer brands emblazoned on the barrels used in the racing.

Drive this truck, drink this beer, wear these boots — and you will live out the myth of the cowboy. But beneath the glitz and often schmaltzy advertising of the rodeo lies an often spellbinding reality — we are watching men and women risking their lives for our entertainment.

The competition started with bareback riding. Here the cowboys stretched in almost impossible angles along the constantly changing sinewy backs of the horses. From a distance it seems like CGI — but when you hear the bodies hit the ground, see the winces of disguised pain and observe the limping exit from the arena — you know it is all too real.

Bull riding is the pinnacle of rodeo. The first seconds after the chute is opened presents a seemingly suicidal situation, with the fragility of the human up against 2000 pounds of muscular, bovine anger. While the bull-riders are remarkably courageous, the bullfighters take bravery to a rarefied level. First, they faced 18 bulls in the course of just one night of rodeo. Second, they constantly place the lives of the cowboys above their own. Third, their skill enables them to come within inches and milliseconds of serious injury or death repeatedly, while also entertaining the spectators.

So by any standard Andy Burelle, Dusty Tuckness and Cory Wall are three of the most remarkable athletes you will ever get the chance to see. Yet they are nonchalant and modest in demeanor, as if it is all in a day's work.

A very different skill is exhibited by Australian Guy McLean, who rides one horse and somehow controls another three without any tackle in a delightful, fascinating show. McLean highlights the almost supernaturally close communication that can occur between man and animal. If such a thing is possible to gauge, the horses seemed to be greatly enjoying the show — almost as much as McLean and the spectators.

The rodeo would be worth seeing for these few minutes alone.

Near the end we were treated to barrel racing — perhaps the most traditionally exciting aspect of the show in a sporting sense. Young ladies race into the arena on horses at full tilt, round three barrels and then exit at an even faster pace. The impression is of a brief but scintillating invasion by the fair sex of the very male atmosphere inherent in rodeo. Their hair flows out from their cowboy hats in reckless loveliness as they ride with an expert abandon.

Various events featured children — including the hilarious, sweet mutton bustin in which 5-year-olds ride sheep in a wonderfully manic few seconds of exhilaration. The calf scramble featured scurrying teenagers attempting to corral uncooperative cows. Here was inspired, hilarious chaos. Calves would be apparently caught — only to miraculously scramble free. One young man was bravely dragged half way across the arena, tenaciously gripping his quarry's tail all the while.

So the SandHills Rodeo is well worth a visit — an optimistic evening of thrilling entertainment in which you glimpse skills and courage that are both rare and fascinating.

For tickets to the rodeo call 552-7825 or go to www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com.

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Thursday, Jan. 13
Bleu Edmondson @ Rockin' Rodeo

Friday, Jan. 14
Brian Milson @ SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo dance
Flashback @ Detour
Heart to Heart, Stickup Kid @ The Pine Box
No Dry County @ Escape Lounge

Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15
The Shades @ The Bar

Saturday, Jan. 15
Dos Equis @ Betty's Place (3 p.m.)
Fallujah, Diskreet, Mozart Season, This Romantic Tragedy, Kingdom of Giants, Here Lies the Hero @ Pine Box
Jody Nix & Texas Playboys @ Stardust
Wade Bowen @ Dos Amigos



Brian Milson

BEST BETS:

BRIAN MILSON FRIDAY @ THE SANDHILLS RODEO DANCE

Odessa native Brian Milson is a graduate of Permian High School and the Permian Panther football program. He started singing in junior high school, took up the guitar when he was 17 and was a member of the Permian High School Show Choir "Black Magic."

Milson was raised on traditional country and rock and roll. His influences range from Ernest Tubb, Hank Williams (Sr. and Jr.), Willie Nelson, George Strait, Temptations, Four Tops, The Rat Pack, and on into today's Texas Music with Kevin Fowler and Pat Green. Milson has covered songs from Bruce Springsteen, Guy Clark, Mark David Manders, Jack Ingram, Steve Earle and Willie Nelson.

After graduation from high school, Brian attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where he received a bachelor's degree in business management. He started writing his own songs his freshman year in college after a breakup with a girlfriend and discovered that through some life experiences the writing came easy.

"Our music gives us a chance to express ourselves," Milson said on his Web site. "For me, it is easiest to play my music and sing."

WADE BOWEN SATURDAY @ DOS AMIGOS

"The fans there have always been really good to us, and I love Dos Amigos because it's a great, good feeling venue, and we always look forward to going there," Bowen told the Reporter-Telegram when he performed at the Odessa venue in August. His "Live at Billy Bob's Texas" was released in 2010 and is an important album for Bowen, as his live show is now part of a popular series of albums which include such names as Willie Nelson, Pat Green, Cross Canadian Ragweed and Kevin Fowler, just to name a few. Since 1999, the Smith Music Group has been releasing the albums, which are recorded at the historic honky-tonk, Billy Bob's Texas, located in the old Fort Worth Stockyards.

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Bleu Edmondson walks line 'between country and rock and roll'

By Eric Woods
Reporter-Telegram Correspondent

For better or worse, change a minute in your day, and maybe you change your whole life.

"I don't know, it just seems the title goes along with tracks because they seem to be snapshots of life," said Bleu Edmondson about his recently released album, "The Future Ain't What it Used to Be."

Edmondson will be performing at 9 p.m. today at the Rockin' Rodeo.

"Whether it's one night or three hours or 15 minutes, you run into a chick or a high school buddy, whether it's positive or negative, you know the future can change a little bit or a lot.

"That's kind of what happens to the characters in the songs," he added. "I mean, life's going to be like this or like that and that's the way it goes for us, for better or worse."

Many of the tracks will have listeners feeling Bleu, at least as a songwriter. The characters in the songs are left feeling regret and loss and searching for truth and redemption. With that in mind, one has to ask: How many of the songs are actually written from personal experience?

"Really, you can't be honest with your audience unless you inject something of yourself in the songs you're writing," he said. "I don't think the song will be honest unless you are, whether it's one line or a verse or a chorus, or whatever. You know, this record is something I'm really proud of and people are responding to it."

Fans are also giving a positive response to the album's first single, "No Room for Mercy," which stayed in the Top 20 on the Texas Music Chart for quite some time. Edmondson couldn't be happier with the single's performance, especially considering the album has only been out for a short time.

As for his songwriting, Edmondson said it grabs fans by the heart, but the Red Dirt, rock and blues blowing from the speakers is what grabs them by the pants.

"Honestly, in terms of songwriting, the music, man, we like to turn it up and walk a line between country and rock and roll," said Edmondson. "We play whatever the hell we want to. I think if people are honest with themselves, I think they will get it and get behind the music."

And since the singer of "50 Dollars and a Flask of Crown" is in the mood to be honest, what's a concert that really stands out in his mind?

That would be a fateful concert in Lubbock. He thinks of that night, especially when it's cold.

"I permanently ruined my knee in Lubbock," he said laughing. "I stage-dove and hit the railing with my knee, and I couldn't clear it because I had been drinking too much. I'm still reminded of that every winter.

"Yeah, and I also got arrested twice," he added. "I mean not literally arrested, but the cops took me to the cop trailer or whatever they call it because I didn't have the proper credentials or whatever, something like that."

ALL THE DETAILS:

What/Who: Bleu Edmondson
When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite D46
Call: 682-0401
Info: Club opens at 6 p.m.

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ARTS ASSEMBLY OF MIDLAND
P.O. Box 3494
Telephone: 687-1149
Info: Umbrella organization for the arts in Midland. Presents Celebration of the Arts in May. Sub-grants to arts organizations. Also has outdoor display of art.
Art in the Park: An exhibition of four selected sculptures for 2010. The works are by Ed Wilson of Houston, Tim Glover of Houston, Joe Barrington of Throckmorton and Steven Neves of Abilene. Windlands Park, 1001 W. Dengar, during park hours. Free. Call 687-1149.

AMERICAN AIRPOWER HERITAGE MUSEUM
Commemorative Air Force
9000 Wright Drive, Midland International Airport
Midland 79701
Telephone: 563-1000
Info: Located at Midland International Airport, the museum is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and teenagers, $7 for children ages 6-12 and free for those under 6. Discounts available for AAA and CAA members with ID as well as CAF Colonels and Cadets with ID, Texas Association of Museums, American Association of Museums, and National Historical Society Members.

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME
1412 W. Ohio
Midland
Telephone: 686-1112
Info: Tours and gift shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Restored to the 1950's period when the Bush family lived in Midland.

HALEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER
1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Midland
Telephone: 682-5785
Info: A premiere research library that contains saddles from pioneer ranching families, firearms that helped settle the Southwestern frontier, fine art, bronzes, vintage photographs and an antiquarian library and archives that depict the expansion of the Southwestern frontier. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No admission charged.



Midlander Stephen Porterfield of "The Cat's Meow" gives a gallery talk on the exhibition "The Art of English Beadwork from the 19th Century" at the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

CLOSING SUNDAY:

"THE ART OF ENGLISH BEADWORK FROM THE 19TH CENTURY" *closes Sunday at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa. The exhibition features over 50 objects from the 19th Century Victorian Beadwork collection of Sandra Bassett of Dallas. For over 20 years, Bassett amassed a collection of fine English beaded items, including tea stands, fire screens, purses, benches, pictures, trays, and other items created during the Victorian Era. Midlander Stephen Porterfield, a known collector of vintage clothing and a Victorian Era specialist, assisted with curating the exhibition. Regular museum gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 550-5456.*

Upcoming: "The Art of Devotion: Latin American Religious Art" from the collection of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts Jan. 22 through April 3. A public gallery talk will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 2:30 p.m.

MIDLAND COLLEGE: MCCORMICK GALLERY
Allison Fine Arts Building
3600 N. Garfield St.
Upcoming: The Studio 3600 Series presents "Past & Present," current and collected works of Warren Taylor, Jan. 20-March 25.
Opening reception: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 27. Free and open to the public.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
301 W. Missouri Ave.
Midland, Texas
Telephone: 688-2931 or 686-8947
Hours: Friday, Monday and Wednesday: 2-5 p.m. Free.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST
1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Midland
Telephone: 683-2882
Facilities in the museum complex:
Museum of the Southwest: Billy Keen's "Visions of Santa" Collection through Jan. 30.
Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Admission charged to non-members. Hours at both museums: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Blakemore Planetarium: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission $3 per person to see permanent exhibitions. Full dome, high definition digital video with surround sound, utilizing the new Spitz SciDome HD Projector. Sky show admission: $6 adults, $4 children 12 years old and younger, free for babies a year old and younger. Call 683-2882 for times.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM
1500 W. Interstate 20
Midland
Telephone: 683-4403
Info: The Museum's 65,000 square-foot facility houses photographic wall murals depicting early life in the oilfields, a West Texas boomtown, a unique marine diorama allowing visitors to travel back some 230 million years ago, taped interviews with pioneers who died many years ago, oil patch equipment now called "antique" that was necessary to oil men 50 years ago as computers are to businessmen today, the largest permanent collection of original paintings by Prix de West Gold Medal artist Tom Lovell and six of Jim Hall's world renowned Chaparrals and the 1980 Indy 500 Champion Yellow Submarine.
Temporary Exhibit: "Westward for Wealth" features maps of exploration, territorial expansion and the quest for prosperity in the Americas. These maps, part of the Yeira and Marty Davis Collection at the Museum of the Big Bend, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, help document and tell the story of this new pattern of exploration and expansion. In so doing, they tell stories of adventure and intrigue, murder and war, success and failure, and of people, both good and not-so-good. On display until March.
Hours: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: adults $8, ages 12-17 and seniors 65 & above: $6, children (6-11) $5, children under 6 free.

SCARBOROUGH-LINEBERY HOUSE
602 S. Main St.
Midland
Telephone: 685-7958
Hours: Historic home open by appointment.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN
Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, Visual Arts Studios, UTPB campus
Upcoming: Solo exhibition of works by Marfa resident Rachel Mariers.
Opening reception: Jan. 21, from 7-9 p.m. Refreshments served.
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2605.
Admission: Free and open to the public.

WHITE-POOL HOUSE MUSEUM
112 E. Murphy
Odessa
Telephone: 432-333-4072
On display: Quilt Exhibition through March 12.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
Info: Features over 30 quilts courtesy of local quilters. No admission charged. Donations accepted.

Oboist to be guest artist with MOSC for Masterworks III

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment

During his professional career, Peter Cooper, who performs as guest artist with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Saturday, has commissioned and premiered five oboe concertos.

"There are only a few great oboe concertos so I brought it on myself to try to create some more," said Cooper, who has been principal oboist of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra since 1993 and is a faculty member at the University of Colorado at Boulder. "I've been pleased with most of them, and one of them I just performed in October in Shanghai, it was written by a Chinese composer (Chen Gang). I played it in China 25 years after the premiere in Hong Kong. It was fantastic."

The performance in China offered an opportunity for reflection.

"My first job was in Hong Kong as principal oboist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic for nine years," Cooper said. "Because I spent my formative professional years in Hong Kong it's always exciting for me to go back to the far East and perform. This time it was in China. It's hard to explain this in a sound bite. The piece that I played I commissioned in 1985 and premiered it.

"And then to play this piece for the second performance 25 years after was quite an emotional experience. It gave me time to reflect on all I've done in those 25 years and how I have grown as a professional and as an artist and the changes in my life from an eager young performer to a more experienced one. I think it was a more mature performance."

As guest artist with the MOSC, Cooper will perform Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C Major.

"It's one of the greatest pieces written for the oboe," said Cooper. "It's one of my favorite pieces. And Mozart knew just how to write for the oboe because he captured its ability to dance and he captured its ability to sing. He knew how to bring out all the best characteristics of the instrument, and it's my job to interpret it, to make Mozart's music come to life."

A prizewinner in the Tokyo International Oboe Competition, Cooper has been soloist with orchestras in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand and England, as well as with the San Francisco Symphony. He played the first performance of the Richard Strauss Oboe Concerto in China with the Central Philharmonic in Beijing in 1988.

"I've played with orchestras that were less accomplished and those more accomplished, and I enjoy playing with anyone really. It's always an honor to be invited to be a soloist with an orchestra, and I love doing it."



Peter Cooper

His performance at MidCities Community Church for the 7 p.m. Masterworks III concert Saturday is his first in West Texas.

"I've never been to West Texas," said Cooper. "I've been to Houston and Austin many times, but I've never been to West Texas. I'm looking forward to it. I'm quite excited to come."

While he is here, he will conduct a master class for students from different schools.

"I attended TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) in San Antonio and could not believe the extent of music education in the state of Texas, the number of people that are studying instruments and playing in bands. It's unbelievable the kind of programs and priority that people have made on the arts. It's really fantastic."

ALL THE DETAILS:

What: Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.'s Masterworks III
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Mid-Cities Community Church, 6700 W. Highway 191
Tickets: $17 with senior and student discounts available. Music students are free.
Program: Mozart's Oboe Concerto & Beethoven's Third Symphony "Eroica."
Info: Guest artist oboist Peter Cooper is principal oboist of the Colorado Symphony since 1993 and a faculty member at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has also held positions as associate principal oboist of the San Francisco Symphony and principal oboist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic. In 2000, Summit Records released Cooper's "Whispers of the Past," a collaboration with harpist Marcia Lattella that garnered critical acclaim.

Cooper performs on Marigaux oboes.
Next Up: Jan. 29 performance of the West Texas Winds, a performing ensemble of the MOSC.

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Six-year-old Tyler Fisher looks up from feeding friend Cole Neagal's goat to speak with his father, J.W. Fisher. Tyler showed his friend's goat at the PeeWee show during last year's Midland County Livestock Show.

MRT file photo

58th Midland County

LIVESTOCK SHOW

When: Today-Saturday
Where: Horseshoe Arena
Admission: Free to the public
Info: The Midland County Livestock Show is sponsored annually by the Midland County Livestock Association in cooperation with county agents, vocational ag instructors and the 4-H and FFA clubs of Midland County. This show is staged to recognize the efforts of the youth of Midland County in feeding, fitting and showing fine livestock.

2010 FAST FACTS

For the show and sale, there were 155 youth exhibitors with 444 livestock projects.

Additionally, there were approximately 20 culinary entries.

There were 125 projects sold in the premium auction and other contributions were made that raised in excess of $240,000 for the youth.

2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Today

6 a.m. Weigh-in, Check in Rabbits and Poultry
10 a.m. Rabbit Show
Poultry Show (immediately following Rabbits)
2 p.m. Swine Show
Pictures of swine will be taken on Thursday, before and during the show.

Friday

8 a.m. Lamb Show
Meat & Breeding Goat Show
1:30 p.m. (Approximately) Heifer Show
Steer Show (immediately following Heifers)
Pictures of lamb, goats, and steers will be taken on Friday immediately after they are shown.

Saturday

10 a.m. Judging of Culinary Arts
11 a.m. Bar-B-Que Dinner served to public
11 a.m. 500 - Club Invitational Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Pee-Wee Goat Show - entries limited to children 7 & under
12:45 p.m. Awards Program
1 p.m. Welcome to Sale
Premium Auction Sale
Pictures of premium rabbits and fryers will be taken immediately after leaving sale ring on Saturday.

HERE IS THE LIST OF CHAMPIONS FROM THE 2010 LIVESTOCK SHOW:

Grand Champion Market Steer: Amanda Hightower
Reserve Champ Market Steer: Lacy Law
Reserve Champion Market Goat: Cassie Morin
Grand Champion Market Goat: Hayden Brown
Reserve Champ Market Lamb: Fritzi Francis
Grand Champion Market Lamb: Hayden Brown
Senior Showmanship: Jack Lehman
Junior Boy Swine Showmanship: John Deramus
Reserve Champ Market Swine and Jr. Girl Showmanship: Kadyn Ellis
Senior Girl Swine Showmanship: Kelsey Dove
Grand Champion Market Swine: Kody Keesler
Senior Boy Swine Showmanship: Robert Francis
Junior Showmanship: Luke Cowan

THE FOLLOWING 10 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO THESE GRADUATING SENIORS:

Control Technologies Scholarship: Micaela Gonzales
Druce Down Memorial Scholarship: Chris Stewart
Charlie & Eileen Welch Memorial Scholarship: Summer Mills
The Bosworth Company Scholarship: Jeff Martin
H-E-B Scholarship: Emily Wright
Joel & June McEndree Scholarship: Justin Abernathy
Curtis Erwin Scholarship: Gabe Golson
Don-Nan Pump & Supply Scholarship: Robert Francis
T. P. & Louise Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Garrit Skiles
Mike & Becky Brouder Scholarship: Summer Mills

Source: Midland County Livestock Association

dining guide

***Restaurant Guide:** Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.*

Asian/Oriental

Sushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4615 Briarwood Ave.
695-7900

Entertaining chefs cook up your meal at grills surrounded by large U shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia are also available. Sit at the sushi bar to watch them roll your sushi. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu. Payment Accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: lunch - $7.95-$14.95, dinner - $7.95-$29.00 (for large combo meal)
Hours: Sunday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight

Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff, Building A., Space 1
(Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

The flavors of the Orient come together in this Chinese restaurant. Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 different favorites such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials, which include your choice of one of over 15 entrées, an egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork seafood, poultry, and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs, and shrimp. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: lunch specials $4.95, buffet $6.25. Regular meals price range: 6.95-$12.95
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are also delicious. Lunch specials. Drive in window for call in orders. Get there early and don't leave without trying dessert. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.99-13.99
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m./3 p.m. and 5 p.m./9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m./9 p.m.

Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere create a positive dining experience at Kuo's Chinese Restaurant. Menu items are separated by ingredients such as pork, beef, seafood, poultry or vegetables and include items such as sweet and sour chicken, Peking Duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, Moo Goo chicken, Hunan chicken, beef with broccoli, Kung Pao beef, beef with vegetables and more.
Entrée price range: Lunch specials-$4.95-$6.95; Dinner-$7.95-$13.95
Hours: Sunday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 and 4:30-8:45 p.m.; Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.-2:15 p.m. and 5-9:45 p.m.; Saturday: 5-9:45 p.m.

Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4510 N. Garfield St.
570-6868

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Diners have the option to sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch their meals cooked on the grill at the table. Customers also may order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Japanese-inspired appetizers and cocktails also are available. Evening prices are high.
Entrée Price Range: (evening) Sushi menu: $4-$28. Teppan Yaki tables menu: $9-$35
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday, noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday

Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Located in the former Luby's Cafeteria building, Grand Buffet offers an extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads as well as lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra, and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; along with many more options. A Mongolian Grill Station allows customers to choose their ingredients for grilling. Menus from which to order also are available.
Payment accepted:
Buffet price range: (for adults) lunch: $7.25 Monday-Friday and $7.75 Saturday. Dinner: $9.35 Monday - Thursday and $10.75 Friday-Saturday. $10.75 all day Sunday.
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday

The Great Wall (OAC; Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr.
694-5565

Located in the Mesa Verde shopping center, The Great Wall offers an extensive menu for Chinese take-out. The menu offers a variety of dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Payment Accepted: Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Diner's Club, Traveler's Check, Discover, cash, check.
Hours: Monday - Friday: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday: 4:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday

Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Chinese ambiance complete with softly playing music overhead. Lunch specials available Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More than a dozen entrees from which to choose including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, Hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and Kung Pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special. Other menu items include beef, pork, Lo Mein, seafood, vegetable, Moo Shu dishes, chow mein, chop suey, and Egg Foo Yung. Appetizers, soups and a "health" section offering only steamed meats and vegetables are also on the menu. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: Lunch specials, $6.25-13.95.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; 5-9:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Offers Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50. Noodle dishes are also on the menu as well as fish and curry entrées. Payment Accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $6.50-$9.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened (or grilled) chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of their famous curly fries. Also offer tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée Price Range: $4-$7, evening $4-$10.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley, Suite 8.

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318-8331
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Average Meal Price $7.
Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100
www.mcalistersdeli.com
567-0880

Winner of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Top 100 category for best sweet tea in Midland. Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée Price Range: $4.50-$6.50
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Swensen's (OAC)
200 W. Loop 250 N. (Loop 250 and "A" Street)
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches-grilled, cold, warm, pita, and burgers. Various salads are available such as crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta, and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available. Payment Accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.25-6.95.
Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
2100 E. Illinois, corner of East Illinois and Andrews Hwy
682-3200

Chicago inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive-through window. Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $3.49-$5.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
2309 W. Illinois
699-3901

Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza. Payment accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash.
Price range: $4 - $14.39
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Advertised as "America's Only Authentic Sliceria," Pizzeria Venti serves up piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads, and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Pizzeria Venti makes their crust with Extra Virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti, and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes. Italian pastries such as cannolis, tiramisu, and various cakes. Catering available.
Price range: Pizza by the slice or whole pan; other entrees $6-$7.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," the "Meateater," "Buffalo Chicken," "The Works," "BBQ Chicken," and "Classic Veggie." Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls," "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks, hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, Philly cheesesteak stromboli, cheese sticks, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Lunch buffet available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday-Friday. Dinner buffet available 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday. Entree price range: $4.99-$15.99. Buffet: $8.50 adults, $4.32 kids. Payment accepted: cash, Visa, American Express, Discover, MasterCard.

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring
683-6363

Celebrating 51 years of serving Midlanders their Italian dishes, there is more than pizza at this restaurant. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $2.50-$11.95.
Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m. (lunch), Monday-Saturday 5-10 p.m. (dinner).

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff, Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Written up in the February 2009 edition of Texas Monthly as a recommended restaurant to visit in Midland. Piping hot, cheesy and full of meat resting on a delicious homemade crust describes the pizza at MD Pizza Factory. Casual atmosphere for dining in or take your pizza home to enjoy. MD's puts a lot of culture in their pizza offering signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza, and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights. Daily, MD's offers 10 percent off for anyone ordering two large or extra large pizzas before 11:00 a.m. Hours: Monday – Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m. -9:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 4 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Credit cards and cash accepted.

Mi Piaci Italian (SD)
2607 N. Grandview Ave.
Odessa
432-362-8060

Located on the corner of University Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, Mi Piaci's offers traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and pizza. Appetizers include garlic bread with dipping sauces, mozzarella sticks and more. They offer a kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree Price Range: $6.95-$16.95.
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
www.papamurphys.com

Take and bake pizza kitchen - they make the pizza to your specific order and you take it home to bake in your own oven at your convenience. Watch your pizza change from a ball of dough to a pie full of your favorite toppings. Coupons given at each purchase for next visit. Daily specials. Payment Types Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, No checks.
Entrée Price Range: $3.99-13.99.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Garlic Press(SD)
2200 W. Wadley
#6 Oak Ridge Square
570-4020
www.thegarlicpress.net

Fine dining, Tuscan atmosphere. Seafood, steaks, crepes, salads and pasta dishes all served up and beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Winner of the Reader's Choice Top 100 gold medal in the full-service restaurant category. Catering available. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: lunch $8-$12, dinner $8-$33.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials include unlimited soup, salad and bread for $5.99 or soup, salad and an entree for $6.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta, spicy shrimp and chicken, angel hair with artichokes and more.
Price range: $3.99-$14.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Avenue #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
Website: www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings make you want to sit, relax and enjoy your meal. Enticing selection of appetizers and wide variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb as well as quail are some of their grilled specialties. Entrees such as Venezia Chicken, Chicken Tuscany and Chicken Parmigiana are just a few of the many offerings. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as Veal Marsala, Veal Piccata and Green Peppercorn Veal.
Entrée price range:
Hours: Lunch, $7.95-14.95; dinner, $8.25-31.95. Lunch, Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; Dinner, Monday-Friday 5 p.m.-10:15 p.m.; Dinner, Saturday: 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Closed Sunday. Reservations recommended during the holidays. Gift certificates available.

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante in Odessa offers a unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Appetizers include baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce, escargot and number of salads. Entrees include pollo piccata, farfalle con pollo, gnocchi bolognese, lasagna, veal and fish of the day and variety of pizzas. Desserts include different types of cake and cheesecake. The restaurant offers diners live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: $14-$25
Hours: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner: 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

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Italian Village Ristorante offers enjoyable dining experience

By Joan Huff
Reporter-Telegram

For your holiday travels, some may have gone to Dallas or the winter snows of Colorado or New York.

I went to Italy and only had to drive about a mile, right here in Midland.

A few days before Christmas, when everyone was hurrying around trying to finish their shopping, I had the pleasure of dining at the new location of Italian Village Ristorante in Imperial Shopping Center at 3211 W. Wadley Ave.

Noticeably, others in Midland had followed their move, because the parking lot was full of cars. As we entered, we found ourselves in the bar area and waiting room for the restaurant, which now offers a full-service bar with seating at tables or the bar and a television on the wall.

The dining room was crowded with people having small Christmas party get-togethers during lunch. My friend and I arrived amidst the wrappings of gifts being exchanged at various tables to seats in the center of the room.

The walls of the main dining area are covered in murals of Italy. It makes it feel as if you are actually looking out the windows on the beautiful scenery.

The room has a very warm and friendly atmosphere. Another room is available for private parties. We observed the owner, Manny Dika, out in the dining room greeting diners. It is obvious the restaurant has a loyal clientele.

Even with a large crowd, a very friendly waitress immediately greeted us. While taking drink orders, she told us about specials available for the day.

We decided to try an appetizer of bruschetta, which was delicious. Crisp sour dough slices were covered in a combination of tomatoes, blue cheese, basil and onion. It was the perfect way to start an Italian meal. Other lunch appetizer choices include fried calamari, crab cakes, New Zealand mussels, stuffed mushrooms and fried tomatoes. The dinner menu has additional offerings, including escargot, and eggplant. Several choices of soups and salads also are available.

Italian Village offers a very large and varied menu. If you love pasta, you are in the right place. From linguini, fettuccini, ravioli and cannelloni, the restaurant has many menu items from which to choose. We decided to share an order of beef lasagna and were very happy with our choice. Full of meat and cheese, it was delicious. You can tell when food is homemade and this was definitely made in the kitchen. The sauce was light and full of flavor.

Chicken and veal dishes are also on the menu. The restaurant features several steak and pork items including a 10-ounce ribeye, New York sirloin, pan-fried pork (in garlic butter pasta and sautéed spinach), and a grilled pork cutlet with chocolate cherry jack sauce and asparagus.

All of the menu items have special culinary touches to them making them each unique. For example, the cedar plank salmon is served with honey citrus glaze and the shrimp scampi is a combination of sautéed Gulf shrimp in a creamy, garlic-lemon Chardonnay white wine sauce.

I highly recommend Italian Village Ristorante to anyone wanting to enjoy delicious authentic Italian food. The menu reads, "It is our task to make sure that we please you and your guests with a very enjoyable dining experience." By looking around the room at other diners and remembering the wonderful lunch they had, I would say that the people at Italian Village are accomplishing their goal.



ITALIAN VILLAGE RISTORANTE

3211 W. Wadley
Midland, TX 79705

Phone: 684-6595
Fax: 684-3928
Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash
Entrée price range: lunch- $7.95-$14.95; dinner-$11.95-$26.95
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday-Saturday
Meals served: lunch, dinner
Kid's menu? Several kid-friendly menu items

Parking: Large parking lot
Outdoor seating? No
Private dining room for parties? Yes
Take out? Yes
Catering? Yes
Gift cards? Yes
Reservations? Yes, recommended on weekends
Full bar? Yes

DVDIVA'S
pick of the week



Documentary 'Catfish' tops new release DVDs

Pick of the week —

CATFISH (PG-13) At times wholly self-centered but also filled with poignant moments of discovery and genuine intrigue, this cautionary tale about living your life on Facebook has credibility issues but is a powerful story regardless. B+

CASE 39 (R) Renee Zellweger does a great job with nothing and Jodelle Ferland is effectively creepy as the demon spawn, but there's no originality in this when-adoption-goes-bad story. B-

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13) It's hard to believe Americans would take a movie made in a country that worships Jerry Lewis and send its subtle, brilliant comedy over the top, but that's what happens with this adaptation of France's 1998 film, "The Dinner Game." Then again, putting Steve Carell and Paul Rudd together makes this a decent comedy that I would not recommend over its French counterpart, but give my blessing anyway. B

GUN (R) Gangsta fare written by and starring Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson should have ended his screenwriting career — I had my fingers crossed. Alas, he's got another film he penned due out this year. On the other hand, he is a talented actor. He's charming and personable, even when he's playing a scumbag. Fiddy keeps up with co-stars Val Kilmer and John Larroquette, but this utterly horrible film is not how fans should see him. D

THE LAST EXORCISM (PG-13) Film is much better than the lame trailer made it look, but it's documentary style format is pitiful. For example, the "crew" filming seemingly consists of a sound woman and cameraman, a la "Blair Witch Project." But unlike that little gem, this film cuts between images that would have required at least three cameras. It didn't really bother me — much — but it took away from my ultimate viewing pleasure. B

MACHETE (R) Austin filmmaker Robert Rodriguez has never shied away from the gore, so brace yourself if you've never seen "From Dusk Till Dawn" or "Planet Terror." If you have, then there'll be no surprises when blood and body parts fly in this great popcorn action movie featuring Danny Trejo in the starring role he so richly deserves. Rodriguez actually gets a little political in this film, too, pointing out the disparities many illegal immigrants face in wanting to come to the U.S. B+

DVDs are provided courtesy of the Blockbuster Video store located at 4311 Andrews Highway.

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BARGAIN BIN PICK OF THE WEEK

In a new feature, we'll look at some of the overstock and going out of print titles you can find around town, usually for around five bucks. Spotted this week:

SUPER TROOPERS (R) I knew this 2001 release had become a cult classic when I was pulled over by a friendly DPS officer one night several years ago and he told me to "listen up meow." Not every joke works, though, and those that don't fall resoundingly. But those that do will have you laughing uncontrollably at all the shenanigans.

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"Country Strong"



"Season of the Witch"

"COUNTRY STRONG" — Some of the best country songs are the ones that tell a story — ones that feature vivid imagery, a strong narrative drive and a killer emotional payoff. In telling the story of a self-destructive singing superstar, this hints at the possibility of delivering that kind of moving experience, but ultimately it's too meandering and uneven to ever truly tug at your heart. Writer-director Shana Feste's film occupies an uncomfortable sort of middle ground. It's not rich enough, and its characters aren't developed enough, to be a searing drama or a portrait of artistic torment. "Coal Miner's Daughter," this is not. But at the same time, it isn't over-the-top enough to be enjoyed as a divalicious guilty pleasure. Still, "Country Strong" has its moments, mainly in the music, all of which is enjoyable if not earth-shattering and is actually sung by its stars. Gwyneth Paltrow plays Kelly Canter, whose boozy benders are legendary. Her husband-manager (Tim McGraw) pulls her out of rehab early to put her back on the road. Along for the ride are the honky-tonk hipster with whom she's having an affair (Garrett Hedlund) and a beauty queen with her own dreams of country stardom (Leighton Meester). What follows is a series of flirtations and dalliances, breakdowns and inebriated episodes, none of which seems to carry any more significance than any other. PG-13 for thematic elements involving alcohol abuse and some sexual content. 111 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— **CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP MOVIE CRITIC**

"SEASON OF THE WITCH" — So here's the gimmick: This takes place during the 14th century, but everyone speaks in contemporary language, which might have been acceptable if the dialogue were clever or intelligent or funny or, you know, good. Instead, Nicolas Cage and Ron Perlman are the knights who say ... nothing of any particular note in a supernatural action thriller that's never actually thrilling. You expect this kind of schlock in January, but "Season of the Witch" isn't even bad in an enjoyable way. The scenery is drab, the battles are interchangeable, and no one seems particularly interested in being here. At the same time, Dominic Sena (who previously directed Cage in "Gone in Sixty Seconds") never flat-out goes for it in a schlocky, B-horror kind of way. What we're left with is just bloated, boring and utterly forgettable. Cage isn't even in full-on, wheels-off mode here, sadly; instead, he delivers his lines in a dreary monotone. After killing untold numbers of men in the name of god during the Crusades, Cage's character, Behmen, and his wisecracking sidekick, Felson, decide to pack it in. But to avoid being imprisoned for desertion, they must transport a suspected witch (Claire Foy) to a faraway abbey for trial. PG-13 for thematic elements, violence and disturbing content. 100 minutes. One star out of four.

— **Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic**

Opening Friday at Tall City 14: Green Hornet 3-D," "The Dilemma" & "The King's Speech"

Last showing today at Tall City 14: "Chronicles of Narnia," one copy of "Little Fockers," "The Tourist" and "How Do You Know"

Opened Friday at Big Sky Drive-in: "Dilemma" & "Green Hornet"

Last showing today at Big Sky Drive-In: "Fighter" & "Yogi Bear"

"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS" — Sure, Jack Black's Jonathan Swift-inspired adventure comedy is bad, but the big problem is that the movie sullies a piece of literature that has endured for nearly 300 years for the sake of a cheap kiddie flick that'll be forgotten in a month. With Black's giant footprints all over it, Swift's tale of Gulliver's voyages is pretty much out of bounds for a long time for any filmmakers who actually might have wanted to make a good, faithful adaptation (you never know, it could have happened). Directed by Rob Letterman, the movie updates the story to modern times as Black's Gulliver heads off on a travel-writing assignment in the Bermuda Triangle and lands on Lilliput, an island of tiny people 3 inches high. The effects are nice, but Swift's biting satire is softened to innocuous family fare, with enough cute little gags and mugging by Black that young children should stay interested, if not enthralled. There's not much there for older kids and adults in the simple-minded story, though. Jason Segel, Emily Blunt and Amanda Peet co-star. PG for brief rude humor, mild language and action. 88 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— **David Germain, AP Movie Writer**

"TRUE GRIT" — One of the most mainstream, crowd-pleasing films Joel and Ethan Coen have ever made. It's sort of a screwball Western, if you will, with vivid performances and strikingly vast, picturesque vistas, the always gorgeous work of the always great Roger Deakins, the Coens' frequent cinematographer. But it's a minor entry from the writing-directing brothers, especially when you consider the inventiveness and strength of their canon and the close aesthetic resemblance to "No Country for Old Men," their masterpiece. While "True Grit" is entertaining, it's also surprisingly lacking in emotional resonance, as well as the intriguing sense of ambiguity that so often permeates Coen pictures. Only toward the end does it feel like anything is at stake, but at least it's enjoyable while you're waiting. Hailee Steinfeld in her film debut is a revelation as Mattie Ross, the 19th-century pioneer teenager who demands vengeance for her father's murder. She seeks help from a man she hears has true grit: one-eyed, alcoholic U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn. Jeff Bridges plays the role that earned John Wayne his only Academy Award as gruff and grizzled, a lawman who's lived a long and well-lubricated life, but who also has attained a certain Zen-like self-possession about it. Matt Damon again proves he can do anything, joining the duo on the trail as a preening Texas Ranger. PG-13 for some intense sequences of western violence including disturbing images. 110 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— **Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic**

"THE KING'S SPEECH" is the kind of handsomely photographed, weighty-yet-uplifting period drama that seems to arrive amid great fanfare come awards time each year. It's based on a true story about British royalty — always a favorite among those coveted voters — features a glittery cast and hits every note you expect it to hit.

To quote Radiohead, no alarms and no surprises.

And yet the film is so flawlessly appointed and impeccably acted, you can't help but succumb. If you can get past the nagging sensation that what you're watching is a cynical calculation to appeal to the Academy, well, you'll be delighted, because the "The King's Speech" is undeniably charming.

— **Christy Lemire, Associated Press**

what'scoming

NATIONAL YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
When: Jan. 20-22
Where: contact Midland-Odessa Symphony, 563-0921

STUDIO 3600 SERIES: WARREN TAYLOR
When: Jan. 20-March 25
Where: McCormick Gallery,-Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College campus
Info: "Past & Present," current and collected works Taylor.
Opening Reception: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27. Public welcome.

PETROLEUM MUSEUM'S BROWN BAG LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES
When: Jan. 20
Where: The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West
Info: Eileen Piwetz, Ph.D., speaking on "Out of Africa ... An African Photographic Safari." Piwetz will share her three photographic safaris with the audience.
Tickets: No admission. Dessert and a drink will be provided. Call the museum, 683-4403, for the time and for more information.

MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION'S 2011 SPRING JURIED ART EXHIBITION ENTRY DEADLINE
When: Jan. 21.
Info: go to midlandartsassociation.org.

TRIBUTE GOSPEL QUARTET
When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21
Where: Bellview Baptist Church
Info: Third annual gospel concert series.
Gospel concert schedule:
Tribute Quartet: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21. No tickets needed, "love offering" accepted
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound: 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Sold out.
Legacy Five: 6 p.m. April 16. Tickets on sale March 22.
Gold City: 7 p.m. May 20. Tickets go on sale March 22.
Booth Brothers: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Tickets go on sale June 14.
The Hoppers: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 2 p.m. Oct. 29. Tickets go on sale Aug. 23.
Tickets: $23 for seats in the "artists' circle" comprised of the first three rows of the sanctuary or $18 for all other reserved seating. For tickets or more information, call the church office at 682-9474.

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW
When: Jan. 21-23
Where: Ector County Coliseum

WINTER NATIONAL MONSTER TRUCK SHOW
When: Jan. 22
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena

MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MOUNTED HORSE PATROL
When: Jan. 22



Winter National Monster Truck Show

Where: Horseshoe Outside Arena

"ANNIE GET YOUR GUN"
When: 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27; 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 28 (The morning show is a for-school performance only); 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28; 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29; 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30
Where: Lee High School Auditorium
Tickets: Students: $5; Adults: $10
Info: Call 689-1034 or e-mail misd.district.musical@gmail.com. Students from 18 campuses have worked under the direction of seven MISD faculty members to master the music, dancing and technical details of the show.

WEST TEXAS WINDS
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 29
Where: CEED, Highway 191
Info: Performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

THE TEXAS TAKEOVER GRAPPLING TOURNAMENT
When: Jan. 29
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena
Info: Presented by 24/7 Entertainment

"THE SKIT GUYS"
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 2
Where: First United Methodist Church
Tickets: Free. Contact Jay Gage, Youth Pastor at jaygage@firstmethodistmidland.com or 432.682.3701.

LECTURE BY REALISM ARTIST PHILIP PEARLSTEIN
When: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3
Where: UTPB's CEED Building auditorium, Hwy. 191 and FM 1288.
admission: Free.
Info: Pearlstein lives and works in New York City and is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Brooklyn College where he taught for 25 years. From 2003-2006, the octogenarian artist served as president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

DINNER THEATER
When: Friday and Saturday Feb. 4-12, 7 p.m.
Where: The Barn Door Steakhouse, 2140 N. Andrews Highway, Odessa
Info: Mark 10 Theatricals will present "Ye Gods!," a sex-farce set on Mount Olympus written by Bill Kirkley and Sean Frith. Dinner reservations, which are optional, required by Wednesday before the performance. Dinner in the restaurant: 6 p.m., a cash bar in South 40: 6:30 p.m., Show: 7 p.m.
Reserve tickets: on line at www.mark10theatricals.com. $20 show-only, $15 show with dinner reservations paid separately a la carte. Rated PG for comic adult situations.

SILVER SPUR GUN & BLADE SHOW
When: Feb. 5 & 6
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena

WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
When: Feb. 12 & 13
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena

MIDESSA MOTORCYCLE SHOW
When: Feb. 19
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena

PERMIAN BASIN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
When: Feb. 25-27
Where: Horseshoe, all buildings

Other

Scrapbooking (adult crafts), 7 p.m., Jan. 11, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
Game night, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
Nook Nite, 7 p.m., Jan. 20, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
"Love is Never Late," by Fern H. Crume (religion and inspiration), 2 p.m., Jan. 29, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
Knitting Guild of West Texas (adult crafts/hobbies), 3 p.m., Feb. 5, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Kids Zone

Rabbit's Winter Walk" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 22, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
"Gingerbread Friends" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 29, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
"Josefina Javelina: A Hairy Tale" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Feb. 5, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Road Trip

Mescalaro, N.M.

Pointer Sisters
Performing for more than four decades, the certified gold and platinum-selling Pointer Sisters heat up the stage live at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Boasting dozens of No. One hits, albums, Grammy and American Music Award nominations, the popular trio heads to the Inn, performing popular past hits and classic favorites. Tickets start at $31.75 and can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Wynonna
Ever since her record-breaking, quintuple platinum debut solo CD, 1992's "Wynonna," which reached No. 1 on the Country chart and loomed in the Top 5 of Billboard's Top Albums chart (producing 4 #1 singles), she has remained one of country's most recognizable, yet unpredictable icons. Her credentials include more than 10 million albums sold; 6 platinum-plus/gold-plus albums, 16 Top Ten hits, a Top Female Vocalist Of The Year Award from the Academy of Country Music, and many sold-out tours in the last 17 years. She has the ability to resonate with fans from all walks of life. Wynonna will perform @ 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Inn of the Mountain Gods. Tickets start at $31.75 and can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Lubbock
The 3rd annual Rock & Worship Roadshow: MercyMe, Jars of Clay, Thousand Foot Kruth, Matt Maher and The Afters to City Bank Coliseum Feb. 26. Also hip-hop artist LeCrae. Admission: $10 at the door. VIP admission is $100 and includes early admission. For more information call 1-800-965-9324 or go to www.rockandworshiproadshow.com.

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