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TODAY IN F&P

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FBI: Scam involves $45M in bank loans

Four arrested for bank fraud that allegedly funded lavish lifestyles

By James Cannon
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Several Permian Basin business owners and a title company executive made their first court appearances Thursday in a mortgage fraud scheme that involved about 800 properties and $45 million in bank loans.

The government alleges the group defrauded banks by inflating the cost of real estate to fund luxury cars, vacation homes and personal lifestyles.

Stephen Mark Hilliard, 58; Michael Duraine Cowan II, 42; Cynthia Gayle Hirsch, 61; and Berta Laura McFaddin, 55, face federal charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, according to a federal indictment unsealed Thursday afternoon in the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas. Hilliard and Cowan are also charged with money laundering.

The four defendants were arrested Wednesday afternoon after a grand jury returned an indictment for the group.

The government's prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Austin Berry, alleges the defendants participated in a "same-day property flip" scheme.

Hilliard or Cowan would purchase property using one of their many investment companies. On the same day, the pair would re-sell the property at an inflated price to another investment company owned by the pair, according to the indictment.

McFaddin, a division vice president of administration for the Stewart Title Co. in Midland, would assist in the completion of the HUD-1 form for all of the transactions.

Hilliard and Cowan would then approach various banks throughout West Texas with documentation from the second sale of the property to obtain loans on the inflated sale purchase. In order to substantiate the "inflated price on the fraudulent documentation" the pair would contact Hirsch, a local Realtor, to obtain a Broker's Price Opinion to justify the price of the purchase, the indictment stated.

Once the loan was obtained, Hilliard and Cowan would use the inflated loan to pay for the legitimate transaction while retaining the difference. The banks had no knowledge of the first and only legitimate transaction. As a consequence of the scheme, the government alleges Hilliard and Cowan acquired assets and funds for their own personal benefit by way of bank fraud, as well as the profits from the real estate investments that were funded by the fraudulent funds.

Please see **FRAUD**/4A



Hilliard



Cowan



Hirsch



McFaddin

MIDLAND MARKS 1ST FATAL



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Public safety personnel investigate the scene of a fatal accident near the intersection of Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 on Thursday. A pickup was towing a car when the pickup lost control and rolled over, ejecting a passenger who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Man ejected, dies after wreck on I-20

By Cale Ottens
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One man died in a rollover accident on Interstate 20 on Thursday afternoon, marking this year's first fatality on a road inside Midland County.

Ywien Nie, a 65-year-old from Greensboro, N.C., was killed after the driver of a pickup that was towing another car lost control, according to Department of Public Safety troopers.

The pickup was traveling east on the highway at 1:34 p.m. when the driver lost control.

The car became detached from the truck but did not hit any other vehicles. The truck rolled over, and Nie was ejected. He died on the scene, according to a DPS trooper.

This death is the first of 2014. Last year, there were 43 deaths on roads inside Midland County, according to Reporter-Telegram records. Five of those fatalities occurred on I-20 or the interstate's service roads.

Please see **FATAL**/4A



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A Department of Public Safety helicopter hovers over the scene of a fatal accident near the intersection of Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 on Thursday.

P&Z denies request for alley-free subdivision

■Denial reveals city's preference for larger lot homes in exchange for no alleys

By Joseph Basco
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The Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of a 318-acre, 952-unit Betenbough Homes subdivision on Monday revealed insight as to how the city of Midland wants its alley-free developments to be, regardless of the high demand of housing.

On a 3-3 vote, the commission disapproved Lone Star Trails based on several issues including a request by Betenbough Homes to build some homes closer than 500 feet from an oil well. The subdivision is planned to be located on State Highway 349, 840 feet north of Arapahoe Road.

"For me, it was tough (to deny the subdivision.)" said Jane Wolf, a Planning and Zoning commissioner and Legacy Real Estate agent. "I'm scared of what could happen if someone gets hurt. Well sites have a lot of noise, odor and danger."

And another issue, one that may arise for developers as going alley-free gives them more surface area to build, was the tightly packed nature of the 952 homes in a 318 acre plat. For Wolf, high density subdivisions raises other safety concerns because space for children playing in the street and moving vehicles are limited.

Wolf's concerns reflected those of some City Council members, all of whom will be voting on Lone Star Trails on an appeal by Betenbough Homes at the Jan. 28 council meeting. At-large Councilman Scott Dufford said he also has an issue with high density neighborhoods because, assuming it is alley-free, city service vehicles would have trouble navigating streets that may have cars parked on them.

Mayor-elect Jerry Morales also had concerns for city services, although for a different manner. The growing trend of alley-free subdivisions means trash would be picked up at a home's front curb. It is a service that Morales said is one that the city lacks manpower do to on a large scale.

But the service may gain traction in Midland as evidenced by the city's decision to switch from alley trash pickup to curbside pickup at Betenbough Homes'

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The big number
New Braunfels wants to levy a
$5 fee
on out-of-state visitors who want to go tubing. 2A

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The high school boys and girls basketball reports. 1C

Coming Saturday
Chipotle closer to bringing its burritos to Midland.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANGELO

Judge orders forfeiture of Texas polygamist ranch

A judge has ordered the forfeiture of a polygamist group's West Texas ranch to the state of Texas.

State District Jude Barbara Walther's order came Monday in Eldorado after the ranch owners failed to appear for the hearing. The San Angelo Standard-Times reported Walther authorized the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office to enter the Yearning for Zion Ranch and inventory the property.

The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints formerly owned the ranch. The Texas Attorney General's Office filed to seize the ranch in 2012, citing numerous sexual assaults of children committed there. The state has prosecuted 12 male members of the polygamist sect, including leader Warren Jeffs. He is serving a life sentence plus 20 years for sexually assaulting two girls, ages 12 and 15.

NEW BRAUNFELS

City considers $5 river tubing fee

Officials of a picturesque Hill Country town are considering charging out-of-state visitors to use its popular, spring-fed rivers for floating on inner tubes.

The Comal River has drawn inner-tube enthusiasts to New Braunfels for years. Now, the New Braunfels City Council is considering levying a $5 fee on out-of-town visitors to float at the city's Hinman Island Park and Prince Solms Park on summer weekends and holidays.

Mayor Gale Pospisil said the city needs the revenue to maintain the cleanliness of the river and defray the cost of emergency crews serving the floating crowds.

The proposal could go before the council for a final vote late this month or next month.

HOUSTON

Firefighter uses beer to put out tire blaze

An off-duty Houston firefighter made the best of his resources when trying to put out a truck tire fire: He used beer the rig was hauling.

Fire Capt. Craig Moreau and his wife were driving home Monday night after a trip to Austin when they came upon an 18-wheeler on fire. Moreau and the trucker, whose brake problems started the fire, tried using a small extinguisher.

Moreau said he thought the fire was out, but then noticed the blaze had flared up after crawling under the truck to check.

The firefighter then asked the driver what he was hauling. When he learned it was beer, he had his solution.

Both men began shaking and spraying cans of beer on the blaze, and the fire went out.



Associated Press

Time for a checkup

Mike Anderson, a project manager for Johnson Roofing, examines the damage and deterioration done to statues atop the McLennan County courthouse over years of exposure to the elements Thursday. The roof and its statues were repaired in 2011 and 2012 at a cost of $2.6 million.

HOUSTON

Hundreds hospitalized due to virus

Hundreds of children have been hospitalized in Houston-area hospitals suffering from a highly contagious respiratory virus that's proving more troublesome than the flu.

Officials with Texas Children's Hospital told the Houston Chronicle that more than 600 patients tested positive in December for respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV. More than 140 pediatric patients have been submitted to Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital since October.

RSV infects the lungs and breathing passages and generally strikes during the winter months. The illness causes influenza-like symptoms and can be life-threatening to infants.

The number of flu patients seen at both hospitals was significantly lower. Health experts say it's difficult to pinpoint why RSV affects more patients, but argue it may be due in part to the lack of a vaccine to prevent the virus.

DALLAS

Man convicted of killing 2 over dog waste

A Dallas jury has found a 76-year-old man guilty of capital murder for the shooting deaths of two neighbors in a dispute over dog waste.

Chung Kim was convicted Thursday and faces an automatic sentence of life in prison for the killings of Michelle Jackson and boyfriend Jamie Stafford.

Prosecutors said Kim shot Jackson as she stood on her apartment balcony in February. He then went upstairs to her apartment and shot and killed Stafford.

Kim has said the couple's dog would use the balcony as a bathroom and when the neighbors washed it, the urine and feces would stream down to his balcony.

He's insisted the shooting of Stafford was in self-defense. He's also said he doesn't remember shooting Jackson but he could have suffered a blackout.

AUSTIN

Branch campaign for AG reports raising $1.9M

State Rep. Dan Branch says he has raised $1.9 million in the last six months for his campaign to become the next Texas attorney general.

The Dallas Republican announced Thursday that his campaign has $4.9 million in cash on hand. Branch's campaign manager Enrique Marquez said the campaign has not taken any loans.

Branch is running against Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman and state Sen. Ken Paxton in the Republican primary on March 4. Attorney General Greg Abbott is running for governor.

Neither Smitherman nor Paxton have released fundraising totals, which are due to the Texas Ethics Commission on Jan. 15.

The campaign did not release information about the number or donors to the campaign, or the average size of the donations. Texas has no limit on campaign contributions.

SAN ANTONIO

2 enter guilty pleas in military contract scheme

Two former officials of a San Antonio military medical center have pleaded guilty to their roles in a fraudulent scheme involving more than $7 million in military contracts.

Federal prosecutors say retired Army Master Sgt. Lawrence Peter Fenti of New Braunfels and Dr. Heidi L. Webster of Manhattan, Kan., each pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of conspiracy and one count of bribery.

The 43-year-old Fenti was the chief administrator for Brooke Army Medical Center's radiology department and the 50-year-old Webster worked at the center.

Prosecutors said they steered contracts to two Kansas companies run by Webster that she registered as defense contractors.

They each face six years in prison. Prosecutors seized about $500,000 in the investigation and are seeking restitution of $400,000 from Fenti and about $600,000 from Webster.

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Master Gardener program can help with tough conditions

By Rachael Gleason
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Permian Basin Master Gardener program

Orientation session:
- When: 9 a.m. Saturday
- Where: Midland County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office, 2445 Business 20

First meeting
- When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 18
- Where: Commemorative Air Force's Airpower Museum's classroom

Temperature variations, strong winds and lack of rainfall might put a damper on some West Texas lawns and gardens.

But local gardeners say it's possible to keep an attractive garden — it's all about putting the right plant in the right place.

The Permian Basin Master Gardener program starts this month with the aim of educating and training a new class of aspiring planters in the ways of lawn care, botany, soil management and vegetable gardening.

The program will hold an orientation session 9 a.m. Saturday at the Midland County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office, 2445 Business 20.

Classes — held on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — run Jan. 18 through Oct. 18 at the Commemorative Air Force's museum classroom, according to Permian Basin Master Gardener Vice President Jim Blischke.

The program costs $250 for materials and training sessions and requires 60 hours of classroom instruction and 60 hours of volunteer time for Master Gardener certification.

"The goal of all of this is to not just teach people how to have a better garden for a nice yard but also to teach folks so that knowledge can be passed onto to other people," Blischke said. "We encourage them to be active in their neighborhoods."

The Permian Basin program, which started in 1990, has about 150 active members, and 30 people have expressed interest in this year's training so far, Blischke said.

Gardening in West Texas can be difficult; the temperature variation can be severe, and the wind causes evaporation, which magnifies the heat, he said.

"They say there are two seasons in Midland: winter and summer. And sometimes they fall on the same day," Blischke said.

Still, Master Gardener classes teach gardeners how to deal with the weather with a focus on water conservation.

"We're trying to teach people how to have an attractive yard, vegetable garden and blooming plants around here," he said. "There are a lot of plants that do very well."

Midland Fire Department district chief dies of cancer

From staff reports

A 25-year veteran of the Midland Fire Department died Thursday after battling cancer for nearly a year, and his firefighter brothers offered the following final words: "Be safe, brother."

James Gardner joined the department in 1989 and became district chief in 2005. The 50-year-old served on the MFD Honor Guard and trained firefighers in emergency medical services, fire suppression, aircraft fire rescue and apparatus operations, according to Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

"His attention to detail, safe practices, and technological expertise were vital to the fire department's promotional processes and improvements to its facilities," Higgins said in a prepared statement.

Gardner was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma last March and died Thursday morning at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. The fire department hosted a benefit luncheon in June to raise money for his treatment and traveling costs.

At the time, MFD firefighter and paramedic Eric Stewart, who also is the president of the Professional Firefighters Association of Midland, said it was important for the firefighters to take care of their "family," according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

"We're about the brotherhood," he said. "We always take care of our guys."

Funeral services are pending.

Texas court revisits defamatory online posts

Associated Press

AUSTIN — They say nothing on the Internet ever really goes away, but the Texas Supreme Court is considering whether defamatory postings might be worth the effort to try.

Justices on Thursday weighed broader questions about cyberbullying, hate speech and the First Amendment while hearing a case with far lower stakes. At issue is whether a company can be forced to remove from its website damaging personal comments about a fired Austin businessman.

Lower courts already have ruled that Robert Kinney's former company, Los Angeles-based BCG Attorney Search, can't be forced to remove the comments, even if a judge or jury eventually finds it defamed Kinney on the company's website by accusing him of running a kickback scheme. That's because defamatory speech still has protections under the law.

But Kinney's attorneys told the court that it's time for Texas law to catch up.

"It was a little harder to defame someone before the Internet. Now, on my cellphone, I can walk out of here and in five minutes I can say something defamatory about somebody and hit a button, and it's there worldwide," said Martin Siegel, Kinney's attorney. "And it's potentially there for perpetuity."

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard J. Catlin, Jr., 36, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with theft.

Carolyn A. Johnson, 56, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Christopher S. McCabe, 28, of San Angelo, was charged Wednesday with fraudulent delivery of a controlled substance.

Ricardo Molina, 23, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Herman E. Tena, 34, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Manuel R. Villafranco, Jr., 35, of Midland, was charged Wednesday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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Things to do

Friday

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

■ American Girl event, 4 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

■ Star Party, dusk, Haley Park, behind the Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

■ Sandhills StockShow & Rodeo, Ector County Coliseum. www.ector-countycoliseum.org.

Saturday

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

■ Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

■ Permian Basin String Quartet, 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch

■ Saturday Movies: "Turbo," 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.cc.midland.tx.us.

New films in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Lone Survivor," "The Legend of Hercules," "Her"

■ **At Big Sky:** "Grudge Match," "Saving Mr. Banks"

■ **At Cinergy Cinemas:** "Lone Survivor," "The Legend of Hercules"

Midland gas prices report

■ **Cheapest gas:** $2.98 (Alon, Midland Drive/Raleigh Court; Stripes, Briarwood Avenue/Midland Drive; Texaco, Briarwood/Northcrest Dr.; Murphy USA, Briarwood/Midland)

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

Most common price: $3.09

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $2.87, San Angelo $2.97, Midland $2.98, Odessa $2.98, Abilene $3.00

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.060	$3.104
Last week	$3.086	$3.139
Last month	$3.064	$3.087
Last year	$3.162	$3.177

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

City sales tax report

The city of Midland reports collecting $3,196,213 from the state Comptroller's office.

The total is a 8.06 percent (or $238,533) increase from January 2013.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2013-2014 — $12,162,546 — is up 10.49 percent (or $1,275,249) from last year's total at this time.

The state Comptroller's Office also reported $799,053 went to the Midland Development Corp. and toward paying off the debt at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. This fiscal year, more than $3.04 million has gone toward both the MDC and sports complex accounts.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months prior to collection; January collection is based on November sales.

Source: City of Midland, Reporter-Telegram reports

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "Double Trouble Groundhog Day."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Midland High School girls soccer kick-off event is 5:45 p.m. Thursday at Grande Communications Stadium. The varsity and junior varsity Lady Dawgs will be there to meet fans.

For the teams' schedules visit midlandhighgirlssoccer.org.

Large item pickup

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

Source: City of Midland

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Pick 3 day: 9-8-7
Pick 3 night: 1-4-3
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Daily 4 night: 0-6-8-9
Daily 4 day: 8-3-7-3
Daily 4 night: 7-2-6-4
Cash Five: 8-12-13-15-22
Texas Two Step: 6-15-25-29 BB: 17
All or Nothing morning: 2-5-6-7-8-9-14-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-8-9-11-14-15-17-21-22
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Today in history

In 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

Number of failing Texas schools nearly doubles

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas education authorities said the number of schools falling short of minimum standards and placed on the Public Education Grant list doubled from 2012 because of newer, higher standards.

The list released by the Texas Education Agency on Thursday includes a total of 892 schools in 2013, up from 456 in 2012.

TEA spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson said that, "historically, when changes are made to the accountability system, (the state uses to measure student performance) the number of schools that are included in the list tends to rise."

Over the years, TEA has added student groups or components to the accountability system. They have also increased the passing grades, Culbertson added. As schools and districts become more familiar with the new system, the number of schools that fail to meet the standard begins to decline.

To be included in the PEG list, at least half of a schools students have to have failed the accountability tests in two of the three previous years or be rated academically unacceptable in 2011 or "Improvement Required" last year.

Those are the lowest categories in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness test that was implemented in 2013.

There were no accountability ratings were given in 2012, however can remain up to three years in the list.

When a school is included in the list, its students are allowed to transfer to other campuses and even to different district. Schools receiving incoming students from PEG-list campuses receive 10 percent more funding for each of those students.

The new accountability system was implemented in August 2013, and focuses on overall student achievement and progress as well as how well schools help disadvantaged student groups close the performance gaps. It also measures the level of readiness schools give students for when they enter college or the work force.

How Texas schools have performed over the years

The number of schools included in the Texas Public Education Grant list jumped from 456 in 2012 to 892 last year. To be included, more than half of a school's students must fail the accountability tests or the school has to be at the lower category of the yearly accountability rating for two of the three previous years.

Officials say last year's spike is due to the change in the accountability system from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness test implemented in 2013. Here is the number of schools that have been on the list over the past decade.

Number of Schools on PEG list

2003	126	2009	499
2004	420	2010	369
2005	821	2011	566
2006	924	2012	456
2007	831	2013**	892
2008*	613		

* Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) replaced the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS)

** State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) replaced TAKS

Gubernatorial candidate Davis announces ed plan

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Texas gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis made the first policy announcement of her campaign Thursday, offering proposals aimed at luring new public school teachers with guaranteed college admission, teaching jobs and loan forgiveness.

The Fort Worth state senator and presumptive Democratic nominee didn't say how much her ideas would cost. She said she would not seek a tax increase.

"Within existing state resources, I absolutely believe that we can fund and make a priority public education in the state of Texas," she said following an event at the University of Texas at Arlington. "It takes leadership and a partnership between the governor's office and her Legislature in order to make that happen, and that will be one of my priorities."

Davis sought again to tie Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, her expected Republican rival, to $5 billion in school funding cuts the Republican-controlled Legislature made in 2011 in response to a massive shortfall in state revenue. Much of those cuts were reversed during last year's session.

Abbott has declined to take a position on the funding cuts, though his office is representing the state in an ongoing case brought by more than half of Texas' 1,000-plus public school districts after the cuts were made.

In an email Thursday, Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch called Davis' proposals "fuzzy math — a plan that will increase spending and impose more mandates on Texas universities without explaining how to pay for it."

Davis said high school students in the top 20 percent of their classes should be guaranteed admission to the University of Texas at Austin or other state institutions and a job teaching in a state school after graduation.

Dewhurst calls for new long-range education plan

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst called on the state's senators Thursday to draft a new long-range plan to boost education performance in Texas schools and universities.

In remarks prepared for a United Negro College Fund benefit Thursday in Grapevine, Dewhurst called for a review of "Closing the Gaps 2015," a program developed in 2000 that has guided education policy in Texas. He said Texas has made great progress since 2000 and that lawmakers should review the successes and develop a new road map for the next 15 years.

"We must keep working to improve the way we equip young Texans to take their place in our state's uniquely robust economy," he said.

As lieutenant governor, Dewhurst presides over the Texas Senate. And while lawmakers are not in session, he charges committees to investigate issues for future legislation. The committees are developing bills for the 2015 legislative session.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted "Closing the Gaps 2015" after studies showed Texas children lagged behind other states in school attendance, graduation rates, test scores and university research. The program called on state officials to hire better school teachers, enforce tougher high school graduation standards, provide more affordable colleges and encourage top universities to engage in more research.

While the state has improved test scores, graduation rates and university research programs, Texas still lags behind other states. In recent years, lawmakers have cut per-student spending on public schools, lowered high school graduation requirements, cut university funding and allowed higher tuition at public universities.

FRAUD

From 1A

Aside from federal prison sentences, the government seeks the forfeiture of property and money.

Prosecutors want the court to order the forfeiture of a 2009 Lincoln MKX, 2003 Mercedes Benz SL500R, 2004 GMC Yukon SLT, 2005 Nissan Maxima, two 2008 Yamaha Wave Runners, a residence located at 30 Oyster Bay in Graford and $27 million in cash.

All four appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts on Thursday afternoon in the federal court in Midland. Counts set a $50,000 bond for Hilliard, Hirsch and McFaddin. Cowan was ordered to remain in custody, pending an arraignment hearing Tuesday.

During the pre-trial hearing, Counts discussed at length the rarity of allowing federal inmates to be released from custody on bond pending a trial before seizing the trio's passports. He stressed this was a privilege and that it was not to be taken lightly.

"It's rare to have three people with passports on trial," Counts said. "Most of the people I see aren't part of that world."

The judge also ordered the group to abstain from alcohol and drugs, possessing a firearm and leaving the Midland-Odessa area. Also, the defendants were ordered to tell the court if they make any purchases totaling more than $500.

If convicted of the federal crime of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, each defendant could receive a 30-year prison sentence, a term of supervised release not to exceed three years and a fine not to exceed $1 million. If Hilliard and Cowan are found guilty of money laundering, the pair could face a 20-year prison sentence, a term of supervised release not to exceed three years and a fine not to exceed $500,000.

Same-day property flips

■ In May 2009, Hilliard received $73,393 in a First Capital account from the closing of a fraudulent same-day flip for a property located on Cuthbert Avenue in Midland. In July 2009, Hilliard used $10,000 from the same First Capital account to purchase a 2009 Lincoln MKX.

■ In February 2008, Hilliard made a $19,200 deposit in another First Capital account from a fraudulent real estate transaction for a property located on 35th Street in Ector County. In May of that same year, Hilliard purchased a 2003 Mercedes Benz SL500R by writing a $15,087 down payment check from the same First Capital account.

■ In September 2008, Cowan and Hilliard received three deposits totaling $137,623 in a jointly owned investment company account with First National Bank from fraudulent real estate transactions. The following day, Cowan transferred $75,000 from a First Capital Bank into an American State Bank account. That deposit, combined with a previous deposit of $71,850, was enough to cover a withdrawal of $129,910 that was used as a down payment for a $630,000 vacation home on Oyster Bay in Graford.

Source: Federal indictment released by the United Stated District Court Western District of Texas

Fraud at a glance

The government alleges Hilliard and Cowan purchased property from "A" with funds from their investment companies "B" and then resold the property to "C" another investment company the pair owned. They would use bank loans to pay off the A to B transactions and allegedly pocketed the difference.

Property street and county	A-to-B price	B-to-C price	Percentage increase
Harmony Avenue, Midland County	$38,000	$70,000	84
Graham Avenue, Ector County	$35,000	$62,000	77
Maple Street, Midland County	$35,000	$80,000	128
Odessa Street, Ector County	$25,000	$54,000	116
Detroit Avenue, Lubbock County	$125,000	$250,000	100
Gleenwood Avenue, Ector County	$47,000	$85,000	81
Nolan Street, Howard County	$2,170,000	$3,000,000	38
6th Street, Andrews County	$30,000	$64,000	113

Lawyers chided for contacting jurors

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge on Thursday ordered lawyers for a former BP engineer to refrain from any further contact with jurors who convicted the engineer of trying to obstruct a federal probe of the company's 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Kurt Mix's attorneys have said they interviewed some jurors after the Dec. 18 verdict and found evidence of juror misconduct that warrants a new trial.

In Thursday's order, U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval Jr. said he is concerned about the "appropriateness" of lawyers interviewing jurors without his permission. The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has "expressed general hostility toward the practice of post-trial juror interviews," the judge noted.

Duval instructed Mix's attorneys and Justice Department prosecutors to submit written arguments by Jan. 24 on whether the defense lawyers' contact with jurors should affect their motion for a new trial. Duval is set to hear arguments Feb. 26 on the motion for a new trial.

Mix, 52, of Katy was convicted of one count of obstruction of justice for deleting a string of text messages to and from a BP supervisor from his iPhone.

P&Z

From 1A

Legends Park in September 2013. The city said it was making the switch to make solid waste service more efficient in the area as neighboring D.R. Horton subdivision Legacy will lack alleys. The city also noted how alleys at Legends Park, and citywide, featured trash everywhere, outside of Dumpsters.

Trash in Legends Park's alleys may not have been a problem exclusively caused by residents; it may have been a side effect of construction.

"Their (Betenbough Homes) housekeeping was less than desirable," Thorpe said. "But it happens to every construction company. They can't control the wind or watch subcontractors all the time."

The denial of Lone Star Trails comes at a time when Midland continues to experience high demand for housing. Apartments continue to increase rental rates and homes are closed on even before they are completed.

"Because I work in real estate, I am aware of the need for housing, including modestly priced housing," Wolf said. "But at the same time, we can't let short-term crises have a long-term, negative effect on the community."

So instead of alley-free, high-density neighborhoods that developers such as Betenbough Homes try to create, Morales and Dufford would rather see subdivisions that have mixed sizes, homes that are not all exclusively the city's minimum lot size of 5,500 square feet.

"I would like to see an area well-developed, regardless if it has alleys, paved or unpaved," Morales said.

According to city ordinances, subdivisions must have alleys unless developers request a variance. Jim Compton, the city's planning division manager, said that if developers want to build a subdivision without alleys, it can then make exchanges such as providing park and playground space or, as Morales and Dufford mentioned, larger lot sizes.

"Everything is negotiable," Compton said.

Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council encountered two alley-free developments in 2013, Legacy by D.R. Horton in west Midland and Daybreak Estates by Permian Homes in north Midland, adjacent to the proposed Lone Star Trails. Both subdivisions were denied by the commission, only to then be approved by the council.

Morales said the issue of alley-free subdivisions, and the concerns that come with them, will be discussed at length at the annual council retreat in March.

Betenbough Homes was unavailable for comment after several attempts for an interview via phone and email on Wednesday and Thursday.

FATAL

From 1A

That's an increase compared to the numbers from just two years ago, according to records. In 2011, 20 people died on roads within the county. Thirty people died in 2012.

There were four passengers in the pickup. Another passenger who was injured in the wreck was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital and was in stable condition, the trooper said. The driver was not injured.

The other passengers were taken to the hospital to be with the injured passenger and are expected to stay at a nearby hotel, the trooper said.

Authorities don't believe the driver was impaired at the time of the accident, but the investigation is not yet complete.

Both vehicles had North Carolina license plates; no one involved is believed to be from the Permian Basin area, the trooper said.

Clothes and other items were strung all over the side of the interstate. DPS was still investigating the crash several hours after it occurred. A department helicopter flew over the scene to take photographs of the incident for the investigation.

Boxer vows new initiative to fight climate change deniers

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sens. Barbara Boxer, of California, and Sheldon Whitehouse, of Rhode Island, said Wednesday they would lead a new Senate task force to storm a "barricade of special interest lies" on climate change, enlisting outside interests from corporations such as Walmart and Coca-Cola to the Garden Club of America and the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"We believe climate change is a catastrophe that's unfolding before our eyes and we want Congress to take off the blindfolds," Boxer told a briefing of reporters in her Capitol Hill office. "We know what happens when you throw the environment under the bus. There's a place where it's happening, and it's called China."

The Climate Change Action Task force of more than a dozen Senators, none of whom are Republicans, has the blessing of Harry Reid and the White House, working through newly installed presidential counselor John Podesta, a top-level Washington insider who has been active on climate change as founder of the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank.

Its aim is to undermine the political forces that deny manmade climate change, mainly Republicans but also Democrats representing states with large fossil fuel industries.

"There is a vast and clear truth out there, which is what carbon pollution is doing to our atmosphere and oceans, and there is a vast and broad array of armies that are willing to fight for that truth," Whitehouse said. "There is a barricade of special-interest lies around Washington and around the Congress." The task force's aim will be, he said, "to organize those armies and bring that truth to the barricade and beat through the lies."

If that happens, he said, "All sorts of legislation becomes possible."

As chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee who failed in President Obama's first term to push climate change legislation through the Senate, Boxer acknowledged that Democrats lack the votes to attach a price to carbon, either through a carbon tax or a cap and trade mechanism like California's, that would reduce carbon pollution by making fossil fuels more expensive.

"We all know you have to put a price on carbon because there is a cost," Boxer said. "It's such a huge cost you can barely put it into words or numbers. It's the survival of Earth."

Nonetheless, she said, "We are realists. We don't have the votes for a lot of things we think are critical, but we're going to get there and that's the purpose of the wake up call. We are going on offense."

Whitehouse pointed to polling that shows public recognition of climate change, pointing to a League of Conservation Voters survey that showed a majority of Republicans under age 35 think climate deniers are "ignorant, out of touch or crazy."

Boxer said harnessing private sector support will be a "big part" of the effort. Cola makers Coke and Pepsi are worried about maintaining water supplies, and automakers Ford and General Motors "are very bought in," to acting against climate change, Whitehouse said. "You've got huge numbers of big nameplate American companies like Apple and Nike. It's almost more than I can describe. It's out there, and it's never been organized."

He also named as potential allies the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Joint Chiefs who he said "understand this is a vital national security issue,'" and the Garden Club of America, which he called "a very powerful social force, particularly in the South."

"Public institutional support is there and it is widespread and we're trying to create catalytic moments to harness that," Whitehouse said.

The full agenda and members of the task force will be announced formally at a Capitol Hill press conference Tuesday.



AP file photo

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chair Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 9. Boxer and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said Wednesday they would lead a new Senate task force to storm a "barricade of special interest lies" on climate change.

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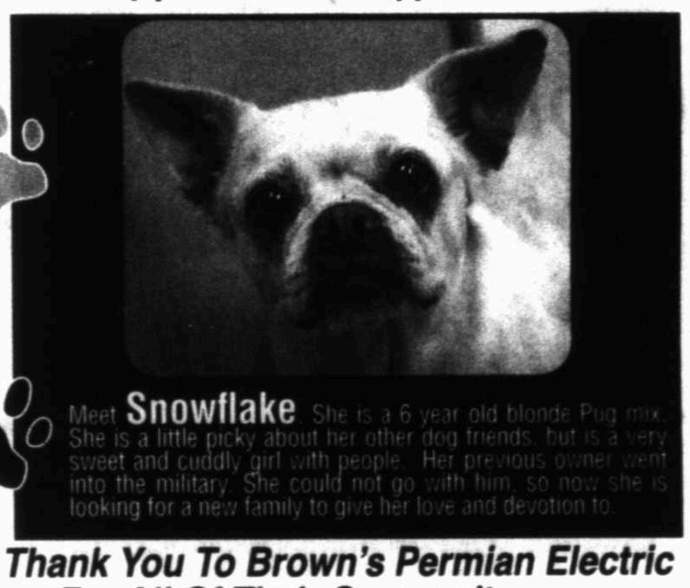
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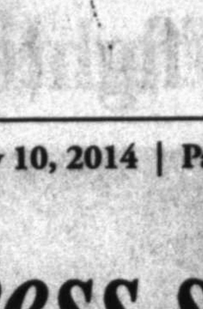
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Academics express solidarity with Israel

■ It's time to put an end to the American Studies Association's discrimination against the Jews



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
Washington Post Writers Group

For decades, the American Studies Association has labored in well-deserved obscurity. No longer. It's now made a name for itself by voting to boycott Israeli universities, accusing them of denying academic and human rights to Palestinians.

Given that Israel has a profoundly democratic political system, the freest press in the Middle East, a fiercely independent judiciary, and astonishing religious and racial diversity within its universities, including affirmative action for Arab students, the charge is rather strange.

Made more so when you consider the state of human rights in Israel's neighborhood. As we speak, Syria's government is dropping "barrel bombs" filled with nails, shrapnel and other instruments of terror on its own cities. Where is the ASA boycott of Syria?

And of Iran, which hangs political, religious and even sexual dissidents and has no academic freedom at all? Or Egypt, where Christians are being openly persecuted? Or Turkey, Saudi Arabia or, for that matter, massively repressive China and Russia?

Which makes obvious that the ASA boycott has nothing to do with human rights. It's an exercise in radical chic, giving marginalized academics a frisson of pretend anti-colonialism, seasoned with a dose of edgy anti-Semitism.

And don't tell me this is merely about Zionism. The ruse is transparent. Israel is the world's only Jewish state. To apply to the state of the Jews a double standard that you apply to none other, to judge one people in a way you judge no other, to single out that one people for condemnation and isolation — is to engage in a gross act of discrimination.

And discrimination against Jews has a name. It's called anti-Semitism.

Former Harvard President Larry Summers called the ASA actions "anti-Semitic in their effect if not necessarily in their intent." I choose to be less polite. The intent is clear: to incite hatred for the largest — and only sovereign — Jewish community on earth.

What to do? Facing a similar (British) academic boycott of Israelis seven years ago, Alan Dershowitz and Nobel Prize-winning physicist Steven Weinberg wrote an open letter declaring that, for the purposes of any anti-Israel boycott, they are to be considered Israelis.

Meaning: You discriminate against Israelis? Fine. Include us out. We will have nothing to do with you.

Thousands of other academics added their signatures to the Dershowitz/Weinberg letter. It was the perfect in-kind response. Boycott the boycotters, with contempt.

But academia isn't the only home for such prejudice. Throughout the cultural world, the Israel boycott movement is growing. It's become fashionable for musicians, actors, writers and performers of all kinds to ostentatiously cleanse themselves of Israel and Israelis.

The example of the tuxedoed set has spread to the more coarse and unkempt anti-Semites, such as the thugs who a few years ago disrupted London performances of the Jerusalem Quartet and the Israeli Philharmonic.

In this sea of easy and open bigotry, an unusual man has made an unusual statement. Russian by birth, European by residence, Evgeny Kissin is arguably the world's greatest piano virtuoso. He is also a Jew of conviction. Deeply distressed by Israel's treatment in the cultural world around him, Kissin went beyond the Dershowitz/Weinberg stance of asking to be considered an Israeli. On Dec. 7, he became one, defiantly.

Upon taking the oath of Israeli citizenship in Jerusalem, he declared: "I am a Jew, Israel is a Jewish state. ... Israel's case is my case, Israel's enemies are my enemies, and I do not want to be spared the troubles which Israeli musicians encounter when they represent the Jewish state beyond its borders."

Full disclosure: I have a personal connection with Kissin. For the last two years I've worked to bring him to Washington to perform for Pro Musica Hebraica, a nonprofit organization (founded by my wife and me) dedicated to reviving lost and forgotten Jewish classical music. We succeeded. On Feb. 24, Kissin will be performing at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall masterpieces of Eastern European Jewish music, his first U.S. appearance as an Israeli.

The persistence of anti-Semitism, that most ancient of poisons, is one of history's great mysteries. Even the shame of the Holocaust proved no antidote. It provided but a temporary respite. Anti-Semitism is back. Alas, a new generation must learn to confront it.

How? How to answer the thugs, physical and intellectual, who single out Jews for attack? The best way, the most dignified way, is to do like Dershowitz, Weinberg or Kissin.

Express your solidarity. Sign the open letter or write your own. Don the yellow star and wear it proudly.

OUR VIEW

Groups are out there making community service their mission

With news about traffic fatalities, housing shortages and crime becoming part of the Basin's daily reality, we wanted to showcase a few groups that are going out of their way to help others as Midland's population continues to grow. It's fair to say nearly every church and nonprofit organization in town deserves to be on this list, but here are a few examples of Midlanders making community service their mission.

CUTB of Midland

Church Under the Bridge Midland held its first service in May with the goal to provide a worship service and church community to Midland's homeless population. Services are every Saturday morning at Washington Avenue and Baird Street, one block from the Salvation Army shelter.

Volunteers meet before the 10 a.m. service to prepare food that will be served after worship and provide sack lunches parishioners can take with them. CUTB also has provided sleeping bags, blankets and other necessities to homeless parishioners.

For more information, including links to make a donation, go to churchunderthebridgemidland.org.

Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church

Members of this Southside church make service a priority, whether through volunteering at nonprofits or meeting whatever needs they see in the community. Led by the Rev. Kenneth Johnson, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church parishioners volunteer for Breaking Bread Kitchen, minister at apartment complexes and hold clothing and shoe drives for nonprofits such as Safe Place of the Permian Basin and Teen Challenge. They also collect donations of furniture, clothing and food for the needy.

The church is always accepting donations to help the community. For more information, call 684-4831.

Greater Ideal Baptist Church

We reported years ago that Greater Ideal Baptist Church was changing the culture of Midland's South Side by investing time and resources in the community. One of the ways the church continues to make a difference in Midland is with its annual Miracle on Tyler Street event. For the past six years volunteers have gathered at the church's Family Life Center to share the spirit of Christmas with West Texas families.

The first year the church hosted the event, volunteers gave away 100 bicycles to area children. Last month, the church gave away 1,500 bicycles to children and 300 food baskets to families. Bicycles that weren't given away were donated to area hospitals and churches.

For more information on Miracle on Tyler Street and Greater Ideal Baptist Church, call 683-0838.

Local food pantries

Several small, local nonprofits make it their mission to feed Midlanders, many of them partnering with the West Texas Food Bank.

The Jubilee Center launched in 2004 to serve a dozen families. The food pantry now feeds 250 to 300 families every month, distributing food every second and fourth Saturday. The center works with Food2Kids to provide backpacks of food to elementary school children and offers a client choice food pantry model, allowing clients to choose food items based on individual preference or diet requirements. For more information, go to jubileemidland.org

Volunteers with Midland County Greater Works make monthly food deliveries to 160 families. Eligible clients include seniors receiving Social Security or disability income or individuals of any age dependent on disability incomes. MCGW has been serving Midlanders since November 2011. For more information, go to www.wcgw.org.

Breaking Bread Kitchen has been feeding hungry Midlanders for more than 20 years. The ministry serves an average of 100 people every evening. To volunteer, visit breakingbreadkitchen.org.



Process of capital cases is bothersome

■ Most other nations don't require their citizens to sit in judgment of the accused and decide whether to execute someone convicted of a crime

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Monday morning brought the usual, if chillier, parade of folks asking government's permission to get married, vote and register their vehicles. But the longest line at the Travis County complex included folks from whom the government will seek permission to do something: kill a man.

About 200 potential jurors showed up as summoned at 9 a.m. for the first step leading to a 12-member jury, and up to four alternates, for the trial of Brandon Daniel, who faces the death sentence in the April 6, 2012, slaying of Austin police officer Jamie Padron at a North Austin Wal-Mart. Another 200 potential jurors showed up at 1 p.m.

Monday was a getting-to-know-you process as lawyers gathered, by way of a 13-page, 92-question form, informtion about potential jurors they'll question in person later this month. By appearance and attire, it looked like a proper cross section of folks, right down to the penultimate guy in line who had knee pads around his ankles, construction residue on his boots and a tape measure on his belt.

Also as a proper cross section, it's fair to assume some did not know they were in a line that would lead to a potential decision on whether somebody is put to death. Anyone who didn't know what the case is about got the message when handed paperwork, a clipboard and a pen.

"At this time, you are considered to be a potential juror in the trial of Brandon Daniel for the offense of Capital Murder," said the form, which also told them not to discuss the case with anybody or "read, listen to or view materials" about it.

The potential jurors were assured their answers would be seen only by attorneys in the case. The questionnaire prodded them about a variety of topics, some quite personal, including their religion, hobbies, mental health, medications, substance addictions, criminal record, ACLU membership and "your personal view of psychiatrists and psychologists."

There also were questions that could foreshadow possible defense strategies, including whether "you, a family member or a friend (has) ever been the victim of physical or sexual abuse" or "emotional or mental abuse as a child."

"If yes," it said, "please describe."

And there were questions with questionable relevance, such as "What type of car(s) do you drive?"

There were 11 death penalty-related questions, starting with "Do you believe in the death penalty? If yes, why?"

That was followed by more nuanced queries, including one seeking the "statement which best summarizes your general views" about the death penalty. One possible answer was "I am generally opposed to capital punishment except in those very few cases of an unusually brutal, bizarre or extreme nature."

Question 24 asked if life without parole could be "more appropriate" in some capital murder cases. Question 25 asked if death could be "more appropriate" in some capital murder cases. Question 26 asked if answers to questions 24 and 25 would change in "the intentional killing of a police officer."

Question 19 asked "Have your views on the death penalty changed over the years?"

Mine have. I used to support it. Still do, in concept. It's the execution (pardon the expression) that bothers me.

There are people who commit acts so heinous they have forfeited their right to live. To me, that's a fact. But, to all of us, there are two other facts that make capital punishment indefensible: 1. Our criminal justice system makes heinous mistakes. 2. The improperly convicted have no post-execution recourse.

"I do want to thank you for your time," State District Judge Brenda Kennedy told the Monday morning panel. "I know there is no convenient time for jury service. This certainly isn't, but it is a wonderful opportunity that you have to serve that many other people in other countries don't have."

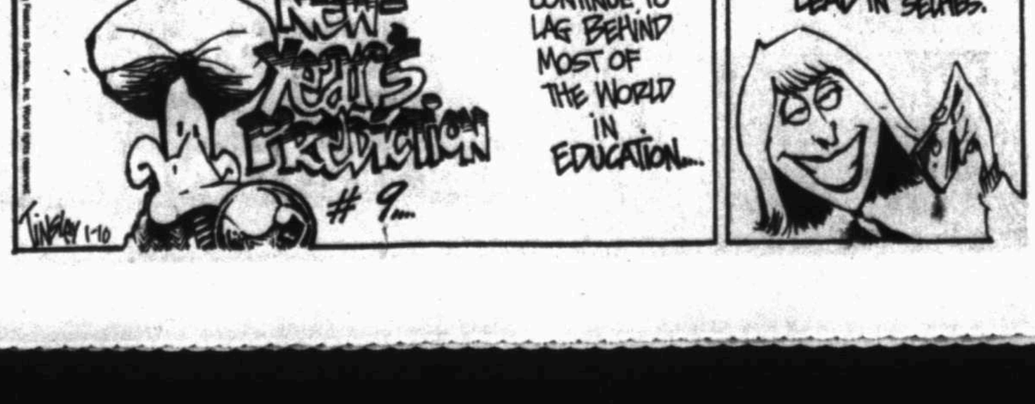
Correct. Many other people in other countries don't have the opportunity to use a rules-and-evidence based system to sit in judgment of the accused.

And many other people in other countries (Paraguay, Iceland, Great Britain, et al) don't have the opportunity to decide whether somebody should die.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Questions, answers about the New Jersey traffic jam

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — News has been moving quickly on several fronts in New Jersey after newly revealed documents suggested that lanes on the approach to the George Washington Bridge were closed for political reasons.

Here are some answers to questions about scandal and its fallout:

Q: How did this start?

For four days in September, two of the three approach lanes from Fort Lee to the George Washington Bridge — one of the world's busiest spans — were closed, causing massive gridlock on the town's streets, delaying emergency vehicles, school buses and commuters.

There had been suggestions for months that the closure was done to punish the town's mayor — a Democrat — for his refusal to endorse Republican Gov. Chris Christie for re-election. Copies of emails and text messages obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press and other media organizations showed that was apparently what happened.

Q. What did the emails and texts show?

Perhaps the most damning was an August email from Christie's deputy chief of staff, Bridget Anne Kelly, to Port Authority of New York and New Jersey official Bill Wildstein declaring, "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." His response: "Got it." Other Christie administration officials and appointees were named or were part of some exchanges.



Associated Press

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie walks past reporters Thursday as he leaves City Hall in Fort Lee, N.J. Christie traveled to Fort Lee to apologize in person to Mayor Mark Sokolich. Moving quickly to contain a widening political scandal, Gov. Chris Christie fired one of his top aides Thursday and apologized repeatedly for the "abject stupidity" of his staff, insisting he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams to get even with a Democratic mayor.

Q. What is the Port Authority?

It's the agency that runs the New York City area airports, the PATH commuter train and bridges and tunnels connecting New Jersey and New York, as well as the World Trade Center. Its board and top staff are among the most plum political appointments available to the governors of New York and New Jersey.

Q: Who has lost their jobs in the flap?

Two Christie Port Authority appointees — Wildstein and deputy director Bill Baroni — resigned last month.

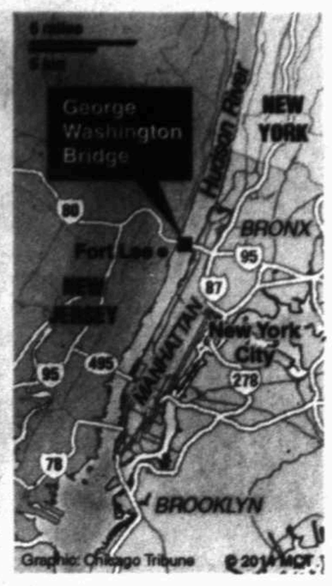
On Thursday, Christie fired Kelly. He also announced Bill Stepien, his former campaign manager, was ordered to end his bid to be state GOP chairman. Christie had previously nominated Stepien to that role. Stepien is also losing his contract as a consultant with the Republican Governors Association, which Christie chairs.

Q: Are there investigations into what happened?

Yes, at least three of them.

U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman said Thursday that he's looking into whether any laws were broken. The Port Authority's inspector general is also investigating.

The state Assembly's Transportation Committee has also been investigating and subpoenaed emails from seven people at the



Port Authority, including Wildstein and Baroni. The committee held a hearing Thursday and called Wildstein to testify. Wildstein appeared but refused to answer questions at his lawyer's advice. He was accused of contempt, charges a prosecutor could pursue.

Q: How were the closures initially explained?

In November, after lawmakers raised questions, Baroni said the closures were part of a traffic study. The results of the supposed study were never released, but Baroni provided lawmakers with some data about travel times.

Q: What did Christie know about what happened?

The emails didn't directly implicate Christie in the shutdown. Christie said he learned Wednesday from news reports that the lanes were closed for political reasons. He said he previously had asked staff members repeatedly if they had been involved and they said they had not.

He said Thursday that he was still unclear about what happened. He said he doesn't know if it was a "rogue political operation that morphed into a traffic study" or if it was the other way around.

Q: Will Christie probe the matter further?

He said in an apologetic news conference that lasted nearly two hours on Thursday that he did not plan his own investigation so as not to interfere with the others underway.

Q: What does this mean for the political future for Christie, a Republican star who is considered a possible 2016 presidential contender?

Some political observers and operatives believe his political career will not be ended by it. But the flap does give opponents a line of attack, portraying him as deeply partisan and vindictive — exactly the opposite of the image he has sought to project of a pragmatic bipartisan willing to make principled compromises.

Q: Will the governor's apologies satisfy his political opponents?

That's unlikely. John Wisniewski, the Democrat who is chairman of the state Assembly Transportation Committee says he has additional questions about whether Christie knew about the lane closures. "I think it strains credibility of an administration that's very hands-on," he said.

Bill key to Obama trade push faces Dem opposition

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Legislation key to President Barack Obama's trade agenda is being welcomed by business, but faces some stiff opposition from Obama's fellow Democrats.

A bill to grant the president "fast track" authority for negotiating trade deals was introduced Thursday, co-sponsored by a senior Democrat and two key Republicans.

Fast track, which was last approved in 2002 and expired in 2007, assures that the administration can negotiate trade deals that Congress can accept or reject but cannot change.

The administration will be counting on strong support from Republicans, who are traditionally more supportive of free trade pacts than Democrats. Such bipartisanship is a rarity in the divisive political atmosphere that has severely hampered Obama and last fall culminated in a partial government shutdown.

Approval of fast track would be key to adoption of a trans-Pacific trade agreement the U.S. is closing in on with 11 other nations that in all account for some 40 percent of global gross domestic product. The pact is central to the administration's policy shift toward Asia, and in its effort to drum up exports to the region's fast-growing economies.

The bill is also intended to apply to a trade pact under negotiation with the European Union.

But Rep. Sander Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the House committee overseeing trade, quickly announced his opposition to the fast track legislation, saying it should stipulate a more active role for Congress, allow greater scrutiny of the negotiations by lawmakers and tackle currency manipulation.

Many lawmakers have expressed concern that trading partners such as Japan, which is part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, undervalue their currencies to boost their exports.

The bill's sponsors, however, contend it addresses those concerns. They say the legislation would allow every lawmaker access to the negotiations, and makes currency a key objective for U.S. trade negotiators.

"This is our opportunity to tell the administration — and our trading partners — what Congress' negotiating priorities are," Sen. Max Baucus, Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Baucus, whose recent nomination to become U.S. ambassador to China could leave him little time left to push the bill forward, made the comment in a joint statement with his co-sponsors of the bill. They are Sen. Orrin Hatch, the senior Republican on the finance committee, and Dave Camp, Republican chair of the House Ways and Means Committee on which Levin also sits.

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Scientists say Americans are becoming weather wimps

Associated Press

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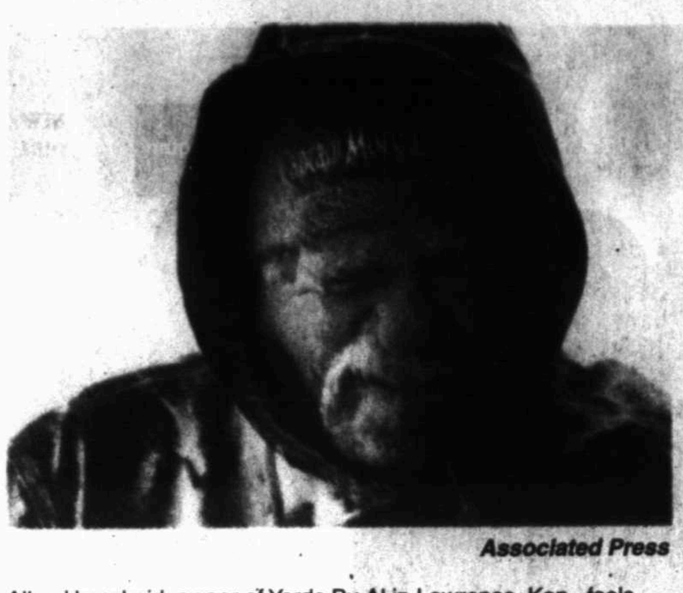
As the world warms, the United States is getting fewer bitter cold spells like the one that gripped much of the nation this week. So when a deep freeze strikes, scientists say, it seems more unprecedented than it really is. An Associated Press analysis of the daily national winter temperature shows that cold extremes have happened about once every four years since 1900.

Until recently.

When computer models estimated that the national average daily temperature for the Lower 48 states dropped to 17.9 degrees on Monday, it was the first deep freeze of that magnitude in 17 years, according to Greg Carbin, warning meteorologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

That stretch — from Jan. 13, 1997 to Monday — is by far the longest the U.S. has gone without the national average plunging below 18 degrees, according to a database of daytime winter temperatures starting in January 1900.

In the past 115 years, there have been 58 days when the national average temperature dropped below 18. Carbin said those occurrences often happen in periods that last several days so it makes more sense to talk about cold outbreaks instead of cold days. There have been 27 distinct cold snaps.



Associated Press

Allan Umscheid, owner of Yards By Al in Lawrence, Kan., feels the bitter wind and catches drifting snow on his face as he runs a snow blower early Sunday morning.

Between 1970 and 1989, a dozen such events occurred, but there were only two in the 1990s and then none until Monday.

"These types of events have actually become more infrequent than they were in the past," said Carbin, who works at the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla. "This is why there was such a big buzz because people have such short memories."

Said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private firm Weather Underground: "It's become a lot harder to get these extreme (cold) outbreaks in a planet that's warming."

And Monday's breathtaking chill? It was merely the 55th coldest day — averaged for the continental United States — since 1900.

The coldest day for the Lower 48 since 1900 — as calculated by the computer models — was 12 degrees on Christmas Eve 1983, nearly 6 degrees chillier than Monday.

The average daytime winter temperature is about 33 degrees, according to Carbin's database.

There have been far more unusually warm winter days in the U.S. than unusually cold ones.

Since Jan. 1, 2000, only two days have ranked in the top 100 coldest: Monday and Tuesday. But there have been 13 in the top 100 warmest winter days, including the warmest since 1900: Dec. 3, 2012. And that pattern is exactly what climate scientists have been saying for years, that the world will get more warm extremes and fewer cold extremes.

Nine of 11 outside climate scientists and meteorologists who reviewed the data for the AP said it showed that as the world warms from heat-trapping gas spewed by the burning of fossil fuels, winters are becoming milder. The world is getting more warm extremes and fewer cold extremes, they said.

"We expect to see a lengthening of time between cold air outbreaks due to a warming climate, but 17 years between outbreaks is probably partially due to an unusual amount of natural variability," or luck, Masters said in an email. "I expect we'll go far fewer than 17 years before seeing the next cold air outbreak of this intensity.

And the scientists dismiss global warming skeptics who claim one or two cold days somehow disproves climate change.

"When your hands are freezing off trying to scrape the ice off your car, it can be all too tempting to say, 'Where's global warming now? I could use a little of that!' But you know what? It's not as cold as it used to be anymore," Texas Tech University climate scientist Katharine Hayhoe said in an email.

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland is hosting a Saturday class on Meditation.



BIBLE STUDY
A six-week study of 2 Thessalonians continues at First Baptist Church.

COMING SOON



THANKSGIVING
A Mass of Thanksgiving will honor Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the Diocese of San Angelo this month before the installation of Bishop-elect Michael Sis.



BOWLING Big Brothers Big Sisters' Bowl for Kids Sake is scheduled for February at AMF Midland Park Lanes.

See more calendar items on page 5B.

GOOD NEIGHBORS



RIDE FOR A CURE
Tall City American Legion Post 119 presented donations Monday to American Cancer Society and Gifts of Hope Houses for Midland and Odessa. Donations were raised during the fifth annual Judge John G. Hyde Memorial Ride for the Cure. This year's donations were a 38 percent increase over the previous year. From left to right in photo: Jim Rhodes; Jim Silvers; Bill Gaston; Galen Bock; Leslie Kitto, American Cancer Society; Fatima Castillo, Gifts of Hope Houses; Sean Kator; Jerry Anderson, Post 119 Commander.

FOOD FOR FINES
In the past couple of months, $754.66 worth in overdue fines were paid via 771 canned goods at the Midland County Library Centennial branch. Patrons filled five 3-foot barrels full. Donations benefit the West Texas Food Bank.

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Vignesh Mahadevarahalli, priest at the Hindu Association of West Texas, poses Wednesday for a portrait in the HAWR temple.

PRIESTLY TRADITION





Hindu Association of West Texas temple on Wednesday.

Photos by James Durbin

Hindu priest at local temple follows family tradition

■ Vignesh Mahadevarahalli was trained for priesthood in India

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Priesthood is a family tradition for Vignesh Mahadevarahalli, the priest at the Hindu Association of West Texas.

His father, grandfather and ancestors were all priests, passing on the customs and traditions from generation to generation. Mahadevarahalli has been priest of the Hindu temple in Midland since early 2008.

Growing up in a small village in Karnataka, India called Mahadevarahalli (his last name is that of his native village, a common tradition in India), he learned basic priestly traditions from his father. At age 12, he left home and moved nearly 200 miles away to begin his formal priest education at Maha Vidyalaya, a school in nearby Mysore, India.

The course took 13 years to complete. He spent five of those years learning "agama," the practical methods of priesthood, and seven years at a temple in Bangalore, another city in the state of Karnataka. Every morning at 5 a.m., he and his fellow students would rise and shower with cold water. Their days were filled with learning Sanskrit and "mantras," the sacred words of chanting.

"The rules were a little difficult for our smaller age, but it was good to learn," said Mahadevarahalli with a smile, recalling his schooling. "We didn't feel much difficulty."

Both men and women can become Hindu priests, though Mahadevarahalli's classes were filled mainly with boys. He began his years of schooling with 20-30 other students; by the time he graduated 13 years later, only two or three were left. Some came from families with priest backgrounds, and others were simply interested in becoming priests, he said.

Of Mahadevarahalli's three brothers and one sister, he is the only one to become a priest.

After graduation, he worked in an ashram, a place of learning and worship for Hindus. The ashram routinely sent its priests to temples in need around the world. That's how Mahadevarahalli embarked on his first voyage to the U.S.

He landed in Flint, Mich., where he worked at a Hindu temple for four and a half years.

"I was young, 25, when I came," he said, remembering how he came to the U.S. by

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Pope Francis limits future use of 'monsignor' title

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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The Vatican reported Tuesday that Pope Francis has restricted future bestowment of the title "monsignor" on Catholic priests.

From now on, only priests 65 or older will be able to receive the title. Bishops, archbishops and vicars still will be called "monsignor," and Holy See officials will have the title if their office warrants it. Those who already have the title will be able to keep it.

The "monsignor" designation is an honorary title and does not typically come with any added responsibilities or significance, said Monsignor Larry Droll, pastor at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Bishops usually request the title for priests in their dioceses.

"I believe it's a good move because the title of 'monsignor' was simply honorary anyway," Droll said. "It was given as a 'pat on the back' for somebody who had been working hard or who had been in the ministry for a long time."

Of the eight monsignors active in the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, three currently reside in Midland — Droll; Monsignor James Bridges, pastor at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; and Monsignor James Plagens, retired senior status priest.

Droll received the monsignor title in 1989. Bridges was conferred the title in 2008 by Pope Benedict XVI under the recommendation of Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo.



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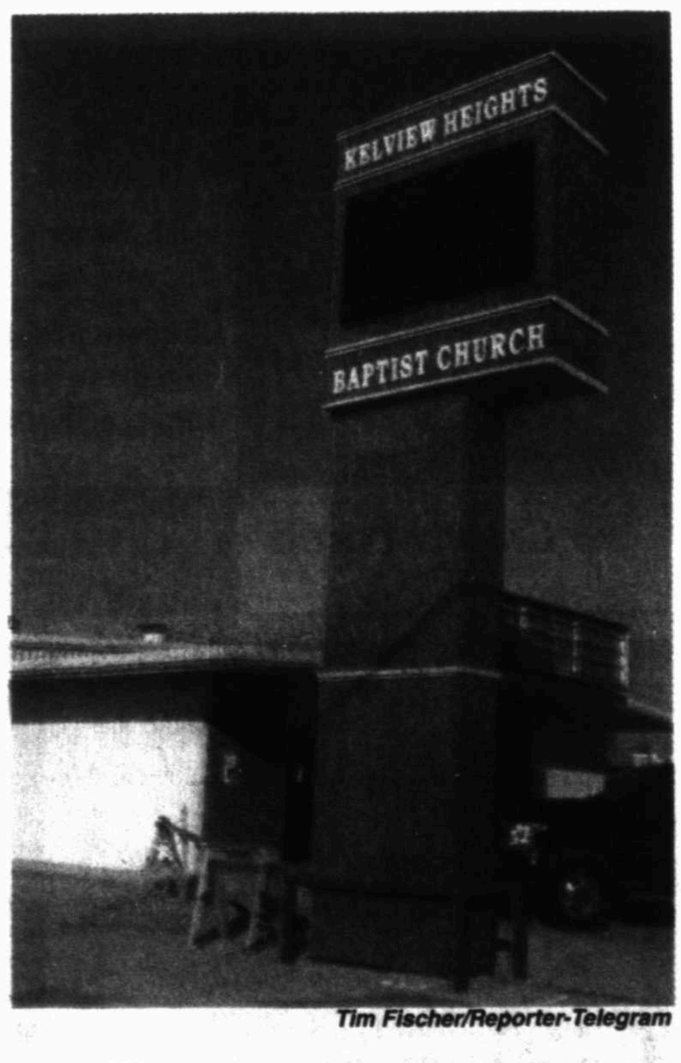
Pope Francis caresses a child as he arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday.

"When Bishop Pfeifer offered me (the monsignor title) to ask me if he could honor my work, I told him no, I never wanted to be a monsignor," Bridges said. "He said, 'Jim, please do it for me.'"

After receiving the title, Bridges said he realized it meant a great deal to the people he serves.

"The people I have served over these

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KELVIEW CONSTRUCTION

Kelview Heights Baptist Church is continuing construction of its new youth center on Big Spring Street between Scharbauer Drive and Neely Avenue. The church is located at 402 W. Scharbauer Drive. The new building was purchased last summer and is expected to be completed this spring.

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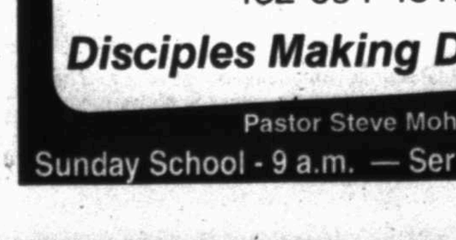
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Church of Christ in Greenwood
9501 FM 307
432-685-1249

Eastside Church of Christ
611 S. Webster
432-684-4733

Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 N. Midland Dr.
432-699-7064

Iglesia de Cristo
1501 E. Cherry Lane
661-3233, 634-1948

Iglesia de Cristo (En Espanol)
902 Midkiff Road
432-272-3724, 432-262-3969

Golf Course Road Church of Christ
3500 W. Golf Course Rd.
432-694-8836

Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ
3409 N. Lamesa Rd.
432-685-0885

Lee Street Church of Christ
101 N. Lee Street
432-684-4786

Main Street Church of Christ
101 W. Parker
432-683-2458

North "A" Church of Christ
505 San Angelo St.
432-682-8653

Northside Church of Christ
1511 N. Fort Worth St.
432-682-1553

Westway Church of Christ
1701 Hughes St.
432-889-6987

Westside Church of Christ
4410 W. Illinois Ave.
432-694-3614

Woodcrest Church of Christ
1401 Woodcrest Drive
432-689-0955

Charismatic
Midland Christian Fellowship
(The Joyful Church)
2301 W. Indiana

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Church of God
Church of God
5300 Thomason Dr
432-694-7586

Church of God in Christ
Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ
200 N. Tyler
432-684-5466

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
1605 N. Terrell
432-684-5253

Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ
1301 E. Cowden
432-682-9271

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
4805 Gateway St. & 2101 Tarleton St.
432-694-4716

Episcopal
Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity
1412 West Illinois
432-683-4207

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church
4000 W. Loop 250 North
432-694-8856

Church Listings

Foursquare Gospel
Living Way Church Foursquare
415 Alta
432-683-1750

Camino de Vida Midland Hispanic y Foursquare Church
100 West Oak
432-352-9524

Full Gospel
Living Hope Church
2911 CR 1140
432-693-6398

Voice of Victory - A Word Church
1001 S. Main St.
432-686-7566

Redeemer Christian Fellowship
3000 Franklin Street
432-683-1370

Hindu
Hindu Association of West (HAWT)
4401 Cardinal Lane
432-520-4298

Interdenominational
Midland Center for Spiritual Living
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas
432-684-4230

Sovereign Grace Church
(formerly Christian Life Center)
2901 W. Kansas
432-683-4506

West Texas Cowboy Church
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX
432-488-8588

Jewish
Temple Beth El
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-550-5111

Lutheran
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
3800 Bluebird Lane
432-694-4971

Grace Lutheran Church
3000 W. Golf Course Rd
432-697-3221

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
5110 N. Garfield
432-570-8149

Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)
2003 N. A St.
432-683-1936

Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX
432-362-2549

Midland Lutheran Church
2705 W. Michigan
432-694-1373

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3309 Neely
432-694-4517

Messianic
Beit Haderekh
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX
432-264-8976

Methodist United
Resurrection United Methodist Church
9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
432-385-1212

St. Mark's United Methodist
1701 N. Main
432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St.
432-682-3701

First United Methodist Church
600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX
432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
3011 W. Kansas
432-694-2571

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
4501 Thomason Drive
432-694-2544

Visionary Hollowell Community UMC
400 S. Marshall St.
432-682-1574

Muslim
Muslim Association of West
1200 S. Midland Dr.
432-262-6226

Islamic Center of the Permian Basin
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E
432-520-3751

Nazarene
The Gathering @ Midland (A Church of the Nazarene)
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2
432-889-9178

Non-Denominational
The Potters' House
4411 W Illinois, #B5
432-279-0196

Renew Life Church
Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
432-689-7284

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

LifeHouse Fellowship
3300 Thomas Avenue
432-262-LIFE

Manna For Life Ministry
701 S. Calhoun
432-684-8668

Mid-Cities Community Church
8700 W. Hwy. 191
432-522-1330

The Cowboy Church of the Permian Basin
3900 N. FM 1788
432-563-0028

Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus
2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

Beacon Light Outreach Ministries
410 S. Lee
432-599-0793

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

Christian Tabernacle Church
10807 W. CR 145
432-262-5072

Church in the Wind
1001 Austin St.
432-556-2062

Communidad Alabare, Community of Praise
1100 Dayton Rd.
432-682-8433

Crossway Church Adult
1000 Upland
432-528-8541

Destiny by Grace Christian Worship Center
3303 S. Hwy 349
432-556-6638

Faith Apostolic Church
4001 W. Illinois Ave.
432-520-5371

Faith Country Church
Exit 143 off I-20 E. to FM 1208, 5 miles
432-458-3580

Greater Grace Temple Christian Faith Center
Midland Center Room 3
866-544-7223

Harvest Time Church
8300 State Hwy. 191
432-563-5683

Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship
1306 E. Taylor
432-337-9372

Iglesia de Dios 70 Dias
405 E. Stokes
432- 684-8541

Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries
3607 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa, TX
432-272-2544

New Day Christian Fellowship
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280
432-694-4233

New Harvest Fellowship
4010 NCR 1130
432-699-5821, 432-853-9830

Rock Fellowship Church
410 S. Pecos
432-685-3858

Salvation Army Church
3500 Park Lane
432-683-3614

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

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

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

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

Templo Jerusalem
1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

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

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

Orthodox
Holy Cross Orthodox Church
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Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church
3110 W. C.R. 116
432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
200 N. Lincoln
432-682-7186

Templo Gloriosa Mañana
511 S. Stonewall
432-664-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave
432-697-4007

Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church
800 W. Texas
432-684-7821

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist Church
3114 Travis
432-694-2746

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

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

Grace Covenant Church
5711 Whitman
432-553-1053

Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland
3301 Neely
432-694-4308





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1 John 4:16

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And if you do know
God's love, do you believe in the love
God has for you? If you do, you have
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NEWS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SOUTH CAROLINA

Group appeals judge's refusal to block prayer

GREENVILLE — A group is appealing the refusal of a federal judge to stop Greenville County schools from holding events in churches.

The Greenville News reported the American Humanist Association is appealing the decision by U.S. District Judge G. Ross Anderson Jr.

Court records show the humanist group has filed notice of appeal with the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

The group wanted Anderson to block the school district from holding events at places of worship and allowing student-led prayers while its lawsuit proceeds.

Anderson said last month the association's allegations lacked proof.

The group sued earlier this year, seeking to stop Mountain View Elementary School from holding ceremonies in a chapel at North Greenville University, which is affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

TENNESSEE

Pastor cleared in snake case

JACKSBORO — An East Tennessee grand jury has cleared a pastor who has appeared on a reality television show about snake handling in church of possessing venomous snakes.

Campbell County pastor Andrew Hamblin, of Tabernacle Church of God in LaFollette, was cited Nov. 7 and pleaded not guilty. But the Knoxville News Sentinel reported a grand jury on Wednesday exonerated the 22-year-old pastor.

Prosecutor Lori Phillips Jones said officials didn't see the matter as a case of public safety, religious freedom case. She said she respects the grand jury's decision.

Hamblin has appeared on the National Geographic show "Snake Salvation."

VATICAN CITY

Vatican to Legion: Reform has only just begun

The Vatican delegate running the troubled Legion of Christ urged its priests on Wednesday to elect a new leadership worthy of authority after suffering for years from shame and suspicion following revelations that its founder was a pedophile.

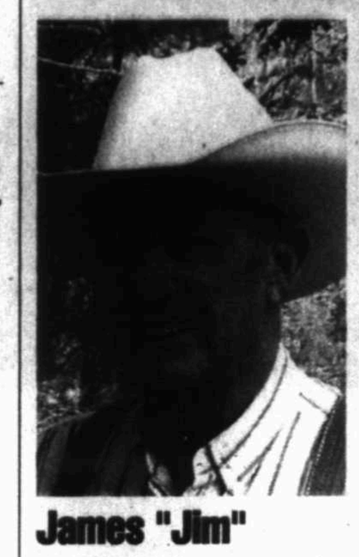
He said the new leaders must infuse the religious order with a new spirit to finish a process of reform he said had only just begun.

Cardinal Velasio De Paolis presided over a Mass opening a month-long meeting of Legion delegates to elect a new leadership and finalize new constitutions that must be submitted to Pope Francis for approval. The meeting is the culmination of a three-year Vatican experiment to try to turn the congregation around after a Holy See investigation uncovered serious problems in the cult-like movement.

The Legion was once held up as a model by the Vatican, which was impressed by the orthodoxy of its priests and its ability to attract seminarians and donations at a time when vocations were on the decline. But in reality, the order's founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel, was leading a double life, sexually abusing his seminarians, fathering three children and creating a twisted system of power that kept most Legion priests in the dark and infected the very life of the order.

The Legion scandal represents one of the worst to afflict the Catholic Church in the 20th century, an egregious example of the church's concern for the institution over victims of sexual abuse. Despite credible reports sent to the Vatican starting in the 1950s that Maciel was a pedophile, drug addict and manipulative liar, it took until 2006 for then-Pope Benedict XVI to bring Maciel to justice. The Mexican prelate died two years later.

Obituaries



James "Jim" A. O'Neal

James "Jim" A. O'Neal left to be with the Lord in Heaven on January 8, 2014, but not before he left his lasting impression in this world. Services will be on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland, Texas, with Pastor Bob Hines officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Jim was born in Oklahoma to James O'Neal, Sr. and Nona Marie, but was raised and graduated high school in Plains, Texas. He then attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Tech with a BA and received his credits for student teaching. He later accredited himself with an MBA from Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas.

He soon attained employment at Tornillo High School in 1968 in Tornillo, Texas as a Vocational Agriculture teacher, where he served for 34 years. While teaching, he was able to pass on his knowledge of daily learning, respect, gratitude, inspiration, compassion, and laughter to the faculty and numerous students that passed through the school doors year after year with many FFA projects, awards, and dealings under his belt.

He was well respected in the community, as well as by the people who met him over the years. During Jim's first couple of years at Tornillo, he met, and eventually would marry his true love, Frances, (even if she didn't know it yet) as they passed one another at Marie's Store. He married her in December of 1972 and together they had one daughter, Shannon, in 1975.

The years went by, as did the students, parents, and friends. He was finally at a crossroads of letting his reign as "Mr.O." finally come to an end in 2002. He and Frances moved to Midland, Texas later that year to start a new chapter of being "Papa" to his three grandchildren, which he did well and enjoyed.

He loved watching his grandkids grow and learn. Although heartbroken that his grandchildren didn't share in his passion to show livestock, he understood that their love was on horseback and going to rodeos. Papa and Nana would attend the kid's play days, rodeos, and some practices, and would watch as they excelled in their own horsemanship skills. Either way, he showed them his love, support, and respect that they have always known and will remember.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Frances O'Neal, of Midland, Texas; daughter, Shannon Kitchens and husband, Jimmy, of Stanton, Texas; and by grandchildren, Koby, Kanita, and Kameron Kitchens of Stanton, Texas. He is also survived by his, Gail Gladden and husband, Alvin, of Muleshoe, Texas; and by nieces, Jayme Gladden of Snyder, Texas, and Jill Gladden of Lubbock, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, PO BOX 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174, or to an organization of your choice.

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

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



Norman Lyn Koonce

Norman was born on December 15, 1934 in Midland to parents C.A. (Gus) Koonce and Opal Hazelwood Koonce. He passed away on January 8, 2014 at Arbor House Assisted Living and Memory Care in Granbury, Texas after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's. This came after successfully beating prostate cancer, a mild stroke and West Nile Virus. Norman fought the Alzheimer's to the bitter end.

Norman grew up in Martin County, around Lenorah, on the family farm and graduated from Stanton High School in 1953. He ran track and was All-State. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

In 1957, he married Janet Williams and they raised three children. Norman's main profession through life was a farmer and spent many years working his farm in Midland. He also served in the US Army and Army reserves. His other endeavors included being a "Doodlebugger" for Pan American Petroleum in Ft. Stockton and a fireman for the Midland Fire Department.

In addition to his farming duties, Norman also found time to put together land deals and several oil and gas deals in and around the Permian Basin. He was also known to buy and sell an old car or truck every once in a while.

For many years, Norman was known to foam around Midland taking doughnuts to his friends, family and business associates. His grandsons would anxiously await his arrival on Saturday mornings when he brought glazed, chocolate and "sprinkle" doughnuts.

Those that knew Norman knew he wasn't one to sit around. He loved to travel. He and Janet took several road trips to Tennessee just to visit the mountains and spent many trips with the whole family around Texas visiting family. There were also the motorcycle trips across the country, farm auctions near and far, and the often-adventurous visits to the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona in January.

Norman loved his family dearly, especially his five grandsons whom he made feel very special every Christmas.

Norman is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janet Koonce of Midland; one son, Gary Koonce and wife Cindy; daughter, Janna Koonce Quattlebaum and husband Robert; and by five grandsons, Byron Koonce, Phillip Koonce, Cole Quattlebaum, Blake Quattlebaum and Gentry Quattlebaum, all of Midland.

He is also survived by two brothers, Louie Koonce and wife Evelyn of San Angelo, and Jerry Koonce and wife Debbie of Midland; and by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

His parents, Gus and Opal Koonce, and one son, Dale Wade Koonce, predeceased him.

Pallbearers will be Gary, Byron and Phillip Koonce, Robert, Cole, Blake and Gentry Quattlebaum. Honorary pallbearers are J.D. Crawford, Phil Stroud and Drue Thomas.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas on January 10, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on January 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. with graveside to follow at Resthaven cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or to the charity of your choice.

Finally, special thanks go out to the staff of the Arbor House Assisted Living and Memory Care, along with Freedom Hospice Care in Granbury, Texas for their care and compassion for Norman and our family during a very difficult time.



Patsy Ann Bradford

Patsy Ann Bradford, 71, of Midland, Texas went to be with our Lord on December 16, 2013. She was born November 16, 1942 in Childress, Texas to E.A. and Mary Louise Braziel. She was raised and graduated from high school in Quanah, Texas.

On March 23, 1963, she married William Gerald Bradford, a Texas State Trooper. Eventually settling in Midland, Texas, they were the owners of "The Second Time Around," a first-of-its-kind consignment store. Later, they opened "Granny's Kitchen," a home-style restaurant. Both businesses were located on S. Garfield. Pat also worked for M-System Grocery until it closed. She volunteered as the initial Cheerleading Director for the Greater Midland Football League.

She was a wife, mother, grandmother, a great-grandmother, and a dear friend to so many. She always carried herself with grace and elegance. Her smile and spirit were infectious and she had an extremely giving heart, never leaving anyone off of her lists. She had a sharp mind, a quick wit and was full of patriotic southern pride. Pat had a passion for the Lone Star State and loved western style. She was involved with the Top Gun Championship Bull Ride.

Any person who entered her home was a friend and was treated like family. She inspired so many. She leaves behind an abundance of family members that will never forget the memory of her resounding voice, her beautiful smile and the wisdom she passed down to them all. Although her view is now from above, her hope and faith for the future will always remain with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Mary Ellen Davis, and her brother, William Layton Braziel.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, William Gerald Bradford; a son, Preston Todd and Deana Bradford of Wolfforth Texas; and by two daughters, Nicole and Bob Houston of Midland, and Brooke Isaacks of Houston.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kesley Sams, Kacii Houston Chimalpopoca and Mario Chimalpopoca, Brittany Bradford Ward and Troy Ward, Kendra Houston, Devan Bradford, Denim Isaacks, Stephany Bradford, Kaylan Houston; 11 great-grandchildren; and by her brother James (Jim) and Diana Braziel of Houston.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11, at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 Midland Dr. with Pastor Wayne Keller officiating. Reception will follow to greet family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

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

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

Death Notices

Jerry Perez

Funeral services for Jerry Perez, 51, of Seminole, Texas will be held Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Pastor Israel Perez officiating. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. Prior to the service, Mr. Perez will lie in state at Primera Iglesia Bautista on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Mr. Perez passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2013 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Linda Joann Kreitz

Linda Joann Kreitz passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth E. Kreitz; sons, Tim Kreitz and Eric Kreitz; and by her grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2014 at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Margaret Craven

Margaret Craven, 75, of Midland, died Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Kirbyville, Texas.

Survivors include sons, Thomas Craven, Joseph Craven, Jr., Grady Craven, Ken Craven, and Pat Craven; and by daughters, Kriss Holder and Cindy Craven Anding.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ILLINOIS

Nobel laureate Dale Mortensen dies at 74

EVANSTON — Nobel laureate and longtime Northwestern University economics professor Dale Mortensen has died.

Mortensen shared the Nobel economics prize with two other Americans in 2010 for their work explaining how unemployment can remain high despite a large number of job openings.

Mortensen died Thursday at his home in Wilmette, Ill., said his personal assistant and close family friend, Sue Triforo. He was 74.

Northwestern President Morton Schapiro paid tribute to Mortensen, saying "his groundbreaking work is especially relevant to policymakers attempting to address unemployment today."

Besides his pioneering approaches to investigating the labor market, Mortensen had a way of breaking down complex economic ideas into terms anyone could relate to.

He even quoted the late Chicago author and fellow Pulitzer prize winner Studs Terkel while thanking the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Nobel Foundation.

"Work was a search, sometimes successful, sometimes not, for daily meaning as well as daily bread," Mortensen said, quoting Terkel, who was known for recording the stories of ordinary Americans.

Mortensen was away teaching in Aarhus, Denmark, when he found out he won the prize. When delivering the news to his wife on the phone he said simply, "I won."

Such understatement and humility was a prominent characteristic, according to Triforo.

"The words really fail me at the moment because the grief is overwhelming, but he was a remarkable, humble, brilliant mind and man is all I can say," she said.

Mortensen was born in Enterprise, Ore. He had been at Northwestern in suburban Chicago since 1965. He also was an accomplished musician.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly, their son and two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

A public memorial will be announced later.

LOS ANGELES

Former Northrop CEO Thomas Jones dies at 93

Thomas V. Jones, who was Northrop Corp.'s chief executive officer for 30 years and took it to the top ranks of aerospace companies during the Cold War while weathering a series of scandals, has died. He was 93.

Northrop — now known as Northrop Grumman Corp. — announced that Jones died on Tuesday. He died of pulmonary fibrosis at his 16-acre wine-making estate in Los Angeles, his son Peter Jones told the Los Angeles Times.

Thomas Jones was a visionary and pioneer in U.S. aviation, said Wes Bush, Northrop Grumman's CEO, chairman and president. "Tom Jones paved the way for Northrop Grumman and many in our industry."

Jones, who was born in Pomona, was an engineer with Douglas Aircraft Co. during World War II.

He later worked for the Brazilian government, setting up the country's civil aviation system, according to Northrop Grumman.

He joined Northrop in 1953, when it was headquartered in Southern California, and was CEO from 1960 until his retirement in 1990. He was named chairman in 1963.

Making large investments in programs, he took the company from a secondary aerospace subcontractor to a leading manufacturer of military aircraft, including the F-5 and F-18 fighter jets and the B-2 stealth bomber, Virginia-based Northrop Grumman said.

"Jones positioned Northrop to be a leader in high-technology areas including intelligence, cyber security and unmanned aerial vehicles," the company said.

Jones pushed the relatively low-cost T-38 trainer jet, and Northrop eventually sold nearly 4,000 of them around the world.

His investments in technology helped Northrop win the B-2 contract.

"He built a lot of expensive research facilities on Northrop money," said John Cashen, one of the three Northrop engineers who hold the B-2 patent, told the Times. "We couldn't have built the B-2 without it. He was willing to gamble. It didn't faze Tom a bit. When you posed the question, will you play, he said sure."

His failures and controversies were equally spectacular.

The company invested more than $1 billion to develop the F-20 jet fighter but eventually canceled the program without selling a single plane after the U.S. blocked sales to Taiwan and two F-20s crashed during training and demonstration flights. In 1989, Northrop's board of directors censured Jones after a scandal involving efforts to sell F-20s to South Korea.

In 1964, he pleaded guilty to making illegal contributions to President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign. In 1975, amid allegations that Northrop had paid $30 million in bribes to foreign officials for arms deals, Jones was suspended as chairman. He also signed a consent agreement with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission promising not to make bribes.

A few years before his retirement, Northrop acknowledged that some employees had falsified tests on components for nuclear missiles.

During his career, Jones was a friend of President Ronald Reagan and hobnobbed with European royalty and foreign potentates, including the Shah of Iran, who sent Jones a kilogram of caviar every year, his son told the Times.

Jones, who loved sailing, cigars and fine wine, remained active during retirement by producing high-end wines from his Moraga Vineyards at his home in the Bel-Air area of Los Angeles.

Jones sold the estate in August to Rupert Murdoch for $28.8 million but remained in the home, the Times said.

In addition to his son, Jones is survived by a daughter, Ruth Jones; a brother, George Jones; a sister, Margaret Whyte, and two grandchildren.

KELSANG CHONDZIN

Buddhist nun

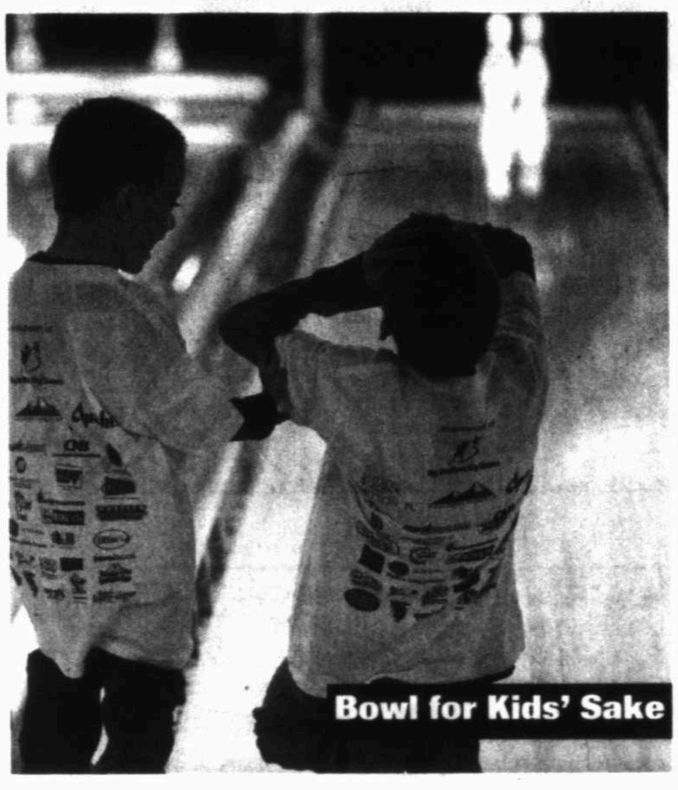


Meditation: Ancient technology can change your life

The new year is about making change — leaving the old year and its habits behind and moving into a new year that contains what you want. Meditation is an excellent, and inexpensive, way to do this. Therapy, although it is very beneficial, is quite costly, but the ancient technology of meditation is free and has been used for thousands of years to make profound changes in the human mind and heart. One could describe it as a way of speeding up personal evolution.

A meditation course will be offered 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. This course will teach people how to meditate in a simple, practical way that is suitable for westerners. We will sit in chairs and learn meditations that anyone can do, as well as information about meditation as an art — its benefits are endless.

Ever had trouble keeping your New Year's resolutions? The course will include helpful ideas on how to change that pattern. This is a year for growth and renewed optimism. Cost is $25. People of all faiths and philosophical orientation are warmly welcomed.



Bowl for Kids' Sake

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

MEDITATION CLASS 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland. meditationinlubbock.org

SUNDAY

FESTIVAL The Hindu Association of West Texas will celebrate the harvest festival of Sankranthi at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Hindu temple. The function will be followed by kite flying. hawttemple.org

WEDNESDAY

FINANCIAL CLASSES Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, beginning Wednesday at First Baptist Church. 683-0612.

THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY Six-week Precept Upon Precept Bible Study on 2 Thessalonians, 9:15 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. Contact Gail Storrie, storrie@grandecom.net or 682-2447

COMING SOON

JANUARY

FINANCIAL CLASSES Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Jan. 20 at The Pentecostals. 210-9976

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the Diocese of San Angelo, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

CLASS Inquirers Class to learn the teachings of the Episcopal Church, Jan. 25 at St. Nick's Episcopal Church. Five class sessions. stnicksmt.org.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of Bishop-elect Michael J. Sis, 2 p.m. Jan. 27 at The Junell Center, Angelo State University in San Angelo

FEBRUARY

BOWLING Concho Resources presents Bowl For Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feb. 8 at AMF Midland Park Lanes. bbbsmidland.org

DINNER AND DANCE Pro-Life Banquet and Valentine Dance, Feb. 8 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 631-3429

FAMILY CONCERT Trout Fishing in America benefiting Camp Fire West Texas, Feb. 9 at Yucca Theatre. troutmusic.com

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE to benefit the Aphasia Center of West Texas, 7 p.m. Feb. 13. www.aphasiawtx.org

INTERFAITH EVENT Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church.

SECRET KEEPER Girl Crazy Hair Tour, Feb. 25 at Mid-Cities Community Church. www.midcities.org

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

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

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

TITLE

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50 years were just excited about it," he said. "It meant so much to them that I was recognized by the head of our church. I never thought it would mean that much to them, the way it did something for the people that I serve. I'll be very frank with you — my title from the Pope was only to honor those who have supported my work."

Pope Paul VI had previously reduced the number of honorific titles for Catholic clergy in 1968. The Vatican noted in its report that Pope Francis' decision "should be taken in this vein, as a further simplification."



Andrew Medichini/AP

Prelates attend a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Velasio De Paolis at the Legion's main headquarters, the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum, in Rome on Wednesday. The Mass marks the opening of the Legion of Christ's General Chapter, the monthlong meeting where they're going to approve new constitutions and elect a new leadership, thus ending a Vatican's three-year reform experiment.

Vatican to Legion: Reform has only just begun

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican delegate running the troubled Legion of Christ urged its priests on Wednesday to elect a new leadership worthy of authority, after suffering for years from shame and suspicion following revelations that its founder was a pedophile.

He said the new leaders must infuse the religious order with a new spirit to finish a process of reform he said had only just begun.

Cardinal Velasio De Paolis presided over a Mass opening a monthlong meeting of Legion delegates to elect a new leadership and finalize new constitutions that must be submitted to Pope Francis for approval. The meeting is the culmination of a three-year Vatican experiment to try to turn the congregation around after a Holy See investigation uncovered serious problems in the cult-like movement.

The Legion was once held up as a model by the Vatican, which was impressed by the orthodoxy of its priests and its ability to attract seminarians and donations at a time when vocations were on the decline. But in reality, the order's founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel, was leading a double life, sexually abusing his seminarians, fathering three children and creating a twisted system of power that kept most Legion priests in the dark and infected the very life of the order.

The Legion scandal represents one of the worst to afflict the Catholic Church in the 20th century, an egregious example of the church's concern for the institution over victims of sexual abuse. Despite credible reports sent to the Vatican starting in the 1950s that Maciel was a pedophile, drug addict and manipulative liar, it took until 2006 for then-Pope Benedict XVI to bring Maciel to justice. The Mexican prelate died two years later.

Benedict took the Legion over in 2010 and appointed De Paolis to oversee a whole-scale reform, leading up to the assembly that began Wednesday. While the Legion insists great strides have been made — decision-making is more decentralized, priests have better training and emails are no longer screened — De Paolis said the reform has only just begun.

"It has been repeatedly stressed that the revision of the constitutions cannot simply be considered a technical effort, but should be accompanied by a process of examination of life, of review and of spiritual renewal for the institute," he told the gathering of a few hundred priests in the chapel of the Legion's seminary on the outskirts of Rome. "Thus far, we have only completed the process of preparation."

That assessment may trouble some Legion priests, for whom the General Chapter, as the assembly is called, was to have represented the end of a painful and humiliating ordeal. The Legion's current superior, the Rev. Sylvester Heereman, recently acknowledged that many of his priests are tired of the process and just want it to end and be told what to do.

But after three years, questions still remain as to how the Legion can even exist when its founder was a fraud and its core mission — that spiritual inspiration that makes religious orders unique — remains unclear.

In his homily Thursday, De Paolis acknowledged that this core identity has yet to be nailed down and that the delegates attending the meeting and their new superiors must find a "new spirit, a new heart" to figure it out and move forward in service to the church.

"Choose those whom you deem most worthy and suitable for the ministry of authority," De Paolis said. "For this, it is necessary to free your hearts from resentment, jealousy and envy, and to free your memory so as not to feel burdened by memories that blind and cause suffering."

Legion officials have said they hoped the meeting would result in a return to autonomous government, without any more special Vatican oversight. Francis hasn't signaled what he might do, other than to say De Paolis' mandate won't be renewed.

Legion critics, including many of the hundreds of priests, seminarians and consecrated members who have abandoned it in recent years, have said De Paolis' reforms didn't get to the crux of the Legion's problems and left Maciel's lieutenants still wielding power and influence.

PRIEST

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himself, experiencing the cold weather in Michigan. "The first time when you got snow, we really enjoyed that."

Through a relative of a devotee in Michigan, Mahadevarahalli learned about a new temple being built in Texas that needed a priest. He arrived in Midland in April 2008 to become priest at the Hindu Association of West Texas, which recently celebrated its temple's sixth anniversary.

"I felt good with the temple and all the community," he said. "The people are also good here."

About 400 Hindu families live in the Midland/Odessa area, which keeps Mahadevarahalli, the only Hindu priest in the Permian Basin, quite busy. Along with his everyday temple duties, he travels as far as San Angelo, Lubbock and Big Spring to conduct "pujas," or religious rituals, at families' homes. He performs pujas for housewarmings, new cars, weddings, newborn babies, naming ceremonies, after-death rituals and many more. It's a culmination of all the knowledge he learned during his years of schooling in India.

Every morning at dawn, Mahadevarahalli enters the Hindu temple at Midland Drive and Cardinal Lane to bathe the idols and offer fruits, milk and sweet rice.

"We feel that God is here always, and we have to take care of them," he said.

He performs pujas for devotees who attend the temple, as well as special weekly and monthly pujas for Hindu holidays, festivals and traditions. In the evening, he "puts the God to sleep" with a special prayer, praying for the health and well being of the country and people, he said.

"On a daily basis, our priest performs strict ablutions and disciplines to prepare himself for his sacred duty," said Padmaja Patel of the Hindu Association of West Texas. "Before the puja, he ritually purifies the atmosphere, then he beseeches the God to indwell the image, to accept the prayers of the votaries and to shower blessings and love on all."

Patel stressed that the duties of Hindu priests are unique.

"... they are God's servants, tending his temple home and its related duties, never standing between devotee and God," she said. "They do not preach or address congregations or attend to the personal problems of devotees, and thus, they have a very unique role in our temples. Most of them are well-trained from early childhood in the intricate liturgy; they are fully knowledgeable of the metaphysical and ontological tenets of the religion and learn hundreds of mantras and chants required in the ritual worship."

For Mahadevarahalli, the main difference between serving as a priest in India and the U.S. is the diversity he sees here. He smiles as he speaks about celebrating holidays with the Hindu community in Midland — the next festival, Makar Sankranthi, will be celebrated this weekend.

"In India, we will stay in one place and everyone will speak the same language," he said. "In this country, we meet people from all over India, all of the states. Here, we have to communicate with different people."

Because of the diverse population of people who attend Hindu temples in the U.S., Mahadevarahalli is fluent in many languages — Kannada, his native tongue; Sanskrit, which he learned in school; Telugu, a language of India and English. He also speaks and understands Hindi, Tamil and many other languages of India.

These days, he spends his time with his wife and twin 4-year-old daughters. He and his family visit India, where all their relatives live, about every two years.

RELIGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Coroner: Priest beaten to death with stake, pipe

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — An autopsy shows a priest who was killed on New Year's Day in the Northern California city of Eureka was beaten to death with a wooden stake and a metal gutter pipe.

A coroner declined to release further details about the beating death of the Rev. Eric Freed because the investigation has not concluded.

But at his arraignment, Gary Lee Bullock was charged with murder with a special allegation of torture. He is also charged with burglary, arson and auto theft. Bullock pleaded not guilty and bail was set at $1.2 million.

Rodman lashes out about missionary held by North Korea

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is denouncing an angry outburst by former NBA star Dennis Rodman in North Korea.

Rodman is in North Korea for a basketball exhibition honoring the regime's leader, Kim Jong Un (kim jawng oon). The former Chicago Bull didn't like being asked during a CNN satellite interview if he would bring up the detention of American Kenneth Bae. The missionary, who is in poor health, is being held on charges of "anti-state" crimes. Bae has been held for more than a year.

White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters he wouldn't dignify Rodman's outburst. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the U.S. remains very committed to securing Bae's release.

Freed Pa. monsignor told to report weekly

PHILADELPHIA — A judge in Philadelphia has told a Roman Catholic church official convicted in a sex-abuse scandal that she already has signed an arrest warrant that she would issue if he violates the term of his release.

Monsignor William Lynn's conviction was overturned last week and he was released from prison on Friday after serving 18 months of a three- to six-year prison term for felony child endangerment.

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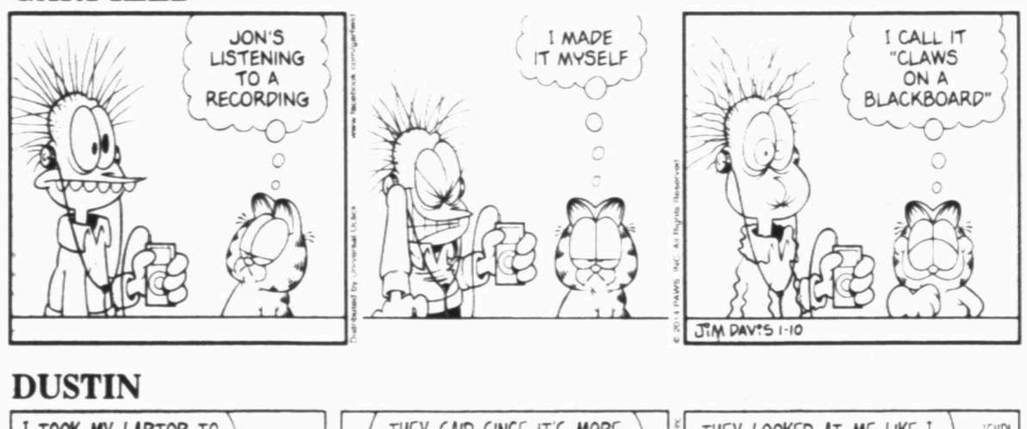
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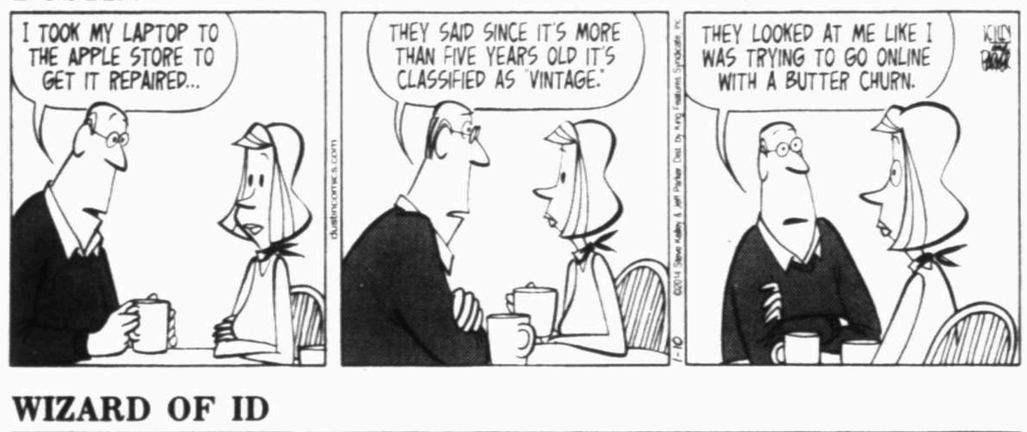
By the time they reach adulthood, many video gamers will have developed chronic "PlayStation Thumb."

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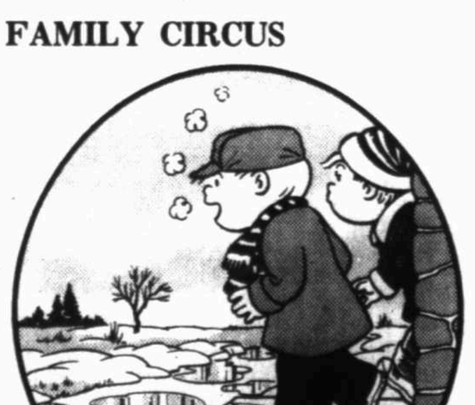


"I THINK MY HAMSTER IS STUCK IN THE WALL!"

DUSTIN

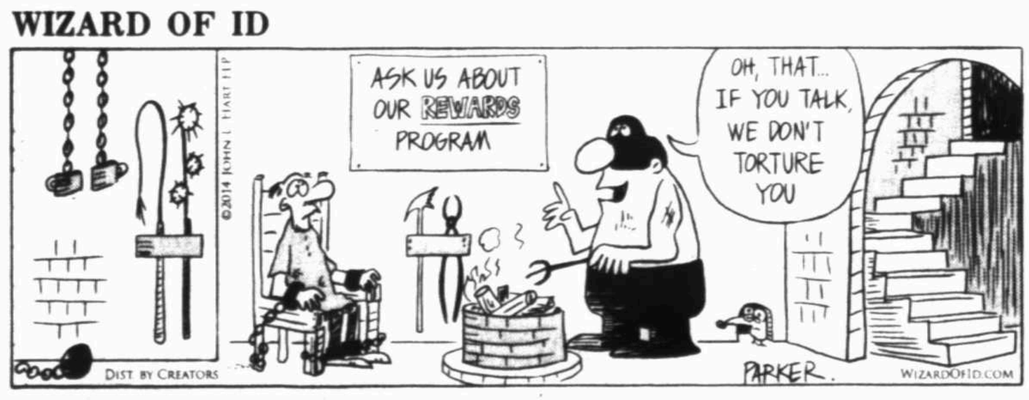


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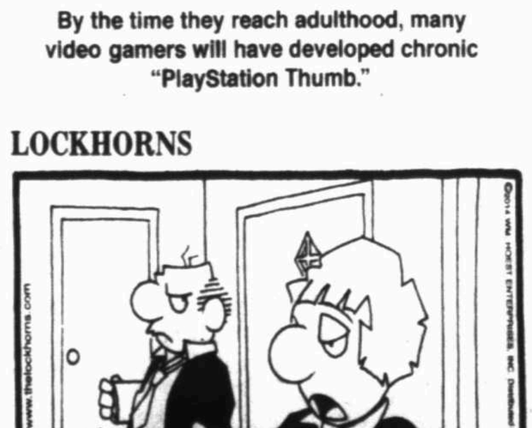


"Yes, let's go! All the puddles need a good crackin'."

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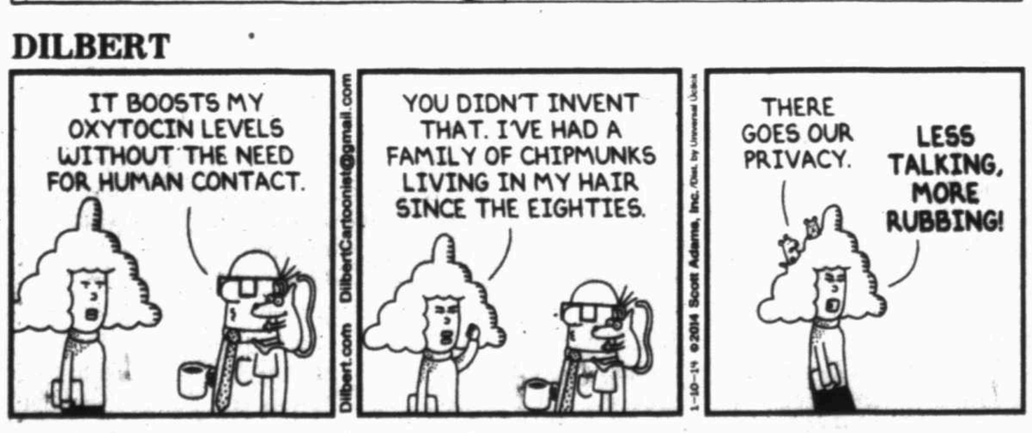


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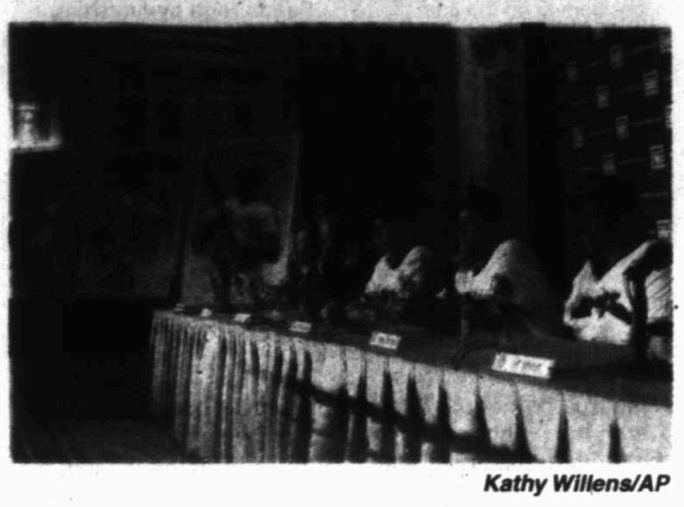


"I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABORS WOULD BE LEMONS."

DILBERT



Hall of Fame: Up to BBWAA to propose vote changes



Kathy Willens/AP

Former Atlanta Braves pitchers Tom Glavine, third from left, and Greg Maddux, second from right, sit beside former Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas, right, during a press conference announcing their election to the Baseball Hall of Fame class on Thursday in New York. From left are Baseball Writers Association of America Secretary/Treasurer Jack O' Connell, and Baseball Hall of Fame chairman Jane Forbes Clark.

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Hall of Fame said it's up to baseball writers to propose any changes in the selection process.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America has voted on Hall of Fame candidates since 1936, and elections have become more controversial in recent years as stars tainted by accusations of steroids use have fallen well short of the 75 percent needed for entry to Cooperstown.

Writers are limited to a maximum 10 votes, and some say there's a logjam as Barry Bonds, Rogers Clemens, Mark McGwire remain on the ballot at a time new players are added.

The Hall electorate includes anyone who has been a BBWAA member for 10 consecutive years at any point. Some said the voting group should be expanded beyond writers.

"We're happy," Hall chairman Jane Forbes Clark said Thursday after a news conference to introduce 2014 electees Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas. "We're in an age where everyone does want to be heard, but we really see this as an issue that needs to be dealt with by the BBWAA."

Dan Le Batard was kicked out of the BBWAA for one year and barred from future Hall votes on Thursday after he turned over his 2014 ballot to the website Deadspin, which allowed readers to choose the selections. Le Batard, an ESPN host and longtime Miami Herald columnist, said Wednesday he gave his ballot to the website because he detests the "hypocrisy" in the voting process and it "needs remodeling in a new media world."

"The BBWAA regards Hall of Fame voting as the ultimate privilege, and any abuse of that privilege is unacceptable," the organization said in a statement.

BBWAA Secretary-Treasurer Jack O'Connell said ballots averaged 8.4 players this year and just over half of the 571 voters used all 10 picks.

"I don't think that in any situation one needs to react to a one-off and change an entire process," Clark said.

The BBWAA decided last month to form a committee to study whether the 10-man limit should be altered. The committee, chaired by BBWAA immediate past president Susan Slusser of the San Francisco Chronicle, is expected to report back to

Please see **VOTE**/4C

'This was crucial'

Chaps rally to top NMMI

Chaparrals 58
Broncos 56

By Oscar LeRoy
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Daniel Hernandez said his Midland College men's basketball team was just tired of losing during Thursday's game against New Mexico Military Institute at Chaparral Center.

And things didn't look good for the Chaparrals, who fell behind by eight points with 2:35 remaining in the game against the Broncos.

But this time the Chaps didn't fold as they found a way to crawl back and score the last 10 points of the game for a 58-56 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

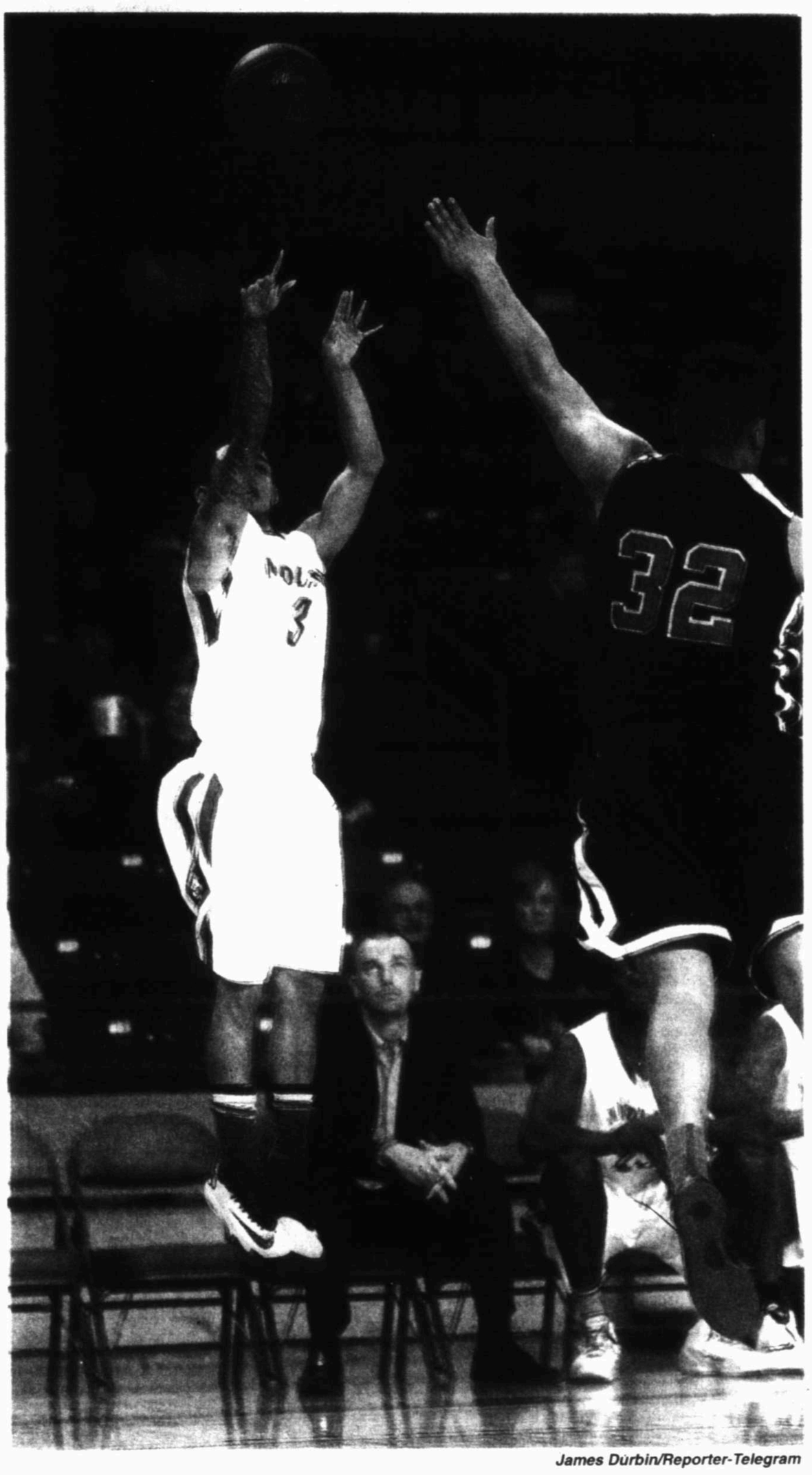
"We couldn't fall 0-3 (in WJCAC play). This was crucial," said Hernandez, the freshman guard from El Paso, who finished with 11 points. "I think we played as a team and didn't give up. We very easily could have. I think we just got tired of losing. We just came out a little harder and finished the game."

The game-winning play came from Hernandez with 4.59 seconds left in the game when he stole a pass in the backcourt and then managed to hit a layup over a NMMI defender for the go-ahead score.

"I was in the right place, at the right time," Hernandez said. "I thought Demetric (Austin) was playing pretty good defense and I just went right up the middle and caught it."

This was a must-win game for the Chaps (9-7, 1-2 in WJCAC) as they had dropped their first two conference home games and were desperate to try to stop the bleeding and an overall three-game losing streak before going to face a tough Western Texas

Please see **CHAPS**/3C



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Daniel Hernandez (3) goes up for a three against New Mexico Military Institute's Antonio Manns (32) on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

BOYS HS BASKETBALL REPORT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Daniel Venzant (3) gets fouled by Alpine's Sunny Bhakta during a Dec. 17 game at Midland Christian School.

Venzant helps spark MCS' offense

By Jonathan Hull
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The Midland Christian boys basketball team had a pretty prolific backcourt last season with Grant Little and Mason McClendon.



McClendon

But as lethal as that combination was last season, the Mustangs' backcourt is even more productive this season.

Of course, there is the natural progression expected with Little, a sophomore, and McClendon, a senior, being a year older, but the Mustangs were able to throw another key cog into the equation.



Little

This year the Mustangs are playing with a true point guard.

Sophomore Daniel Venzant has emerged as the Mustangs' primary ball handler and distributor on offense, and the results have benefited everyone else on the team.

Please see **REPORT**/2C

Stewart vows to do job 100 percent upon return

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Tony Stewart is confident he will be ready to race at full speed when the NASCAR season opens next month.

The three-time NASCAR champion has only been in a race car once, for a seat fitting, since breaking his right leg Aug. 5 in a sprint car accident. The broken tibia and fibula caused Stewart to miss the final 15 races of last season, and doctors won't clear him to race until Feb. 14, the day before the exhibition Sprint Unlimited at Daytona International Speedway.

The season-opening Daytona 500 is Feb. 23, just 10 days after Stewart will be cleared to get back in the car.

That's plenty of time, he said.

"Physically, I'm not going to feel 100 percent," Stewart said Thursday. "But I'll be able to do my job 100 percent, so that's the main thing."

Stewart was at Daytona for the first day of preseason testing to support Stewart-Haas Racing, the team he co-owns with Gene Haas. Mark Martin was scheduled to drive Stewart's No. 14 Chevrolet, but rain washed out all of Thursday's on-track activity.

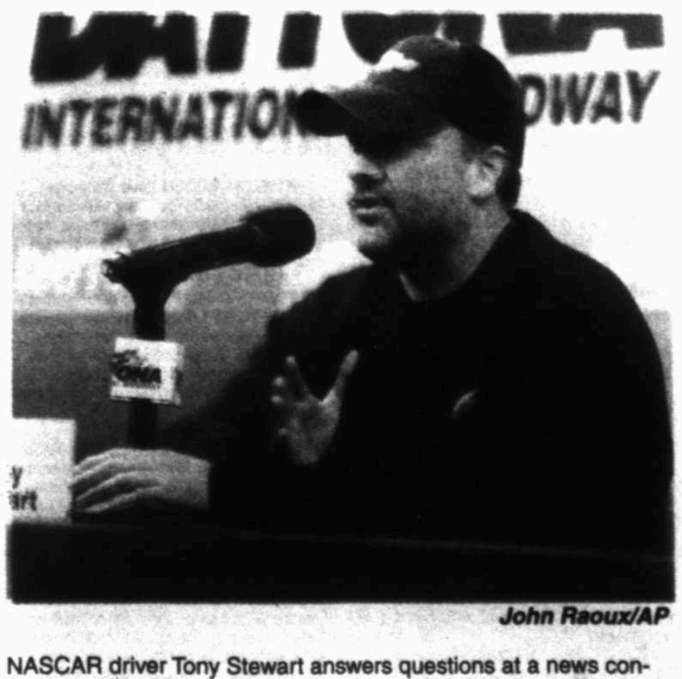
The 42-year-old Stewart made a stop in the media center and was in good spirits as he spoke about his recovery.

He felt well enough over the holidays to spend three weeks at home in Indiana, and returned to North Carolina this week to resume physical therapy. Stewart said he doesn't hesitate to call his physical therapist at all hours of the night with questions, and believes everything is on track, despite an Oct. 7 surgery to treat an infection.

That surgery was his third since the accident.

"We were actually ahead of schedule with the therapy when we had that surgery, so it basically just pushed it back to where we were right back on schedule again," he said. "Now it just feels like we're back ahead of schedule again. It's still a question mark of what's it actually going to feel like when we get in the race car and try to drive wide open for lap after lap."

Please see **STEWART**/5C



John Raoux/AP

NASCAR driver Tony Stewart answers questions at a news conference during Sprint Cup race testing at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Thursday.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING

Junior lightweights, Arash Usmanee (20-1-1) vs. Juan Antonio Rodriguez (24-4-0), 8 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Volvo Champions, second round (same-day tape), 10 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Sony Open, second round, 6 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

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

NBA

Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m., ESPN

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Paint Rock, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Grady at Dawson, 8 p.m.
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Snyder, 6:15 p.m.
Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Garden City at Paint Rock, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m.
Grady at Dawson, 6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

MHS at Keller Tournament
Lee at Forney Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

MHS vs. Frisco, Noon, Frisco
MHS vs. Austin Westlake, 5 p.m., Frisco
Lee at Richland Tournament

RODEO

Sandhills Rodeo, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum

RODEO RESULTS

Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo
Ector County Coliseum
Results after Thursday's performance

Bareback Riding

Thursday — 1. Richard G. Champion, 77; 2. Colt Bruce, 74; 3. Matt Crumpler 61

Leaders — 1. Justin McDaniel, 83; 2. Tilden Hooper, 81; 3. Micky Downare, 80; 4. Richmond G. Champion, 77; 5. (tie) Luke Creasy, 76; Cody Joe Ziober, 76

Bull Riding

Leaders — 1. Trevor Kastner, 84; 2. (tie) Luke Kelley, 83; Taryl Smith, 83; 4. (tie) Markus Marriuch, 81; Scottie Knapp, 81

Saddle Bronc

Leaders — 1. Spencer Wright, 83; 2. Cody DeMoss, 82; 3. Jake Wright, 80; 4. Jesse Wright, 79; 5. Kobyn Williams, 77

Steer Wrestling

Leaders — 1. Jason Thomas, 9.9; 2. Cole Fulton, 11.9; 3. Michael Bates Jr., 12.0; 4. Ryan Jarrett, 12.2; 5. J.B. Lord, 12.8

Tie-Down Roping

Leaders — 1. Marty Yates, 8.4; 2. Rhen Richard, 8.5; 3. Tyler Prom, 8.7; 4. Cade Swor, 8.8; 5. (tie) Monty Lewis, 9.0; Stetson Vest, 9.0

Team Roping

Leaders — 1. Turtle Powell-Dakota Kirchenschlager, 9.4; 2. Dustin Bird-Paul Eaves, 10.4; 3. Jake Barnes-Junior Nogueira, 11.0; 4. (tie) Cory Kidd-Brad Culpper, 11.1; Jesse Harville-Dustin Davis, 11.1

Barrel Racing

Leaders — 1. Christy Loftin, 14.27; 2. Shelley Morgan, 14.33; 3. Mary Walker, 14.32; 4. Samantha Lyne, 14.40; 5. (tie) Callie Rios, 14.43; Natalie Foutch, 14.43

LOCALS SPORTS

KICKOFF EVENT SET FOR MHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Midland High girls soccer team will host a Soccer Kick Off/Media Night on Jan. 16 at Grande Communications Stadium.

The event will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the introduction of the players and coaches in the program, and the MHS Drum Line, cheerleaders and mascot will also be in attenandce.

The event is open to the public.

TUESDAY'S LATE BOX

Crane 58, Midland Classical 48

Crane (6-5) — Alex Montes 10 4-6 28, Oscar Nuno 4 5-6 13, Shawn Cox 3 5-8 12, Trevor Davis 2 1-3 5. Totals 19 15-23 58

MCA — G. Sparks 3 2-4 9, B. Gladson 2 0-0 6, McCray 1 0-0 2, Snell 0 1-2 1, Stallings 12 5-10 30. Totals 18 8-16 48

Crane	15	11	16	16—58
MCA	9	11	10	18—48

3-Point goals — Crane 5 (Montes 4, Cox 1), MCA 4 (Sparks 1, Gladson 2, Stallings 1). Total fouls — Crane 20, MCA 15. Fouled out — Cox.

Next: Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 8 p.m. Tuesday

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended free agent minor league OF Darren Driggers a 50 games after a second positive drug test and free agent minor league RHP Yonquelys Martinez 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Luis Pujols manager of Frederick (Carolina). Ryan Minor manager, Paco Figueroa field coach and Trek Schuler athletic trainer of Delmarva (SAL). Justin Lord pitching coach, Chris Poole athletic trainer and Kevin Clark strength and conditioning coach for Aberdeen (NYP). Jeff Mantto minor league hitting coordinator and Ryan Croton minor league strength and conditioning coordinator.

DETROIT TIGERS — Signed RHPs Jhan Marinez, Luis Marte, Eduardo Sanchez and Drew Verhagen. LHPs Duane Below, Blaine Hardy and Robbie Ray. Cs Craig Albernaz, Luis Exposito, James McCann and John Murnan. INFs Devon Travis and Danny Worth and OFs Ezequiel Carrera, Tyler Collins and Trevor Crowe to minor league contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Named Jeff Albert minor league hitting coordinator, Doug White roving pitching instructor and Morgan Ensberg minor league special assignment coach.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Adam, LHP Scott Alexander, RHP Aaron Brooks, RHP Kyle Zimmer, C Juan Graterol, OF Jorge Bonifacio, C Adam Moore, OF Gorkys Hernandez, RHP Sugar Ray Marimon, OF Paulo Orlando, RHP Cory Wade, RHP PJ Walters, C Ramon Hernandez, INF Jason Donald, INF Brandon Laird and OF Merky Mesa on minor league contracts.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with LHP Matt Hoffman, LHP Aaron Thompson, RHP Deolis Guerra, RHP Logan Oliveros, RHP Yohan Pino, C Dan Rohlfing, INF Jason Bartlett, INF James Beresford, INF Doug Bernier, INF Deibinson Romero, INF Brandon Waring, OF Jason Kubel, OF Darin Mastroianni, OF Jermaine Mitchell, OF Chris Rahl and OF Wilkin Ramirez on minor league contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Jayson Nix on a minor league contract. Assigned OF Jerry Sands outright to Durham (IL).

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Signed RHP Kevin Slowey, LHP Andrew Heaney, RHP Jesus Sanchez, LHP Josh Spence, INF Juan Diaz, OF Matt Angle and OF Joe Benson to minor league contracts.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed OF Tim Alberts and OF Tre'Von Johnson.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed OF Robert Kuzdale.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released C Sean O'Connell and INF Yasel Gomez.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed C Kevin Dultz. Frontier League.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Acquired OF Sam Judah from Sioux City (AA) to complete a previous trade. Signed OF Manny Alonso, OF Sam Judah and OF Jhormar Veras.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Placed 1B Matt Smith on the suspended list.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed RHP Billy Young.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF Scott Woodward to a contract extension.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned G Lorenzo Brown to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Adrian Tracy to a reserve/future contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Promoted Hue Jackson to offensive coordinator.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Named Hardy Nickerson linebackers coach, Kevin O'Dea special teams coordinator, Marcus Arroyo quarterbacks coach, Joe Cullen defensive line coach, Andrew Hayes-Stoker wide receivers coach, Dave Kennedy strength and conditioning coach, Larry Marmie senior defensive assistant coach, Maji Smith safeties coach, Tim Spencer running backs coach, Ben Steele offensive quality control and Matt Weigand assistant offensive line coach.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Jay Gruden coach.

Canadian Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Signed RB Martell Mallett.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed DB Matt Ware.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHLPA — Announced the retirement of free agent D Wade Redden.

BUFFALO SABRES — Named Tim Murray general manager.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated F Matt Calvert off injured reserve.

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned D Cameron Gaunce to Texas (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Adam Larsson to Albany (AHL). American Hockey League.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Returned G Jeff Malcolm and D Mike Marcou on loan to Greenville (ECHL). Reassigned D Samuel Noreau to Greenville (ECHL).

ECHL — Suspended Wheeling's Patrick McGrath one game for his actions in a Jan. 8 game at Reading.

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Agreed to terms with D Brian Rafalski. MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Named Richard Buck Sprint Cup Series director.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

CHICAGO FIRE — Signed F Harrison Shipp.

CHIVAS USA — Named Wilmer Cabrera coach.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed MF Aaron Kovar. F Chad Barrett and F Sean Okoli.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA — Announced OT Cyrus Kouandjio, S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, LB Adrian Hubbard and DE Jeoffrey Pagan are entering the NFL draft.

ARIZONA STATE — Named Ray Anderson athletic director.

AUBURN — Announced RB Tre Mason will enter the NFL draft.

BRADLEY — Named Mark Jamison assistant director of sport performance.

DETROIT — Announced freshman F Chris Jenkins is transferring from Colorado.

GEORGIA — Announced the resignation of secondary coach Scott Lakatos.

KANSAS STATE — Named Stewart Burke women's assistant golf coach.

LOUISVILLE — Named Bobby Petrino football coach.

NEWBERRY — Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach Karrie Miller.

NOTRE DAME — Announced WR DaVaris Daniels is not enrolled for the spring semester.

MICHIGAN — Named Doug Nussmeier offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI — Signed men's basketball coach Donnie Tyndall to a four-year contract extension through the 2018 season.

UALR — Suspended men's sophomore basketball G Josh Hagins one game for his actions following a Jan. 4 game at UT Arlington.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 39-46 degrees; 13.3 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. No reports on crappie or catfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 40-45 degrees; 15.83 low. Catfish are fair on prepared bait, cut bait and nightcrawlers. One ramp open — few anglers out.

COLORADO CITY: 20.05' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 39-45 degrees; 12.18' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 38-46 degrees; 21.85' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 38-44 degrees; 21.12' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 39-45 degrees; 42.63' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 39-44 degrees; 12.25' low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 85.15' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 11.33' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 38-43 degrees; 22.62' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 37-44 degrees; 34.18' low. No report available.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: 41.43' low. No report available.

MACKENZIE: 96.15 low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 94.17' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 48.04' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 82-86 degrees; 35.65' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics in 18-25 feet. Striped bass are fair on jigging spoons. White bass are fair on jigging spoons and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

Honor roll/top games

HONOR ROLL

Shawn Rivers, Soph., PG, Midland High

Rivers scored 13 points in a loss to Abilene High Saturday and then helped the Bulldogs rebound with 12 points in a win against Lee.

Anthony McCoy, Sr., PG, Lee

McCoy has found his scoring touch of late, including a 27-point outburst in a narrow 53-51 victory against Abilene Cooper last week.

Grant Franklin, Sr., G, Greenwood

Franklin might be the top scorer in Midland County right now, averaging 21 points per game. He's coming off a 26-point performance against Lamesa on Tuesday and has averaged 33 points in his last game.

Kaleb Warren, Jr., P, Midland Christian

The Mustangs' prolific backcourt gets a lot of press, but Warren has been a force inside for the Mustangs. On Saturday, he had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds in a win against Arlington Grace Prep.

GAMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK

Today

Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m., McGraw Special Events Center: TAPPS 1-4A isn't quite the stout district it was a couple years ago, but these two teams figure to finish near the top of its standings.

Stanton at Coahoma, 8 p.m., Coahoma High gymnasium: This I-20 rivalry hits the hardwood with playoff positioning on the line.

Tuesday

Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m., Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa: The Rebels clipped the defending 2-5A champion Panthers earlier this season. Both teams are jockeying for position in the playoff race.

Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 6 p.m., MCA gymnasium: Lubbock Christian is currently ranked No. 1 in the TABC small private school poll. It's going to be a huge test for the Knights as they start district play.

Grady at Sands, 8 p.m., Sands High gymnasium, Ackerly: These two teams have played some classics in the past two years. Sands lost a talented senior class, but this rivalry game should still be one of the best matchups of the night.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

REPORT

From 1C .

"The reason we're scoring more this year is because of this guy," Little said pointing to Venzant. "He averages a lot of assists a game and he can score whenever he wants to, too. It takes pressure off of us knowing we don't have to score all the time and he gives the defense a lot of pressure like we do, too."

Venzant, who played at Lee as a freshman, had an immediate impact on Midland Christian. In his first game in a Mustangs' jersey, the sophomore scored 39 points in a 66-64 overtime win against Presidio. He took on the responsibility of primary scorer early in the season due to players such as Little, McClendon and junior post Kaleb Warren still playing for MCS' state-championship-winning football team.

Now that the football players have switched into basketball mode, Venzant's scoring average has gone down, but his impact on his teammates has not.

"I didn't necessarily think I would score that much, but I knew I wanted to win," Venzant said. "That's what we've been doing, and we're going to try to keep doing it. I'm a point guard. My job isn't to get 30 points a game. It's to average 10 assists and do whatever my team needs for me to do to help win."

Once football season was over, it felt like the Mustangs were able to instantaneously make the move to the hardwood and mesh with the guys who had already been playing basketball for nearly a month.

For example, less than a week after winning a state title in football, Little averaged 28.8 points in five games at a tournament in Alpine. Little, McLendon and coach Marks Lanham each believe Venzant is a big reason the team has the amount of chemistry is does.

"Just by having him be the true point guard he is with his ball handling and getting to the hole," said McClendon, who is in his third season as a varsity member of the Mustangs. "He's helped a lot. He opens a lot of opportunities by speeding the game up, getting the ball across the court and making everything faster for the team.

"Whenever you have Daniel and Grant and everyone we have it makes everyone's job a lot easier."

Lanham said Venzant is probably the key component the Mustangs were missing last season when they finished second in TAPPS 1-4A and lost in the opening round of the postseason.

"Daniel's ball handling and the way he dishes the ball has helped us," Lanham said. "Last year we had to depend on Grant or Mason bringing the ball up, and other teams would work them and get them tired bringing the ball up. Now they're ready to shoot because they're not going to stop Venzant from bringing the ball up."

And with a true point guard now in the mix, the Mustangs (11-7, 1-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) hope they've found the right formula to push for a district title and a deeper playoff run. They opened the TAPPS 1-4A season with a 58-53 victory against Arlington Grace Prep and host a pair of district games this weekend with Fort Worth Southwest visiting McGraw Special Events Center at 7:30 p.m. today and Arlington Pantego coming in at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"We haven't shown our full potential this year," McClendon said. "We're still having to get on top of that mountain, but with the experience and talent we have the potential to be very good. We can go pretty far."

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HSBASKETBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

Girls

ODESSA HIGH AT LEE

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

Records: Odessa High 1-17, 0-9 in 2-5A; Lee 18-6, 7-2

Last game: Abilene Cooper 62, Odessa High 41; Lee 49, Midland High 33

Last meeting: Lee 80, Odessa High 27 on Dec. 3

Notable: Lee is coming off its second straight win against crosstown rival Midland High. The Lady Rebels have been rolling as of late, winning seven of their last eight games. ... Lee found its shooting touch in the second half against Midland High, knocking down seven 3-pointers in the final two quarters of play. Jackie Rivas drained three while Daija Stanford and Bri'An Washington each made two. Stanford also had a 3-pointer in the first half. ... Odessa High continues to struggle this season, having won just one game on the year. The Lady Bronchos are 0-9 in District 2-5A play with 14 points being the closest margin of defeat. ... In the first meeting against Odessa High, the Lady Rebels had three players post double-doubles. Yaritza Rivas had 13 points and 11 rebounds, while her older sister, senior Jackie Rivas, had 15 points and 18 rebounds. Junior Hannah Payne had 16 points and 11 rebounds. As a team, the Lady Rebels had a 59-24 advantage on the boards.

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Chaparral Center; Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Tuesday.

GREENWOOD AT SNYDER

When/where: 6:15 p.m. today, Snyder High School gymnasium

Records: Greenwood 6-14, 2-0 in 4-3A; Snyder 9-8, 0-2

Last game: Greenwood 66, Sweetwater 18; Big Spring 58, Snyder 46

Notable: Amanda Bell has been hot for the Rangerettes since starting District 4-3A play. Bell outscored Sweetwater by herself on Tuesday, posting 27 points in the win. That performance was on the heels of Bell scoring 28 points in a 54-32 victory against Monahans last Friday. ... Snyder has lost its first two district games, losing to Abilene Wylie and Big Spring. ... Greenwood is tied atop the District 4-3A standings with No. 4 Abilene Wylie. The Rangerettes play at Wylie at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Next: Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Snyder, 6:15 p.m. Jan. 17

FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN AT NO. 12 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN ARLINGTON PANTEGO AT NO. 12 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

When/where: vs. FWSW Christian 6 p.m. today; vs. Arlington Pantego, 1 p.m. Saturday, McGraw Special Events Center

Records: FWSWC 0-6, 0-1 in TAPPS 1-4A; Pantego N/A; Midland Christian 17-3, 0-0

Last game: Arlington Grace Prep 52, FWSW Christian 7; Hobbs, N.M. 56, Midland Christian 33

Notable: Midland Christian opens district play this weekend with a pair of games at home. The Lady Mustangs host Fort Worth Southwest Christian on Friday and Arlington Pantego on Saturday. ... The Lady Mustangs are coming off just their third loss of the season after falling to Hobbs, N.M., in a non-district matchup. ... Not much information was available for either Fort Worth Southwest Christian or Arlington Pantego except to say both teams have had their fair share of struggles this season. ... Midland Christian is ranked 12th in the TABC large private school poll. The Lady Mustangs are the highest ranked team in their district. The only other ranked squad in TAPPS 1-4A is No. 19 Lubbock Trinity.

Next: Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 11:30 a.m. Saturday; Arlington Pantego at Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday; Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 6 p.m. Jan. 17.

District 2-5A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	8	1	18	6
Lee	7	2	18	6
Amarillo Tascosa	6	2	9	11
Midland High	5	4	9	13
Abilene High	4	5	14	10
Odessa Permian	4	5	8	10
San Angelo Central	3	6	8	12
Abilene Cooper	2	7	7	17
Odessa High	0	9	1	17

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 49, Midland High 33
Abilene Cooper 62, Odessa High 41
Lubbock Coronado 51, San Angelo Central 16
Odessa Permian 66, Abilene High 47

Today's Games

Odessa High at Lee
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High
Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	7	0	16	8
Lubbock Coronado	5	2	16	4
Odessa Permian	4	3	7	5
San Angelo Central	4	3	9	8
Lee	4	4	9	6
Midland High	3	4	7	10
Odessa High	2	5	6	12
Abilene Cooper	2	5	4	11
Abilene High	1	6	4	11

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 60, Lee 45
Abilene Cooper 54, Odessa High 47
San Angelo Central 46, Lubbock Coronado 34
Odessa Permian 77, Abilene High 56

Today's Games

Odessa High at Lee
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High
Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa

Boys

ODESSA HIGH AT LEE

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

Records: Odessa High 6-12, 2-5 in 2-5A; Lee 9-6, 4-4

Last game: Odessa High 54, Abilene Cooper 47; Midland High 60, Lee 45

Last meeting: Lee 73, Odessa High 43 on Dec. 3, 2013

Notable: Lee saw its six-game winning streak snapped Tuesday with the loss to crosstown rival Midland High. The Rebels struggled to knock down open shots in the game, while their size advantage also appeared to be neutralized. ... Odessa High is coming off a loss to Abilene Cooper after the Bronchos had just defeated Cooper a couple weeks before in a tournament game. ... Lee had its best offensive performance of the district season in the first meeting against odessa High. The Rebels scored 73 points and led 39-14 at halftime. Donald Ekman led the Rebels with 21 points with Anthony McCoy adding 17.

Next: Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Chaparral Center; Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

GREENWOOD AT SNYDER

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Snyder High School gymnasium

Records: Greenwood 3-14; Snyder 3-9

Last game: Greenwood 58, Lamesa 52

Notable: Greenwood opens District 4-3A play today after a rough non-district schedule during which the Rangers won just three games. However, they are coming off a comeback win against Lamesa on Tuesday. The victory ended a four-game losing streak. ... Greenwood's two other wins this season came against Dumas and Lubbock Trinity. The Rangers are yet to win two games in a row this season. ... Greenwood senior guard Grant Franklin has been strong despite the team's struggles this season. Franklin is averaging 21 points per game to with two assists and two steals per contest.

Next: Greenwood at Abilene Wylie, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday; Monahans at Snyder, 6:15 p.m. Jan. 17

FORT WORTH SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN AT NO. 23 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN ARLINGTON PANTEGO AT NO. 23 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

When/where: vs. FWSW Christian 6 p.m. today; vs. Arlington Pantego, 1 p.m. Saturday, McGraw Special Events Center

Records: FWSW Christian 10-5, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-4A; Pantego 4-6, 0-0; Midland Christian 11-7, 1-0

Last game: FWSW Christian 57, Arlington Grace Prep 47; Pantego 64, Dallas First Baptist 55; Midland Christian 58, Arlington Grace Prep 53

Notable: Fort Worth Southwest Christian and Midland Christian both opened TAPPS 1-4A play last week, while Pantego gets started with district play this weekend. ... All three teams have faced Grace Prep this season, although Pantego's meeting with its district foe came during a tournament. Pantego lost by three points to Grace Prep. ... Midland Christian is the only team in TAPPS 1-4A currently ranked in the TABC large private schools poll. The Mustangs are ranked 23rd.

Next: Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Midland Christian Trinity, 1 p.m. Saturday; Arlington Pantego at Fort Worth Christian, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Midland Christian at Grapevine Faith, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17.

HSSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

REBELS OPEN SEASON WITH PAIR OF VICTORIES

FORNEY — Cesar Gonzalez found the net twice, while Juan Baeza picked up a pair of shutouts to begin the Lee boys soccer team's season.

Baeza didn't allow a goal Thursday during the opening day of the Forney Tournament, leading the Rebels to a 1-0 victory against Lindale and a 2-0 win against Sulfur Springs.

Gonzalez had Lee's lone goal against Lindale, scoring on an assist from Alan Avila late in the second half. Gonzalez also had Lee's first goal against Sulfur Springs after Leo Barba set him up in the 45th minute.

Barba later had the assist on a goal by Darius Strambler in th 60th minute.

Lee (2-0) continues tournament play today with matches against Longview Pine Tree and Hallsville.

MHS TOPS ARLINGTON IN SHOOTOUT

KELLER — A shootout was needed in order to secure it, but Midland High managed to open the season with a win in the Keller Tournament on Thursday.

The Bulldogs were tied 1-1 with Arlington High at the end of regulation, but won the ensuing shootout, 5-4, to take the match. All first Bulldog shooters — Will Downing, Alex Von Holle, Allan Aguilar, Michael laquaniello and James Behrmann — scored during the shootout, while sophomore goalkeeper Quintin Dickson stopped Arlington High's first attempt for the decisive save in the victory.

Arlington High took a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute, but a goal by Ricky Munoz on an assist from Aguilar in the 72nd minute ultimately sent the match to overtime.

Midland High continues play in the Keller Tournament today.

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Lady Chaparrals rebound with rout of Ranger

From staff reports

No. 20 Lady Chaparrals..... 94
Lady Rangers..... 43

The No. 20-ranked Midland College women's basketball team got back in the win column on Thursday with a 94-43 non-conference victory over Ranger College at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Chaparrals (11-6) shot 46.8 percent and held the Lady Rangers (1-13) to 16.4 percent shooting for the game.

MC led 54-23 at the half as the Lady Chaps bounced back from a 54-50 loss to Frank Phillips College on Monday.

Five Lady Chaps were in double figures, led by Catherine Kruschke with 16 points, Mattie Turner and Mary Savoy each had 15, Marielka Garate had 12 and Diamalises Rivera added 11.

Ranger College did not have a player in double figures as Hunter Woolridge had nine points.

The Lady Chaparrals get back into Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Monday with a road game at Western Texas College.

NO. 20 MIDLAND COLLEGE 94, RANGER COLLEGE 43

Ranger College (1-13) — Hunter Woolridge 2-16 4-6 9, Alexandria Howze 0-1 0-0 0, Madison Franklin 2-11 3-4 8, Tiara Riley 0-1 1-2 1, Paige Demery 0-5 2-4 2, Justyce Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Brianna Toney 0-5 0-0 0, Taryn Johnson 0-4 0-2 0, Kaylee Kana 2-5 1-6 6, Kayla Turner 2-3 0-0 4, Vasiliki Tartas 2-10 9-10 13. Totals 10-61 20-34 43

Midland College (11-6) — Gabriela Martins 1-1 0-0 3, Tanjanay Vega 1-7 2-2 5, Mattie Turner 5-9 2-2 15, Tyler Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0, Mary Savoy 6-10 3-4 15, Catherine Kruschke 7-14 2-5 16, Nakisha Saintval 0-0 0-0 0, Sabrina Ochoa 1-2 0-0 2, Ellyn Avery 3-10 0-0 9, Rose Sow 2-5 0-2 4, Marielka Garate 5-12 2-2 12, Diamalises Rivera 5-8 1-2 11. Totals 37-79 12-19 94

Halftime — MC 54, RC 23. 3-point goals — RC 3-17 (Woolridge 1-4, Franklin 1-6, Kana 1-6, Watson 0-2, Tartas 0-2). MC 8-20 (Turner 3-6, Avery 3-9, Martins 1-1, Vega 1-3, Ochoa 0-1). Total fouls — RC 15, MC 25. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — RC bench, Turner. Rebounds — RC 40 (Kana 8), MC 63 (Rivera 14). Assists — RC 3 (Franklin 2), MC 18 (Turner 4). Turnovers — RC 20, MC 13.

Next: Midland College at Ranger College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	3	0	11	4
South Plains	2	1	8	6
Odessa College	2	0	12	4
Frank Phillips	1	1	13	2
Midland College	1	2	11	6
Howard College	1	2	10	8
Clarendon College	0	2	8	7
Western Texas	0	3	5	9

Thursday's Scores

Odessa College 73, Western Texas College 54; Howard College 76, Clarendon College 66; New Mexico JC 53, South Plains College 49; Midland College 94, Ranger College 43 (non-conference); Frank Phillips College 67, Victoria College 66 (non-conference)

Monday's Games

Midland College at Western Texas College; New Mexico JC at Odessa College; Howard College at Frank Phillips College; Clarendon College at South Plains College

Jayson Nix agrees to minor league deal with Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Reserve infielder and Midland High grad Jayson Nix has agreed to a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Rays.

The deal announced Thursday includes an invitation to major league spring training.

The 31-year-old Nix appeared in 87 games for the New York Yankees in 2013, batting .236 with three homers and 24 RBI. He played 48 games at shortstop, 41 at third base and four at second base.

Nix is a .218 career hitter in parts of six seasons with the Yankees, Toronto Blue Jays, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox and Colorado Rockies.

The Rays also extended an invitation to major league spring training to outfielder Jerry Sands, who cleared waivers and was sent outright to Triple-A Durham.

COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

CHARLOTTE 73
UTEP 68

EL PASO — Mike Thorne Jr. scored 16 points and added 14 rebounds as Charlotte carried a five-point halftime lead into a 73-68 victory over UTEP in the Conference USA opener for both teams on Thursday night.

Terrence Williams matched Thorne's 16 points and Pierria Henry added 13 to lead Charlotte (10-4), which held a 41-27 advantage on the glass.

SAM HOUSTON ST 86
MCNEESE ST 81

NACOGDOCHES — Kaheem Ransom scored 17 points to lift Sam Houston State over McNeese State 86-81 on Thursday.

Ransom made just 2 of 8 from the floor, but hit 12 of 14 free throws to pace the Bearkats (10-5, 2-1 Southland).

NEW ORLEANS 87
ABILENE CHRISTIAN 81

NEW ORLEANS — Tradarius McPhearson scored 19 points and New Orleans edged Abilene Christian 87-81 on Thursday night.

New Orleans (4-7, 1-2 Southland Conference) held on late after Harrison Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 38 seconds left to cut the Privateers' lead to 83-81. With New Orleans up 85-81, McPhearson grabbed an offensive rebound after a missed free throw, and then made two free throws himself to help preserve the win.

FIU 71
RICE 60

HOUSTON — Tymell Murphy had 22 points and 15 rebounds and Florida International defeated Rice 71-60 in the Conference USA opener for both teams on Thursday night.

Murphy scored his first basket just before halftime to put FIU ahead 33-32 at the break. With the score tied at 46-46 and just over 10 minutes to play, Murphy accounted for 20 of FIU's next 21 points. He capped his scoring tear on a jumper that put the Panthers up 67-60 with 1:10 to play.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 83
LOUISIANA-MONROE 79, OT

ARLINGTON — Lonnie McClanahan had a career-high 25 points and Texas-Arlington used a 9-0 run in overtime to pull away from Louisiana-Monroe 83-79 on Thursday.

IDAHO 86
TX-PAN AMERICAN 85, 2OT

EDINBURG — Perrion Callendret's layup with one second remaining in double-overtime lifted Idaho over Texas-Pan American 86-85 Thursday.

TEXAS A&M-CC 101,
NORTHWESTERN ST 87

CORPUS CHRISTI — John Jordan scored 22 points to help Texas A&M-Corpus Christi cruise past Northwestern State 101-87 Thursday night.

NICHOLLS STATE 64
LAMAR 60

BEAUMONT — Dantrell Thomas scored 15 points Thursday night and Nicholls State beat Lamar 64-60 for its third straight Southland Conference win.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 77
HOUSTON BAPTIST 50

HOUSTON — Nikola Gajic scored 10 points in the first eight minutes to get Stephen F. Austin off to a 24-4 lead en route to a 77-50 win in Southland Conference play at Houston Baptist Thursday night.

SE LOUISIANA 76,
INCARNATE WORD 72

HAMMOND, La. — JaMichael Hawkins scored 17 points to lead Southeastern Louisiana in a 76-72 victory over Incarnate Word in Southland Conference play on Thursday night.

UTSA 90
MARSHALL 81

SAN ANTONIO — Keon Lewis came off the Texas-San Antonio bench to score 23 points, 14 in the second half, to lead the Roadrunners to a 90-81 win over Marshall in the Conference USA opener for both schools Thursday night.

SOUTHERN MISS 74
NORTH TEXAS 64

DENTON — Michael Craig scored 21 points and was 7 of 7 from the free-throw line Thursday night as Southern Miss beat North Texas 74-64 in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

Women

TEXAS A&M 52
NO. 12 LSU 48

BATON ROUGE, La. — Courtney Williams led Texas A&M with 17 points as the Aggies climbed back in the final 40 seconds to beat LSU.

The Lady Tigers went ahead for the first time in the second half at 36-34 with 8:19 left to play and led until Texas A&M's Jordan Jones made a layup to tie the game with 1:08 left to play.

A jumper and two free throws later put the Aggies (12-4, 2-0) up by three with 17 seconds remaining. LSU cut A&M's lead to one point with 14 seconds to go after Raigyne Moncrief scored on an assist from Theresa Plaisance.

The Lady Tigers (12-3, 1-1) turned the ball over on their final possession.

Plaisance led the Lady Tigers with 16 points.

CHAPS

From 1C

College squad in Snyder on Monday.

"We needed that," said MC's first-year coach Jordan Dreiling. "The guys never quit and did a great job. We had a couple of really good stops, a couple of aggressive offensive moves and when (LeBrent) Walker went in there and took that charge, I thought that took a lot of air out of their balloon. I thought everybody played a role."

Like they had in losses to Howard College and Frank Phillips, the Chaps hung tough with the Broncos (10-6, 0-4) for most of the game. But just like in those two losses, MC allowed the visiting team to take a bit of momentum with a 6-0 run for a 56-48 advantage with 2:35 left. At that moment, Dreiling admitted thinking "Oh, no not again."

"We finally get our hands on (a rebound) and then the next three possessions we got stops, and then we got a really good possession," Dreiling said. "I was really pleased with our shot selection late."

Part of the Chaps' comeback effort was thanks in part to the play of 6-foot-9 sophomore forward Kevin Thomas, who got more aggressive on the boards after missing a couple of layups earlier in the second half.

Thomas started the comeback with a three-point play and then added a short jumper to pull MC to within 56-53. Then after a Hernandez free throw, Thomas was fouled by Shaquan Rhodes and calmly sank two free throws with 16 seconds left to tie the game at 56.

"I felt like I didn't want to lose the game," said Thomas, the Canadian, who finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. "They weren't really a big team so it was up to the bigs to win. I wasn't even nervous about those free throws because I practice them every day in practice."

Added Dreiling about Thomas, "He got aggressive late and it started with his communication and attitude. He's talking to guys and saying 'I want this. We want to get this done.' He got huge rebounds and huge finishes, and how about those free throws?"

The left was left up to the Chaps' defensive play, which has been less than stellar during their two WJCAC losses. But Hernandez came up with the much needed steal and score and then the Chaps prevented NMMI's Antonio Manns from getting a good shot from the right wing in the final second.

"Tonight, we showed that we are a unit," Thomas said. "We showed that we are a family through ups and downs and different obstacles. We get better every day. Coach never lets us settle. He's always telling us to get better, he's always telling us to improve. That last game was supposed to be a gimme win for us and we gave it away. Today we had a point to prove."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 58, NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE 56
NMMI (10-6, 0-4) — Brion Joseph 4-12 2-4 13, Marcus Roper 6-11 0-0 13, Ronell Abaekobe 2-5 0-0 4, Shaquan Rhodes 2-7 1-2 6, Anthony Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Weston Zeller 1-1 1-1 3, Will Joyce 2-4 0-1 4, Dane Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Antonio Manns 4-13 2-2 13, Mario Karaliev 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-55 6-10 56

Midland College (9-7, 1-2) — Demetric Austin 4-10 2-2 10, Daniel Hernandez 3-11 4-5 11, Dominique Bull 0-4 1-2 1, Darren Williams 1-5 0-2 2, Jason Francois 1-5 2-2 5, Herve Ahodode 0-2 0-0 0, Kenan Guzonjic 3-5 2-2 13, Kevin Thomas 5-13 5-5 15, LeBrent Walker 1-3 3-4 5. Totals 18-58 19-24 58

Halftime — NMMI 27, MC 26. 3-point goals — NMMI 8-24 (Joseph 3-7, Manns 3-8, Roper 1-2, Rhodes 1-5, Davis 0-2). MC 3-15 (Hernandez 1-8, Francois 1-4, Guzonjic 1-1). Total fouls - NMMI 18, MC 12. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls - Zeller. Rebounds — NMMI 35 (Three with 6), MC 44 (Thomas 9). Assists — NMMI 8 (Rhodes 3, Manns 3), MC 10 (Williams 4). Turnovers - NMMI 13, MC 11.

Next: Midland College at Western Texas College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; South Plains College at New Mexico Military Institute, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	3	0	16	1
Odessa College	3	0	15	1
New Mexico JC	2	2	14	3
Western Texas	2	2	14	4
Howard College	2	1	14	3
Frank Phillips	1	1	11	5
Midland College	**1**	**2**	**9**	**7**
Clarendon College	0	2	5	10
New Mexico Military	0	4	10	6

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 58, New Mexico Military Institute 56; Odessa College 74, Western Texas College 67; Howard College 85, Clarendon College 77; South Plains College 73, New Mexico JC 71; Frank Phillips College was open

Monday's Games

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



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Darren Williams (5) covers New Mexico Military Institute's Shaquan Rhodes (11) on Thursday at Chaparral Center.

Knicks beat Heat, win third straight game

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 24 points, Andrea Bargnani had 19, and the New York Knicks beat the Miami Heat 102-92 on Thursday night for their season-high third straight victory.

Raymond Felton had 13 points and 14 assists for the Knicks, who seized control with a 16-2 run spanning the third and fourth quarters and beat the Heat for the fourth time in five meetings over the last two seasons.

New York was second to Miami in the Eastern Conference last season when it won the series 3-1, but there was little reason to suggest the Knicks were ready to compete with the NBA champions this season. New York is only 13-22, though it has won four of five in 2014.

THURSDAY'S BOX

KNICKS 102, HEAT 92

MIAMI (92): James 12-17 7-11 32, Lewis 2-3 0-0 5, Bosh 3-10 0-0 6, Wade 11-15 0-0 23, Cole 5-9 0-0 12, Allen 1-4 3-3 6, Beasley 2-6 1-1 5, Andersen 1-2 0-0 2, Mason Jr. 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-68 11-21 92.

NEW YORK (102): C.Anthony 12-24 2-3 29, Martin 3-6 1-2 7, Bargnani 9-13 1-1 19, Shumpert 4-8 0-0 12, Felton 5-14 0-0 13, Stoudemire 7-12 0-2 14, Hardaway Jr. 2-4 0-0 5, Murry 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 44-82 5-10 102.

	1	2	3	4	—
Miami	27	21	23	21	— 92
New York	21	22	32	27	— 102

3-Point Goals—Miami 7-21 (Lewis 2-3, Cole 2-5, Wade 1-1, Allen 1-3, James 1-4, Bosh 0-1, Beasley 0-2, Mason Jr. 0-2), New York 9-24 (Shumpert 4-7, C.Anthony 3-8, Hardaway Jr. 1-3, Felton 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 36 (Bosh 9), New York 48 (Stoudemire 11). Assists—Miami 20 (James 6), New York 25 (Felton 14). Total Fouls—Miami 13, New York 19. Technicals—Miami defensive three second. A—19,812 (19,763).

NBA STANDINGS AND BOX

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	17	.500	—
Brooklyn	14	21	.400	3 1/2
New York	13	22	.371	4 1/2
Boston	13	23	.361	5
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	5 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	9	.750	—
Atlanta	19	17	.528	8
Washington	17	17	.485	9 1/2
Charlotte	15	21	.417	12
Orlando	10	25	.286	16 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	26	7	.800	—
Chicago	15	18	.455	12
Detroit	14	22	.389	14 1/2
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	20 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	5	.778	—
Houston	23	13	.639	5
Dallas	20	16	.556	8
New Orleans	15	19	.441	12
Memphis	15	19	.441	12

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
Portland	27	9	.750	1/2
Denver	17	17	.500	9 1/2
Minnesota	17	18	.486	10
Utah	12	25	.324	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	25	13	.658	—
Golden State	24	14	.632	1
Phoenix	21	13	.618	2
L.A. Lakers	14	22	.389	10
Sacramento	11	22	.333	11 1/2

Thursday's Scores

New York 102, Miami 92
Oklahoma City at Denver, late

Today's Games

Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

THURSDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Arizona (16-0) beat UCLA 79-75. Next: at Southern Cal, Sunday.
2. Syracuse (15-0) did not play. Next: vs North Carolina, Saturday.
3. Ohio State (15-1) did not play. Next: vs No. 20 Iowa, Saturday.
4. Wisconsin (16-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Tuesday.
5. Michigan State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs Minnesota, Saturday.
6. Wichita State (16-0) did not play. Next: at Missouri State, Saturday.
7. **Baylor (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.**
8. Villanova (14-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Saturday.
9. Iowa State (14-0) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
10. Florida (12-2) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
11. Oklahoma State (13-2) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
12. Louisville (13-3) lost to No. 24 Memphis 73-67. Next: vs. SMU, Sunday.
13. San Diego State (13-1) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Sunday.
14. Kentucky (11-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
15. Colorado (14-2) did not play. Next: at Washington, Sunday.
16. Duke (12-3) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
17. Oregon (13-1) vs. California. Next: vs. Stanford, Sunday.
18. Kansas (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Kansas State, Saturday.
19. UMass (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Saturday.
20. Iowa (13-3) beat Northwestern 93-67. Next: at No. 3 Ohio State, Sunday.
21. Missouri (12-2) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Saturday.
22. Gonzaga (14-2) at Portland. Next: at Pepperdine, Thursday, Jan. 16.
23. Illinois (13-3) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Saturday.
24. Memphis (11-3) beat No. 12 Louisville 73-67. Next: at Temple, Saturday.
25. Kansas State (12-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kansas, Saturday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Charlotte 73, UTEP 68
FIU 71, Rice 60
Idaho 86, Texas-Pan American 85, 2OT
Nicholls St. 64, Lamar 60
Sam Houston St. 86, McNeese St. 81
Southern Miss. 74, North Texas 64
Stephen F. Austin 77, Houston Baptist 50
Texas A&M-CC 101, Northwestern St. 87
Texas-Arlington 83, Louisiana-Monroe 79, OT
Troy 98, Arkansas St. 84
Tulsa 97, Tulane 71
UALR 65, South Alabama 60
UTSA 90, Marshall 81

FAR WEST

Arizona 79, UCLA 75
BYU 84, Pepperdine 72
E. Washington 69, Montana 62
Montana St. 79, Portland St. 76
N. Arizona 75, Sacramento St. 65
N. Colorado 70, Weber St. 51
New Mexico St. 96, Seattle 87

MIDWEST

Belmont 107, SE Missouri 94
DePaul 99, Butler 94, 2OT
IPFW 82, N. Dakota St. 71
Iowa 93, Northwestern 67
Michigan 71, Nebraska 70
North Dakota 66, Idaho St. 62
S. Dakota St. 86, IUPUI 70
Xavier 86, Marquette 79

SOUTH

Chattanooga 90, Samford 81
Davidson 73, Furman 56
Florida Gulf Coast 79, North Florida 75
Florida St. 56, Clemson 41
Georgia St. 77, W. Kentucky 54
Jacksonville 86, Stetson 75
Jacksonville St. 61, SIU-Edwardsville 52
Lipscomb 82, ETSU 80
Louisiana Tech 84, FAU 64
Memphis 73, Louisville 67
Mississippi 65, Auburn 62
New Orleans 87, Abilene Christian 81
SC-Upstate 73, N. Kentucky 64
SE Louisiana 76, Incarnate Word 72
Tennessee Tech 81, E. Illinois 69
UNC Greensboro 66, Appalachian St. 60
VCU 71, George Mason 57
Wofford 79, The Citadel 75, OT

EAST

Binghamton 67, New Hampshire 38
Bryant 77, St. Francis (Pa.) 67
Fairleigh Dickinson 85, Mount St. Mary's 79
Hartford 80, Maine 65
La Salle 76, George Washington 72
Quinnipiac 81, Manhattan 76
Robert Morris 79, Sacred Heart 70
South Florida 82, Temple 75
St. Francis (NY) 78, LIU Brooklyn 64
Wagner 88, CCSU 59

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTH

Jacksonville at North Florida, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST

Green Bay at Wright St., 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Bradley, 8 p.m.

EAST

Canisius at Iona, 8 p.m.

Women

THURSDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (16-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
2. Notre Dame (14-0) beat Boston College 95-53. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.
3. Duke (15-1) beat Syracuse 86-53. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
4. Stanford (13-1) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
5. Louisville (15-1) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
6. Maryland (14-1) beat Wake Forest 76-49. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday, Jan. 16.
7. **Baylor (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.**
8. Tennessee (13-2) beat Mississippi 94-70. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
9. Kentucky (13-3) lost to No. 10 South Carolina 68-59. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.
10. South Carolina (15-1) beat No. 9 Kentucky 68-59. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.
11. Iowa State (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
12. LSU (12-3) lost to Texas A&M 52-48. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (13-3) beat No. 20 N.C. State 79-70. Next: at No. 18 Florida State, Sunday.
14. Penn State (11-3) beat Illinois 82-76. Next: vs. No. 21 Purdue, Sunday.
15. Oklahoma State (13-1) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Iowa State, Saturday.
16. Nebraska (11-3) lost to Michigan State 70-57. Next: at Illinois, Sunday.
17. Colorado (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 California, Friday.
18. Florida State (14-1) beat Miami 68-63. Next: vs. No. 13 North Carolina, Sunday.
19. California (10-3) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Colorado, Friday.
20. N.C. State (14-2) lost to No. 13 North Carolina 79-70. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.
21. Purdue (10-4) lost to Northwestern 70-68. Next: at No. 14 Penn State, Sunday.
22. Indiana (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Saturday.
23. Arizona State (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.
24. San Diego (15-1) did not play. Next: at Gonzaga, Saturday.
25. Georgia (12-4) lost to Missouri 66-56. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.

THURSDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Concordia-Austin 62, U of the Ozarks 49
Hardin-Simmons 94, E. Texas Baptist 81
Lamar 82, Nicholls St. 68
Mary Hardin-Baylor 77, Texas-Tyler 69
McNeese St. 59, Sam Houston St. 55
Northwestern St. 65, Texas A&M-CC 59
Oklahoma Baptist 78, Wayland Baptist 64
Stephen F. Austin 71, Houston Baptist 60
Texas A and M International 54, McMurry 50

SOUTH

Abilene Christian 88, New Orleans 44
Asbury 76, Cincinnati Christian 72
Benedict 83, Lane 36
Charleston Southern 81, Campbell 71
Delaware 57, William & Mary 39
Delta St. 71, Lee 64
Drury 82, Bellarmine 75
Florida 59, Arkansas 52
Florida Gulf Coast 73, ETSU 58
Florida St. 88, Miami 63
Georgetown (Ky.) 86, Campbellsville 79
High Point 75, Presbyterian 64
Howard Payne 78, Louisiana College 67
Johnson C. Smith 75, Chowan 59
Kennesaw St. 82, Lipscomb 78
Kentucky Wesleyan 112, Davis & Elkins 75
Liberty 72, Gardner-Webb 40
Lindsey Wilson 79, Pikeville 76
Maryland 76, Wake Forest 49
Mid-Continent 85, Benedictine Springfield 80
Mississippi College 120, Sul Ross St. 77
N. Kentucky 72, Mercer 61
North Carolina 79, NC State 70
Northeastern 64, UNC Wilmington 50
Randolph-Macon 91, Gallaudet 55
SE Louisiana 87, Incarnate Word 55
South Carolina 68, Kentucky 59
Spalding 85, Eureka 55
St. Augustine's 73, Bowie St. 69
Stetson 78, SC-Upstate 64
Tennessee 94, Mississippi 70
Texas A&M 52, LSU 48
Trevecca Nazarene 75, Alderson-Broaddus 45
Tulane 77, Marshall 61
UNC Asheville 69, Longwood 65
Vanderbilt 74, Auburn 46
Virginia 67, Virginia Tech 60
West Florida 69, Union (Tenn.) 60
Winthrop 68, Radford 56

MIDWEST

Ashland 74, N. Michigan 60
Baker 69, Benedictine (Kan.) 56
Ball St. 70, E. Michigan 66
Bowling Green 58, Kent St. 39
Cent. Michigan 109, Akron 83
Central Methodist 67, Culver-Stockton 54
Clarke 77, Viterbo 62
Cleveland St. 78, Detroit 71
Findlay 66, Saginaw Valley St. 56
Grand Valley St. 82, Walsh 71
IPFW 98, N. Dakota St. 89, 2OT
Lake Superior St. 59, Ohio Dominican 55
Madonna 77, Michigan-Dearborn 68
Malone 46, Ferris St. 44
Michigan 70, Wisconsin 62
Michigan St. 70, Nebraska 57
Michigan Tech 81, Lake Erie 57
Missouri 66, Georgia 56
Northland 54, Mount Mary 39
Northwestern 71, Purdue 68
Notre Dame 95, Boston College 53
Ohio 97, Miami (Ohio) 79
Olivet 69, Kalamazoo 58
Penn St. 82, Illinois 76
S. Dakota St. 63, IUPUI 57
Tiffin 78, Northwood (Mich.) 69
Toledo 73, N. Illinois 71
Wayne (Mich.) 86, Hillsdale 85
Wis. Lutheran 75, Marian (Wis.) 28
Youngstown St. 62, Valparaiso 49

FAR WEST

CS Northridge 56, UC Davis 52
Cal St.-Fullerton 82, UC Riverside 78
Gonzaga 68, BYU 42
Grand Canyon 78, CS Bakersfield 64
Idaho 76, Texas-Pan American 65
Long Beach St. 84, UC Irvine 75, OT
Montana 81, E. Washington 64
Montana St. 89, Portland St. 78
N. Colorado 68, Weber St. 49
North Dakota 48, Idaho St. 47
Pacific 80, San Francisco 67
Sacramento St. 104, N. Arizona 79
Saint Mary's (Cal) 80, Santa Clara 70
Seattle 61, New Mexico St. 51

EAST

Albany (NY) 94, Vermont 48
Castleton St. 83, Johnson St. 37
Drexel 68, Coll. of Charleston 55
Duke 86, Syracuse 53
Fairfield 58, Manhattan 49
Manhattanville 81, Farmingdale 77
Nichols 66, W. New England 51
Regis 66, Elms 60
Rider 68, St. Peter's 40
Rivier 93, CCNY 85
Towson 62, Hofstra 56

TODAY'S GAMES

MIDWEST

Evansville at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.
Missouri St. at Bradley, 7 p.m.
Wichita St. at Loyola of Chicago, 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Drake, 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

Southern Cal at Arizona St., 7 p.m.
Stanford at Utah, 7 p.m.
UCLA at Arizona, 9 p.m.
California at Colorado, 9 p.m.

EAST

Quinnipiac at Iona, 11 a.m.
Canisius at Monmouth (N.J.), 11 a.m.
Niagara at Siena, 4 p.m.

Pick 6: The hot candidates to be head coaches

DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

Fans are fretting, hoping and wondering.

Private planes are flying all over the place. Media-fueled rumor mills are spinning at warp speed.

Yes, we're in the middle of head coach hiring season, that brief-but-intense, unscheduled-but-imminent period that rivals the free agent market, mass mock draft production and even the playoffs in attention-getting on the NFL calendar.

Seven teams have been participating this time, and Houston, Tampa Bay and Washington have finished the task. That's left Cleveland, Detroit, Minnesota and Tennessee to fight over the pool of candidates, many of whom have multiple teams on their interview list.

Vikings general manager Rick Spielman, in discussing his club's search last week, revealed 13 categories of potential head coaches he claimed were no better than another in producing on-field success. The popular players in the 2014 version of the annual game beyond the gridiron, though, have fallen into only a handful of groups.

Here's a look at six of the most-sought-after candidates remaining, in alphabetical order:

DARRELL BEVELL: Seattle's offensive coordinator for the last three seasons, Bevell helped develop a young Russell Wilson into one of the most-polished quarterbacks in the league. The Seahawks finished tied for eighth in the NFL in scoring despite a ball-control offense that produced the second-fewest pass attempts in the league. Bevell's prior post was offensive coordinator for the Vikings for five years, and he was Brett Favre's quarterbacks coach for his last three seasons in Green Bay.

TODD BOWLES: Arizona's defensive coordinator this season, Bowles supervised a unit that surrendered the fewest yards rushing in the NFL and helped the Cardinals become one of the most subtle surprises of 2013 with a 10-6 record. He was promoted to defensive coordinator by Philadelphia partway through the previous year, and in 2011 he was interim head coach in Miami for the final three games. Bowles was a cornerback in the league for eight seasons, seven with Washington, with which he won a Super Bowl.

ADAM GASE: Denver's offensive coordinator this season, Gase was quarterbacks coach and wide receivers coach for the Broncos for two years each before this post. The 35-year-old preferred to focus on the playoffs and decline interviews until after the Broncos are done, but if teams are patient Gase could get serious consideration. With Peyton Manning at quarterback, success comes a lot easier, but the Broncos scored an NFL-record 606 points this season.

RAY HORTON: Cleveland's defensive coordinator for one year, Horton served the same role for the Cardinals the two seasons before that. The Browns struggled in the standings yet again this year, but they had the semblance of a decent defense, ranking ninth in the league in yards allowed. Horton played 10 seasons in the NFL as a safety with Cincinnati and Dallas, and he won a Super Bowl with the Cowboys.

KEN WHISENHUNT: San Diego's offensive coordinator this season, Whisenhunt engineered a revamp of the system that helped quarterback Philip Rivers produce one of the best years of his career and the Chargers finish fifth in total yards. Whisenhunt has substantial head coach experience, too, with six seasons in charge of the Cardinals that featured a trip to the Super Bowl for one of the NFL's most woebegone franchises.

MIKE ZIMMER: Cincinnati's defensive coordinator for the last six years, Zimmer has 20 years as an NFL assistant on his resume. The Bengals were third in the league in yards allowed and fifth in points against. He's widely considered the most overdue candidate on the market this time, with interviews for previous vacancies the past two winters. Zimmer also ran the defenses in Dallas for seven seasons and another year in Atlanta.

Honorable mention: Baltimore offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell, Seattle defensive coordinator Dan Quinn, San Francisco offensive coordinator Greg Roman.

Bae grabs early lead at Sony Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Sang-Moon Bae made seven birdies in pristine conditions along the shores of Oahu for a bogey-free 63 and the early lead Thursday in the Sony Open.

Bae needed every one of them to stay ahead of Chris Kirk, who is in his group.

Kirk rallied for a 29 on the back nine of Waialae Country Club and was one shot behind among the early starters in the first full-field event of the year. Bae and Kirk had a better-ball score of 56.

Both opened 2014 on Maui last week in the Tournament of Champions.

John Daly was in the group at 66. Adam Scott, with surfer Benji Weatherly taking over as his caddie this week, was in the group at 67.

SONY OPEN SCORES

Thursday
At Waialae Country Club
Honolulu
Purse: $5.6 million
Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

Sang-Moon Bae	30-33—63
Chris Kirk	35-29—64
Brian Stuard	31-34—65
Ryan Palmer	32-33—65
Retief Goosen	34-32—66
Harris English	33-33—66
Jimmy Walker	35-31—66
John Daly	34-32—66
Hideto Tanihara	30-36—66
Jason Kokrak	31-35—66
Daniel Summerhays	33-33—66
Ryuji Imada	33-34—67
William McGirt	34-33—67
James Hahn	34-33—67
Adam Scott	33-34—67
Jason Dufner	35-32—67
Billy Hurley III	34-33—67
Kevin Foley	33-34—67
Jerry Kelly	35-32—67
Boo Weekley	34-33—67
K.J. Choi	34-33—67
Marc Leishman	34-33—67
Ben Martin	33-34—67
Brice Garnett	35-32—67
Morgan Hoffmann	34-34—68
Pat Perez	37-31—68
Tim Herron	33-35—68
Greg Chalmers	35-33—68
Jeff Overton	34-34—68
Roberto Castro	34-34—68
Robert Allenby	34-34—68
Charlie Beljan	35-33—68
Ken Duke	34-34—68
Matt Kuchar	34-34—68
Derek Ernst	36-32—68
Justin Leonard	34-34—68
Chris Stroud	34-34—68
Russell Knox	31-37—68
Miguel Angel Carballo	36-32—68
Joe Durant	36-32—68
David Hearn	33-35—68
Ricky Barnes	35-33—68
Zach Johnson	35-33—68
Mark Wilson	33-35—68
Brendon de Jonge	34-34—68
John Peterson	35-33—68
Scott Gardiner	35-33—68
Justin Hicks	34-35—69
Matt Every	37-32—69
Brian Harman	36-33—69
Charlie Wi	34-35—69
John Rollins	36-33—69
Yusaku Miyazato	35-34—69
Jim Herman	31-38—69
Brad Fritsch	35-34—69
Heath Slocum	35-34—69
Spencer Levin	33-36—69
Johnson Wagner	36-33—69
Stewart Cink	33-36—69
Peter Malnati	35-34—69
Tyrone Van Aswegen	37-32—69
Will Wilcox	36-33—69
Bronson La'Cassie	33-36—69
Alex Prugh	35-34—69
Matt Bettencourt	37-33—70
Will MacKenzie	33-37—70
Vijay Singh	37-33—70
D.A. Points	35-35—70
Kenny Perry	36-32—70
Kevin Na	34-36—70
Wes Roach	36-34—70
Eric Dugas	34-36—70
Bobby Gates	37-33—70
Seung-Yul Noh	37-33—70
Michael Putnam	37-33—70
Woody Austin	35-35—70
Jonathan Byrd	33-37—70
Jordan Spieth	33-37—70
Robert Streb	36-34—70
Stuart Appleby	35-35—70
Jeff Maggert	37-33—70
Troy Merritt	35-35—70
Derek Tolan	37-33—70
Hudson Swafford	37-33—70
Hyung-Sung Kim	35-35—70
Brendon Todd	37-33—70
Toshinori Muto	37-33—70
D.H. Lee	35-36—71
John Huh	36-35—71
Charles Howell III	36-35—71
Scott Brown	32-39—71
Scott Langley	37-34—71
Will Claxton	36-35—71
Andrew Svoboda	35-36—71
Chad Collins	33-38—71
Briny Baird	37-34—71
Bo Van Pelt	33-38—71
Scott Verplank	35-36—71
Brian Gay	37-34—71
Scott Piercy	34-37—71
David Lingmerth	35-36—71
Alex Aragon	36-33—71
Tim Wilkinson	35-36—71
Carl Pettersson	35-37—72
Tommy Gainey	36-34—72
Martin Trainer	37-35—72
Masahiro Kawamura	37-35—72
John Senden	37-35—72
Josh Teater	36-36—72
Michael Thompson	37-35—72
Steven Bowditch	37-35—72
Fred Funk	35-37—72
William Liu	38-34—72
Kevin Kisner	35-37—72
Jim Renner	36-36—72
Chesson Hadley	36-36—72
Yuta Ikeda	37-35—72
Rory Sabbatini	37-36—73
Jamie Lovemark	35-38—73
Guan Tianlang	37-36—73
Edward Loar	36-37—73
Cameron Tringale	39-34—73
Erik Compton	40-33—73
Nicholas Thompson	38-35—73
Y.E. Yang	38-35—73
Mike Weir	38-35—73
Russell Henley	35-38—73
Tim Clark	38-35—73
Ryo Ishikawa	38-35—73
Kevin Tway	36-37—73
Danny Lee	35-38—73
Frank Lickliter II	39-34—73
Paul Goydos	39-35—74
Daniel Chopra	39-35—74
Ted Potter, Jr.	35-39—74
Mark Anderson	35-39—74
Andrew Loupe	39-35—74
Kirk Nelson	37-37—74
Sean O'Hair	38-37—75
Shane Bertsch	40-35—75
Lee Williams	39-36—75
Bud Cauley	36-40—76
Troy Matteson	40-36—76
Jared Sawada	40-38—78

VOTE

From 1C

membership in July.

While the BBWAA long was limited to reporters for newspapers and news agencies, a small number of website writers have been allowed to join in recent years. Broadcasters and MLB.com reporters are excluded.

The Hall of Fame electorate includes anyone who has been a BBWAA member for 10 consecutive years at any point.

ESPN broadcaster Keith Olbermann advocates eliminating the 10-players restriction and increasing the voting pool.

"The idea of exclusively the baseball writers voting for the Hall of Famers is a vestige of state-of-the-art media of the '30s and '40s," he said. "It was a very, very good and inclusive idea then. Shortly after it was instituted, it began to become less inclusive, to the point now where maybe baseball writers, the beat writers, are not a large enough group or may not be the most-informed group. Certainly they're not the exclusively informed group."

Gruden takes on Redskins' turmoil

By Joseph White
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The face was different, the words familiar. Like Mike Shanahan and nearly every recent Washington Redskins coach, Jay Gruden is anxious to declare an end to franchise's days of dysfunction.

"I don't know what happened last year," Gruden said. "I know that interviewing with Dan Snyder and Bruce Allen and everybody here that the passion for excellence is there. All they want to do is win, and they're going to provide me with every avenue to win."

Gruden was introduced Thursday as the man charged with ending the perpetual state of turmoil the team has endured under owner Snyder and recently under general manager Allen.

Gruden was a given a five-year contact for his first NFL head coaching gig, taking over a 3-13 team that has finished last in the NFC East in five of the last six seasons.

"We HAVE to get it right," said Allen, who led the search and interviewed six candidates. "We need to get the franchise back on track in a winning direction. ... We were looking for a new leader, somebody who can inspire our football team. We knew it was more than just X and Os, it was about finding the right person to build a team chemistry that we needed."

Gruden is Snyder's eighth coach in 16 seasons as an NFL owner. Unlike Shanahan, who was fired last week, Gruden will not have final say over all football matters. He'll report to Allen, who has taken charge of assembling the roster and other personnel decisions.

Snyder attended the news conference but did not speak to reporters.

The 46-year-old Gruden has spent the last three seasons as the offensive coordinator of the Cincinnati Bengals, where his skill in helping to develop Andy Dalton will no doubt be of use when he takes on the task of grooming another young franchise quarterback, Robert Griffin III.

Gruden praised the talents of Griffin and spoke of the need to build a "genuine" trust with the quarterback, who regressed this season after winning the AP's Offensive Rookie of the Year award in 2012. Griffin returned from major knee surgery to start 13 games, but he publicly disagreed with some of Shanahan's decisions, struggled as a drop-back passer and was benched for the final three weeks.

"I see every trait that a quarterback has to have to be successful, I see Robert having all of those," Gruden said. "So why wouldn't you want to coach a guy like that? ... I'm going to let him know that I'm a trustworthy guy. He's also got to understand that I expect a lot from the starting quarterback. I expect him to come in and prepare and work hard, and I expect him to take the blame on some throws. I expect him to be a great leader."

Vrabel to be Texans assistant

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Third-year Ohio State defensive line coach Mike Vrabel is jumping back to the NFL to rejoin new Houston Texans coach Bill O'Brien.

Vrabel, who played at Ohio State and went on to a 14-year career in the NFL, will coach linebackers, he confirmed in a post on Twitter.

"I am thankful for everyone assoc with TOSU for 3 great years and my family and I are excited to join the Houston Texans as the LB coach," he posted early Thursday night.

O'Brien, the head coach at Penn State the past two years, had been a top assistant with the New England Patriots in 2007-08 when Vrabel was a player. Vrabel won three Super Bowls with the Patriots.

Vrabel was one of the top recruiters for coach Urban Meyer. Joey Bosa, a freshman defensive end, was recruited by Vrabel and developed into a starter this past season.

Meyer did not have an immediate comment.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith also turned to Twitter to congratulate Vrabel and his wife.

"Thanks Mike and Jen Vrabel for all you gave the Buckeyes. Good luck in Houston. Here for you always!!! (hash)GoBucks," Smith posted on his account.

Vrabel becomes the second defensive coach to leave the Buckeyes in recent weeks. Everett Withers, co-defensive coordinator and assistant head coach/safeties left to take the head coaching position at James Madison last month.

The Buckeyes went 12-2 this past season, running their school-record winning streak to 24 games in a row before losing their final two games, 34-24 to Michigan State in the Big Ten championship game and 40-34 to Clemson in the Orange Bowl.

Jury selection begins in Josh Brent trial

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jury selection has begun in the intoxication manslaughter trial of former Dallas Cowboy Josh Brent, charged in the 2012 car wreck that killed a teammate.

Jurors on Thursday reported to court in Dallas. Brent was present for the start of jury selection in the trial over the accident that killed his best friend, Jerry Brown. Brown was on the team's practice squad.

Prosecutors say Brent was driving drunk during the one-vehicle rollover accident in Irving. Police have said Brent's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit for driving. He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted in the Dec. 8, 2012, accident.

Brent last July retired from the NFL team.



McCombs apologizes for Strong comments

By Mike Finger
San Antonio Express-News

The first time Texas football coach Charlie Strong leads his new team into Royal-Memorial Stadium for a game next fall, he'll walk past a life-sized bronze statue of the billionaire donor who loudly criticized his hiring.

But that same booster said he now wants Strong to think of him as one of his biggest fans.

Red McCombs apologized Thursday for negative comments he made about Strong this week and vowed to help UT's new coach in any way he could.

"He has my total support," McCombs said. "I'm a team player."

In an interview in his office near downtown, the San Antonio auto magnate said he called Strong on Thursday morning to say he was sorry for his radio remarks earlier this week. Monday on KZDC-AM, McCombs called Strong's hiring at UT "a kick in the face" and suggested that the coach would "make a great position coach, maybe a coordinator."

Considering that Strong already had been a head coach for four years at Louisville, where he won 23 of his last 26 games, McCombs' comments caused a bit of a national stir. Thursday, he said he regretted those statements, and said he "wanted to apologize to anybody that might have been offended by anything that I said or did."

McCombs, who's donated more than $100 million to UT's business school, cancer research center and athletic department, said he spoke to Strong for about five minutes Thursday and "it couldn't have been more cordial."

"He wanted my help and he wanted my support," McCombs said. "I told him I'd be happy to do it."

McCombs said his interest in UT's coaching search "was to see that we had one of the three best coaches in the United States." Last week, he told the San Antonio Express-News that he was lobbying for former NFL coach Jon Gruden to get the job as Mack Brown's replacement.

Thursday, he said his frustration during the radio interview was a result of him being surprised by how quickly the Longhorns acted to hire Strong. McCombs said he was under the impression that he had more time to convince athletic director Steve Patterson and school president Bill Powers that Gruden was the best candidate.

"Suddenly, here we've got a new coach," McCombs said. "I guess what I was really trying to work over was, I might have spent a little more time on it if I knew they were going to do it so quickly."

Strong has not been available for print interviews since McCombs' comments on Monday, but the coach told the Dan Patrick Show on Wednesday that he wasn't bothered by what the donor said.

"You just move on," Strong said. "You have a job to do. You can't worry about what people say or think. I'm going to get judged by my work here."

McCombs said Strong showed that same willingness to move forward during their telephone conversation. He said he didn't know much about the Longhorns' new coach before this week, and admitted he shouldn't have made the "position coach" comment about a man who he said is qualified for the job.

"You've got to be a good coach, with the background he had," McCombs said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KIFFIN BEING CONSIDERED BY ALABAMA

Former Southern California coach Lane Kiffin is being considered by Alabama to replace offensive coordinator Doug Nussmeier, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person said there is mutual interest between Kiffin and Alabama coach Nick Saban. Kiffin has been out of work since being fired by USC in late September. He spent a week in Tuscaloosa, Ala., last month exchanging ideas with Tide coaches and observing Alabama.

Kiffin spent six seasons (2001-06) at USC under Pete Carroll as an assistant, including the final two as offensive coordinator. He also called plays during his time as a head coach. He spent one season at Tennessee (2009). He went 7-6 before leaving to replace Carroll with the Trojans and Tennessee fans were outraged by abrupt departure. Alabama plays Tennessee every October.

AUBURN'S TRE MASON TO ENTER NFL DRAFT

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn tailback Tre Mason is skipping his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

The Heisman Trophy finalist announced his decision on Thursday. Mason says he's "a dream chaser, and I'm trying to turn this dream into a reality."

Mason broke Bo Jackson's 28-year-old school single-season record with 1,816 yards. He also ran for 24 touchdowns.

MICHIGAN ADDING DOUG NUSSMEIER TO STAFF

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A person familiar with the process says the University of Michigan is hiring Doug Nussmeier to be Brady Hoke's offensive coordinator.

The person spoke Thursday morning to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the move had not been announced.

Alabama hired Nussmeier nearly two years ago to be Nick Saban's offensive coordinator after he directed the Washington Huskies' offense the previous three seasons. Nussmeier also spent one season as offensive coordinator at Fresno State and had stints as quarterbacks coach with Michigan State and the St. Louis Rams.

ANDERSON BRINGS EXPERIENCE TO ASU

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Arizona State has turned to NFL executive Ray Anderson as its new athletic director.

He replaces Steve Patterson, who left in November to become the athletic director at Texas.

Anderson spent eight seasons as the NFL's executive vice president of football operations before announcing in December that he was leaving to pursue other opportunities. He will remain with the NFL through the Super Bowl before starting at ASU on Feb. 5.

STEWART

From 1C

Stewart is definitely raring to go. He's been driving a street car for four months, but his seat fitting at SHR last month was his only time in a race car and he didn't want to get out.

"It felt like an old pair of shoes," he said. "They kept telling me I had to get out of it. I wanted to sit in it. I felt like a kid. I wanted to keep moving the steering wheel and everything else. They said, 'You have to get out so we can finish doing our job with the seat.' That was kind of fun to get back in there. It kind of felt like the first time I got in one. It was that kind of excitement."

Stewart also said he will return to sprint car racing this year — something he has insisted he won't give up even after his accident at an Iowa dirt track. He pledged in the weeks after his crash to work toward improving safety in sprint car racing, and said although he hasn't worked on his 2014 schedule yet, he'll be racing and has a sponsor lined up.

"The Cup car is the priority right now and making sure that we're comfortable there," he said. "Bouncing around in a sprint car is a little different deal. We'll take a little more time, there's not a sense of urgency. There's not a set schedule for it yet. It's more making sure that I feel 100 percent. But we're pushing ahead on that side, as well, and getting cars ready."

FRIDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 10, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man St (N)	Neighbors (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Boss "Mohegan Sun Casino" (N)		Hawaii 5-0 "O Kela Me Keia Manawa" (N)		Blue Bloods "The Bogeyman" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules "Twice"	Carrie Diaries "Date Expectations" (N)		Supernatural "Holy Terror"		Rules of Engage.	Sein. "The Implant"	Community	Community	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Ghost in the Killer" (N)		Raising Hope (N)	Enlisted "Pilot" (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical Israel	Update News	Doorways to Wisdom		Light of the Southwest				Update News	BAS Presents	Walking	Y.Salamanca
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Dateline NBC		Grimm "Eyes of the Beholder" (N)		Dracula "Come to Die" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Kevin Bacon, Sherri Shepherd (:35) LateNight
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Wash. Week (N)	Just Seen It	Higher Ground: A Hurricane Relief Benefit				Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Monk		Monk		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	OMG!
FLIX		340	65		165		(5:15) Darkman		★★★ Clockers ('95, Dra) Harvey Keitel.				(:15) ★★★★ Trainspotting		(:45)	A Guide to Recognizi..		
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★★★ We Bought a Zoo				★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				Sex//Now	24/7	Movie	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(:15) Clear History ('13, Com) Eva Mendes.				Road to the NHL		★★★★ The Bourne Legacy			(:15) Savages		
MBOS		304	70	16	102		(4:45) Million Dol..		The Sopranos		Girls	Girls	★★★★ Les Misérables ('12, Mus) Hugh Jackman.				Movie	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) Miss Cong..		(:15) ★★★ A Good Day to Die Hard				Banshee (N)		Banshee		Chemist.	Chemistry
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★ Me, Myself and Irene Jim Carrey.				★ Parental Guidance ('12, Com)		Lingerie		(:15) ★★ Assault on Precinct 13 Ja Rule.			
PLEX				96			(5:50) ★★ De-Lovely ('04, Bio) Kevin Kline.				★ Throw Momma From the T..		★★ The Continental Divide		(:15) Black Dragon			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1				★ Seven Psychopaths Colin Farrell.				★ Stake Land Connor Paolo.		InsideNFL	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(:15) ★★ Man on a Ledge				★★★ Crash ('04, Dra) Sandra Bullock.				★★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business			
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Mother and Child"		First 48 "Massacre in Little Haiti/ Exposed"		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 "Love Her Madly/ Off-Track"		First 48 "Massacre in Little Haiti/ Exposed"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Pearl Harbor		★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.								★ The Last House..	
BET		58	26		40		★★ Lakeview Terrace ('08, Thr) Samuel L. Jackson.				★★ He's Mine Not Yours Andrew Alexander.						Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		(5:30) ★★★ Burlesque ('10, Dra) Cher.				★★ Coyote Ugly Piper Perabo.				★★ Coyote Ugly Piper Perabo.			
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Crossfire	Unguard	Anthony Bourdain		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Rush "Jungle Boogie"		Gold Rush: The Dirt		Rush "Blowout" (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Gold Rush "Blowout"		Bering Sea Gold	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Jessie (N)	Dog Blog	Wander	FishH (N)	Liv/Mad	Austin	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	A.N.T.
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	Count	NBA Basketball Miami		Heat vs. Brooklyn Nets (L)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Los Angeles (L)			
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NFL Kickoff (L)				Boxing Fight Night Usmanee vs. Rodriguez (L)				SportsCenter		Olbermann (N)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	★★ Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.						★★ Zookeeper ('11, Com) Kevin James.		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Maveric-ks Insider	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. New Orleans Pelicans Site: New Orleans Arena -- New Orleans, La. (L)						Maveric-ks Live (L)	SportsDay OnAir	Snowboarding	WPT Poker L.A. Classic
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Mother	Mother	★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Don Cheadle, Robert Downey Jr..						★★★ Iron Man 2 Robert Downey Jr..			
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Good Wife		The Good Wife		GoodWife "Bad Girls"		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	HGTV Dream Home		Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	HouseH	House (N)	House	House	Hawaii	Hawaii
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Cedarquist/Oeth"		★ Fugitive at 17 (2012, Thriller) Christina Cox, Marie Avgeropoulos, Casper Van Dien.				★ Social Nightmare (2013, Drama) Kirsten Prout, Chloe Bridges, Daryl Hannah.				★ Fugitive at 17 Casper Van Dien.	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN		38	39				NFLTP	NCAA Hockey Alabama - Huntsville vs Notre Dame (L)					NFL Turning Point		USSA Skiing		USSA Skiing	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	Thunder.	Thunder.	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Bigfoot Bounty (N)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(4:00) Indiana Jo..		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Helix "Pilot/Vector" (P) (N)		Helix "Pilot/Vector"			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Scofflaw"	American Dad	★★ Meet the Parents (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Blythe Danner, Ben Stiller.				★★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ('06, Com) Will Ferrell.				(:15) ★★ The Love Guru Mike Myers.	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ The Last of ..		★★★ Bride of Frankenstein		★★★ Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde				★ The Thing From Another W..			
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Somethin g Borrow	Something Borrowed	Yes to the Dress	Say Yes (N)	Say Yes to (N)	Say Yes to (N)	Borrowed (N)	Borrowed (N)	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Somethin g Borrow	Somethin g Borrow
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Nanny McDead"		Castle "Hedge Fund Homeboys"		★★★ Source Code ('11, Myst) Michelle Monaghan, Vera Farmiga, Jake Gyllenhaal.				Cold Justice "Small Town Tragedy"		Cold Justice "Hatchet"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Stocks and Bondage"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Bad Blood"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	CSI: Crime Scene "Fur and Loathing"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

Schneider shuts out Stars in Devils' win

Devils	1
Stars	0

By Ed Barmakian
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Cory Schneider has played in so many low-scoring games this season that his coach compared him to a pitcher who needs a shutout to win.

"We don't give him a lot of run support and I think he's starting to get used to that," New Jersey Devils coach Pete DeBoer said. "He's figured it out that he has to pitch a shutout."

Schneider made 26 saves while "pitching" his third shutout of the season and Michael Ryder scored his fourth goal in five games to lead the Devils past the Dallas Stars 1-0 on Thursday night.

Schneider came up with his biggest save in the closing seconds when Tyler Seguin of the Stars put one on net, but he turned it away to clinch the game.

"Even with 8 seconds left, they can still come up the ice and make something happen," Schneider said. "Fortunately, I was able to stick that one away and it didn't hit my guy and go in. Winning is always better, no matter how it happens, 5-4 or 1-0."

Schneider earned his first victory since Dec. 28 against the New York Islanders. Schneider's previous shutout was also a 1-0 victory against Buffalo on Nov. 30. He also blanked the Rangers in October.

Ryder, who scored 35 goals three seasons ago while playing for the Stars, netted his team-leading 15th on a pass from Travis Zajac.

"I went through a little stretch there where the puck wasn't going in and I just stuck with it," Ryder said. "If you keep shooting, eventually you'll find the back of the net. It's going in for me now."

Despite stellar goaltending by Kari Lehtonen, who made 33 saves, Dallas dropped its fourth straight.

"I think that is the problem when you are losing a lot," Lehtonen said. "You are not consistently playing well. We need to keep working. During a season, there are tough times and really good times. Our job is to cut this as short as possible and start playing well again."

Ryder connected at 8:17 of the second period. Ryane Clowe sent the puck behind the net and Zajac held on until he could slip it to Ryder for his shot from the edge of the right circle that beat Lehtonen to his stick side.

"One-nothing games are games that goalies want," Lehtonen said. "I wish we would have been the one with the one goal at the end. It was a tight game and their goalie played great. That's how it goes."

Ryder nearly struck again at the 10:36 mark of the second when he intercepted a pass and skated in for an uncontested shot that Lehtonen saved.

Dallas made a bid to tie the game when Ryan Garbutt took a shot that hit Schneider's mask. Soon after, Stephen Gionta was charged with a double-minor for hitting Jamie Benn in the face with his stick. The Devils killed the four-minute power-play to keep its 1-0 lead entering the third.

"That was critical," DeBoer said of killing the four-minute power play.

The Stars didn't get their first shot until 10:40 in the first period. That drought included a two-minute power play. The Devils held a 10-8 shots edge in the period.

Ryder's shot from between the circles was thwarted by a nice reaction save by Lehtonen midway through the first.

Schneider made three saves in rapid succession to deny the Stars in the first period. Tyler Seguin skated down the left wing before trying to beat Schneider with a high shot. Seguin got a second chance on the rebound before Rich Peverley took his shot from in close that Schneider blocked.

"There wasn't one save that stood out, but that flurry of shots there was when I had to be on my toes," Schneider said.

Seguin, Dallas' 21-goal scorer had the toughest night with one of his shots denied by Schneider.

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	43	28	13	2	58	126	94
Tampa Bay	44	26	14	4	56	126	106
Montreal	45	25	15	5	55	115	108
Detroit	43	19	14	10	48	114	121
Toronto	45	21	19	5	47	123	138
Ottawa	45	19	18	8	46	129	145
Florida	44	17	21	6	40	104	137
Buffalo	43	12	26	5	29	75	120

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	45	32	12	1	65	147	107
Philadelphia	44	23	17	4	50	117	119
Washington	43	21	16	6	48	132	131
Carolina	44	19	16	9	47	111	125
N.Y. Rangers	45	22	20	3	47	111	121
New Jersey	45	18	18	9	45	104	113
Columbus	43	19	20	4	42	117	126
N.Y. Islanders	45	16	22	7	39	124	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	46	29	8	9	67	169	127
St. Louis	42	30	7	5	65	155	97
Colorado	43	27	12	4	58	127	111
Minnesota	45	23	17	5	51	108	114
Dallas	43	20	16	7	47	123	132
Nashville	45	19	20	6	44	108	135
Winnipeg	46	19	22	5	43	125	139

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	46	33	8	5	71	155	116
San Jose	44	27	11	6	60	144	114
Los Angeles	44	26	13	5	57	114	91
Vancouver	45	23	13	9	55	121	113
Phoenix	42	21	12	9	51	129	127
Calgary	43	15	22	6	36	100	137
Edmonton	46	14	27	5	33	119	181

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

Thursday's Scores
Florida 2, Buffalo 1, SO
New Jersey 1, Dallas 0
Carolina 6, Toronto 1
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 4, Nashville 3
St. Louis at Calgary, late
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Boston at Los Angeles, late
Detroit at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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LEVEL

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an R, and then rearrange the letters to spell something found on a farm.

R I C O T T A

U N S E A M

O V E R H E A T S

Yesterday's Answer: JOYOUS, LAMELY; RANCID, WINTRY; PHOBIA, SULTRY

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TODAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny
High: 67 Low: 34	High: 70 Low: 40	High: 74 Low: 37	High: 62 Low: 33	High: 61 Low: 31	High: 65 Low: 34

Local forecast

Expect clear skies today with a high around 67 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph, becoming west around 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 34 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

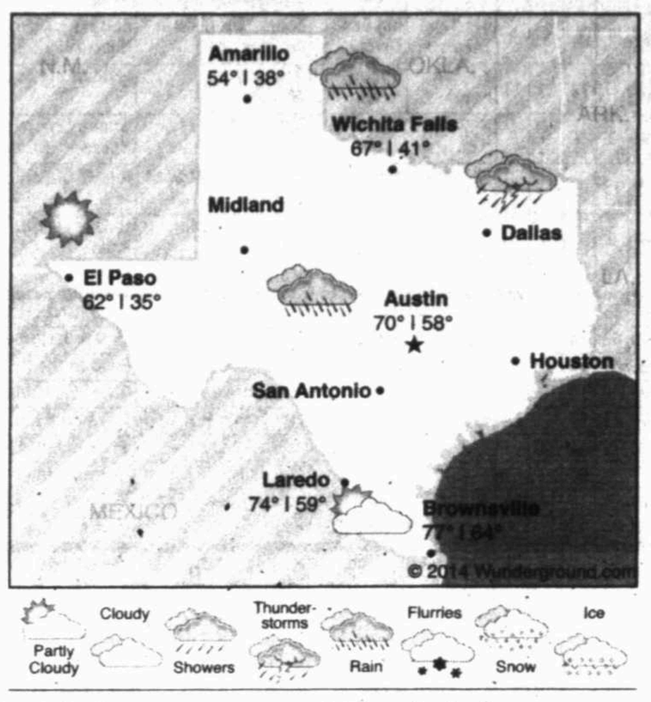
Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 70 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect clear conditions at night, with a low around 40 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

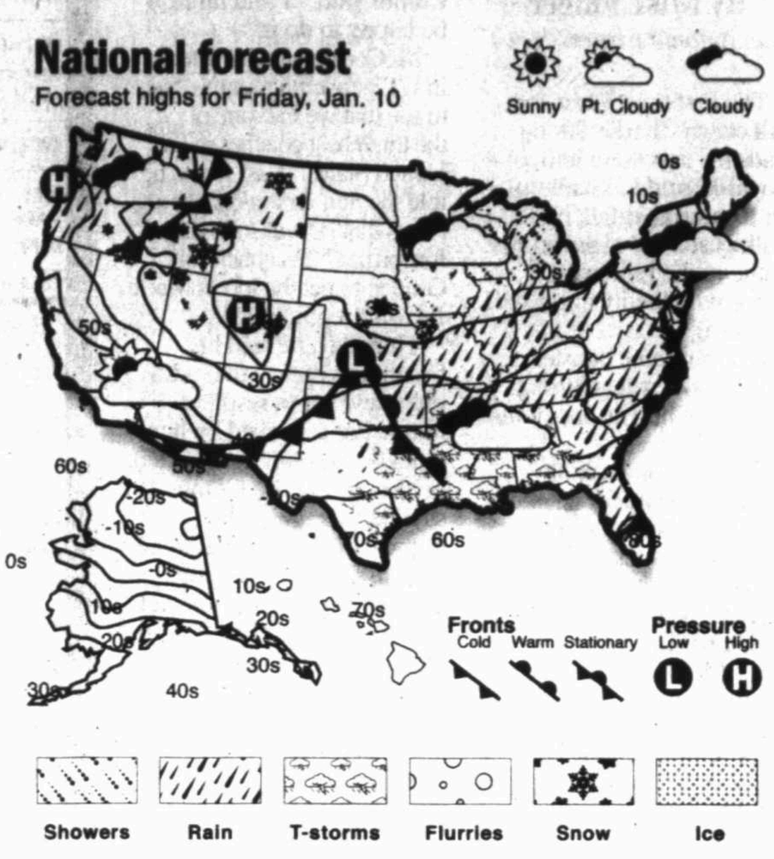
Sunday, the forecast calls for more sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, a high around 74 and a low around 37.

The high on Thursday reached 62, while the low dropped to 25. The record high for Jan. 9 is 80 set in 2009. The record low is 7 set in 1967.

National forecast

Widespread rain will break out across Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley today. The rest of the South will see widely scattered. There will be highs in the 70s across most of Florida and in southern Texas. Temperatures will remain in the 40s from Virginia to the Carolinas and northern Georgia.





Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.13 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	62
Low	25
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:03 p.m.

Girlfriend doesn't like big picture of man's deceased wife

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 boyfriend of two years, "Clint," recently brought a large framed picture of his deceased wife into our home. He placed it on his dresser in front of framed photos of us together.

His wife died three years ago. We are living together in a condo Clint bought for me. He made it clear from the beginning that he didn't want to move me into "her house."

Clint also still wears his wedding ring. He carries guilt and doesn't seem to have made closure. I told him I don't feel comfortable with her picture "looking at us." He doesn't think there should be a problem. Should I move on? — IN THE SHADOWS

DEAR IN THE SHADOWS: That Clint still wears his wedding ring tells me he may not have accepted his wife's death. How sad for him.

Ask him to move his wife's picture to a room other than the bedroom because, while he doesn't think it's creating a problem, it is creating one for YOU. If he can't bring himself to do that — and join a grief support group — then you should consider moving on.

Make an effort to make friends.

DEAR ABBY: Enough with the problems! It's time you printed a positive letter.

I'm an active, friendly senior who lives alone, but I'm not lonely. I have many friends of all ages and a devoted family. Why? Because as I traveled through many states during my life, I reached out to people along the way.

The saying, "If you want a friend, be a friend," is true. If we want friends, we can't sit back and wait for people to come to us. Smile, speak up, pay a sincere compliment — just communicate! If you do, the majority of people will respond positively.

I socialize with people my age in church circles, card clubs and dining-out groups who can't understand why I'm always so busy. They don't reach out except to people they already know. As people get older, that group is constantly shrinking. Join a religious group, community clubs and organizations. Volunteer to read at schools and libraries. Visit a senior group or center.

Many people of all ages fear they won't be accepted. But if they show up with a friendly attitude, they will be. You have to contribute, whether it's with a smile, an opening remark or some other welcoming gesture.

I served in the military, taught Sunday school, led Girl Scouts, garden clubs, church and neighborhood groups while following my husband through eight states and raising three children. My husband was often away in his business, but we had a strong, supportive marriage. He joined me in many activities when he could be home.

I think many people have forgotten we must give in order to get. When we reach out to others, most of the time those people reach back. — NOT LONELY IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.

DEAR NOT LONELY: It's easy to see why you have a wide circle of friends. Your positive energy leaps off the page.

There are two types of people in the world: those who come into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" and those who come into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!" You are one of the latter. If people want a warm welcome, they should keep in mind that the happier they are to see others, the happier others will be to see them.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 10, 2014:

This year you sometimes question yourself. Some of you might develop a friendship with a person who is overly stern, which will release you from having to be your own disciplinarian. A friendship could end because you are transforming. Know that not all friendships last forever. If you are single, the person you choose to date this year could be a lot different from the person you choose next year. Let time play a strong role in any relationship you have. If you are attached, the two of you seesaw back and forth about what you want to do. You will be changing so much that your significant other might be floored by your suggestions. TAURUS appears to be independent, but his or her values tend to be conservative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ A positive attitude helps, but you might need to seize the pulpit in order to be heard. Others tend to respond to your way of thinking, and most likely that will be the case again. When push comes to shove, people will be on your side. Tonight: Take charge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You will know exactly what you want to do. A complication from someone else or from your schedule could force you to change your plans. Try not to be a perfectionist; be willing to accommodate the alterations in your life. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Know when to pull back and do some much-needed thinking. You don't always need to have the right answer at the right time. Realize the power in allowing others to come up with solutions, too. Tonight: Time to relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want. When sharing your plans with family members, you might meet some resistance. Don't assume that others want the same things you do. You have time to make an adjustment and keep everyone happy. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what you need to do in order to have a situation go the way you want. You can come up with a solution if you tap into your creativity. You might have little choice but to go with the most obvious answer. Tonight: On center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ When others' frustrations take over, you will try to find a solution. What you arrive at might not please everyone, but it certainly will be a lot better than the present problem. Make it OK if someone wants to add his or her two cents. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Deal with someone special in your life on a one-on-one level. This person can be quite difficult at times, but you can handle his or her energy. Relate individually and not in crowds. Your perspective on this person seems to be quite accurate. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your intensity is met by a partner's endurance. You are equals, but you both demand control. Make a point to juggle different aspects of your personalities, and realize that you will have to meet this person halfway. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, and if you screen calls from friends, you might be able to have your day go as you had planned. You might have mixed feelings about someone close to you, as the issue of trust keeps arising. Try to remain levelheaded. Tonight: Choose a favorite way of relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your imagination tends to be quite active, but rarely do you express it fully. You could find opposition from others, as they likely will catch on that you are holding back. Try to express this facet of your personality more often. Tonight: Have fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Listen to news more openly. You could feel like you are dealing with someone who is a stick in the mud. Changing your attitude might make your interactions with this person a little easier. Tonight: Be sure that you really want to go out; home might feel more comfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might wonder what the results would be if you were to remain positive no matter what. Add a comment or two to enrich a project or an interaction. Others might be more receptive than you realize. Your sunny disposition means a lot. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

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BORN TODAY

Boxer George Foreman (1949), singer/songwriter Rod Stewart (1945), musician Donald Fagen (1948)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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♥ 3
♦ Q 10 8 5
♣ A 6 2

WEST
♠ A K J 10 6 5
♥ 2
♦ A
♣ Q 9 8 7 5

EAST
♠ Q 4
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ 9 7 4 3 2
♣ 10 4

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣*	4♣	Pass	Pass
5	Pass	5NT**	Pass
6	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

*Game forcing
**Pick a slam

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

This is another hand from the World Championship Bermuda Bowl, contested recently in Bali, Indonesia.

North was Gavin Wolpert, of Florida, representing the USA. Wolpert reasoned that if partner could contract for 11 tricks, despite possibly no help from him, then the little that he did have might be enough for 12 tricks. It was possible that partner held a two-suited hand and never got a chance to name his other suit, so Wolpert bid 5NT to give him that chance. South knew where he wanted to play. Was Wolpert's bid aggressive or an overbid? Aggressive is what we call it when it works — when it doesn't work, it's an overbid. There was nothing to the play. South ruffed the opening spade lead and drew trumps. He then knocked out the ace of diamonds and claimed the rest. West's somewhat greedy double didn't cost much.

In the replay, the auction was exactly the same up until North's key decision. The German North passed, and the slam was missed.

This pass can only be faulted by the result. Wolpert's bold bid helped the USA to an important win over Germany in their qualifying match.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Word choice
5 Singer with bandleader Xavier Cugat
10 City in Czechoslovakia?
14 Pro __
15 Macho guys
16 The whole kit and kaboodle
17 Take delight (in)
18 Break down over time
19 Night music
20 Only woman to win the top prize on "The $64,000 Question"
23 Like many a Magic Johnson pass
24 Improvise
26 Homer's father
27 Lee side: Abbr.
29 Actor Max __ Sydow
30 Brouhaha
31 O. Henry quality?
33 Parts 1 and 4 of this puzzle's theme
35 Astounds
37 Objector
38 Blood line
40 Some narcs
41 Puzzle theme, part 3
44 Ersatz
46 Modern Persian
49 First name in Disney villains
51 Doo-wop staple
53 Sewer's bottoms
54 "The Murders in the __ Morgue"
56 Brother of Jacob
57 Plan for the future, briefly
58 This puzzle's theme is one
62 Kenya's cont.
63 Kansas City football analyst Dawson
64 Mother-of-pearl source
65 Wasted
66 Mensa stats
67 End of this puzzle's theme
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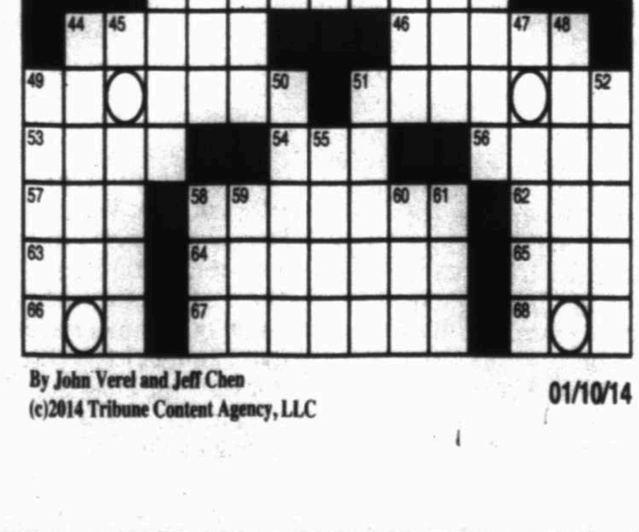
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3 Mouthing off
4 Izu Islands locale
5 Rear view
6 Trumpeter Alpert
7 Latin lover's word
8 Second effort
9 Ring combo
10 Like Cheerios
11 Daydream
12 Asymmetric
13 Wt. units
21 Chanel No. 1?
22 Rear
23 "The Lion King" queen
25 Mix in a bowl
28 Upon
29 No
32 Classic action figures
34 They may be game winners: Abbr.
36 Slopeside sight
38 Kind of nitrite or nitrate
39 Nike competitor
42 Not in the bk.
43 Mess up
44 Trig. for calc, often
45 43-Downers?
47 "Deal's off"
48 Up the creek
49 Dog topper
50 Dino, Desi & Billy drummer
51 Judean king
52 Mongol tents
55 "This could get __"
58 Bud
59 "Law News Now" journal publisher: Abbr.
60 Year abroad
61 Storage unit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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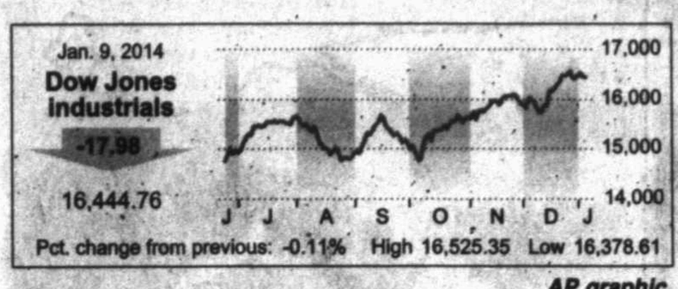


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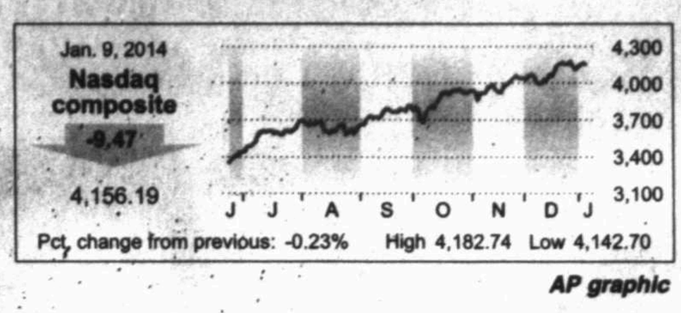
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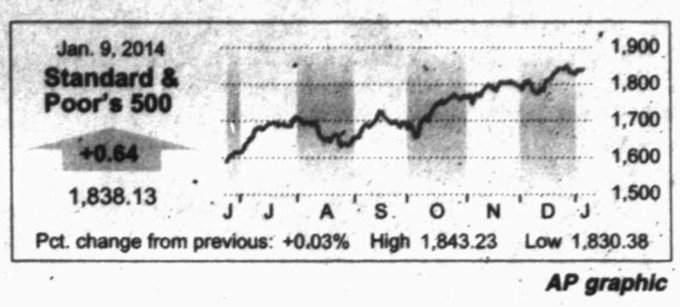
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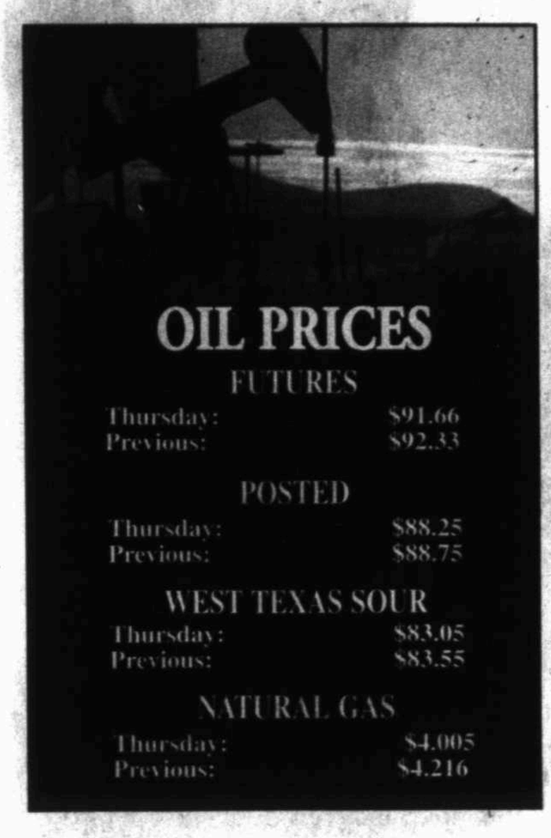
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Carmakers: Driverless cars need legal framework

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The future of driving is right around the corner.

Hydrogen- and solar-powered vehicles are on the streets. So are cars that can get you through stop-and-go traffic while you sit back and send texts from behind the wheel. Cars are even using radar, ultrasonic waves and cameras to jump into the passing lane and get around slowpokes.

Sure, all of these technologies are still in the testing phase, but that hasn't stopped car makers and technology companies from showing off a new paradigm of driving at the International CES gadget show this week. It's a world in which you no longer grip the wheel with excitement but instead relax with a book or movie as your car chauffeurs you to your destination.

It's also a future that won't materialize, say carmakers, unless legislators around the world create a new legal framework.

One simulation at CES by Delphi Automotive PLC, a provider of auto parts and technology to major manufacturers including Ford, GM and Volvo, shows the possibilities. The scenario, using a stationary but souped-up Tesla Model S, imagines "autonomous driving lanes," much like carpool lanes today. The company says vehicles might someday enter these lanes and then run on auto-pilot. The feat is possible today with a mixture of technology that keeps cars inside lanes and adaptive cruise control that matches a car's speed to the vehicle in front of it.

While in the autonomous lane, the car's window glass frosts up and functions that had been disabled for the driver — like video playing from a mini projector — turn on. The driver can pursue other activities, like surfing the Web or even taking a nap.

When the driver's exit nears, the car gets increasingly persistent, demanding that the driver take back control. First, the video player stops. Then a female voice intones, "Place both hands on the steering wheel and look ahead in the driving direction."

Finally, the seat starts vibrating and a driver-facing camera ensures he or she is looking at the road. The driver taps a steering wheel knob, takes control and drives on. The experience is similar to airline pilots who grab the controls for take-off and landing but let a computer do the rest.

"These technologies exist now and the carmakers assure us they're ready to go," said Jim Travers, associate editor of autos for Consumer Reports magazine. "It's really not that far off."

Though technological innovation isn't an issue, there are many speed bumps on the road to this envisioned future. Consumers must accept the safety and reliability of such systems, governments must draft and pass legislation and the insurance industry needs to draw up guidelines to answer tricky questions such as who'd be at fault in the event of a crash.

"That's one of the biggest issues for the industry as a whole for autonomous technology," said Glen De Vos, vice president of engineering for Delphi's electronics and safety division. "The legal environment has to keep pace. Today we're at the very beginning."

Regulation is a patchwork across the world and within the U.S. Laws regulating autonomous driving have been passed in the U.S. in Florida, California and Nevada — but not nationwide — making it impractical for automakers to sell these super-high-tech vehicles in America. In Germany, computer-assisted driving is allowed but only up to speeds of 6.2 miles per hour.

"The only thing that is stopping us is the legal stuff," said Patrick Heinemann, an engineer of advanced driver assistance systems for Audi AG.

Oil drops to 8-month low

NEW YORK — The price of oil closed at the lowest level in eight months Thursday as traders worried about bulging supplies of crude oil and falling demand for gasoline.

Meanwhile, natural gas prices fell by 5 percent on forecasts for warmer than normal weather in the coming weeks.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery fell 67 cents to close at $91.66 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price did rise back above $92 in electronic trading after the close, perhaps piggybacking on a move by U.S. stocks into positive territory.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Energy Department said supplies of gasoline rose by 6.2 million barrels last week, a jump of nearly 3 percent. Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill, said the data indicated that demand for gasoline was the lowest in a year. At the same time, U.S. production of crude oil is the highest in more than 25 years, and supplies "are near the upper limit of the average range for this time of year," the Energy Department said.

As of the close, oil is down nearly 7 percent so far this year.

Natural gas futures plunged 21 cents, or 5 percent, to $4.01 per 1,000 cubic feet. Natural gas last closed below $4 on Dec. 4. With the U.S. pulling out from a recent spell of extremely cold weather, forecasts are starting to warm up. "Some of these outlooks are tilting increasingly in favor of warmer than normal trends in some parts of the upper mid-continent," wrote Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates, in a note to clients.

At the gas pump, the average price for a gallon of gasoline remained at $3.31.

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	984512	16.83	+.25
S&P500ETF	792881	183.64	+.12
iShEMkts	696210	39.57	-.21
FordM	667606	15.84	+.30
Alcoa	468304	10.69	-.14

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZaleCp	14.15	-2.36	-14.3
Pier 1	20.44	-2.88	-12.3
CSVLgNGs	18.28	-2.46	-11.9
LehTOY21	6.68	-.78	-10.5
Calix	8.29	-.95	-10.3

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Acuity	123.50	+13.47	+12.2
CSVInvNG	10.03	+.98	+10.8
Nordion g	9.29	+.82	+9.7
Mistras	24.23	+1.79	+8.0
InterOil g	49.75	+3.59	+7.8

Diary

Advanced	1,623
Declined	1,451
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,189
New Highs	212
New Lows	21
Volume	3,507,707,680

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AlldNevG	93479	4.03	+.20
Organovo	51584	11.10	+.05
AmApparel	38330	1.14	-.26
NwGold g	32464	5.08	-.19
InovioPhm	30232	2.46	-.02

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ERBA Diag	3.50	-.36	-9.2
Air Inds	8.50	-.51	-5.7
Alteva	8.15	-.40	-4.7
UQM Tech	2.21	-.10	-4.3
AmShrd	2.65	-.12	-4.3

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fibrocell rs	4.88	+.53	+12.2
eMagin	3.25	+.24	+8.0
Neuralstem	3.74	+.25	+7.2
CT Ptrs	6.38	+.38	+6.3
AtlsrcAst	984.01	+54.51	+5.9

Diary

Advanced	196
Declined	200
Unchanged	36
Total issues	432
New Highs	13
New Lows	2
Volume	121,122,751

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	993031	3.79	+.02
Facebook	912107	57.22	-1.01
MicronT	400606	23.24	-.63
Microsoft	359168	35.53	-.23
Cisco	315861	22.09	-.20

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlugPowr h	3.32	-1.23	-27.0
VOXX Intl	14.00	-2.99	-17.6
YRC Wwde	15.67	-2.99	-16.0
AMAG Ph	20.37	-3.58	-14.9
Qunar n	29.26	-4.63	-13.7

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InterceptP	275.87	+203.48	+281.1
Galectin un	35.00	+14.74	+72.8
GalectinTh	13.49	+5.02	+59.3
Galectin wt	8.25	+3.05	+58.7
ConatusP n	9.80	+3.56	+57.1

Diary

Advanced	1,244
Declined	1,325
Unchanged	118
Total issues	2,687
New Highs	212
New Lows	17
Volume	2,164,593,981

Sears sales slump during holiday season

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was an ugly holiday season for Sears.

Sears Holdings Corp.'s shares plummeted in after-hours trading Thursday after the beleaguered retailer said it expects a hefty loss in the fourth quarter and for the year as sales for the critical holiday season dropped sharply.

The dismal results raise more questions about its future as the retailer, which operates Sears and Kmart stores, faces mounting pressures from other nimbler rivals like Wal-Mart that have lured shoppers away for years. It also underscores the heavy challenges that Eddie Lampert, hedge fund billionaire and Sears' chairman and CEO, faces to turn around the business.

To improve its business, Sears is shifting away from its focus on running a store network into a business that is members-focused, where its most loyal shoppers receive incentives to buy. The company once again blamed that transition for weighing on results as it continues to do traditional promotions while investing in its membership loyalty program called Shop Your Way.

At the same, time, Sears has been trying to restore profitability by cutting costs, reducing inventory and selling off some assets and spinning off others. Last month, Sears announced it will spin off its Lands' End clothing business as a separate company by distributing stock to the retailer's shareholders.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $73.43 Down 0.65

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $98.71 Down 1.90

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $34.35 Up 0.30

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $45.52 Down 2.09

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.04 Down 0.26

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.78 Up 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.69 Down 0.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.47 Up 0.30

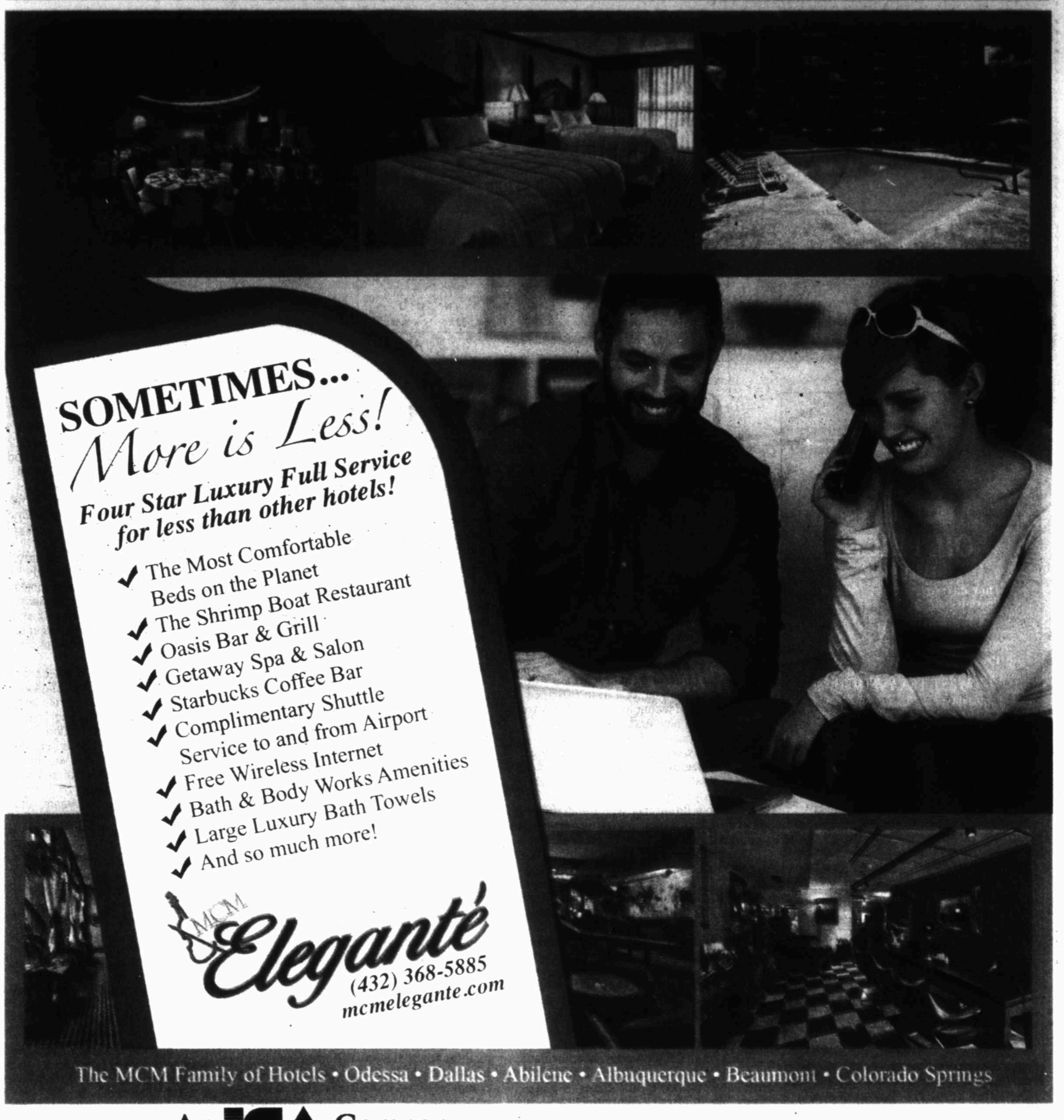
HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	25	33.54	-.70	-4.6
Abraxas	...	35	3.18	**+.05**	**-2.5**
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.93	**-.07**	**-1.1**
AMD	...	...	4.09	-.09	+5.7
AEtern grs	...	4	1.19	-.27	-13.8
AlcatelLuc	.18e	...	4.36	-.25	-9
Alcoa	.12	31	10.69	-.14	+.6
AlonUSA	.24a	20	16.78	+.47	+1.5
AlphaNRs	...	...	6.27	-.25	-12.2
Amarin	...	...	2.14	+.10	+8.6
Ambev n	...	...	7.08	-.17	-3.7
AmAirl n	...	...	29.42	+1.79	+16.5
Amgen	**2.44f**	**19**	**118.89**	**+3.01**	**+4.2**
Anadarko	**.72**	**23**	**79.08**	**+.04**	**-.3**
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**86.09**	**-.56**	**+.2**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**83**	**17.40**	**-.02**	**-1.6**
AriadP	...	...	6.76	+.30	-.9
ATMOS	**1.48f**	**17**	**45.65**	**+.23**	**+.5**
AutoData	1.92f	27	80.63	+.28	-.2
BP PLC	**2.28f**	**11**	**48.85**	**+.12**	**+.5**
BabsCOInv	1.20	...	14.79	-.12	-.9
BakrHu	.60	21	51.82	-.39	-6.2
BkofAm	.04	22	16.83	+.25	+8.1
B iPVix rs	...	...	41.83	+.06	-1.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	14.63	-.26	-7.3
BedBath	...	14	69.75	-9.93	-13.1
BerkHa A	...	**161729**	**65.00**	**-319.00**	**-2.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**21**	**53.06**	**+.37**	**+1.0**
BlackBerry	...	...	8.72	+.18	+17.2
BrlMySq	**1.44f**	**33**	**55.03**	**+1.61**	**+3.5**
BrownFA	**1.16f**	**27**	**73.37**	**+.22**	**-.5**
BrownFB	**1.16f**	**26**	**74.69**	**+.81**	**-1.2**
CVS Care	1.10f	19	69.92	+.15	-2.3
Cameron	...	20	58.45	-.40	-1.8
CpstnTurb	...	...	1.57	+.12	+21.7
Caterpillar	2.40	18	89.71	+.57	-1.2
Celestic g	...	22	10.37	-.14	-.3
Cemex	.45t	...	12.16	+.43	+2.8
CntryLink	2.16	...	30.79	-.45	-3.3
ChesEng	.35	20	25.61	-.24	-5.6
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**123.29**	**...**	**-1.3**
Chicos	**.30f**	**18**	**18.45**	**-.32**	**-2.1**
Cimarex	**.56**	**21**	**96.94**	**-3.10**	**-7.8**
Cisco	**.68**	**12**	**22.09**	**-.20**	**-.8**
Citigroup	**.04**	**14**	**55.20**	**+.39**	**+5.9**
ClayEng	...	...	73.43	**-.65**	**-10.4**
CliffsNRs	.60	...	22.96	-1.60	-12.4
CocaCola	**1.12**	**21**	**39.73**	**-.21**	**-3.8**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**27**	**65.02**	**+1.48**	**-.3**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**18**	**33.75**	**+.13**	**+.1**
ConchoRes	...	**47**	**98.71**	**-1.90**	**-8.6**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**69.46**	**-.23**	**-1.7**
CrackerB	3.00	22	110.38	-.51	+.3
CrosTim	**2.32e**	**13**	**29.28**	**-.50**	**-.4**
Ctrip.com	...	47	40.49	-4.02	-18.4
DCP Mid	2.88f	22	49.71	-.29	-1.3
DTE	2.62	19	65.68	+.58	-1.1
Datarm rs	...	...	3.03	-.25	+16.5
Dawson	...	**17**	**34.35**	**+.30**	**+1.6**
Delcath h	...	...	.31	+.03	+21.6
DeltaAir	.24	12	34.06	+1.26	+13.1
DevonE	**.88**	...	**60.78**	**-.53**	**-1.8**
Disney	**.86f**	**22**	**74.90**	**-.32**	**-2.0**
DowChm	**1.28**	**43**	**42.60**	**-.56**	**-4.1**
DryShips	...	...	3.92	-.16	-16.6
EOG Res	**.75**	**41**	**167.00**	**+.22**	**-.5**
EmpDist	**1.02f**	**16**	**22.40**	**+.07**	**-1.3**
Energen	.58	25	67.10	-1.48	-5.2
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	54.20	+.09	-5.3
EnPro	...	**36**	**56.78**	**+.04**	**-1.5**
EntPrPt	2.78f	23	64.01	+.34	-3.5
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.93	-.01	-2.5
ExterranH	...	**24**	**33.83**	**-.32**	**-1.1**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**10**	**98.76**	**-.98**	**-1.4**
Facebook	...	...	57.22	-1.01	+4.7
FordM	.50f	12	15.84	+.30	+2.7
ForestOil	...	12	3.59	+.06	-.6
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**51.00**	**-.26**	**-2.2**
GabMultT	**.80**	...	**11.66**	**+.06**	**-6.0**
GalenaBio	...	...	6.04	-.20	+21.8
GAInv	**2.10e**	...	**34.21**	**-.07**	**-2.8**
GenElec	**.88f**	**20**	**27.22**	**+.01**	**-2.9**
GtPlainEn	**.92f**	**16**	**34.49**	**+.33**	**+1.0**
Groupon	...	...	11.44	-.34	-2.8
HalconRes	...	17	3.32	-.07	-14.0
Halliburtn	**.60f**	**17**	**49.61**	**+.11**	**-2.2**
HewlettP	**.58**	**11**	**27.61**	**+.16**	**-1.3**
iShBrazil	**1.57e**	...	**41.98**	**-.53**	**-6.0**
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.00	-.04	-1.1
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	35.78	-.67	-6.8
iShEMkts	.87e	...	39.57	-.21	-5.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.20	-.05	-1.3
iShR2K	1.41e	...	114.89	+.03	-.4
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.25	+.11	-2.1
Intel	**.90**	**14**	**25.31**	**-.12**	**-2.5**
InterDig	.40	31	28.79	-.96	-2.4
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	58.76	-.11	+1.1
JohnJn	**2.64**	**21**	**94.73**	**+.57**	**+3.4**
Keycorp	.22	15	13.76	+.13	+2.5
KimbClk	**3.24**	**22**	**103.73**	**+.45**	**-.7**
KindME	5.40f	30	80.25	+.20	-.5
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.34	+.12	-.4
LegacyRes	2.34f	...	28.04	-.26	-.4
Lubys	...	**50**	**7.00**	**-.03**	**-9.3**
MGM Rsts	...	...	24.98	+.25	+6.2
Macys	1.00	16	55.80	+3.96	+4.5
MannKd	...	...	7.08	+1.10	+36.2
MktVGold	.19e	...	21.27	-.34	+.7
McDnlds	3.24f	17	95.46	+.05	-1.6
Merck	1.76f	30	49.52	-.27	-1.1
MerltMed	...	**62**	**15.45**	**+.37**	**-1.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.78	+.09	-1.7
MicronT	...	15	23.24	-.63	+6.9
Microsoft	1.12	13	35.53	-.23	-5.0
Nabors	.16	39	16.64	-.05	-2.1
NatGrid	**3.17e**	...	**63.79**	**+.19**	**-2.3**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	77.77	-.40	-2.2
NokiaCp	...	...	8.05	-.06	-.7
NvMAd	**.80a**	...	**12.43**	**+.02**	**+2.2**
NvPMI	**.86**	...	**12.96**	**+.07**	**+4.8**
NuvPI	**.86**	...	**12.66**	**+.01**	**+2.7**
NSTFI3	**.53a**	...	**13.10**	**...**	**+1.7**
NTXQI	**.70a**	...	**13.11**	**+.06**	**+2.0**
OccitPet	**2.56**	**17**	**94.84**	**+.08**	**-.3**
Oracle	.48	16	37.65	-.07	-1.6
ParTech	...	...	**5.28**	**-.05**	**-3.1**
ParkDrl	...	...	**7.86**	**-.16**	**-3.3**
PattUTI	**.20**	**16**	**24.88**	**-.11**	**-1.7**
Penney	...	...	7.64	+.27	-16.5
PennaRE	**.80f**	...	**19.31**	**-.13**	**+1.7**
Prmian	.87e	16	13.05	-.05	+1.5
Petrobras	.27e	...	12.52	-.16	-9.1
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**30.93**	**-.02**	**+1.0**
PioNtrl	.08	43	171.52	-3.85	-6.8
PlainsAAP	**2.46f**	**18**	**50.95**	**+.26**	**-1.6**
PlugPowr h	...	...	3.32	-1.23	+114.2
PwShs QQQ	.88e	...	87.02	-.29	-1.1
Praxair	**2.40**	**23**	**131.00**	**+.07**	**+.7**
PrmEgy	...	**10**	**50.00**	**+.19**	**-1.0**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**80.42**	**+.18**	**-1.2**
RangeRs	.16	96	81.23	-1.29	-3.7
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.45	+.20	+5.7
RexahnPh	...	...	.70	+.08	+37.3
RiteAid	...	...	5.68	+.03	+12.3
Rowan	...	15	33.81	-.22	-4.4
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	70.65	+.24	-.9
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	164.19	-.16	-.8
S&P500ETF	3.35e	...	183.64	+.12	-.6
SabnR	4.01e	13	49.70	-.69	-1.7
SanderFm	**.80f**	**13**	**73.63**	**+1.59**	**+1.8**
SandRidge	...	...	**6.02**	**+.24**	**-.8**
Sapient	...	**32**	**17.21**	**-.20**	**-.9**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	86.48	-.50	-4.0
SigmaAld	**.86**	**24**	**93.36**	**-.02**	**-.7**
SiriusXM	...	54	3.79	+.02	+8.6
Smucker	2.32	19	97.96	-.19	-5.4
Sprint n	...	...	9.42	-.56	-12.4
SP CnSt	1.02e	...	42.34	+.22	-1.5
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	22.07	+.08	+1.0
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	73.55	+.15	-2.6
Supvalu	...	...	6.84	-.19	-6.2
TeleflEsp	**.47e**	...	**16.28**	**+.08**	**-.4**
Tesoro	1.00	17	58.00	+1.23	-.9
3M Co	3.42f	21	136.45	-.18	-2.7
Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**78.69**	**+.16**	**+.7**
TriContl	**.70e**	...	**19.85**	**-.02**	**-.7**
21stCFoxA	.25	...	33.50	-.89	-4.7
21stCFoxB	.25	11	32.59	-1.21	-5.8
Twitter n	...	...	57.05	-2.24	-10.4
TylerTech	...	**92**	**102.05**	**+.57**	**-.1**
UBWV	**1.28f**	**17**	**30.21**	**-.20**	**-3.9**
UtdContl	...	...	43.80	+2.78	+15.8
Vale SA	.78e	...	13.55	-.40	-11.1
ValeroE	.90	12	52.90	+1.04	+5.0
VangEmg	1.15e	...	39.11	-.25	-4.9
VerizonCm	2.12	67	47.50	-1.00	-3.3
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**59.82**	**+.47**	**+.7**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**21**	**61.14**	**+1.78**	**+6.4**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	46.16	+.24	+1.7
WstnRefin	**.88f**	**9**	**41.29**	**+.35**	**-2.6**
WhitingPet	...	13	58.27	-.82	-5.8
WmsCos	**1.52f**	**44**	**39.25**	**+.09**	**+1.8**
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**15**	**27.82**	**+.11**	**-.4**
Xerox	**.23**	**13**	**12.05**	**-.03**	**-1.0**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	13,293.13	Dow Jones Industrials	16,444.76	-17.98	-.11	-.80	+22.07
7,410.25	5,455.86	Dow Jones Transportation	7,379.62	+69.49	+.95	-.28	+32.39
537.86	455.75	Dow Jones Utilities	487.38	+3.21	+.66	-.65	+6.25
11,334.65	8,573.26	NYSE Composite	10,325.74	+4.82	+.05	-.72	+18.50
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,377.55	-4.45	-.19	-2.01	-1.40
4,177.73	3,076.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,156.19	-9.42	-.23	-.49	+33.14
1,849.44	1,451.64	S&P 500	1,838.13	+.84	+.03	-.55	+24.86
19,719.24	15,305.26	Wilshire 5000	19,613.62	+5.30	+.03	-.47	+26.38
1,167.87	871.01	Russell 2000	1,158.35	+.91	+.08	-.45	+31.45



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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Callon Petroleum Operating Company (Pecan Acres 23 #7) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 660 feet from south line and 1911 feet from east line, Section 23, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of Golden Gate Drive, approximately 660 feet north of Briarwood Avenue.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

PROPOSED ANNEXATION

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 10:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 and on Wednesday January 29, 2014 at 8:15 a.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation of the following:

Tract 1

Being a 37.09-acre tract of land out of Section 7 and 8, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of FM 1788 and Loop 40)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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PROPOSED ANNEXATION

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 and on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 8:18 a.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation of the following:

Tract 2

Being Lot 3, Block 5, Pecan Acres Addition, Section 5 and of Lots 4A & 4B, Block 5, Pecan Acres Addition, Section 7, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of Trenton Drive, approximately 550 feet east of Trobaugh Boulevard)

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Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (HMO Blue Texas and Blue Advantage HMO) administers gatekeeper model individual practice association health maintenance organizations that arrange for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to their members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in the HMO Blue Texas and/or Blue Advantage HMO networks, at BCBSTX, 3300 N. A Street, Bldg. 8, Ste. 120, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax 432-620-1428 from January 11, 2014, until January 31, 2014.

Legal & Public Notices

APPLICATION HAS been made with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by the Temple Weldon Harris VFW Post 4149 located at 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Officers of said corporation are Hector Garcia, Commander and Christine Garcia, Quartermaster.

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing ON APPEAL at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Real Property Resources Inc. / Lone Star Trails for a zone change from AE, Agriculture Estate District on the following property: On a 302.19-acre tract of land and on a 15.83-acre tract of land all out of Section 12, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the eat side of State Highway 349, approximately 840 feet north of Arapahoe Road.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Ed Hernandez for a zone change from MH, Manufactured Home District and LR-2, Local Retail District to PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the following described property: On Lots 1 through 6 and Lots 7 through 12, all out of Block 40, Belmont Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Rankin Hwy and W. Gist Avenue.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS and PROVIDERS

Applications for participation in DentiCare, Inc.'s network of general and specialty dental commercial providers will be accepted March 1, 2014 through March 20, 2014. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information please write: DentiCare, Inc., Attention: DentiCare Dental Network Manager, 325 Reid Street, De Pere, WI 54115.

Legal & Public Notices

Contruction Manager at Risk Solicitation
The Glasscock County Independent School District solicits credentials and pricing from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk services associated with proposed improvements to the school's facilities.
Interested firms should contact the school at 432-354-2230 or Tom Weeaks at 432-270-1312 to request a copy of the Request for Proposal. You may also go to our website: www.gckats.net and download the inforamtion packet and RFP.
All submissions must be elevered to the school office in Garden City, Texas, no later than 3:00pm CST on January 7, 2014.
Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to overlook any irregularities, and wave any and all formalities.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Winnie Lee Franks, Deceased, were issued on January 7, 2014, in Cause No. P17707, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Lance Alderman.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **L. Shane Stokes**
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 7th day of January, 2014.

/s/ L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Lance Alderman
State Bar No.: 19273500
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-8346

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS
Aetna Life Insurance Co. and Aetna Dental Inc. and their affiliates will accept written applications for participation in their PPO, POS and DMO networks during the period of December 1, 2014 through December 21, 2014. Physicians and providers including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, who wish to contract with us, must apply during this period and applications must be received no later than December 21, 2014. Medical network inquiries should be sent to: Aetna Life Insurance Co., 4400 NW Loop 410, Suite 105, San Antonio, Texas 78229, Attention: 2014 Provider Enrollment. Send Dental network inquiries to: Aetna Dental Management, Three Sugar Creek Center Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77478, Attention: 2014 Provider Enrollment.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Colonial SmartStop Self Storage, hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms. All Property generally described below will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder with payment to be made at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold on Thursday the **23 of January, 2014** on or about the time indicated at each self-storage facility identified below. The undersigned located at: Colonial Smart Stop Self Storage

5005 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX 79703 will sell via Public Auction online at: www.storagebattles.com

2:00 PM - Colonial SmartStop Self Storage. Please go to www.storagebattles.com

1004B Rene Valdez: Clothes
1013A Jerry Williams: Recliner, microwave, boxes
1014 Anna Ramos: Household items
207 Donald Morris III: Household items
537 Melanie Mitchell: Household items
840 Matthew Gash: Household items
1016 Sam Powell: Household items
449 Donnie Ottoberry: Household items
928 Stacy Luna: Household items

1904 West Loop 250 North, Midland, TX 79705 will sell via Public Auction online at: www.storagebattles.com

2:00 PM - Colonial SmartStop Self Storage. Please go to www.storagebattles.com

C278 Chris Laverty: Household items
P561 Justin Torres: Household items

General Announcements

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BEEN IN our neighborhood since before Christmas. Sweet young female mix breed. If she's yours call 432-699-5184.

Lost & Found

FOUND PIT Bull Puppy in the vacinity of Cuthbert and Garfield. Please call 432-661-2943 to identify.

FOUND: YOUNG female black lab/hound mix. Picked up near Rankin Hwy and I-20. Text 432-770-6089 for picture or more information.

LRG REWARD offered for return of silver bracelet, picked up at MM Hospital at 11:15 on Thursday Dec. 26. 505-699-8381.

REWARD. RETURN 2 males Black Lab & Jack Russell Terrier. 432-553-1762 or 432-889-9857.

Business Center

Business Opportunity

TRUCKING COMPANY for sale with end dumps & vacuum trailers, one winch truck. With Texas Waste Hauler Permit to transport waste. Established business in operation for 18 years. 337-652-6325

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2003 TOYOTA Solara SLE, V6, gold with tan leather, competely loaded 81K miles. All service records, great condition. $7,200. 432-685-0585.

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2006 MAZDA 6, 70K miles, serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for $6700. Call 432-557-0996.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Payroll/Benefits Administrator

Growing Permian Basin pipeline construction and maintenance contractor seeks Payroll/Benefits Administrator. Ideal candidates will possess 2 + years experience in payroll administration with a concentration in coding and completing weekly payroll. Knowledge of payroll adjustments, voluntary and involuntary deductions, taxed, payroll reporting, and benefits administration are a must. Candidates will need to be computer literate in Microsoft applications, self motivated, and detail oriented. Compensation will include a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants can forward resumes by email to krandever@tuckermidstream.com or by mail to 921 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, TX., 79706

Producer Accounting Position

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, Texas is looking to fill a **Producer Accounting** position. Duties will include data preparation and settlement of Gas Processing plants on a monthly basis. Must have excellent computer and communication skills. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K, and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accountant, **211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701** or email to **employment@westtexasgas.com.**

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JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be team player
- Customer focused selling, and relationship building a must
- Excellent communication and phone skills
- Knowledge of ADP a plus but not required
- Multitasking and great leadership skills
- Duties very similar to ASM, or Service Writer, include but are not limited to writing up the customer as they arrive at the dealership, warm and friendly greeting of the customers, walk around on all customer's vehicles, collecting and processing of customers payments for services.

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Office Coordinator

Part time Office Coordinator needed. Morning shift. Strong customer service, multi-line phone, filing, organization, purchasing, light bookkeeping, data entry, etc. Must drop off resume or fill out application in person at COM Aquatics, 3003 North A Street. No phone calls please

Part Time Assistant

America's Storage Center PT

Storage Center seeking part time assistant 12-6pm Mon-Fri. Please call 432-520-6400 or stop by for more information.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Painters/Remodelers

Hopkins Home Improvement is hiring experienced painters/remodelers. Salary D.O.E call Bobby at 432-212-5542

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Nine Energy Service, Inc. seeks an Administrative Assistant for our Midland, Texas facility.

This position requires an applicant to sort and data-enter information for daily statistical reports, maintain electronic file system, assist in on-boarding of employees, arrange travel and route phones, visitors and mail.

Qualified applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, able to operate a multiline phone system, possess strong Customer Service skills, sound judgment, attention to detail and effective use of time.

He/She would react well under pressure; manage competing demands; deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events; commit to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals.

Competitive pay and full benefits. Qualified candidates may e-mail cover letter and resume to angela.jordan@nineenergyservice.com no later than January 15, 2014.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions Clerical, Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to bill@lighthouseenergy.org.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

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HEALTHCARE

2- LVN's & Medical Office Clerk

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Controller for a medical management group. Ability to effectively plan, coordinate, and manage accounting, HR function, special projects and communicate positively with staff and peers. Bachelor degree - Accounting, 5+ years of experience. QuickBooks experience preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to Executive Director, PO Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 PP-8004

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Job Description

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OTHER JOBS

Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule; must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

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- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
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PT
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Midland, TX 79703
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Midland, TX 79701
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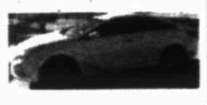
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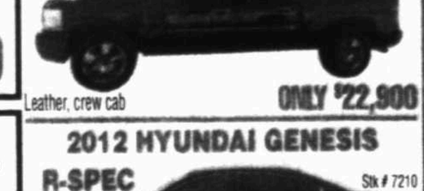
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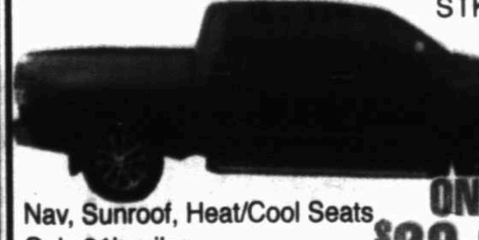
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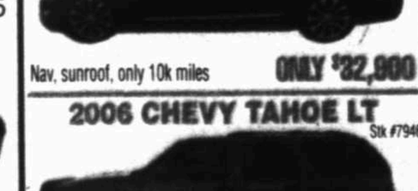
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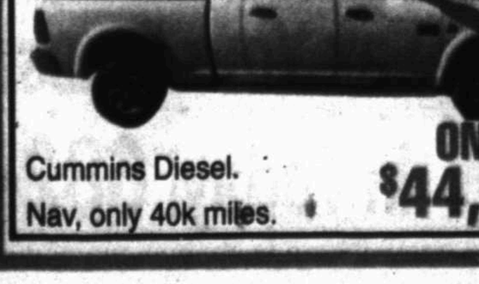
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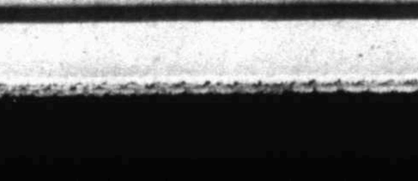
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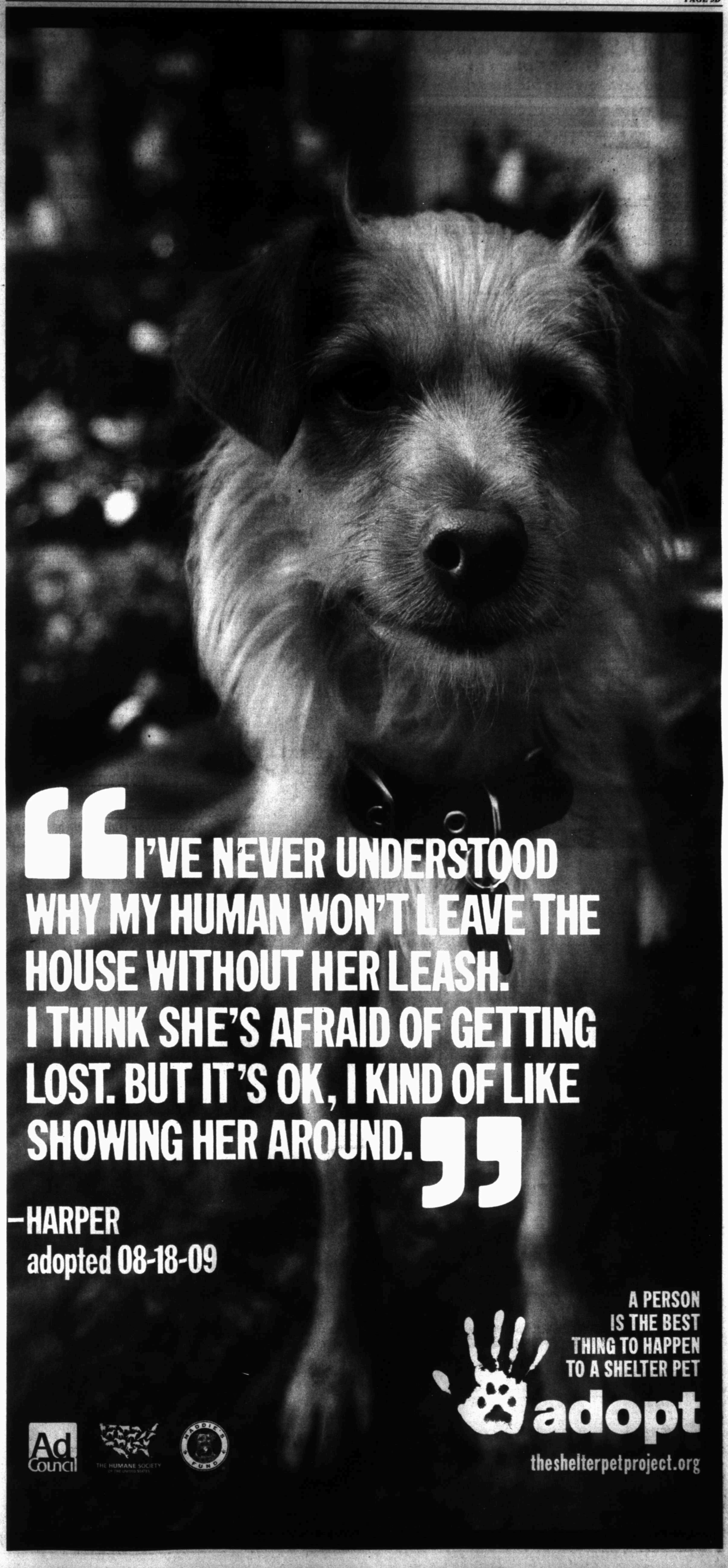
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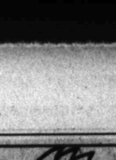
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