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Council mulls revised parade insurance rules

City will be 'double insured' on Midland-sponsored events

By Joseph Basco
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What began as an approval for the city to sponsor an annual running event became a discussion among City Council members Tuesday about insurance requirements for special events.

District 1 representative Jeff Sparks started the conversation by asking City Attorney Keith Stretcher what it means for the city of Midland to sponsor an event.

Stretcher said it means the city will waive application fees, or in the case of the annual United Blood Services Bloodgusher Run, it will waive the rental fee for the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

But before he gave that answer, Stretcher clarified that there are two requirements all special-event permit applicants must meet, regardless if they want fees waived. The first is that groups must complete the application for the permit; the second is that they must possess an insurance policy that covers organizers and the city of Midland.

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The parade permit ordinance was revised last month in the aftermath of the Nov. 15 train and parade float crash.

The Show of Support parade is listed as one of 13 scheduled events in the city's special event insurance policy for 2012, according to the insurance policy documents obtained through a public information act request.

During the Tuesday council meeting, Stretcher read off the list of 13 events for the 2013 special event policy. The list included Show of Support and other events that were also on the 2012 policy. The city might waive the fees for these listed events. Next month the council will consider a resolution about the waiver, he said.

Even though the council may waive the organizations' fees, Stretcher said the groups still have to do everything else, including obtaining insurance.

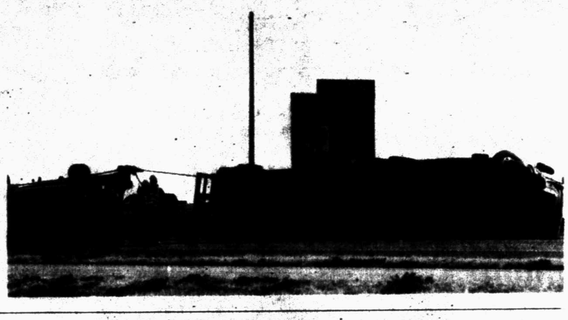
"We'll be double-insured on these events," Stretcher said.

The city's special events policy covers "everything" involved with it, including covering both the city and the organization, said Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer. Therefore, the special events will be "double insured," as well, as long as the organizers obtain their own insurance and are listed in the city's special events policy.

"If one of the groups hosting a special event is covered by the city's special event policy, they may go before City Council and request to waive their need for their own insurance," Higgins said. "But at this point, all applicants need insurance."

IN THE WAKE OF THE WIND





Crews work to right tractor-trailers blown over on Monday by high winds on Interstate 20 near Stanton. Strong gusts that reached 60 mph across Midland created havoc Monday with road closures, power outages and downed trees and power lines. The National Weather Service reported peak winds reaching 60 mph at both Midland International Airport and Midland Airpark, and those winds left more than 1,000 Oncor customers without power during different parts of the day. The high winds also impacted Greenwood ISD, which reported multiple power outages.

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Lawmakers debate Craddick's ban on texting while driving

By Maurice Chammah
Texas Tribune

Lawmakers on Tuesday took their first crack at a bill designed to ban texting while driving, reviewing statistics suggesting that bans in other states have not reduced accidents and are difficult to enforce, and discussing ways to make the proposed law more effective if it passes in Texas.

Although numerous bills have been filed in the state Legislature to ban the practice, the one considered today was House Bill 63, filed by state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and several other coauthors.

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Councilman says MPD racial profiling report doesn't tell whole story

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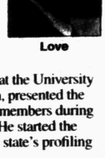

Love

As the consultant for the Midland Police Department's annual racial profiling report presented his findings, one statistic — zero racial profiling complaints — was questioned by District 2 representative John Love III.

Alex del Carmen, criminology and criminal justice professor and chairman at the University of Texas at Arlington, presented the data to City Council members during the briefing session. He started the presentation with the state's profiling law.

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Rep. Gallego's call for cooperation falls on deaf DC ears

■ In Washington: The spirit is ready, fire, blame.



DAVID McCUMBER
Hearst Newspapers

Congressman Pete Gallego, of Alpine, is tall and lanky, but otherwise he does not really resemble Abraham Lincoln. He doesn't even look all that much like Daniel Day-Lewis.

But the freshman congressman from West Texas was certainly homespun, plainspoken — and wise — as he talked Tuesday about what ails Congress, this week in particular, and just about any other week you'd like to choose.

"Life is pretty simple in Alpine, Texas," Gallego said. "Occasionally, we have a fire. When there's a fire, everybody gets together and does their best to get the fire put out.

"Once it's out, then we'll spend some time to see what caused it or who started it. But while the fire is burning, our total focus is putting it out.

"Here in Washington," Gallego said, "everyone wants to talk about whose fault it is while the fire's still burning."

Well, exactly.

Since Congress has returned from a nine-day break that could not have been more ill-timed, the lack of progress on the issue of the budgetary meat ax set to fall March 1st has been so remarkable that our nation's lawmakers might as well have stayed home another week.

Other than a few imprecations — House Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday that the House doesn't need to do anything until "the Senate gets off their (expletive) and passes" a bill — it seems that both executive and legislative branches of government are entirely consumed with pretending the fire is not burning, while energetically affixing blame to the thrower of the match.

We have endured two days of irrelevant sniping between President Obama and the House Republicans about just whose sequester it is, anyway. We have enjoyed exactly zero days of constructive discussion about how to avoid it.

Neil Armstrong, the late astronaut, was a hero, no question. And it's right, fitting, warm and fuzzy that the House voted Monday night to rename a NASA flight center in California after him.

But for that to be the first vote taken after the "break" must have felt odd to

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The big number

Nearly released poll says

59 percent

don't think it's OK to cheat on taxes. More on 7C.

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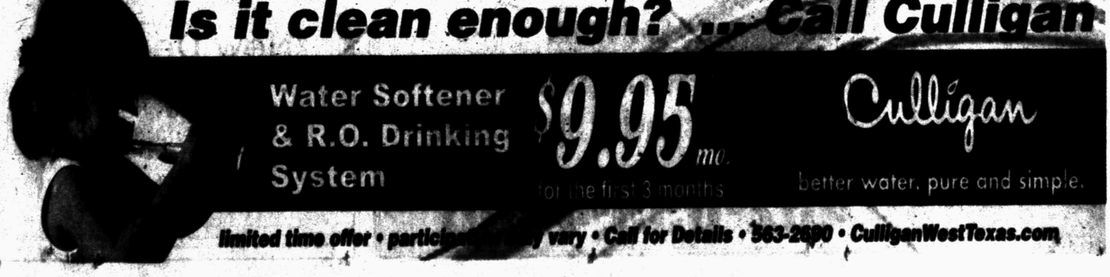

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ABOVE: Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, left, and his son, George P. Bush, talk about education as he makes the opening statements at the Texas Business Leadership Council in Austin on Tuesday.

BUSH FAMILY

Jeb, George P. speak at dinner

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his rising-political-star son, George P. Bush, urged Texas on Tuesday to dismantle the "monopoly of public education" by dramatically expanding access to charter schools, embracing online learning and overhauling how teachers are evaluated.

But neither man offered any hints about his political future.

The elder Bush, who is often mentioned as a possible contender for president in 2016, told an education forum organized by the Texas Business Leadership Council, "I urge you to be big and bold, and if people get offended, so what?"

"Politics can't always be like mamby-pamby land," said Bush, who said America's public schools have for too long been organized to best suit the "economic needs of adults" such as unionized teachers and school administrators, rather than students.

Bush was governor from 1999 until 2007 and pushed an overhaul of Florida public schools, which he said helped improved standardized tests scores enough that the state's fourth-graders went from near the bottom nationally in core subjects to among the country's leaders.

Florida also adopted a school accountability rating system based on letter grades, increased online learning options and increased nontraditional classrooms, including charter schools.

Bush said that the Florida Virtual School, the nation's oldest and largest vendor, now offers 400,000 courses via Internet, and 45 percent of Florida students currently are enrolled in charter schools, online classes or some other form of learning other than traditional public schools.

In Texas, state Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican who heads the Senate Education Committee, has led an effort to expand charter schools and championed a voucher program that would extend government money directly to families to allow parents whose kids are in poor-performing public schools to move them to private ones.

In past years, efforts to expand vouchers have fizzled in Texas, however, and key leaders in the state House say they don't think there is enough support to get such proposals through the lower chamber this year. But Bush said public schools here and elsewhere have become "a public, unionized monopoly" and that the only way to weaken it is to expanded school choice while tightening teacher evaluation standards and limiting tenure.

Speaking to reporters afterward, Bush said he has helped Patrick draft education reform bills but added "it's not like there's a Xerox machine that spits out laws that work in every state."

Ex-Obama aides begin 'battleground' play for Texas

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Former aides to President Barack Obama are kicking off a plan to turn reliably red-state Texas blue.

Or as Gov. Rick Perry calls it, "the biggest pipe-dream I have ever heard."

Spearheaded by organizers of Obama's re-election campaign in 2012 — when Republican nominee Mitt Romney handily carried the Lone Star State — a new push, called "Battleground Texas," officially launched Tuesday with the goal of seizing shifting demographics to make the state eventually winnable for a Democratic presidential candidate.

Organizers are not, however, projecting when that might happen. Nor are they saying how much money they will need to raise and spend to give Democrats a fighting chance in Texas, where the party hasn't won a statewide office since 1994.

Jeremy Bird, a senior adviser to Battleground Texas who served as field director of Obama's re-election bid, acknowledged Tuesday that the effort will take "several million dollars" over the next several years.

"It's going to take significant resources and investments given the size of the state," Bird said in a call with reporters.

He would not commit to whether the effort would get involved — even as a sort of test run — in the 2014 Texas races for governor and Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's seat. No marquee Democratic names have emerged for either of those races, but Bird said they would see who the party puts up and re-emphasized the effort's goal of boosting candidates in local elections.

Lynda Tran, a spokeswoman for 270 Strategies, the firm behind Battleground Texas, said the group is registered with the Federal Election Commission and the Texas Ethics Commission.

About 70 percent of Hispanics nationwide voted for Obama over Romney in November. The booming Texas population is being driven by Hispanic growth — minorities accounted for nearly 9 of every 10 new residents in the past decade— and Democratic organizers believe the changing face of the state will boost their chances.

But Perry, for one, isn't buying that Texas will cease to be a Republican stronghold. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal last weekend during the National Governors Association meeting in Washington, Perry said the University of Texas would adopt the rival maroon-and-white colors of Texas A&M before the state ever goes blue.

State demographers have predicted that Hispanics will make up a plurality of Texans by 2020, and then become the majority between 10 and 20 years later. For now, even some of the biggest Democratic stars in Texas concede that odds are long in top races for the immediate future.

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DHS releases illegal immigrants before sequester

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A week before mandatory budget cuts go into effect across the government, the Department of Homeland Security has started releasing illegal immigrants being held in immigration jails across the country, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Tuesday.

Gillian Christensen, an ICE spokeswoman, said ICE has reviewed "several hundred cases" of immigrants being held in jails around the country and released them in the last week. They have been "placed on an appropriate, more cost-effective form of supervised release," she said.

Christensen said the agency's "priority for detention remains on serious criminal offenders and other individuals who pose a significant threat to public safety." She did not say how released immigrants were selected or what jails they were released from.

Tuesday's announcement of jail releases is the first tangible impact of the looming budget cuts for DHS.

The Obama administration has been issuing dire warnings about the impact of the sequestration and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano told reporters at the White House on Monday that across-the-board cuts would impact the department's core operations, including border security and airport screening operations.

She also warned that DHS might not be able to afford to keep the 34,000 immigration jail beds mandated by Congress. On average last week, there were 30,773 people being held in ICE jails.

"I don't think we can maintain the same level of security at all places around the country with sequester as without sequester," said Napolitano, adding that the impact would be "like a rolling ball. It will keep growing."

According to the National Immigration Forum, it costs the government about $164 a day to keep an illegal immigrant facing deportation jailed.

In a report on immigration detention costs last year the advocacy group said costs for supervised release can range from about 30 cents to $14 a day.

Republicans lawmakers decried the releases Tuesday.

"It's abhorrent that President (Barack) Obama is releasing criminals into our communities to promote his political agenda on sequestration," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte. "By releasing criminal immigrants onto the streets, the Administration is needlessly endangering American lives. It also undermines our efforts to come together with the Administration and reform our nation's immigration laws."

The administration asked for about $1.96 billion for immigration jail operations in the last budget. It amounts to about $5.4 million a day, according to the National Immigration Forum's report.

Christensen said Tuesday that released immigrants will still face deportation proceedings.

Divided Senate confirms Chuck Hagel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Senate voted on Tuesday to confirm Republican Chuck Hagel to be the nation's next defense secretary, handing President Barack Obama's pick the top Pentagon job just days before billions of dollars in automatic, across-the-board budget cuts hit the military.

The vote was 58-41, with four Republicans joining the Democrats in backing the contentious choice. Hagel's only GOP support came from former colleagues Thad Cochran, of Mississippi, and Dick Shelby, of Alabama, as well as Mike Johanns, of Nebraska, and Rand Paul, of Kentucky.

The vote came just hours after Republicans dropped their delay of the nomination and allowed it to move forward on a 71-27 vote.

Hagel, 66, a former two-term Nebraska senator and twice-wounded Vietnam combat veteran, succeeds Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. Hagel is expected to be sworn in at the Pentagon on Wednesday.

Republicans had opposed their onetime colleague, casting him as unqualified for the job, hostile toward Israel and soft on Iran.

Republican Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, said several GOP lawmakers had "a lot of ill will" toward the moderate Republican for his criticism of President George W. Bush over the Iraq war and his backing for Democratic candidates. McCain voted against his onetime friend and fellow Vietnam veteran.

Obama portrayed the war-tested Hagel as a man who understands that conflict is not an abstraction and called him the "leader that our troops deserve."

Hagel joins Obama's retooled second-term, national security team of Secretary of State John Kerry and CIA Director-designate John Brennan at a time of uncertainty for a military emerging from two wars and fighting worldwide terrorism with smaller, deficit-driven budgets.

Among his daunting challenges are deciding on troop levels in Afghanistan as the United States winds down its combat presence and dealing with $46 billion in budget cuts set to kick in on Friday. He also will have to work with lawmakers who spent weeks vilifying him.

Republicans insisted that Hagel was battered and bloodied after their repeated attacks.

"He will take office with the weakest support of any defense secretary in modern history, which will make him less effective on his job," said Sen. John Cornyn, of Texas, the Senate GOP's No. 2 Republican. Not so, said Democratic Sen. Jack Reed, who pointed out that Hagel now has the title and the fight is history.

"All have to work together for the interest of the country," said Reed, D-R.I.

The vote ended one of the most bitter fights over a Cabinet choice and former senator since 1989 when the Democratic-led Senate defeated newly elected President George H.W. Bush's nomination of Republican John Tower to be defense secretary.

In the course of the rancorous, seven-week nomination fight, Republicans, led by freshman Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, and Sen. Jim Inhofe, of Oklahoma, insinuated that Hagel has a cozy relationship with Iran and received payments for speeches from extreme or radical groups. Those comments drew a rebuke from Democrats and some Republicans.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, dismissed the "unfair innuendoes" against Hagel and called him an "outstanding American patriot" whose background as an enlisted soldier would send a positive message to the nation's servicemen and women.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., questioned how the confirmation process devolved into a character assassination in which Hagel was accused of "having secret ties with our enemies."

"I sincerely hope that the practice of challenging nominations with innuendo and inference, rather than facts and figures, was an aberration and not a roadmap," she said in a statement after the vote.

How Texas senators voted

On PN34: Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense

Sen. John Cornyn: Nay | Sen. Ted Cruz: Nay

What Cruz had to say:

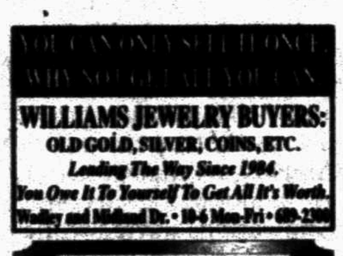
"Chuck Hagel will be confirmed because Senate Democrats stood united behind President Obama's nomination of the most controversial secretary of Defense in modern times. No one has ever been confirmed to the position with more than 11 'no' votes, until today when a record number of senators voted against his nomination.

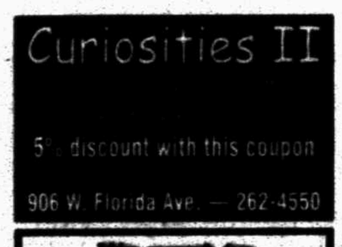
A great many of us have been concerned about Hagel's long-standing record of antagonism towards Israel and unwillingness to stand vigorously against Iran's acquiring nuclear weapons. I hope those concerns are proven wrong. I fervently hope that this confirmation does not embolden Iran to accelerate their nuclear weapons development; I fervently hope that this confirmation does not undermine our vital alliance with Israel.

Chuck Hagel can prove his critics wrong by standing by his confirmation commitments. He has an enormous task ahead of him, and running the Defense Department will require principled leadership on the world's stage. I wish Secretary Hagel success in his new role and am committed to working with him to keep America safe and strong."

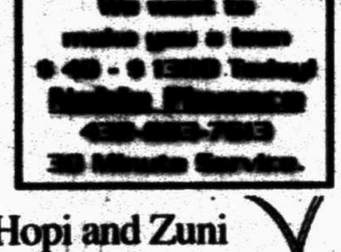
Sources: govtrack.us, The Office of Sen. Ted Cruz











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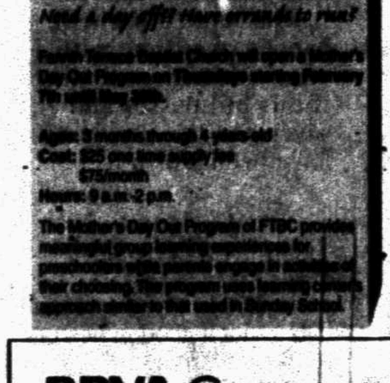

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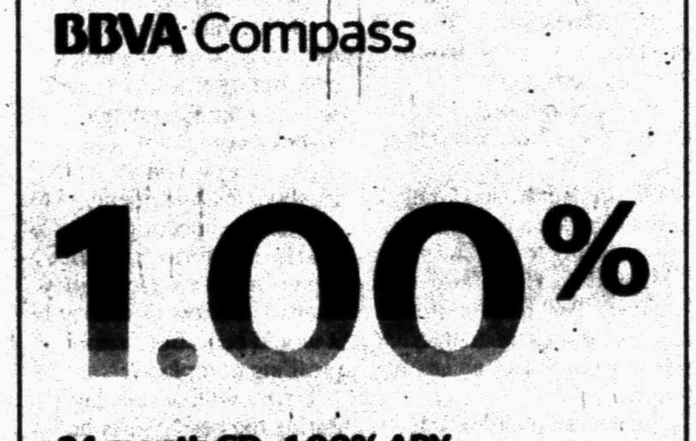



TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ The 2013 Midland Prayer Breakfast "Let us Pray Together" is planned for 7 a.m. today at Midland Center.

Rosemary Tribble, founder of Fear2Freedom, a global nonprofit dedicated to restoring lives wounded by sexual assault and domestic violence, will be the featured speaker.

Meetings today

Downtown Midland Management District
10 a.m.
Chamber of Commerce
109 North Main St.

Midland Coalition
Noon
Palmer Drug Abuse Program building
1208 W. Wall St.

MISD School Health Advisory Council
Noon
MISD administration building, room 620
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon
Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) boardroom
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Hospital District
1:10 p.m.
Boardroom off administration office

All meeting times, dates and locations are subject to change.

Community calendar

■ The Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is planning a class for 2013. Orientation is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Sibley Nature Center.

The curriculum includes 40 hours of training and field experience stressing ecosystem dynamics. Participants are expected to do 40 hours of volunteer work in conjunction with the program.

Class fee is $100. For more information, call Sibley at 684-6827.

■ The Mule Deer Foundation Banquet is set for 6 p.m. March 7 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. There will be raffle and auction items (deer hunts, fishing trip, safari, dove hunt, hunting gear, etc.). Proceeds benefit local chapter and Desert Mule Deer of West Texas. For information or tickets, contact Grier Brunson at 432-556-9176.

■ The Palette Club's fifth annual art sale is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at 907 W. Wadley Ave. A reception is planned for 6 p.m. Friday. The sale will include acrylics, oils, pastel, photographs, watercolor and sculpture. The reception and sale are free.

■ The West Texas Guitar Festival is March 7-9 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

The festival features headlining acts Andy McKee and Andrew York and workshops.

The classes are open to kids and adults. The $30 registration fee for the classes includes concert admission. Concert tickets are $20 for one night or $35 for both Friday and Saturday.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

Lake levels report

Representing totals from late February 2010-13

	2011	2012	2013
O.H. Ivie	31.52	17.91	21.82
Thomas	5.37	1.24	0.89
Spence	2.52	0.45	5.31

2010: Ivie 43.47, Thomas 5.33, Spence 4.72

Delivery (in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 9.732 million
Midland: daily average last week 9.401 million
Midland: daily average last year 11.945 million
Odessa: daily average this week 12.440 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Monday's total: 14,472,000 gallons (CRMWD 11,322,000, Paul Davis fields 3,150,000)

Last week (Feb. 18): 13,954,000 gallons

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 5-6-2
Pick 3 night: 2-7-6
Daily 4 day: 8-6-8-1
Daily 4 night: 9-6-9-7
Cash Five: 10-13-15-17-20
Mega Millions: 6-7-13-15-43 MB: 7 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing (morning): 2-4-5-6-9-10-16-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing (day): 2-3-4-7-8-9-10-14-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-6-8-9-11-12-14-15-16-18-20-22
All or Nothing (night): 3-8-9-11-13-16-17-18-19-20-21-24

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2013. There are 307 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team downed the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

Council approves zone changes for two new hotels

Council approves two new hotels

The City Council on Tuesday approved zone changes for two adjacent hotels on Catalina Drive south of State Highway 191: a Hilton Home 2 and a Staybridge Suites.

The Hilton Home 2 will be a 55-foot-high four-story hotel with 93 rooms. Staybridge Suites will be four stories, as well, but will be 60 feet high and will have 98 rooms.

"With the hotels already constructed and the plans in the works, there will soon be over 10 hotels in the Scharbauer Sports Complex area," said Ken VanDyne, senior planner for the city.

The council also approved an alcohol permit for the Hilton Home 2. It will allow the business to sell alcohol 4:30 p.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday.

City seeks firms for traffic study

The council also approved a request for qualification for a study that would address the increased traffic flow in Midland.

Council members said some of the implementations the study could address are automated traffic signals, changing one-way roads to two-way roads and possible temporary parking closures as construction begins.

The request for firms was completed after the city released its annual traffic accident report, which revealed an increase in traffic accidents from 2011 to 2012.

Gary Saunders, transportation manager for the city, said this study will be citywide but will have "more interest" in the downtown area. In addition to the possibilities the council listed, Saunders added another one after the meeting: a comparison of parallel parking to angled parking.

"Overall, if a development comes to Midland, we have to make sure it doesn't impact traffic flow," Saunders said.

Dunaway and Associates to widen Mockingbird Lane

The council approved an agreement with Dunaway and Associates for widening Mockingbird Lane between Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive at a cost of $457, 355.

According to the general scope by Dunaway and Associates, the project will increase the road to four lanes with a center turn lane. From Holiday Hill Road to Oriole Drive, there will be two lanes in each direction divided by a raised median that included openings for left turn lanes. From Oriole Drive to Midland Drive, the pavement will match how Mockingbird Lane is currently paved east of Midland Drive.

The project design schedule will last 180 days, and the goal is to have construction begin by June 2013, according to the general scope.

CITY COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Joseph Basco



Nick Perry/AP

In this photo taken Feb. 15, postman John Lahmert greets a customer from his delivery truck, in rural Otaki, New Zealand. New Zealand is considering cutting letter deliveries from six days a week to three as global demand for postal services dwindles.

DWINDLING DELIVERIES

World's postal services struggle with lower demand

By Nick Perry
Associated Press

OTAKI, New Zealand — Sandra Vidulich is so excited about the leather boots she ordered through Amazon that she rips open the box in front of the postman and tries them on.

"I looove them," she declares, as the driveway at her tree-lined home in rural New Zealand briefly becomes a catwalk. "They're cool."

For now, a boom in Internet shopping is helping keep alive moribund postal services across the developed world. But the core of their business — letters — is declining precipitously, and data from many countries indicate that parcels alone won't be enough to save them. The once-proud postal services that helped build modern society are scaling back operations, risking further declines.

The United Kingdom is preparing to wash its hands of mail deliveries entirely by selling the Royal Mail, which traces its roots back nearly 500 years to the reign of King Henry VIII.

The U.S. Postal Service sparked uproar this month when it announced plans to stop delivering letters on Saturdays. New Zealand is considering more drastic cuts: three days of deliveries per week instead of six.

It's only in the past few years that postal services have truly felt the pinch of the Internet. Revenues at the USPS, which delivers about 40 percent of the world's mail, peaked in 2007 at $75 billion.

But the decline since then has been rapid. USPS revenue in 2012 fell to $65 billion, and its losses were $15.9 billion. It handled 160 billion pieces of mail that year, down from 212 billion in 2007. And it had slashed its workforce by 156,000, or 23 percent.

Elsewhere, the news is just as grim. La Poste in France estimates that by 2015, it will be delivering 30 percent fewer letters than it did in 2008. Japan last year delivered 13 percent fewer letters than it did four years earlier. In Denmark, the postal service said letter volumes dropped 12 percent in a single year.

The Universal Postal Union, which reports to the United Nations, estimates that letter volumes worldwide dropped by nearly 4 percent in 2011 and at an even faster clip in developed nations. Developed countries closed 5 percent of their post offices in 2011 alone.

And while Internet shopping continues to grow, postal services that once profited from their monopoly on letters find themselves competing for parcels against private companies such as FedEx.

U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said he doesn't believe the service can ever regain the revenue from packages it has lost from letters. He said axing Saturday mail deliveries, while keeping six-day-a-week package deliveries, will save the service about $2 billion a year.

Donahoe said he thinks ending Saturday letter deliveries will keep the USPS a solid proposition for years to come.

"People still go to their mailbox every day and they wait for their mail to come," he said. "It's part of American life."

And it has been since the beginning. The Postal Service's role was defined in the Constitution, and Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster general. The short-lived Pony Express achieved an enduring place in American folklore. Even the modern system of highways and airline travel grew from pioneering routes developed by the postal service.

"It's easy to forget how central this institution was to commerce, public life, social affairs," said Richard John, a Columbia University professor who has written a book on the Postal Service. "It was once very, very important. Of course, that was then and this is now."

McCUMBER

From 1A

people who are about to lose their day care, be furloughed, inconvenienced by air-traffic shutdowns, closed out of senior nutrition programs, or lose their kids' Head Start program. "What the heck are they doing back there?" is a common question about Congress, and this week does not help.

The president, too, seems much more willing to beat up Republicans and score political points than he does engineer a way out of this impasse. Yes, a majority of people nationwide ascribe to his version of events, but he seems to be playing that card so forcefully that compromise becomes an even more distant possibility.

Who caused the fire? Everybody did. Who's putting it out? We'll get back to you on that.

Pete Gallego gave his first-ever floor speech Tuesday afternoon on the subject of the sequester. In contrast to the sharp rhetoric frequently heard from his Tea Party predecessor, the Rail-Splitter, from Alpine, in his down-to-earth way, urged bipartisan cooperation.

He is right — there must be a better way to do the country's business.

After all, as the other Lincoln told Congress in 1862, "Determine that the thing

Police charge 3 for breaking into former K-Mart

From staff reports

A father-son duo and another man were arrested Tuesday night for allegedly breaking into a former K-Mart location to steal copper wire or tubing, according to the city's spokeswoman.

Marshall Ray Woolls, 44, Marshall Wayne Dillion Woolls, 17, and P.J. Russell Proctor, 26, are being held on a felony charge of engaging in criminal activity. Bond information was unavailable at press time.

Midland police responded to the burglary at 7:01 p.m. at the closed K-Mart in the 300 block of North Midland Drive, said Sara Higgins, public information officer.

A passerby called MPD after seeing the three suspects allegedly parked near a garage at the structure. MPD officers cleared the bottom floor before allegedly finding them on the roof. They had accessed the roof through part of the collapsed ceiling. MPD arrested them without incident and a DPS helicopter assisted in the search for the suspects, Higgins said. MPD believes the suspects were attempting to steal copper wire or tubing, she said.

BAN

From 1A

The Associated Press quoted Craddick calling his proposal "the bipartisan bill of the session."

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, has filed Senate Bill 28, a companion bill. Their bills would ban typing on a handheld device to send an electronic message while behind the wheel.

At a meeting Tuesday of the House Transportation Committee, relatives of men and women killed in accidents caused by texting while driving begged lawmakers to pass the legislation.

"The point [of the ban] is to take a stand and say that texting while driving kills people and injures people," said Brooke Mabry, a former special education teacher who was rear-ended by a driver who was texting and can no longer teach due to her injuries.

State Rep. George Lavender, R-Texarkana, noted that some studies have shown that texting bans have not reduced crashes. The Highway Loss Data Institute reported in 2010 that data from four states that had passed a ban showed "a slight increase in the frequency of insurance claims filed under collision coverage for damage to vehicles in crashes."

State Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-Harlingen, explained that the ban is a long-term investment. "I remember when we passed drinking while driving and seatbelt laws, nothing changed overnight," he said, recalling how the Texas Department of Transportation aired commercials to advertise the new laws. He said a ban is needed to address current driving habits.

"When I see someone swerve, I no longer think, 'Hey, look at that drunk guy,'" Lucio III said. "I think, 'He's texting.'"

Thirty-nine other states and the District of Columbia prohibit sending text messages while driving, but police officers in Georgia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Colorado have told reporters that it is nearly impossible to tell when someone is breaking the law because it is often legal to type in a phone number or check a map on a handheld device.

Addressing these concerns, Houston Senior Police Officer Paul Lassalle said that law enforcement officers are "confident" they can enforce the ban.

During the 2011 legislative session, similar bills authored by Craddick and Zaffirini passed, but they were vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry, who called the bill "a government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults." Zaffirini responded by saying Perry would have "blood on his hands."

Last month, Perry's deputy press secretary Josh Havens said the governor "continues to believe that texting while driving is reckless and irresponsible" and that "the key to dissuading drivers from texting while driving is information and education, not government micromanagement."

At least 25 cities in Texas have local ordinances banning the practice within city limits. Already, anyone under 18 cannot use a telecommunications device while driving.

From Rep. Craddick:

"This is an important public safety issue. We have the opportunity to act on legislation that will save lives. ... The increasing frequency with which drivers use a cellphone to send a text or email while driving has made this dangerous practice one of the most common causes of a car crash or near-crash.

"When the seat belt law was passed, no one thought it would be effective. But with the law as a deterrent, an education campaign to raise awareness and a law enforcement effort to enforce the law, it has saved lives. ... The same thing will happen over time with a statewide ban on texting. If this bill passes and saves one life, it would have been worth it."

PROFILING

From 1A

MPD has been compliant with SB 1074, or the Texas Profiling Law, since Jan. 1, 2002, he said. In this law, contact was defined as a traffic-related incident where a citation was issued or an arrest was made, according to del Carmen's presentation.

According to the law's 2009 update, HB 3389, "contact" was redefined as any motor vehicle contact where a citation or an arrest was made.

So, according to the current law, del Carmen said MPD didn't have any racial profiling complaints in 2012.

After the meeting, Love said this means the data does not include pedestrian contact or traffic stops that did not end in a citation or arrest. He said he has heard from residents who are concerned about being profiled but not in a vehicle.

"I'm not hearing from criminals who are saying they've been profiled," Love said. "There's room for improvement."

In response, del Carmen said racism is done on the individual level, so aggregate data is not a good indicator of racial profiling.

MPD Chief Price Robinson said some examples of better indicators of racial profiling are if someone makes a complaint or if supervisors watch video that captured such incidents.

After the meeting, Love said he and former District 2 representative Vicky Hailey wanted to know how easy it would be to file a racial profiling complaint.

Love said that one day during the period after he was elected but before he was sworn in, he went to the police station in a suit and asked for a racial profiling form. The officer behind the front counter asked him why. Love said it was intimidating that the officer would ask why he wanted the form.

"It's not surprising there are not racial profiling complaints when you have to jump through too many hoops," Love said.

Robinson said MPD didn't receive any complaints in 2011 but noted the statistics as a positive for the department.

CAPITOL ALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Perry backs efforts to re-examine STAAR exams

Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday added his voice to a chorus of bipartisan state lawmakers, parents, teachers and educational professionals who say it's time for Texas to take a hard look at the standardized tests it requires students to pass in order to graduate from high school.

A slew of efforts to drastically overhaul — or even temporarily scrap — the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, exam have been introduced since the state Legislature opened its session last month.

Perry didn't endorse any one reform effort but said that remaking testing requirements doesn't mean compromising school accountability standards.

"Without accepting anything less from our schools, we can certainly debate the best ways to measure their performance," the governor said at an education forum organized by the Texas Business Leadership Council. "I support recent efforts to evaluate our testing methods to help determine the best mix of STAAR testing."

Current state law requires Texas high school students to pass 15 exams in core subjects in order to graduate.

That number looks almost certain to be reduced before the end of the legislative session in May, however — so much so that Perry's appointee as education commissioner, Michael Williams, has said he hopes lawmakers won't cut it to just two or three tests.

Perry also said he supports proposals to change the state's school accountability rating scale, which currently ranges from "Exemplary" to "Academically Unacceptable," to one built around letter grades. He applauded "efforts to make school accountability ratings more transparent for parents and communities" including "an A-to-F rating system, like the one initially adopted in Florida and now in place in 11 other states."

Senate budget panel adds twist to Medicaid bill

An emergency $4.5 billion spending bill for Medicaid is on its way to the full Texas Senate — but with a slight twist.

The powerful Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday tacked on a provision that would require lawmakers to approve another bill that would reverse a nearly $2 billion deferral in education spending that budget-slashing lawmakers passed in 2011.

The provision was not in the emergency bill passed by the full Texas House last week. Republican Jim Pitts, the top budget writer in the House, has said the Medicaid bill must be on Gov. Rick Perry's desk next month or doctors and hospitals won't get paid.

Reversing the deferral now would give the Legislature more money to potentially spend while writing the current budget.

Texas Senator moves to tighten abortion pill rules

A senate committee has heard testimony on a bill that would tighten rules for doctors prescribing abortion pills.

Sen. Dan Patrick laid out Senate Bill 97 to the Senate Health and Human Services on Tuesday, the first step to passing the bill into law.

The Houston Republican wants to turn the drug manufacturer's guidelines into state law. Doctors frequently prescribe drugs in ways that differ from established guidelines.

Patrick's bill would require doctors to only prescribe the drug known as Ru486 to women in the first seven weeks of her pregnancy and following a physical examination by the doctor. The woman must take the pill in a clinic.

Advocates for abortion rights say the measure will only make it more difficult and expensive for women to receive an abortion.

MPD: Three arrested on burglary charges of central Midland home

From staff reports


Ramos


Hinojos


Cota

Two teenagers and a woman were arrested Monday after Midland police allegedly caught them stealing a TV and other items from a central Midland home.

Midlanders Fernando Cota Jr., 18; Max Hinojos, 17; and Cathy Ann Ramos, 39; were being held on a $50,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit theft.

Midland police responded to the burglary in progress at about 3:50 p.m. in the 700 block of West Cuthbert Avenue.

Officers allegedly apprehended Cota and Hinojos after seeing them running through an alley carrying a TV. They allegedly kicked in the back door to enter the residence and stole several other items. Once apprehended, they told police that Ramos drove them to the residence. She later was taken into custody, according to the trio's arrest affidavits.

All three suspects offered confessions to the detective, with Cota and Hinojos saying they entered the home without the owner's permission, the report continued.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, each face up to 20 years in prison.

Voting rights case has implications

Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Race and politics are at the center of a major case with Texas implications that's scheduled to be heard Wednesday by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Although it originated in north-central Alabama, the case of Shelby County v. Holder holds potentially profound consequences for politics and civil rights in Texas, a state where minority groups taken together now outnumber whites.

The issue before the high court is the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It requires just about every Southern state in the country — including Texas — and several other governments around the U.S. — such as the one in Shelby County — to get approval from the federal government before making any changes to their election practices.

The jurisdictions oovered by Section 5 must endure the "preclearance" process through the Justice Department or a federal court in Washington, D.C., because of their histories of discrimination.

Various officials and groups in Texas will be watching closely as the justices ponder the Shelby County case.

Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, who filed a challenge similar to the one from Shelby County, would like to see the justices declare Section 5 unconstitutional. It gives the federal government too much power, and its provisions "are severe and extraordinary," Abbott said in a friend of the court brief filed in support of Shelby County.

On other side of the issue are a host of civil rights groups and their Democratic allies in the Legislature, including the Texas NAACP, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund and the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

Throwing out Section 5 would have devastating effects on minorities' right to vote, state Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston and chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, said at a press conference Monday.

"The attorney general represents all of us, not just some of us," Turner said. "The reality is that the fabric of Texas is changing, and this is not a time to move back in time."

As recently as 2011, the federal government found evidence of intentional discrimination in Texas redistricting efforts, said Gary Bledsoe, a lawyer for Texas NAACP. The Legislature has never gone through the redistricting process without violating Section 5 since it was put under the authority of the section in 1975, Martinez Fischer said.

He noted that Texas' strict voter identification law, passed in 2011, would disenfranchise some Hispanics voters if it were to be enacted. It was denied preclearance, and Abbott has appealed the denial to the Supreme Court. Martinez Fischer also said that 38 percent of 750,000 people without the needed ID in Texas are people with Spanish surnames.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Aleman, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Raymond A. Bill, 52, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of paro

Jonathan D. Bridges, 33, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Fernando Cota Jr., 18, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a building.

Tiffany N. Garcia, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Timothy D. Hines, 45, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.

Max Hinojos, 17, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Sabrina C. Kalinosky, 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and theft.

Tanner V. King, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Lisa E. Morales, 21, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Maureen J. Phillip, 55, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Cathy A. Ramos, 39, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Herbey H. Reyna, 40, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Silvia M. Sanchez, 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of organized retail theft.

Heath A. Scalzo, 31, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

Tristan M. Ward, 21, of Big Spring, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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OPINION

'Madonna of first ladies' reinvents herself

■ First ladies typically evolve during a second term. Michelle Obama is breaking the mold.



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

If second-term presidents feel liberated by re-election to pursue bolder agendas, first ladies often become more comfortable to be their own person.

Witness Laura Bush, who in her husband's second term disc overed that she, too, had a voice and a bully pulpit. Seemingly overnight, she transformed herself from librarian to liberator, becoming a voice for oppressed women — from advocating for Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi, the democratic leader then under house arrest, to spearheading a women's health movement across the Middle East.

Likewise, it appears that Michelle Obama has begun to break out. Though she long ago established herself as a health-and-fitness mom in chief, she had until recently been careful to stay well within the lines of traditional first lady. Obviously accomplished in her own right, she spent the past four years fashioning an image of good wife and mother to counter early impressions of her as politically ambitious and, to certain of her critics, angry.

Whatever she was then, she is something else now. In her second term, Michelle Obama has come out with, well, a bang! She isn't just breaking the mold; she's shattering the good china. The Madonna of first ladies, she is emerging as an iconoclastic, self-reinventing woman who clearly doesn't mind shaking the firmament. It seems clear that no one, including the president, tells the first lady what to do.

"She always looks good" was Barack Obama's wise response when asked how he liked his wife's new bangs. Studies have confirmed what all successfully married men know: The correct answer to any question is "Yes, dear."

The bangs were a clue that Michelle was evacuating the cocoon. Analyzing her bangs may seem a silly pastime — but only if you know nothing about women. When a woman changes her hair — especially as dramatically as the first lady did — something is up.

Those aren't bangs covering Michelle Obama's eyebrows. Those are butterfly wings.

Observe. The first lady completely changed her appearance on the eve of her husband's second inauguration. Now why would she do that? She jokingly has said that her bangs were her midlife crisis. Cute answer, but it's clearly more than that. Hair is the frame we choose for the portrait we project to the world. Hair conveys messages we don't even consciously recognize.

Who knew that Michelle Obama harbored an inner Gidget? Cute, fun-loving, perky were not adjectives that sprang to mind when Michelle became a household word four years ago. That was then. Michelle Obama obviously has decided to have some fun.

Thus, recently, she joined Jimmy Fallon in a viral pas de deux titled, "The Evolution of Mom Dancing." Sunday night she crashed the biggest party on television — the Academy Awards — to announce the best picture winner. Appearing remotely on a gargantuan screen like a holographic Princess Leia, she was a glimmering, spaghetti-strapped goddess beaming in to bestow the grand prize — Herself — on the adoring audience that helped put her husband in office.

Reactions have been mixed from the moment Jack Nicholson introduced her: Should she have done it? Is it too frivolous in these dire times for the first lady, bedecked in sequined splendor, to be participating in such self-congratulatory frivolity? Too much exposure? Too much ... too much? As usual, the responses tend to break down along party lines.

We have such conflicting feelings about first wives in an era when women do it all, including, eventually, becoming president. We want our first lady to be first a lady — a delicate balance between enjoying one's attractiveness without being too sexy. Michelle's sleeveless toned arms have kept us riveted for four years.

We want our first ladies to be intelligent but not aggressively so. Supportive but not fawning. Politic but not political. We mostly want them to not embarrass us — and this will be the same for the first husband when he arrives.

To most of the country, Michelle has passed muster thus far. Her youthful health and fitness are inspiring — and she can grab and hold an audience as few others. She and the camera adore each other, though some of us miss her Jackie Kennedy period — the black Armani sheath with a double strand of pearls, hair brushed back to reveal her best feature — an arched, intelligent brow line. Why cover it up?

The answer may be as simple as sometimes a first lady just wants to have fun. For certain, Michelle Obama is the star of her own movie.

OUR VIEW

Greenwood takes its turn with bond election game

It's officially Greenwood's turn to play the bond election game.

On Monday night the Greenwood ISD board voted to join the long list of districts across the Permian Basin to have school bond elections in the past few years.

They include Midland ISD (2012), Ector County ISD (2012), Andrews (2011), Big Spring ISD (2010) and Glasscock County (2010).

On May 11, voters from Greenwood will decide on a $51.5 million bond to build new intermediate and middle schools, complete construction projects at all campuses and upgrade district technology.

A big reason for the election, according to Greenwood ISD Superintendent Doug Young, is one familiar to virtually all area districts — the seemingly unprecedented growth affecting all of West Texas.

There's not much to say at this stage about the need for the bond. Considering the success bond issues have had across the Basin in recent years, it would be easy to speculate the trend of investing in education will continue. However, Greenwood has a reputation of being a conservative community.

Greenwood residents deserve the opportunity to decide what's in their best interest. The community's schools have seen its population increase to 1,899, or 178 students more than it was in 1998 when the community recorded its previous high of 1,721. Population studies show that Greenwood could reach as many as 2,800 students by 2026, Greenwood ISD officials have said.

Class sizes and facilities are being challenged.

The elementary school, built to hold 950 students, currently has about 1,098 students enrolled.

Brooks Middle School and Greenwood High School are both at capacity with little room to grow. Brooks, built for 305, has 298 students; the high school, built for 515, has 503 students enrolled, according to Young.

We mention these points because these are new times in West Texas.

Coincidentally, Forsan ISD in Howard County also approved a bond election Monday night. And while bond elections will not be an everyday item, expect them to become more frequent. In fact, we expect voters across the Basin to have more to weigh in on during these challenging times.

Recent Greenwood ISD bonds

2008: A $6.9 million bond program in May 2008 to run sewer lines to the city of Midland, update plumbing and complete minor renovation projects on the elementary school nurse's office and a special needs classroom.

2003: A $9 million bond paid for school roofing, flooring, heating and lighting, ventilation and air conditioning systems replacements and renovations as well as athletic facility improvements with new baseball and softball fields, additional visitor seating at the football stadium, new concrete tennis courts and a new field house.

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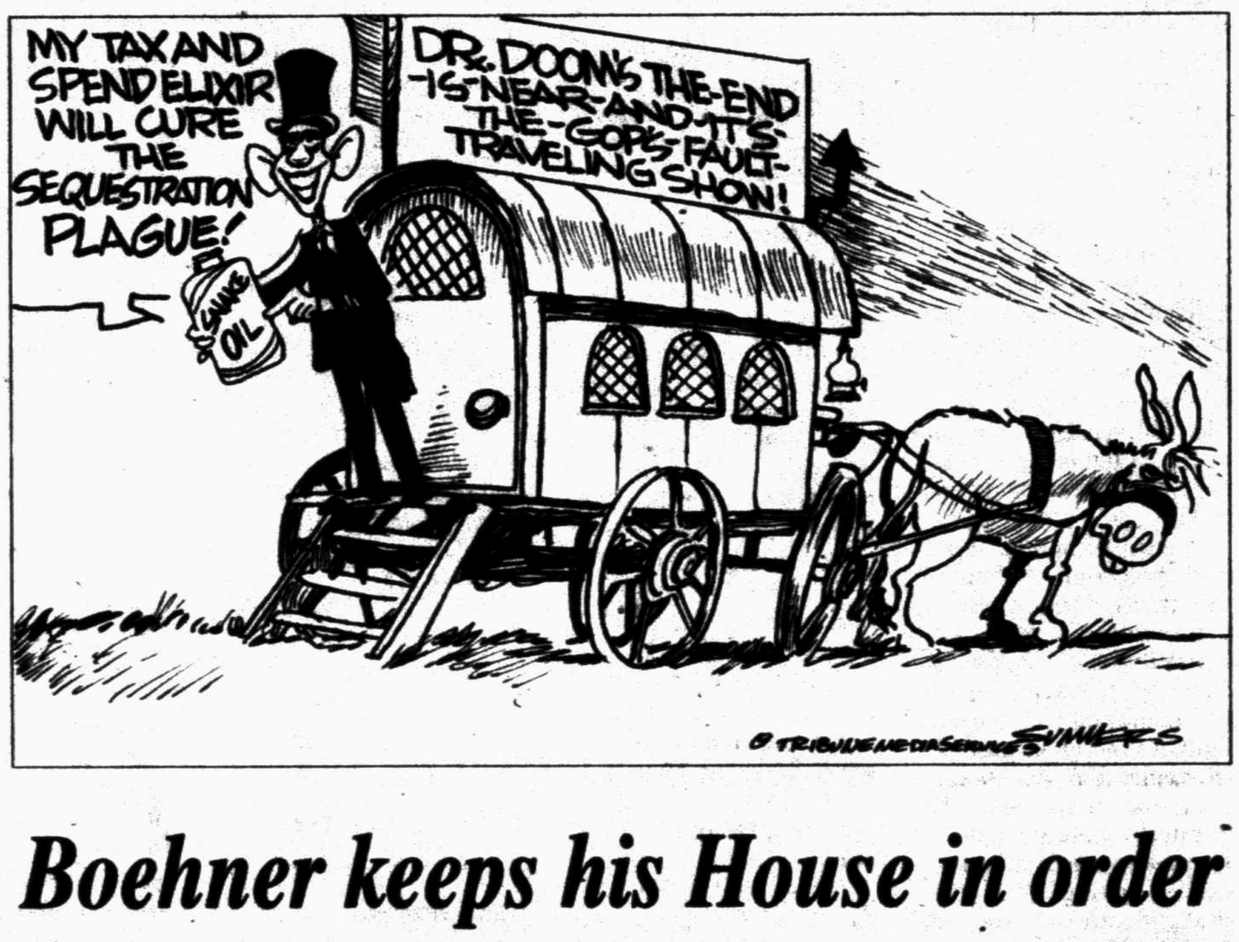

Boehner keeps his House in order

■ Do-nothing Republicans stay true to the agenda as the clock winds down.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

A meat cleaver hangs over the federal government, but the unflappable men and women of the House majority remain cool and poised.

With just a few days to stop automatic spending cuts from affecting everything from air travel to food inspections, House Republicans had but one item on their agenda Monday: renaming a NASA facility in California.

H.R. 667, as this urgently needed legislation is known, would "redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center."

You'd have to be on another planet to think that renaming NASA operations is Congress' most pressing order of business this week. But for Republicans, using this moment to honor the first man to walk on the moon is not lunar lunacy. The naming proposal was taken up at a time when House Republicans are pursuing a considered strategy of deliberate idleness.

After months of fretting over the harmful effects of sequestration, as the automatic cuts are called, House Republicans have belatedly embraced the realization that if they do nothing at all, they will be rewarded on Friday with a 2.5 percent cut in all federal spending without coughing up a single dollar in tax increases. They have learned to stop worrying and love the sequester.

President Obama is barnstorming the country, calling for tax increases and alternative spending cuts to replace the automatic ones. But while Republicans say they'd consider a different blend of reductions, they'd rather have the sequester than another deal like the one in December that raised taxes.

"The president says we have to have another tax increase in order to avoid the sequester," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said at a news conference Monday. "Well, Mr. President, you got your tax increase. It's time to cut spending here in Washington."

Boehner instructed Obama to "sit down with Harry Reid tonight and work with Senate Democrats." As for House Republicans, they'll be busy doing ... well, not much.

Of the 56 days so far in 2013, the House has been in session for 20 -- and a large chunk of those have been pro-forma sessions without votes, or with ceremonial bills. After a week's recess, the chamber returned Monday with just a few items on the calendar. Lawmakers are scheduled to be out of town Friday, when the sequester is set to take effect. They're planning another recess at the end of March, when the federal government is due to shut down for lack of funding.

The House started its day Monday at 2 p.m. Before leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., requested a roll-call vote on approving the journal of proceedings from the last day in session — a time-wasting technique.

Next, Rep. Joe "You Lie" Wilson, R-S.C., requested a minute of time to speak his mind, closing with his standard sign-off: "In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we'll never forget September 11 and the global war on terror." After Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., spoke about climate change, Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, had something to say about "the president's takeover of health care."

Next, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., pleaded for the House to "abandon this reckless policy" of sequestration. Foxx, citing an op-ed by Bob Woodward in Sunday's Washington Post, replied that the sequester "was the brainchild of the Obama administration" and that it is up to Democrats to replace it.

It was 2:10 p.m. — 10 minutes into the day's proceedings — and the speaker called a three-hour recess. Finally, it was time for the NASA renaming. The task before the House: to put Armstrong's name on the facility, relegating that of Hugh L. Dryden, a NASA engineer who died almost 50 years ago, to the facility's test range.

The bill passed the House in the last Congress by a vote of 404 to 0 (the Senate didn't take it up), so it could have cleared the chamber with a simple voice vote. But that would not have eaten up much time. And so six lawmakers chewed up almost half an hour on the floor praising Armstrong and Dryden.

The lone Democrat to speak, Rep. Donna Edwards of Maryland, noted the irony in the vote. "We will do our renaming today," she said, and then "we will take an ax hammer to NASA's budget on March 1, at the end of this week, taking out $894 million from an already strapped budget. I dare say future generations will not be inspired by what this Congress will do."

The speaker declared another recess.

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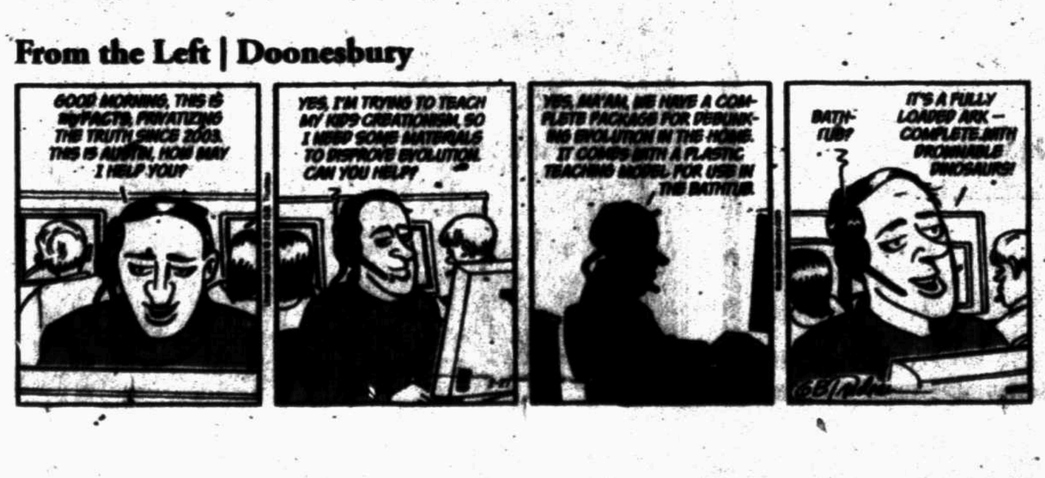

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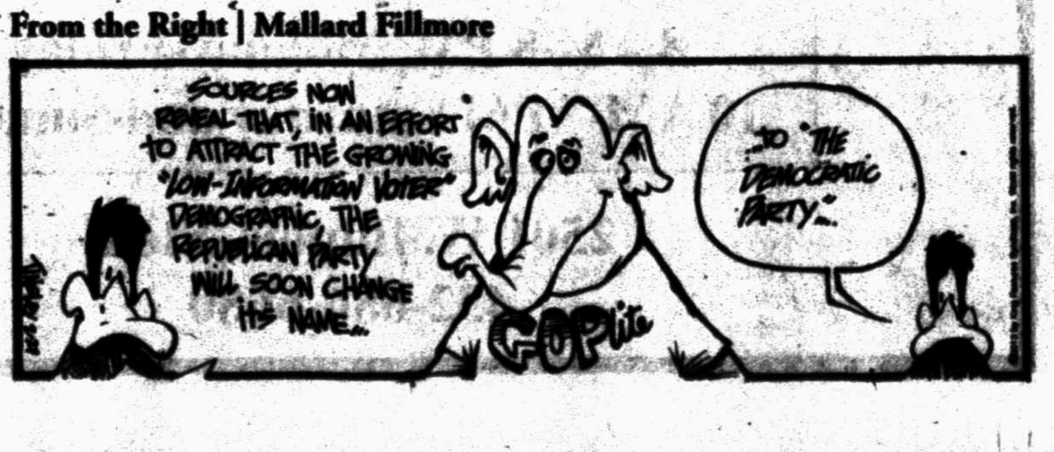

BLIZZARD BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

City sets Feb. snowfall mark with 19.1 inches

The blizzard that hammered the nation's midsection broke a 120-year-old record in Amarillo for one-day snowfall in February with 19.1 inches.

National Weather Service meteorologist Krissy Scotten in Amarillo said the snowfall total Monday bested a record set Feb. 16, 1893, when 19 inches fell.

She said the city's snowfall was the second-most in a 24-hour period, just behind the 19.3 inches that fell March 25, 1934. The storm that moved across the Texas Panhandle also was the third all-time snow event. The most snow in one event was 20.6 inches that fell March 25 and 26, 1934. Scotten said Amarillo normally receives 17.8 inches of snow for the winter. Roadways across the region remained icy and snow-packed early Tuesday.

AMARILLO

Utilities work to restore power in storm's wake

Utility companies are working to restore power in the wake of a crippling storm that brought record snowfall to the Panhandle and strong winds throughout much of the state.

Xcel Energy said 8,600 customers in the Panhandle and New Mexico were without power at the height of Monday's storm. That number dwindled Tuesday morning to fewer than 24.

The Amarillo area received just over 19 inches of snow.

OKLAHOMA

Okla. power outages still affect 24,000 customers

OKLAHOMA CITY — Two Oklahoma utilities say the number of customers without power has fallen by nearly half to 24,000 — mostly in the west and northwest corners of the state hit hardest by a winter storm — but 2,000 of those should have power restored by midnight.

Public Service Company of Oklahoma spokesman Ed Bettinger said PSO's 2,000 customers in three western counties will have their power back by the end of the day.

Oklahoma Gas and Electric spokeswoman Christina Dykeman said impassable roadways have prevented crews from restoring power to more than 21,000 customers northwest of Oklahoma City, including more than 10,000 in Enid.

NEW MEXICO

Police: 81-year-old NM man dies after ice slip

CLOVIS — Authorities say an 81-year-old Clovis man has died after slipping while shoveling snow in his driveway.

Clovis police Capt. Patrick Whitney said the man died Monday after he fell on ice, hitting the back of his head. He was later transported to Plains Regional Medical Center.

MISSOURI

Experts: Twin storms won't end drought

ST. LOUIS — The blanket of snow covering much of the Great Plains after two big storms in less than a week may provide some relief for parched areas, but it's no "drought-buster," experts said Tuesday.

The snow might help ease the drought some, but it's unlikely to have a big impact because it's sitting largely on frozen ground, especially in the upper Plains. As snow on the surface melts, the water is likely to run off into rivers and streams instead of soaking into the rock-hard ground. It does little to help farmers who need the moisture to soak into the soil so they can grow plants, said Brian Fuchs, of the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Even if all the snow melted straight into the ground, it wouldn't break the drought.

Panhandle roads reopen after storm

Associated Press

AMARILLO — Some roadways in the Texas Panhandle are reopening as sunny conditions begin to thaw ice and snow-packed surfaces slickened by a massive blizzard that blanketed the region.

Interstate 27 reopened Tuesday between snow-hammered Amarillo and Lubbock, about 120 miles to the south. Units with the Texas National Guard have worked to clear Interstate 40 from the Oklahoma border to the New Mexico state line. The highway reopened Tuesday afternoon.

U.S. 287 has reopened in both directions, as have U.S. 385, U.S. 60 and U.S. 54. Stretches of U.S. 87 in the Dalhart and Dumas areas are still being cleared. Portions of U.S. 83 remain closed.

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State troopers, area sheriff's offices and National Guard members rescued 32 stranded motorists from their vehicles Monday, Department of Public Safety spokesman Daniel Hawthorne said. Some workers have been stuck at the National Weather Service office in Amarillo since Sunday night after snow drifts up to 6 feet high covered their cars in the parking lot, said meteorologist Krissy Scotten.

Crews were working to clear snow from still-closed roadways although they need sunshine to activate the de-icing agent, Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Paul Braun said.

Temperatures in the Amarillo area are expected to reach the mid-30s on Tuesday.

"It's going to be kind of a delayed process, a very involved process," he said.

David Sebastian, a spokesman at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, said the flights won't depart until runways can be cleared, likely by midday Tuesday. James Loomis, executive director at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport, said flights resumed late Monday, though travelers on Southwest should call the airline because it has experienced some delays.

City offices in Amarillo were closed Tuesday and the city's school district canceled classes for a second day. Classes at many schools in Lubbock started late.

Xcel Energy spokesman Wes Reeves said just 24 customers remained without power in Amarillo on Tuesday morning, down from 8,600 customers in New Mexico and Texas who were without power during the blizzard.



Associated Press

Traffic is at a complete standstill waiting for the highway to reopen on Tuesday in Amarillo. Interstate 40 westbound was reopened and traffic began moving at noon Tuesday.



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Music, movie industry to warn copyright infringers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Internet users who illegally share music, movies or TV shows online may soon get warning notices from their service providers that they are violating copyright law. Ignore the notices, and violators could face an Internet slow-down for 48 hours. Those who claim they're innocent can protest — for a fee.

For the first time since a spate of aggressive and unpopular lawsuits almost a decade ago, the music and movie industries are going after Internet users they accuse of swapping copyrighted files online. But unlike the lawsuits from the mid-2000s — which swept up everyone from young kids to the elderly with sometimes ruinous financial penalties and court costs — the latest effort is aimed at educating casual Internet pirates and convincing them to stop. There are multiple chances to make amends and no immediate legal consequences under the program if they don't.

"There's a bunch of questions that need to be answered because there are ways that this could end up causing problems for Internet users," such as the bureaucratic headache of being falsely accused, said David Sohn, general counsel for the Center for Democracy and Technology, a Washington-based civil liberties group. But he added: "There's also the potential for this to have an impact in reducing piracy in ways that don't carry a lot of collateral damage."

The Copyright Alert System was put into effect this week by the nation's five biggest Internet service providers — Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner Cable, Comcast and Cablevision — and the two major associations representing industry — the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry Association of America.

Under the new program, the industry will monitor "peer-to-peer" software services for evidence of copyrighted files being shared. Each complaint will prompt a customer's Internet provider to notify the customer that their Internet address has been detected sharing files illegally. Depending on the service provider, the first couple of alerts will likely be an email warning. Subsequent alerts might require a person to acknowledge receipt or review educational materials. If a final warning is ignored, a person could be subject to speed-throttling for 48 hours or another similar "mitigation measure."

After five or six "strikes," however, the person won't face any repercussions under the program and is likely to be ignored. It's unclear whether such repeat offenders would be more likely at that point to face an expensive lawsuit. While proponents say it's not the intention of the program, it's possible the alert system will be used to initiate lawsuits.

The number of Internet users subject to the new system is a sizable chunk of the U.S. population. Verizon and AT&T alone supply more than 23 million customers.

For the recording industry, which blames online piracy for contributing to a dramatic drop in profits and sales during the past decade, the new alert system is a better alternative than lawsuits. In December 2008, the Recording Industry Association of America announced it had discontinued that practice — which had been deeply unpopular with the American public — and would begin working with the Internet providers on the alert system instead.

"We think there is a positive impact of (alert) programs like this, and that they can put money in the pocket of artists and labels," said Jonathan Lamy, a spokesman for the trade group.

The Motion Picture Association of America estimates some 29 million people have downloaded or watched unauthorized movies or TV shows online, mostly using technology such as BitTorrent, a popular peer-to-peer protocol.

Like its counterparts in the music industry, the MPAA said it believes people will stop when they understand it's illegal and are redirected to legal ways of paying for downloads.

The alert system "will help ensure an Internet that works for everyone by alerting families of illegal activity that has occurred over peer-to-peer networks using their Internet accounts and educate them on how they can prevent such activity from happening again," Michael O'Leary, an executive for the MPAA, said in a statement Tuesday.

Key figure

The estimated number of people who have downloaded or watched unauthorized movies or TV shows online, according to the the Motion Picture Association of America:

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Spring consignment event to come to Odessa

■ More than 400 families to participate in bi-annual sale.

By Audrie Palmer
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One Midland family has found a unique way to help others save on clothes and toys.

This weekend, the Just Between Friends spring consignment event will take place at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa for West Texans looking to purchase new and gently used items.

More than 400 families will participate in the sale with consignors dropping off pre-prepared items Thursday.

JBF staff and volunteers will take the items and set up the area like a store, said Midlander Shawna Wilfert who owns the JBF Midland and Odessa franchise.

Please see **SALE/4B**



The Just Between Friends spring consignment event is coming to the Ector County Coliseum this weekend.

Courtesy photo



ROLLER BETTIES





Members of the Pain Grenades, from Odessa/Midland, in camo, take on the 575 Roller Babes from Hobbs/Carlsbad Saturday evening during the season opener of The Tall City Roller Betties at the CAF Hanger.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Laura Bush to be keynote speaker at symposium

■ Jenna Welch Nature Center to hold Friday classes on conservation.

By Audrie Palmer
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Former first lady Laura Bush will be the keynote lunchtime speaker Friday at a symposium hosted by the newly opened Jenna Welch Nature Center.



Laura Bush will be the keynote speaker at conservation symposium at the Jenna Welch Nature Center.

The symposium, about conservation of playas for ranchers and farmers, will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club. Tickets are $35 each, and pre-registration is required.

This will be the first symposium put on by the center and I-20 Wildlife Preserve. Staff and volunteers said they hope to have at least one symposium annually and also will be hosting education classes and seminars throughout the year.

The center recently opened an 87-acre playa habitat as a place to protect and provide for wildlife as well as recharge groundwaters where it houses a trail system covering more than three miles with bird blinds, butterfly gardens and a hawk tower.

Part of the mission of the nature center is to support education in the community, said I-20 Wildlife Preserve board of directors president Elaine Magruder.

This educational symposium will address the conservation of playas and wetland through the Panhandle and West Texas. Playas are lakes that feed the groundwaters, Magruder said.

With oil developments and ranching, many of the playas are being plowed under by farms or are being made into freshwater ponds by oil companies for drilling purposes.

"The long-term effect is it's going to hurt our groundwater in being recharged. It's important to get that word out so that people understand," Magruder said.

Speakers at the symposium will include a playa expert from Kansas.

Please see **SYMPOSIUM/3B**

Cancer survivors needed for 'Faces of Courage' video

■ ACS to hold annual round up in May.

By Audrie Palmer
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Cancer survivors are needed for a video the American Cancer Society is compiling this week for its annual round up event.

Survivors are asked to meet at the ACS office, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., starting at noon Friday to be featured in a video that will be shown at the May 4 ACS Round Up: A Cattle Baron's Ball event and fundraiser.

"We want for people to put a face to cancer and to see those in the community that we're actually helping," said event chairwoman Catharine Nunn.

Nunn said survivors will be asked to say a couple of words or to hold up a sign in the video. Being featured is an opportunity for them to thank friends and family for their support, she said.

There will be signs available at the ACS office, so survivors do not need to bring their own.

This year's Round Up will be the ACS' 30th annual fundraiser. With the theme, "Pearls and Pumpjacks,", it will feature a roundup of roses and a "Faces of Courage" video montage for the first time.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Commemorative Air Force with dinner catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse of Abilene.

For $100, attendees can submit a memory or photo of their loved one who succumbed to cancer, which will be displayed on the two big screens beside the stage.

For $50, those wanting to honor their loved one or say thank you to a caregiver can purchase a rose that will have the name attached and be displayed at the event.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the American Cancer Society; Nunn said organizers hope to make this year's round up event a personal one for everyone involved.

The organization will honor Janet Allison and remember Judge John Hyde. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Nichols.

Allison was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1996 and then again in 2006. Hyde passed

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Coleman and Clark are stalwarts in the School of Midland Festival Ballet (MFB): Coleman as founding director and Clark as

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Judy Coleman, founding director, and Susan Clark, artistic director, for Midland Festival Ballet.

Obituaries



Barry Sinclair Welton

Barry Sinclair Welton, 79, born March 5, 1933, passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Morning Glory Adult Care Home. He was born in Fairmont, West Virginia to Sprigg and Frances Miller. His father was a native West Virginian drawn to the oilfields of West Texas, and his mother came from a ranching family located near Abilene, Texas. Soon after his birth, Barry's family moved back to Abilene, and later to Fort Stockton. Barry's parents died while he was of young age, and both he and his brother Sandy were moved back to Fairmont, West Virginia and adopted by their Aunt Eleanor and Dr. William Welton.

Barry graduated from Fairmont High School and continued his education at West Virginia University where he studied Petroleum Engineering and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. While working as a waiter at the Chi Omega house, he met his future wife, Carolyn Thomas. On December 27, 1954, they married in Marlinton, West Virginia, and lived in Morgantown, West Virginia while Barry finished his last year of college.

After graduating from WVU in 1954, Barry was employed by Magnolia Petroleum Company, where his career began in Seminole, Texas. He was then transferred to Duncan, Oklahoma, and later to Magnolia's Sprayberry Camp, located outside of Midland, where he began working as a junior Petroleum Engineer. Here is where Barry and Carolyn's family began with the birth of their first child Bill. Barry was then transferred to Brownfield, Texas and in 1957 their second child Lisa was born.

Barry was soon accepted into the University of Texas Law School. Their third child Beth was born, as he was about to pass his bar exam. After finishing law school, Barry accepted a position with Texaco in their land department, making a final move back to Midland. Barry then pursued opportunities made available to him as a trust officer with Midland National Bank, and later as a stockbroker with Parker, Bishop and Welch. In 1970, Barry and his partner, Wayne Westerman established End Devices, Inc., a company focused on oil field production automation, where he remained until retirement in 1985.

Barry was happiest when he was on the golf course. He looked forward to and enjoyed the times spent in Horseshoe Bay, playing golf and being around his family. His most memorable courses to play were at St. Andrews, Scotland and at Mauna Kea, Hawaii. His life long friends were many of his golfing buddies. Barry was also involved in various organizations where lasting friendships were made. These included the Lion's Club, SIPES, Sigma Chi Alumni and activities with his children and grandchildren.

Barry was a long time member of Grace Presbyterian Church (formerly Christ Presbyterian Church) where he served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, choir member and assisted with the youth program when his children were teenagers. He also found great pleasure when volunteering his time at the St. Andrew's Mission.

Preceding him in death were his natural parents, his adoptive parents, brothers Bill and Jack Welton, and his favorite Aunt Betty and Uncle Bill Long. He is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 58 years; brother Sandy Welton and wife Julia; sister-in-law Marcella Welton; son Bill Welton and wife Karen of Houston; daughters, Lisa Sell of Midland, and Beth Maxwell and husband Kenny of Sweetwater. Grandchildren: Lauren Pricket, Emily and Molly Welton; Taylor Sell and wife, Jennifer and great grandchildren, Caroline, Stephanie and Spencer Sell; Tripp Maxwell and wife Dana, Chelsey, Cole and Mason Maxwell.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Reverend Cheryl Homsher will officiate.

The family is so grateful to Jennifer and Bob Burleson, and their staff at Morning Glory, for the special and loving care given to Barry during the final years of his life. And the family wants to give special thanks and appreciation for the medical care graciously provided to Barry by Dr. Gregory Bartha.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N Garfield ST, Midland, 79705 or St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission, 1708 N Fort Worth ST, Midland, 79701.

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Eugenia Stuckey

Eugenia Ann "Jean" Henderson Stuckey, 88, a former long-time Midland resident, was called home to the Lord whom she served all her life on Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Sugar Land, Texas.

Jean was born to Paul and Louise Boaz Henderson on November 26, 1924 near Lindale, Texas. She graduated from Sabine High School in 1942, and married Oscar Vernon Stuckey on November 1, 1943.

Jean's passion was her family. She loved her husband and her two sons. She was extremely proud of her grandchildren and she doted on the great grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting and knitting. All her family members were recipients of gifts that came from her kitchen, sewing machine and knitting needles. She was an industrious homemaker who was never too busy to cook, sew, nurse, babysit, drive, or style hair for others.

Her Christian faith was manifest in her loving service not only to family, but also to God and neighbor. She was active in the Presbyterian Church all her life in numerous communities where they lived - including Magnolia, Arkansas; Carthage, Texas; Hobbs, New Mexico; and Midland, Texas. She was a busy member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where she served in various capacities, including Deacon, Elder, and church treasurer, bereavement committee, and "Dress a Live Doll". She focused her energies on services for those with special needs through Presbyterian women's organizations and community service organizations. She did volunteer work for Hospice of Midland and contributed many hours to Meals on Wheels. With her beautician license she volunteered as a hair stylist for patients in Big Spring State Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband, parents, and grandson Jesse Stuckey. She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law - Donald P. (Carla) Stuckey of Sugar Land, and Daniel E. (Anne) Stuckey of Katy; four grandsons - Daniel J. Stuckey and wife, Dawn, of Pearland; Clint Stuckey and wife, Linsey, of Katy; John Paul Stuckey of Hutto; and Luke Stuckey of Houston; three granddaughters - Helen Posvar and husband, Brandon, of College Station; Bridget Baker and husband, Whitney, of Richmond; and Emma Stuckey of Provo, Utah; fourteen great-grandchildren, a sister Pauline Cocke and husband, Jim, of Longview; a brother David Henderson and wife, Jan, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; two nieces and a nephew. She will be fondly remembered and missed by all her family and friends.

For those wishing to honor Jean with a memorial donation, the family suggests The Life Center of Midland or Presbyterian Children's Homes of Austin.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at The Settegast-Kopf Co. @ Sugar Creek, 15015 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478, with a visitation beginning prior to the service at 1:00 PM.

Friends are invited to a visitation with the family from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Friday, March 1, 2013, at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland. Graveside Services will follow at 2:30 PM, at Resthaven Memorial Park, 4616 North Big Spring Street, Midland.



Robert Lee Wise, Jr.

Robert Lee Wise, Jr., 54, of Midland, passed away at his home, surrounded by the ones he loved. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 2:00 PM at Stonegate Fellowship, with Chris Hale, State of Texas Fire Department Chaplain, officiating.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

He was born on January 12, 1959, in Midland, to Robert Lee Wise, Sr. and Beverly Fisher. He married Sue Brittain on May 19, 1984, in Midland.

Lee received his Associates Degree in Fire Science from Midland College and served with the Midland Fire Department for 27 years, the last 17 as Captain and Paramedic. He also was the Plank Owning President of the IAFF Local 4405 for over 8 years. In his spare time, he was an avid reader, crossword puzzle buff, and loved Blues music. Because of his knowledge, Robert had an eloquent vocabulary to his writings.

Lee was always there for people in every capacity. He was known for his leadership, generosity, and compassion. In his profession, he defined the phrase "First in, last out!"

Lee has bestowed upon us the importance and true meaning of the words Brotherhood, Sacrifice, and Unity, and has left a living legacy for both current and future members of the Local 4405. The family would like to say a BIG thank you to Home Hospice; Dr. David Watkins and staff at the Allison Cancer Center; Dr. Jeff Lamont at Baylor Medical Center; and our family at the Midland Fire Department.

Lee is survived by his wife, Sue Wise; his daughter, Sara Wise; his parents, Robert Lee Sr. and Beverly Wise; his granddaughter, Cayden Savage, all of Midland; his sister, Mary Ann Wise of Austin; and two nephews, Casey Billingsley and Keith Brittain.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Waldo H. Fisher; and his paternal grandparents, Thelma & Bunyan Wise.

The family suggests memorials to be made to PFAM Benevolence, 602 N. Baird Ste 207, Midland, Texas, 79701

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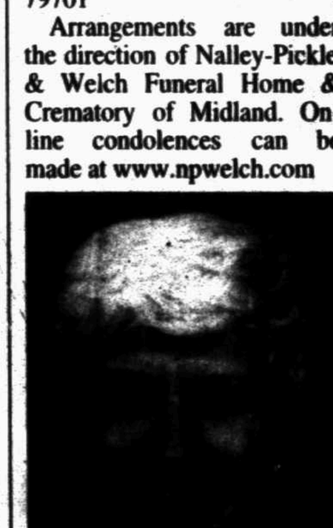

Patricia Lou Craig

Patricia Lou Craig, 78, of Midland, was called home by the Lord on February 22nd, 2013 in Midland. She was born in Bay City, Michigan in 1934 and lived in Detroit, and Cleveland, Ohio.

Pat was a Nurse in a Cleveland Hospital when she left to serve with the U. S. Navy at the Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi. She was the honor graduate of her military medical class. She met and married a fellow staff member Donald, whose career was active duty medical service. In her marriage, she found the love and security she had never known in her childhood, and each military move brought new opportunities to fulfill Gods' purpose for her life.

Pat did not describe the entirety of her childhood with family and friends. She did discuss the loneliness of her homeless periods, inadequate food, and the absence of hope for her future. The absence of love would have a profound effect without an escape. In a dark moment, an unknown benefactor sent Pat to a parochial school for a few years and she would later say that the Nuns saved her life. They taught that God loved her and her parental neglect was preparing her for a better life and one of service to children and their parents. Pat believed, and at age 13 told her life story to a court Judge who terminated parental rights. She chose to live in the home of a Dentist and his wife where she was trained as a Dental Assistant. Pat then completed Nurses training.

Pat was a compassionate, Christian woman of great character, who with family support, began fulfilling God's purpose for her life by providing foster care for 6 children in her home, in two states. She was a counselor with the Navy Relief Society; taught Sunday school; directed a church Altar Guild; served as an aide for hearing-impaired children and was a reading mentor. Privately, she assisted Navy families with children while the service member was deployed.

Don retired in 1983 and the family followed long-time friend, Commander Margaret Thompson, a Navy Nurse, into retirement in Midland where Pat was manager of Upstairs Downstairs children's clothing store. For many years she was a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Voices for Children and for CASA of West Texas, in the court of Judges Dean Rucker and Sylvia Chavez, both of whom she greatly admired. She strongly advocated for proper care and placement of children and was an honored volunteer.

Pat set a personal example of assisting those in need and her husband, children and friends are grateful to have shared in the remarkable life of Patricia Craig. We will be reunited one day in Heaven.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 57 years, Donald, Captain, Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy, Retired; son Michael, wife Nancy, Olney, Maryland and children Katie and Tommy; daughter, Margaret Krotowski, husband Randy, Peoria, Illinois and children, Ryan and Carly; daughter Michelle Booth, husband Robert, Midland, Texas, and children Mark, Kolten, Savanna and Brennan; and sister-in law, Dorothy Cox and husband Troy, Buffalo, Texas; and three great granddaughters.

The family is grateful for care provided by Doctors Raj Patel; Paul Slaughter, Don McLarey II, and Phillip Everett. Also Nurse Practitioner Cynthia Hill, home healthcare staff, the staff of Younger Center at Manor Park and Home Hospice. Helpful was counsel by friends and from Christ Church Midland; Manor Park; Susan Frederickson of the Area Agency on Aging; Dr. Juan Gil and Dr. Anand Cholia.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Christ Church Midland, 5501 N. Midkiff, Fr. Jon Stasney officiating. Honorary pallbearers are the members of the Altar Guild.

Patricia's life began in human hopelessness, but Gods love and His plan for her life brought her earthly love in marriage, family, service to her country, and children in need. She encouraged homeless children to achieve as she had done and to hold parents accountable for child neglect. Patricia will be forever honored by her family, friends and her nation after being laid to rest, with military honors, in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the non-profit Manor Park Younger Center, Inc., 2208 Loop 250 W Midland 79707, or Christ Church Midland, 5501 N Midkiff Road, Midland 79705.

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Rector "Roger" Chalmers

Rector "Roger" Chalmers 93, former longtime resident of Odessa, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, February 21, 2013, in Brenham Texas, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, March 2, in the Fairview Cemetery on Hwy 93, in Bastrop with Reverend Kenneth Kesselus officiating. As per his wishes, Mr. Chalmers was cremated under the direction of Netherton Funeral Home of Brownwood.

Rector Chalmers was born in Bastrop Texas, one of 10 children born to Owen and Loutie Chalmers. After graduating from Bastrop High School, Mr. Chalmers proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corp as a Radio Operator, giving communication signals to pilots during WWII. He married Willie Belle "Billie" Walker on December 14, 1952 in Dallas and they moved to the Midland/Odessa area where he worked for Pylant Signs and in 1958, along side his best friend Joe McClease, opened Chalmers Signs in Odessa, which he owned and operated for over 40 years.

Roger was a very active man and for over 25 years, looked forward to his yearly "men only camping trips" which consisted of floating the river and endless rounds of poker. He also had a great passion for dancing and one of the great highlights of his life was being asked to participate in the Ballroom Dance Show Case in California.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his children, Cliff Chalmers and wife Fonda, of Midland, Bronice "Cricket" Merworth and husband Brandon, of Brenham and special adopted son Ronnie Boroughs of Plano; granddaughters, Melinda Rochen of Sweeny and Leigh Anne Watson of Elgin; grandsons, Chris Merworth of Brenham and Houston Chalmers - of Midland and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Tracy Chalmers of Bastrop, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Owen and Loutie Chalmers; sisters, Sue Jenkins, Bess Bohannan, Kathryn Kesselus and Cleo Deal; and brothers, LeRoy Chalmers, Mason Chalmers, Billy Chalmers and Owen Clifford Chalmers.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, or a charity of your choice in Remembrance of Mr. Chalmers

Friends and family members are invited and encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.nethertonfuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Adelia Sanchez

Adelia Sanchez, 65, of Big Spring passed away on Friday, February 22, 2013, at her residence.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband: Jimmy Sanchez; one daughter: Janice Pardo; three sons: Lupe Ybarra and his wife Lucy, Larry Ybarra and Jimmy Joe Sanchez and his wife Lana; one sister: Mary Martinez; one brother: Nick Rangel; and eight grandchildren.

Carl Washington

Carl Douglas Washington, age 65, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Odessa.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Carl is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Novetta Washington; his daughter, Mishun Washington Tulloch; brother, Earnest Washington (Joan). He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews, great-nieces and other relatives and friends.

Hughetta Lowe Roberts

Hughetta Lowe Roberts, 89, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the funeral home.

Survivors include three sons, Roland Roberts, Neal Roberts and wife, Kay and Ron Roberts and wife, Debbie; two daughters, Alvina Marchant and husband, Dean and Cindy Reed and husband, Kent; 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Larry Boyd Jones

Larry Boyd Jones, age 54, of Midland, passed away Friday, February 15, 2013 in Midland.

Memorial services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Survivors include his daughter, Lindsey Jade Jones of Midland; his twin brother, Garry Jones; his sisters, Linda Wilson and Letha White, all of Odessa.

Nancy Burdette

Nancy Ann Burdette, age 62, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2013 in Odessa.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Burdette; son, Lee Burdette; brothers, Richard Danner, Joe Danner, Jim Danner, Chris Danner, David Danner and sisters, Pam Price and Ruth Smith.

Ruby Lee McDow

Ruby Lee McDow, age 78, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Odessa.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Survivors include her brother-in-law, Leroy Radsdale, of Pryor, Oklahoma; and sister-in-law, Rose K. McDow, of Fairfield, California.

Warren Presley Aldridge, Jr.

Warren Presley Aldridge, Jr., 86, of San Angelo passed away on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27th at Johnson's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28th in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Santa Anna Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Marion Elizabeth "Guess" Aldridge; four sons Don Aldridge, Martin Aldridge, Andy Aldridge and Stephen Aldridge; and one brother W.D. "Dub" Aldridge.

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

Community court in Austin helps change lives

Clara O'Rourke
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Art Adlesberger can't remember how many times he's been to jail.

He's lived in Austin for 27 years, and over time, he has racked up more and more misdemeanor citations, sometimes two to three a day, he said.

Sometimes for jaywalking or camping or sitting on the sidewalk, he said. Sometimes for urinating in public.

"Because you have no place to use the restroom," he said, punching his finger on a table at City Hall on Friday. "The park restrooms are all locked."

The Austin American-Statesman reports for much of the time Adlesberger, 48, has lived here, and several years before that, he has been homeless.

Often, he said, he'd wait for authorities to issue a warrant for his arrest after he was charged and drag him to court, where he'd cuss at the judge and dig in his heels, refusing to pay any fines or perform any community service.

But on Friday, Adlesberger, who goes by "Shades," told a local advisory committee how community court has changed his life.

He spoke in favor of funding for programs for the homeless population. He urged the city to help more people like him.

He said he now has something to look forward to. A better life.

The committee members applauded the man who was listed on their meeting agenda as the Downtown Austin Community Court's No. 1 frequent offender.

The community court, which was established in 1999, is the first of its kind in Texas and the eighth in the United States, according to the city. Its jurisdiction stretches from West Campus to downtown into parts of East Austin, and unlike the traditional court system, the community court employs what it calls "creative sentencing."

Taylor Seyer, Adlesberger's case manager, explained that the court is unusual because some defendants will be sentenced to sanctions that benefit them, such as participating in counseling or substance abuse treatment. Other community service project sanctions have included cleaning up after St. Patrick's Day.

Adlesberger's ranking as the No. 1 frequent offender means that he has had the most Class C misdemeanor cases in the court's jurisdiction and history, including at least one that was active in the past two years, Seyer said.

"It doesn't mean he's violent or criminal or a danger to society," she said.

Adlesberger has been charged with 338 offenses within the community court's jurisdiction, Seyer said.

Currently, there are 306 "community court frequent offenders," she said, meaning they have had 25 or more cases with at least one active case in the past two years.

Adlesberger's first case with the community court was in 2002, Seyer said. The charge: sitting or lying on a public sidewalk.

All of the offenses adjudicated by the court are Class C misdemeanors, Seyer said. The majority are what she called "lifestyle crimes" committed by homeless defendants, as Adlesberger was.

In December, Adlesberger moved into an apartment he said he got through an opportunity with the community court.

Seyer said the housing is through a program that involves the community court, Caritas of Austin, the Downtown Austin Alliance and Foundation Communities. The rent is paid from various grants, including from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, she said.

The community court picks and guides eligible clients, such as Adlesberger, through the process, she said.

"These people helped me," Adlesberger said, gesturing to Seyer. "I want to see other people get the same opportunity."

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						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	Middle (N)	Neighbors (N)	Modern Family (N)	Suburgatory (N)	Nashville "Dear Brother" (N)		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel Stanley Tucci, Gold Fields (N)		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Survivor Caramoan (N)		Criminal Minds "Carbon Copy" (N)		CSI: Crime "Last Woman Standing" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Tina Fey		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Letter"	Rules "The Bank"	Arrow "Dead to Rights" (N)		Super. "Remember the Titans" (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Wizard"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Semifinalist Round, Part 3" (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	Andrew G. Roth	Update News	Jean-Claude	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Rik Wadge	Dr. William	Dr. Alewine	R' Itzhak Shapira
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Whitney (N)	Guys w Kids (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Funny Valentine" (N)		Chicago Fire "Better to Lie" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno J.B. Smoove		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature		Battle for the Elephants (N).		Nova "Japan's Killer Quake"		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Mansfield ...		The Dangerous Lives of Al...			(:05) ★★★ Different for Girls				★★ Chopper Eric Bana.		
HBO	300	68	14	14		First Look (:15) ★★★ This Means War				Parade's End 3/5 (N)		(:05) Parade's End (N)		(:05) Bill Maher		(:05) Enlight	Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:10) The Rundown		Latino "Volume Two"		★★ Hanna ('11, Act) Saoirse Ronan.				★★★ The Five-Year Engagement			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:20) Wanderlust		The Sopranos		★★ Monte Carlo Selena Gomez.				Girls	Beyonce		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★★ Speed		Banshee	MaxSet	★★ Alien vs. Predator			(:45) ★★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.				
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. Steve Carell.				StrikeBk	(:50) ★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Tom Hanks.					(:15) Co-Ed	Movie
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ Untamed Heart Christian Slater.				Cagney & Lacey: Together...			(:35) Cagney & Lacey: The ...			(:10) Dragon: T...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) My Left Foot		(:15) Faster Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.				Shameless		Califor.	Lies	Bill Bellamy: Ladies	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Bringing Up...		★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Sir Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt.						C'Mon Man Tony Rock.			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI: Miami		★★ Hulk (2003, Action) Nick Nolte, Jennifer Connelly, Eric Bana.						★★ Mad Max ('79, Sci-Fi) Mel Gibson.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		Husbands	Wayans	★★ Lakeview Terrace ('08, Thril) Samuel L. Jackson.					Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Chef "Kings of Alaska"		Top Chef		Top Chef "Finale" 1/2		Top Chef "Finale" (N)		Watch (N)	Top Chef "Finale" 2/2		Top Ch
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Cruise Inc.		Mob Money		American Greed		Mad Money		Mob Money	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Jessie	A.N.T.	Let It Shine Tyler James Williams.				GoodLuck	Jessie	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	Count	NBA Basketball Golden State vs New York (L)					NBA Basketball Denver vs Portland (L)				
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Geo./Con. (L)				NCAA Basketball Oklahoma vs. Texas (L)				NCAA Basketball Colorado vs. Stanford (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) Journey to the Center ...			★★ Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Restaurant		Restaurant		Restaurant (N)		Restaurant		Restaurant	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Memphis Grizzlies Site: FedEx Forum -- Memphis, Tenn. (L)					Mavericks Live (L)	RodeoRec ap/Stars	Sports-Weekly	WPT Poker Parx Open Classic	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps ('10, Dra) Michael Douglas.						The Americans (N)		Americans "COMINT"		Justified "Outlaw"	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
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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		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Supernanny "The Clarkston Family" (N)		Dance Moms "Bye Bye Baby"		Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals vs. Philadelphia Flyers (L)					NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings vs. Los Angeles Kings (L)					NHL Live!
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Digger (N)	Diggers	Diggers	Diggers	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Stranded (N)		Ghost "Scream Park"		Stranded	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Bris"	Seinf. "The Pothole"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	The Office
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Symposium

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experts in the field of wildlife habitat and others who will touch on the purpose of conserving wetlands and soil conservation.

Magruder said she believes the conference will appeal to younger farmers and ranchers who are coming in to work their family's land and are more conservation-minded.

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve is a great example of the conservation of an urban playa, she said.

The property was once privately owned and was used in the 1920s as a place to gather cattle before they were shipped to either Kansas or Fort Worth. Then, during World War II, the north end of the property housed a victory garden that helped to feed the Midland community.

In the 1960s, the land was donated to the city of Midland to become a park, but the parks and recreation department never had the budget to sustain it as a park, Magruder said. Now, it has become one of the few places considered an urban playa still in its natural habitat.

Hoping to educate more people about the preserve, the center is working on educational materials for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and is writing its own curriculum for MISD. This spring, staff and volunteers will host more than 400 students at the preserve and center.

Magruder said Laura Bush will likely talk about her organization, Taking Care of Texas, and its mission to spur conservation efforts and to help encourage conservation in communities.

"If we have healthy land and a healthy community, we'll have healthy citizens in Texas," she said.

The center is named after Bush's mother Jenna Welch, who Magruder said has always been an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed birding and hiking in the mountains.

Welch instilled her love of nature in Bush, and now Bush is passionate about getting children out in nature, Magruder said.

To attend or for more information, contact Abby Cobb at 214-460-3037 or cobb.abigail@gmail.com.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Midland woman writes collection of poetry

Colleen Church Leonard of Midland has written a book titled, "The Butter Mold, A Collection of Heritage Poems."

"There's no great wisdom here, these are just things that I have felt," she said.

When Colleen was growing up north of Stanton, she knew she was going to be a poet. "I can remember when I was a little bitty kid, maybe even before I started to school, mother told me to quit talking like that, referring to my speaking in rhymes," she said.

Friends and relatives started asking her to write some verse for various occasions. "Some of it has been for a cousin's birthday, or for someone who died. I've written poems for weddings and showers, even for a new baby. It probably started when I wrote a poem for my mother's birthday."

Her poetry has won first place in statewide competition. The Texas Humanities Commission asked her to write a poem for the 1986 sesquicentennial celebration to be included in that year's Anthology of Texas Poets.

Colleen has had experience with old country ways and has written poems about pioneer Texas women, how they burned prairie chips, carried water from the windmill, boiled clothes and pressed them with a flat iron. A long time ago, butter was made in a churn and then put into a wooden butter mold. "You might say it weighed and shaped it because if you put the butter in right and took it out right, it would be a full pound of butter."

She has the butter mold she used as a child and the first poem in the book is about that item.

"Unobtrusive pieces of wood and a small rectangular pine box,
With no touch of paint or varnish, but worn fine by sandpaper fingers.
Worn by the bubbling of the milk as the yellow butter, churned as a child
Jumping up and down, was worked back and forth into the box
Until every crevice was filled, the paddle handily brushed and stroked
As across a child's yellow hair. And the box would yield a full pound
When carefully pushed out by the handle and bar
And fall gently to the waiting waxed paper.
And after the drying, one rolling touch of the rubber stamp,
Like the turning of a head, to put the guarantee of integrity upon it.
The name of she who nourished and drained the cows,
She who churned and molded butter, a lifetime of forty thousand pounds.
Stacked in three smooth parts, the butter mold sits quietly on the shelf."

Round up

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away Jan. 2, 2012, after battling lung cancer.

While individual tickets won't be for sale for the event, guests are encouraged to purchase or sponsor a table with prices ranging from $1,600 to $15,000.

There will also be gaming opportunities as well as a live and silent auction.

With the "Faces of Courage" and roses round up, Nunn said she hopes staff will make this event amazing for everyone involved, because cancer touches every single person.

The ACS organization provides funding for research. ACS funds also go toward transportation costs, wigs and counseling for cancer patients and survivors.

"This is the biggest fundraiser and helps people in the community. Our goal is to eliminate this disease and this is the way we know how to do it," Nunn said.

To sponsor a table at the event, call the ACS office at 683-6375.

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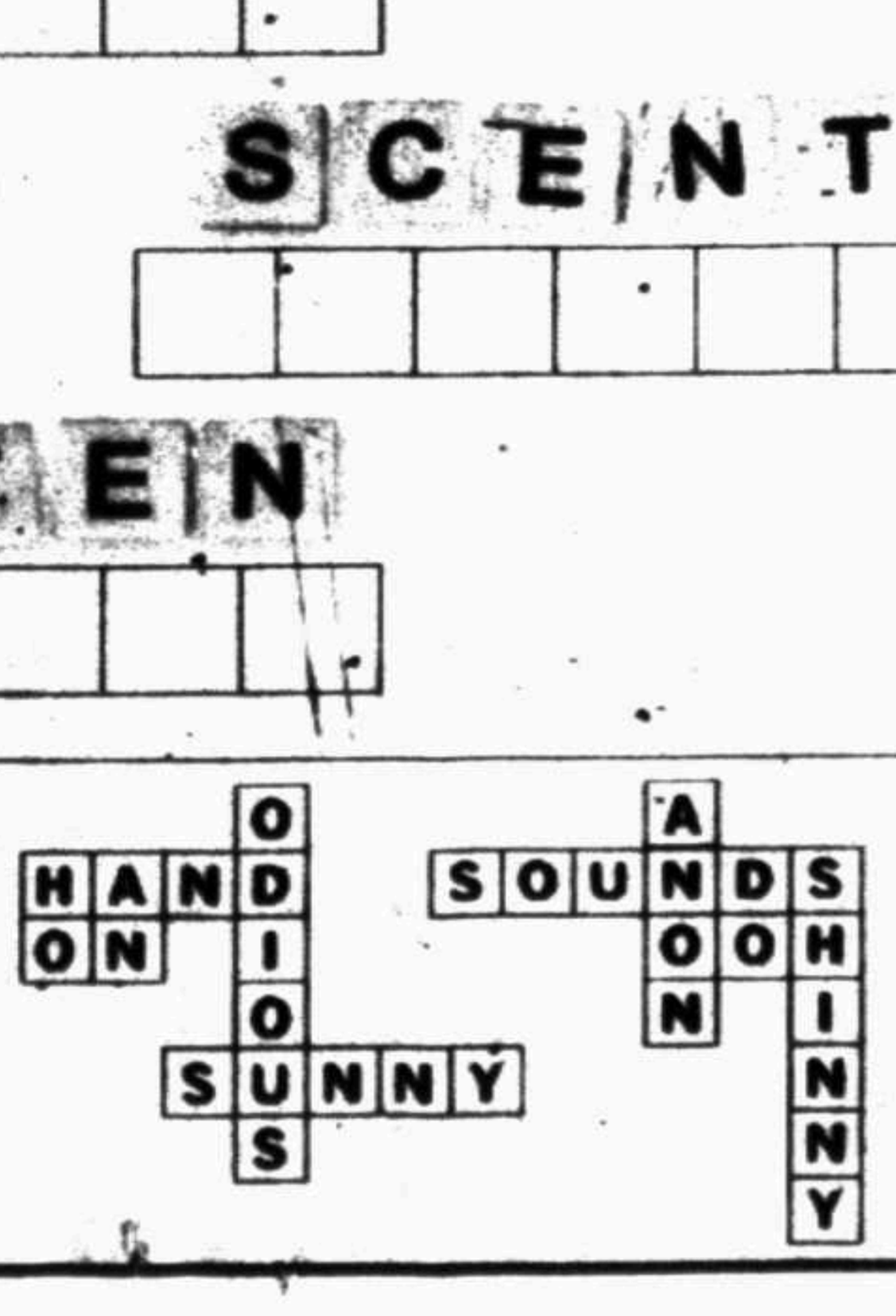

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Midland Festival Ballet's "Peter and the Wolf"



Skin care line includes products for dogs

■ Dillard's hosting ribbon cutting ceremony today for Kiehl's Since 1851 shop.

By Megan Lea Buck
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A local department store will add dogs to its customer base after the arrival of a grooming product line by New York based skin-care company Kiehl's Since 1851.

Dillard's in Midland Park Mall will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today for its in-store Kiehl's shop.

Kiehl's offers skin and hair products for women, men, children and pets.

"We do have a line of three grooming products for dogs and we also have had in the past a line for horses that was created specifically for the founding family's daughter who was an equestrian," said Rachael Kelley, director of public relations for Kiehl's. "After many requests of shoppers coming in and requesting products for their animals, we created a dog collection."

The "For Your Dog" collection includes Cuddly-Coat Grooming Shampoo ($17), Cuddly-Coat Conditioning Rinse ($17) and Spray-N-Play Cleansing Spritz ($13).

Introduced in 2006, the products are designed for use on any breed and any size dog.

"We worked with professional groomers to develop the formulas," Kelley said.

Along with the "For Your Dog" collection, the Midland store will carry Kiehl's products such as Ultra Facial Cream, Midnight Recovery Concentrate, Super Fluid UV Defense and the men's shaving collection.

"Our skin care specifically is really created and formulated to be used on a concern basis," Kelley said. "We're most concerned with making sure our customers walk out with and try the products that are best for them because every person, every skin type is different."

Kiehl's opened as a pharmacy in 1851 on a corner in New York's East Village, where customers would buy homeopathic remedies, over-the-counter medications and Kiehl's brand products.

The company began its partnership with Dillard's in 2009.

"The partnership with Dillard's has allowed us to really reach out to communities where we haven't had the opportunity before," Kelley said.

Upholding its mission to give back to the communities in which it does business, Kiehl's will be donating $1,000 to Midland Fair Havens during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Customers also will have the opportunity to get free hand massages and skin care consultations.

"We have remarkable skin care and hair care and body care formulas, but we also have an incredibly rich history of serving our customers," Kelley said.

TODD

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artistic director and school director.

"Discipline: That's the nature of ballet training," Coleman said in alluding to years of arduous practice, perfecting such maneuvers as pirouette, pas de chat, pas de deux, grand battement ballet, fouette jete. "Discipline is essential to produce a good dancer."

Ballet is a spirited metaphor, the artistic study in form and storytelling, revealing at its civilized best the grace and beauty of the human physique and its complex twists, turns, rises and falls.

"You do have to love it," said Clark, who retired at age 38 as principal dancer for major ballet companies. "It is not for everyone. In ballet, there are no shortcuts."

As a Midland youngster, Coleman studied tap-dancing at the downtown American Legion Hall at the insistence of her mother, Nell Uhrig. By age 9, her desire to study ballet was fulfilled.

Ballet appealed to her childhood fancy: the costumes, the tutus, the tights, the slippers, the pointe shoes, the stage lights, the music, the athleticism of the dance. Her father, Fred Uhrig, a Shell Oil Company geophysicist-mathematician, had introduced her to the arts.

Coleman's first ballet teacher was Georgia Goss Harston, who years earlier in the 1930s had introduced ballet to Midland via the Hotel Scharbauer's Crystal Ballroom.

All the details

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET'S "PETER AND THE WOLF"
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Midland High School auditorium
Cost: $10 adults, $7 children
Info: "Family Fun Night" includes ballet, food, games and face-painting. Tickets available at www.midlandfestivalballet.org or 686-0071.

In the 1960s, Coleman earned a double-major degree in ballet and theater at Texas Christian University. Building her career in New York City, she danced in the Radio City Music Hall's Corps de Ballet, joined The Pumpernickel Players in presenting children's stories choreographed for dance to schools and performed in touring stock-company musicals.

Coleman was an apprentice with Carola Trier, a first-generation instructor in the Joseph Pilates method of exercises for building strength and recovering from dance injuries. Afterward, she trained instructors in the Pilates method and taught in New York City and Barcelona, Spain.

By 1984, Coleman, who had returned to Midland to care for her ailing parents, joined Ballet Midland, which had succeeded the 1967-founded Permian Civic Ballet.

In 1991, she opened Coleman Academy. Two years later, she established Midland Festival Ballet as a nonprofit dance company, which has about 160 ballet students from elementary school through high school.

In the mid-1990s, MFB performed its first full-length Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale and with Susan Clark, then a principal dancer with the Milwaukee Ballet, in the role of Sugar Plum Fairy.

Clark's daughters, Pearl Pierce, 19, and Hanna Pierce, 14, danced in MFB's 2012 "The Nutcracker" production at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

MFB is presenting "Peter and the Wolf" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Midland High School Auditorium. "Giselle" will be staged at 2:30 p.m. April 21 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Clark, who received her formal ballet training with world-acclaimed choreographer-dancer William Martin-Viscount and at the National Academy of Dance, said she was blessed with "very supportive parents," George and JoAnn Clark. Her father was the Midland Country Club golf pro.

Clark danced first with the American Ballet Theatre II in New York City and then was principal dancer for 10 years with the Atlanta Ballet and principal dancer thereafter with the Milwaukee Ballet beginning in 1990. Upon her retirement from dance in 1996, she became Milwaukee Ballet's Ballet Mistress in assisting the director and coaching dancers. Her major ballerina roles included those in "Swan Lake," "Sleeping Beauty," "Cinderella" and "The Tempest."

Clark, who had co-directed Ballet Midland with Anthony Ferro in the 1980s between tenures in Atlanta, continues as guest ballet instructor for Milwaukee Ballet.

After retiring from dance, she sought out Judy Coleman, because she "wanted to teach for someone who had a disciplined studio" and also offered a "nurturing environment." She settled in Midland in 1998.

"Most kids really crave discipline," said Clark, who noted most ballet dancers are top-tier students.

"Even the ones that aren't blessed with the ballet body will take the discipline from their dance and become good at whatever they decide to do. They have learned so many lessons from the discipline of dance," Clark said. "They can apply it to whatever area they become passionate about."

SALE

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The sale will run Friday and Saturday, with $2 admission on Fridays and free admission all day Saturday. Items on Saturday will also be reduced to 50 percent off the original price.

Hours for the event will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The event will be held in Building G on the coliseum's grounds.

More than 3,000 people are expected to come shop at the event that will feature swings, playsets, toys, strollers, high chairs, games and books as well as spring and summer clothing and shoes.

The sale is held twice a year with the next event planned for Sept. 27-28 featuring fall and winter apparel, Wilfert said.

Any items remaining that aren't claimed Saturday will be donated to the Golf Course Road Church of Christ Renaissance Apartment ministry.

JBF was started in 1997 in Tulsa, Okla., after a few friends got together and held a sale in their living room. In 2003, the company grew and began to sell franchises of the business.

The Midland/Odessa franchise was started in 2004 and is one of 128 sales held around the country in 25 states.

Families that participate pay a $10 fee as a consignor and receive back 65 percent of what their items sell for; those who volunteer receive 70 percent.

Most items are priced at 50 to 90 percent off the retail price, Wilfert said, and are all either gently used or brand new items.

"Kids outgrow things too quickly and sometimes you get items as a gift that you can't return," she said.

"This helps families and moms to make money on what their children have outgrown and help them to recycle items as well as purchase for the next stage of life."

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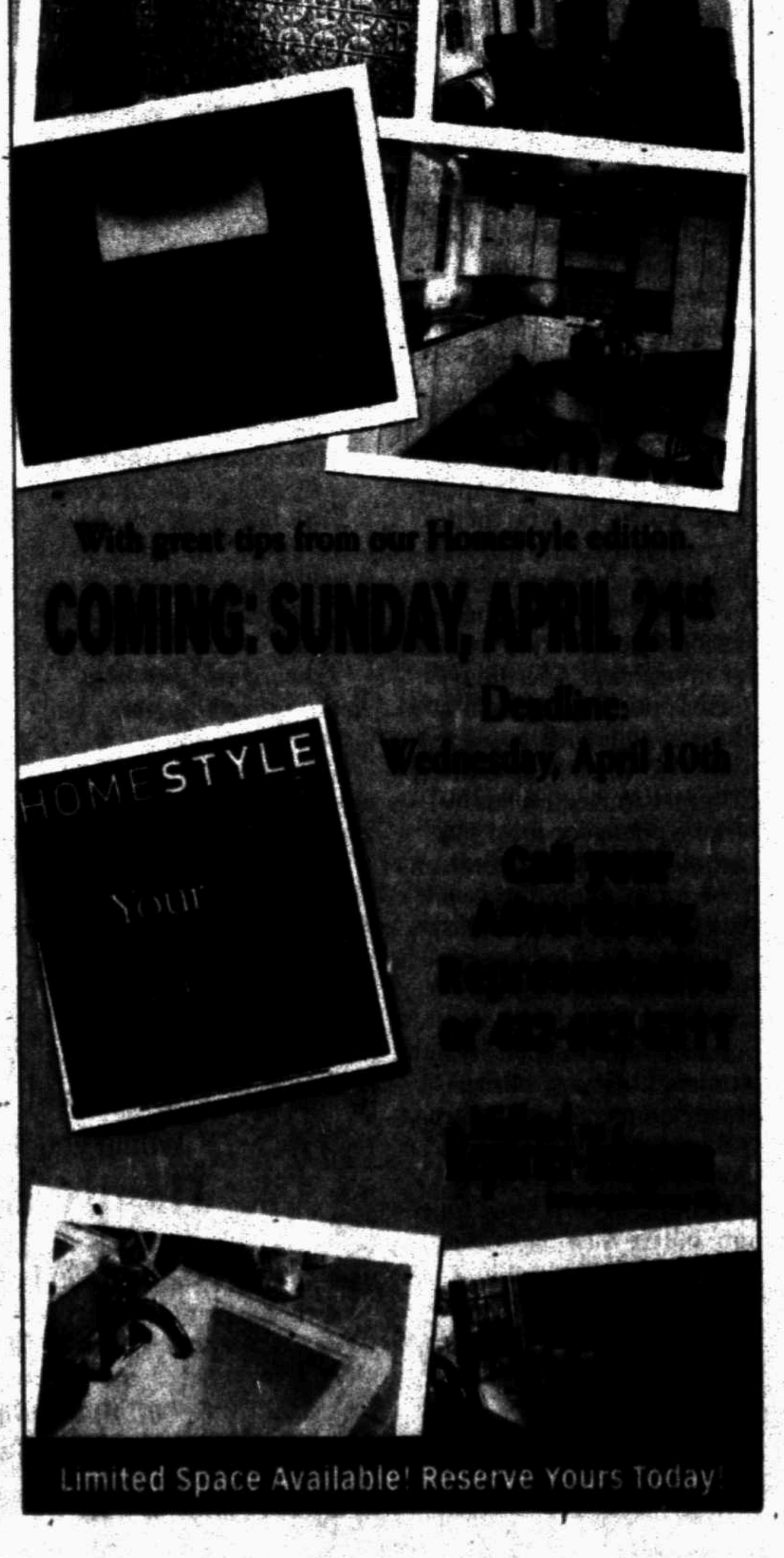

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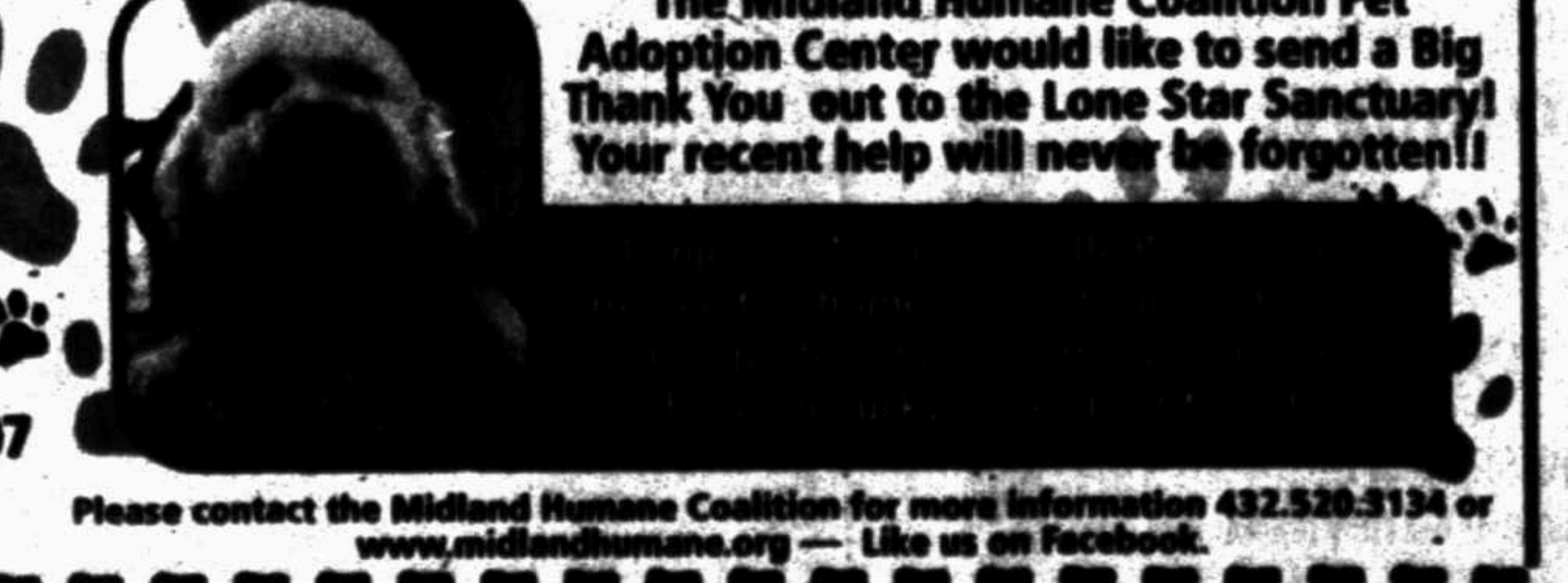
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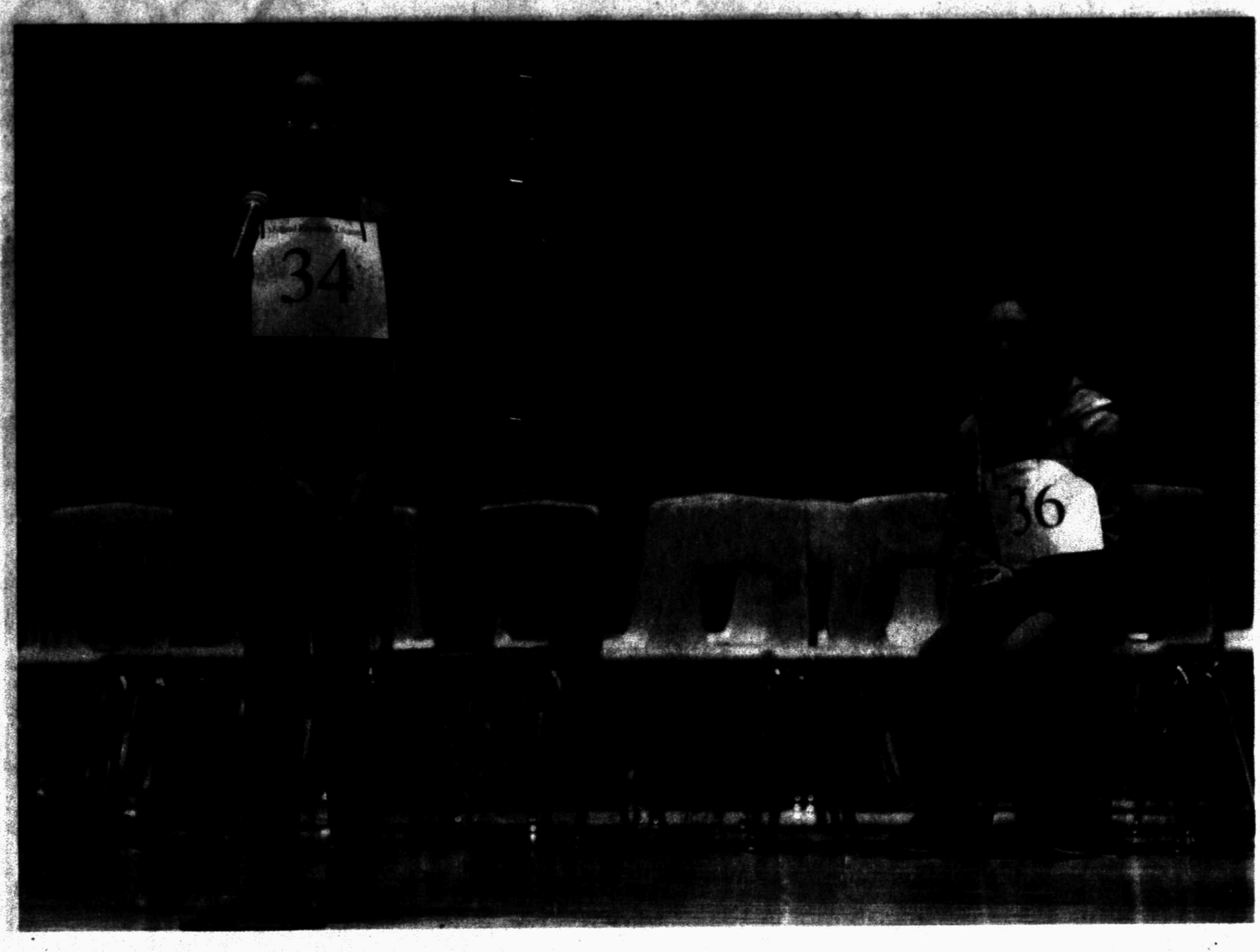

Gabrielle Rubio of Alamo Junior High reacts after correctly spelling the word "acquittal" to win the 26th Annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday in the Midland College Allison Fine Arts building. Second place finalist Sophia Koo of Abell Junior High looks on in the background.

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Video game violence is a problem, but not in the way people think

By Todd Martens
Los Angeles Times

Twice now I have failed to finish the 2011 film "Drive." The first time I left the theater. The second time, encouraged by friends who love the movie, I tried to watch it at home. Soon after Ryan Gosling smashed a man to death in an elevator, I was out.

Bottom line: I avoid ultra-violent entertainment. Unless it's a video game.

It's not because I write about them for a living. It's because the modern, big-budget game that doesn't celebrate the art of shooting is as rare these days as an original Intellivision console.

In the wake of last year's tragedy in Newtown, Conn., Vice President Joe Biden met with representatives from the video game industry. The conversation was about how to limit gun violence in games. Earlier, the National Rifle Association also tossed out the expected names — "Mortal Kombat," "Grand Theft Auto" — in its own war on violent pop culture. After all, Newtown gunman Adam Lanza was reportedly addicted to the "Call of Duty" war games.

But like many who love to play video games and write critically about the field, I rolled my eyes when interactive entertainment was once again singled out for inciting real-life violence. But I wasn't surprised. Video game publishers aren't much for providing arguments to the contrary.

Instead of a story, 505 Games' "Sniper Elite V2" boasts a "kill-cam," which breaks from the game narrative to detail exactly how a bullet wreaks havoc on a victim's innards. "Borderlands 2," from Gearbox Software and 2K Games, is so efficient in its line-'em-up, shoot-'em-down formula that it makes a joke of it. Here's an example: There's a character named Face McShooty, a mohawked buffoon who hollers and yelps until you shoot him in the face.

And yes, Face McShooty made me laugh.

Why "Drive" — but not these games — has an effect on me is not easy to articulate, but it has to do with context and presentation. Violent images in most games come fast — too fast for them to linger in one's mind. The next mission is always just seconds away, and the development of most characters stops at the name. Face McShooty isn't anything resembling a real person; he's a punch line.

Ultimately, the difference between "Drive" and "Call of Duty" is that the film is so emotionally involving that it forced me to look away from the screen. The game is simply a test of button-pushing endurance. That's OK, as it's probably what makes for an effective game. But that doesn't mean it's an interesting one.

There's Cuban soldiers in the latest "Call of Duty," but they're obstacles — the military game equivalent of a barrel in "Donkey Kong." Only here, you press a button to shoot instead of pressing a button to jump.

I've had fun playing some of these games and don't deny they can be, well, a blast. Each year, shooters get a little more refined in their controls, and the settings become a little more expansive or outlandish (witness the island sex and savagery of "Far Cry 3"). Yet these are tweaks to a well-honed formula rather than creative advancements. It's violence, with a different-style template.

Don't just take my word for it. "The incredible success of the 'Call of Duty'-type stuff drives games away from more constructive conflict. I think that's one of the sad things and one of the things I don't like about the game business.... Enough with the shooting. Figure out another type of productive conflict — building, creating."

That's Edmonton, Canada-based Greg Zeschuk, who last year resigned from BioWare, the company he co-founded about two decades ago. One of the most successful game operations in recent history, BioWare's credits include the "Mass Effect" series and "Star Wars: The Old Republic," the former of which was heavily lauded for its use of narrative elements.

"Call of Duty: Black Ops II," the latest blockbuster in the Activision Blizzard series, was the top-selling game of 2012 and fastest-ever to $1 billion in sales, hitting the milestone in just 15 days. It boasts writing from David S. Goyer, who counts Christopher Nolan's "Dark Knight" trilogy among his credits, makes overtures to current events and the debate surrounding unmanned drones, and features digital interpretations of the likes of David Petraeus and Oliver North.

Yet "Zero Dark Thirty" it is not. Make no mistake, "Call of Duty" asks questions of the gamer. They are all variations on the following themes: How fast can you shoot, and can you sneak through this area undetected? It's a test of reflexes.

It's true, when 10 or 15 seconds of the game are flashed on the news, it does indeed look garish, and early in "Black Ops II" gamers even watch a character get incinerated. Yet blink and you'll be behind in the action. I, for instance, had no idea my character was talking to a real-life figure such as North until I played the game a second time. The story is an accessory and not an examination of war or shooting.

"The industry saw what the reflex game mechanic could do and they invested heavily in it," said Dan Connors, a former LucasArts employee who co-founded Telltale Games, the independent company responsible for last year's wildly successful story-driven take on "The Walking Dead." "They left behind this other form of entertainment, which is allowing people to interact with characters inside of a story."

Like cinema and television, there's a vast array of video game content to provide exceptions, and there's even the occasional blockbuster such as "Halo 4" that's able to push the shoot-'em-up genre into more emotional territory, which did so by taking a laser-sharp focus on its main character. Though not a shooter, another noteworthy title is the action-driven assassination game "Dishonored," which is as damp and macabre as they come, but challenges gamers to constantly question how they move through the world.

Yet it would be nice if the video game industry used the current gun debate as an opportunity, a chance to openly discuss whether its use of violence is artistic or gratuitous. It's the time for self-evaluation and to ask whether the industry's biggest games — the so-called AAA titles — are pushing the industry forward or simply finding new places and new ways to kill things.

"This," said Connors, can be "the moment in which games started to create characters you cared about and characters who felt real." Independent developers like Telltale are taking risks and challenging the industry to tell better, deeper and more involving stories.

They're not doing so by creating shooters. In fact, how to build a better shooter is not a question that should be asked. Even the bad ones today are fairly competent in their game mechanics. The question is how to make a more challenging game, and it's not one some in the industry may be willing to ask.

"Seeing it from within a big company, the reality is you go where the money is," said Zeschuk, now spearheading the Beer Diaries, an online destination for craft beer. "You can try to change the world, but if you can't create shareholder value while doing it, you're hosed."

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Plan quick, easy meals for busy weeknights

If you have kids participating in sports and other activities after school, you know how crazy it is when they arrive home. They have to study and do homework, then change into appropriate clothing for whatever is on that day's schedule. We may think we were busy as children, but today's kids seem to be involved in numerous sports and activities.

Eventually, they all arrive back home in the evening, usually with stomachs growling. It is very tempting to turn into a fast food restaurant to grab a quick meal on the way home. Trust me, I've been there. There is a better way that allows for family time as well as good home-cooked meals.

All it takes is a little planning. Some days are busier than others, so make your easiest meals on those days. Use a Crock-Pot to cook meals while you are at work or away from the house. Imagine how nice it would be to come home to dinner that is just waiting to be served. Leftovers from meals prepared on the weekends can be frozen and pulled out when needed. Assemble a casserole the night before and take it out of the refrigerator to bake while you are taking your kids to their activities. Cut up fruits and vegetables on the weekend and keep them in plastic zip bags for use during the week.

FOOD ETC.

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

Many of the recipes below provide a good starting point for a great family meal. They are quick, make more than enough for one dinner and will satisfy a wide variety of tastes. Add a side salad and some fruit and you will have a complete dinner that, hopefully, will make a positive difference in your evening routine.

BAKED ZITI
From "Keepers"

1 (16-ounce) package ziti pasta
24 ounces Ricotta cheese
1 pound shredded Mozzarella cheese
1 egg, beaten
1 (32-ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti and cook for 8-10 minutes or until al dente; drain and rinse. In a medium bowl, mix ziti, Ricotta and Mozzarella cheese, egg and 1 1/2 cups spaghetti sauce. Preheat oven to 375. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish and spoon in ziti mixture. Top with remaining spaghetti sauce, followed by Parmesan cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes; let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

EASY POCKET PIZZAS
From "Easy Weeknight Favorites"

1 cup commercial pizza sauce
4 (6 or 7-inch) pita bread rounds cut in half
1 (3 1/2-ounce) package sliced pepperoni
1 1/2 cups (6-ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Spread 2 tablespoons pizza sauce inside each pita half. Arrange 6 slices pepperoni inside each half. Sprinkle cheeses evenly in pockets. Place pockets on a baking sheet. Bake at 400 for 8 to 10 minutes. Serve immediately. Yield: 4 servings.

BEEF SANDWICHES
From "Allrecipes Cookbook"

5 pounds chuck roast
2 cubes beef bouillon
2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons garlic salt
2 bay leaves
2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary

Place roast in a large pot with water to cover. Mix in bouillon, salt and garlic salt. Add the bay leaves, peppercorns, oregano and rosemary in a coffee filter and secure tightly with a rubber band. Add to the pot. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to low, cover with a lid and simmer for 6 to 8 hours. Remove coffee filter and discard. Remove roast from the pot and shred with two forks. Reserve broth for dipping, if desired. *Alternative serving suggestion: Put in flour tortillas with cheese and refried beans to make burritos.*

CHEESE AND TAMALE PIE
From "Busy Mom's Weeknight Favorites"

1 pound ground chuck
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 cup salsa
1 (15.5-ounce) can pinto beans, drained
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced chili-style or regular tomatoes, drained
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
2 cups (8-ounces) shredded sharp Gheddar cheese, divided
1 1/3 cups self-rising yellow cornmeal mix
1 cup milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 400. Cook first 3 ingredients in a large skillet, stirring until beef crumbles and is no longer pink. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Return meat mixture to pan; stir in salsa, beans, tomatoes and salt. Simmer 5 minutes. Stir in cilantro. Spoon mixture into a greased 11x7-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with 1 cup cheese.

Whisk together cornmeal, milk and egg in a medium bowl. Stir in remaining 1 cup cheese. Spread batter over beef mixture. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes or until cornbread is lightly browned. Cool completely. If not eating now, cover tightly with aluminum foil; freeze up to 3 months.

If frozen, preheat oven to 350. Remove casserole from freezer; discard foil. Bake at 350 for 1 hour or until thoroughly heated.

BARBECUED PULLED PORK SANDWICHES
From "Favorite Slow-Cooker Recipes"

1 pork shoulder roast, 2 1/2 pounds
1 (14-ounce) bottle barbecue sauce
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
1 medium onion, chopped
8 hamburger buns or hard rolls

Place pork roast in Crock-Pot slow cooker. Cover; cook on LOW 8 to 10 hours or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours. Remove pork from Crock-Pot. Shred with two forks. Discard cooking liquid. Return pork to Crock-Pot, add barbecue sauce, lemon juice, sugar and onion. Cover and cook on low 2 hours or on high 1 hour. Serve pork on hamburger buns or hard rolls.

ALMOND CHICKEN
From "Landmark Entertaining"

2 cups chopped cooked chicken
3/4 cup mayonnaise
3/4 cup chopped celery
1/4 cup slivered almonds
2 Tablespoons lemon juice
1 1/2 teaspoons finely grated onion
Salt to taste
1/2 cup shredded cheese
1 cup crushed potato chips

Combine the chicken, mayonnaise, celery, almonds, lemon juice, onion and salt in a bowl and mix well. Spoon into a baking dish. Sprinkle with the shredded cheese; top with the potato chips.

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until brown and bubbly.



Royce Ann Meldrum and Joye Courtney look over jewelry at Bling and Things by Lisa, Friday afternoon at the Home and Garden Show at the Horseshoe.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

NEIL SPERRY



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Prune plants before new growth begins

Dear Neil: Do you have any pruning guidelines for some xeriscape plants that were planted several years ago? When and how? The plants include crape myrtles, roses, vitex, althaea, Gold Star esperanzas and Gulf Stream nandinas.

Answer: Any pruning you might do to those plants needs to be finished before new growth begins in the spring. I've answered your question in the same week it was sent, but note that it's already later than you ought to be pruning for a couple of these plants. Trim crape myrtles only to remove unwanted side and bottom shoots. Never top crape myrtles for any purported reason — there is no valid excuse, no matter what others may try to tell you. Bush roses, including knockouts, are trimmed by half before new growth shows, each cut made just above an outward-facing bud. Vitex are pruned primarily as needed to shape their growth, as are althaeas. No regular pruning is required. Trim esperanzas as needed to shape, also to remove damaged wood. If you ever trim any nandinas, cut the tallest canes completely to the ground, leaving half or more of the canes standing. The trimmed stems will send out new sprouts down low, keeping the plants full and compact.

Dear Neil: Would it endanger the life of a 40-year-old pecan tree if I removed as many as 25 percent of its branches? They hang over our house, and I'm concerned about limbs breaking during storms.

Answer: You'll want to have a certified arborist involved in this work, to be sure it's done safely and correctly. That person will also have the advantage of seeing each branch and its relative risk to your home. It might be that cabling overhanging branches back into other strong branches could minimize the likelihood of any type of problem. The arborist could show you the options. I have a very similar situation literally hanging over our house, and I had one 14-inch branch that wasn't needed for shade removed a year ago. I will have additional branches cabled if and when it becomes necessary. Hope that helps — get a pro there to stand alongside you.

Dear Neil: We have a small live oak in our front yard. We noticed rows of small holes drilled and spaced around its trunk. What caused them, and what can we do to prevent them in the future. Will this eventually kill the tree?

Answer: This is damage of a pileated woodpecker. While it's certainly not something that you want to see happening, it doesn't present any immediate danger to the tree. The bird isn't hearing insects and pecking to find them. Sapsuckers (relatives of woodpeckers) revisit trees to consume sap that flows from these spots. The best way to protect the tree would be to wrap its trunk with a quality paper tree wrap from a full-service nursery or hardware store. Wrap it from the ground up to the lowest branches. That will deter any further pecking, as the tree heals these openings. Once the tree has more bark, this won't be an issue.

Dear Neil: I work in a coffee shop, and I can take all the grounds I want home when I leave. Are they of much value in my garden?

Answer: They won't hurt, but they probably won't make a huge difference in your plants' performance. The best way to amend any garden soil is to add several inches of a mix of various types of organic matter (sphagnum peat moss, compost, finely ground pine bark mulch, rotted manure, etc.). Your coffee grounds would fit into that mix, but only in combination with the other types.

Dear Neil: I kept my bougainvillea in the garage over the winter, and now it has lost most of its leaves. Will it come out and bloom again this year? Should I trim it or repot it?

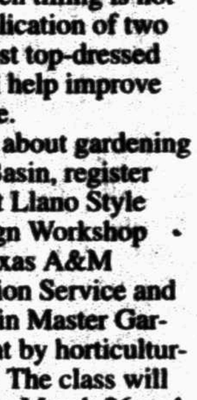
Answer: Garages typically are much darker than sun-loving bougainvilleas prefer, and they also can be much cooler if they aren't heated. Trim it only as needed to reshape it, and gradually reintroduce it to sunnier conditions as spring returns. Time will tell, but it will probably need a bit of patience before it will be showy once again. Next winter, if you opt to keep it again, you might want to find a bright spot in an indoor window area, or perhaps construct a small greenhouse for it and your other tropicals. Or, of course, start with a new bougainvillea each spring.

Dear Neil: I have a wax myrtle that is getting thinner and thinner. Several of its main trunks have now died back. The plant isn't very attractive. What have I done wrong?

Answer: Perhaps nothing. That's not abnormal for wax myrtles in many parts of Texas, especially under dry and very hot conditions. The plants look good for a few years, but they gradually start to fail, trunk-by-trunk, branch-by-branch. The farther west you go in Texas, the more this occurs. I normally suggest that people enjoy plants they already have as long as they can, but then not replace them with more wax myrtles, opting instead for something like yaupons, abelias, elaeagnus or other more durable types.

Improve landscape soil with compost

JEFF FLOYD



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We have excellent landscape soils in the Permian Basin, right? Wrong! Our soils have a high pH level and are often sandy, holding few minerals for available use by plants. You are not likely to easily change the type of soil in your landscape. However, over time you can improve its ability to provide valuable oxygen, water and nutrients to your plants.

The most effective way to improve your soil is to amend it with compost. Compost is simply organic material that has been decomposed by soil-borne organisms. There is no need to spend a lot of money on buying compost because it is easy to make your own while reducing the amount of material that finds its way into our overburdened landfills.

You will first want to select a location to start your compost pile. Control of moisture, air and temperature are important. Locating the bin in a mostly warm location will help facilitate the process. Commercial bins can be purchased, but you can make a compost bin from material you may already own.

Bins can be constructed using scrap lumber, old pallets, chicken wire and any material that will allow air to flow easily through the composting organic matter. The sides of a typical bin are usually no taller than waist high and three or four feet in width. This size will allow you to occasionally aerate the pile with a pitch fork or manure fork.

There are a variety of organic resources to choose from in making your compost. In constructing the pile, you will want to intermittently layer about five parts brown material to one part green material by volume. Large amounts of browns, such as leaves, can be found in the fall months. These can be supplemented with high-nitrogen green materials such as vegetable scraps, egg shells and coffee grounds. Greens, such as grass clippings, which are readily available in the spring and summer can be layered with shredded newspaper, straw, paper egg cartons, small twigs, pine cones and pine needles. The compost pile should be kept slightly moist but not soggy. Do not add meats or oils to the pile. These high-fat products attract unwanted animals and do not decompose quickly.

Composting is completed when the material is dark, friable and has an earthy smell to it. To amend the soil, spread a layer of rich compost four to six inches on top of your garden soil and till it in. When tilling is not practical, an application of two inches of compost top-dressed over an area will help improve the soil over time.

To learn more about gardening in the Permian Basin, register for the two-night Llano Style Landscape Design Workshop hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners and taught by horticulturist Debbie Frost. The class will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 26 and March 28 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum, 9600 Wright Drive. Cost is $100 and includes an individual design session. The Master Gardeners will host their annual plant sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 6 at the Midland Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. For more information, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST



Growing fruit trees and vines can be tricky when it comes to training and pruning them.

Most fruit trees and vines can be trained to direct where the fruiting wood and resulting fruit will occur. Training should begin shortly after a young tree or vine is planted. It may take a few years to get the framework of a fruit species developed, so don't delay learning and acting on the species' training needs.

Training creates a framework so the fruit will occur in a zone where you can reach without too much trouble. Ideally, the fruiting wood will occur in an area where you can prune, then and harvest fruit while standing on the ground.

Think of fruit pruning in two phases: training and pruning. The first phase develops the framework, which includes the trunk, main scaffold branches, arms or cordons depending on what fruit species you are working with. This framework will serve the plant through its lifespan, so it needs to be strong.

Once the framework is developed, then pruning becomes the predominant practice. Pruning will control growth, keep fruiting wood within arm's reach, reduce fruit buds and help create a healthy balance between fruit and leaf buds.

Many fruit species produce more fruit buds than they are able to care for. Over fruiting has many serious consequences. It can lead to poor fruit size and quality, limb breakage and even death of an over-loaded plant.

Not all fruit species have the same pruning needs. Peaches and grapes need consistent annual pruning, while persimmon would need very little pruning once the framework is determined.

Is your tree is already in bloom? That's great, now you can see where the fruiting wood is, so don't delay pruning. Each fruit species is different and has different requirements, so do a little research before you sharpen your shears.

Obtain garden re-leaf, as well as home-grown fruit, by training and pruning fruit trees and vines to a good system.

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Bulldogs open district with run-rule victory

By Len Hayward
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Bulldogs	14
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So much for the Midland High baseball team showing any fatigue after a busy weekend in Round Rock.

Jackson Lancaster gave up two hits, and the Bulldogs offense slapped the ball to nearly every part of Zachery Field in a 14-0 run-rule victory against Odessa Permian on Tuesday in the District 2-5A opener for both teams.

Midland High batted around twice — in the third and fourth innings — and also pounded out 15 hits, including an inside-the-park home run by Austen Wade in a five-run third inning.

"We kind of settled down there in the third and kind of did our thing and got our mojo going, I guess you could say," said Wade, who was 2 for 3 with three RBI. "We were driving the ball up the middle, and (we) began to show the hitting team that we are. I think we made a pretty good statement."

Midland High (7-1 overall) will return to tournament play this weekend at the Tournament of Champions but on Tuesday didn't waste any time forcing the Panthers to play catch-up.

The Bulldogs scored three runs in the first inning as Gilbert Sanchez, who was 3 for 4 on the day with an RBI, drove in a run, and Jimmy Essman scored on an error.

But it was in the third when Midland High put the game away.

The Bulldogs sent 10 hitters to the plate. Essman scored after an error by Permian center fielder Clay Adams allowed the

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Midland High's Jake Parrish beats the throw back to first on a pickoff attempt as Permian's Jack Wilkins reaches for the ball Monday at Zachery Field.

Greenwood advances

Rangers take down Fabens in tight game

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Wildcats	69

By Jordan Mason
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FORT STOCKTON — When Fabens wasn't smothering Greenwood with its end-to-end defense, the Wildcat faithful were bearing down on the Rangers with every tense trip to the free-throw line Tuesday.

And while the pressure of both nearly suffocated the Rangers in the first half, Greenwood overcame it when it counted, beating the stifling Fabens press and hitting 14 of 15 fourth-quarter free throws to hold off the Wildcats, 72-69, at Fort Stockton Special Events Center in a Class 3A boys regional quarterfinal.

Fabens stayed true to form down to the final seconds, forcing a turnover on a jump ball call with 4.26 seconds to play after the Rangers' Grant Franklin was tied up diving for a loose ball after a deflection on the Greenwood inbounds pass.

But Fabens junior point guard Edgar Archuleta inexplicably drove the lane for a scoop shot that didn't fall as time expired and wouldn't have sent the game to overtime anyway.

The nail-biting victory gave Greenwood (20-14) its first regional tournament birth since 2004, when the Rangers reached the state championship. Greenwood will meet No. 8 Wichita Falls Hirschi on Friday in a Class 3A Region I semifinal at 8:30 p.m. at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

"Knowing that the last team that did it went to state, it's amazing," Ranger senior Kyle Hansard said. "I guess we

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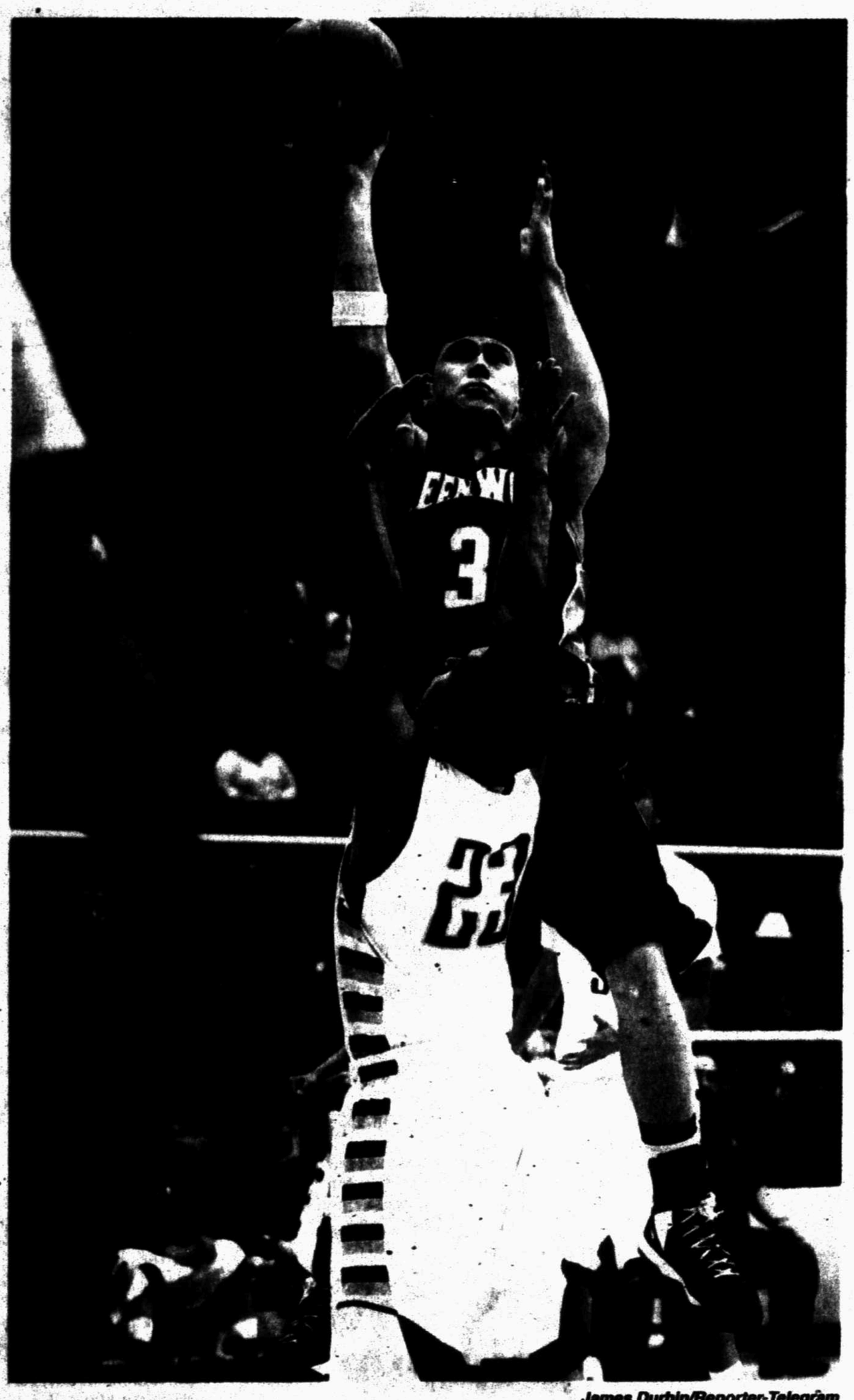

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Greenwood's Cade Jones shoots over Fabens' Edgar Archuleta in a regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at the Fort Stockton Special Events Center. The Rangers won 72-69 and will face Wichita Falls Hirschi in a Class 3A Region I semifinal at 8:30 p.m. Friday at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

See more photos from Greenwood's win at www.mywesttexas.com

Lady Mustangs fall short of advancing to state

Associated Press

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EASTLAND — The Midland Christian girls basketball team came within a possession of advancing to the TAPPS 4A state tournament, but the final bounces of the game didn't go the Lady Mustangs' way.

Fort Worth Christian's Megan Roswell put up a running hook shot in the lane that bounced on the rim and finally went in with 2.5 seconds left in the game, lifting the Cardinals to a 36-34 victory against the Lady Mustangs in a regional playoff game Tuesday.

"It hurts to be one possession away from advancing to the state tournament," MCS coach Chris Ryburn said. "We started off kind of slow and put ourselves in a hole early. They led the whole game, but we battled back in kind of a defensive struggle."

Fort Worth Christian had a 34-30 lead with about two minutes to play, but junior guard Morgan Ashton got a steal and found senior guard Bethany Roach for a fastbreak layup, cutting the deficit to 34-32 with 1:30 to play. The Cardinals went into a stall, but Ashton managed to get another steal and went the length of the court and drained a 10-foot runner to



Ashton Roach

tie it up with 42 seconds left.

Unfortunately, MCS' comeback set the stage for Rosewell's dramatic game-winning hook shot, ending the Lady Mustangs' season with a 21-15 record. The Lady Mustangs did get one more shot off, but Ashton's halfcourt shot didn't fall. The Cardinals move on to play district rival Lubbock Trinity in the state semifinals.

Still, Ryburn reflected positively on what he considers a banner year for the Lady Mustangs, including their first playoff win in nearly a decade.

"Anytime you can do something that hasn't been done in your program for a long time, it's a step forward," Ryburn said. "All year we wanted to be taking steps that haven't been taken. The girls stepped up to the challenge. I don't think anyone expected us to be where we were at, and no one expected us to have a chance to go to the state tournament. It hurts, but once you look back at what we did, these girls have nothing to be ashamed of."

UIL gets approval for six classes

From staff reports

The Texas Education Commissioner approved a number of key amendments on Tuesday that were passed by the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council last fall.

Among the measures approved was the creation of six divisions for UIL sports, including a Class 5A, a fourth playoff team added to all team sports at the Class 3A and 2A levels and a reduction in the number of tournaments or meets by one per season for all applicable high school sports.

The creation of a Class 6A moves schools currently classified as 5A, which includes Midland High and Lee, up to 6A for all sports. Schools in Class 4A are now 5A, 3A are now 4A and so on. What has been traditionally referred to as Six-Man or Class A, Division II will now simply be called Class A. The change will be in effect for the 2014 realignment

The three lowest classifications will be further divided by enrollment figures for football. Classes 2A, A and Six-Man have been split into large school (Division I) and small school (Division II) divisions in regard to districting for the past few seasons, and that arrangement will continue with the new classification alignment.

However, the superintendents of the current Class 3A can vote to decide whether or not to also split into two divisions based on enrollment. The results of that referendum have not been released by the UIL.

Another change approved by the council is increasing the number of playoff teams in all team sports from three to four in Classes 3A and 2A, which will take affect for the 2013-14 school year.

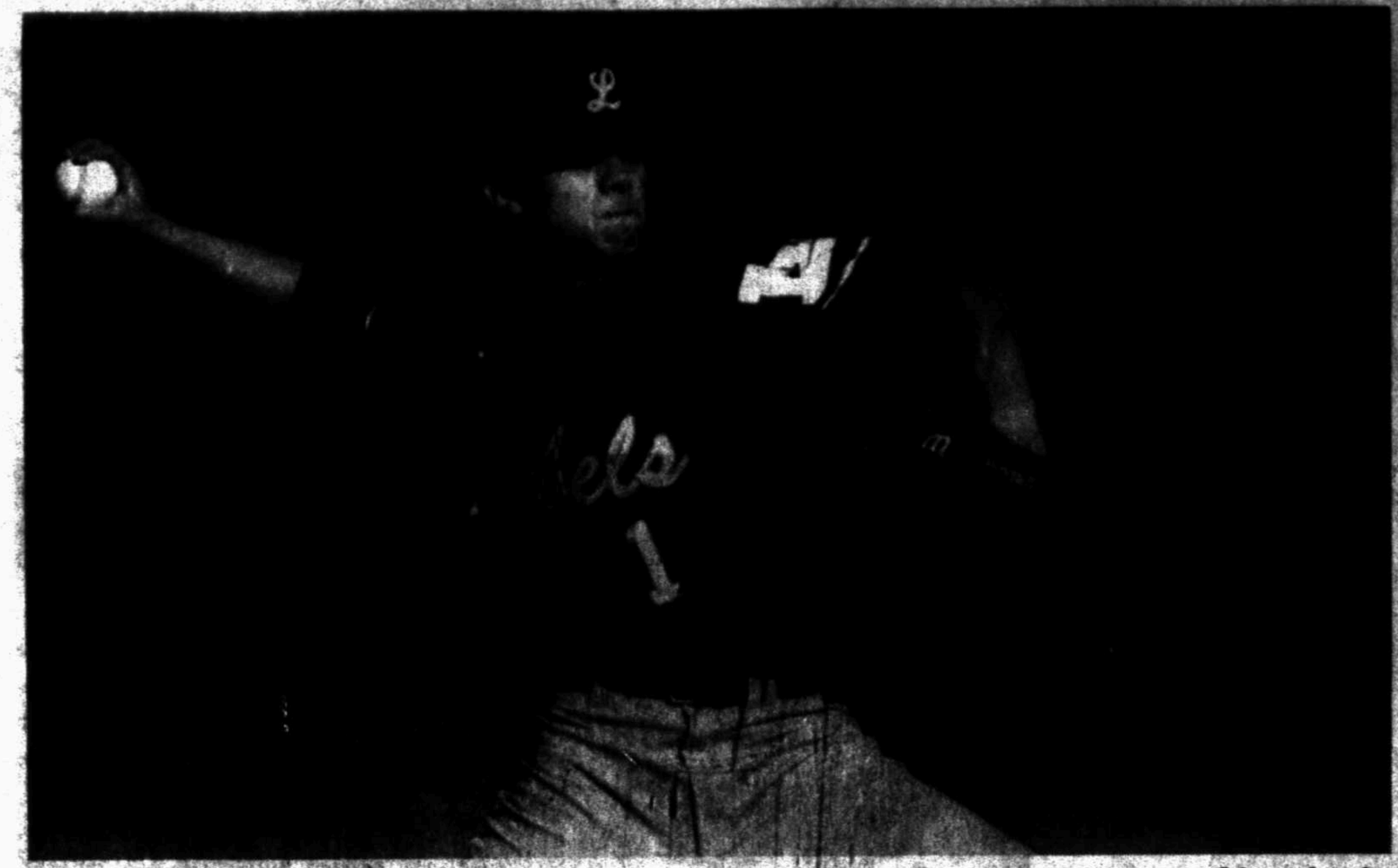
The Legislative Council also approved the following amendments to current policies:

- The number of tournaments or meets for applicable team sports has been reduced by one per season. In basketball and volleyball, for example, the number of invitational tournaments a player or team may compete in was reduced from three to two.

Softball and baseball must now limit their tournament participation to one plus 20 games, or two with 17 games. Tennis, swimming, track and field, golf and cross country had the number of their tournaments or meets lowered from eight to seven.

Schools are allowed to substitute tournaments for games in their overall season limits for team sports.

- A Class 3A was added for both soccer and team tennis. Before this amendment, there was only a Class 5A and 4A for soccer and team tennis. Also with team tennis, four teams now can advance from each district to an area tournament.
- Rules changed regarding live football telecasts involving UIL member schools, and the blackout rule that prohibited the telecasting games if they were not sold out was removed. Games, though, still cannot be televised live on Friday night during the regular season.



Odessa American

Lee's Evan Mata pitches in the first inning of a District 2-5A baseball opening game against Odessa High on Tuesday at Pressly Field in Odessa.

Rebels hold off OHS to win 2-5A opener

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Lee baseball team managed to hold off a late Odessa High rally and come away with an 11-7 victory in its District 2-5A opener Tuesday.

The Rebels had amassed a 7-0 lead before the Bronchos even got their first run on the board, and were up 11-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. Odessa High didn't go away quietly, however, and scored five runs in the frame before Lee reliever Dallen Mize finally recorded the final out to pick up his first save of the season.

Evan Mata picked up his first win of the year for the Rebels, while Austin Maddox led Lee at the plate with two doubles. The Rebels had four doubles overall with Mize, Blake Kizer and Hunter Coleman each hitting one.

The Rebels return to tournament action at 1 p.m. Thursday when they host Lubbock Estacado at Ernie Johnson Field in the Tournament of Champions.

LEE 11, ODESSA HIGH 7

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Odessa High	000	011	5 —7 12 2

Evan Mata, Mario Escajeda (7), Dallen Mize (7) and Hunter Coleman. John Rodriguez, EJ Alvarez (6) and Jakob Nunez. W — Mata (1-0). L — Rodriguez (1-1). S — Mize (1). 2B — Lee: Austin Maddox 2, Mize, Blake Kizer, Coleman. Odessa High: Alvarez, Rodriguez. HR — Odessa High: Sergio Marquez (1).

Records: Lee 3-2-1, 1-0 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 2-5-1, 0-1.

Next: Lubbock Estacado vs. Lee, 1 p.m. Thursday, Ernie Johnson Field

Bulldogs

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ball to roll all the way to the wall. Lance White also scored.

Four batters later, Wade hit a hard shot to right-center field, and coach Barry Russell never hesitated at third to send him. Wade drove in three runs with the inside-the-park home run and gave MHS an 8-0 lead.

"I looked up around first and saw it was up against the wall, and I looked at my sign at third base, and he continued to round me," Wade said. "I almost missed second, and he continued waving the closer I got to third. He just sent me and halfway home I was jogging."

MHS piled on six more runs in the fourth as it sent 10 hitters to the plate again. Alex Mata belted a two-run single, White drove in two with a single and pinch hitters Travis Garza and Matt Trela drove in runs.

Russell said he was pleased with how well his squad adjusted to Permian starting pitcher Colt Simmons' offspeed pitches and how the team remained patient.

"Every time we see offspeed, we talk about taking it the other way," Russell said. "We got around it a little bit, and we did a better job of squaring it up."

Meanwhile, Lancaster didn't give Permian much of a chance to mount any kind of offense.

Lancaster raced 16 batters, one over the five-inning minimum, and gave up two hits, singles to Simmons and Adams, and recorded eight strikeouts. Lancaster improved to 2-0 this season.

"That's just Jackson; he's been that way the whole year," Russell said. "He throws strikes, and he throws pretty hard. He doesn't have a super hard curve ball, but he's got a good change-up, and he throws his pitches for strikes, which is a big deal."

Brent Stewart and Essman also had two hits for the Bulldogs on the day, and Alex Mata drove in two runs.

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District 2-5A baseball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	1	0	7	1
Lee	1	0	3	2
San Angelo Central	1	0	3	2
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	4	3
Abilene Cooper	0	1	4	3
Odessa Permian	0	1	3	4
Abilene High	0	0	1	4
Odessa High	0	1	1	5
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	0	0

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 14, Odessa Permian 0; Lee 11, Odessa High 7; San Angelo Central 10, Abilene Cooper 2; Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, ppd. Lubbock Coronado was idle.

March 5 Games

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m. Lee is idle.

MIDLAND HIGH 14, ODESSA PERMIAN 0

Permian	000 00	—0	2 4
MHS	305 6x	—14	15 0

Colt Simmons, Steven Juarez (3) and J. Cotton. Jackson Lancaster and Ryan Whittenberg. W — Lancaster (2-0, 1-0). L — Simmons. 2B — MHS: Gilbert Sanchez 2, Connor Beck, Jeremy Hallmark. HR — Austen Wade. RBI — Travis Garza, Lance White, Matt Trela, Beck, Alex Mata 2, Wade 3.

Records: Midland High 7-1, 1-0 in District 2-5A; Permian 3-4, 0-1

Next: Midland High vs. Lubbock High, 4 p.m. Thursday, Zachery Field, Tournament of Champions; Odessa Permian vs. Andrews, 10 a.m. Thursday, Citibank Ballpark, Tournament of Champions

MHS dominates OHS on the diamond

From staff reports

ODESSA — Midland High softball coach Shawnda Vines knows the importance of a road win in District 2-5A play, and the Lady Bulldogs picked up one of those all-important victories on Tuesday.

Midland High scored in every inning but one as it coasted to a 12-1 victory against Odessa High in a game shortened to six innings via the run rule at Ratliff Softball Complex.

"It's difficult to win on the road in our district," Vines said. "We felt like Odessa High was very tough. We were able to take advantage of some of their mistakes and come away with a win."

The Lady Bronchos (5-7, 0-1 in 2-5A) were guilty of seven errors, allowing the Lady Dawgs (10-3, 1-0) to score several unearned runs. Vines said Odessa High's issues in the field had a lot to do with the Lady Dawgs consistently putting the ball in play.

"Our kids are putting the ball in play and we did a good job on the bases," Vines said. "We started off kind of shaky, but we scored in every inning but one. Our kids were consistently hitting the ball."

Midland High had just one extra base hit — a double by catcher Courtney Warren — but got a strong performance from junior pitcher Stefani Baeza. Odessa High scored its lone run in the first inning before Baeza shut them down for the remainder of the game.

The Lady Dawgs return to action Thursday when they begin play in the McKinney Tournament.

District 2-5A softball standings

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

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 12, Odessa High 1, 6 innings; Abilene High 8, San Angelo Central 7; Odessa Permian 14, Abilene Cooper 0, 5 innings; Lubbock Coronado at Amarillo Tascosa, ppd.; Lee was idle.

March 5 Games

Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4 p.m.; Lee at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 4 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High, 4 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa is idle.

MIDLAND HIGH 12, ODESSA HIGH 1

Midland High	232	104	—12	8 1
Odessa High	100	000	—1	8 7

Stefani Baeza and Courtney Warren. Kristin Dees and Tristan Castillo. W — Baeza. L — Dees (2-3). 2B — Midland High, Warren.

Records — Midland High 10-3 overall, 1-0 District 2-5A; Odessa High 5-7, 0-1.

Next: Midland High at McKinney Tournament, Thursday; Odessa High at Austin Tournament, Thursday.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

GREENWOOD 8
LAMESA 7

Jared Salas' single to left in the bottom of the seventh inning gave Greenwood a thrilling non-district victory against Lamesa on Tuesday night at home.

The Golden Tornadoes scored a run in the top of the seventh to tie the game.

Then in the bottom of the seventh, Greenwood's Zach Redwine hit a leadoff single and advnaced to second on a throwing error.

German Martinez reached on an infield single, and then Salas drove in Tavarez with the single to left.

Zach Long picked up the pitching victory as he pitched one inning, giving up one hit with three strikeouts.

Braydin Moreland finished 2 for 4 for the Rangers as Zane Helms was 1 for 3 with two RBI.

Greenwood (5-0) will begin play in the Monahans Tournament on Thursday.

GREENWOOD 8, LAMESA 7

Lamesa	000	003	1 —7 5 9
Greenwood	011	410	1 —8 8 5

No outs when winning run scored.

Arguelles, Rodriguez (3), Reudon (6) and Rodriguez. Caleb Hayes, Marco Flores (3), Zach Long (7) and Zach Redwine. W — Long. L — Reudon. 2B — 3B — Lamesa: Arguelles, Azimendez. Greenwood: Long, Helms.

Record: Greenwood 5-0

Next: Greenwood at Monahans Tournament

Softball

SEMINOLE 18
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 7

SEMINOLE — The Maidens broke open a tight game with an eight-run second inning and beat Midland Chrisitan 18-7 in a non-district game on the road.

Midland Christian (6-8-2) jumped out to a 3-1 lead after the first inning, but Seminoled scored the eight runs to open up a 9-3 lead.

The Maidens added nine runs over the next four innings as the game ended in the sixth-inning because of the run rule.

Mustangs catcher Kaytlyn Neff was 3 for 4, and Kelly Kaake, Maddi Kalt and McKinley Walker were each 2 for 3.

The Lady Mustangs will begin play in the Seminole Tournament at 10 a.m. Friday against Kermit.

SEMINOLE 18, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 7

MCS	301	120	—7 13 8
Seminole	182	322	—18 18 1

Madison Garcia, Kadee Vines (2) and Kaytlyn Neff. M. Sindyo, Judy Lopez (6) and S. Reimer. W — Sindyo. L — Garcia. 2B — MCS: Kelly Kaake. Seminole: Judy Lopez, S. Reimer, M. Mendoza. 3B — Seminole: M. Dyck. HR — Seminole: Judy Lopez.

Record: Midland Christian 6-8-2

Next: Midland Christian vs. Kermit, 10:30 a.m. Friday, Seminole Tournament

GREENWOOD 10
ALPINE 9

The Rangerettes scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and then held on in the seventh to take a 10-9 non-district victory against Alpine on Tuesday night at Greenwood.

Greenwood (3-8) was down 6-5 after the top of the fourth, but scored two runs in the bottom half of the fourth and then added three in the sixth to take a 10-6 lead.

But Alpine battled back to score three runs, but the Rangerettes were able to get out of the inning to preserve the victory.

Kassie Maddox pitched all seven innings and had seven strikeouts and two walks.

Mason Thompson and Shawnda Price were each 2 for 2, and Ariel Urias, Maddox and Bailey Morgan each went 2 for 4.

Greenwood will take on Springtown at 2 p.m. Thursday in the first day of the Granbury Tournament.

GREENWOOD 10, ALPINE 9

Alpine	001	500	3 —9 11 6
Greenwood	104	203	x —10 12 6

Helen Morrow and Lyndsey McAllister. Kassie Maddox and Priscila Acosta, Mason Thompson (4). W — Maddox (2-3). L — Morrow. 2B — Alpine: Sydney McAllister. Greenwood: Kassie Maddox, Shawnda Price, Ariel Urias.

Record: Greenwood 3-8

Next: Greenwood vs. Springtown, 2 p.m. Thursday, Granbury Tournament

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Bulldogs come back to notch 2-5A win

Associated Press

Bulldogs	2
Eagles	1

ABILENE — The Midland High boys soccer team erased a two-goal deficit in less than 10 minutes in the second half to take a key 2-1 victory against district foe Abilene High on Tuesday night at Shotwell Stadium.

The Bulldogs and Eagles were scorless through more than 65 minutes of soccer, but Abilene High broke the deadlock with a goal in the 68th minute.

Midland High, though, tied the game two minutes later when Will Downing scored off a helper from Stephen Reid.

Then as the clock was winding down in the final minute, Downing fed James Berhmann for the game-winning goal.

"It's just the character and quality of the kids that we've got," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "The game was getting crazy, and we could've easily given in and tanked. They focused on getting the equalizer and getting the game winner."

Midland High (9-4-3 overall) moved into a tie for second in the District 2-5A standings with rival Lee at 6-3-1 with 19 points. The Bulldogs will return home on Saturday and take on Lubbock Coronado at 2 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium.

District 2-5A boys soccer standings

Team	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
Odessa Permian	8	0	2	26	10	4	3
Lee	5	0	4	19	8	3	6
Midland High	6	3	1	19	9	4	3
San Angelo Central	5	3	2	17	9	4	3
Abilene Cooper	4	5	0	12	5	7	2
Abilene High	3	5	2	11	8	8	5
Odessa High	3	5	2	11	8	8	3
Lubbock Coronado	1	7	1	4	4	13	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	7	2	2	5	10	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 2, Abilene High 1; Odessa High 2, San Angelo Central 2; Odessa Permian 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado, ppd. Lee was idle.

Saturday's Games

Lubbock Coronado at Midland High; Lee at Odessa High; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High. Odessa Permian is idle. All games at 2 p.m.

Lady Dawgs settle for tie against Abilene

Associated Press

Lady Bulldogs	3
Lady Eagles	3

ABILENE — The Midland High girls soccer team jumped out to a two-goal lead, but Abilene High scored two goals late in the second half to salvage a 3-3 tie on Tuesday at Shotwell Stadium.

The Lady Bulldogs were up 2-1 after the opening 40 minutes as Adrienne Almodova scored a pair of goals, one off an assist from Vanessa Salazar and another on a penalty kick.

Midland High built the lead to 3-1 early in the second half when Madison Scribner scored of an assist from Megan Hoppel.

But the Lady Eagles scored two late goals, including its final one with 12 minutes remaining to tie the game.

"We did a better job of finishing, and I was glad about that," Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said. "But defensively we weren't playing the way we've been playing all year, which was physical soccer. We did not do a very good job of winning 50-50 challenges in the air."

Midland High stayed in fourth place in the District 2-5A standings at 6-2-2 with 20 points, but is only two points behind second-place Odessa Permian.

The Lady Bulldogs will take on Lubbock Coronado at noon on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

District 2-5A girls soccer standings

Team	District W	L	T	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
San Angelo Central	9	0	1	28	13	5	1
Odessa Permian	7	2	1	22	13	4	1
Odessa High	6	1	3	21	10	2	4
Midland High	6	2	2	20	8	6	5
Abilene High	3	6	1	10	9	8	2
Lee	3	6	0	9	4	11	0
Lubbock Coronado	2	6	1	7	4	11	1
Abilene Cooper	1	7	1	4	6	7	2
Amarillo Tascosa	0	7	2	2	2	12	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 3, Abilene High 3; Odessa High 0, San Angelo Central 0; Odessa Permian 1, Abilene Cooper 0; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado, ppd. Lee is idle.

Saturday's Games

Lubbock Coronado at Midland High; Lee at Odessa High; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High. Odessa Permian is idle. All games at noon.

Ronaldo leads Madrid past Barca to make Copa final

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Cristiano Ronaldo got the better of Lionel Messi on Tuesday, scoring twice to lead Real Madrid to a 3-1 win at Barcelona and a spot in the Copa del Rey final.

After salvaging a 1-1 draw in the first leg, Madrid neutralized Barcelona's passing game and counterattacked to perfection at the Camp Nou to hand its archrival its first home loss in any competition since last April.

It was also a second straight cup setback for the Catalan club, which is running away with the Spanish league but lost 2-0 at AC Milan in the first leg of its Champions League last-16 matchup.

While Messi had a quiet night, Ronaldo scored for a sixth straight visit to Camp Nou when he earned and converted a penalty in the 13th minute. Ronaldo hit again on the break in the 57th before Raphael Varane got his second goal of the series in the 68th to turn a convincing win into a rout.

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AMERICAN League

	W	L	Pct
Texas	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	0	1.000
Kansas City	1	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000
Baltimore	1	1	.500
Chicago	1	1	.500
Oakland	1	1	.500
Colorado	1	1	.500
Los Angeles	1	1	.500
Seattle	0	1	.000
St. Louis	0	1	.000
Atlanta	0	1	.000
Miami	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Arizona	0	1	.000
New York	0	1	.000
Cincinnati	0	1	.000
Milwaukee	0	1	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count as one game against non-major league opponents.

Tuesday's Scores
Miami 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 5, Boston 4
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., ppd., rain
Texas 9, Seattle 4
Houston (ss) 6, Detroit 4
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota (ss) 2, 6 innings
St. Louis 15, Boston 4
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Francisco 6, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 2
Seattle 6, Milwaukee 4
Chicago White Sox 14, Texas 8
Kansas City 4, Colorado 2
San Diego 7, Cleveland 6
L.A. Angels 7, Arizona (ss) 7, tie
Arizona (ss) 6, Oakland 4

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Boston vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 5:05 p.m.

TUESDAY'S TEXAS LEAGUERS
ASTROS (0)0, 3, 7)ROCKS 4
Detroit 000 220 010 — 4 9 1
Houston (ss) 000 000 31x — 4 11 2
Fister, B.Rondon (5), Bl.Hill (5), Balfour (6), M.Hoernhan (8), D.Downs (7), Putnam (8) and B.Pena; R.Cabrera, Bedard, Veras (3), Ely (4), K.Chapman (6), Owens (7), J.Fields (8) and J.Castro. W—Ely. L—Owens. Sv—Bl.Hill. HRs—Detroit, B.Pena (1). Houston, Wallace (1), J.Castro (2).

RWS 7, ASTROS (SS) 2
Houston (ss) 000 002 — 2 6 0
Tampa Bay 200 104 00x — 7 12 0
Lyles, S.Cedeno (3), E.Gonzalez (4) and Jaramillo; Price, Rodney (2), G.Gomez (3), Lueke (4), M.Rasmus (5), A.Cobrera (6) and Loaiza, Chelmer. W—Price. L—Lyles. HRs—Houston, Dominguez (1). Tampa Bay, R.Roberts (1).

WHITE SOX 14, RANGERS 8
Chicago (A) 600 010 011 — 14 13 1
Texas 000 410 310 — 8 10 1
N.Molina, Omogrosso (3), S.Rodriguez (5), Z.Stewart (5), Wright (7), Heath (8), Petrov (9) and H.Quintero; Ogando, Holland (3), K.Benoit, Darvish, Buchel (3), Cotts (3), Mook (4), Lindblom (4), Burns (6), J.Bigham (7), Y.Ortiga (8), Mendez (8), Ju.Wilson (9), J.Frieri (9) and Pierzynski. W—N.Molina. L—Buchel. HRs—Chicago (A), J.Pinchey (1). Texas, Ott (1).

Fishing Report

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 42-51 degrees; 10.22 low. Black bass are slow to fair on jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 41-48 degrees; 10.07 low. Black bass are slow to fair on jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cheese baits.
COLORADO CITY: 10.7 low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 42-51 degrees; 11.36 low. Black bass are fair on jigs. Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 43-52 degrees; 30.17 low. Black bass are slow to fair on Texas rigs, gold jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Hybrid striped bass are fair on nightcrawlers and jigs.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 42-51 degrees; 17.49 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared baits and cheese baits.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 42-52 degrees; 34.49 low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 48-58 degrees; 9.67 low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, jigs and deep shad rigs. Striped bass are good on minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on deep shad rigs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 40-51 degrees; 2.31 low. Black bass are fair on jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

SOUTH
BRADY CREEK: Water clear; 50-58 degrees; 10.57 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Striped bass are fair on deep shad rigs and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and cheese baits.
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 50-58 degrees; 10.57 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Striped bass are fair on deep shad rigs and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and cheese baits.

CENTRAL
BRADY CREEK: Water clear; 50-58 degrees; 10.57 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Striped bass are fair on deep shad rigs and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and cheese baits.
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 50-58 degrees; 10.57 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Striped bass are fair on deep shad rigs and jigs. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and cheese baits.

NBA

EASTERN Conference

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	34	23	.596	—
Brooklyn	30	27	.526	4
Boston	28	27	.509	5
Toronto	26	31	.456	8½
Philadelphia	23	32	.418	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	36	22	.621	—
Chicago	35	23	.603	1
Milwaukee	31	26	.544	4½
Detroit	27	31	.466	9
Cleveland	22	37	.373	14
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	19	.661	—
Atlanta	31	27	.534	7
Washington	27	29	.482	9½
Charlotte	19	41	.317	20
Orlando	16	41	.281	21½

WESTERN Conference

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	15	.741	—
Memphis	37	19	.673	5½
Houston	31	27	.534	14
Dallas	30	27	.526	14½
New Orleans	25	31	.446	18½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	41	19	.683	—
Denver	36	22	.621	3
Utah	31	28	.544	10½
Portland	30	30	.500	12
Minnesota	23	36	.390	18½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	40	16	.714	—
Golden State	33	24	.579	6½
L.A. Lakers	28	30	.483	12
Phoenix	19	38	.333	21
Sacramento	18	39	.316	22

Tuesday's Scores
Orlando 98, Philadelphia 84
Indiana 109, Boston 104, OT
Miami 101, Sacramento 120,2OT
Cleveland 101, Chicago 98
Brooklyn 101, New Orleans 97
Milwaukee 96, Dallas 89
Phoenix 84, Minnesota 83, OT
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
BUCKS 96, MAVERICKS 89
MILWAUKEE (96): Ulich a Mould 2-4 3-5 7, Ayon 3-9 3-4 10, Jennings 5-16 2-4 14, Udrih 5-11 2-2 13, Ellis 6-15 4-5 17, Dalembert 5-9 1-2 11, Udoh 0-1 0-0 0, Redick 4-9 4-4 14, Henson 0-2 0-0 0, Goodwin 4-9 0-0 8. Totals 34-92 20-26 96.
DALLAS (89): Marion 4-9 2-2 12, Nowitzki 6-16 4-4 21, Brand 5-8 2-3 12, Carter 0-8 2-2 2, Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0, Mayo 7-16 4-4 18, Carter 0-0 0-2 0, Beaubois 2-4 0-0 5, Crowder 0-2 1-2 1, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0, Morrow 0-2 0-0 0, Wright 4-5 2-2 10. Totals 36-85 17-21 89.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Milwaukee	23	24	27	22	96
Dallas	22	23	20	24	89

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-20 (Mayo 2-3, Redick 1-4, Udrih 1-4, Ellis 1-5), Dallas 5-19 (Marion 1-2, Nowitzki 1-4, Brand 1-2, Carter 0-1, Jones 1-3, Beaubois 1-3, Crowder 0-1, Wright 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 49 (Jennings 7), Dallas 44 (Nowitzki 14). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 22, Dallas 22. A—12,651 (17,188).

CELTICS 101, GOLD 99
CLEVELAND (99): Gee 5-11 0-0 11, Thompson 3-8 4-5 10, Zeller 0-6 0-0 0, Irving 8-11 3-3 19, Hickson 10-16 4-6 25, Jamison 5-11 1-1 15, Bogans 2-3 2-2 7, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Sessions 2-8 0-0 5, Waiters 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 40-81 14-17 99.
CHICAGO (98): Deng 9-16 6-6 25, Boozer 6-12 2-2 14, Gibson 3-7 0-0 6, Rose 6-20 6-6 20, Hamilton 5-9 0-0 11, Hamilton 3-6 0-0 6, Robinson 2-3 0-0 5, Sutton 3-10 0-0 6, Butler 1-3 3-3 5, Andersen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-76 11-13 98.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Cleveland	32	30	27	10	99
Chicago	22	29	27	20	98

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 5-17 (Gee 2-5, Irving 2-5, Jamison 1-3, Waiters 0-1, Sessions 0-3), Chicago 5-13 (Deng 3-6, Rose 2-4, Butler 0-1, Hamilton 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 42 (Irving 9), Chicago 42 (Deng 9, Andersen 9). Total Fouls—Cleveland 22, Chicago 23 (Hamilton 11). Total Technicals—Cleveland, Chicago, Deng. Ejected—Deng. Technicals—Cleveland bench, Chicago bench. A—21,501 (20,917).

HEAT 101, KINGS 129, 3OT
SACRAMENTO (129): Salmons 6-11 0-0 15, Thompson 5-10 0-2 10, Cousins 10-17 4-7 24, Thomas 5-11 2-2 14, Evans 11-19 3-4 28, Thornton 11-18 8-8 33, Casspi 0-1 0-0 0, Landry 0-0 0-0 0, Outlaw 0-0 2-2 2, Hayes 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 49-93 19-25 129.
MIAMI (101): James 14-23 11-12 40, Haslem 2-3 1-2 5, Bosh 5-13 5-6 15, Chalmers 2-8 0-0 6, Wade 19-29 0-2 39, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 0-0 2-2 0, Lewis 1-5 0-0 3. Cole 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 59-101 19-24 141.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	3OT	Total
Sacramento	31	32	27	18	5 —	129
Miami	27	26	28	19	12 17 —	141

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 14-27 (Thornton 8-12, Salmons 3-4, Thomas 2-4, Evans 1-4, Cousins 0-1, Brooks 0-2), Miami 10-22 (Allen 5-10, Chalmers 2-5, Lewis 1-2, Wade 1-2, James, 1-2, Bosh 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 46 (Cousins 15), Miami 56 (Bosh, James, Wade 8). Assists—Sacramento 33 (Thomas 9), Miami 35 (James 16). Total Fouls—Sacramento 25, Miami 22. A—19,734 (19,600).

NETS 101, HORNETS 97
BROOKLYN (101): Wallace 3-6 0-0 8, Evans 0-4 0-0 0, Blatche 5-10 3-3 13, Williams 10-21 9-10 33, Watson 3-7 2-2 10, Bonda 3-6 1-2 8, Humphries 1-2 0-0 2, Shaw 3-8 4-9 0-1 8, Bogans 4-4 1-1 12, Teletovic 1-0 0-0 3. Totals 37-76 15-18 101.
NEW ORLEANS (97): Ariza 2-6 0-0 4, Davis 2-4 2-2 6, R.Lopez 7-9 4-5 18, Vasquez 9-20 0-1 20, Gordon 4-15 2-2 10, Anderson 5-11 2-2 13, Rivers 3-4 0-0 7, Mason 3-6 2-3 8, Belinelli 2-5 0-0 5, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 40-87 12-15 97.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Brooklyn	31	26	18	26	— 101
New Orleans	29	21	24	23	— 97

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 12-20 (Williams 4-8, Bogans 3-3, Watson 2-4, Wallace 2-4, Blatche 1-1), New Orleans 5-14 (Vasquez 2-3, Belinelli 1-1, Rivers 1-1, Anderson 1-5, Gordon 0-2, Mason 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 47 (B.Lopez 7), New Orleans 46 (Davis, Thomas 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 17, New Orleans 20. Technicals—Gordon, defensive three second. A—18,432 (20,326).

SUNS 94, TIMBERWOLVES 83
MINNESOTA (83): Kirilenko 0-0 0-0 0, Milicic 8-16 3-10 21, Pekovic 6-11 6-6 18, Rubio 3-8 1-2 7, Ridnour 3-11 4-4 10, Stiemsma 0-2 0-0 0, Barea 7-17 0-0 16, Shved 2-9 0-0 5, Gobuele 1-4 0-0 2, Cunningham 2-8 2-3 6. Totals 31-90 16-25 83.
PHOENIX (94): Tucker 2-5 0-0 4, Scola 5-9 0-1 10, Gortat 5-11 4-6 14, Dragic 4-14 1-4 10, Dudley 1-6 0-2 2, W.Johnson 6-16 0-0 14, Marshall 1-3 0-0 2, Morris 9-12 2-2 23, Telfair 0-1 0-0 0, Frye 0-0 0-0 0, Hill 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 37-91 5-14 94.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Minnesota	15	18	28	22	— 83
Phoenix	23	21	25	25	— 94

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 5-19 (Williams 2-6, Barea 2-7, Shved 1-2, Ridnour 0-1, Gobuele 0-3), Phoenix 5-13 (Morris 2-3, W.Johnson 2-4, Dragic 1-5, Dudley 0-1). Fouled Out—Mark.Morris. Rebounds—Minnesota 66 (Williams, Pekovic 12), Phoenix 69 (O'Neal 13, Mark.Morris 13). Total Fouls—Minnesota 17, Phoenix 26. A—14,973 (18,422).

NHL

EASTERN Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	60	39	13	7	85	198	134
New Jersey	59	35	19	5	75	164	138
Philadelphia	61	31	23	7	69	174	174
N.Y. Rangers	61	27	25	9	63	144	164
N.Y. Islanders	59	26	27	6	58	154	174
Northeast Division							
Montreal	61	36	19	6	78	174	144
Ottawa	60	32	20	8	72	174	154
Toronto	60	31	23	6	68	174	164
Buffalo	60	29	25	6	64	154	174
Southeast Division							
Carolina	60	34	20	6	74	164	144
Tampa Bay	60	33	21	6	72	174	154
Winnipeg	60	31	23	6	68	164	164
Florida	60	29	24	7	65	154	164
Washington	60	27	25	8	62	164	174

WESTERN Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	60	36	16	8	80	194	144
Nashville	60	34	19	7	75	164	144
St. Louis	60	33	20	7	73	174	154
Detroit	60	31	22	7	69	164	164
Columbus	60	25	28	7	57	144	174
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	60	36	18	6	78	184	144
Minnesota	60	32	20	8	72	164	154
Calgary	60	29	24	7	65	164	174
Edmonton	60	26	27	7	59	164	184
Colorado	60	24	27	9	57	164	184
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	60	34	19	7	75	174	144
Dallas	60	32	20	8	72	164	154
Los Angeles	60	32	21	7	71	164	154
Phoenix	60	30	22	8	68	164	164
San Jose	60	29	23	8	66	164	164

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

Thursday's Scores
Dallas 5, Columbus 4, OT
Washington 3, Carolina 0
Winnipeg 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Florida 6, Pittsburgh 3
Buffalo 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Minnesota 2, Calgary 1, OT
Phoenix at Vancouver, late
Colorado at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SUMMARIES
STARS 5, BLUE JACKETS 4, OT
Dallas ..... 2 1 1 1 — 5
Columbus ..... 0 2 2 0 — 4
First Period—1, Dallas, Morrow 5 (Eakin, Goligoski), 16:05.
Second Period—2, Columbus, Nikitin 2 (Tyutin, Letestu), 1:21. 3, Dallas, Roy 2 (Jones, Russell), 5:28. 4, Columbus, Dorsett 3 (Letestu, Prospal), 6:19. 5, Dallas, Roussel 4 (Dillon, Robidas), 8:51.
Third Period—6, Columbus, Atkinson 2 (Aucoin, Foligno), 6:16. 7, Dallas, Eakin 3 (Smith, Robidas), 13:36. 8, Columbus, Umberger 3 (Filppula), 18:26.
Overtime—9, Dallas, Erixon 6 (Roy, Dillon), 3:03.
Shots on Goal—Dallas 14-10-12-3—39. Columbus 5-9-6-0—20.
Goalies—Dallas, Bachman. Columbus, Bobrovsky. A—11,523 (18,144). T—2:30.

WILD 2, FLAMES 1, OT
Calgary ..... 1 0 0 0 — 1
Minnesota ..... 0 0 1 1 — 2
First Period—1, Calgary, Tanguay 6 (Cammalleri, Bouchard), 10:18 (pp).
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, Minnesota, Zucker 2 (Setoguchi, Suter), 15:41.
Overtime—3, Minnesota, Parise 8 (Koivu, Suter), 27 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Calgary 12-5-4-0—21. Minnesota 9-11-9-1—30.
Goalies—Calgary, MacDonald. Minnesota, Backstrom. A—18,703 (17,954). T—2:31.

PANTHERS 6, PENGUINS 4
Florida ..... 0 4 0 2 — 6
Pittsburgh ..... 2 1 1 0 — 4
First Period—1, Florida, Kopecky 6 (Campbell, Kulikov), 13:57 (pp).
Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Neal 13 (Crosby, Kunitz), :51. 3, Florida, Kopecky 7 (Fleischmann, Campbell), 3:22 (pp). 4, Florida, Campbell 5 (Kopecky, Olesz), 8:23 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Cole 1 (Kopecky, Fleischmann), 8:54 (pp). 6, Pittsburgh, Jeffrey 2 (Orpik, Bennett), 9:51. 7, Pittsburgh, Murphy 4 (Neal), 14:08. 8, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 8 (Crosby), 19:19 (pp).
Third Period—9, Florida, Fleischmann 5 (Smithson), 3:29. 10, Florida, Kopecky 8 (Duc, Dutchuk), 19:59 (en).
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-11-15—34. Florida 12-5-16—33.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Vokoun. Fleury 1. Florida, Theodore, Clemmensen. A—17,378 (17,040). T—2:34.

BRUINS 4, ISLANDERS 1
Boston ..... 1 — 0 — 1
N.Y. Islanders ..... 1 — 0 — 1
First Period—1, Boston, McQuaid 1 (Seguin, Bergeron), 8:43. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Cizikas 2 (Grabner, MacDonald), 15:46.
Second Period—3, Boston, Macharuk 10 (Ference, Bergeron), :38. 4, Boston, Krejci 5 (Lucic, Horton), 5:16.
Third Period—5, Boston, Campbell 2 (Seguin, Soderberg), 18:55 (en).
Shots on Goal—Boston 10-12-12—34. N.Y. Islanders 11-12-14—37.
Goalies—Boston, Rask. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—12,788 (16,234). T—2:24.

SABRES 2, LIGHTNING 1
Buffalo ..... 1 0 1 — 2
Tampa Bay ..... 0 1 0 — 1
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 14 (Purcell, Conacher), 1:24. 2, Buffalo, Hodgson 6 (Stafford, Myers), 10:02.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—3, Buffalo, Myers 3 (Vanek, Hodgson), 4:55.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 5-10-6—21. Tampa Bay 5-14-12—31.
Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Tampa Bay, Garon. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:22.

CAPITALS 3, HURRICANES 1
Carolina ..... 0 0 1 — 0
Washington ..... 1 1 1 — 3
First Period—1, Washington, Backstrom 2 (Ovechkin, Green), 19:57.
Second Period—2, Washington, Erskine 2 (Backstrom, Carlson), :31.
Third Period—3, Washington, Carlson 3 (Perreault, J.Ward), 1:10.
Shots on Goal—Carolina 12-8-13—33. Washington 17-14-9—40.
Goalies—Carolina, C.Ward. Washington, Holtby A—18,506 (18,506). T—2:23.

JETS 4, RANGERS 3
Winnipeg ..... 0 3 1 — 4
N.Y. Rangers ..... 0 1 2 — 3
First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Winnipeg, Jokinen 4 (Kane, Hainsey), 5:55. 2, Winnipeg, Kane 8 (Peluso, Antropov), 7:02. 3, N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 5 (Stralman, Girardi), 9:28. 4, Winnipeg, Jokinen 5 (Peluso, Clitsome), 14:48.
Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Pyatt 4 (Dorsett, Stepan), 8:17. 6, Winnipeg, Kane 9 (Burmistrov, Halmay), 9:37. 7, N.Y. Rangers, Stralman 3 (Gaborik, Richards), 10:30.
Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 9-17-6—32. N.Y. Rangers 7-12-14—33.
Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec. N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. A—17,200 (17,200). T—2:21.

College Basketball

Men

TUESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTH
Auburn 61, Auburn 45
Barton 96, Belmont Abbey 81
Florida St. 76, Wake Forest 62
Mount Olive 69, Pfeiffer 53
Tennessee 64, Florida 59
Towson 85, George Mason 81, OT
UCF 65, Ga. Southwestern 50
VMI 83, Liberty 66

MIDWEST
Detroit 76, Loyola of Chicago 75
E. Illinois 58, Oakland 56
Green Bay 78, Milwaukee 61
N. Chicago 69, Wright St. 55
Northwestern 72, Illinois 70
N. Dakota St. 63, Utah Valley 59, OT
Valparaiso 79, Youngstown St. 64
Wisconsin 77, Indiana 48
Xavier 72, Memphis 62

FAR WEST
Air Force 72, Wyoming 60

EAST
Assumption 68, American International 63
Bentley 91, Mass. Maritime 70
Binghamton 71, Maine 62
Boston College 69, Florida State 62
Boston U. 66, Navy 58
Bryant 72, Albany (NY) 70
Bucknell 78, Lehigh 70
Canisius 70, Manhattan 62
Colgate 74, Holy Cross 71
Connecticut 76, Georgetown 55
Delaware 74, Drexel 70
Fairfield 72, Iona 70
Fordham 71, Rhode Island 68
Hartford 74, Vermont 70
Hofstra 71, Northeastern 67
Iona 72, Fairfield 70
Lafayette 74, Army 70
Lehigh 74, Bucknell 70
Loyola (Md.) 74, Holy Cross 70
Maine 74, Binghamton 71
Manhattan 74, Canisius 70
Marist 74, Siena 70
Mass. Lowell 74, Stony Brook 70
Monmouth (NJ) 74, Rider 70
Navy 74, Boston U. 70
Northeastern 74, Hofstra 70
Penn St. 74, Nebraska 70
Pittsburgh 74, Seton Hall 70
Providence 74, Villanova 70
Quinnipiac 74, Iona 70
Rhode Island 74, Fordham 70
Rider 74, Monmouth (NJ) 70
Robert Morris 74, Wagner 70
Rutgers 74, Syracuse 68
Seton Hall 74, Pittsburgh 70
Siena 74, Marist 70
Stony Brook 74, Mass. Lowell 70
Syracuse 74, Rutgers 68
Temple 74, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 70
Villanova 74, Providence 70
Wagner 74, Robert Morris 70

MIDWEST
Akron 74, Bowling Green 70
Ball St. 74, Miami (Ohio) 70
Bowling Green 74, Akron 70
Cincinnati 74, Louisville 70
Dayton 74, Xavier 70
Detroit 74, Loyola of Chicago 70
Illinois St. 74, Missouri St. 70
Kansas 74, Kansas St. 70
Kansas St. 74, Kansas 70
Kent St. 74, Ohio 70
Loyola of Chicago 74, Detroit 70
Miami (Ohio) 74, Ball St. 70
Michigan 74, Minnesota 70
Michigan St. 74, Purdue 70
Minnesota 74, Michigan 70
Missouri St. 74, Illinois St. 70
Nebraska 74, Penn St. 70
Ohio 74, Kent St. 70
Ohio St. 74, Iowa 70
Purdue 74, Michigan St. 70
Xavier 74, Dayton 70

SOUTH
Alabama 74, Mississippi St. 70
Alabama St. 74, Alcorn St. 70
Alcorn St. 74, Alabama St. 70
Arkansas 74, Georgia 70
Arkansas St. 74, Louisiana-Monroe 70
Auburn 74, Auburn 45
Austin Peay 74, Eastern Ky. 70
Belmont Abbey 74, Barton 96
Bethune-Cookman 74, Florida A&M 70
Campbell 74, Gardner-Webb 70
Charleston Southern 74, Coastal Carolina 70
Chattanooga 74, Wofford 70
Coastal Carolina 74, Charleston Southern 70
Coll. of Charleston 74, Elon 70
Davidson 74, Richmond 70
Duke 74, Virginia Tech 70
East Carolina 74, Tulane 70
Elon 74, Coll. of Charleston 70
Florida 74, Tennessee 70
Florida A&M 74, Bethune-Cookman 70
Florida Gulf Coast 74, Jacksonville 70
Florida St. 74, Wake Forest 70
Furman 74, Samford 70
Gardner-Webb 74, Campbell 70
Georgia 74, Arkansas 70
Georgia Southern 74, Georgia St. 70
Georgia St. 74, Georgia Southern 70
Georgia Tech 74, Miami 70
Jacksonville 74, Florida Gulf Coast 70
Jacksonville St. 74, Tennessee St. 70
James Madison 74, Northeastern 70
Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 70
Liberty 74, VMI 83
Louisiana-Monroe 74, Arkansas St. 70
Louisville 74, Cincinnati 70
Marshall 74, Southern Miss 70
Memphis 74, Houston 70
Miami 74, Georgia Tech 70
Middle Tennessee 74, Troy 70
Mississippi St. 74, Alabama 70
Mississippi Valley St. 74, Southern U. 70
Morehead St. 74, Tennessee Tech 70
Murray St. 74, Tennessee St. 70
Navy 74, Boston U. 70
Northeastern 74, Hofstra 70
Northwestern St. 74, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 70
Oklahoma 74, Texas 70
Oklahoma St. 74, Texas Tech 70
Old Dominion 74, Towson 70
Pittsburgh 74, Seton Hall 70
Rice 74, Tulsa 70
Richmond 74, Davidson 70
Samford 74, Furman 70
Southern Miss 74, Marshall 70
Southern U. 74, Mississippi Valley St. 70
Stetson 74, Kennesaw St. 70
Tennessee 74, Florida 70
Tennessee St. 74, Jacksonville St. 70
Tennessee St. 74, Murray St. 70
Tennessee Tech 74, Morehead St. 70
Texas 74, Oklahoma 70
Texas A&M 74, Alabama 70
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 74, Northwestern St. 70
Texas Tech 74, Oklahoma St. 70
Troy 74, Middle Tennessee 70
Tulane 74, East Carolina 70
Tulsa 74, Rice 70
UAB 74, Tulane 70
Vanderbilt 74, Kentucky 70
Virginia Tech 74, Duke 70
Wofford 74, Chattanooga 70

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 74, Texas 70
Houston 74, Memphis 70
Kansas 74, Texas 70
Kansas St. 74, Oklahoma 70
Oklahoma 74, Texas A&M 70
Oklahoma St. 74, Texas Tech 70
Texas 74, Baylor 70
Texas A&M 74, Oklahoma 70
Texas Tech 74, Oklahoma St. 70

FAR WEST
Air Force 74, Wyoming 60
Arizona 74, Oregon St. 70
Arizona St. 74, Stanford 70
California 74,



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Greenwood boys basketball team celebrates after a win against Fabens in the regional quarterfinal game Tuesday at the Fort Stockton Special Events Center. The Greenwood Rangers beat the Fabens Wildcats 72-69.

RANGERS

From 1C

always knew that we could, but we haven't executed until now."

Hansard was one of two unexpected ploys by Rangers coach Zach Boxell in the second half as Greenwood saw its five-point halftime lead slip away.

The senior hadn't played since the second half of district play because of a left wrist injury yet was called on by Boxell to defend Fabens senior forward Patrick Zubia, who was punishing Greenwood in the third with turnaround shot after turnaround shot for eight of his 24 points.

"The doctor, a week ago, said it wasn't healed, and (I) went a week later, and he said somehow, miracles sometimes happen, and it was healed," Hansard said. "(My playing) was all up to coach, and I was fine with whatever he did."

After Zubia hit yet another turnaround shot for a 52-47 lead to start the fourth quarter, Boxell pulled out his next ploy: a 2-3 zone that Greenwood played for the final 7:11 of the game.

"It's something that we worked on this week just because of their quickness, and I felt like when you look at their games they got a bunch of layups in the lane from getting there," Boxell said, "so we did work a couple of zones just in case we had to go to it, and sure enough we had to."



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Greenwood's Taylor Hollingsworth cuts a piece of the net after the victory against Fabens.

This tactic worked as Greenwood finally stymied the red-hot Wildcats to go on an 11-0 run that included a runner and an elbow jumper by Hansard.

After senior Kam Williams — who had a monster 20 points and 15 rebounds to lead Greenwood — grabbed one of his eight offensive rebounds for a putback with 4:25 to play, Franklin capped the run with two free throws, which became a theme in the final period.

Greenwood shot a mediocre 10 for 22 from the line in the first half, frustrating Boxell repeatedly early on.

"That did worry me as far as I was hoping we could get it going (at the line)," Boxell said, "because I knew in games where two good teams are getting after it, I know it does come down to free throws a lot."

Yet Greenwood held off the Wildcats, despite five 3-pointers from Jacob Silva, who scored 17 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, by knocking down crucial free throws down the stretch.

"(Boxell) just really came in there (at halftime) and told us what we were doing, told us we had to pick up the intensity," said Ranger senior Taylor Hollingsworth, who had 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting and nailed all four of his free throws. "Once we did that, we started making free throws."

Silva hit a 3-pointer with 10 seconds to play to pull Fabens within 72-69 with 10 seconds to play, and the Wildcats got the ensuing turnover they needed for a chance to tie.

But the Wildcats (22-11) weren't able to hit one last 3-pointer to send it to overtime, instead sending Greenwood to the regional tournament.

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GREENWOOD 72, FABENS 69

Greenwood (20-14) — Kam Williams 20, Taylor Hollingsworth 17, Grant Franklin 13, Cade Jones 8, Jody Lively 8, Kyle Hansard 4, Timmy Murphey 2

Fabens (22-11) — Jacob Silva 30, Patrick Zubia 24, Jaime Portillo 10, Chris Jules 2, Eric Ochoa 2, Edgar Archuleta 1

Greenwood	12	21	14	25	—72
Fabens	12	16	22	19	—69

Free throws — Greenwood 24-36, Fabens 10-20. 3-point goals — Greenwood 2 (Franklin, Hollingsworth), Fabens 5 (Silva 5). Total fouls — Greenwood 17, Fabens 21. Fouled out — Fabens, Portillo. Rebounds — Greenwood 38 (Williams 15), Fabens 21 (Zubia 7). Assists — Greenwood 11 (Hollingsworth), Fabens 6 (Archuleta 2, Portillo 2). Turnovers — Greenwood 16, Fabens 9.

Next: Greenwood vs. No. 8 Wichita Falls Hirschi, Class 3A Region I semifinals, 8:30 p.m. Friday, United Spirit Arena, Lubbock

HSBASKETBALLRDP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NO. 8 GRADY 71
ROPES 39

SEMINOLE — The Wildcats outscored the Eagles 24-4 in the first quarter and then rolled to an easy victory on Tuesday night in a Class A Division II regional quarterfinal at Seminole High School.

Grady extended the lead to 43-20 at the end fo the first half and then held Ropes to 18 points in the second half.

"We came out smoking, 24-4 in the first quarter," Grady coach Thomas Clay said. "We came out real good Friday against Balmorhea, and came out really good tonight. Our preparation before the game has been outstanding lately."

Brandon Lucas led the Wildcats with 20 points, and Michael Jimenez added 12. Clay said that Jimenez had a solid game defensively, and added that Brett Glaze and Taylor Polson did a good job of slowing down Ropes' top player.

Grady will take on either Whitharral or Nazareth in a Class A Division I regional semifinal at 1 p.m. Friday at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Whitharral and Nazareth are scheduled to play today after their game was postponed on Tuesday because of weather.

GRADY 71, ROPES 39

Ropes — Mendez 4, Molina 2, Perry 27, Richardson 1, Cruz 2, Salas 2

Grady (25-6) — Brett Glaze 2, Joseph Briseno 2, Michael Jimenez 12, Taylor Polson 7, Uziel Sanjuan 1, E.J. Rodriguez 15, Ivan Sanjuan 7, Brandon Lucas 20, Cameron Seiffert 2, Dillon Polson 3

Ropes	4	16	8	10	—39
Grady	24	19	16	12	—71

Free throws — Ropes 8-16, Grady 7-15. 3-point goals — Ropes 0, Grady 6 (Jimenez, Rodriguez 2, Ivan Sanjuan, Lucas 2). Total fouls — Ropes 12, Grady 15. Fouled out — none.

Next: Grady vs. Whitharral-Nazareth winner, 1 p.m. Friday, Texan Dome, Levelland

NO. 23 IRA 59
NO. 19 GARDEN CITY 41

LAMESA — The Bulldogs opened up an 11-point first quarter lead and then held off the Bearkats the rest of the game to win a Class A Division II regional quarterfinal at Follis Gymnasium.

Ira jumped out to a 19-8 lead in the first quarter and was able to extend that lead over the next two quarters. The Bearkats (23-9) outscored the Bulldogs 21-11 in the fourth quarter.

Juan Bustos and Corbin Davis each scored eight points for Garden City as Lance Morris led Ira with 28 points.

"We did a very poor job of executing what we wanted to do, and that was transition defense, and we spotted them 10 points before we got started," Garden City coach Koby Abney said. "We dug ourselves a hole we were never able to get out of."

Ira (26-3) will take on Throckmorton in a Class A Division II, Region II semifinal at 7 p.m. Friday at Moody Coliseum in Abilene.

IRA 59, GARDEN CITY 41

Garden City (23-9) — Juan Bustos 8, Corbin Davis 8, Dillon Koenning 6, Braiden Jones 6, Sam Miller 5, Casey Hare 4, Austin Odom 3, Peyton Schafer 1

Ira (26-3) — Lance Morris 28, Colton 8, Goodwin 10, Logan Morris 7, Mixon 4, Cullier 2

Garden City	8	10	2	21	—41
Ira	19	15	14	11	—59

Free throws — GC 6-12, Ira 8-16. 3-point goals — GC 5 (Jones 2, Koenning, Miller, Odom), Ira 3 (Colton 2, Lance Morris). Total fouls — GC 17, Ira 19. Fouled out — none.

Next: Garden City, season is complete; Throckmorton vs. Ira, 7 p.m. Friday, Region II-A Tournament, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

Coach K again says he won't be back as US coach

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Krzyzewski said again Tuesday he doesn't plan to return as U.S. men's basketball coach after leading the Americans to two Olympic gold medals.

Saying "my stance hasn't changed," Krzyzewski told ESPN Radio he expects USA Basketball to name a new coach this summer.

The Hall of Fame Duke coach said during and after last summer's Olympics that he wasn't planning to return to the position he's held with the national team since 2005. However, he still hasn't confirmed that decision with USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo, who has said they will talk after the college season.

"I've loved, loved, loved, and it's been an honor being with the USA Basketball team," Krzyzewski said in the interview. "And to coach the team and work with Jerry these seven years has been marvelous.

"And we're in a good spot," Krzyzewski added. "We need to keep building."

Krzyzewski led the Americans to Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012, and a world basketball championship in 2010. The Americans also won bronze in the 2006 worlds, their first tournament under his guidance, and haven't lost a game since.

The Americans automatically qualified for the 2014 World Cup of Basketball in Spain by winning gold in London. Colangelo originally said he planned to name a new coach around the new year, but put off those plans so he could talk to Krzyzewski once the Blue Devils' season was finished.

HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Arlington Martin (R3, 28-7) 68, El Paso Bel Air 66, 2 OT

Killeen Ellison (W8, 30-6) 45, South Grand Prairie 44

North Crowley (W3, 29-7) 77, Arlington Bowie 49

Lewisville Hebron (W5, 35-2) 62, DeSoto 55

Region I-5A Tournament

at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth

Friday
Semifinals

Arlington Martin (R3, 28-7) vs. Killeen Ellison (W8, 30-6), 6 p.m.

North Crowley (W3, 29-7) vs. Lewisville Hebron (W5, 35-2), 8 p.m.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Class 4A
Regional Quarterfinals

Wolfforth Frenship (W4, 26-9) vs. Canyon (R3, 21-8), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Wayland Baptist University

Trophy Club Nelson (R5, 29-5) 77, Fort Worth Dunbar 57

Amarillo High (W3, 20-11) vs. El Paso Burges (W1, 20-12), 6 p.m. Wednesday, Odessa College Sports Center

Fort Worth Arlington Heights (T7, 21-11) 40, Fort Worth Trimble Tech 38

Region I-4A Tournament
at The Coliseum, Snyder
Friday
Semifinals

Wolfforth Frenship-Canyon winner vs. Trophy Club Nelson (R5, 29-5), 4 p.m.

Amarillo High-El Paso Burges winner vs. Fort Worth Arlington Heights (T7, 21-11), 6 PM.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Class 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Abilene Wylie (W4, 31-4) 53, Seminole 62

Kennedale (W6, 23-0) 82, Burkburnett 72

Greenwood (R4, 20-14) 72, Fabens 69

Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 21-8) 70, Stephenville 45

Region I-3A Tournament
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Friday
Semifinals

Abilene Wylie (W4, 31-4) vs. Kennedale (W6, 23-0), 7 p.m.

Greenwood (R4, 20-14) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (W5, 21-8), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Class 2A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Bushland (R1, 19-8) vs. Childress (R3), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

Holliday (W8, 31-3) 38, Wall 37

Idalou (W3, 30-3) vs. Canadian (W1), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Canyon Randall HS

Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 28-6) 67, Tornillo 53

Region I-2A Tournament
at Chaparral Center
Friday
Semifinals

Bushland-Childress winner vs. Holliday (W8, 31-3), 6 p.m.

Idalou-Canadian winner vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 28-6), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Finals

Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Class A
Division I
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Vega (T2, 19-9) vs. Wellington (R3), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Amarillo Caprock

Smyer (W6) 64, Morton 61

Clarendon (R2, 18-7) vs. Stratford (W1, 9-4), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Tascosa Activies Center, Amarillo

El Paso Harmony (W7, 24-3) vs. Farwell (W5), 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Odessa College Sports Center

Region I-A Tournament
at Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday
Semifinals

Vega-Wellington winner vs. Smyer (W6), 6:30 p.m.

Clarendon-Stratford winner vs. El Paso Harmony-Farwell winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 3:30 p.m.

Class A
Division II
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Whitharral (W4, 19-4) vs. Nazareth (R3), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Hale Center HS

Grady (W6, 26-6) 71, Ropes 38

Texline (W3, 24-6) vs. Happy (T3), 7 p.m. Wednesday, West Texas A&M, Canyon

Petersburg (W5) 39, Sands 29

Region I-A Tournament
at Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday
Semifinals

Whitharral-Nazareth winner vs. Grady (W6, 26-6), 1 p.m.

Texline-Happy winner vs. Petersburg (W5), 2:30 p.m.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Class A
Division II
Region II
Regional Quarterfinals

Crowell (W10) 60, Clyde Eula 44

Water Valley (W14, 30-2) 47, Zephyr 34

Throckmorton (W11) 68, Aspermont 50

Ira (W13, 26-3) 59, Garden City 41

Region II-A Tournament
at Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Friday
Semifinals

Crowell (W10) vs. Water Valley (W14, 30-2), 5 p.m.

Throckmorton (W11) vs. Ira (W13, 26-3), 7 p.m.

Saturday
Final

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Girls

UIL Girls Basketball State Tournament
All games at Frank Erwin Center, Austin
Thursday's Games
Class A Division I
Semifinals

8:30 a.m. — Dallas Triple A Academy (28-5) vs. Smyer (32-6)

10 a.m. — Martin's Mill (32-5) vs. Snook (24-11)

Class 3A
Semifinals

1:30 p.m. — Mexia (34-3) vs. Krum (29-6)

3 p.m. — Kennedale (30-6) vs. Smithville (29-7).

Class 4A
Semifinals

7 p.m. — Dallas Lincoln (35-4) vs. Aledo (30-7)

8:30 p.m. — Georgetown (32-4) vs. Northside Brennan (30-8)

Friday's Games
Class 2A
Semifinals

8:30 a.m. — Brock (33-5) vs. Centerville (30-6)

10 a.m. — Merkel (37-1) vs. Poth (28-5)

Class A Division II
Semifinals

1:30 p.m. — Highland (31-4) vs. Saltillo (31-5)

7 p.m. — Whitharral (36-4) vs. Leakey (24-7)

Class 5A
Semifinals

3 p.m. — Duncanville (40-0) vs. League City Clear Springs (38-2)

8:30 p.m. — Pflugerville (38-0) vs. Cibolo Steele (32-5)

Saturday's Games
State Championships

8:30 a.m. — Class A Division I

10 a.m. — Class 3A

1:30 p.m. — Class 2A

3 p.m. — Class 4A

7 p.m. — Class A Division II

8:30 p.m. — Class 5A

MCBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Women's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
xy-Midland College	11	2	23	6
x-New Mexico JC	10	3	21	5
x-Odessa College	10	4	20	7
x-South Plains	10	3	23	5
Howard College	6	7	18	11
Clarendon	2	11	12	17
Frank Phillips	2	10	9	19
Western Texas	2	12	9	21

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth
y-clinched a share of WJCAC title

Monday's Scores

Midland College 110, Clarendon 54; South Plains at Frank Phillips, ppd.; New Mexico JC 61 Odessa College 50; Howard College and Western Texas College are open

Tuesday's Score

South Plains 69, Frank Phillips 41

Thursday's Games

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

End of regular season

Men's WJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Howard College	12	3	25	4
x-Odessa College	12	4	22	7
New Mexico JC	11	4	23	6
South Plains	10	5	21	7
Midland College	10	5	19	7
Frank Phillips	4	11	14	15
Clarendon	4	11	15	14
Western Texas	3	12	13	16
New Mexico Military	2	13	6	22

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth.

Monday's Scores

Midland College 85, Clarendon 69; Howard College 87, NMMI 68; South Plains at Frank Phillips, ppd.; Odessa College 61, New Mexico JC 50; Western Texas is open

Tuesday's Score

South Plains 81, Frank Phillips 80

Today's Games

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

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COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MINNESOTA 77
NO. 1 INDIANA 73

MINNEAPOLIS — Trevor Mbakwe had 21 points and 12 rebounds to help Minnesota take down No. 1 Indiana 77-73 on Tuesday night, the seventh time the top-ranked team in The Associated Press' poll has lost this season.

Andre Hollins added 16 points for the Gophers (19-9, 7-8 Big Ten), who outrebounded Cody Zeller and the Hoosiers 44-30 and solidified their slipping NCAA tournament case.

Zeller was held to nine points with four turnovers for the Hoosiers (24-4, 12-3), who have held the No. 1 ranking for 10 of 17 polls this season including the last four. Victor Oladipo scored 16 points and Jordan Hulls had 14 of his 17 before halftime.

TENNESSEE 64
NO. 8 FLORIDA 58

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jordan McRae scored 27 points and Tennessee boosted its NCAA tournament hopes by beating Florida for its sixth consecutive victory.

McRae scored 17 points in the first half Tuesday and was the lone Volunteer to reach double figures.

Jarnell Stokes had eight points and 14 rebounds as Tennessee (17-10, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) won the lone regular-season meeting between these rivals.

NO. 17 WISCONSIN 77
NEBRASKA 46

MADISON, Wis. — Reserve Sam Dekker matched his career high with 19 points to lead Wisconsin.

Ryan Evans added 14 points and Ben Brust had 13 for the Badgers (20-8, 11-4 Big Ten).

Wisconsin's win, coupled with No. 1 Indiana's loss to Minnesota, put the Badgers one game back in the Big Ten race with three games to play for both teams.

XAVIER 64
NO. 19 MEMPHIS 62

CINCINNATI — Brad Redford hit a long 3-pointer that put Xavier back ahead after wasting a 13-point lead and the Musketeers ended Memphis' 18-game winning streak.

Xavier (16-11) blew a 17-point lead before losing to then-No. 24 VCU on Saturday.

Fans injured at NASCAR race explore legal options

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The attorney for three NASCAR fans injured last weekend during a race the day before the Daytona 500 says they are exploring a possible lawsuit, but some experts say they could face tough obstacles in winning damages.

Matt Morgan, the Orlando-based lawyer for the fans, said at a news conference Tuesday than any lawsuit would focus on the safety fence used along the track at Daytona International Speedway. He said he hopes to reach a settlement with NASCAR to avoid a lawsuit.

More than 30 people were injured last Saturday after a horrific wreck in a second-tier NASCAR series race sent chunks of debris, including a heavy tire, into the stands. Morgan declined to provide the identities of his clients but said two of them were seated directly in front of the crash and suffered injuries ranging from a fractured fibula to abdominal swelling. All have been released from the hospital.

Some experts say there could be grounds for a lawsuit and that courts have looked past liability waivers written on the backs of sporting event tickets. Others maintain the ticket is a legal contract that could be hard to overcome in court.

"Ultimately, I believe it would be gross negligence," Morgan said. "We all know that when you go to a race you assume a certain amount of risk. But what people don't assume is that a race car will come flying into the stands... That's why they make the fences."

Asked to comment on the fans' retention of a law firm, NASCAR spokesman David Higdon wrote in a statement, "We are unaware of any lawsuits filed."

Daytona International Speedway is owned by International Speedway Corp., a NASCAR sister company. Spokesman Andrew Booth said, "As per company policy, we do not comment on pending litigation."

Donnalynn Darling, a New York-based attorney who has been practicing personal injury law for 30 years, said there is a theory that a spectator who buys tickets to a sporting event assumes the risk of objects coming out of the field of play, such as a foul ball at a baseball game.

But she said there is also a foreseeable risk question that promoters of events also accept.

"Did the sporting event promoter take action to prevent that specific risk?" Darling asked. "In terms of this fence ... it was put up to prevent people from being hurt. You have people who were not only injured by falling debris, but by the failure of the fence."



AP file photo

A spectator, center, is transported from the grandstands by emergency personnel after Kyle Larson's car hit the safety wall and fence along the front stretch on the final lap of the NASCAR Nationwide Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Saturday. Several fans were injured when large chunks of debris flew into the grandstands.

Darvish starts strong in Rangers' loss

White Sox 14
Rangers 8

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Yu Darvish is more at ease in his second spring with the Texas Rangers, and he is still throwing hard.

The Japanese ace, who won 16 games last season as a major league rookie, struck out two while retiring all six White Sox he faced in his first spring start. Chicago then scored 11 runs over the next two innings on the way to a 14-8 victory Tuesday.

"His velocity was up, his stuff was just better," said new Rangers catcher A.J. Pierzynski, who faced his former team while catching Darvish. "He threw the ball really well and it was very encouraging to see. We talked in the bullpen and talked before the game about what he wanted to accomplish, and he accomplished everything that he wanted to and needed to."

Pierzynski, who spent his last eight seasons in Chicago before signing a one-year deal with Texas, had previously worked with the 26-year-old Darvish during an intrasquad game last week and in bullpen sessions.

After the Rangers committed more than $107 million to acquire Darvish, including a guaranteed $56 million, six-year contract, the pitcher's every move was chronicled and scrutinized last spring. Plenty of people are still watching, but not to the same extent in this camp.

"Compared to last year, I think my comfort level is really high," Darvish said through a translator. "Getting along and communicating with my teammates, I feel very comfortable with it this year."

Manager Ron Washington described this as a "relaxing spring" for Darvish.

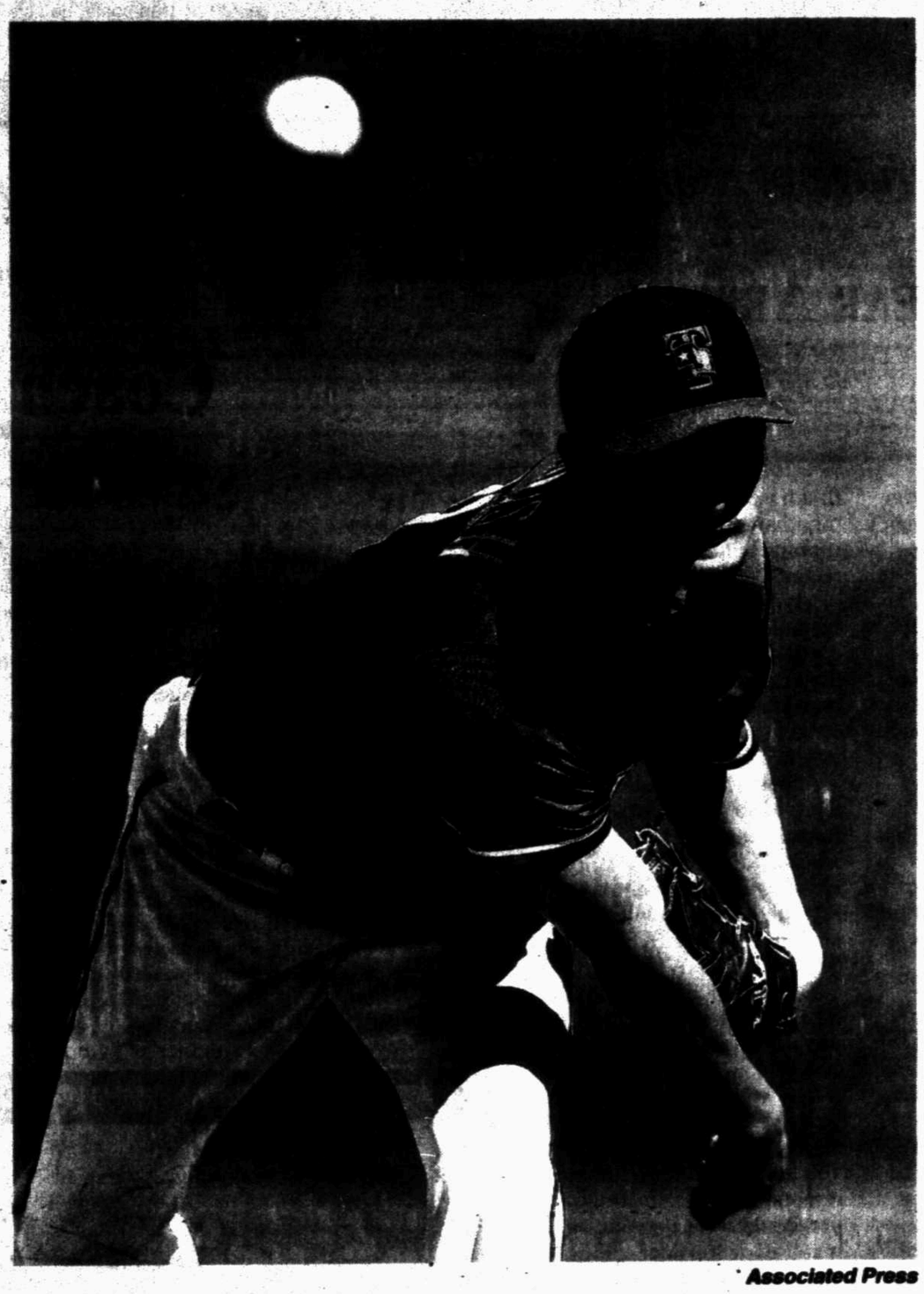
"He's just being a part of things more," Washington said. "He doesn't stand out as much as he did last year, which is a good thing. That means he's blending in with the rest of his teammates. In that respect, it should help."

Nestor Molina and Brian Omogrosso, the first two White Sox pitchers, both had two shutout innings. Omogrosso is in the mix for a possible spot in the Chicago bullpen.

Chicago scored six runs in the third off 20-year-old Cody Buckel. The right-hander, the top minor league pitcher in the Rangers organization last year, walked five of the seven batters he faced.

Evan Meek, in Rangers camp on a minor league contract, allowed five runs and five hits and got only two outs in the fourth.

Buckel was also hurt by an error when a liner ricocheted off the glove of third baseman Mike Olt, who later hit a two-run homer.



Associated Press

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish throws during a spring training baseball game against the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday in Surprise, Ariz.

Eriksson's OT goal lifts Stars past Blue Jackets

Associated Press

Stars 5
Blue Jackets ..... 4 (OT)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Loui Eriksson fought off two defenders to get his stick on a rebound and jammed it in 3:03 into overtime to give the Dallas Stars a 5-4 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night.

Eriksson was held back by a pair of Blue Jackets but reached for the puck as he was falling and whipped it past goalie Sergei Bobrovsky for the winner.

Cody Eakin had given the Stars a 4-3 lead with 6:24 left in regulation when his shot from the right wing handcuffed Bobrovsky, the puck trickling through his leg pads and across the goal line.

But the Blue Jackets once again tied it — for the fourth time — when Nick Foligno tossed a hard pass from the left short boards to R.J. Umberger, who scored from the right hash with just 1:34 remaining to force overtime.

Eakin, Antoine Roussel and Derek Roy each had a goal and an assist. Brenden Morrow scored, and Stephane Robidas and Brenden Dillon each had two assists for the Stars, who had lost three of four coming in.



Associated Press

The Dallas Stars' Loui Eriksson, center, scores the game-winning goal against the Columbus Blue Jackets' Sergei Bobrovsky, left, during the overtime period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

Ellis spoils Nowitzki's 20-20 game, Bucks top Mavs

Associated Press

Bucks 95
Mavericks 90

DALLAS — Monta Ellis scored 22 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks spoiled Dirk Nowitzki's first game in nearly 10 years with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds with a 95-90 victory against the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

Ellis twice put the Bucks ahead in the final 2 minutes, the last time on a jumper for a 92-90 lead with 1:03 remaining.

Nowitzki had 21 points and 20 rebounds for the Mavericks, who had two chances after Ellis' go-ahead basket. Vince Carter, who was 0 of 8 from the field, missed a 3-pointer and Darren Collison's wild shot on a drive wasn't close.

Nowitzki's last 20-20 game was April 3, 2003, against the Los Angeles Lakers, when he had 25 points and 22 boards.

J.J. Redick, playing his second game in Dallas in six days but in a different uniform after he was traded from Orlando to Milwaukee, had nine points at halftime, tied with Mike Dunleavy for the team lead, and finished 14. Dunleavy had 13.

The Mavericks had four chances to break an 88-88 tie with less than 3 minutes left, but Nowitzki turned it over after three straight misses and offensive rebounds.

O.J. Mayo, who had eight points on 2-of-9 shooting while Kobe Bryant dominated with 38 in the Lakers' win Sunday, had 18 points.

The loss dropped the Mavericks, who have made the playoffs 12 straight years, five games behind Houston for the final postseason berth in the Western Conference.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

ASTROS (SS) 9
TIGERS 4

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jason Castro and Brett Wallace each homered for a Houston Astros split squad Tuesday in a 9-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Wallace had three hits for the Astros. Castro and Rick Ankiel had two hits apiece for Houston.

Robbie Grossman and Trevor Crowe drove in four runs on back-to-back extra base hits in Houston's five-run fifth inning against Duane Below.

Brayan Pena's two-run homer off John Ely gave the Tigers a 3-2 lead in the fourth.

RAYS 7
ASTROS (SS) 2, 5 1/2 INNINGS

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — AL Cy Young winner David Price pitched one scoreless inning and Evan Longoria tested his surgically-repaired hamstring on the basepaths and had an RBI single Tuesday during Tampa Bay's rain-shortened 7-2 victory over a Houston Astros split-squad.

Price allowed a hit and walked one in a 19-pitch outing. Longoria singled and was thrown out trying to score from second in the first inning, then had another hit before scoring on Leslie Anderson's two-run, second-inning triple off Astros starter Jordan Lyles.

ROYALS 4
INDIANS 1

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs Tuesday as the Kansas City Royals beat the Cleveland Indians 4-1.

Both teams began the day unbeaten in exhibition play. The Royals improved to 4-0-1, Cleveland lost for the first time in six tries.

Before the game, new Indians manager Terry Francona told Justin Masterson in the dugout that he would be his opening day starting pitcher in Toronto.

Wade Davis became the first rotation pitcher used this spring by Royals manager Ned Yost. Acquired with fellow right-hander James Shields from Tampa Bay this winter, Davis started and gave up one single over two innings.

Eric Hosmer added an RBI triple for Kansas City. Matt Carson hit his second home run for Cleveland.

PHILLIES 4
YANKEES 3

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Domonic Brown and Tommy Joseph hit long home runs in the seventh inning and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied past the New York Yankees 4-3 Tuesday for their first win of the exhibition season.

Brown connected off Zach Nuding, sending his second home run this spring over the batter's eye in center field. Brown is competing for the left field vacancy.

Joseph, a catcher considered by some as the Phillies' current top hitting prospect, sent a two-run drive deep over the left-field fence. He was acquired from San Francisco last summer in the trade for Hunter Pence.

MARINERS 6
BREWERS 5

PHOENIX — Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-5 on Tuesday.

Franklin Gutierrez and Michael Saunders connected for consecutive one-out home runs in the third for the Mariners, who have hit 10 home runs in their first five games.

DIAMONDBACKS (SS) 7
ANGELS 7

TEMPE, Ariz. — Josh Hamilton went 0 for 3 in his Cactus League debut with the Los Angeles Angels, playing five innings in their 7-7 tie with an Arizona Diamondbacks split squad on Tuesday.

Hamilton grounded out on the first pitch he faced and later flied out twice for the Angels, who signed him a five-year, $125 million free-agent deal to leave Texas for its AL West rivals.

Hamilton had no challenges in right field at Diablo Stadium. He says he's thrilled with his first spring in the Angels' clubhouse, although still a bit unfamiliar with his new teammates.

DIAMONDBACKS (SS) 9
ATHLETICS 4

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Jason Kubel, Adam Eaton and Cliff Pennington each hit two-run homers and a split squad of Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Oakland Athletics 9-4 on Tuesday.

A's starter A.J. Griffin was sharp in his spring debut. The right-hander, who came up from the minors to go 7-1 with a 3.06 ERA in 15 starts and help the A's win the AL West last season, gave up one hit and struck out three in two scoreless innings. It was his first big league spring training start.

BRAVES 9
NATIONALS 5

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Washington's Roes Detwiler got in some much-needed work before the World Baseball Classic, while the Atlanta Braves scored five runs in the fifth on the way to a 9-5 win over their division rival Tuesday.

Detwiler pitched two scoreless innings before failing to get out of the third, allowing two runs. The left-hander gave up five hits and walked two in a game delayed an hour by rain.

TWINS 8
BLUE JAYS 4

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Justin Morneau had two hits, including a run-scoring double, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-4 on Tuesday.

Morneau and teammate Joe Mauer, both taking part in next month's World Baseball Classic, made the 2 1-2 hour trip from Fort Myers.

Mauer singled and walked twice. He scored on Morneau's third-inning RBI double.

MARLINS 7
METS 5

JUPITER, Fla. — Giancarlo Stanton hit his first homer of spring training Tuesday to help the Miami Marlins beat the New York Mets 7-5.

Stanton, who led the NL in slugging last year and had 37 home runs, homered off Hansel Robles. Matt Downs also homered off Robles.

Casey Kotchman hit a grand slam in his first at-bat of spring training against Mets starter Jenrry Mejia, who needed 30 pitches to get through his one inning and allowed five runs.

CUBS 4
ROCKIES 2

MESA, Ariz. — Edwin Jackson pitched two scoreless innings in his first outing with the Cubs, and Chicago beat the Colorado Rockies 4-2 Tuesday.

Jackson signed a four-year, $52 million contract this winter. He gave up consecutive singles to start the game but finished by retiring four in a row.

GIANTS 8
DODGERS 8

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Tim Lincecum struggled in his first start of spring training, giving up three runs and failing to get through two innings Tuesday for the San Francisco Giants in an 8-8 tie with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Josh Beckett struck out three in two scoreless innings for Los Angeles.

Coming off a season in which he faltered as a starter but thrived out of the bullpen during the Giants' run to a World Series title, the two-time CY Young Award winner with a new closely-cropped hairdo allowed four hits in 1 1-3 innings.

CARDINALS 15
RED SOX 4

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Cardinals left-hander Jaime Garcia returned to the mound for the first time since injuring his shoulder in the playoffs, getting through two scoreless innings Tuesday as St. Louis beat the Boston Red Sox 15-4.

Garcia was pulled early in the NL division series against Washington with a strained rotator cuff and inflammation.

PADRES 7
REDS 5

PEORIA, Ariz. — Yasmani Grandal, Travis Buck, Alexi Amarista and Everth Cabrera had RBI singles in San Diego's six-run fourth inning and the Padres went on to a 7-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday.

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Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 54 and north winds between around 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 26 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

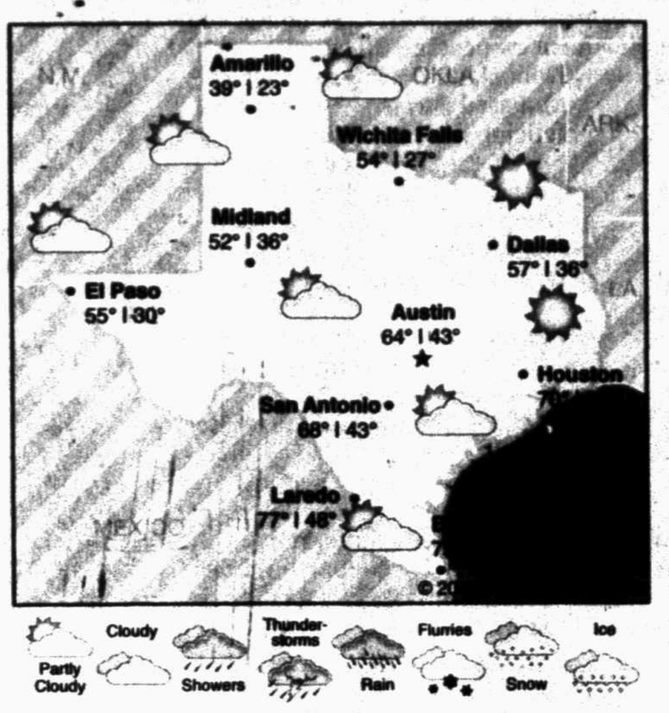
Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 55 and east winds around 5 mph becoming calm in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 29 and winds becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Friday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 55 and a low around 28.

The high on Tuesday reached 67, while the low dropped to 20. The record high for Feb. 26 is 90 set in 2009. The record low is 14 set in 1934.

National forecast

From the interior South to the Southwest, sunshine will occur today with cool conditions. Dry and cooler air will move in over much of the South. High pressure centered over the Great Basin will bring sunshine to the Southwest.



Precipitation

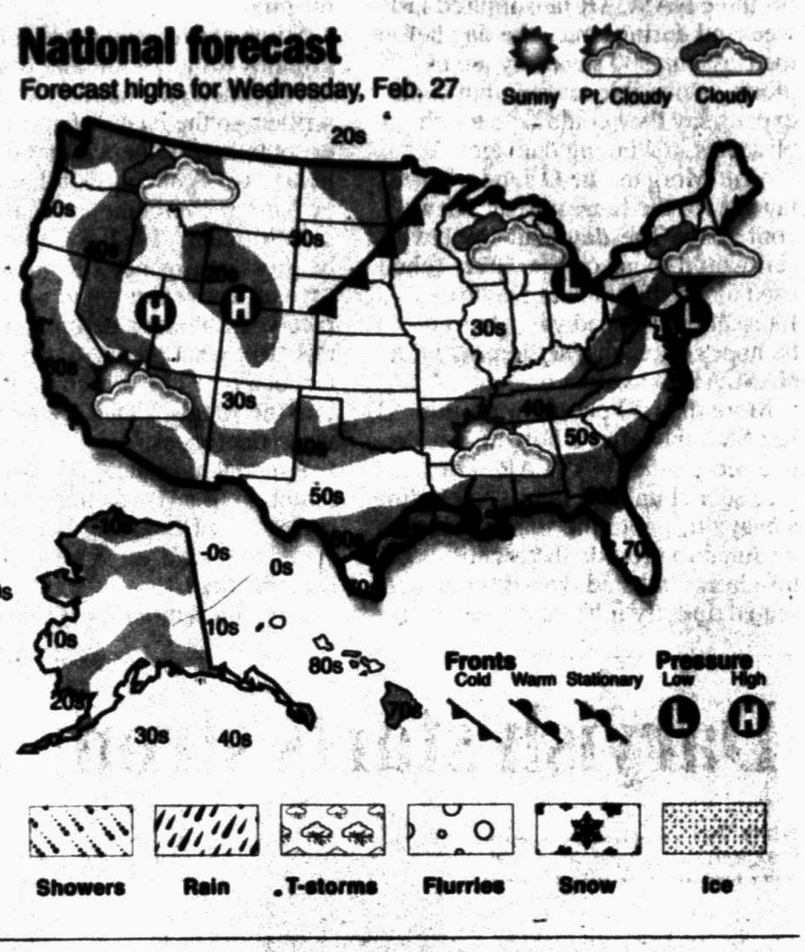
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.08 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.22 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	67
Low	20
Normal high	65
Normal low	37
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	6:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Feb. 27



Man's porn addiction robs marriage of its passion

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: I need help, and I can't talk to anyone I know, so I'm pouring my heart out to you. My husband is addicted to online porn. Our sex life has suffered massively because of it. He seems uninterested in sex with me. I had a feeling that it might be something or someone else.

My woman's intuition told me there had to be a reason for him turning to porn, so I checked our computer's history log and found he has been surfing gay porn. He does watch straight porn, but now peppers it with male-on-male porn, as well.

It has shattered my world. I don't know what to think or what to do. I can't discuss this with my family. They would never view him in the same way again. Help! — J. IN BRIGHTON, ENGLAND

DEAR J.: Your husband may be curious, bisexual or have discovered (late) that he is gay. It happens. You need to have a frank conversation with him. Remain calm, stay strong and remember that you, too, are entitled to a sex life. You have nothing to lose by discussing this, and everything to gain.

If you need more help afterward, consider going online and contacting the Straight Spouse Network at www.straightspouse.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in therapy for four years. I like my therapist, who has helped me immensely. However, over the past year she has become increasingly tardy in keeping her appointment times.

I understand there are sometimes emergencies, but being a half-hour late every week is excessive. I feel it is disrespectful to me. She keeps saying I just don't understand.

How can I get across to her how frustrated I am? Or do I need to find a new therapist? — BY THE CLOCK IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR BY THE CLOCK: Tell your therapist exactly how this is affecting you and ask what HER problem is. She owes you an explanation.

I agree that being late for your appointment is disrespectful if it happens regularly. You may need to find another therapist. If that's the case, be sure to tell her why you are leaving. It takes courage to be assertive, but it will help you in your personal growth.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me with a delicate situation between me and my husband of seven years.

For our 20th anniversary, my first husband gave me a diamond anniversary ring. After running across it again, I have recently started wearing it.

My husband is very offended that I have chosen to do this. I wear it on the middle finger of my left hand. (The knuckle on my right hand was broken when I was a teen and it won't fit on that hand.)

I have tried explaining that there is no sentimental reason for wearing the ring. It's just a beautiful piece of jewelry. He doesn't want me to wear it at all, but I do. Do you have any advice? — LIKES THE SPARKLE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR LIKES THE SPARKLE: While the ring may be just a beautiful piece of jewelry to you, to your husband it may symbolize the 20-plus years you spent with someone else. Ask if he would mind if you had the stones in the ring remounted into something you could wear on your right hand — or consider selling it and using the money to buy another piece of jewelry that would be less threatening to your current spouse.

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 Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013:

This year you will deal with a plethora of unexpected events. You have what it takes to meet life's demands, and your ability to flex will be tested. Let go of what doesn't work for you. When you do, you might notice that many opportunities will present themselves. If you are single, you will yearn for a close bond. Be patient; come summertime, this becomes a possibility. You just need to be your authentic self. If you are attached, the two of you seem to have a quality of the unexpected linked to your relationship. LIBRA wants to understand you better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Listen to others' feedback with an open mind. The unexpected is becoming expected, and it seems to follow you everywhere you go. Relax more with change, and be willing to let go of what isn't working in your life. Tonight: Go with the flow of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot to get done, and you'll do just that, given some space and time. Your ability to adapt to change emerges. Understand what needs to happen with a financial matter. Don't spend funds before they are in your bank account. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Allow your creativity to emerge when facing a schedule change or in a meeting gone awry. You don't need to make a big deal out of everything that is occurring — just go with the flow. You will know when to act and what to do. Tonight: Spontaneity works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Stay calm when others become irritable or agitated. A boss or higher-up seems to reverse course, which encourages you to question what is really going on here. Trust your judgment. Your instincts will carry you past a problem. You like what you hear. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might be overcautious in the morning, but by midafternoon, you'll know which direction you would like to go. The unexpected easily could boomerang in and out of your plans. Demonstrate your ability to be flexible. Good news comes forward. Tonight: Where the fun is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might feel uneasy, and it could seem as if you aren't sure which way to turn. Honor what you're feeling; you'll see why you feel that way later. The unexpected enters your life and creates havoc where you least expect it. Tonight: Say "yes" to someone's offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be slow to get going, but once the afternoon hits, you'll be a whirlwind of activity. Fortunately, when a key friend, associate or loved one starts acting strange, you will know what to do. Let this person say what he or she needs to say. Tonight: Escape into the world of music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be direct in your dealings in the morning. The clearer you are, the better your decisions will be. You might not be sure which way to go with a loved one who means well but could cause a problem. Do nothing — just see what he or she does. Tonight: Get some R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on what needs to happen. Your high stress level could come out as a nervous energy. You will need to deal with a strange twist. Try to get a lot of important feedback as you attempt to root out a problem. Success will come naturally. Tonight: Join friends for some fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Keep reaching out to a key person in your life. You might hear some shocking news that encourages you to regroup. The unexpected occurs, but you'll demonstrate flexibility. Adjust your plans accordingly, and get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Others seek you out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Make a call to someone at a distance. Your caring comes out naturally. Be flexible with a change in plans, and your ingenuity will come to the rescue. Find a solution that works for you and also for others. Tonight: Return emails, and relax to a good movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Deal with people directly today. A one-on-one conversation could change how you deal with your finances and the people you might be responsible for. Trust your resilience, and you will bounce back. Opportunities could involve real estate. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

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♣ 8 7 4

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♡ K Q J 10 7 2
◇ 6 4
♣ K 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 3
♡ A 9 4
◇ K Q J 10 7
♣ 10 6

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♡	2◇	Pass
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Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Eight of ♡

The language of the defense is in signals — but the enemy could have your line tapped.

The bidding was straightforward enough. Rather than attempt an 11-trick contract at five clubs, South tried three no-trump and everyone was happy with the contract.

West led a heart — his partner's suit. East followed with the king to the first trick, which was allowed to hold, as was his continuation with the 10. To the third round of the suit East led the two, strengthening the suggestion that the lowest of the remaining suits was where the defender's entry lay.

However, South was also aware of what was going on. With only five fast tricks available, one of the minors would have to be developed for the extra four tricks, and both offered the chance for that. There was no room for error — if East could gain the lead, the contract was doomed.

East was known as a pillar of the community, so declarer had ample reason to believe that defender's signals. If that were so, then a pure guess became a sure thing — unless, of course, East held both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds

Spurning the finesse, declarer immediately went for forcing out the ace of diamonds. West won and shifted to a club, but declarer rose with the ace and cashed out nine tricks — three spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club.

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16 Bit attachment
17 "Largest port in NW Africa
19 "Black Beauty" author Sewell
20 Metric distances: Abbr.
21 Athos, to Porthos
22 Word with dark or gray
24 "Warrior's cry
27 Hersey novel setting
30 Rob Roy's refusal
31 Four-time Grammy winner Lovett
32 "Picnic side dish
35 23-Down's div.
37 As found
38 Pupil surrounder
41 Ft. Worth campus
42 "Knocking sound
46 Australian six-footers
49 Punching tool
50 "SNL" alum Mike
51 "Delighted
54 Animals who like to float on their back
55 Female hare
56 "Hardly!"
59 Violin holder
60 "Island nation in the Indian Ocean
64 A sweatshirt may have one
65 Rocker Rose
66 Sedative
67 Overnight lodging choices
68 Low grade
69 Incursions ... or, phonetically, what the answers to starred clues contain

DOWN

1 With 2-Down, "Rio Lobo" actor
2 See 1-Down
3 __ stick; incense
4 Hagen often mentioned on "Inside the Actors Studio"
5 Head, slangily
6 Key of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto
7 Funnel-shaped
8 Compass-aided curve
9 Pulitzer category
10 Like a spoiled kid, often
11 Unwritten reminder
12 Cab storage site
13 Hunted Carroll creature
18 Microwave maker
23 Braves, on scoreboards
24 Against
25 Exactly
26 Mauna __
27 "Whoso diggeth __ shall fall therein": Proverbs
28 Fundraiser with steps?
29 Thing taken for granted
33 California's Big __
34 Not dis?
36 Chow
39 Avatar of Vishnu
40 Wd. derivation
43 Some Duracells
44 Silly talk
45 Foil maker
47 Capsizes
48 Neighbor of Isr.
51 __ Minh
52 Comparable to a March hare
53 Words with lamb or mutton
56 School sports org.
57 Like Cheerios
58 Half of seis
61 Fire truck item
62 G.I.'s mail drop
63 Paul McCartney, for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	C	R	A	P		T	B	S	P		E	R	S	E
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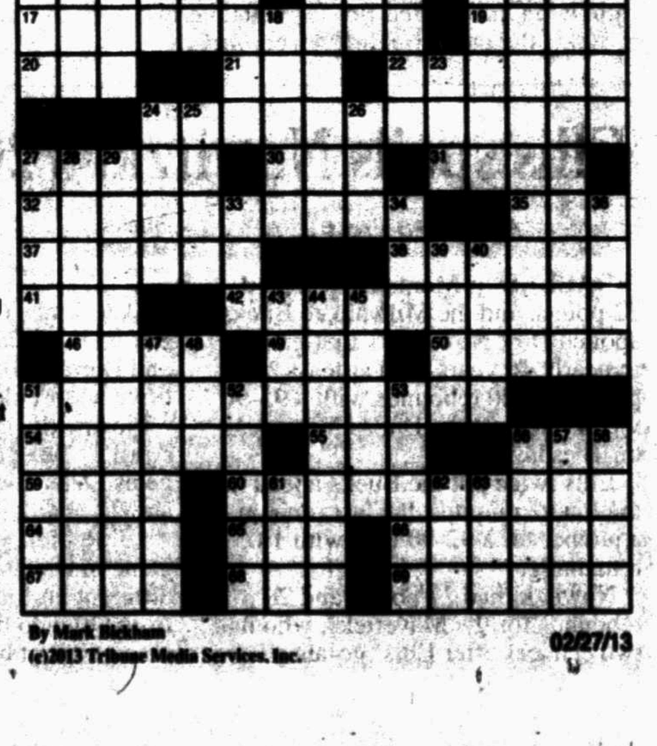

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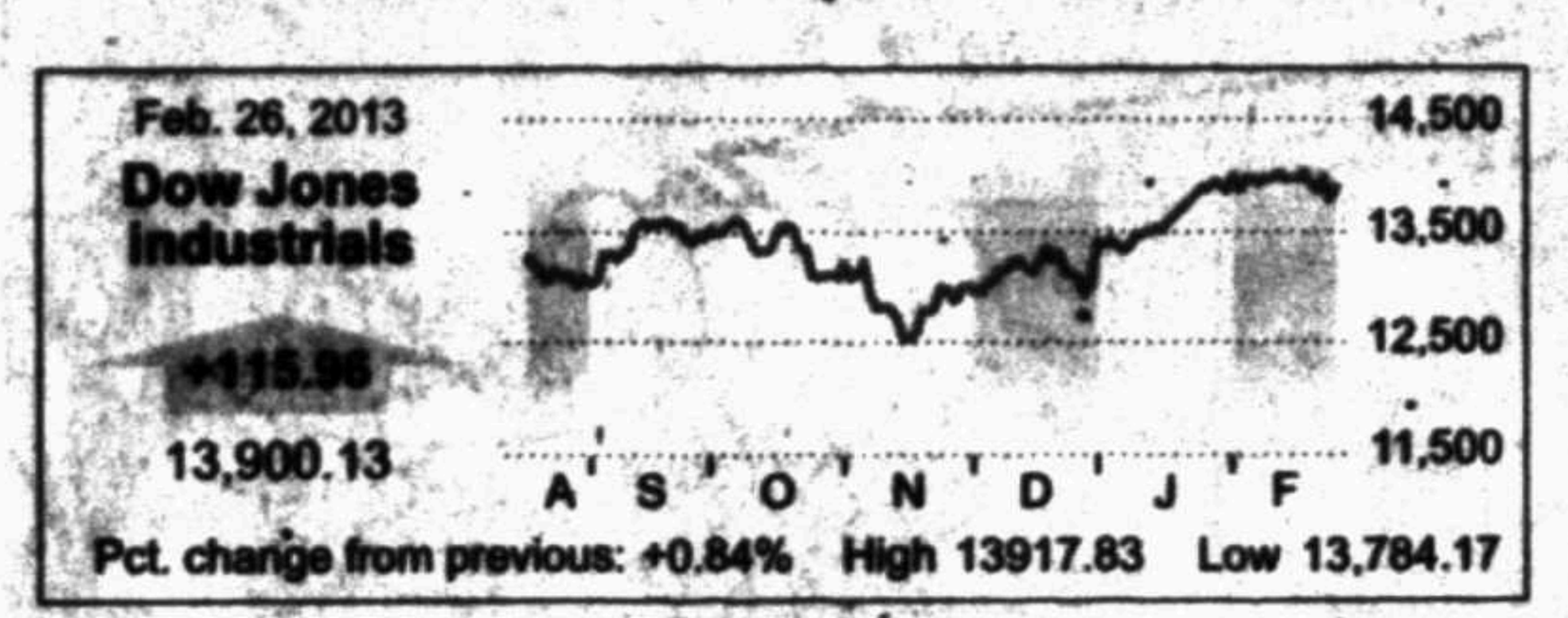

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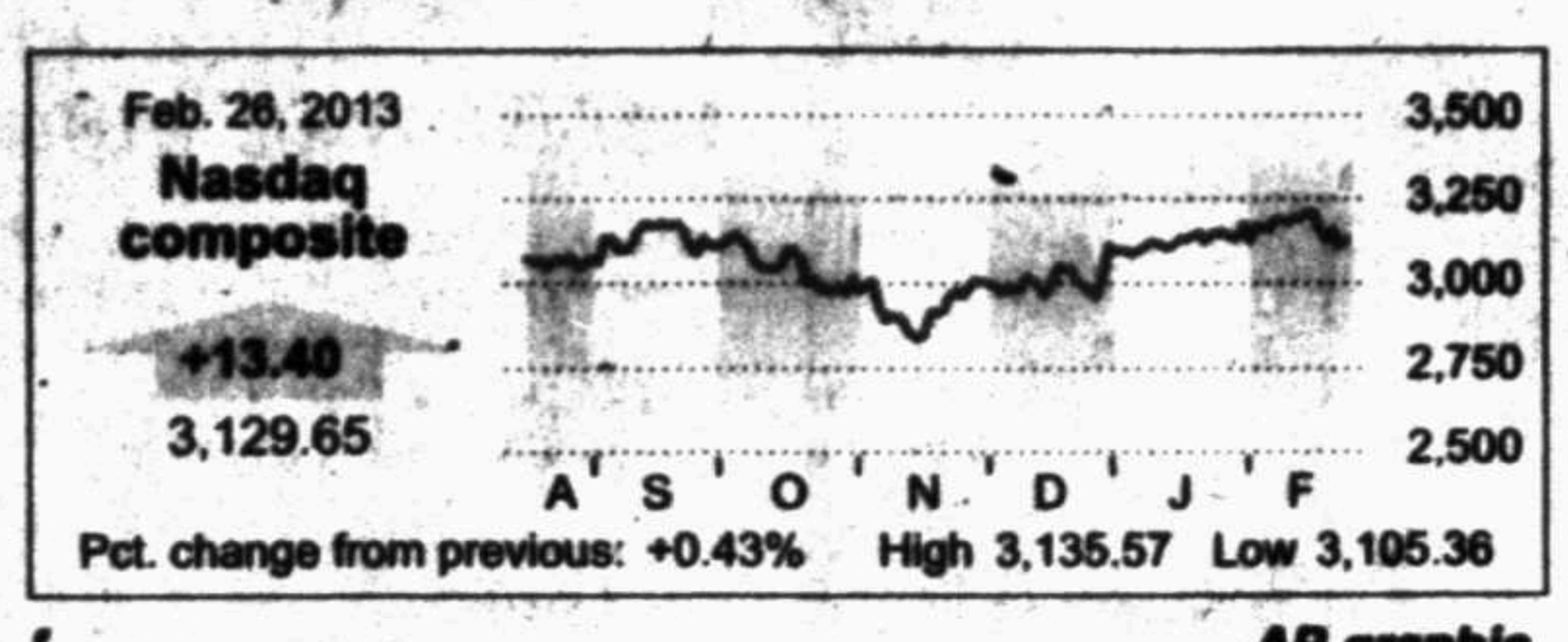

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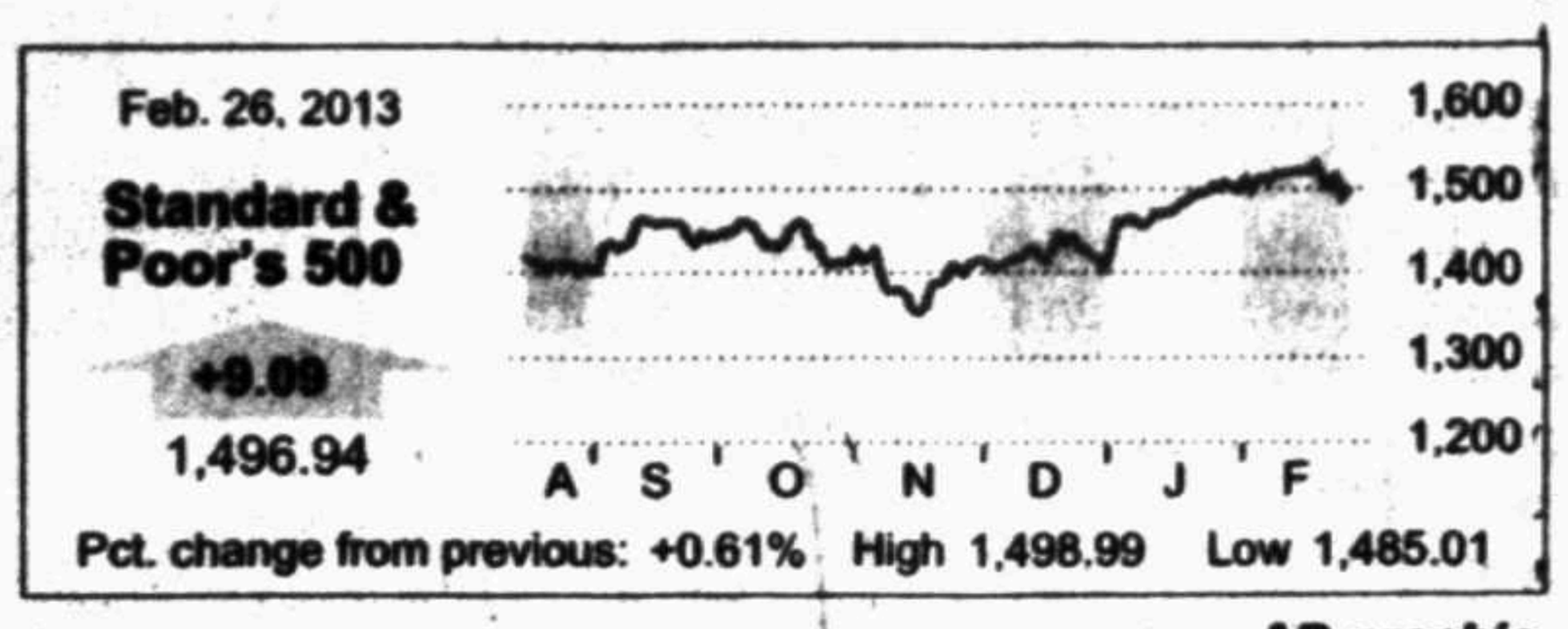

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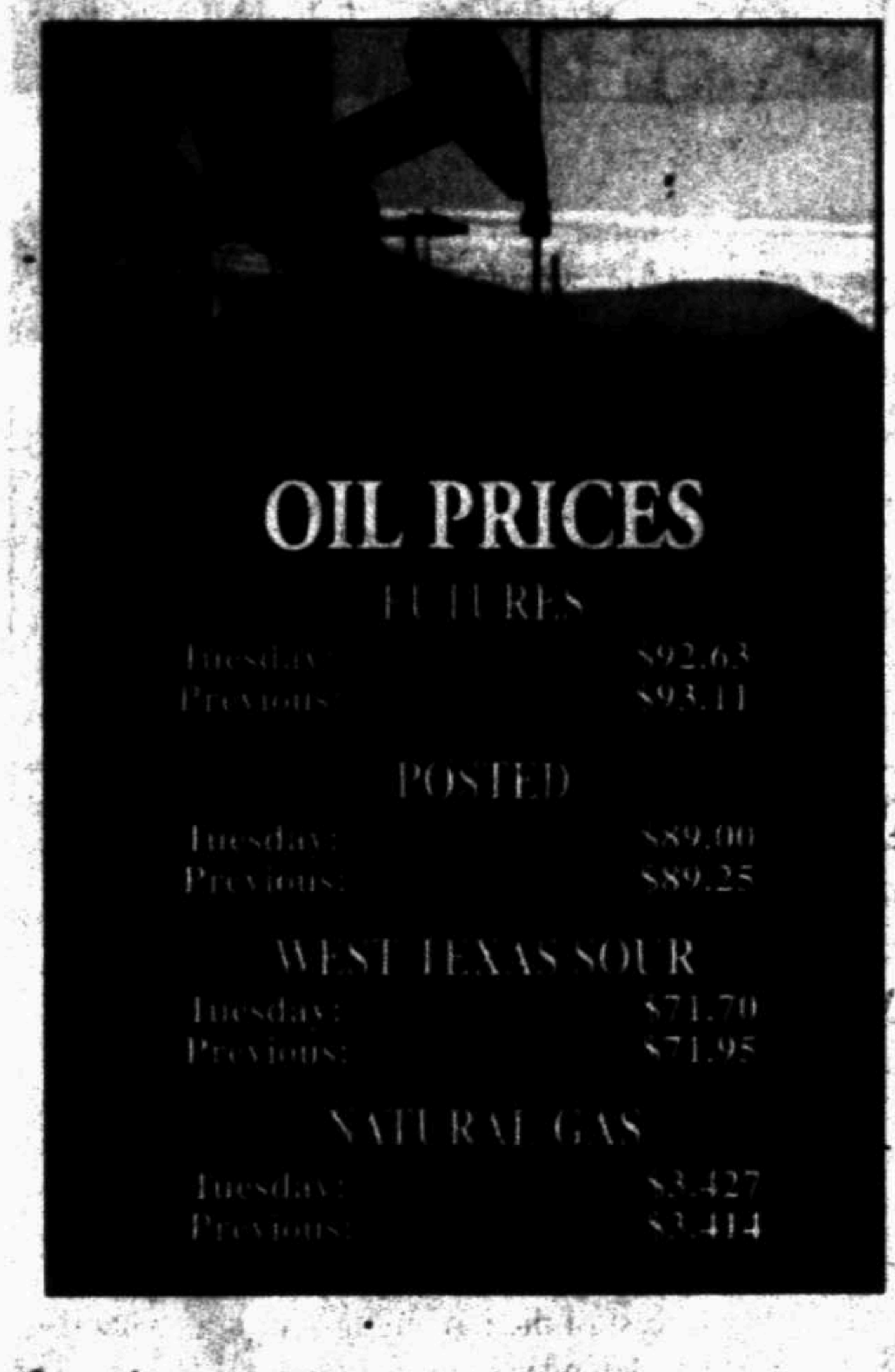

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1740944	150.02	+1.02
BkofAm	1683382	11.13	+.10
BariPVix rs	1089036	24.93	-.63
SPDR Fncl	732426	17.35	+.09
iShEMkts	621470	42.94	+.24

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CmwREIT	24.40	+8.55	+53.9
AssistLiv	11.91	+2.21	+22.8
US Silica	21.62	+3.27	+17.8
GMX Rs rs	2.20	+.24	+12.2
HaverlyA	18.55	+1.97	+11.9

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VitaminSh	51.44	-11.78	-18.6
Titan Intl	21.17	-3.79	-15.2
GlbGeophy	2.48	-.40	-13.9
Chemtura	19.36	-2.60	-11.8
Vipshop n	25.60	-2.85	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,030
Declined	1,002
Unchanged	119
Total issues	3,151
New Highs	61
New Lows	31
Volume	3,862,136,102

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	58961	21.15	+.71
NwGold g	28900	9.09	-.01
NovaGld g	23152	4.17	+.16
GoldStr g	20713	1.66	+.03
Rentech	19403	2.51	+.04

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HMG	6.59	+1.01	+18.1
SED Intl	2.85	+.34	+13.5
Crexendo	2.93	+.23	+8.5
TrioTch	2.15	+.12	+6.0
ASpecRlty	2.00	+.09	+4.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CKX Lands	13.08	-2.33	-15.1
TanzRy g	3.39	-.29	-7.9
PacBkM g	4.00	-.20	-4.8
FstWV	16.05	-.78	-4.6
BioTime	4.26	-.20	-4.5

DIARY

Advanced	225
Declined	206
Unchanged	31
Total issues	462
New Highs	1
New Lows	16
Volume	66,948,746

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	771564	3.06	+.03
Intel	656127	20.58	+.35
Zynga	573842	3.36	-.07
RschMotn	512082	13.06	-.19
Microsoft	491926	27.37	...

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiMobG n	9.59	+3.79	+65.3
Spherix rs	10.07	+3.45	+52.2
MediciNova	2.98	+.84	+39.3
WrlsRon rs	2.40	+.54	+29.0
ProPhaseL	2.25	+.50	+28.6

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EntreMed	2.83	-.64	-18.4
HeidrkStr	13.59	-2.92	-17.7
BoulderBr	10.20	-1.85	-15.4
BkVA rs	3.26	-.54	-14.2
AmPac	19.98	-2.88	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,482
Declined	965
Unchanged	119
Total issues	2,566
New Highs	41
New Lows	27
Volume	1,806,872,112

Poll: 87 percent say never OK to cheat on taxes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With tax season in full swing, a newly released poll says an overwhelming majority of adults don't believe it is ever OK to cheat on their income taxes, with most citing personal integrity as a reason to be truthful.

When asked how much, if any, is an acceptable amount to cheat on your income taxes, 87 percent of respondents said, "not at all." Only 11 percent said, "a little here and there" or "as much as possible."

Ninety-five percent said personal integrity influences them to honestly report their taxes, while 63 percent said fear of an audit did. Only 41 percent said they are honest because they believe their neighbors are, too.

The telephone poll of 1,500 randomly chosen adults was sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, which released the findings Tuesday. The findings are in line with previous surveys done by the board.

Board Chairman Paul Cherecwich Jr. noted the importance of honesty in a tax system that asks people to report their own financial information. There are many backstops in the system, with employers and financial institutions also reporting taxpayer information to the IRS. But the IRS only audits 1 percent of individual returns each year, according to agency statistics.

"Personal integrity is at the core of our self-assessment tax system," Cherecwich said. "The overwhelming majority of American taxpayers play by the rules and expect everyone else to do the same."

Forty-three percent said they think the IRS maintains a proper balance between tax enforcement and taxpayer service; 30 percent said they think the agency devotes too many resources to enforcement.

Elizabeth Maresca, a former trial attorney for the IRS, said most taxpayers don't have much of an opportunity to cheat on their taxes.

Two-thirds of individual filers don't itemize their deductions, instead taking the standard deduction. And for those who do itemize, many of their claims are verified by financial institutions that are required to notify the IRS.

For example, if you earn interest on a bank account or pay interest on a home mortgage, financial institutions send forms to both you and the IRS. Employers send wage information to the IRS.

"The vast majority of people, I think, don't even have an opportunity to cheat on their taxes," said Maresca, an associate law professor at Fordham University. "They are so limited in what they can do and take and what breaks they are entitled to. You can't pretend that you have a kid you don't have. You can't claim your dog."

The survey comes as federal agencies, including the IRS, brace for automatic spending cuts known as the sequester, which is scheduled to take effect Friday. In a letter to Congress, the Treasury Department said the IRS won't be able to review as many tax returns if the sequester takes effect, which "could result in billions of dollars in lost revenue and further complicate deficit reduction efforts." The agency didn't offer specifics, but said, "In recent years each dollar spent on the IRS has returned at least $4 in additional enforcement revenue."

In the poll, 62 percent of respondents said the IRS should receive extra funding to enforce tax laws and ensure taxpayers pay what they owe. Sixty-seven percent said the IRS should get more money to assist taxpayers by phone and in person.

The poll was conducted from Aug. 30 to Sep. 17 by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,500 randomly chosen adults and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Home Depot leads Dow average higher

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A jump in home sales and strong earnings from Home Depot helped the Dow claw back more than half of its losses from Monday. Improving consumer confidence also brought back buyers to the market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 115.96 points, or 0.8 percent, to 13,900.13. The Dow fell 216 points the day before, its biggest drop in three months, on concern that the European debt crisis may flare up again. The index has moved 100 points or more on four out of the past five trading days.

Home Depot, the biggest home improvement store chain in the country, jumped $3.64, or 5.7 percent, to $67.56 after reporting that its income rose 32 percent in the latest quarter thanks to strong U.S. sales and the cleanup that followed Superstorm Sandy. That made it the biggest gainer in the Dow, accounting for about 28 points, or about a quarter, of its advance.

Strong earnings from home improvement companies, such as Home Depot and Lowe's, which reported earnings Monday that beat Wall Street forecasts, compounded evidence that the U.S. housing market is maintaining its recovery, Mussio said. Also Tuesday, the government reported that sales of new homes jumped 16 percent last month to the highest level since July 2008.

Oil ends lower

The price of oil was lower Tuesday as investors weighed the implications of political uncertainty in Italy, the latest assessment of the economy from the head of the Federal Reserve and prospects for growing US crude supplies.

Benchmark crude for April delivery finished down 48 cents at $92.63 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price dropped below $92 earlier in the session.

Brent crude, used to price many kinds of oil imported by U.S. refineries, fell $1.73 to end at $112.71 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Stock and commodities markets were initially rattled by the possibility of political paralysis in Italy after nearly complete results in crucial national elections showed no clear front-runner. Investors worried that the uncertainty could intensify Europe's debt crisis.

Dollar rises

The euro fell to $1.3055 late Tuesday from 1.3121 late Monday. The euro fell as low as $1.3016, its lowest point against the dollar since Jan. 7.

The British pound fell to $1.5129 from $1.5192.

The dollar rose to 0.9321 Swiss franc from 0.9305 Swiss franc.

The dollar fell to 91.96 Japanese yen from 92.58 Japanese yen.

The dollar was practically unchanged at 1.0263 Canadian dollar from 1.0262 Canadian dollar.

Gold for April delivery rose $28.90 in Tuesday trading to settle at $1,615.50 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $39.43 Up 0.12

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $89.07 Down 1.14

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.29 Down 0.23

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $20.05 Up 0.31

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.03 Up 0.11

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.60 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.30 Up 0.030

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.90 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	28	35.49	+.30	+5.3
Abraxas	...	...	1.99	-.07	-9.1
AdamsEx	.57e	...	11.20	+.06	+5.8
AMD	...	...	2.46	-.07	+2.5
Affymax	...	...	2.53	+.11	-86.7
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.36	...	-2.2
Alcoa	.12	47	8.41	-.01	-3.1
AlonUSA	.16	32	18.89	-.13	+4.4
AmIntlGrp	...	25	37.69	+.53	+6.8
Amgen	1.88f	16	89.47	-.08	+3.8
Anadarko	.36	17	78.58	+.01	+5.7
Apache	.80f	15	73.56	+.31	-6.3
Apple Inc	10.60	10	448.97	+6.17	-15.6
ApldMatl	.36	...	13.63	+.40	+19.1
ATMOS	1.40	15	37.85	+.12	+7.8
AutoData	1.74	21	61.08	+.31	+7.3
BP PLC	2.16f	6	40.59	+.19	-2.5
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.20	-.09	+6.0
BakrHu	.60	15	44.46	+.21	+8.8
BkofAm	.04	43	11.13	+.10	-4.1
BariPVix rs	...	...	24.93	-.63	-21.6
BasicEnSv	...	19	13.57	-.18	+18.9
BerkHa A	...	19	148320.00	-1580.00	+10.6
BerryPet	.32	...	45.16	-.03	+34.6
BlkHillsCp	1.52f	16	41.07	+.39	+13.0
BostonSci	...	...	7.31	+.08	+27.6
BrMySq	1.40f	31	36.39	+.05	+12.9
BrownFA s	1.02a	26	67.16	-.20	+9.2
BrownFB s	1.02a	25	65.65	-.15	+3.8
CVS Care	.90f	17	50.64	+.11	+4.7
Cameron	...	21	62.97	+.99	+11.5
Caterpillar	2.08	11	89.95	+.79	+.4
Celestic g	...	15	8.26	-.02	+1.3
Cemex	.32t	...	10.22	+.12	+3.5
CntryLink	2.16m	27	34.13	+.04	-12.8
ChesEng	.35	...	19.75	+.64	+18.8
Chevron	3.60	9	114.96	+1.42	+6.3
Chicos	.21	16	16.33	+.16	-11.5
Cimarex	.56f	16	67.00	+.47	+16.1
Cisco	.56	12	20.61	-.05	+4.9
Citigroup	.04	13	41.29	+.14	+4.4
ClayEng	...	14	39.43	+.12	-1.4
CocaCola s	1.12f	19	38.11	+.39	+5.1
ColgPal	2.48	22	113.91	-.10	+9.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CmwREIT	1.00	44	24.40	+8.55	+54.0
ConAgra	1.00	22	33.82	+.30	+14.6
ConchoRes	...	21	89.07	-1.14	+10.6
ConocPhil s	2.64	10	57.75	+.86	-.4
CrackerB	2.00	17	72.75	+5.80	+13.2
CSVelIVSt	...	...	19.44	+.26	+17.1
CSVS2xVx rs		...	...	5.39	-.26
-42.3					
CrosTim	2.21e	11	28.05	-.09	+4.2
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	42.32	-.91	+1.4
DTE	2.48	19	65.79	+.45	+9.6
Dataram h	...	...	.31	-.04	-6.1
Dawson	...	22	30.29	-.23	+14.8
Dell Inc	.32	10	13.88	+.03	+36.9
DevonE	.80	...	53.73	-.27	+3.2
DirSCBear	...	...	11.04	-.16	-18.2
DirFnBear	...	...	12.33	-.20	-18.4
Disney	.75f	17	53.90	+.31	+8.3
DowChm	1.28	44	30.89	+.25	-4.5
EMC Cp	...	19	22.94	+.11	-9.3
EOG Res	.75f	59	123.50	+1.73	+2.2
EmpDist	1.00	16	21.53	+.11	+5.6
Energen	.58f	15	45.90	-.03	+1.8
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	47.21	+.32	+10.0
EnPro	...	20	45.47	+.15	+11.2
EntPrPt	2.64f	22	55.95	+.45	+11.7
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.26	+.17	+21.4
ExterranH	...	...	24.54	+1.53	+12.0
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	88.51	+.81	+2.3
Facebook n	...	...	27.39	+.12	+2.9
FordM	.40f	9	12.34	+.21	-4.7
ForestOil	...	14	5.86	-.19	-12.4
FMCG	1.25	10	31.93	+.42	-6.6
FrozenFd h	...	...	1.53	-.02	+71.9
GATX	1.24f	20	49.68	+.82	+14.7
GabMultT	.80	...	8.68	+.05	+10.6
GAInv	2.00e	...	29.84	+.03	+7.2
GenElec	.76	17	23.05	+.24	+9.8
GlPlainEn	.87	17	21.93	+.08	+6.5
HalconRes	...	...	7.04	-.03	+1.7
Hallibrtn	.50f	14	40.49	+.64	+16.7
Heinz	2.08	24	72.47	+.19	+25.8
HewlettP	.53	...	19.79	+.72	+38.9
HomeDp	1.56f	24	67.56	+3.64	+9.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapn	.19e	...	10.18	+.19	+4.4
iShSilver	...	...	28.41	+.34	-3.3
iShChina25	.94e	...	38.12	+.08	-5.8
iShEMkts	.74e	...	42.94	+.24	-3.2
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	57.55	+.46	+1.2
iShR2K	1.69e	...	89.37	+.35	+6.0
IntegrysE	2.72	17	55.67	+.44	+6.6
Intel	.90	10	20.58	+.35	-.2
InterDig	.40a	7	44.81	+.85	+9.1
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	47.60	-.10	+9.0
JohnJn	2.44	20	75.75	+.18	+8.1
Keycorp	.20	11	9.24	...	+9.7
KimbClk	3.24f	21	94.22	-.02	+11.6
KindME	5.16f	...	86.56	+.69	+8.5
KindMM	5.16t	...	82.24	+.94	+9.0
LegacyRes	2.28f	...	26.03	+.11	+9.4
Lowes	.64	22	36.59	+.73	+3.0
Lubys	...	31	8.18	+.48	+22.3
MktVGold	.46e	...	39.05	+.48	-15.8
McDnlds	3.08	18	96.22	+.08	+9.1
Merck	1.72	20	42.42	-.10	+3.6
MeritMed	...	26	11.99	...	-13.7
MexcoEn	...	...	5.60	...	-13.0
MicronT	...	...	7.96	+.03	+25.5
Microsoft	.92	15	27.37	...	+2.5
MorgStan	.20	...	22.44	+.41	+17.4
Nabors	...	...	15.82	+.25	+9.5
NatGrid	3.17e	...	54.18	-.01	-5.7
NOilVarco	.52	11	66.84	+.58	-2.2
NewsCpA	.17	17	28.30	+.30	+10.9
NokiaCp	...	...	3.57	-.06	-9.6
NvMAd	.85a	...	15.14	+.03	-.5
NvPMI	.88	...	14.99	+.09	+.5
NuvPI	.86	...	15.00	+.11	+.2
NSTFI3	.86a	...	15.27	+.02	+4.4
NTXQI	.73	...	15.95	-.05	+.7
OcciPet	2.56f	12	81.78	-.35	+6.7
Oracle	.24	16	34.32	+.04	+3.0
ParTech	...	15	4.61	+.04	-5.9
ParkDrl	...	16	4.83	-.05	+5.0
PattUTI	.20	12	23.00	+.54	+23.5
PennaRE	.72f	...	18.07	-.01	+2.4
Prmian	.91e	11	13.37	-.28	+9.1
Petrobras	.46e	...	14.88	-.03	-23.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Pfizer	.96f	14	27.03	+.19	+7.8
PioNtrl	.08	83	124.28	+3.19	+16.6
PlainsAA s	2.25f	23	54.38	+.83	+20.2
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	66.56	+.25	+2.2
Praxair	2.40f	20	110.58	+1.04	+1.0
PrmEgy	...	9	26.83	+.50	+16.7
PrUVxST rs	...	...	11.99	-.66	-42.6
ProctGam	2.25	19	76.08	+.16	+12.1
PrUShSP rs	...	...	48.49	-.63	-10.4
RadianGrp	.01	...	8.43	+.28	+38.0
RangeRs	.16	...	71.36	+.89	+13.6
RegionsFn	.04	10	7.50	+.02	+5.2
RschMotn	...	26	13.06	-.19	+10.0
Rowan	...	25	33.99	+.41	+8.7
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	64.89	+.36	-5.9
SpdrDJIA	3.37e	...	138.78	+1.12	+6.3
SpdrGold	...	...	156.22	+1.88	-3.6
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	150.02	+1.02	+5.3
SabnR	3.62e	12	45.71	-.73	+14.9
SanderFm	.68	21	50.42	-.12	+6.0
SandRdge	...	...	5.69	+.12	-10.4
Sapient	...	25	11.27	+.04	+6.7
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	76.33	+.50	+10.1
Schwab	.24	24	16.21	-.11	+12.9
SigmaAld	.86f	20	75.77	+.59	+3.0
SiriusXM	.05e	6	3.06	+.03	+5.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Smucker	2.08	20	93.15	+1.64	+8.0
SprintNex	...	...	5.78	+.05	+1.9
SP Engy	1.30e	...	76.68	+.75	+7.4
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.35	+.09	+5.9
SunocoLog	2.18f	14	60.98	+.73	+22.6
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	17.81	-.44	+3.8
TelefEsp	...	...	12.43	-.05	-7.9
Tesoro	.80f	10	54.29	+1.68	+23.2
3M Co	2.54f	16	102.31	+.56	+10.2
Torchmark	.60	11	55.32	+.32	+7.4
TriContl	.61e	...	16.93	+.09	+5.5
TylerTech	...	56	56.03	+.35	+15.7
Tyson	.20	13	22.40	-.86	+15.5
UBWV	1.24	16	25.80	+.19	+6.0
Vale SA	1.15e	...	18.42	+.41	-12.1
ValeroE	.80f	12	44.93	+.68	+31.7
VangEmg	.99e	...	43.33	+.29	-2.7
VerizonCm	2.06	...	46.12	+.40	+6.6
VulcanM	.04	...	50.58	+1.10	-2.8
Walgrn	1.10	18	40.80	+.16	+10.2
WellsFargo	1.00f	10	34.75	-.04	+1.7
WstnRefin	.48f	23	33.95	+.17	+20.4
WhitingPet	...	13	48.26	+.18	+11.3
WmsCos	1.36f	24	33.79	+.22	+3.2
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Xerox	.23f	9	8.02	+.13	+17.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
14,081.58	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,900.13	+115.96	+.84	+6.07	+6.88
6,020.67	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,820.15	+4.58	+.08	+9.67	+12.68
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	473.91	+1.57	+.33	+4.60	+5.06
9,004.41	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,766.17	+46.77	+.54	+3.82	+7.28
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,358.83	+9.25	+.39	+.13	-4.68
3,213.60	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,129.65	+13.40	+.43	+3.65	+4.78
1,530.94	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,496.94	+9.09	+.61	+4.96	+9.09
16,182.95	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	15,801.66	+91.94	+.59	+5.38	+9.12
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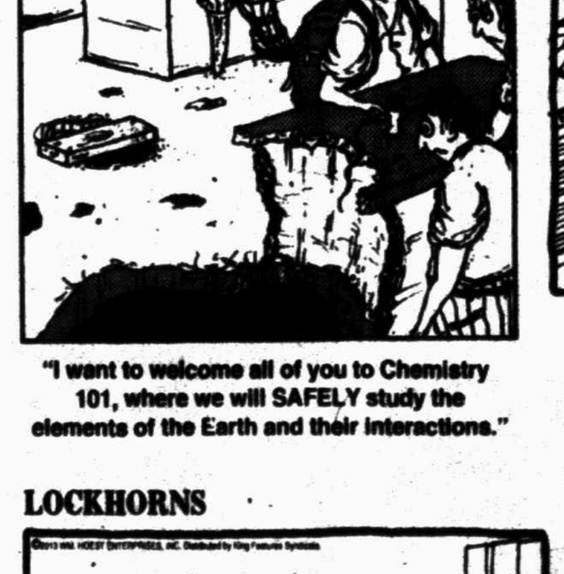

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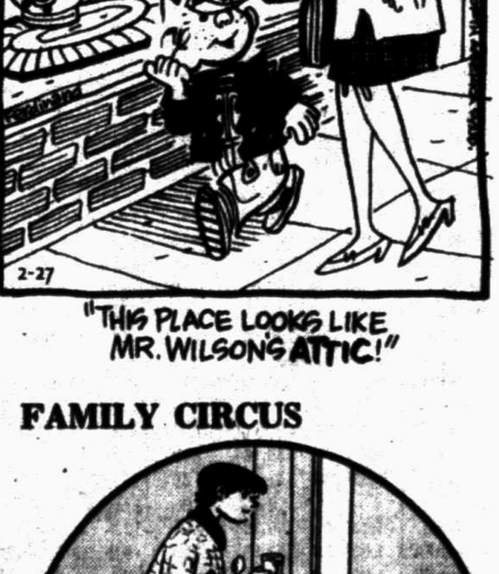

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FOUND NEUTERED black Lab. Call to identify 432-689-0702.

FOUND ON 2/26, Holiday Hill Rd., medium sized dog, tan/silver, 432-553-3545.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 516W. It is located 2102' FNL & 555' FEL, Blk 44, Section 20, which is approximately 4.5 miles south from the city of Goldsmith and is in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 to 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 7, 2013
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 14, 2013
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0279923
Status/Permit No. 742266

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, [RRC Operator No. 027200] as made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the AMANDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 40, Bk. 40 T5S, T&P RR CO/TIMMINS, MRS W R Survey, A-1580, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 22.1 miles NW direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRE PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD : SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	ROSS 40
Lease/Unit Well No. :	8
Lease/Unit Acres :	327.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	680.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1115.0

Lease Lines :	660.0 F EAST L,	692.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines :	1770.0 F SOUTH L,	660.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special rules 467/0, 80.0 acres

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Campbell Construction Company seeking **Carpenters and Laborers.**
Pre-employment drug test required
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Superintendent

wdg Construction Group, Inc. FT

Responsibilities include daily jobsite activity and reports for the project and subcontractor coordination. Ensures all jobsite communications are relayed to the project manager to ensure client expectations are met. They will be on site daily to facilitate the on time, within budget completion of the project. Contact is ahartman@wdgcg.com.

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Weatherford is a recognized industry leader in the design, manufacturing and deployment of oilfield products aiding oil and gas production worldwide. Currently, Weatherford Coiled Tubing Products and Services in Midland,TX is recruiting for the following position:

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Trihydro Corporation FT

Midland, TX

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Hy-Bon Engineering Co., Inc, the gas management expert since 1952 is looking for the right people to fill the following positions in our Midland Texas office:

Draftsman

Experienced with AutoCad and CADWORKS P&ID/Plant required. Autodesk plant and Autodesk Revit experience preferred but not mandatory. Other requirements include: piping design/layout, BOM generation and structural detailing. Experience with electrical schematics is a plus. Salary DOE.

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Individual required to rebuild rotary screw and rotary vane compressors. Must be able to read ID and OD micrometers. Must be dedicated and a self starter. Must be available to work between 40 - 50 hours per week and some Saturdays.

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BreitBurn Energy FT

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All interested candidates, please send your resume to the Human Resources Department at HR@breitburn.com or at 515 S. Flower Street, Suite 4800, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

To learn more about BreitBurn, please visit www.BreitBurn.com

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Direct Support Staff

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HEALTHCARE

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Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation
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Midland, TX 79707
Phone: 432-697-3108 • Fax: 432-689-0486
ADM.TerraceWest@daybreakventure.com

www.daybreakventure.com
EOE

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LVN's, RN's, CNA's

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Midland, TX 79705

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OTHER JOBS

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Bobby Cox Companies, Inc.
P. O. Box 60423
Midland, Texas 79711-0423
Fax 432-563-0388

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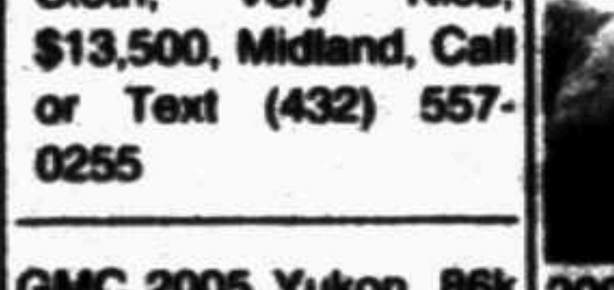

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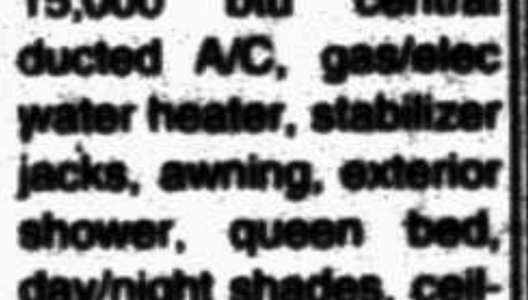

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