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Thirsty Thursday, a new monthly series of improv comedy nights by Midland Community Theatre's Improv at the Yucca, debuts tonight at the downtown venue.

Inside

County tax office chief deputy resigns

Terry Burge disagrees with appointment of interim tax assessor-collector

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County Tax Office Chief Deputy Terry Burge ended her 30-year tenure with the office on Tuesday because of her disagreement with recent shakeups.

Burge submitted her letter of resignation after Karen Hood was named interim tax assessor-collector and Manny Natividad was fired from his assistant chief deputy position. Burge said the political muddying of the tax office prompted her decision.

"It's not something that I wanted to do," Burge said. "I wasn't ready to retire, but for my well-being it's something I needed to do because what the Commissioners' Court did was very wrong. I really don't understand why they did that."

The decision Burge referred to was the appointment of Hood as interim tax assessor-collector while Hood and Natividad are running against each other for the post in the Republican primary March 9.

Burge said the tax office staff should not have been affected by the race.

"We (tax office staff) are the ones that are suffering for it," Burge said.

The shakeup in the tax office began on Nov. 25 when then-Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves resigned to campaign for county judge.

The vacancy prompted a need for an interim tax assessor-collector. Reeves recommended Natividad on the same day she announced her resignation at Commissioners' Court. But because Natividad intended to run for the permanent position, commissioners delayed making an appointment.

Commissioners held a special meeting on Dec. 16 to discuss the interim tax assessor-collector position. It was then that commissioners voted for Hood as the interim replacement. County Judge Mike Bradford abstained, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez voted against Hood's appointment. During the meeting he said he was disappointed that someone running for the permanent position was being selected for the interim position.

Sanchez told the Reporter-Telegram on Monday that there were other tax office staffers qualified to serve as interim tax assessor-collector, an office that he said is a very prestigious one within the county. He said his constituents believe the Hispanic backgrounds of Natividad and the other tax office staffers may have been a factor in their being passed over.

GOP SHOW STEALERS

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Nelson Spear, running for Republican chair, speaks with Martin and Matt Stringer on Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon. **BELOW:** James Beauchamp, is also running for Republican chair, speaks.

Recruiting voters on agenda for candidates

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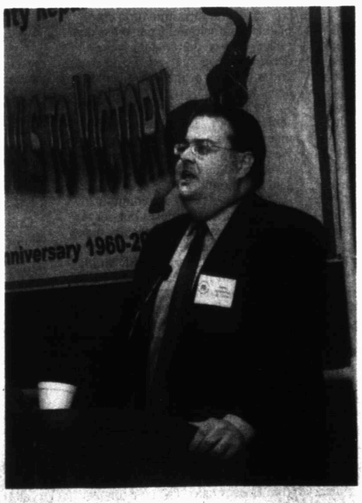

Although Wednesday's Midland County Republican Women luncheon featured candidates for tax assessor-collector, 318th District judge and attorney general, the candidates for county Republican chair stole the show with their humor and platforms that call for more Republican voters.

Incumbent James Beauchamp will face Nelson Spear in the March primary. Speaking to the Republican Women on Wednesday, both seem to have similar principles on the future of the Midland Republican Party but only differ on, essentially, who should be the chair.

Both candidates proposed increasing voter turnout for Republican candidates as Texas continues to grow and diversify its ideological landscape. Spear cited the flat turnout trend for the 2004, 2008 and 2012 November general elections as proof that increasing voter turnout is a priority.

"No candidates got more than 37,000 votes," said Spear, who is active with the local party. "And despite our booming economy and population, our general election numbers are not booming. We're in Midland County. We can do better than that."

Beauchamp, with a more specific plan on voter turnout, said he wants to encourage more voter turnout from 21- to 44-year-old women as a means for them to gain more representation in the Republican Party.

"Ladies are the voting gap of the Republican Party," Beauchamp said.

The candidates also propose to continue gaining funds for

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Hunters, oilfield companies weigh in on possible rattler gas ban

By Rachael Gleason
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A possible state ban on using gasoline fumes to wrangle West Texas rattlers from their dens has the approval of local naturalists and some hunters.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will hold six public hearings this month to discuss prohibiting the use of toxic substances to disturb nongame wildlife.

If approved, Texas will become the 30th state to ban the hunting method commonly known as "gassing," in which gasoline or ammonia is used to force wildlife from their burrows.

Dennis Burns, chairman of the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup — an event started more than 40 years ago to collect hundreds of snakes — doesn't have an issue with the state putting its foot down on rattlesnake gassing.

"Few hunters do it right," Burns said, noting a small amount of gasoline is supposed be placed outside of a den to get the snakes to slither out.

Instead, most hunters pump the petroleum directly into the den, which can cause the rattlers to develop respiratory diseases.

"If they get pneumonia from the fumes,

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Oil, gas boom boosts earnings in New Mexico

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An oil and gas boom in New Mexico and more than a dozen new renewable energy projects have translated into record earnings of more than $670 million for the State Land Office, boosting the funding available for public schools, universities and other trust beneficiaries.

In announcing the figures Wednesday, Land Commissioner Ray Powell said 2013 marked the biggest year in the agency's history. In December alone, earnings reached a record $79 million.

In the last three years, Powell said, the Land Office has generated about $1.7 billion through oil and gas royalties, and revenues from grazing, rights of way and other leases with developers and renewable energy companies.

Aside from boosting the state's coffers and reducing some of the burden on

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OPD: Midland woman ID'd after fatal 3-vehicle crash

From staff reports

Odessa Police Department has released the name of the Midland woman who died Tuesday afternoon in a three-vehicle crash in Ector County.

Guadalupe Hernandez, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her next of kin has been notified, said Cpl. Steve LeSueur, OPD communications officer.

OPD and emergency personnel responded to the crash at about 1:35 p.m. Tuesday on the south service road of Highway 191 near Faudree Road.

According to OPD, a woman in an SUV traveling eastbound on the south service road attempted to cross Faudree Road. At the same time, two people, including Hernandez — who was a passenger — traveling southbound in a sedan in the 4200 block of Faudree Road, attemped to cross the south service road of Highway 191.

LeSueur said the SUV may have "T-boned" the car, crashing into the passenger side.

The third vehicle in the incident was a minivan facing north in the 4100 block of Faudree Road. It is unclear how the minivan became involved in the crash because of conflicting stories, according to OPD.

The drivers of the sedan and SUV were transported with non-life-threatening injuries to Medical Center Hospital, LeSueur said.

No charges have been filed in the ongoing investigation.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BEAUMONT

School officials accused of stealing millions

Two top officials of a Southeast Texas school district have been indicted on charges accusing them of stealing more than $4 million from the district.

Devin Wayne McCraney is the Beaumont ISD's finance director, and Sharika Baksh Allison is the district's comptroller. The 19-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury names both in a single conspiracy count and 18 fraud counts.

The indictment alleges they schemed to embezzle millions from the district by making 18 wire transfers to bank accounts under their personal control. If convicted, both face up to 10 years in prison.

HOUSTON

2 teens accused of hike and bike trail robberies

Police said two teenagers are suspects in a string of armed robberies and one sexual assault on a Houston bike trail.

Houston police said Wednesday that Damontres Darnell Mitchell and Jassan Rashaad Hughes have both been charged with single aggravated sexual assault counts and two counts of aggravated robbery.

Investigators said the two 18-year-olds committed seven robberies on a trail on the city's west side between Dec. 14 and Jan. 6. They accused the pair of sexually assaulting a female jogger during a Jan. 3 robbery.

SAN ANTONIO

Fugitive who left shoe at crime scene arrested

Federal agents have apprehended a fugitive near San Antonio two years after he left a shoe behind while allegedly trying to storm a Colorado home with others.

Mario Andreas Godinez was arrested Tuesday by the U.S. Marshals Service on a charge of attempted murder. The 20-year-old was being held at the Bexar County jail awaiting extradition to Weld County, Colo.

Obituaries

Delphia Lorene Mitchell Fletcher

Delphia Lorene Mitchell Fletcher, 83, passed away on January 7, 2014 after an extended illness.

She was born on January 24, 1930 to the late Arthur Mitchell and Rella Mae Mitchell. Delphia moved to Midland, Texas with her husband and children in 1954. She made her home there until she moved to Tool, Texas around 2010, where she lived until her passing.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Newton Williams of Tool, Texas and Tracy Newton Shock of Midland, Texas; a son, Charles Ricky Newton of Gonzales, Texas; three grandsons, Rob Williams and Eric Clough, both of Tool, Texas, and Garrett Shock of Midland, Texas; four granddaughters, Ashley Williams and Hillori Shock, both of Midland, Texas, Lacie Newton Powell of Washington, and Tarryn Newton of Colorado; and by great grandchildren, Madie Williams, Abby Williams and Devyn Shock, all of Midland, Texas.

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service is Friday, January 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven Cemetery Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society.

Linda Joann Kreitz

Linda Joann Kreitz passed away on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 after a long illness. She was born on April 3, 1951 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Wilbert and Effie Jo Fullard. She moved to Texas with her family in 1957 and grew up in San Angelo. As a young adult she moved to Midland, where she met and married Kenneth Kreitz. They settled in south Midland County where they happily raised their two sons, Tim and Eric.

Naturally skilled with numbers, Linda spent many years in oil and gas, primarily as a revenue accountant. She worked for HCW Explorations, Parker & Parsley Petroleum, and Concho Resources before illness forced her to retire.

Linda enjoyed travel, particularly to tropical regions, and shared many memorable trips with her husband in Mexico and the Caribbean. At home, she loved spending time by the pool in the warm sunshine and spoiling her grandchildren at every opportunity.

She is preceded in death by her father, Wilbert F. Fullard, and her mother Effie Jo Fullard.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth E. Kreitz; brother, Richard W. Fullard; sister-in-law, Ingrid Fullard; sons, Tim Kreitz and Eric Kreitz; daughters-in-law, Sharon Kreitz and Star Kreitz; grandchildren, Haylie, Sarah and Aaron; as well as by a host of friends and family.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Linda's favorite charity of many years.

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

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

Patsy Ann Bradford

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Death Notices

Elmer Lindsey

Elmer Lindsey, 77, of Coahoma, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday January 5, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. A memorial service was held on Wednesday at First Christian Church of Big Spring.

He is survived by his loving wife, Paulette Lindsey of Coahoma; two sons, Frankie Lindsey and Marty Lindsey; one daughter, Sharlette Webb; and by his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Howard A. Stevens

Howard A. Stevens, 79, of Big Spring, died Monday January 6, 2014 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with MSGR Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karen Stevens; five sons, Gary Stevens, Dale Stevens, Michael Stevens, Christopher Stevens, and Thomas Stevens; two daughters, Sherry Renlmeesters and Kathy Stevens; and by nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

James Arthur Goll

James Arthur Goll went to be with the Lord while a patient at Scenic Mountain Hospital on the 4th of January 2014 at the age of 98.

James is survived in death by his daughter, Barbara Lou Ball; and by two grandsons. Private graveside services will be held in Burnet, Texas on Thursday.

Norman Lynn Koonce

Norman Lynn Koonce, formerly of Midland, passed away on January 8, 2014. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Robert Donald Waldie

Robert Donald Waldie, age 70, of Midland, died at Midland Memorial, December 27, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Waldie; son, Robert Waldie; daughters, Corleen Waldie, Virginia Stiling, Carrie Carrillo, and Dawne Angle; and by 25 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Scrutinized parks agency plans historic hire

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Racism allegations at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have officials searching for a chief diversity officer — a hiring believed to be the first of its kind for a major state agency.

The job of chief diversity and inclusion officer could be posted as early as this month, Executive Director Carter Smith said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Newly disclosed plans by TPWD officials to add the job comes after absorbing scrutiny following two recent federal discrimination complaints from within its game warden ranks. That predominantly white division patrols state parks and rivers and is the face of the 3,000-person agency.

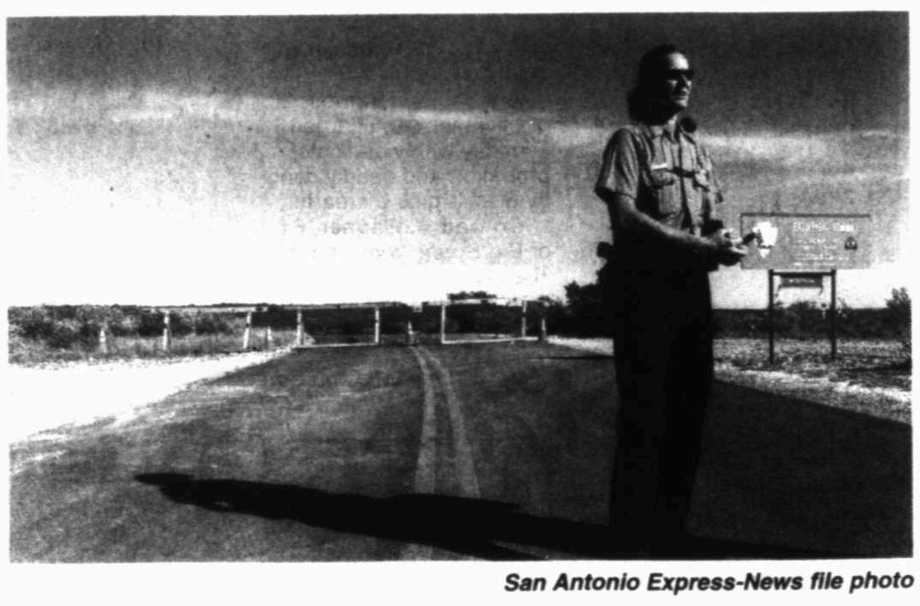
"We think it's important to have a senior agency leader that is waking up every morning thinking about how we can help the agency become more diverse and more inclusive," Smith said last month.

Diversity officers are common on universities campuses but not at state agencies, which typically make diversity recruitment the responsibility of human resources staff. Smith said the next five years should be a telling timeframe but declined to put specific goals on minority recruitment and hiring.

Rattled by new racism allegations last year, the agency spent more than $100,000 on two outside reviews to investigate the claims and the culture toward minorities in the game warden program. Both urged reforms.

TWPD has begun soliciting bids for an executive recruiter to conduct a nationwide search for a diversity officer candidate, agency spokesman Tom Harvey said. The position as currently drawn by the agency could come with a salary up to $111,000 under state guidelines.

Game wardens manage state parks, enforce hunting and fishing laws and have even expanded their duties into border security in recent years. More than 75 percent of the state's roughly 500 game wardens are white and male. Fewer than 40 are women, and there are about 65 Hispanic men. Only 13 are black, all but two of whom were hired before 2005.



San Antonio Express-News file photo

Chief Park Ranger Regina Klein Dissler is shown working at Amistad National Recreation Area on Oct. 8. Racism allegations at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have officials searching for a chief diversity officer — a hiring believed to be the first of its kind for a major state agency. More than 75 percent of the state's roughly 500 game wardens are white and male. Fewer than 40 are women.

One of the two outside reviews commissioned by the agency found game wardens lamenting a "legacy of intolerance" left by their predecessors.

Last fall, a former garden-in-training filed the most recent complaint with federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Brukendra Jackson, 26, alleged she was more closely scrutinized and punished as one of only two black cadets at the academy earlier that year.

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, chairman of the House black caucus, has been on the front of both pressing and criticizing the agency as the racism claims surfaced. He said this week that hiring a chief diversity officer was a positive step "in light of all the allegations, the criticism and the comments that have been made."

But the Houston Democrat declined further comment, saying he had not received the TWPD's final outside report that was completed in September and obtained by The Associated Press. Agency officials said the report was sent to both Turner and state Rep. Dawnna Dukes last fall and produced a November letter addressed to both lawmakers.

Among the key findings in the 29-page report from the Kevin Cole law firm was a "lack of consistency in the level of discipline" when it came to incident involving discrimination or racial insensitivity. It also urges TWPD — which was among of five state agencies in the 1970s that drew the attention of the Justice Department over alleged patterns of discrimination in hiring — to implement a culture that's not designed to "weed out" academy recruits.

The report also concludes that while it couldn't corroborate evidence of "longstanding institutional discrimination," the agency should still take action.

"Failure to do so does not obviate the agency's larger duty to take necessary and appropriate steps to promote diversity in its highest form by ensuring that the Law Enforcement Division's workforce must represent the diverse viewpoints and experiences of all the people of Texas," the report said.

Sheriff: Man drove over 66-year-old man's right leg

From staff reports

A Big Spring man ran over a 66-year-old man three times with his pickup after an argument at a Midland RV park, according to new details obtained from court documents.

Wagner

Conrad Albert Wagner, 64, is being held on a $75,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

The injured man had traveled with Wagner and two women to Workman's RV Park in the 1900 block of West County Road 120.

A witness said one of the women with Wagner stole the man's credit card and money; an argument ensued. As the man was leaning into the bed of Wagner's pickup, Wagner put the vehicle in reverse and ran over the man's right foot. Wagner then drove forward, ran over the man's right leg again, backed up and ran over his leg a third time, according to the arrest affidavit.

Wagner drove around the RV park, nearly hitting another person, said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Midland County deputies caught Wagner at his trailer space at the RV park. The deputy said Wagner smelled strongly of alcohol.

Emergency personnel responded to the incident at about 5:22 p.m. Tuesday. The injured man was transported with serious injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital.

If convicted, Wagner faces up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Two Midland men arrested following vehicle, trailer theft

From staff reports

Two Midland men were arrested last week for their involvement in the theft of a vehicle and trailer, according to court documents.

McKinney

Frankie Ray McKinney, 42, was arrested Friday and is being held on a $20,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000 and a class A misdemeanor charge of theft between $500 and $1,500.

Busbee

Jacob Logan Busbee, 22, was arrested Dec. 31 and is being held on a $25,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

A Midland Police Department detective responded to a stranded motorist at about 4:45 a.m. Dec. 31 at an unspecified location.

The motorist, Busbee, told the detective the vehicle was stolen and a trailer that was previously attached to the vehicle also was stolen.

Busbee said he previously saw the trailer at a residence in the 2900 block of South County Road 1200 and the items inside the trailer were being unloaded into a structure on the property.

The trailer was located at the residence and had been painted a different color. Investigators learned that McKinney had been living on the property and was identified as a suspect in the theft, according to the arrest affidavit.

The investigators found 10 items — valued at more than $2,000 — on the property that were confirmed stolen from the trailer, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, McKinney faces up to two years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge. Busbee faces up to two years for his felony charge.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel M. Brito, 27, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Diana G. Cardenas, 39, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Sergio Espinoza, 43, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Clifford A. Francy, 29, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Ramiro Gonzalez, 43, (no place of residence listed), was charged Tuesday with violation of parole.

Rubin J. Long, 34, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of parole.

Debra N. Mansell, 38, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Kendrick D. McLaughlin, 26, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with arson of an occupied building.

Kayla R. Mesa, 24, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with arson of an occupied building.

Anthonie J. Ramos, 20, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation and deadly conduct by discharging a firearm.

Conrad A. Wagner, 64, of Big Spring, was charged Tuesday with intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

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Refiners oppose efforts to lift ban on crude exports

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Oil companies' zeal to sell U.S. crude overseas is alienating refiners, who on Wednesday took the first steps toward mounting a public campaign against easing the 39-year-old export ban.

Although oil producers stand to profit from greater crude exports, their gains would come at the expense of domestic refiners who are freely selling record amounts of gasoline, diesel and other finished petroleum products to foreign consumers. While refiners such as San Antonio's Valero Energy Corp. and Tesoro Corp. currently enjoy a discount on domestic crude — which is priced well below the London benchmark — that scenario could disappear with broad oil exports.

"The unlimited export of crude is not in the national interest," said Valero spokesman Bill Day. "We're not so sure who would support such a thing, unless you were a producer and wanted to get a higher price for what you are producing."

In the nation's capital, the issue is emerging as the biggest energy policy debate in this election year, with high-profile calls Tuesday from the head of the American Petroleum Institute and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, to do away with the 1970s-era export ban. On Wednesday, Chamber of Commerce CEO Thomas Donohue added his voice to the clamor, saying the restrictions born from the 1973 OPEC oil embargo are outdated and don't match the reality of today's surging energy production.

A half dozen refiners, led by New Jersey-based PBF Energy and Delta Airlines' Monroe Energy, huddled on a phone call Wednesday to make plans to more aggressively lobby against easing the oil export ban, according to an industry source. Participants included other independent inland refiners who benefit most from the lower price for mid-continent oil, such as Dallas companies Alon USA and Holly Frontier.

The effort might include hiring new lobbying firms to battle on the refiners' behalf and ultimately could include a broader coalition of crude export foes, including consumer advocates and national-security groups worried about squandering America's current energy advantage.

Such a public campaign would expose the widening rift between downstream refiners and upstream oil producers. It also could put some refiners out front of their own industry trade group, the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, which does not oppose oil exports.

"AFPM has been consistent in its promotion of economic development and free and open markets," said the group's president, Charles Drevna. But, he acknowledged: "There may be a couple of independent refiners who are a little more reticent about lifting the ban on exports."

A PBF Energy spokesman did not return a phone call seeking comment; Delta declined to comment.

Blake Clayton, an energy analyst at the Council on Foreign Relations, has predicted that oil companies would export several billion dollars' worth of crude annually if the ban were lifted, potentially more than 500,000 barrels a day by 2017.

Given the high stakes, any lobbying and PR battle between the oil and refining industries could be intense and expensive.

"We'd be going against some very deep pockets," Day acknowledged. "There's no way a company like Valero can outspend an Exxon Mobil or API in this kind of dollar-for-dollar marketing."

Any anti-export campaign could stoke fears about the United States' uncertain ability to sustain near-record levels of oil production over decades and the prospect that overseas crude sales could hasten the decline.

"We've made great gains on domestic production, getting into scoring position at the other end zone," said a refining industry source. "All of a sudden, we want to backtrack. We've heard a lot through the years from elected officials about energy independence, and we're making great gains on that. It doesn't make sense to backtrack now."

Critics also could raise the specter of higher oil prices — a potent message in any election year. Kevin Book, with the D.C. analysis firm Clear View Energy Partners, notes that refiners enjoy "tremendous political leverage."

Even if pump price concerns "seem overblown," Book said, "opposition to crude exports led by some refiners may be bolstered by public concern that increased exports of raw energy resources will make domestic finished fuels and goods more expensive."

Election-year politics make substantive congressional action unlikely, though Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said he wants to have a hearing on the issue soon. In the meantime, at least one Obama administration official has signaled that the exports policy should get a closer look. In December, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz suggested that the crude export ban deserves reexamination "in the context of . . . an energy world that is no longer like the 1970s."

Some oil exports are already allowed; in fact, Valero has been authorized to export crude to Canada. But they are largely limited to oil headed to Canada or produced in Alaska's Cook Inlet, some heavy crude produced in California and oil transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline system.

The Obama administration could take some steps immediately, even without Capitol Hill, to build on those exceptions. Options include a declaration by the Commerce Department that ending the ban is in the national interest. The administration also could approve an export application if it finds the oil "cannot reasonably be marketed" in the United States because most Gulf Coast refiners are currently designed to process heavy crude, not the light sweet supplies flowing out of U.S. fields.

A refinery bottleneck — in particular the lack of refining capacity for the light sweet crude coming out of the Bakken and Eagle Ford formations — is suppressing the price for mid-continent WTI crude, the Cushing, Okla., benchmark. Limited options exist for getting the light sweet crude to East Coast refineries.

Train carrying oil derails, catches fire in Canada

Associated Press

PLASTER ROCK, New Brunswick — Officials in Canada said a derailed freight train carrying crude oil and propane continued to burn Wednesday, and about 150 residents remained evacuated from their homes. There were no deaths or injuries.

Of the 17 cars that derailed late Tuesday in New Brunswick province, five contain crude oil and four contain liquefied petroleum gas, officials said. Later Wednesday, the Canadian National Railway said two of the cars carrying liquefied petroleum gas and one car carrying crude oil were on fire.

"It is contained, but it is evolving," said Claude Mongeau, the chief executive of CN.

The derailment in a sparsely populated region, roughly 20 miles from the U.S. border and northern Maine, again raised concerns about the increasing use of rail to transport oil throughout North America. In July, 47 people were killed in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, when a train carrying crude oil derailed.

A series of recent derailments in North America have worried both officials and residents close to rail lines. On Dec. 30, an oil train derailed and exploded in North Dakota, causing the evacuation of a nearby town but no injuries.

The train's brakes came on unexpectedly, Canada's Transportation Safety Board said based on preliminary information from the rail company and police.

"Preliminary reports were that the train was proceeding, and while proceeding experienced what we call an undesired brake application," said Daniel Holbrook, a manager with the safety board. Holbrook also said the crew found a broken axle.

Andrew Simpson, 30, was playing cards with his uncle Tuesday evening when the train in New Brunswick went off the tracks less than a mile away. "The table just kind of rumbled, and out the window went a real bright orange," he said. "We looked out and the whole train yard was on fire. We panicked and called (emergency services)."

New Brunswick Premier David Alward said there was minimal impact on the environment.

Sharon DeWitt, emergency measures coordinator for the nearby community of Plaster Rock, said no one was killed or injured. She said people were evacuated within a 1.24-mile radius of the fire.

Officials said the regularly scheduled freight train ran into trouble around 7 p.m. Tuesday about 93 miles northwest of Fredericton. Canadian National Railway spokesman Mark Hallman said two of the crude train cars came from Northern Alberta and three came from southwestern Manitoba and were destined for an Irving Oil refinery in Saint John, New Brunswick.

DeWitt said the train left the tracks about three miles from the village in a wooded area.

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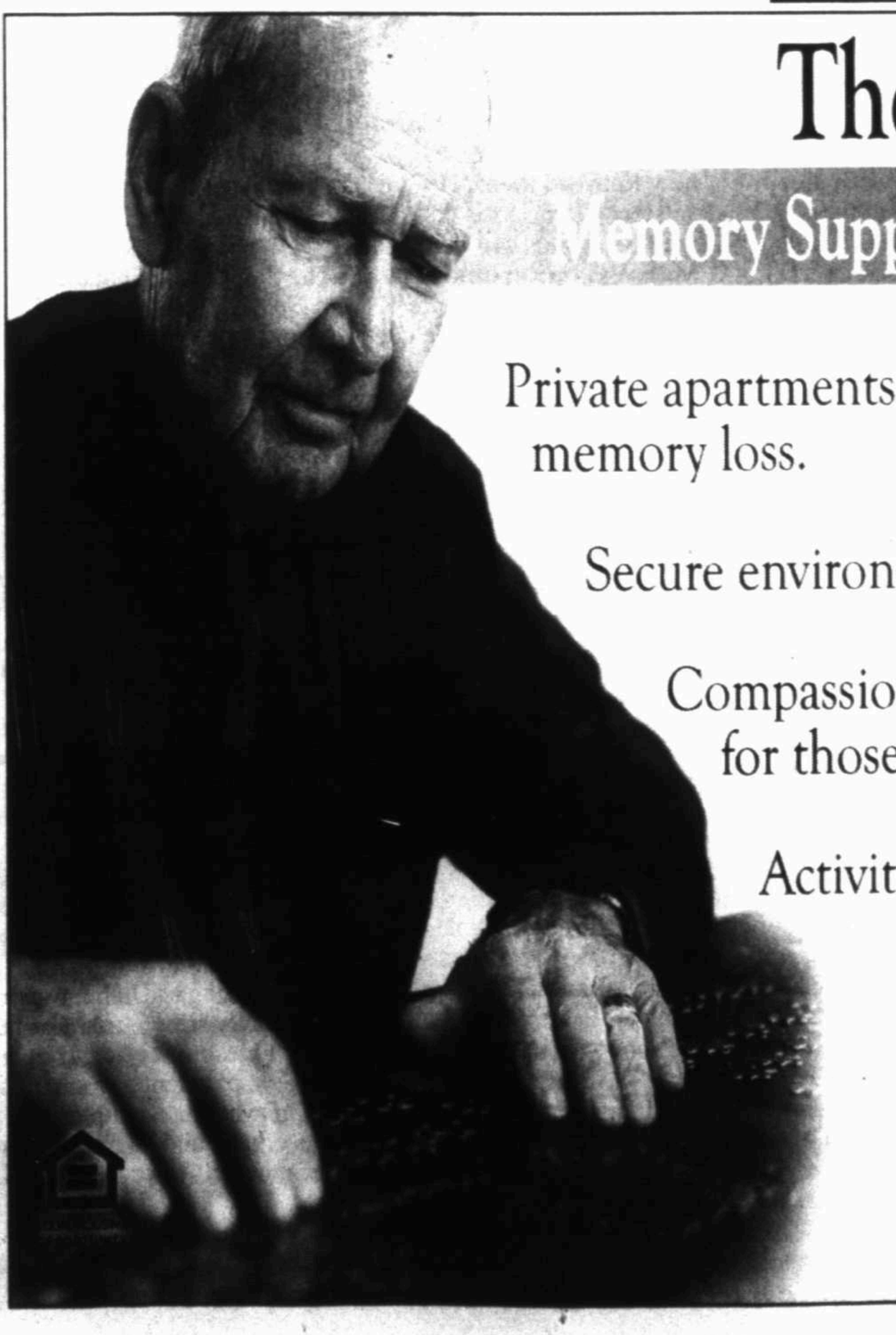
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

■ Jan. 9, 2012 A single-day record 10.6 inches of snow fell on Midland.

Things to do

■ Storytime for birth through 2 years old at 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years, old, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us

■ Improv at the Yucca, today at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Hotel business

(taxable receipts)
October 2013
Midland: $8,165,459
Odessa: $6,546,615
Abilene: $3,277,650
Lubbock: $7,423,703
San Angelo: $4,1443,482

Midland in October 2011: $8,459,509
Midland in October 2010: $3,830,358
Midland in October 2009 $2,542,862
Midland in October 2008: $4,331,394

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)
Travelodge: $1,296,723
Doubletree: $1,174,778
Residence Inn: $636,738
Holiday Inn Express: $509,502
Springhill Suites: $464,089
Sleep Inn: $432,338
Courtyard by Marriott: $391,405
Hilton Garden Inn: $388,932
Best Western: $328,720
Plaza Inn (Big Spring Street): $333,381
La Quinta (Wall Street): $328,806
Midtown Hotel: $349,712
La Quinta (Loop 250): $276,135
Value Place: $274,718
Townplace Suites: $270,311
Hampton Inn and Suites: $268,679
Fairfield Inn: $250,795
Comfort Suites Airport: $243,110
Baymont Inn: $242,176
Clarion Hotel: $230,281
Comfort Inn: $222,278
KJ Texas Properties: $221,832
Best Value Inn: $138,894
West Texas Inn and Suites: $147,558
Super 8 Motel: $144,425
Studio 6: $142,594
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Also listed: HB Rentals: $111,875

Top in Midland-Odessa
Travelodge: $1,296,723
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Source: Texas Comptrollers Website

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Today in history

Today is Thursday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2014. There are 356 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

In 1951, the United Nations headquarters in New York officially opened.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a January 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

Today's birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 86. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 70. Singer Crystal Gayle is 63. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 47.

EARNINGS

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taxpayers, Powell said the uptick in development on state trust lands has also translated into jobs.

Between partnerships the Land Office has with developers of science, technology and business parks in Albuquerque and Hobbs, Powell pointed to about 5,500 new well-paying jobs.

"It's hard to quantify in numbers like we put out today but that's where the rubber meets the road, having good jobs for New Mexicans that pay taxes and produce products," Powell said.

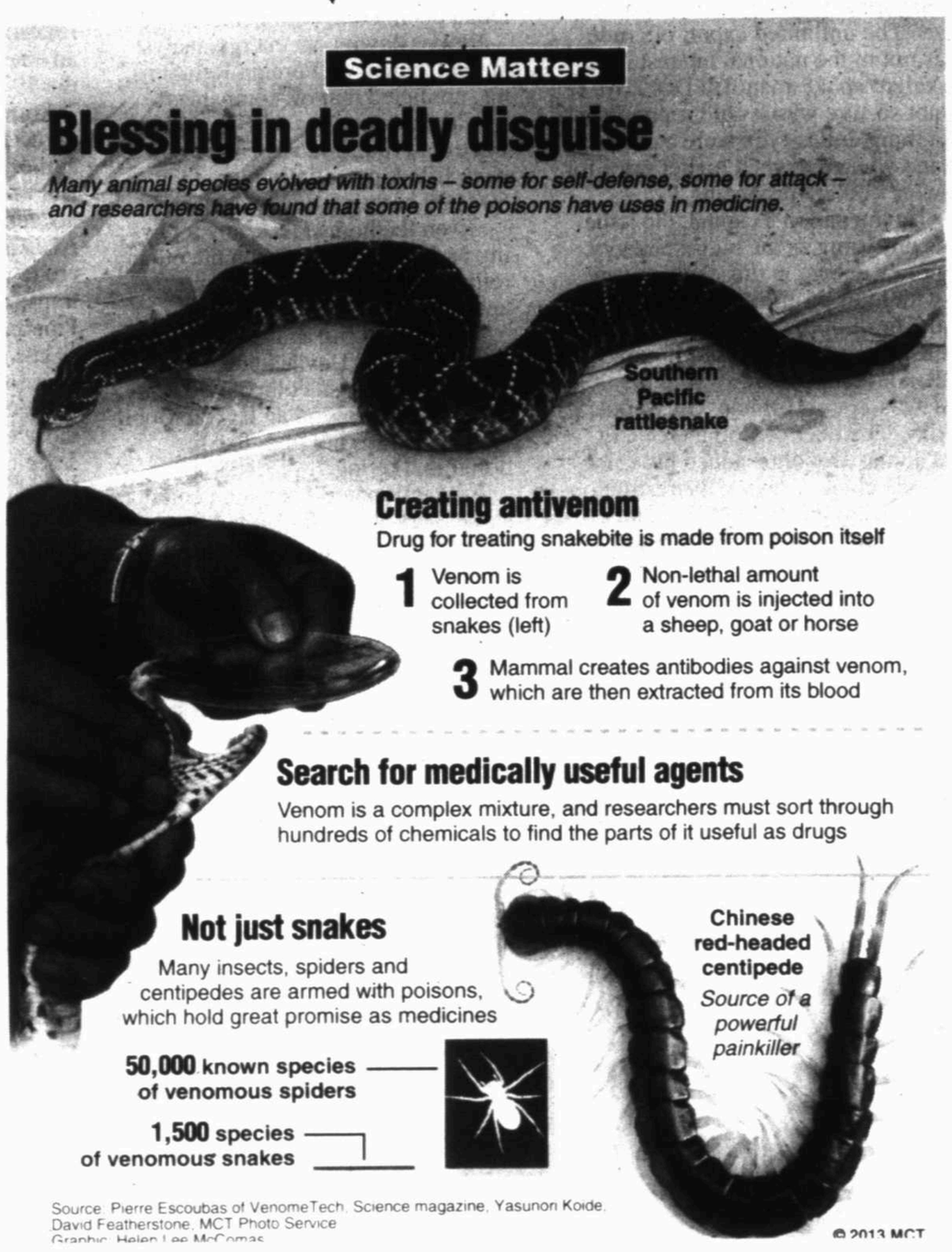
Revenues from oil and gas development and other nonrenewable uses of state trust lands are deposited into the Land Grant Permanent Fund. Some of is invested and the rest goes to beneficiaries. Revenues from grazing and other renewable uses go directly to beneficiaries.

In 2013, more than $597 million went to support public schools across New Mexico and another $21.7 million went to state colleges and universities.

The driving forces behind the record earnings have been high oil and gas prices and an increase in the volume being produced, particularly in southeastern New Mexico.

If prices remain high and developers continue drilling through June, officials said the state would be on track to break the earnings of last fiscal year by as much as $100 million.

Petroleum and natural gas production make New Mexico the third largest net energy supplier to the nation, according to the federal Energy Information Administration. In fact, New Mexico is the largest petroleum producer in the Mountain West and its share of the Permian Basin contains three of the 100 largest oil fields in the U.S.



SNAKES

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they die very quickly," he said.

Western diamondbacks, which have triangular heads and diamond-shaped patterns along the body, are the most common rattlers in these parts, and they typically venture out on warm West Texas days — hiding under brush, rocks and other objects to avoid the sun — before returning to their dens in the evening to cool off, Burns said.

Hunters can effectively collect snakes with snake hooks — which look like golf clubs with a hook on the end — and the prey won't try to get away, he said.

Burns, a nearly 30-year veteran of the sport, might oppose gassing, but he's a staunch supporter of snake hunting.

"Farmers and ranchers request it because of the damage they do to horses and cattle," he said.

After being rounded up, the rattlers are then sent to a processor, where their venom is milked, researched and used for antivenom and other medical advances, Burns said.

Still, snake hunting — especially rattlesnake roundups — garner a fair share of criticism.

"I know they are big business for rattlesnake communities that need the money, but I don't like the means or message they are trying to convey about treating a particular group of animals the way they do," said Michael Nickell, museum scientist for the Sibley Nature Center.

All species are important in terms of ecology, Nickell said.

That's why gassing is so troublesome — insects, invertebrates and other animals depend on habitats around snake dens for survival, he said.

"When you put gasoline fumes down into the ground, it's not only going to affect snakes but an entire ecology of all types of organisms," Nickell said.

The impact to wildlife, including endangered species, is the main reason why the Parks and Wildlife Department is considering the ban, according to its press release.

"Structural or agricultural pest control activities" are exempt from the rule, according to the release. But Anthony Zacniewski, health, safety and environment director with Abilene-based Bandera Drilling, said gassing is not a method commonly used in oil and gas operations to prevent workers in the field from being bitten.

Rattlesnakes are often attracted to vibrations made by construction and heavy machinery and slither to the surface to hide under pipes and stored equipment, Nickell said.

"It's a hazard (oilfield workers) face," he said.

Most companies involved with the Permian Basin STEPS Network, a group dedicated to promoting health and safety in the oil and gas industry, train their workers to avoid rattlers, said Zacniewski, president of the network.

In nearly 20 years, Zacniewski can't think of a worker who has been bitten by a rattlesnake -- although some snakes have been killed on location, he said.

Burns also meets with companies and teaches workers what rattlesnakes look and sound like and how to avoid them. He said western diamondbacks are less aggressive than Mojaves -- a venomous pit viper with a vicious bite -- but a pinch from one can be costly.

"Most people are bitten because the snake couldn't get away from them," he said.

Still, Burns said snakes, which keep rodent populations in check, are not horrible creatures.

"They were created, and we just need to learn to live with them," he said.

Public meetings

■ Jan. 13: 7 p.m. at Lion's Field Adult and Senior Citizen Center, 2809 Broadway, San Antonio.

■ Jan. 17: 10 a.m. at The Center, Texas State Technical College, 300 Homer K. Taylor Drive, Sweetwater.

■ Jan. 23: 9 a.m. at Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Meeting, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin.

Public comments can also be made online at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/feedback/public_comment.

From staff reports

FBI looks into threats ahead of rhino hunt auction

Associated Press

DALLAS — The FBI is investigating death threats made against members of the Dallas hunting club that intends to auction off a rare permit to kill an endangered black rhino, an FBI spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Katherine Chaumont said the agency is reviewing multiple threats against the Dallas Safari Club. The club on Saturday plans to auction a permit the African country of Namibia granted for the hunt. The group has said all proceeds will go toward rhino conservation efforts.

"The FBI is aware of the threats," Chaumont said. "If a violation of federal law is determined, additional action or investigation as necessary will take place."

The club's executive director, Ben Carter, said the threatening messages — about a dozen sent by email and posted on the group's website — appear to be orchestrated by people who oppose hunting. Other messages have been left with club sponsors criticizing support for the organization.

"I've had death threats on my family," Carter said. "We've had a number of death threats to our members and (threats about) what would happen if we sell the permit.

"Some crazy stuff," he said.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Matthew Blair, running for 318th District Court judge, speaks to members of Midland County Republican Women before the luncheon Wednesday.

David Lindemood, also running for 318th District Court judge, speaks with Judy Duke.

GOP

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the party by fundraisers. Beauchamp cited his work on the Bush Day party fundraiser, which has raised the most money for the party locally within the past 20 year. Spear, in his seven principles of an effective county chair, said multi-precinct meetings should be held as soon as possible for the November election.

"No matter who heads the Midland County Republican Party going forward, they will have a source of funding for this party to do the things we need to do," Beauchamp said, inciting a rare mid-speech applause from the audience.

Also speaking at Wednesday's meeting:

■ Both candidates running for the 318th District judge, a family court judgeship.

Matthew Blair, associate judge for the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, stressed his 26-plus years of experience as his selling point, while local attorney David Lindemood discussed how his family law mediator role transitions well into the judgeship.

■ The three Republican candidates running for attorney general.

Ken Paxton, Barry Smitherman and Dan Branch mentioned how Texas is under attack from the Environmental Protection Agency and that border security should be a top priority.

Lorena McKinnon, right, feels her mother Julia Navarro's womb for movement of McKinnon's daughter that will be born in about a month.

Al Hartmann/Salt Lake City Tribune

Utah mom to give birth to daughter's daughter

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — A 58-year-old Utah woman is set to give birth in a few weeks — to her first grandchild.

Julia Navarro is serving as a gestational surrogate for her daughter and son-in-law after the couple struggled with fertility problems.

Navarro's daughter, Lorena McKinnon, said she began trying to have a baby with her husband, Micah McKinnon, three years ago.

The 32-year-old Provo woman said she's had about a dozen miscarriages, with the longest pregnancy lasting 10 weeks.

After several tries, the couple began looking for a surrogate. McKinnon said a friend and sister both considered carrying her baby, but ultimately decided against it.

That's when her mother offered to step in.

"As a family, we have to help each other," Navarro told The Salt Lake Tribune.

Navarro had to undergo hormone shots for three months before an embryo fertilized by her daughter and son-in-law could be implanted. Because of her age, doctors had warned there was only a 45 percent chance the implantation would be successful.

But the procedure was a success, and Navarro said she's had a smooth pregnancy carrying a developing baby girl.

As with other surrogacy arrangements, the couple and Navarro needed three months of counseling.

"The psychologists wanted to make sure we knew what we were getting into — that we were mentally prepared," McKinnon said. "Mostly, surrogacy contracts are with people you don't know. It was weird to have a contract with my mom."

It's unclear how rare it is for a woman to carry her own grandchild, but recent news reports have detailed similar relationships.

Last year, a 53-year-old Iowa woman gave birth to her twin granddaughters. And in 2012, a 49-year-old woman in Maine gave birth to her grandson.

McKinnon said she was grateful and overwhelmed by her mother's offer, which eases some of the obstacles and financial burdens for parents using a gestational surrogate.

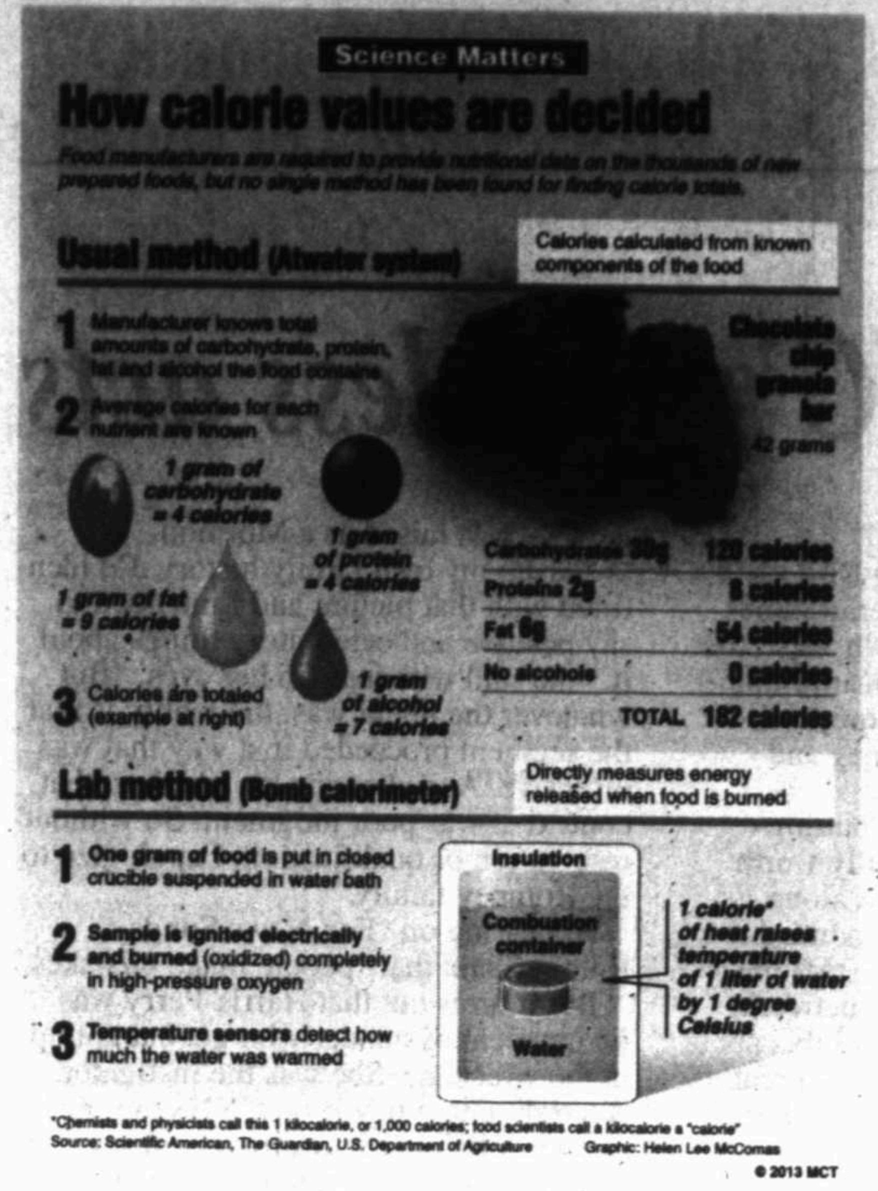
According to Utah law, surrogates must be 21 or older, financially stable and must have already given birth once.

Couples must be married and are allowed to offer a reasonable payment to a surrogate.

On average, a couple can spend about $60,000 on procedures and paying the surrogate, but McKinnon said her mother's offer to help is saving the couple about half of that.

Both she and her daughter said they've bonded over the experience.

The baby girl is due in early February.



Food companies cut 6.4 trillion calories

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some of the nation's largest food companies have cut calories in their products by more than 6.4 trillion, according to a new study.

The study sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that between 2007 and 2012 the companies reduced their products' calories by the equivalent of around 78 calories per person per day. The total is more than four times the amount those companies had pledged to cut by next year.

Seventy-eight calories would be about the same as an average cookie or a medium apple, and the federal government estimates an average daily diet at around 2,000 calories. The study said the calories cut averaged out to 78 calories per day for the entire U.S. population.

The 2010 pledge taken by 16 companies — including General Mills Inc., Campbell Soup Co., ConAgra Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Inc., Kellogg Co., Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Hershey Co. — was to cut 1 trillion calories by 2012 and 1.5 trillion calories by 2015.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation signed on to hold the companies accountable, and that group hired researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to painstakingly count the calories in almost every single packaged item in the grocery store. To do that, the UNC researchers used the store-based scanner data of hundreds of thousands of foods, commercial databases and nutrition facts panels to calculate exactly how many calories the companies were selling.

The researchers aren't yet releasing the entire study, but they said that the companies have exceeded their own goals by a wide margin.

Dr. James Marks, director of the Health Group at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said the group is pleased with the results but the companies "must sustain that reduction, as they've pledged to do, and other food companies should follow their lead."

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is a nonpartisan philanthropic and research organization that works to improve the nation's health.

Even though the companies that made the commitment represent most of the nation's most well-known food companies, they sold only around a third of all packaged foods and beverages at the beginning of the study. Missing are many off-label brands sold under the names of retailers, and it's unknown whether those products have changed.

It is also unclear how the reduction in calories translates into consumers' diets. When the companies made the pledge in 2010, they said one way they would try and reduce calories would be to change portion sizes in an attempt to persuade consumers to eat less. The companies also said that they would develop new lower-calorie options and change existing products so they have fewer calories.

Evidence of those efforts are visible on any grocery store shelf. Many products now come in lower calorie versions, are baked instead of fried, or sold in miniature, as well as larger versions.

Marks said he believes that companies' efforts to package smaller servings — 100 calorie packs of popular snacks, for example — and smaller cans of sugary drinks may have contributed to the reduction in calories. He said the main contributors most likely were the public's increasing willingness to buy healthier foods and companies responding to those consumers.

Gov't: Most school discipline need not mean court

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Wednesday pressed the nation's schools to abandon what it described as overly zealous discipline policies that send students to court instead of the principal's office. Even before the announcement, school districts around the country have been taking action to adjust the policies that disproportionately affect minority students.

Attorney General Eric Holder said problems often stem from well intentioned "zero-tolerance" policies that can inject the criminal justice system into school matters.

"A routine school disciplinary infraction should land a student in the principal's office, not in a police precinct," Holder said.

But it's about race, too, the government said in a letter accompanying the new guidelines it issued Wednesday.

"In our investigations, we have found cases where African-American students were disciplined more harshly and more frequently because of their race than similarly situated white students," the Justice Department and Education Department said in the letter to school districts. "In short, racial discrimination in school discipline is a real problem."

The guidelines are not the first administration action regarding tough-on-crime laws or policies of the 1980s and '90s that have lost support more broadly since then. Holder announced last summer that he was instructing federal prosecutors to stop charging nonviolent drug offenders with crimes that carry mandatory minimum sentences, a change affecting crack cocaine sentences that have disproportionately affected minorities. And just before Christmas, President Barack Obama commuted the sentences of eight people serving long drug sentences.

The federal school discipline recommendations are nonbinding. They encourage schools to ensure that all school personnel are trained in classroom management, conflict resolution and approaches to de-escalate classroom disruptions — and understand that they are responsible for administering routine student discipline instead of security or police officers.

Still, Education Secretary Arne Duncan has acknowledged the challenge is finding the proper balance to keep schools safe and orderly.

The administration said that it would attempt to work out voluntary settlements if school disciplinary policies are found to violate federal civil rights laws.

That happened in Meridian, Miss., where the Justice Department spearheaded a settlement with the school district to end discriminatory disciplinary practices. The black students in the district were facing harsher punishment than white students for similar misbehavior.

Absent a voluntary agreement, the department could go to court to provide relief for individual students, among other things.

Zero-tolerance policies became popular in the 1990s and often have been accompanied by a greater police presence in schools. The policies often spell out uniform and swift punishment for offenses such as truancy, smoking or carrying a weapon. Violators can lose classroom time or even end up with a criminal record.

In Akron, Ohio, Superintendent David W. James said a recent analysis found higher percentages of black students being disciplined in almost every category. He said he's been criticized for not suspending African-American kids seen by teachers as a threat where he didn't think action was warranted.

James said he hopes the administration's effort will provide leverage for districts with parents, teachers and communities.

"If we're supposed to be here for these kids, what we want to try to do is work with them to find alternatives, to really drill down and find out what it is we're doing that's not meeting their needs," he said.

But Jim Hinson, superintendent of the Shawnee Mission school district, which includes several cities on the Kansas side of the Kansas City metropolitan area, said the school system already does most of the things the Obama administration recommends. He said the district doesn't have a zero-tolerance policy, except for students caught carrying weapons to schools.

"For carrying a weapon to school, yeah, you should probably be in serious trouble," Hinson said. "We have a zero tolerance policy for weapons coming in."

Overall, he described the recommendations as "highly offensive."

"This blanket statement that educators are discriminating against kids across the country and law enforcement officers are discriminating, as well is inappropriate," Hinson said. "If there are problem areas that need to be addressed, you address those areas."

In many parts of the country, there already has been a shift toward recognizing that school discipline polices can be discriminatory, said Judith Browne Dianis, co-director of the Advancement Project, a think tank that specializes in social issues affecting minority communities.

Associations representing teachers, principals, school superintendents and school board members agreed that a disparity exists. "Numbers don't lie. They are there," said Beverly Hutton, a former high school principal in New Jersey who is director of professional development at the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

And there have been changes in individual districts around the country.

The school district in Buffalo, N.Y., adopted a new code of conduct to reduce suspensions after a 15-year-old, Jawaan Daniels, died in a drive-by shooting in 2010 as he left school to begin serving an out-of-school suspension for wandering the halls of school.

In Fairfax County, Va., an affluent suburb of Washington, the school board voted in 2012 to soften punishments for possession of marijuana and implement new policies on parental notification. The changes followed a yearlong review that was prompted in part by the suicides of two students who had faced discipline.

And in Miami, Broward County Public Schools last November reached an agreement with law enforcement and the NAACP to create an alternative to zero-tolerance discipline policies and shut off what some see as a school-to-prison pipeline.

Daniel A. Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association, said his organization has partnered with the Children's Defense Fund to work with five communities to improve school discipline practices: Harrisburg, Pa.; Houston; Racine, Wis.; Elgin, Ill., and Allegheny County, Pa.

Hutton said a Council of State Governments study of 1 million Texas students was a turning point in the debate. It found that nearly six of 10 public school students were suspended or expelled at least once in the middle school or high school years. It also found that African-American students had a 31 percent higher likelihood of a school discretionary discipline action compared to white and Hispanic students.

In American schools, black students without disabilities were more than three times as likely as whites to be expelled or suspended, according to government civil rights data from 2011-12. Although black students made up 15 percent of students in the data collection, they made up more than a third of students suspended once, 44 percent of those suspended more than once and more than a third of students expelled.

More than half of students involved in school-related arrests or referred to law enforcement were Hispanic or black.

Domenech said, "Superintendents recognize that out-of-school suspension is outdated and not in line with 21st-century education." But, he said federal funding for programs that address school discipline issues has been scarce.

Among the recommendations:

- Ensure that school personnel understand that they, not security or police officers, are responsible for administering routine student discipline.
- Draw clear distinctions about the responsibilities of school security personnel.
- Provide opportunities for school security officers to develop relationships with students and parents.

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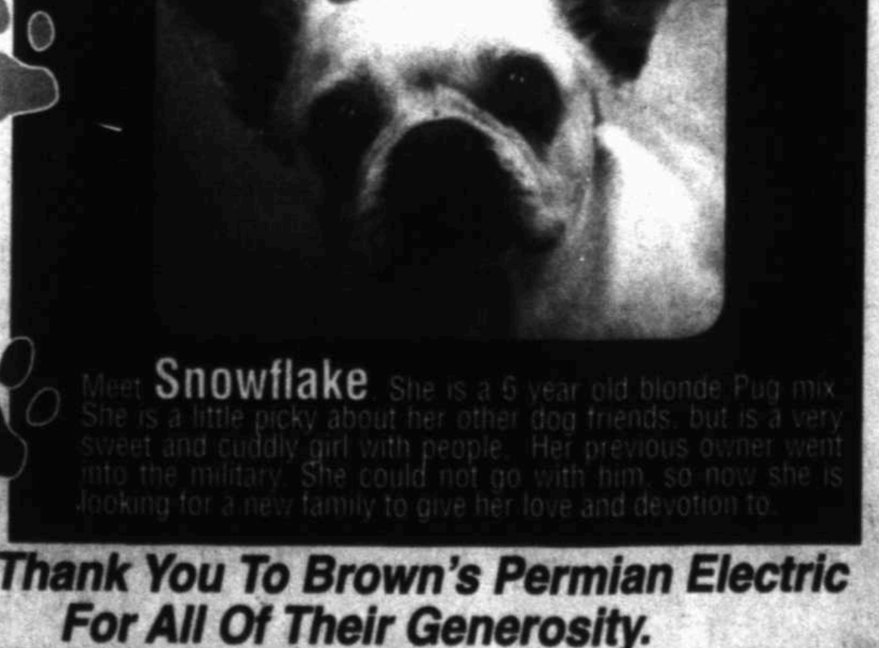
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OPINION

Ratings desperation drives MSNBC's classless acts

■ Time for cable network to go away after latest and ugliest personal attack

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Washington Post Writers Group

Mitt Romney says it's time to move on from the controversy involving MSNBC host Melissa Harris-Perry and his adopted grandson.

I say it's time to turn off MSNBC. Its angry talkers take personal attacks to a new and uglier level. They offend, we recoil. Alec Baldwin was fired and Martin Bashir resigned for making crude comments while hosting shows at the network. And even when Harris-Perry tried to save her job with an apology to the Romney family, she wasn't upfront about everything she did wrong:

Liberals are a bundle of contradictions. They say we shouldn't take race into account, then they create racial preferences that do just that. They insist that immigrant children should learn English, then launch bilingual education classes that make this more difficult. They insist that giving poor and minority children a quality education is a civil right, then they side with teachers unions that undermine reforms intended to improve our schools. They preach tolerance, then they react intolerantly to the opinions of a duck hunter from Louisiana.

Now, after saying for decades how Republicans need to be kind and compassionate to African-Americans, they ridicule a family of Republicans for doing something kind and compassionate: adopting an African-American baby.

The family is the Romneys. And the baby is Kieran James Romney, who last fall was adopted by Mitt Romney's son, Ben, and his wife, Andelyne. The little guy appeared in the family Christmas photo, sitting on the knee of the 2012 Republican standard-bearer.

Recently, in a lame year-end segment on her show dubbed "Look Back in Laughter," Harris-Perry and a couple of her guests — actress/comedian Pia Glenn, and comedian Dean Obeidallah — decided to make fun of that image.

Glenn burst into a song popularized by Sesame Street: "One of these things is not like the others! One of these things just isn't the same. And that little baby, front and center, would be the one."

Goodness, what would Big Bird say?

Harris-Perry joked that Kieran James should grow up to marry North West, the daughter of reality star Kim Kardashian and rapper Kanye West. She quipped, "Can you imagine Mitt Romney and Kanye West as in-laws?"

Can you imagine MSNBC putting on the air a show that is actually worth watching? Me neither. I'm not alone. Several media critics have responded to this controversy by suggesting that the problem extends to the whole network.

It gets worse. Obeidallah said this about the photo: "I think this picture is great. It really sums up the diversity of the Republican Party, the RNC. At the convention, they find the one black person."

That's bold talk. None of the television networks are particularly good at showcasing people of color.

Everyone apologized, sort of. Glenn said that her disgust with Romney's politics had impaired her judgment, and Obeidallah essentially said he was victim of a right-wing campaign to silence him.

Only Harris-Perry offered a halfway decent mea culpa — both on Twitter the day after the incident, and on the next installment of her show. Ironically, the host is herself the product of an interracial marriage, and her mother — like the Romneys — was raised as a Mormon.

"Given my own family history, I'd identified with that picture and I intended to say positive and celebratory things about it," she said with tears in her eyes. "But whatever the intent was, the reality is that the segment proceeded in a way that was offensive. And showing the photo in that context ... was poor judgment. So without reservation or qualification, I apologize to the Romney family."

Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," Romney said that "people make mistakes."

But it turns out that Harris-Perry was no innocent bystander who got caught up in the wreckage. She was the instigator. According to a report on CNN.com, just moments before the controversial segment, Harris-Perry went to commercial egging on her guests and urging them to yuk it up.

"My comedians are all going to be forced to drink during the commercial so they can get their funny back," she said on the air.

You see, this doomed segment didn't just "proceed" aimlessly into the ditch. It was driven there by the host.

And why was this? Harris-Perry may have provided the answer. As she went to break, she added, "We are basically ratings whores."

I wouldn't argue with that.

OUR VIEW

Railroad Commission does its job by adding on-staff seismologist

We applaud Texas' Railroad Commission for hiring a seismologist to help analyze whether there is a link between oil- and gas-drilling activities and the increase of earthquakes in different areas around the state.

This week we learned that an on-staff seismologist will help the commission follow new research and better coordinate scientific information with the research community.

In our view, this is not an admission of guilt or a knee-jerk reaction. Instead we see this as a state agency taking a proactive step. As we have seen with the agency's requirement that companies must disclose chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing, the commission is again out in front of an issue.

We agree with Commissioner David Porter, a former Midlander, who said "rules and regulations must be based on sound science and proven facts." Whether we are talking about earthquakes, animals on a Fish and Wildlife protection list or water contamination concerns, we would prefer science and facts trump politics, special interests and speculation.

As Porter said this week, "It is imperative that the commission remain engaged and involved in gathering more evidence and data into any possible causation between oil and gas activities and seismic events."

On Wednesday, Permian Basin Petroleum Association Executive Director Ben Shepperd said, "While it does not appear there is any evidence any seismic activity is caused by oil and gas activity, we support Commissioner Porter and the Railroad Commission for their efforts to hire a seismologist.

"We feel the Railroad Commission needs to be armed with the best professionals they can find to help guide the industry."

We want to remind people in Midland and the Permian Basin that nobody knows why the earthquakes are happening. We also don't know the effect of forcing millions of gallons of water, sand and other materials into the underground.

We do know the quakes are very real and very disturbing for those in areas such as Azle, where about 30 small quakes have interrupted and negatively impacted the lives of the residents, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The Texas Tribune reported this week that according to U.S. Geological Survey data, at least 32 earthquakes have hit North Texas since Nov. 1. Most of those quakes — with magnitudes ranging from 2.0 to 3.7 — shook towns near the border of Parker and Tarrant counties, which sit atop the Barnett Shale, home to hundreds of natural gas wells and injection wells used to dispose drilling waste.

Earthquakes are not isolated to Azle or North Texas in general. The U.S. Geological Survey reported a 3.5 magnitude quake happened Monday morning and was centered 14 miles west of Vega.

Some may ask what the Railroad Commission was doing hiring a seismologist? Our answer is clear — the commission was doing its job.

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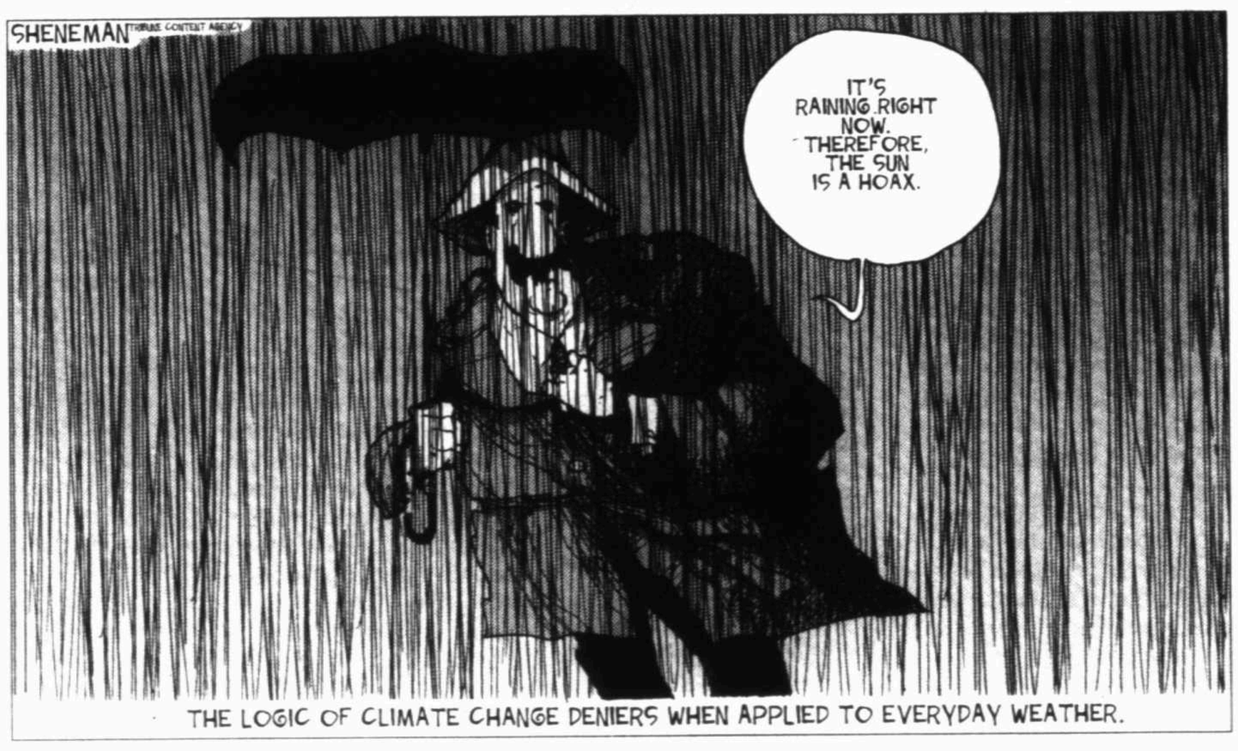

The left loses its populist voice

■ Unemployed Americans have been thrown out into the cold, and Democrats are nowhere to be found

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Where have all the Democrats gone? It's hard to imagine a better gift falling into their laps: Republicans have just thrown 1.3 million unemployed Americans out into the cold and are prepared to cut off 3.6 million others who are out of work. At a time when the long-term unemployment rate remains near its highest level since the Great Depression and there are three job-seekers for every opening, this seems unusually cruel.

And this tops a full list of similar gestures: curtailing preschool for poor kids; cutting nutrition assistance for pregnant women and babies; and opposing an increase in the minimum wage, which has lost 6 percent of its purchasing power in the past four years. House Republicans sought last year to reduce food stamp benefits by $40 billion, but they may be persuaded by Senate Democrats to accept only $9 billion in cuts.

You don't have to be a Huey Long to recognize that there's an opening for populist outrage here: The rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and Republicans seem content to widen the divide.

But in the two hours the Senate spent debating unemployment insurance Monday afternoon, only three Democrats showed up to talk. Harry Reid of Nevada, the soft-spoken majority leader, read a brief yet somniferous speech. Patrick Leahy of Vermont offered a few words — on immigration. Jack Reed of Rhode Island delivered a professorial 20-minute lecture in support of extending jobless benefits. And then the chamber went silent for the next hour and 20 minutes — in a quorum call because nobody else wanted to talk.

The presiding officer, Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., read a briefing book and studied a map on his smartphone.

It was typical of the Democrats' tepid acceptance of the political present Republicans have given them. If Democrats had some sense, they'd talk about nothing else until they bludgeoned Republicans into supporting unemployment benefits.

Surely, the late Ted Kennedy, or even Paul Wellstone, would have fought the Republicans with glee. But there is no liberal lion today to give a populist roar. Freshman Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.? Too cerebral. Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent? Too much of a gadfly. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa? Easing into retirement. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., might have given voice to outrage, but he was a victim of the air-travel delays that led the Senate to temporarily postpone Monday night's vote on a three-month extension.

It shouldn't be hard to make the case. The jobless rate for the long-term unemployed — those affected by the cutoff — is 2.6 percent. That's at least twice the level it was when extended benefits were ended after all previous recessions going back more than half a century. Benefits average just $300 a week, about a third of a worker's lost wages, and the beneficiaries come from all classes and races. In most cases, they're without work through no fault of their own, and there has been little help from Washington for the sort of training that would reduce long-term unemployment.

But after previous recessions, there was no similar sort of ideological zeal to shrink the government. Republicans are under pressure from conservative groups to oppose the $6.5 billion extension. Heritage Action, for instance, calls this lifeline for the jobless an "ineffective and wasteful program" that is unaffordable "even if lawmakers attempt to offset this new spending with real cuts."

Democrats have their opponents in a tough spot — and yet the Senate floor was empty Monday afternoon.

Reid began the debate by calling the lapse in the program "outrageous" and "unconscionable," but his speech was more an economic pitch than a moral argument. "Each dollar that we spend on unemployment insurance benefits increases gross domestic product by $1.50," he argued.

After two hours of "debate" on joblessness (only 40 minutes of which involved actual talking), the senators moved on to other matters. A couple of them discussed the nomination of Janet Yellen to be the new Federal Reserve chairman. Murphy spoke about gun control. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., attempted to argue that the recent cold snap disproves global-warming theories.

The lone Republican to speak in favor of extending benefits was Dean Heller, who like Reid is from Nevada, where the 9 percent unemployment rate is tied for worst in the nation. "Helping those in need should not be a partisan issue," Heller said.

His fellow Republicans will regret having made it one — if Democrats can find their lost populist voice.

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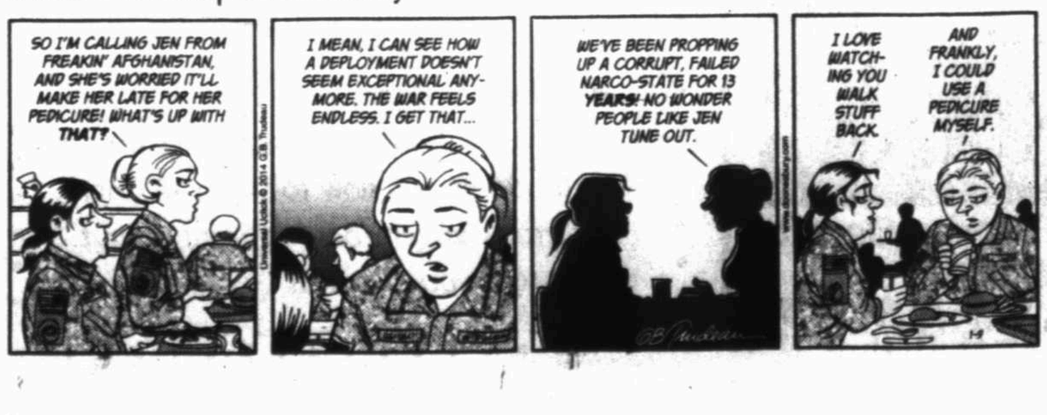

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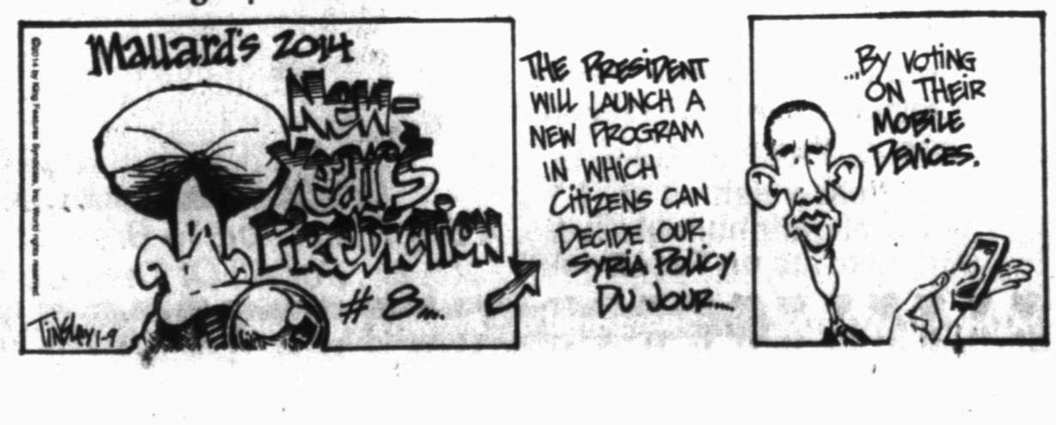

Obama likely to accept change in spying on leaders

By Julie Pace and Srephen Braun
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is expected to tighten restrictions on U.S. spying on foreign leaders and also is considering changes in National Security Agency access to Americans' phone records, according to people familiar with a White House review of the nation's surveillance programs.

Obama could unveil his highly anticipated decisions as early as next week. Ahead of that announcement, he is consulting with lawmakers, privacy advocates and intelligence officials who were invited to White House meetings Wednesday and today.

"He's at that stage still where he's listening and discussing with a variety of stakeholders and appreciates very much the opinions and counsel he's getting on this matter," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Among the changes Obama is expected to announce is more oversight of the National Intelligence Priorities Framework, a classified document that ranks U.S. intelligence-gathering priorities and is used to make decisions on scrutiny of foreign leaders. A presidential review board recommended increasing the number of policy officials who help establish those priorities, and that could result in limits on surveillance of allies.

Documents released by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden revealed that the U.S. was monitoring the communications of several friendly foreign leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The revelations outraged Merkel, as well as other leaders, and U.S. officials said the disclosures have damaged Obama's relations around the world.

Obama and Merkel spoke by phone Wednesday, but U.S. officials would not say whether they discussed the NSA issues.

The president also is said to be considering one of the review board's most aggressive recommendations, a proposal to strip the NSA of its ability to store telephone records from millions of Americans and instead have phone companies or a third party hold the records. The NSA would be able to access the records only by obtaining separate court approval for each search, though exceptions could be made for emergency national security matters.

It's unclear whether Obama will ultimately back the proposal or how quickly it could be carried out if he does.

Before making his final decisions, the president was supposed to receive a separate report from a semi-independent commission known as the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, which was created by Congress. However, that panel's report has been delayed without explanation until at least late January, meaning it won't reach the president until after he makes his decisions public.

Members of that oversight board did meet with Obama on Wednesday and have briefed other administration officials on some of their preliminary findings. In a statement, the five-member panel said its meeting with the president focused on the NSA phone collection program and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which oversees the data sweeps. White House spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden called it a good opportunity for Obama "to hear the group's views directly as we begin to finalize our internal review."

It's unclear why Obama will announce his recommendations before receiving the report from the privacy and civil liberties board. One official familiar with the review process said that some White House officials were puzzled by the board's delay. But the official said the report probably would still have strong weight in Congress, where legislators are grappling with several bills aimed at dismantling or preserving the NSA's authority.

That official and those familiar with the White House review insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the process by name.

Obama and Vice President Joe Biden also met at the White House with Attorney General Eric Holder and members of the U.S. intelligence community, the White House said, including Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and the heads of the NSA, FBI and CIA. The intelligence community largely supports keeping the NSA surveillance programs intact.

The president will meet today with members of Congress, while his top lawyer, Kathryn Ruemmler, will meet with representatives from privacy groups.

Shortly after receiving the review board recommendations last month, Obama signaled that he could be open to significant surveillance changes, including to the bulk collecting of phone records.

"There are ways we can do it, potentially, that gives people greater assurance that there are checks and balances — that there's sufficient oversight and sufficient transparency," Obama said during a Dec. 20 news conference. He added that programs like the bulk collection "could be redesigned in ways that give you the same information when you need it without creating these potentials for abuse."

White House on defense over Gates book

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rushing to curb political fallout, the White House pushed back Wednesday against harsh criticism in a new book by former Defense Secretary Robert Gates that questions President Barack Obama's war leadership and rips into Vice President Joe Biden.

The tell-all memoir from Gates has created a splash in Washington, casting a negative light on Obama's national security operations by detailing a high level of discord among the small team that made key decisions about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For two key participants — Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton — the accusations could color how the two potential 2016 presidential candidates are viewed by voters.

Initially caught off guard by the book's accusations, Obama's aides walked a fine line between publicly rebuking his former defense chief and allowing Gates' claims to go unchallenged. Still, the White House hurried to Biden's defense and said the president disagrees with Gates' characterization.

White House spokesman Jay Carney disputed several of Gates' points individually but said Obama appreciated Gates' service. He said those who have the privilege to serve at high levels make their own decisions about whether and when to divulge details of private conversations after they leave government.

"I'll leave it to other folks to decide," Carney said.

In the book, "Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary of War," Gates accuses Obama of having little resolve for his own strategy in Afghanistan and of presiding over a national security team in which military leaders were treated with suspicion and career staffers brushed aside as decisions were centralized among a small cadre of White House advisers.

But Gates reserves his most sweeping indictment for Biden. Despite praising Biden's integrity and personal sense of loyalty, Gates asserts that the vice president "has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades."

The White House moved quickly to dispel that notion, issuing a statement calling Biden a "leading statesmen of his time" and echoing the sentiment before television cameras.

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White House press secretary Jay Carney listens to a question during his daily news briefing at the White House in Washington on Wednesday, where he discussed topics including former Defense Secretary Robert Gates' book and press access at the White House.

"I don't think anybody who has covered us or knows the president and the vice president, knows how this White House functions, has any doubt about the president's faith in Vice President Biden as an adviser and counselor," Carney said.

In a rare departure from its usual policy, the White House allowed news photographers in Wednesday to Obama's weekly luncheon with Biden in the private dining room just off the Oval Office, where Biden spoke animatedly to Obama as they two sat across each other at a wood table. Carney said the White House merely was giving photographers more access, which they have demanded.

Biden's central role in decision-making also was on display in Obama's public schedule for Wednesday, which showed the vice president meeting with the president five times during the day.

For the White House, defending Biden against questions about his value to the administration has become something of a familiar exercise. Late last year, Obama and his top aides sought to swat down reports in a book about Obama's re-election that the White House had considered replacing Biden with Clinton on the 2012 ticket.

Sensitive to the fact that Biden was frequently overshadowed by Clinton during her prominent tenure as secretary of state, Obama has cautiously sought to avoid showing favoritism — especially when it comes to 2016.

Gestures that have appeared to bolster Clinton's standing as an heir apparent to Obama — such as a private lunch the two shared last year — have frequently been followed by similar gestures to show Biden is still a valued part of the team. The day after Obama and Clinton dined together, Biden held his own private breakfast with Clinton.

Personal likeability aside, Gates' contempt for Biden's role in wartime decisions is evident throughout the nearly 600-page memoir, during which Gates accuses the vice president of seeding doubt in Obama's mind about his Afghanistan policy and "subjecting Obama to Chinese water torture" with daily comments about how the military can't be trusted.

Clinton, in contrast to Biden, is described in almost uniformly flattering terms — "smart, idealistic but pragmatic, tough-minded, indefatigable, funny, a very valuable colleague," Gates wrote.

One anecdote could potentially cause problems for Clinton should she run again in 2016. Gates describes a meeting during which Clinton and Obama both acknowledged their opposition to the Iraq war surge in 2007 was driven by the politics of the Democratic primary, in which Obama and Clinton were running against each other.

In one anecdote in the book, Obama, after fighting over the defense budget in 2009, personally gave Gates a gift-wrapped package — an expensive bottle of vodka with a handwritten note.

"Bob, Sorry I drive you to drink. Barack Obama," the note read, according to Gates.

"It was a very thoughtful peace offering," Gates wrote in the book.

While the White House has avoided directly rebuking Gates for writing the book, former Obama advisers have been more vocal. Former senior White House adviser David Axelrod said he was surprised when he heard about the book, while Bill Daley, who was Obama's chief of staff during Gates' tenure, called it a "disservice" for Gates to publish while Obama was still in office.

Such tell-all memoirs are not new to Washington and generally cause a brief stir as juiciest excerpts are leaked, circulated and dissected on TV and in the press before eventually fading.

"Read any good books lately?" Carney quipped Wednesday to reporters.

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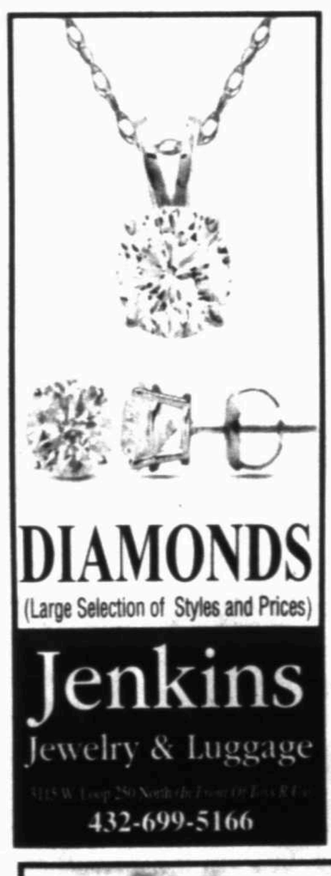
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SATURDAY

AT THE MARKET
Midland Downtown Farmers Market offers local goods once a month during the off-season.

SPOKEN WORD
The Ground Floor coffee shop will host poetry contest and an open mic night Saturday.

See complete schedule of weekend events on **Page 2**.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

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Opening: "Lone Survivor," "The Legend of Hercules," "Her"
Closing: "Walking with Dinosaurs," "47 Ronin"

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MUSIC

LOOK WHO'S 30
Van Halen's 1984 celebrates three decades today. We revisit some of the album's highlights.

MOVE TO THE BEAT
We've got your top 5 songs to rock when you hit the gym this month.

KICKIN' GOOD TIME

The 80th edition of Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo has been kicking up dirt for a week and continues through Saturday. Here's this weekend's schedule:
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Jarrett Krosoczka got the idea for his Bluebonnet Award-nominated chapter book, the "Platypus Police Squad," 10 years ago while speaking to a group of Texas students.

"The initial spark actually came when I was in the state of Texas visiting schools in the Cypruss-Fairbanks school district in Houston," said the Massachusetts-based author and illustrator of children's books.

The school presentation was before the release date of Krosoczka's "Punk Farm" picture book, and he was playing a game with the students to see if they could guess what the book was about.

"I would draw farm animals, but I wouldn't draw their instruments," he said. "One kid said, 'it's a book about cops.'"

"Punk Farm" is not a book about cops, but the idea stuck with Krosoczka and later that year he began work on a book called "Penguin Police Squad."

Krosoczka pitched the new book to his manager, but at the time the market was saturated with penguin characters.

"He just said, 'We can't do it. Penguins are done in this town. No one wants another penguin story,'" Krosoczka said. "I realized all I needed to do would be to switch out the creature and my manager would have something he could do something with."

A self-described "sucker for alliteration," Krosoczka made the penguin into a platypus.

"Platypus Police Squad" is the author's first chapter book. It's the first in a series of four books.

"It's pretty neat to have it nominated for the Bluebonnet Award because it just circles back to that school visit in Texas," he said during a phone interview with the Reporter-Telegram.

Krosoczka will be back in Texas on Friday to visit with Midland students and lead a special storytime and presentation at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

"We feel very lucky to have him in Midland because the success he's having right now is just incredible," said Edward McPherson, education and program coordinator for Midland County Public Libraries. "He's most famous for his 'Lunch Lady' series of graphic novels."

COMING UP

See photos and read about Krosoczka's school visits in Wednesday's Education section.

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Improv at the Yucca to begin monthly events

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Justin Tate calls improv "organic theater at its finest."

"With a scripted show, for the most part, you know how it's going to go," the Midland Community Theatre actor said. "Doing an improv show, you have absolutely no idea what's going to happen that night. We walk in the door, and the only thing we know is that we're going to be sitting on a stage for an hour and a half. You don't know what games you're going to play, you don't know if you're going to be spending the night talking or making jokes or doing funny things with your body. It's all off the top of your head."

Tate, along with fellow actor Cody Tumlin, will host tonight's Thirsty Thursday, the first in a new monthly series of improv comedy nights by Midland Community Theatre's Improv at the Yucca.

Thirsty Thursdays will be held the second Thursday of every month in 2014. This will be a change from past years, when improv events were held twice a year, Mitchell Smith, public relations director for MCT, said more shows were added because of the high demand.

Tonight's show will begin at 8 p.m., and the doors and bar will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12 for house seats and $15 for pit seats. Adult beverages and soft drinks will be available for purchase. The show will run an hour and a half with no intermission.

Because of the content of the show, it is strongly recommended for ages 18 and up.

"We don't ever try to have a dirty show, but sometimes in the spirit of 'letting whatever happens happen,' that ends up

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CALENDAR

CIRCUS GATTI

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Ozark Mountain Hoedown Music Theater, 8 p.m. Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

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

ART/EXHIBITS

Prijedor and the Bosnia Genocide panel exhibit, through Feb. 21 at McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College. midland.edu.

Robots: 3-D Design Workshop, Saturday and Jan. 18, 25 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. www.noelartmuseum.org.

Print it! The Art of Making Multiples, opens Friday at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

GAMES

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'Em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

DANCE

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa, 7:30-10 p.m. today at 301 E. 61st St in Odessa. 697-0281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:20-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

FILM/THEATER

Improv at the Yucca. Thursday at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Meet the Author and book signing event with Jerrett J. Krosoczka, 4-5:30 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

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

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

Author Don Ingram booksigning event, 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Hastings.

Open mic following poetry contests, 7-11 p.m. Saturday at The Ground Floor coffee shop.

Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo, through Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Ector County Jr. Livestock Show, through Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

KID-FRIENDLY

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

Storytime for birth through 2 years old at 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

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

Storytime for birth through 2 years old at 9:30 a.m., 2 to 6 years old at 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Dome Shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. www.museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, permanent exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest complex. 683-2882.

COMING SOON

JANUARY

Sara Drescher Braswell, artist-in-residence, Jan. 13-25 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Yoga with Anne Lucero, 1:30 Jan. 13, 20 and 27 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Styx, Jan. 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Zumba Gold with Mona Milam, 1 p.m. Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Elvis Lives, Jan. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Midland County Livestock Show, Jan. 15-18 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

MAP MotoCross, Jan. 17-18 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Permian Basin Gun Show, Jan. 18-19 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Genealogy Off the Shelves "Finding the Black Sheep," 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 18, at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Spot the Dog storytime, 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Spot the Dog visits storytime, 6 p.m. Jan. 18 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Author Marisa Cantrell-Rodriguez book signing, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 18 at Hastings Entertainment. gohastings.com

Carmina Burana, Jan. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

American Idiot, Jan. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Bridge lessons, starting Jan. 21 at Allison Bridge Center. 685-4518.

Tony Bennett, Jan. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with artist Danny Jordan, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 23 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Travis Tritt, Jan. 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Crashmasters presents Weekend of Destruction Monster Trucks, Jan. 24-26 at Midland Horseshoe Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Oak Ridge Boys, Jan. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Saturday Movies: "Wall-E," 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us

Aloha O Hawaii Polynesian Dance Group's Dances from the Islands, 7-9 p.m. Jan. 25 at Yucca Theatre. 528-1192.

West Texas Winds "Around the World," Jan. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Live on Stage presents Transit Authority, Jan. 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Drawing classes with Michael Heredia, 4:30 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

FEBRUARY

Steven Curtis Chapman, Feb. 1 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Watercolor Horizon "Paint Out," Feb. 1 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show, Feb. 1-2 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Free Bridge lessons for youth, Feb. 1 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Register by Jan. 21. 742-7432.

Family Science Night "Science Sensation," 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 6 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"Girls Night the Musical," Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

"Mary Poppins," Feb. 7-March 8 at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre. www.mctmidland.org. 570-4111.

Foreigner, Feb. 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, Feb. 7-9 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Bowl For Kids' Sake for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feb. 8 at AMF Midland Park Lanes. info@bbbsmidland.org.

Pro-life Banquet and Valentine Dance, Feb. 8 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom.

Trout Fishing in America, Feb. 9 at Yucca Theatre. 570-4144.

Gordon Lightfoot, Feb. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Ballet Arkansas, Feb. 12 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Mike Tyson Undisputed Truth, Feb. 13 at Far West Event Center in Odessa. 381-9378.

Improv at the Yucca, Feb. 13 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Christopher Cross and Stephen Bishop, Feb. 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Winds "Around the World," Feb. 15 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us. www.co.midland.tx.us.

All About Women's Expo, Feb. 15-16 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

Permian Basin String Quartet concert "Something Borrowed, Somethin' Blue," Feb. 16 Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Guitar Festival, Feb. 20-22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Continental Antique Shows, Feb. 21-23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Permian Basin Annual Home and Garden Show, Feb. 22-23 at Midland County Horseshoe. www.midlandhorseshoe.com.

"Hair," Feb. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Shrimpfest fundraiser for Ellen Noel Art Museum, Feb. 24 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Just Between Friends consignment sale, Feb. 27-28 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Circus Gatti, Feb. 26-March 2 at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

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MUSIC

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Members of Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale rehearse Tuesday.

MOSC to perform at Centennial library

From staff reports

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale is teaming up with Midland County Public Library for a series of free concerts at the Centennial branch.

The five-show monthly series will include all of MOSC's chamber groups.

The Permian Basin String Quartet will perform at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"We're excited to be playing with the idea of what makes a performance space," said Edward McPherson, education and program coordinator for Midland County Public Libraries. "I think it's a neat opportunity for people to come in and hear music and decide if they want to sit and listen in a traditional way or they can browse for a book and just appreciate it on their own time."

The series is being funded by the Midland County Public Library Foundation.

Van Halen's '1984' released 30 years ago

By Tyler White
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Van Halen's most successful album, "1984," was the last album to include the band's original lineup and ended up being the last album with vocalist David Lee Roth before he rejoined Van Halen many years later. The album turns 30 today, and the Reporter-Telegram looks back on its impact on music. Here are five tracks that made a mark on the band's career:

"PANAMA"

One of the band's best singles, "Panama" has all of the band's signature qualities, including guitarist Eddie Van Halen's iconic riffs and singer David Lee Roth's sexual squeals. Drummer Alex Van Halen drives the song's stadium rock heart rate that makes "Panama" a 1980s staple.

"JUMP"

Eddie Van Halen got to show off his keyboard chops on this No. 1 hit, and the tune highlighted the decade's fascination with new wave and synth music. For the haters who may have nagged about the style change, good ol' Eddie launched a guitar flurry during the bridge. You know, just because he can.

"HOT FOR TEACHER"

"I think of all the education that I've missed / But then my homework was never quite like this!"

David Lee Roth and company had it bad as they chronicled the school boy crush on their favorite educator. The track's sputtering rhythm melded nicely with hectic guitar riffs. The accompanying music video was an MTV mainstay in the mid-1980s, when the channel still played music.

"I'LL WAIT"

While "Jump" gets all the attention for its catchy synth melody, "I'll Wait" is the better song. The interplay between Eddie Van Halen's keyboard and guitar work set a softer mood as Roth comes "straight for your heart."

"GIRL GONE BAD"

This song easily could have been an instrumental track because the Van Halen brothers seem to be having too much fun during the song's first minute. The love Roth longs for in this track doesn't come for free — "Found that girl with a lonesome John / When she should have been with me"

Timberlake, Thicke have top-selling album, song

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justin Timberlake and Robin Thicke owned 2013 in music.

Nielsen Entertainment announced late Tuesday that Timberlake's "The 20/20 Experience" was the top-selling album with 2.4 million units sold. Thicke's ubiquitous "Blurred Lines" was the best-selling song with 6.4 million tracks sold.

Albums sales were down. Only 289.4 million albums were sold in 2013, compared with 316 million a year before. Single tracks also saw a decrease, by 6 percent. Streaming, however, was up 32 percent with 118.1 million streams. The sales figures include data from YouTube, Spotify and other digital outlets. Baauer's "Harlem Shake" topped the year with 489,674,000 streams.

New releases from Eminem and Luke Bryan rounded out the top three albums. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Thrift Shop" and Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" placed second and third on the singles list.

Ready to sweat? Top 5 workout songs

By Tyler White
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Many people are occupying the nearest gym as they try to keep on track with their new year resolution to lose weight. Burning calories can be a daunting process, but a good set of tunes can make all the difference. Here are five tracks that will amplify anyone's heart rate:

"BODY WORK"

By Morgan Page (featuring Tegan and Sara)

The Canadian twin sisters Tegan and Sara drop some flirtatious odes over a strong, steady beat by DJ Morgan Page. The gals will help you push through the burn as they sing "Can I make all the moves I'm making tonight ... I feel my pulse working overtime." Aerobic workouts will fly by in four minutes.

"GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT (EVERYBODY DANCE NOW)"

By C+C Music Factory

This jam from 1990 blew up the radio stations as rapper Freedom Williams guarantees to make you "sweat till you bleed." The booming voice comes from Martha Wash, one half of The Weather Girls. Wash commands "Let the music take control / Let the rhythm move you." Let the adrenaline pump in as the calories burn up.

"GET ME BODIED (EXTENDED MIX)"

By Beyoncé

Beyonce is a diva: a female version of a hustler. Hustle on some calisthenics as "B" urges you to keep on moving during a workout. Or play this tune while pushing through an elliptical session. "A little sweat ain't never hurt nobody."

"HARDER, BETTER, FASTER, STRONGER"

By Daft Punk

The French duo helped popularize electronic dance music in the late 1990s, during which they provided this anthem for productivity. This funky track will energize a workout and help time fly while pedaling out miles on the stationary bike.

"TIGHTROPE"

By Janelle Monae (featuring Big Boi)

In need of some motivation during a rough day at the gym? Take Janelle Monae's advice and keep pushing forward: "Whether you're high or low / You gotta tip on the tightrope." Weight loss is not meant to be easy, so keep on going. OutKast's Big Boi stops by for a smooth rap interlude while the funky percussion section boosts good feelings.

LIVE WIRE

MIDLAND-ODESSA

9 **Zack Walther** @ Rockin Rodeo
9 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa, 301 E. 61st St.
10 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
10 **Izzy Cox** @ Blue Max
10 **William Branson** @ Music City Mall
11 **Texas Cadillac Jack Band** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **The George Brothers** @ Ector Theatre
11 **Phil Wallace** @ Redneck's
11 **Whiskey Dick, Relics, Good Neighbor** @ Blue Max
11 **Marcy, Crowdpleaser** @ Pine Box
11 **OHS Showgirls, The Tiques, Padlock, Mike Leonard, Chiquasta Hines** @ Music City Mall
12 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Padlock, Tucker Binkley, Chiquasta Hines** @ Music City Mall
14 **Styx** @ Wagner Noel
14 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **Call Your Own, Moving Forward** @ Pine Box
15 **Elvis Lives** @ Wagner Noel
15 **Kingfishers, Bad Antics, Half Goon** @ Pine Box
15 **J.D. Sikes & The Dirt Daubers** @ Blue Max

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

10 **James Durbin, Kelley Jarnes** @ Cambridge Room
11 **Johnny Winter** @ The Pub in Frisco
11 **The Molly Ringwalds** @ House of Blues

VENUES

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Cigar Frogs | 216 N. Main St. | 687-1671 | cigarfrogs.com
Escape Lounge | Quality Inn & Suites, Odessa | 3001 East Business Loop 20 | 432-333-3931
Farwest Event Center | 5850 W. University Blvd. # 200, Odessa | 432-381-9378
Graham Central Station | 4240 Preston Road, Odessa | 432-552-0552 | grahamcentralstationodessa.com
Hot Shots | 615 W. Wall St. | 687-3582
Redneck's | 2215 N. Midland Drive # 2A
La Hacienda | 12610 St. Highway 191 | 563-3737 | lahaciendaeventcenter.com
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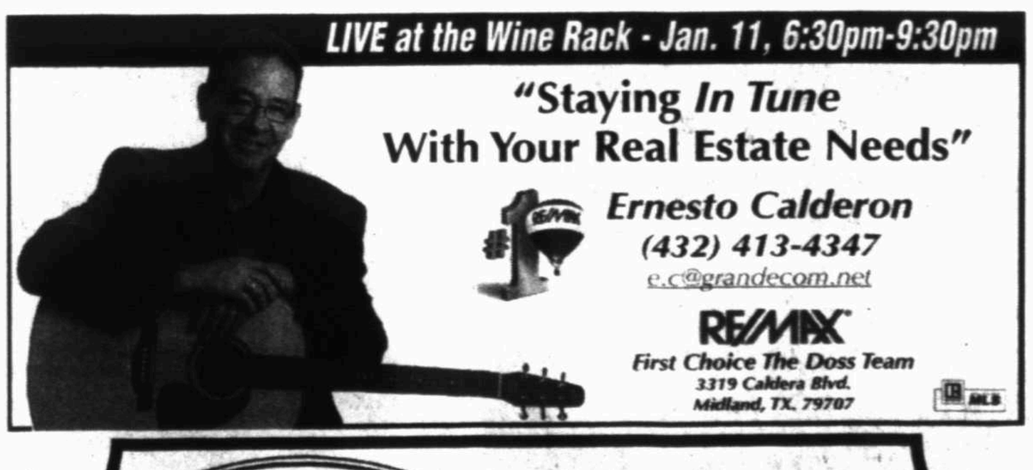

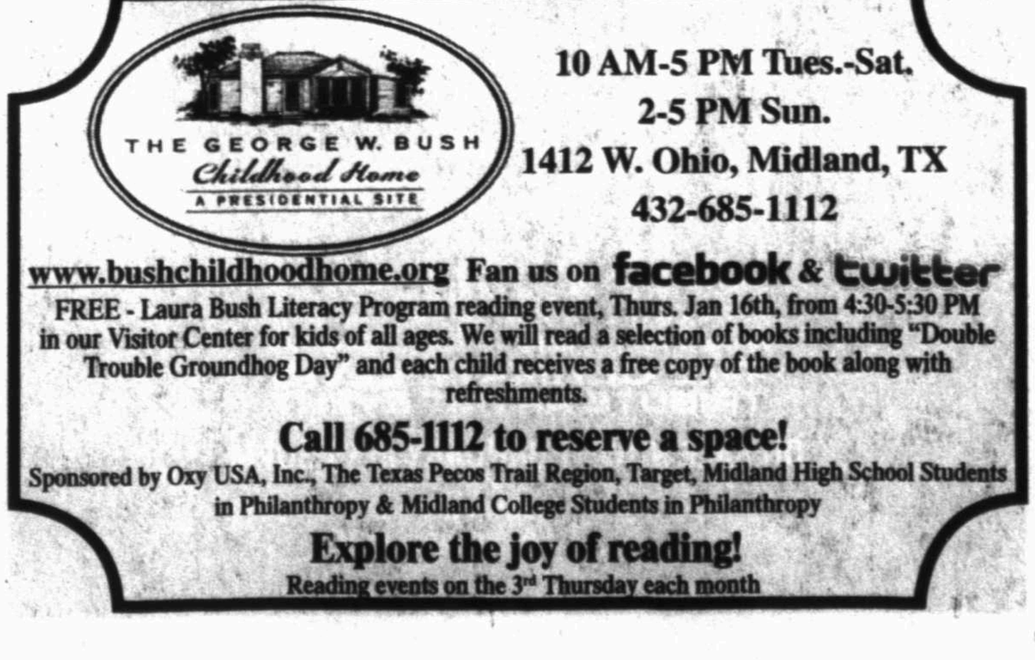

SCREEN, ETC.

'Sweetwater' gives hope that Western genre isn't dead

Reeled & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Sweetwater" (R) Westerns, once a mainstay of both the big and little screens, is long past its glory days, but it's films like this that give hope. Ed Harris is magnificent as an eccentric lawman and January Jones ("Mad Men") shows an umpf that makes this the best genre piece since "The Proposition." **B+**

MORE REVIEWS

"Alien Uprising" (R) Is it a comedy in the tradition of "Attack the Block"? Kind of. Is it a sci-fi action film? Kind of. The point is that the film doesn't ever seem to find its identity, which ultimately hurts it. **B**

"CBGB" (R) The story of the famous nightclub that fostered the birth of the American punk and new wave movement features a who's who soundtrack of the best music of the era. Unfortunately, the story's comic-book panel format and artisitic license with facts doesn't keep up. **B-**

"Computer Chess" (not rated) Critics were overwhelmingly seduced by this geekfest mockumentary that does have a few laughs, but the black and white homage to the "ancient" days of the Apple II and the like will have a very limited audience. **B-**

"Contest" (PG) Likable film won't go down as a family classic in the tradition of the "Shiloh" or "Wimpy Kid" series, but it's charming enough to while away an hour and a half on a slow evening. **B**

"Don Jon" (R) Once adjusted to the fact this film is decidedly not a date movie — despite the way it's portrayed in the trailer — this raucous comedy is laugh-out-loud funny in a way that will make you feel guilty over and over again. **B**

"Force of Execution" (R) Almost worth watching solely for Steven Seagal's interesting Southern accent, it also features one of the best casts in his straight-to-DVD career. Far from great, Ving Rhames and Danny Trejo add enough believeability to make this watchable for fans. **B-**

"Hannah Arendt" (not rated) Fascinating period piece about the philosopher who wrote incendiary articles for The New Yorker magazine covering Nazi Adolf Eichmann's 1961 trial after he was captured in Argentina. **B+**

"Hell Baby" (R) A step above most horror parodies thanks to the performances by Rob Corddry and Thomas Lennon, who also co-directed. There are a few laughs to be had, but not as many as there should have been. **B-**

"Insidious: The Next Chapter" (PG-13) Sequel to one of 2012's best horror films is a wretched diappointment. **D**

"Last Love" (not rated) Michael Caine's usually solid American accent wavers too much, and the story seems headed in a creepy direction. After it's determined the film is not going that way, his tender film about the friendship between a widower and a young dance instructor delivers. **B-**

"Line of Duty" (R) Interesting in that this action fare was filmed in San Antonio, but otherwise it's a clichéd gangster story with horrific acting and boring predictability. **D**

"Night Train to Lisbon" Jeremy Irons gives one of the best performances of his career since his Oscar-winning role in 1999's "Reversal of Fortune" in this absorbing film about a professor who becomes obsessed with a writer's life after reading his book. **B**

"Some Girl(s)" (not rated) Dialogue-driven film based on the play about a man looking up all his exes to discuss their relationships has some poignant moments but mostly seems more ego-driven than pithy. **C**

"When Calls the Heart" (not rated) Michael Landon Jr.'s career follows his dad's in many ways except for the younger Landon prefers to work behind the scenes as a writer and director. His latest effort is a heartwarming look as two young teachers embarking on their careers in the American wilderness. It is family fare at its finest in the same way "Little House on the Prairie" inspired my generation. In fact, this movie has inspired a TV series that premieres Saturday on the Hallmark Channel. **B+**

AUTHOR

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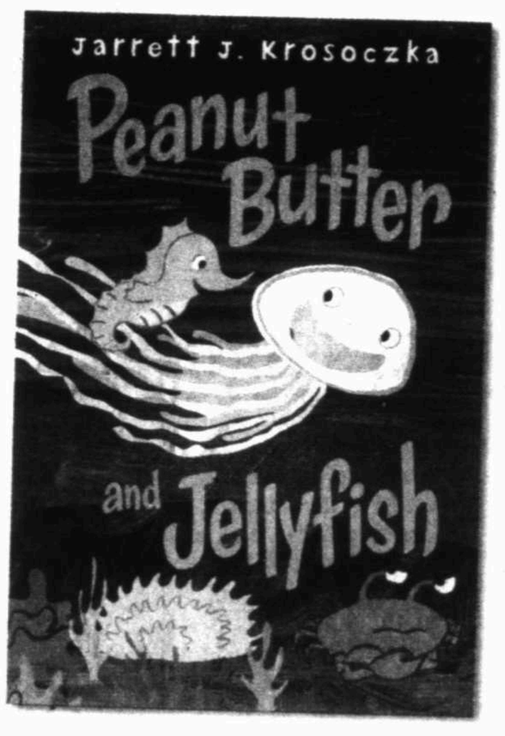

Krosoczka's "Lunch Lady" series has won two Children's Choice Book Awards in the third- to fourth-grade Book of the Year category.

Students at DeZavala Elementary and Carver Center will receive free copies of books from the "Lunch Lady" series when Krosoczka visits the schools. The books were purchased with funds from the Midland County Public Library Foundation.

Krosoczka's public appearance at the library is scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. Friday. He will read from "Peanut Butter and Jellyfish," which will be released in April.

"'Peanut Butter and Jellyfish' is about a seahorse and jellyfish that are best friends, and they deal with a crab who is not very nice to them. They reach a point in the story where the crab needs their help and they have to find it within themselves to do the right thing," he said.

Krosoczka said he didn't intend on writing an anti-bullying book, but the story does include that message.

"You just never know where things go," he said. "It just starts with drawing a sketch on a blank page and it always kind of snowballs into something bigger."

Krosoczka plans to talk Friday about his creative process as an author and illustrator. He also will do live drawings.

"It all starts with some kind of chance encounter or some observation in life," he said about creating a book. "From there I get to drawing out the characters in the sketchbook and getting to know them. From there I'll write a few sentences. They kind of leapfrog — the words and pictures — in the development."

Krosoczka is the author of 20 published books and has three more books coming out in the first half of this year. He also has an anthology he co-edited being released in December.

For more information on Krosoczka and his books, go to studiojjk.com

IMPROV

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being the case," Tate said with a laugh.

Past years' improv shows have included anywhere from 15-25 actors on stage. This year's shows will feature a smaller cast, with six actors every month. The actors will change from month to month, rotating in and out of a larger pool of 15-18 actors.

Tate and Tumlin have performed with Improv at the Yucca since its first show in 2001. Those who enjoy Summer Mummers will love Thirsty Thursdays, Tate said — the show will feature favorites such as Phil Tytanic and AJ Sanchez.

"Most of us enjoy doing it because we don't have to rehearse," Tate said with a laugh. "It's always been a great success — the audience loves it, the actors love doing it. For everybody who says there's nothing to do in Midland, we're trying to change that."

Preparing for improv is always a challenge, Tumlin said. Actors often prepare by studying current events and entertainment and remembering to let loose and leave their inhibitions at the door.

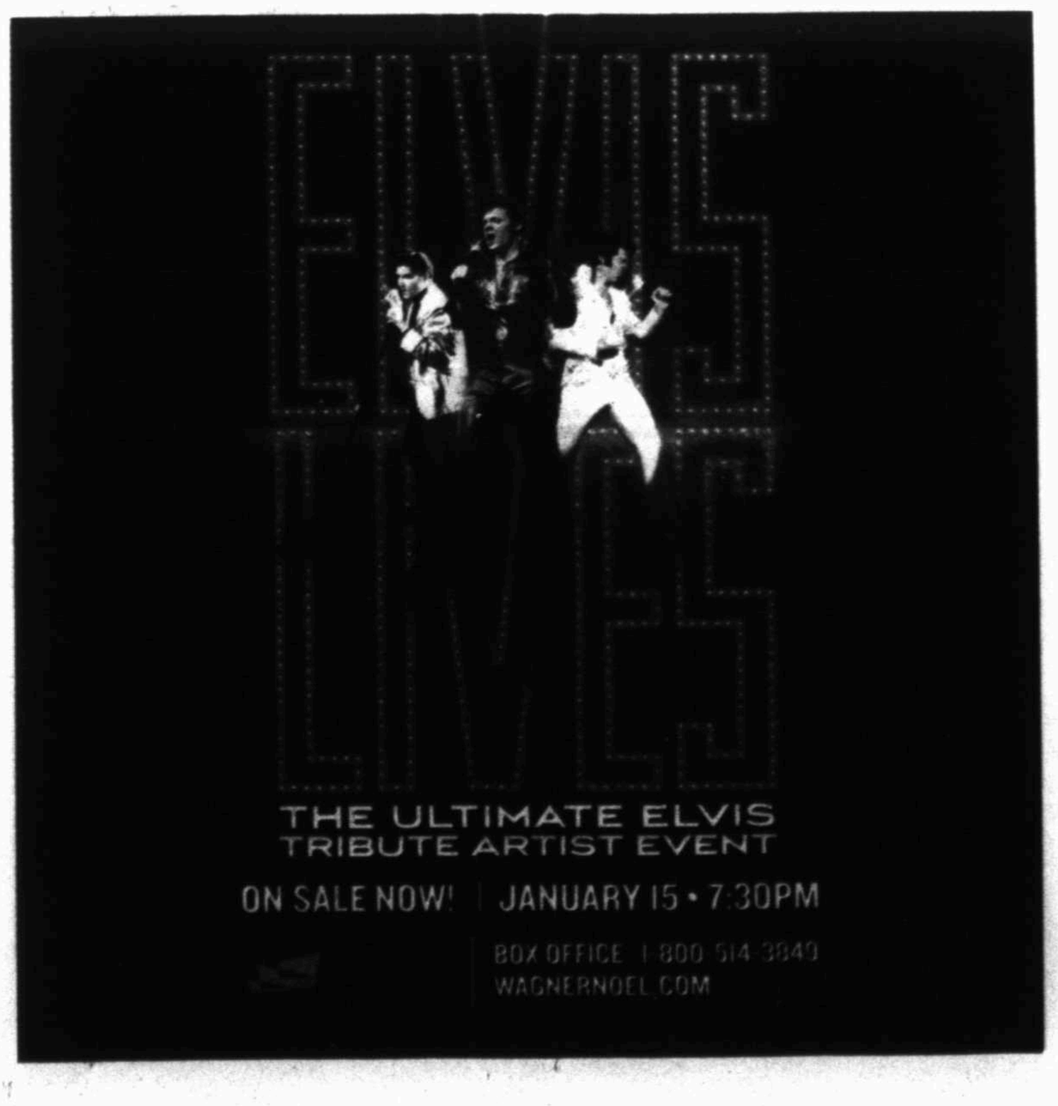
"I think, inherently, it's human nature to really think about what you say before you speak," Tumlin said. "Probably the hardest thing for an actor who is performing improv is to take all that away and let the first thought that pops into their head, that relates to whatever subject it is, fly out of their mouth."

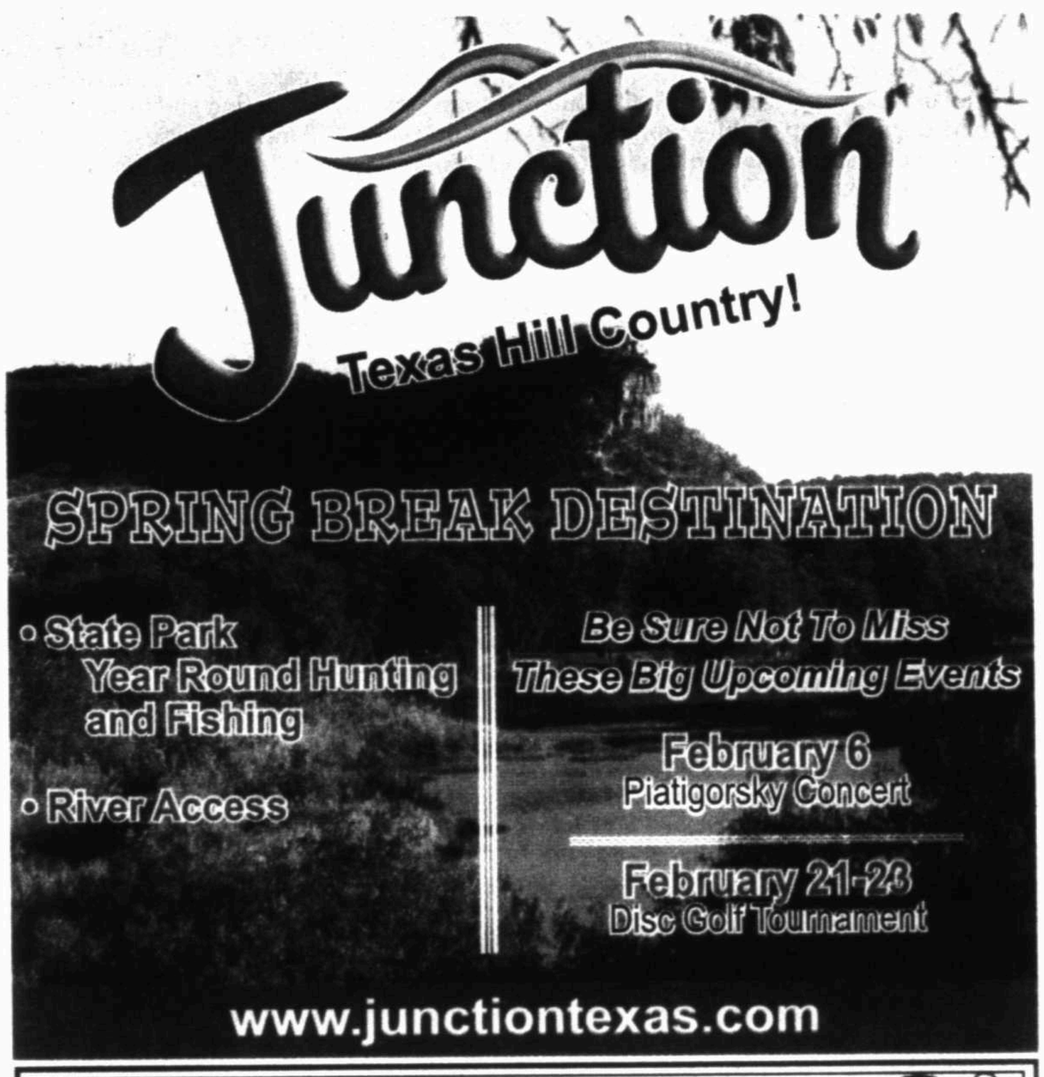
Improv at the Yucca actors will hold a free, open-to-the-public improv workshop the second Tuesday of every month. The next workshop will be Feb. 11.

IF YOU GO

Improv at the Yucca presents Thirsty Thursdays

WHEN: 8 p.m. today; doors open at 7 p.m.
WHERE: 208 N. Colorado St.
TICKETS: $12 for house seats, $15 for pit seats. Buy tickets at www.mctmidland.org.





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Masterworks III

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Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Pre-Concert Lecture at 6:45 PM

Orff - Carmina Burana
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Gary Lewis, Music Director & Conductor

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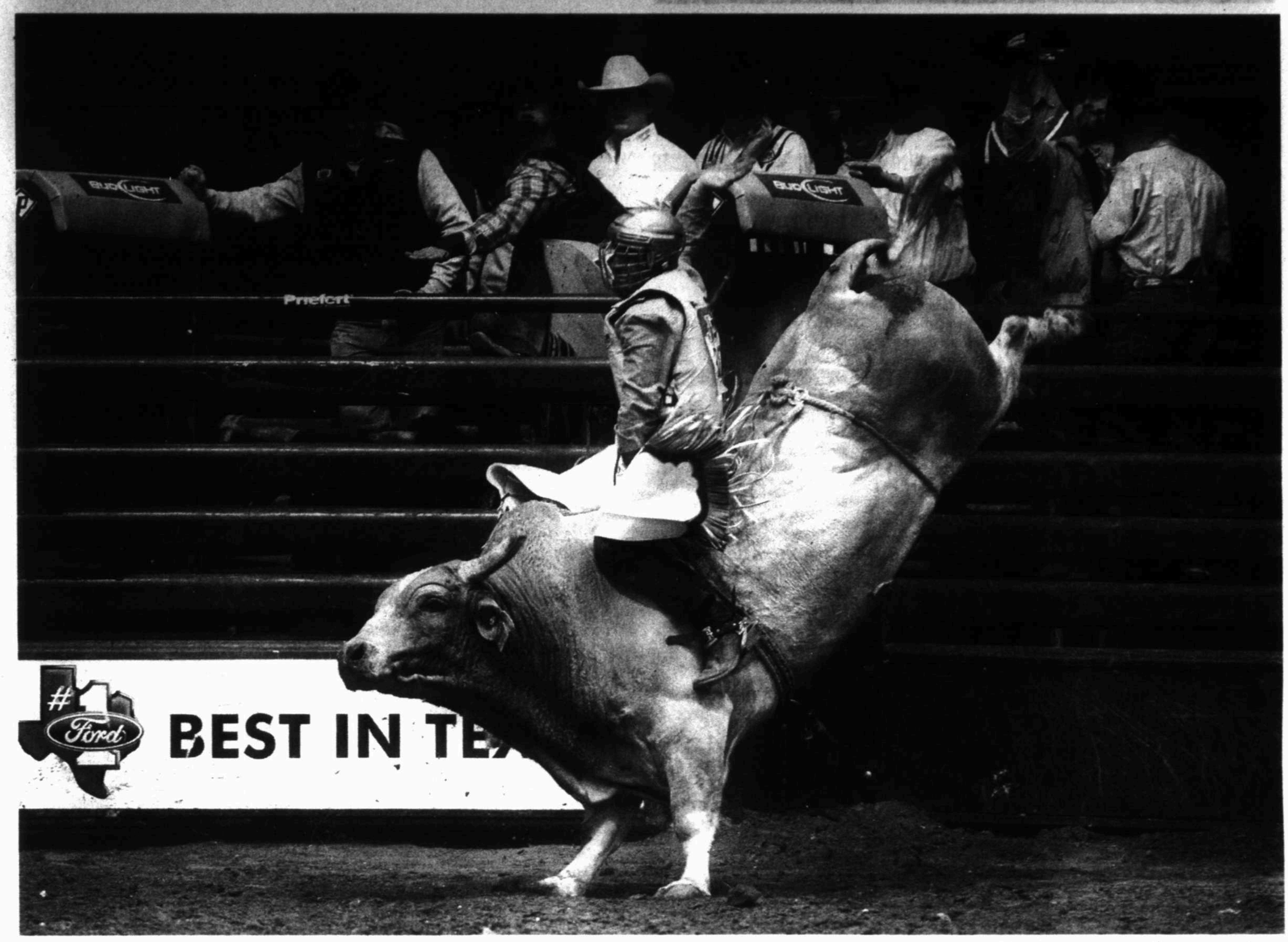
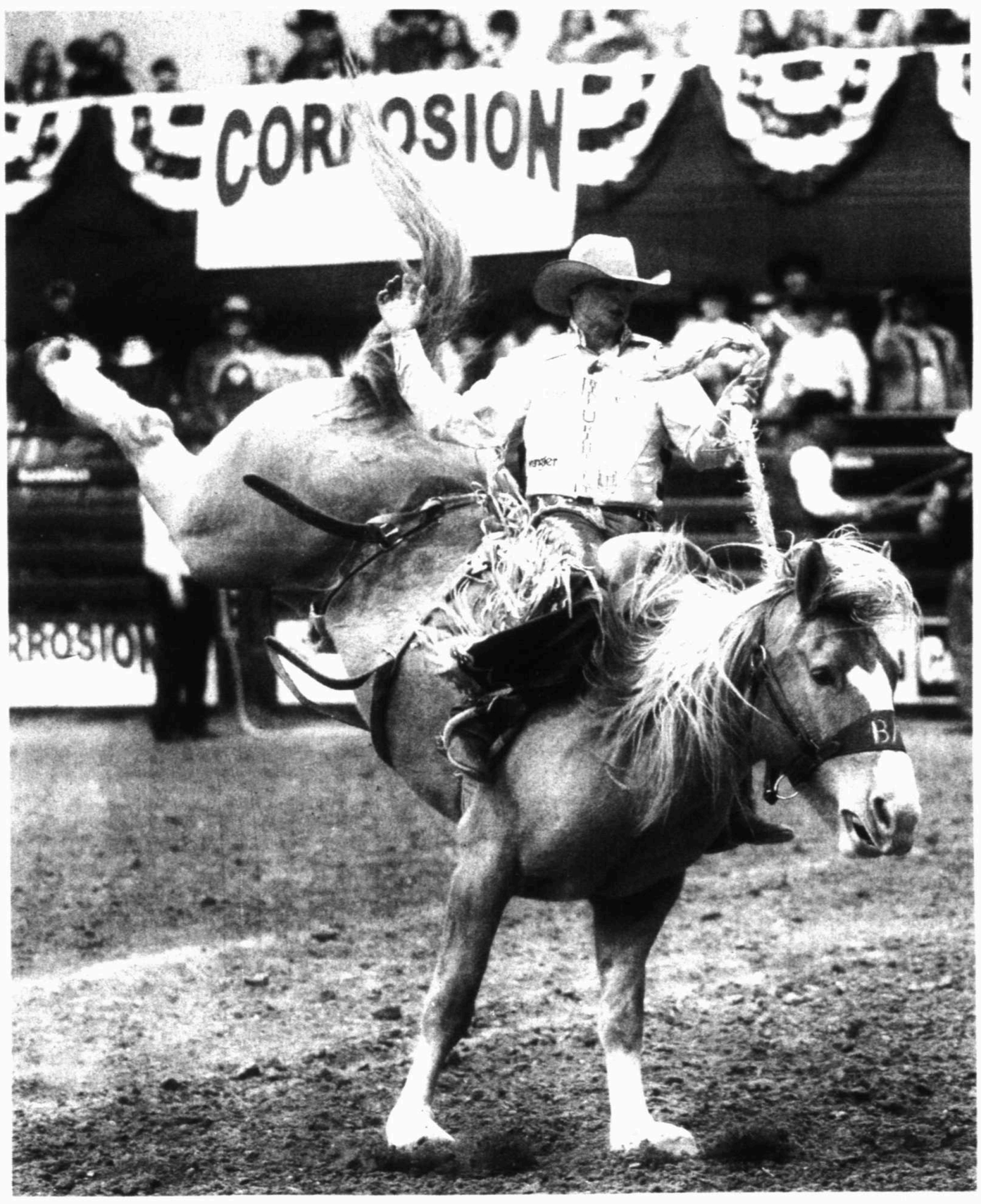
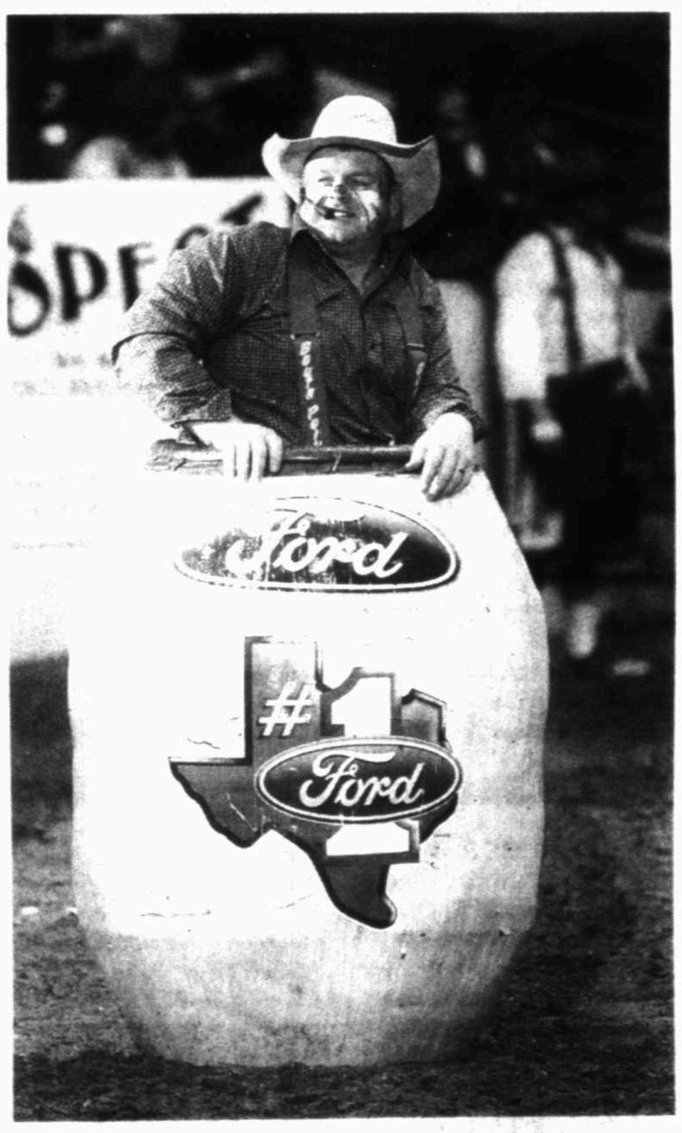


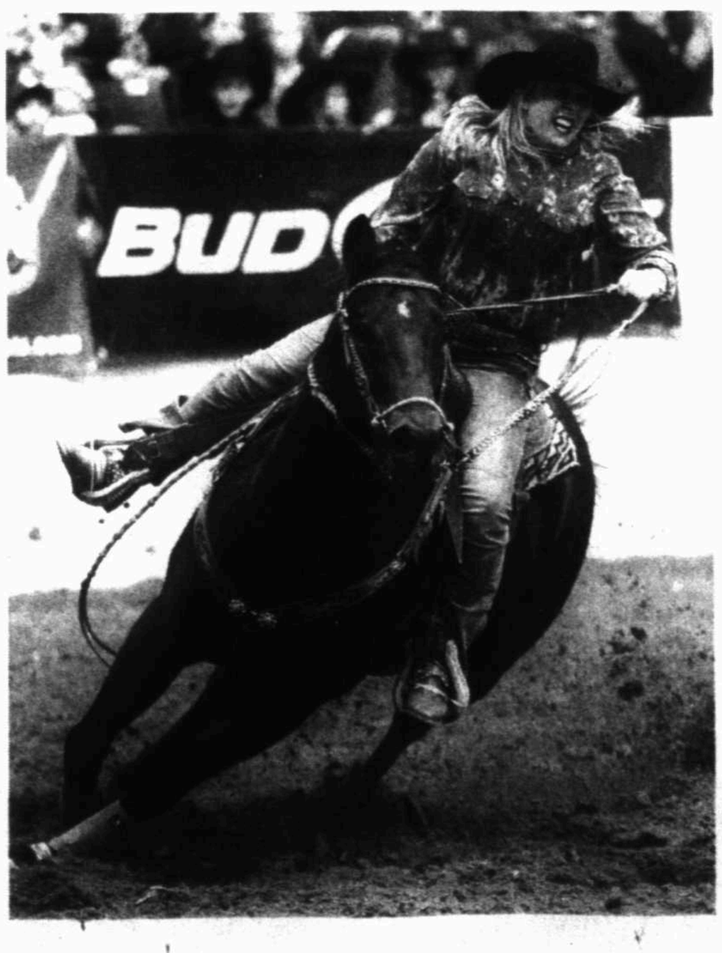


AIR IN THE ARENA

There's something about the rodeo that creates excitement. Whether it's watching riders hold on to dear life or racing saddled beasts around barrels, the Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo has one of the best atmospheres in the Permian Basin, and it's definitely one of our favorite annual events.

We want to see where you're spending your weekends. Send your photos from concerts, plays or other events to mbuck@mrt.com.





DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU:
$ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE.
1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

INTERNATIONAL

CAFE UNIQUE Chef Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a varity of arepas, empanadas and other Venezuelan specialities. Try any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

SHAHI TANDOOR In a hotel lobby off of West Wall Street, Shahi Tandoor offers a authentic Indian cuisine to West Texans and visitors. The lunch buffet offers a variety of salads, meats and vegetarian dishes. Try the sag paneer or chicken tikka masala. Order the garlic naan from the menu. Evening is menu service only. 3400 W. Wall St. | 618-9090 | www.indianfoodmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

ITALIAN

LUCIANO'S Take a break from shopping for pizza, pasta, calzones or cheesecake. Luciano's serves Italian food in the Midland Park Mall food court. Try the calzone with pepperoni, ham, mozarella and ricotta cheeses or go for a piece of stuffed gourmet pizza. 4511 N. Midkiff Road | 689-2244 | $ | 4 spoons

LUIGI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT Eat by candlelight at tables covered in red and white checkered table clothes in the heart of downtown Midland. Go for the pizza snack and the antipasta salad. 111 N. Big Spring St. 683-6363 | $ | 5 spoons

MANNY'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Traditional Italian food — pasta, chicken, veal, seafood. Try the fettucini di flavia with shrimp, prosciutto, broccoli and artichokes in a creamy vodka sauce. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 684-6595 www.mannysitalianvillage.com| $$ | 5 spoons

MD PIZZA FACTORY Locally owned pizzeria with unique toppings and combinations like chicken teriyaki and Genoa pesto chicken. Lunch specials, senior and teacher discounts. 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13 682-4440 | $ | 3 spoons

MI PIACI ITALIAN Traditional Italian food restaurant in Odessa. The garlic bread and dipping sauces make it worth the drive from Midland. 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa 432-362-8060 | $$ | 4 spoons

PALIO'S Stop by during the lunch hour for a personal pizza, pasta or calzone plus a salad and drink for around $10. You'll have money left over for a cannoli or cheesecake. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. www.paliospizzacafe.com | $ | 4 spoons

PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA Order a pizza with whatever toppings you like. Papa Murphy's puts it together and you take it home and bake it. It's almost like home-cooking. 4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113 699-7272 www.papamurphys.com | $ | 4 spoons

PIZZERIA VENTI Small pizzeria also serves salads, soups, pasta and timpanini. Top a slice of pizza with sliced sausage and peppers or artichokes and tomatoes. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. No. 135 689-7220 www.pizzeriaventi.com | $ | 4 spoons

TORINO'S Comiration pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons

VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20 www.veneziarestaurant.info | $ | 4 spoons

ZUCCHI'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE Well-known Odessa restaurant with unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked harvarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. 1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa 550-7443 | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK & SEAFOOD

CATTLE BARON Western-themed steakhouse with prime rib, fresh catfish and Alaskan king crab. The salad bar is worth the trip. 418 Wadley Ave. 683-2334 www.cattlebaron.com | $$ | 3 spoons

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB Renovated club restaurant doesn't require a membership. Go for breakfast or try steak seafood at dinner. 1600 E. Wadley Ave. 682-3729 www.Ranchland-hills.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

STEAK EXPRESS Surprisingly good steaks and burgers for take-out or delivery. Burgers are a meal by themselves. Steaks come with traditional sides. 3316 W. Illinois Ave. 694-4040 | $$ | 4 spoons

TEXAS ROADHOUSE Call-ahead seating is available for busy chain restaurant on Loop 250 offers steaks, burgers, sandwiches and more. Warm rolls are served with cinnamon butter. 4512 W. Loop 250 N. 689-7427 | $$ | 4 spoons

WALL STREET BAR & GRILL Arguably the best steak and seafood in Midland. If you're in the mood for something else, try the chicken fried steak or the Dijon chicken. And save room for the Gold Brick dessert. 115 East Wall St. 684-8686 | $$ | 5 spoons

WAY OUT WEST Buffet includes steaks, seafood, brisket, salads, mashed potatoes, beans and just about anything else you can think of. 515 Andrews Highway 697-4196 | $ | 2 spoons

DESSERT & BAKERY

YOUR WAY YOGURT Start with self-serve yogurt and add toppings ranging from strawberries and whip cream to cereal. 2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D 897-4393 | $ | 3 spoons

SUGAR MAMA'S Bakery specializes in customized cakes, cupcakes, cookies. Try the Elvis — bananas on bottom with peanut butter cream on top. 1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G 618-0976 | 3 spoons

MARTINEZ BAKERY Walls lined with self-serve bakery cases filled with cookies. Also serves "super tortas" (Mexican sandwiches) with chicken, brisket or ham. 206 E. Florida Ave. 683-3100; 683-2278 | $ | 4 spoons

TONY'S BAKERY Order petit fours or a cake for your next party or stop to browse the bakery items for a quick snack. Also try the sandwiches for breakfast or lunch. 1108 N. Big Spring St. 570-4166 | $ | 4 spoons

DELI

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

GRINDERS SUB SHOP Locally owned sandwich shop piles half a pound of meat on its regular-sized sub and a full pound on its large subs. If you want more toppings, choose from several condiments and veggies. 11 Meta Drive, Suite B 687-1300 | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. Might as well add a lemon bar and hot tea to your order after you finish your chicken salad stuffed tomato. 2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MCALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoosedeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

IS YOUR EATERY LISTED?

If you would like your restaurant listed in the Weekender's Restaurant Guide, submit information to **Megan Lea Buck**, Assistant Managing Editor. **Email:** mbuck@mrt.com; **Phone:** 432-687-8871

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EXHIBITION ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2014.

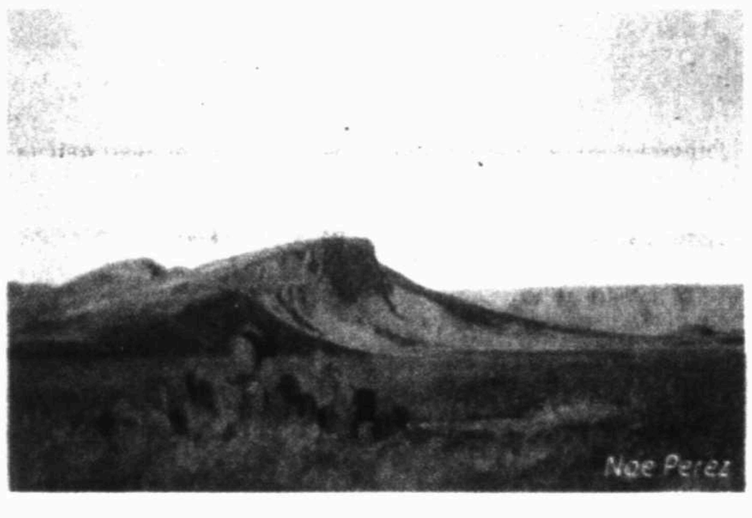
William Reaves Fine Art teams up with the prestigious Haley Memorial Library to host a holiday celebration bringing Midland art enthusiasts an outstanding exhibition featuring many of the state's most prominent early and contemporary artists. The exhibition will be on view at the Haley Memorial Library in Midland, Texas.

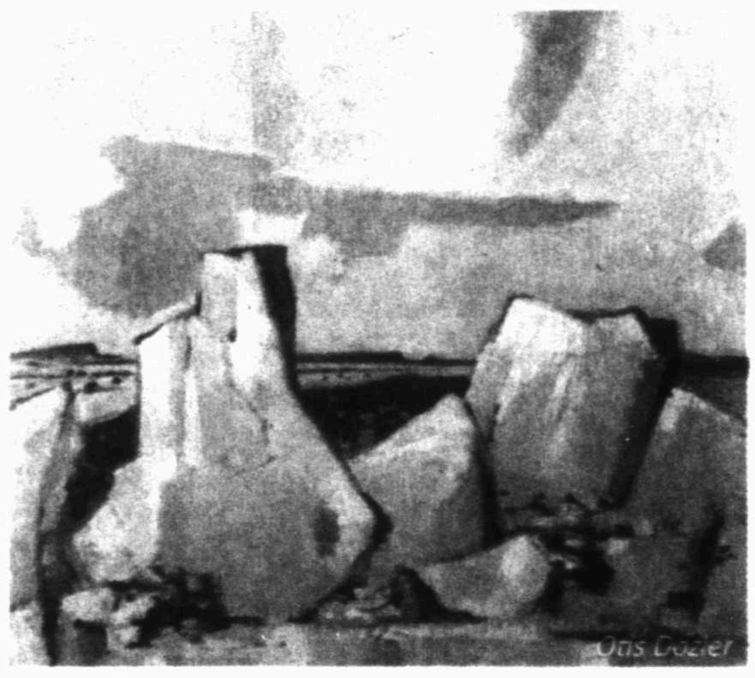
Due to an excellent response from the Midland art community, the library and gallery have extended the exhibition two extra weeks; the show is on view now through Friday, January 17, 2014.

The Houston-based gallery is acknowledged as one of the foremost venues for Texas subject matter in the state, focusing on early, modern, and contemporary art, and having quickly achieved a reputation for presenting exceptional examples of Texas art reflecting a broad spectrum of periods and media.

Holidays at the Haley includes a pleasing spread of early and contemporary Texas artists, including works by masters Porfirio Salinas, Robert Wood, Otis Dozier, and William Lester.

Additionally, the Haley show features the gallery's Contemporary Texas Regionalists — 16 artists from across the state who are rising stars on the Texas scene and recognized among the foremost artists working within the state today.





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Manziel leaving Texas A&M for NFL draft

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Johnny Football is heading to the NFL.

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel declared for the NFL draft on Wednesday following two spectacular seasons in which he became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and helped the Aggies make a splash in their first two years in the Southeastern Conference.

"After long discussions with my family, friends, teammates, and coaches, I have decided to make myself available for the 2014 NFL draft," Manziel said in a letter posted online by the university. "The decision was not an easy one, but we all felt this was the right time to make the next step toward a professional career."

Some NFL draft analysts have Manziel ranked as high as the third overall pick in mock drafts.

In a style befitting his record-setting career, Manziel led the Aggies to a 52-48 come-from-behind win over Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl on New Year's Eve in his final college game. Texas A&M trailed 38-17 at halftime before Manziel guided them to the victory by finishing with 382 yards passing with four TD tosses and 73 yards rushing and another score.

"In all of my years of coaching, Johnny Manziel is the most exciting football player I have ever seen," A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We appreciate everything he has done for Texas A&M and Aggie football and wish him nothing but the best."

Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman in 2012 after setting numerous school and SEC records while leading Texas A&M to an 11-2 record and a victory over No. 1 Alabama in its first season in the SEC.

His dynamic play created a frenzy and pushed him into a stratosphere of celebrity that few college athletes have reached. That began to cause problems since Manziel, who is from Kerrville, still had three years of eligibility remaining.

Associated Press

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) looks for a receiver in the second half of the Chick-fil-A Bowl against Duke on Dec. 31 in Atlanta.

Chasing the playoffs

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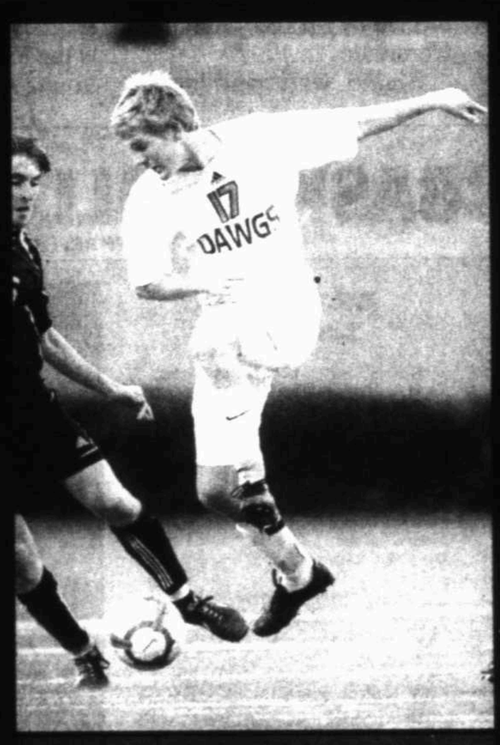

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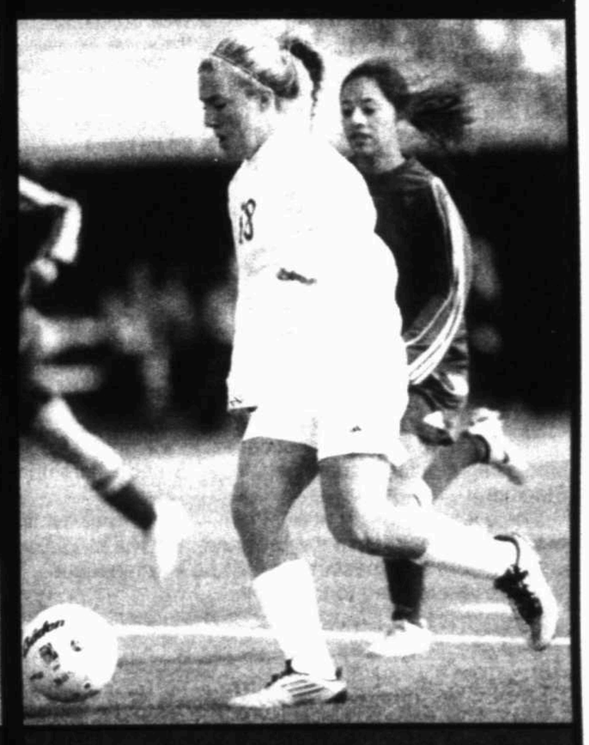

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Former Andrews star Williams to suit up for Drillers

By Len Hayward
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Shaud Williams had chased a professional football career for nearly a decade, but a year ago he knew it was time to come home to Andrews.

Williams

And when he came home, he wanted to give back to the community that had supported him so much through his stellar career as a football player, and overall athlete at Andrews High School.

"It's awesome. I love working with kids and love being able to have an impression on them and impact on their lives," Williams said on Wednesday shortly after it was announced he would play for the West Texas Drillers this spring. "Some of those kids you don't know what their home life is like, and you don't know where they are coming from. Sometimes you may be the only positive influence they come in contact with the whole day."

Williams is doing that by helping current athletes in Andrews and West Texas by teaching them what he learned during his college and professional career about strength and conditioning.

Williams said he has around 40 athletes in his program that range in age from 8 to 18 years old, and he said he came to Andrews with the plan to start the business. Plus, he also wanted to come back to Andrews to give back to the community.

He said his program teaches everything from speed to strength training to flexibility.

"I just wanted to give back to the community and do something, and give those kids something that myself and other athletes didn't have," said Williams, who has a degree in marketing from Alabama.

Williams, 33, said his parents still live in Andrews, and no matter how many different places he might have played during his college and professional career he always considered West Texas home.

"I still have people recognize me and that always feels good," Williams said. "It just shows you how football is in West Texas. I ran into a guy the other day at Target, and he said, 'I followed you in high school,' and he was from like Ozona or something. It just goes to show you how big West Texas high school football is that people still remember."

Williams certainly left an impression on those who watched him play during a stellar career at Andrews. Williams played for four years for the Mustangs, accumulating 7,712 rushing yards during his career, ranking him 10th in Texas for career yardage, and he was also a stellar baseball player and ran track.

He signed with Texas Tech out of high school, but then transferred to Alabama where he rushed for 1,300 yards his senior season in 2003.

Williams signed with the Buffalo Bills as an undrafted free agent in 2004 and played in 25 games for the Bills between 2004 and 2006. He later went on to play in the fledging United Football League in Florida and Omaha between 2009 and 2011.

"It was everything I expected," Williams said of his professional career. "I was blessed and had a tremendous opportunity to do what I was doing. I got to live out my dream. I might have

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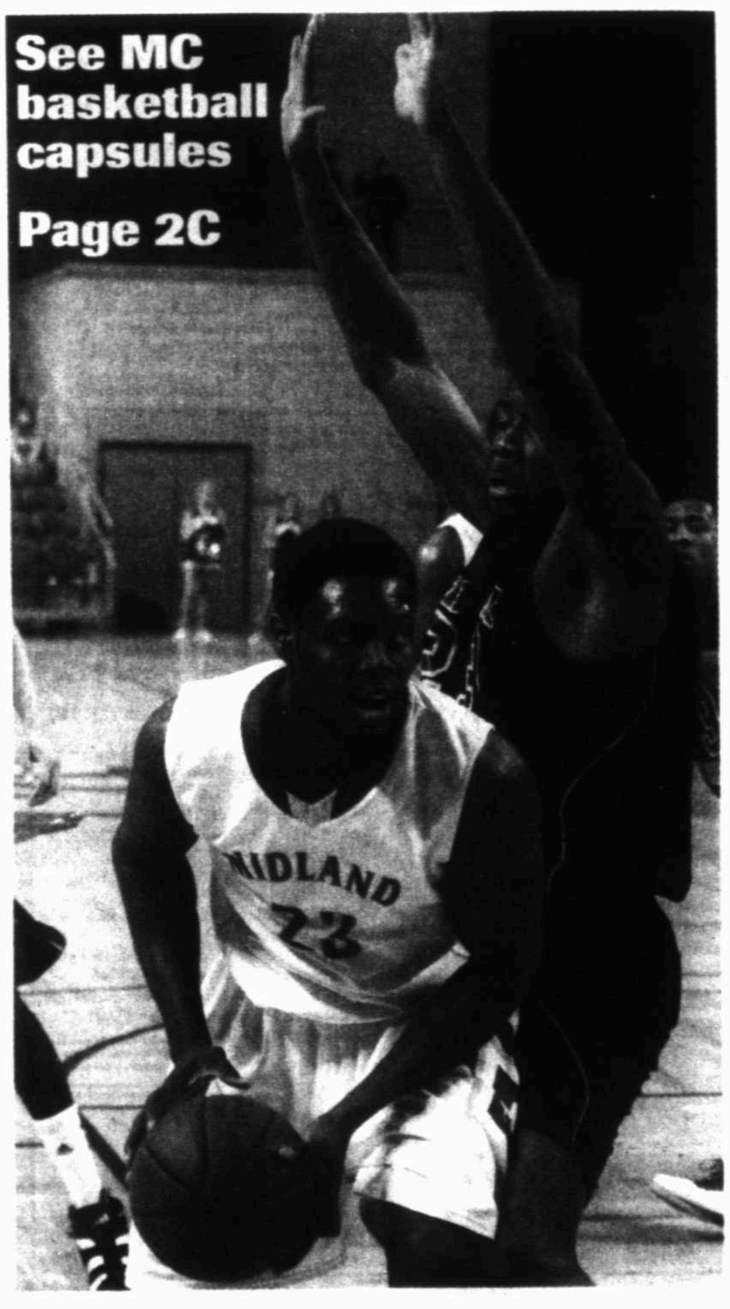


Correction

The Lee girls basketball team defeated rival Midland High for the second straight time on Tuesday night by a score of 49-33.

A headline on Page 1C and a score were incorrect in Wednesday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Volvo Champions, first round, 10 a.m. TGC

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

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Memphis at Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN

Auburn at Mississippi, 6 p.m., ESPN2

DePaul at Butler, 6 p.m., FS1

Florida State at Clemson, 6 p.m., FSSW Plus

George Washington at La Salle, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Arizona at UCLA, 8 p.m., ESPN

Michigan at Nebraska, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Marquette at Xavier, 8 p.m., FS1

California at Oregon, 10 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tulane at Marshall, 8 p.m., FSSW Plus

NBA

Miami at New York, 7 p.m., TNT

Oklahoma City at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT

NHL

Dallas at New Jersey, 6 p.m., FSSW

WHAT'S ON DECK

RODEO

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

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

NMMI at Midland College, 7 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ranger College at Midland College, 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

MHS vs. Arlington High, 6 p.m., Fossil Ridge HS

Lee at Forney Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

MHS vs. Denton Ryan, 5 p.m., Frisco

Lee at Richland Tournament

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

First place votes in parentheses

Rank College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Trinity Valley CC (8)	14-1	200	1
2. Walters State CC	16-0	192	2
3. Hutchinson CC	14-0	184	3
4. Gulf Coast State	16-0	176	4
5. Chipola College	17-1	168	5
6. Shelton State CC	13-1	160	9
7. Central Arizona	14-2	152	10
8. Tyler Junior College	13-1	144	12
9. Seward County CC	15-1	136	7
10. Salt Lake CC	14-4	128	RV
11. Coll. of Southern Idaho	15-2	120	6
12. Collin County CC	12-3	112	11
13. Northwest Florida State	14-2	104	18
14. Vincennes University	11-2	96	16
15. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	12-2	88	19
16. Hill College	11-1	80	20
17. Palm Beach State	13-3	72	13
18. Florida State -Jacksonville	11-5	64	17
19. North Idaho College	16-3	56	14
20. Midland College	10-5	48	22
21. Eastern Oklahoma State	13-1	40	24
22. St. Petersburg College	10-4	32	23
23. Northeast CC	14-0	24	RV
24. Cowley County CC	11-4	16	RV
25. Cleveland State CC	12-1	8	RV

LOCAL SPORTS

KICKOFF EVENT SET FOR MHS GIRLS SOCCER

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

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

The event is open to the public.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Kevin McGuiness chief operating officer.

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Jose Iglesias on a one-year contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Named Tarrik Brock first base coach.

TEXAS RANGERS — Named Steve Buechele manager and Justin Mashore hitting coach of Round Rock (PCL); Jason Wood manager of Frisco (TL); Joe Milulik manager of Myrtle Beach (Carolina); Bobby Rose coach and Oscar Marin pitching coach of Hickory (SAL); Jose James pitching coach of Spokane (NWL); Joey Seaver pitching coach and Kenny Hook hitting coach of the AZL Rangers; Aaron Levin manager and Humberto Miranda coach of the DSL Rangers; Scott Coolbaugh minor league hitting coordinator; Brook Jacoby assistant minor league hitting coordinator; and Ryley Westman assistant minor league catching coordinator.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Signed manager Don Mattingly to a three-year contract.

NEW YORK METS — Named Frank Viola pitching coach of Las Vegas (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named Mickey Morandini coach of Lehigh Valley (IL); Rob Ducey coach of Reading (EL); Greg Legg manager, Lino Connell coach and Les Lancaster pitching coach of Lakewood (SAL); Shawn Williams coach and Aaron Fultz pitching coach of Williamsport (NYP); Doug Mansolino minor league field coordinator; Mike Compton senior minor league adviser of player development; Carlos Arroyo minor league pitching coordinator; Chris Truby minor league infield coordinator; and Jason Meredith minor league strength and conditioning coordinator.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed 1B Chase Burch, LHP Eric Kline and C Marcus Nidiffer.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed LHP Michael Joyce.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released C Jeremy Mayo and C Dwight Childs.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Kirk Clark. Released LHP Adam Champion.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Traded RHP Kaohi Downing to Sioux City for INF Ryan Pineda.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined New York G J.R. Smith $50,000 for recurring instances of unsportsmanlike conduct.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Signed G Maalik Wayns to a 10-day contract.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Activated F Chase Budinger from the injured reserve.

PHOENIX SUNS — Signed G Leandro Barbosa to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed WRs Isaiah Williams and Lamont Bryant and LB David Hinds to reserve/future contracts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OL Kevin Kowalski to a reserve/future contract.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Re-signed K/Ps Justin Medlock and Brett Lauther.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed RB Anthony Woodson to a contract extension and RBs Tristan Davis and Jeremiah Johnson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Promoted Randy Cunneyworth to special assistant/player development coach of Rochester (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Jacob Josefson on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 4. Claimed D Alexander Urbom off waivers from Washington and assigned him to Albany (AHL).

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned G Riku Helenius from Florida (ECHL) to Syracuse (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled F Carter Ashton from Toronto (AHL). Reassigned C Peter Holland to Toronto (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned F Benn Ferrero to Utica (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled D Connor Carrick from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled G Parker Milner from Stockton (ECHL). Acquired F Peter Boyd on loan from South Carolina (ECHL) and signed him to a professional tryout contract.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Reassigned G Mathias Niederberger to Ontario (ECHL).

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Zach Miskovic from Cincinnati (ECHL).

SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Signed D Jordan Henry.

ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Loaned F Justin Mercier to Iowa (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW — Signed D Ross Friedman and MF Matt Walker.

D.C. UNITED — Signed D Nana Attakora.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Re-signed G Marcus Hahnemann.

North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed D Hunter Freeman to a contract extension.

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS STATE — Named Walt Bell offensive coordinator.

CALIFORNIA — Demoted defensive coordinator Andy Buh to a position coach. Announced defensive tackles coach Barry Sacks and defensive backs coach Randy Stewart will not return next season.

CAMPBELL — Named Samar Azem women's assistant soccer coach.

INDIANA — Announced WR Cody Latimer will enter the NFL draft.

LIMESTONE — Named Mary Beth Gunn men's and women's assistant tennis coach.

LSU — Announced offensive line coach Greg Studrawa has left the coaching staff.

MICHIGAN — Fired offensive coordinator Al Borges.

NOTRE DAME — Announced RB George Atkinson III will enter the NFL draft.

TEXAS A&M — Announced QB Johnny Manziel will enter the NFL draft.

UTICA — Named Brian Marcantonio men's soccer coach.

VANDERBILT — Suspended sophomore G Eric McClellan from the basketball team for the spring semester for violating academic policy.

RODEO RESULTS

SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo
Ector County Coliseum
Results after Wednesday's performance

Bareback Riding

1. Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla., 83; 2. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, 81; Orin Larsen, Kimberly, Idaho, 75

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

Bull Riding

1. (tie) Markus Mariluch, Elko, Nev., 81; Scottie Knapp, Albuquerque, N.M., 81; 3. Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho, 74

Leaders — 1. Trevor Kastner, 84; 2. Taryl Smith, 83; 3. (tie) Markus Mariluch, 81; Scottie Knapp, 81; 5. Bayle Worden, 76

Saddle Bronc

1. Ty Atchison, Colony, Okla., 74; 2. Jade Blackwell, Rapid City, S.D., 73; 3. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta, 71; 4. Kaden Deal, Cheyenne River, S.D., 61

Leaders — 1. Spencer Wright, 83; 2. Cody DeMoss, 82; 3. Jake Wright, 80; 4. Jesse Wright, 79; 5. Ty Atchison, 74

Steer Wrestling

1. Kacey Kenny, Queensland, Australia, 5.8; 2. Blaine Jones, Templeton, Calif., 6.2; 3. Cole Fulton, 6.5; 4. Jake Rinehart, 8.3; 5. Matt Mousseau, Hensall, Ontario, 13.4

Second Go-round — 1. Riley Duvall, 4.2; 2. (tie) J.B. Lord, 4.3; Cole Edge, 4.3; 4. (tie) Ryan Jarrett, 4.6; Bray Ames, 4.6

Average — 1. Cole Fulton, 11.9; 2. Michael Bates Jr., 12.0; 3. Ryan Jarrett, 12.2; 4. J.B. Lord, 12.8; 5. Riley Duvall, 14.7

Tie-Down Roping

1. Tyler Prcin, Alvord, 8.7; 2. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 9.0; 3. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, 9.7; 4. Reese Riemer, Stinnett, 12.9; 5. Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 13.9

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

Team Roping

1. (tie) Nick Sartain-Rich Skelton, 5.3; Trevor Brazile-Travis Graves, 5.3; 3. Seth Hall-Tyon Tittel, 5.9; 4. Turner Harris-Sloan Hendley, 6.9

Second Go-round — 1. Speed Williams-Shay Carroll, 4.0; 2. Logan Olson-Matt Kasner, 4.4; 3. Tyler Wade-Tyler Barton, 4.7; 4. (tie) Pace Freed-Cully Stafford, 4.9; Turtle Powell-Dakota Kirchenschlager, 4.9

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

Barrel Racing

1. Nicole Riggle, Scottsdale, Ariz., 14.79; 2. Sherrylynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 14.87; 3. Nicole Aichele, Walla Walla, Wash., 14.89; 4. Teresa Turbeville, Scurry, 15.05; 5. Brittany Fellows, Loveland, Colo., 15.11

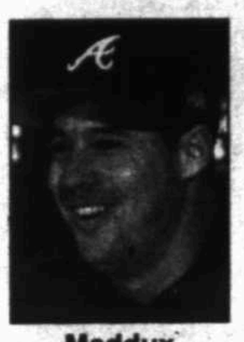
Leaders — 1. Christy Loflin, 14.27; 2. Shelley Morgan, 14.33; 3. Samantha Lyne, 14.40; 4. (tie) Callie Rios, 14.43; Natalie Foutch, 14.43

Maddux, Glavine, Thomas elected to Hall

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Wednesday, while Craig Biggio fell two votes short and tainted stars of the Steroids Era remained a long way from Cooperstown.

Glavine



Maddux

Thomas

Maddux was picked on 555 of 571 ballots by senior members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. His 97.2 percentage was the eighth-highest in the history of voting.

Glavine, Maddux's longtime teammate in the Atlanta rotation, appeared on 525 ballots and received 91.9 percent. Thomas, the first Hall of Famer who spent the majority of his career as a designated hitter, was at 478 and 83.7 percent.

Thomas said he accepts the view of many Hall of Famers that players whose accomplishments are muddied by accusations of steroid use, such as Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, don't belong in the Hall.

"I've got to take the right stance, too. No, they shouldn't get in," he said. "There shouldn't be cheating allowed to get into the Hall of Fame."

The trio will be inducted July 27 along with managers Bobby Cox, Joe Torre and Tony La Russa, elected last month by the expansion-era committee. Maddux and Glavine, who played under Cox for most of their careers, will become the first pair of 300-game winners to be inducted in the same year.

"It's exciting for me to go in with my teammate," Maddux said.

The only other time three players were elected together in their first appearances was in 1999 with Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount.

Biggio received 427 votes and 74.8 percent, matching Nellie Fox in 1985 and Pie Traynor in 1947 for the smallest margin to just miss. Traynor made it the following year, and Fox was elected by the old Veterans Committee in 1997.

Biggio, who spent his entire career with the Houston Astros, appeared on 388 ballots last year in his initial appearance — when writers failed to elect anyone — and appears to be on track to gain election next year.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed to come that close," he said in a statement. "I feel for my family, the organization and the fans. Hopefully, next year."

Mike Piazza was next with 62.2 percent, up from 57.8 last year. Jack Morris was 78 votes short at 61.5 percent in his 15th and final appearance on the writers' ballot, a drop from 67.7 percent. Morris replaces Gil Hodges (63 percent in 1983) as the player with the highest-percentage of the vote not in the Hall.

Jeff Bagwell dropped to 54.3 percent from 59.6, and Tim Raines to 46.1 from 52.2.

Controversy over how to evaluate stars tainted by the Steroids Era continued to impact the vote totals of players with stellar statistics. In their second appearances on the ballot, Roger Clemens dropped from 37.6 percent to 35.4, Barry Bonds from 36.2 to 34.7 and Sammy Sosa from 12.5 to 7.2.

Bonds, baseball's career home run leader, is the only seven-time MVP in major league history. Clemens is the lone seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"As for what they did, I don't think any of us will ever really know," Thomas said. "But I can just tell you, what I did was real and that's why I've got this smile on my face right now because the writers, they definitely got it right."

Mark McGwire, appearing for the eighth time, fell from 16.9 to 11 percent — down from a peak of 25.6 in 2008. Rafael Palmeiro will be dropped from future ballots after falling to 25 votes and 4.4 percent — below the 5 percent threshold necessary to remain eligible. One voter submitted a blank ballot.

"I can go home and sleep at night and rest," Thomas said, "so I don't have to worry about all the nonsense that the other people are going through, because I know I won't be getting a call in the middle of the night from someone saying, oh, he did this or he did that."

Deadspin.com announced Miami Herald columnist Dan Le Batard had turned his ballot over to the website, which allowed readers to vote on how it should be cast.

"I hate all the moralizing we do in sports in general, but I especially hate the hypocrisy in this," Le Batard said in remarks posted by Deadspin. "'I always like a little anarchy inside the cathedral we've made of sports."

JCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WJCAC Women's basketball

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

Monday's Scores

Frank Phillips College 54, Midland College 50; South Plains College 71, Howard College 64; New Mexico JC 56, Western Texas College 24; Odessa College is open

Today's Games

Western Texas College at Odessa College; Clarendon College at Howard College; South Plains College at New Mexico JC; Ranger College at Midland College (non-conference); Frank Phillips College at Victoria College (non-conference)

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	2	0	15	1
Odessa College	2	0	14	1
New Mexico JC	2	1	14	2
Western Texas	2	1	14	3
Howard College	1	1	13	3
Frank Phillips	1	1	11	5
Clarendon College	0	1	5	9
Midland College	0	2	8	7
New Mexico Military	0	3	10	5

Monday's Scores

Frank Phillips College 82, Midland College 73; Odessa College 107, New Mexico Military Institute 81; South Plains College 83, Howard College 74; Western Texas College 63, New Mexico JC 48; Clarendon College was open

Today's Games

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

Men

NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

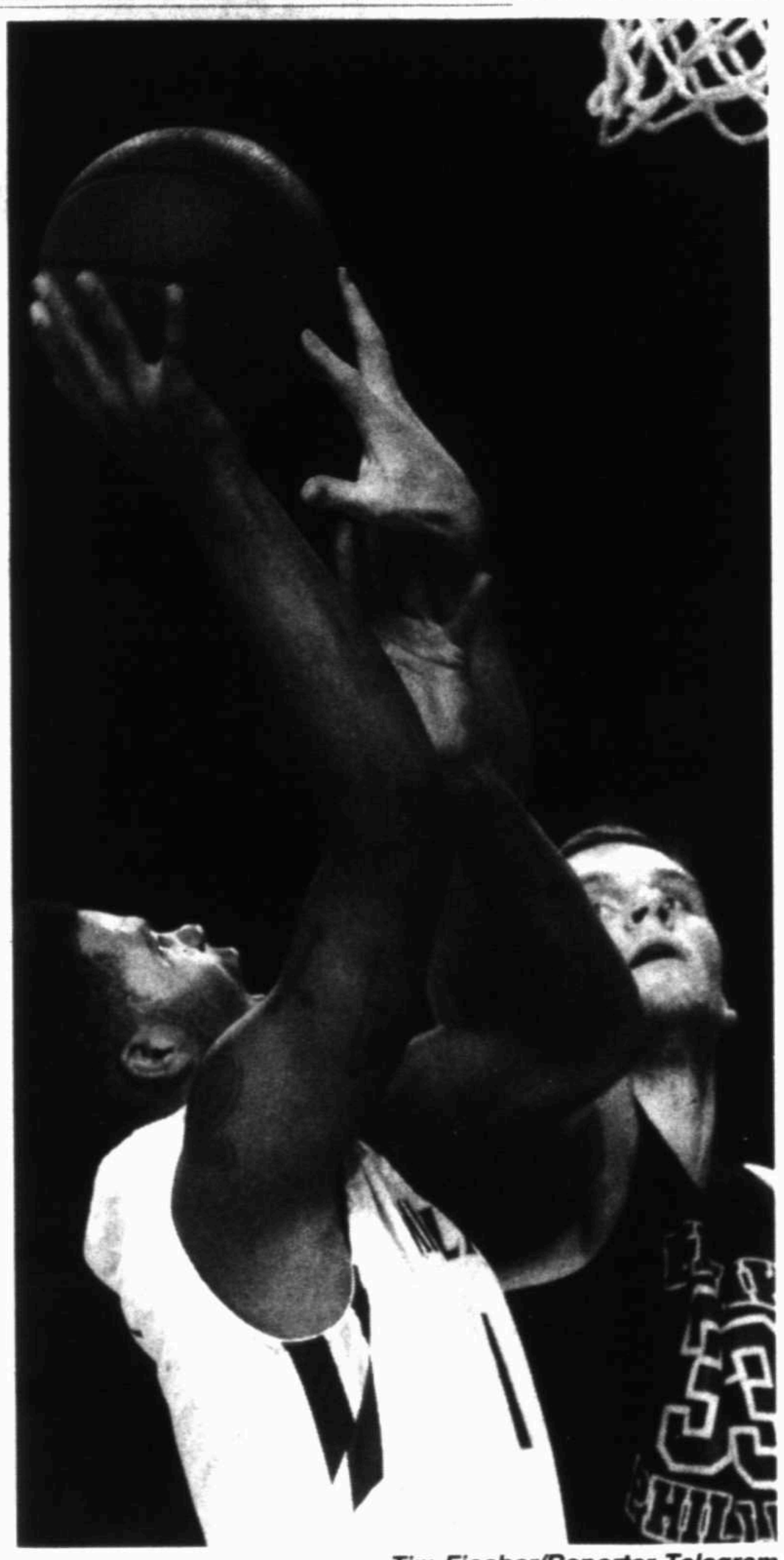
When/where: 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 8-7, 0-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Military Institute 10-5, 0-3

Last game: Frank Phillips College 82, Midland College 73; Odessa College 107, New Mexico Military Institute 81

Notes & quotes: Midland College will look to get its first WJCAC win of the season tonight against the Broncos. ...The Chaparrals are coming off their second straight home conference loss and fourth loss in the last six games overall. The Chaps shot 38.5 percent from the floor, 28 percent from 3-point range and 61.5 percent from the free-throw line. MC's first-year coach Jordan Dreiling said after the game that those numbers weren't going to cut it. It also didn't help that Frank Phillips out-rebounded MC 43-29. Shooting and rebounding have become an emphasis for the Chaps in recent practices. Dreiling said he wouldn't be surprised to see a lot of zone defense against his team tonight against NMMI. "Until our shooting percentages go up, we're going to be an easy team to scout," Dreiling said. "Defensively we need to keep guys out of the middle, contest jump shots and possess the basketball as much as we can to wear them down." ... Dreiling said in order to improve his team's defensive play is to have a collective effort. "We have really struggled getting consecutive stops," Dreiling said. "We need a sense of urgency and all five guys going at it, not just four. We need all five guys to be on the same page." ...Scoring-wise for MC against FPC, four players were in double figures as Daniel Hernandez had 16 points, Demetric Austin had a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, Kevin Thomas had 15 points and eight rebounds, and Jason Francois added 12 points. ...NMMI is coming off a loss to Odessa College in which the Broncos shot 41 percent but allowed OC to shoot 48 percent and take 74 shots. Joseph Biron, a 6-foot-5 freshman wing, led NMMI with 24 points, 6-5 sophomore F Antonio Manns had 20, and 6-5 sophomore F Marcus Roper added 15. "They're good," said Dreiling of the Broncos. "We have to play together, out-tough them and get consecutive stops to give ourselves a chance. This is a huge game for us. We need this not only for our league standings but for our confidence. To have a shot at (Western Texas College on Monday) we need to win this one and then give them heck on the road." ...Dreiling said sophomore F Herve Aholode (foot) is questionable for tonight's game.

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



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Demetric Austin puts a shot up as Frank Phillips' Rokos Paulauskas defends Monday at Chaparral Center.

WILLIAMS

From 1C

overachieved a little bit more than what I was supposed to."

Williams said when he came back to Andrews he thought his football career was over, but he said he got the itch again, which is why he's decided to play with the Drillers this year.

Drillers co-owner Michael Heetland said he had asked Williams to play last year, but Williams decided not to. But Heetland said Williams contacted him through Facebook showing his interest.

Heetland said he's a little surprised he is playing again, but said he's certainly glad to have him on the team both for his talent and leadership.

"Football at this level kind of gets a bad rap, and guys that have that kind of experience it's hard for them to move down," Heetland said. "He just really loves the game and loves to play. You don't get a lot of guys with that kind of experience that just love the game."

Williams said he is playing again for fun more than anything else. He has no designs on trying to play professionally again, and just wanted the chance to suit up at least one more season. And be able to do it close to home.

"I missed the game and I'm not expecting anything to come out of it," Williams said, "other than suiting up on Saturdays and playing the game I fell in love with when I was 6 years old."

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TEXAS/BIG12ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

NO. 11 IOWA STATE 74 TEXAS TECH 48

AMES, Iowa — Hallie Christofferson scored 22 points and No. 11 Iowa State won its third straight Big 12 Conference game with a 74-48 victory over Texas Tech Wednesday night.

Christofferson shot 7 of 10 from the floor and 6 of 6 from the free-throw line. Brynn Williamson added 11 points and Seanna Johnson scored 10 as Iowa State extended its school record for best start to a season and longest winning streak in program history. The Cyclones (14-0, 3-0) only missed one of their 17 free throws.

NO. 7 BAYLOR 78 WEST VIRGINIA 62

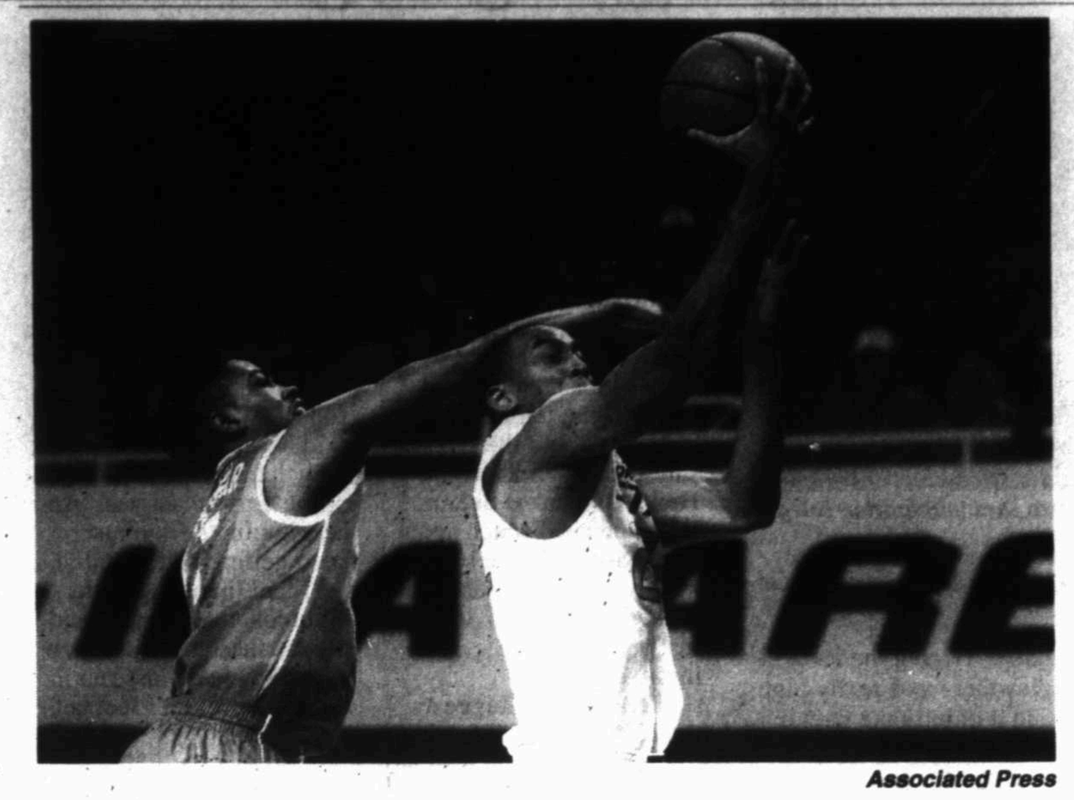
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia had yet to see a player like Baylor's Odyssey Sims this season.

The Mountaineers saw their 13-game winning streak come to an end Wednesday night, shooting poorly and giving up a career-high 48 points to Sims in a 78-62 loss to No. 7 Baylor on Wednesday night.

Men

NO. 11 OKLAHOMA ST. 87 TEXAS 74

STILLWATER, Okla. — Markel Brown scored 27 points and Marcus Smart had 24, helping help No. 11 Oklahoma State beat Texas 87-74 on Wednesday night.



Associated Press

Oklahoma State wing Markel Brown (22) shoots in front of Texas guard Isaiah Taylor (1) during the second half in Stillwater, Okla. on Wednesday. Oklahoma State won 87-74.

Phil Forte added 14 points for the Cowboys (13-2, 1-1 Big 12), who shot 54 percent from the field in the second half after struggling early.

Demarcus Holland had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Damarcus Croaker scored 12 points for the Longhorns (11-4, 0-2).

Oklahoma State, which entered averaging 86 points, eventually overwhelmed the Longhorns.

With Oklahoma State coaching great Eddie Sutton in attendance, the Cowboys bounced back from Saturday's loss at Kansas State.

Oklahoma State led by a point at halftime but raced out of the gate after the break. Back-to-back alley-oop dunks by Smart and Kamari Murphy highlighted a run that gave the Cowboys a 57-45 lead.

Smart took a hit in the face, and Texas was called for a flagrant 1. Smart made both free throws, and the Cowboys remained in control from there.

TEXAS A&M 69 ARKANSAS 53

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M freshman Davonte Fitzgerald led the way with 17 points as the Aggies toppled Arkansas 69-53 in Reed Arena in the teams' Southeastern Conference opener.

A&M (10-4) entered the contest shooting 29.9 percent from the 3-point line, but finished 7 of 17 (41.2 percent) against the Razorbacks (11-3) in an unusual display of collective hot hands from the outside. Meanwhile the Aggies' defense held Arkansas to 4 of 19 percent (21.1 percent) from the 3-point line.

Fabyon Harris and Jamal Jones chipped in 15 and 14 points, respectively, for the Aggies, while Rashad Madden led the Razorbacks with a dozen points. The Razorbacks' leading scorer entering the game, Mike Qualls, was held to two points in making 1 of 12 shots from the field.

Arkansas threatened to slice A&M's 56-48 lead with five minutes remaining, but Aggies forward Kourtney Roberson offered up a monstrous slam dunk and on the opposite end of the floor, A&M guard Jordan Green collected a blocked shot and hustled the length of the floor for a layup, in lifting A&M to a 60-48 margin with 4:51 on the clock.

NO. 18 KANSAS 90 OKLAHOMA 83

NORMAN, Okla. — Wayne Selden Jr. shot 5 for 10 from 3-point range and finished with a career-high 24 points as No. 18 Kansas started Big 12 Conference play with a 90-83 win over Oklahoma on Wednesday night.

Kansas (10-4, 1-0) won its conference opener for the 23rd straight year, a streak that began with the 1991-92 season. Oklahoma, in January 1991, was the last team to beat the Jayhawks in a conference opener.

After a 5-0 start, Kansas lost four of its next eight and was coming off a 61-57 loss to San Diego State on Sunday that ended the Jayhawks' 68-game home winning streak against nonconference foes. Perry Ellis had 22 points on 6-for-8 shooting and 11 rebounds, helping the Jayhawks shoot 55 percent from the field.

Cameron Clark had a career high-tying 32 points for Oklahoma (12-3, 1-1), which lost for the second time in three games.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Wednesday's Scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Kansas 90, Oklahoma 83
Oklahoma St. 87, Texas 74
Texas A&M 69, Arkansas 53

MIDWEST

Akron 72, Ball St. 68
Cleveland St. 73, Detroit 63
E. Michigan 56, Bowling Green 51
Georgia 70, Missouri 64, OT
Indiana St. 77, Drake 73
Miami (Ohio) 77, Cent. Michigan 70
Milwaukee 84, Oakland 75
Missouri St. 68, Bradley 65
N. Iowa 80, Evansville 53
Ohio 59, Kent St. 53
S. Illinois 71, Loyola of Chicago 67
W. Michigan 87, Toledo 76
Wichita St. 66, Illinois St. 47
Wisconsin 95, Illinois 70

SOUTH

Campbell 74, High Point 71
Charleston Southern 70, Coastal Carolina 58
Florida 74, South Carolina 58
Kentucky 85, Mississippi St. 63
Miami 63, North Carolina 57
Murray St. 77, E. Kentucky 64
Radford 72, Liberty 63
SC State 78, Md.-Eastern Shore 71
UNC Asheville 81, Gardner-Webb 77
VMI 95, Longwood 72
Virginia 74, Wake Forest 51
William & Mary 85, Drexel 73
Winthrop 71, Presbyterian 67

FAR WEST

Colorado 71, Washington St. 70, OT
Nevada 74, UNLV 71
New Mexico 72, Wyoming 69, OT

EAST

Albany (NY) 73, UMBC 72, 2OT
American U. 65, Loyola (Md.) 51
Army 79, Lehigh 76
Bucknell 96, Lafayette 86
Buffalo 67, N. Illinois 46
Columbia 68, Stony Brook 63
Delaware 86, Hofstra 79
Duquesne 87, Fordham 81
Holy Cross 73, Colgate 64
Minnesota 68, Penn St. 65
Northeastern 79, UNC Wilmington 68, OT
Providence 70, Georgetown 52
St. Bonaventure 84, Richmond 70
St. Peter's 56, Fairfield 55
UConn 61, Harvard 56
UMass 66, Saint Joseph's 62
Vermont 67, Yale 59
Villanova 83, Seton Hall 67

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 74, Troy 65
Louisiana-Monroe 84, Texas-Arlington 67
TCU 52, Kansas 50
Texas 79, Oklahoma 74, OT
Tulsa 73, UTSA 62
UALR 61, South Alabama 42

MIDWEST

DePaul 91, Providence 71
Green Bay 66, Ill.-Chicago 50
Iowa 78, Minnesota 71
Iowa St. 74, Texas Tech 48
Oklahoma St. 58, Kansas St. 51
Villanova 70, Butler 48
W. Illinois 121, St. Francis (Ill.) 52
Wright St. 94, Oakland 85
Xavier 85, Georgetown 68

SOUTH

Charlotte 80, Old Dominion 59
Cornell 70, Howard 58
Dayton 91, George Mason 64
East Carolina 61, FAU 58
Georgia Tech 89, Clemson 68
Middle Tennessee 86, North Texas 42
Penn 85, Morgan St. 51
Rice 59, FIU 41
Southern Miss. 67, Louisiana Tech 56
Texas St. 65, Louisiana-Lafayette 53
UTEP 85, UAB 78
W. Kentucky 80, Georgia St. 59

FAR WEST

Boise St. 73, San Diego St. 64
Colorado St. 101, San Jose St. 60
Fresno St. 77, Air Force 43
New Mexico 75, Wyoming 65
Portland 72, San Diego 51
UNLV 57, Nevada 49

EAST

American U. 52, Loyola (Md.) 34
Army 74, Lehigh 63
Baylor 78, West Virginia 62
Bucknell 75, Lafayette 72
Duquesne 65, Fordham 61
George Washington 84, Saint Louis 61
Holy Cross 70, Colgate 65
La Salle 63, VCU 58
Maine 68, UMBC 39
Navy 70, Boston U. 50
Saint Joseph's 72, Rhode Island 35
St. Bonaventure 55, Richmond 43
St. John's 67, Creighton 48
Stony Brook 61, Hartford 57

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Louisiana-Monroe at Texas-Arlington, noon
Southern Miss. at North Texas, 7 p.m.
FIU at Rice, 7 p.m.
Idaho at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.
South Alabama at UALR, 7 p.m.
Marshall at UTSA, 7 p.m.
Troy at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Houston Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Lamar, 7:30 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Texas A&M-CC, 7:30 p.m.
McNeese St. at Sam Houston St., 7:45 p.m.
Tulane at Tulsa, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at UTEP, 8:05 p.m.

MIDWEST

DePaul at Butler, 6 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at IPFW, 6 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at IUPUI, 6 p.m.
Idaho St. at North Dakota, 7 p.m.
Belmont at SE Missouri, 7 p.m.
Northwestern at Iowa, 8 p.m.
Michigan at Nebraska, 8 p.m.
Marquette at Xavier, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

UNC Greensboro at Appalachian St., 6 p.m.
Samford at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Florida St. at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Lipscomb at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Davidson at Furman, 6 p.m.
Stetson at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Louisville, 6 p.m.
Auburn at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at North Florida, 6 p.m.
N. Kentucky at SC-Upstate, 6 p.m.
George Mason at VCU, 6 p.m.
The Citadel at Wofford, 6 p.m.
FAU at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at Jacksonville St., 7 p.m.
E. Illinois at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
Georgia St. at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Incarnate Word at SE Louisiana, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at New Orleans, 7:45 p.m.

FAR WEST

Sacramento St. at N. Arizona, 7:30 p.m.
Pepperdine at BYU, 8 p.m.
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San Francisco at Pacific, 9 p.m.
Santa Clara at Saint Mary's (Cal), 9 p.m.
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Arizona St. at Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
Montana St. at Portland St., 9:05 p.m.
UC Irvine at Long Beach St., 10 p.m.
California at Oregon, 10 p.m.
Gonzaga at Portland, 10 p.m.

EAST

New Hampshire at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Wagner at CCSU, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
Maine at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Manhattan at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at St. Francis (NY), 6 p.m.
South Florida at Tempie, 6 p.m.
George Washington at La Salle, 7 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Stephen F. Austin at Houston Baptist, 5 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Texas A&M-CC, 5 p.m.
Nicholls at Lamar, 5:30 p.m.
McNeese St. at Sam Houston St., 5:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

N. Illinois at Toledo, 10 a.m.
Cent. Michigan at Akron, 6 p.m.
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Ball St. at E. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Bowling Green at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Michigan, 6 p.m.
Nebraska at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Boston College at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Ohio, 6 p.m.
Georgia at Missouri, 7 p.m.
IPFW at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Purdue at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
IUPUI at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Youngstown St. at Valparaiso, 7:05 p.m.
Penn St. at Illinois, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

N.C. State at North Carolina, 5 p.m.
Incarnate Word at SE Louisiana, 5 p.m.
S.C.-Upstate at Stetson, 5 p.m.
Abilene Christian at New Orleans, 5:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Auburn, 6 p.m.
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Gardner-Webb at Liberty, 6 p.m.
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Wake Forest at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Florida St. at Miami, 6 p.m.
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Winthrop at Radford, 6 p.m.
Kentucky at South Carolina, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Virginia at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Delaware at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
ETSU at Florida Gulf Coast, 6:05 p.m.
Tulane at Marshall, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

N. Colorado at Weber St., 1 p.m.
UC Irvine at Long Beach St., 6 p.m.
BYU at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
CSU Bakersfield at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m.
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Portland St. at Montana St., 8 p.m.
N. Arizona at Sacramento St., 9 p.m.
Pacific at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Seattle, 9 p.m.
CS Northridge at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
Cal State Fullerton at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.

EAST

Fairfield at Manhattan, 10 a.m.
Saint Peter's at Rider, 11 a.m.
Charleston at Drexel, 6 p.m.
Towson at Hofstra, 6 p.m.
Duke at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at Vermont, 6 p.m.

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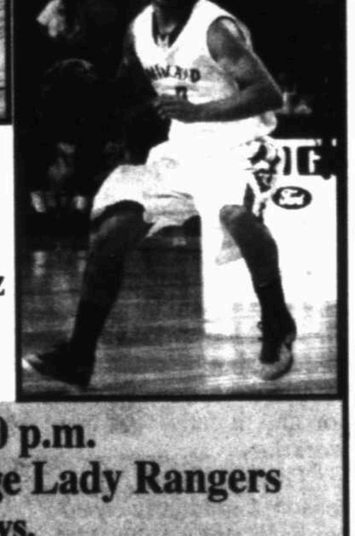

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Lee's Strambler more confident going into senior year

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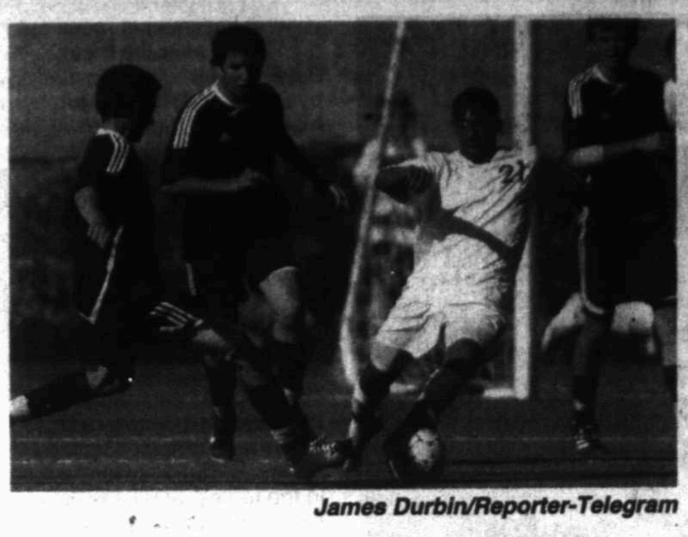

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Lee's Darius Strambler works the ball around Midland's Alex VonHolle and Michael Iaquaniello (18) in a game last season at Grande Communications Stadium.

Darius Strambler's summer of soccer began late last spring when he returned to the Metroplex to try out for the Olympic Development Program.

From that point on, Strambler's summer helped him not only build confidence in his own game but also helped him become noticed by college recruiters.

Strambler competed in the ODP program in the Metroplex, and then competed for a North Texas team at a regional competition in Birmingham, Ala. All of that helped him earn a spot on an FC Dallas club team, and he even decided not to play football this past fall to concentrate on soccer.

As the Lee boys season begins today at the Forney Tournament, Strambler is playing with as much confidence as he has in his career.

"I did (suprise myself) because I hadn't really played at a high level in so long," Strambler said. "I had quit club a few years ago, and was getting back into it. Seeing the level of play there was really high, and it didn't take me long to adjust."

What this summer did for Strambler was help him realize how good he can be as a soccer player, and now he's hoping he can help the Rebels (12-4-8 in 2013) not only compete for a district title but help them finally leap over the El Paso playoff hump.

Strambler will still be key figure for an experienced Lee team's attack, but what's different is that his experience this past summer has helped him play even better.

"He looks really good and you can tell he's been playing a lot in the fall," said Lee coach Scott Hicks, who takes over as full-time head coach again this season. "In the scrimmages against El Paso, he's looked pretty good and he just needs to keep improving."

Hicks said the biggest improvement for Strambler has been him using his right foot to shoot more and with more power. Strambler already has an advantage in that his strongest shot comes off his left foot, but as a forward if Strambler is able to utilize a strong right-footed shot he can be even more dangerous.

"I'm sure the coaches told him in the fall that he needed to go to the right," Hicks said. "He plays well with both feet and his quickness is big."

As Strambler gets ready to embark on his final season in a Lee uniform, he's said he's playing better now than he was at the end of the season last year. And he's hoping he can just keep getting better.

"I feel like I'm a little bit quicker on the ball and my touches are better than what they were last year," Strambler said. "I feel better now."

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LEE
2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 9	at Forney Tournament	
Jan. 10	at Forney Tournament	
Jan. 11	at Forney Tournament	
Jan. 25	at Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
Jan. 28	San Angelo Central*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Odessa High*	Noon
Feb. 4	Amarillo Tascosa*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Abilene High*	Noon
Feb. 11	at Abilene Cooper*	5 p.m.
Feb. 15	Midland High*	Noon
Feb. 18	at Odessa Permian*	5 p.m.
Feb. 22	Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
March 1	Odessa High*	Noon
March 4	at San Angelo Central*	5 p.m.
March 8	Abilene High*	Noon
March 11	at Amarillo Tascosa*	5 p.m.
March 15	Abilene Cooper*	Noon
March 18	Odessa Permian*	5:30 p.m.
March 22	Midland High*	Noon

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2014 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
1	Dominic Carrillo	MF	Jr.
2	Tre' Sanchez	MF	So.
3	Nathan Ortiz	MF	So.
4	Reed Knittle	D	Sr.
5	Donovan Valdez	D	Jr.
7	Alan Avila	MF	Jr.
9	Tyler Curtis	D	Sr.
10	Cesar Gonzalez	MF	Sr.
11	Brandon Strickland	D	Sr.
12	Colten Cox	MF	Jr.
13	Logan Vitello	D	Sr.
14	Justin Marquez	MF	Sr.
15	Sawyer Foulds	D	Jr.
17	Reid Longabaugh	F	Jr.
18	Omar Alvidrez	D	Sr.
20	Leo Barba	F	So.
21	Darius Strambler	F	Sr.
23	Alex Bell	MF/F	Sr.
24	Juan Baeza	GK	Sr.
25	Micah Peterson	GK	Jr.

Downing looks to provide leadership to young MHS squad

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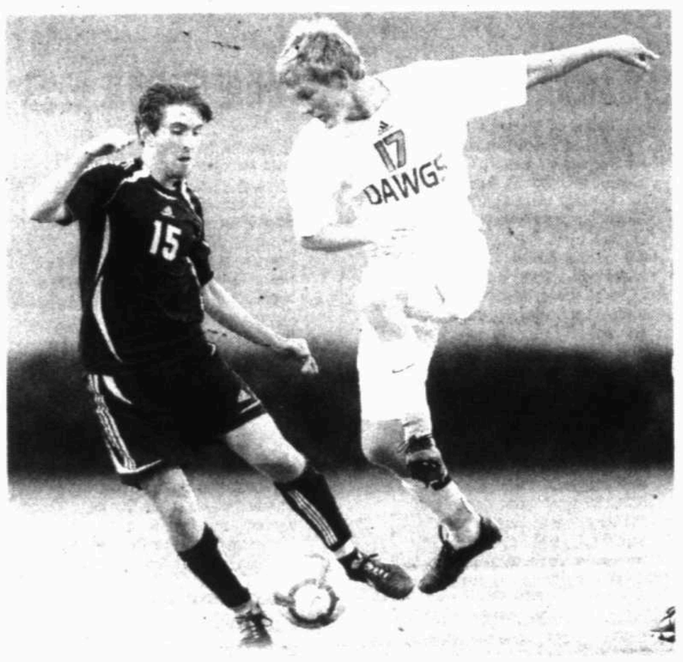

MRT file photo

Midland's Will Downing (17) goes after a ball as Abilene's Brooks Mendenhall tries to defend in 2012 during their game at Grande Communications Stadium.

Will Downing sometimes feels more like a dad than he does a senior.

That's because Downing is a senior on a team that could feature plenty of sophomores playing around him this season.

Downing said he knows he will have to provide leadership, along with fellow senior captain Michael Iaquaniello, but he added that this team is possibly the most skilled team he's been a part of since his time at Midland High.

And Downing is plenty excited as the Bulldogs begin the 2014 season today at the Keller Tournament.

"The skill is definitely there, and this is more skill than we've had the last three or four years," Downing said.

By the end of last season the Bulldogs had as many as five freshmen on their roster when they took on El Paso Bel Air in the first round of the Class 5A boys soccer playoffs.

This season, those same freshmen are now sophomores, and it's generated some excitement for a team that finished 12-6-4 overall and was third in District 2-5A.

Downing said his role is to not only to continue to be a key player for the Bulldogs at forward, but to also help the young players adjust to playing high school soccer. He said many of the players have extensive club experience, but said many of those games are played against players their own age.

Now, though, they are playing against older players, who are not only older but bigger, and in some cases more physical.

"It's definitely different," Downing said. "If they can hold their own with the skill then we should be all right."

Some of that excitement has been tempered because there is still some work to do in regards to how a lineup will look, and Midland High won't have much time to figure one out before District 2-5A play begins in two weeks.

Coach Warren Cottle, though, said he's confident the team will be able to make the adjustments needed.

"I tell you what, it's developing and it's very technical and they've got some really good ideas," Cottle said of the young players. "We are still a work in progress and we are not as good as it's going to be. It's going to be amazing at the end."

Downing has a similar feeling about this year's team, and said if everything falls together the Bulldogs could compete for a district title.

"I see potential with these young players and they are not too cocky with themselves," Downing said. "They know their spot on the team, and know the seniors need to lead the team as they should. It's going to be fun."

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MIDLAND HIGH
2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 9	at Keller Tournament	
Jan. 10	at Keller Tournament	
Jan. 11	at Keller Tournament	
Jan. 14	Wolfforth Frenship	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Abilene High*	5 p.m.
Jan. 25	Odessa Permian*	Noon
Feb. 1	Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
Feb. 4	at San Angelo Central*	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	Odessa High*	Noon
Feb. 11	at Amarillo Tascosa*	5 p.m.
Feb. 15	Lee*	Noon
Feb. 18	Abilene Cooper*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Odessa Permian*	Noon
Feb. 25	Abilene High*	5:30 p.m.
March 1	at Lubbock Coronado*	Noon
March 8	at Odessa High*	Noon
March 11	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
March 14	Amarillo Tascosa*	5 p.m.
March 18	at Abilene Cooper*	5:30 p.m.
March 22	Lee*	Noon

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2014 ROSTER

Player	Pos.	Class
Alan Aguilar	MF	So.
Francisco Arriaga	F	Sr.
James Behrmann	D	Sr.
Nathan Beji	D	So.
Christian Chavez	D	Sr.
Marcus Davis	F	Sr.
Quintin Dickson	GK	So.
Will Downing	F	Sr.
Isaac Gamboa	D	Sr.
Bryce Hoppel	MF	So.
Michael Iaquaniello	D	Sr.
Hugo Torres Lopez	F	Jr.
Alexis Mendoza	MF	Jr.
Ricky Munoz	F	Sr.
Gustavo Ramirez	F	Jr.
Francisco Rodriguez	MF	Jr.
Brody Sherman	D	Jr.
Joey Vargas	GK	Sr.
Homero Vasquez	F	So.
Isaac Venegas	MF	Jr.
Alex Von Holle	MF	So.

Lee's Castillejos adjusts to responsibilities of head coach

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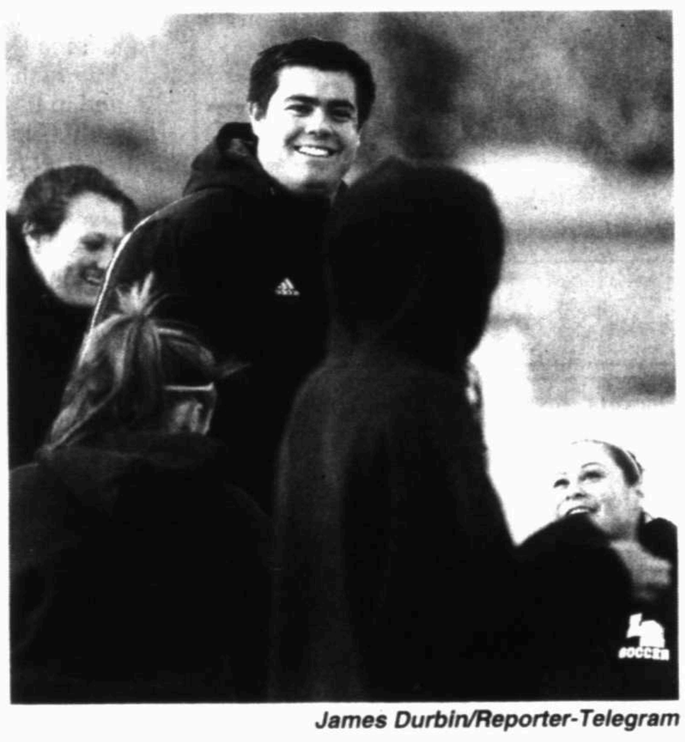

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Lee girls soccer head coach Alan Castillejos talks to his team during practice Tuesday at Lee.

Alan Castillejos can handle the soccer part of his new job.

It's just the other parts of being a head coach that are taking some time to get used to.

The 22-year old Castillejos is not only in his first season as a head coach of the Lee girls soccer team, but also it's his first year to teach and coach period. So dealing with things that even a veteran head coach could find tough such as a team discipline and paperwork, Castillejos is certainly learning on the fly.

"It's more so the structure of what goes on behind the scenes," Castillejos said before practice on Tuesday at Lee. "I know what goes on on the field, and I know how to put players in position and I know how to tactically do it. But the stuff I have to deal with off the field, discipline and other issues that I'm not really prepared for, that's probably the biggest challenge."

But even if he admits there is a learning curve, Castillejos has already made an impression on the team he will coach this season.

Junior defender Shelby Corbitt said Castillejos' off-season workouts were tough, but she added that Castillejos has been able to balance being a fun coach at times and a serious one at others.

"He's made the transition easy for us," Corbitt said. "He's good at explaining things to us and how he talks to us. He can talk to us in a serious moment, but also joke with us. When it's time to get serious he does, and that's helped the girls."

Castillejos, an Odessa Permian grad, comes to Lee after playing at Trinity University in San Antonio, but was embarking on a new phase in his life and career as a coach and teacher.

Castillejos said he has leaned on his assistant coach Darrell Williams during the last few months, and also talked with Permian soccer coaches Luis Carmona and Chad Peterson as well.

The best part of Castillejos this season will be that he will be coaching a relatively young team as the squad only has four seniors, so that might give the Lady Rebels a chance to grow with him.

"My goal from the very first day was to make the playoffs," Castillejos said. "The sky is the limit for this team. We've got a lot of young players and if we build the program right ... we are looking forward and looking up."

Even with all the off the field things that can occupy a coach's time, Castillejos doesn't regret his decision to become a coach. While there will be challenges, he's enjoying all of it.

"I haven't just walked in here and mastered it in one day, and it's something I look forward to every day," Castillejos said. "I'm looking forward to coming out here and coaching every day."

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LEE
2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 9	at Richland Tournament	
Jan. 10	at Richland Tournament	
Jan. 11	at Richland Tournament	
Jan. 25	at Lubbock Coronado*	2 p.m.
Jan. 28	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Odessa High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 4	Amarillo Tascosa*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Abilene High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Abilene Cooper*	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	Midland High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Odessa Permian*	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	Lubbock Coronado*	2 p.m.
March 1	Odessa High*	2 p.m.
March 4	at San Angelo Central*	7 p.m.
March 8	Abilene High*	2 p.m.
March 11	at Amarillo Tascosa*	7 p.m.
March 15	Abilene Cooper*	2 p.m.
March 18	Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
March 22	Midland High*	2 p.m.

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2014 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
0	Morgan Barr	GK	Jr.
00	Stephanie Gonzalez	GK	Sr.
2	De'onna Calhoun	F	Sr.
3	Breanna Ramos	MF	Jr.
4	Mia Garcia	D	Sr.
5	Marina Silva	F	Jr.
6	Chaselyn Richardson	MF	Jr.
7	Andrea Gardner	MF/F	So.
8	Amanda Maltos	D	So.
9	Yesenia Martinez	D	Jr.
14	Candace Stark	MF	Jr.
16	Shelby Corbitt	D	Jr.
19	Haleigh Cooper	MF	Sr.
20	Abigail Baeza	MF	Fr.
21	Jessy Luna	MF	Fr.
22	Linda Alcantar	D	Sr.
25	Taylor Evans	MF	Jr.

MHS' Shelton ready to bounce back from major injury

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Shelby Shelton, right, seen here in a game in 2012 will return to the field in 2014 after a knee injury ended her 2013 season.

Devastating was the word that Shelby Shelton used to describe how she felt when her sophomore season at Midland High ended with a major knee injury even before it started.

Shelton, now a junior, was coming off a breakout freshmen year in 2012, and was fully expecting to be a key scorer for another talented Lady Bulldog team in 2013. But the injury to her left knee left Shelton on the outside looking in on a team where she would have played a major role.

Now, a year later, Shelton is back on the field more determined than ever to return to the form she had as a freshmen and help to lead the Lady Bulldogs on a deep playoff run.

"I'd never had anything happen like that before," Shelton said. "It made me want to do extra reps for rehab and get out here as soon as I can to be with everyone again."

As a freshmen, Shelton was one of the Lady Bulldogs' top scorers, a second team all-district selection, and even scored the game-winning goal for Midland High in a playoff win against Metroplex power Arlington Martin in 2012.

Shelton's absence was noticeable last season for Midland High as it struggled to score at points during the season. Now with her back, second-year coach Ryan Dunlevy said her presence is already being felt.

"She just brings life to our offense," said Dunlevy, who guided the Lady Bulldogs to a 10-7-6 overall record and fourth place finish in District 2-5A. "Last year we had a hard time scoring goals, she's already scored two in our scrimmages. She's back and ready to be even better than she was."

Shelton didn't have surgery until nearly two months after the injury in March as doctors allowed the swelling to go down. Then she began the grueling rehabilitation process, that at times Shelton said was hard but knew it would be worth it.

Shelton said last week's scrimmages were the first time she has played against a team full speed since the injury, and said the knee feeling pretty good. She admitted there was some apprehension early on as she returned to the field. But that's gone away.

Dunlevy said he can see the confidence growing in Shelton, but he was still cautious during offseason and in early-season workouts.

"Throughout all off-season, I gradually eased her back and wouldn't let her do certain things even though the doctor said she could," Dunlevy said. "I just wanted to make sure she was confident enough to build that confidence and didn't have any setbacks."

Shelton was able to get through the rehabilitation with encouragement of her family, friends, doctor and teammates, and now wants to be able to repay them with a big season.

"I feel like I'm going to progress and become a better leader for the team," Shelton said. "We'll just see how it goes."

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2014 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 9	vs. Denton Ryan&	5 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs. Frisco&	Noon
Jan. 10	vs. Austin Westlake&	5 p.m.
Jan. 11	TBA&	
Jan. 21	at Abilene High*	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Odessa Permian*	2 p.m.
Feb. 1	Lubbock Coronado*	2 p.m.
Feb. 4	at San Angelo Central*	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	Odessa High*	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Amarillo Tascosa*	7 p.m.
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March 1	at Lubbock Coronado*	2 p.m.
March 8	at Odessa High*	2 p.m.
March 11	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
March 14	Amarillo Tascosa*	7:30 p.m.
March 18	at Abilene Cooper*	7 p.m.
March 22	Lee*	2 p.m.

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2014 ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Class
Adrienne Almodova	MF	So.
Hope Barnett	D	Jr.
Sami Barr	F	Jr.
Hayden Burdsal	D	So.
Selena Campos-Mancha	MF	Sr.
Ashlynn Dominguez	D	Fr.
Cally Farrington	F	Jr.
Claudia Fricker	MF	Fr.
Sammi Garibay	F	Jr.
Christine Kendrick	MF	Sr.
Sarah Krisa	MF	Jr.
Jaime Lujan	D	So.
Mari Martin	MF	Fr.
Autumn Mast	D	So.
Sarah Moody	MF	Fr.
Georgia Pisklak	D	Fr.
Shelby Shelton	F	Jr.
Caitlyn Terebessy	GK	Jr.
Sara Torres	F	Jr.
Sofia Torres	F/MF	Fr.
Jasmin Vargas	GK	So.
Kaitlynn Wells	MF	Fr.

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**SPURS 112
MAVERICKS 90**

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 25 points and Tim Duncan had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs never trailed, cruising past the Dallas Mavericks 112-90 Wednesday night.

Marco Belinelli had 17 points, Kawhi Leonard added 12 points and Patty Mills scored 11 for San Antonio (28-8), which recaptured the Western Conference's best record ahead of Oklahoma City (27-8).

Monta Ellis had 21 points and Vince Carter added 14 points. No other player scored in double figures as the Mavericks lost their seventh straight to the Spurs.

Dirk Nowitzki was limited to eight points, shooting 3 for 14 and making his only two free throws attempts.

Both teams were on the second night of a back-to-back, with San Antonio winning in overtime at Memphis and the Mavericks topping the Los Angeles Lakers in Dallas.

**ROCKETS 113
LAKERS 99**

HOUSTON — James Harden tied a season high with 38 points and Dwight Howard added 20 points and 13 rebounds to propel the Houston Rockets to a 113-99 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

Howard got his first win against his former team as the Rockets used a big third-quarter run to take the lead and send the injury-riddled Lakers to their third straight loss.

The Rockets trailed by a basket in the third quarter before going on a 17-2 run to take an 80-67 lead and roll to win.

Harden continued his recent torrid scoring with his third straight 30-point game. He has piled up 113 points in the last three games combined.

Nick Young scored 25 points to lead Los Angeles and Pau Gasol and Jodie Meeks scored 21 each.

**RAPTORS 112
PISTONS 91**

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry had 21 points and nine assists, Jonas Valanciunas had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and the Toronto Raptors beat Detroit 112-91 Wednesday night to hand the slumping Pistons their sixth consecutive loss.

DeMar DeRozan shook off a slow start to finish with 19 points and Terrence Ross had 17 for the Raptors, who went 31 for 34 from the free throw line to snap a two-game skid and win for the sixth time in eight games.

Amir Johnson had 10 points and 11 rebounds for Toronto, which leads the Atlantic Division.

Brandon Jennings had 22 points and Rodney Stuckey returned after missing the previous three games with a sore right shoulder to score 14 for Detroit, which has not won since a 115-92 victory at Cleveland on Dec. 23. The Pistons have dropped eight of nine overall.

Josh Smith and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 13 apiece for the Pistons, while Greg Monroe added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Monroe scored eight points in the first quarter and Caldwell-Pope and Smith each had six, but Ross scored 11 to give Toronto a 26-25 edge after one.

Caldwell-Pope and Jennings each had seven in the second as the Pistons answered a 13-2 Toronto run with a 14-0 spurt of their own to lead 54-50 at halftime.

**NETS 102
WARRIORS 98**

NEW YORK — Joe Johnson scored 27 points in the Brooklyn Nets' season-high fourth straight victory, a 102-98 win Wednesday night that snapped the Golden State Warriors' 10-game winning streak and prevented the first 7-0 road trip in NBA history.

Kevin Garnett scored 11 of his 13 points, one of his best efforts in a Brooklyn uniform, in the final quarter and stole Stephen Curry's pass with the Warriors down three in the final half-minute.

**HAWKS 97
PACERS 87**

ATLANTA — Kyle Korver scored 17 points, Pero Antic added 16 and the Atlanta Hawks raced to a big lead before holding off the team with the NBA's best record, beating the weary Indiana Pacers 97-87 Wednesday night.

The Hawks snapped a three-game losing streak and extended Indiana's misery at Philips Arena, where the Pacers (28-7) haven't won since 2006. They dropped their 12th in a row in Atlanta, the team's longest active road losing streak against any team.

**WIZARDS 102
PELICANS 96**

NEW ORLEANS — Trevor Ariza scored 21 points and John Wall added 20 to lead the Washington Wizards to a 102-96 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night.

Bradley Beal added 17 points, Jan Vesley 12 and Marcin Gortat and Nene 11 each for the Wizards, who recorded their second road win in consecutive nights. Washington has won six of its past seven road games.

Eric Gordon scored 23 points and Anthony Davis 21 for the Pelicans, who were coming off of a four-game road trip that saw them endure a two-day delay in Indianapolis because of the severe winter storms that paralyzed air traffic earlier this week.

Brian Roberts scored 11 points, all in the second half, and Greg Stiemsma 10 for New Orleans, which trailed by as many as 23 in the third quarter.

WEDNESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	17	.500	—
Brooklyn	14	21	.400	3½
Boston	13	22	.371	4½
New York	12	22	.353	5
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	5½
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	27	8	.771	—
Atlanta	19	17	.528	8½
Washington	16	17	.485	10
Charlotte	15	21	.417	12½
Orlando	10	24	.294	16½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	28	7	.800	—
Chicago	15	18	.455	12
Detroit	14	22	.389	14½
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	20½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	8	.778	—
Houston	23	13	.639	5
Dallas	20	16	.556	8
New Orleans	15	19	.441	12
Memphis	15	19	.441	12
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	27	8	.771	—
Portland	26	9	.743	1
Denver	17	17	.500	9½
Minnesota	17	17	.500	9½
Utah	12	25	.324	16
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	24	13	.649	—
Golden State	24	14	.632	½
Phoenix	20	13	.606	2
L.A. Lakers	14	22	.389	9½
Sacramento	11	22	.333	11

Wednesday's Scores

San Antonio 112, Dallas 90
Toronto 112, Detroit 91
Brooklyn 102, Golden State 98
Atlanta 97, Indiana 87
Houston 113, L.A. Lakers 99
Washington 102, New Orleans 96
Phoenix at Minnesota, late
Orlando at Portland, late
Boston at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

SPURS 112, MAVERICKS 90

DALLAS (90): Ellington 2-4 0-0 5, Nowitzki 3-14 2-2 8, Blair 3-7 0-0 6, Calderon 2-11 0-0 5, Ellis 10-18 1-2 21, Wright 4-6 1-2 9, Carter 6-14 0-0 14, Dalembert 1-1 1-2 3, Crowder 2-5 0-0 5, Larkin 3-7 0-0 7, Mekel 1-4 0-0 2, James 0-0 0-0 0, Ledo 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 39-93 5-8 90.

SAN ANTONIO (112): Leonard 5-9 1-1 12, Duncan 5-8 6-6 16, Diaw 2-5 2-2 6, Parker 10-15 5-6 25, Green 2-4 2-2 7, Bonner 1-6 0-0 3, Belinelli 6-9 3-5 17, Ayres 2-2 0-0 4, Mills 4-10 0-0 11, Baynes 1-3 0-0 2, Joseph 2-5 4-4 9. Totals 40-76 23-26 112.

Dallas	16	22	24	28	—	90
San Antonio	25	20	37	30	—	112

3-Point Goals—Dallas 7-19 (Carter 2-4, Ledo 1-1, Larkin 1-2, Ellington 1-2, Crowder 1-3, Calderon 1-4, Ellis 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2), San Antonio 9-20 (Mills 3-7, Belinelli 2-3, Joseph 1-2, Leonard 1-2, Green 1-2, Bonner 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 38 (Blair 6), San Antonio 58 (Duncan 13). Assists—Dallas 20 (Mekel 5), San Antonio 25 (Parker 7). Total Fouls—Dallas 19, San Antonio 10. A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 113, LAKERS 99

L.A. LAKERS (99): Johnson 4-13 0-0 10, Gasol 8-13 5-6 21, Sacre 0-1 0-0 0, Marshall 2-13 0-0 5, Meeks 5-13 9-10 21, Young 10-20 3-3 25, Hill 5-8 0-2 10, Kelly 0-3 2-2 2, Kaman 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 36-88 20-25 99.

HOUSTON (113): Brewer 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 7-14 1-2 15, Howard 5-14 10-24 20, Lin 4-12 4-7 13, Harden 14-23 8-11 38, Casspi 3-5 3-4 9, Brooks 3-6 0-0 9, Motiejunas 2-7 2-2 6, Garcia 1-3 0-0 3, Canaan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 28-50 113.

L.A. Lakers	28	29	15	27	—	99
Houston	24	28	33	28	—	113

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-24 (Johnson 2-5, Meeks 2-5, Young 2-6, Marshall 1-6, Kelly 0-1, Gasol 0-1), Houston 7-28 (Brooks 3-5, Harden 2-7, Garcia 1-2, Lin 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Casspi 0-2, Jones 0-2, Motiejunas 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (Gasol 12), Houston 71 (Jones, Howard 13). Assists—L.A. Lakers 20 (Marshall 8), Houston 18 (Lin, Casspi, Harden 4). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 32, Houston 19. A—18,229 (18,023).

RAPTORS 112, PISTONS 91

DETROIT (91): Smith 5-12 3-9 13, Monroe 5-12 1-2 11, Drummond 2-6 2-6 6, Jennings 6-19 7-9 22, Caldwell-Pope 6-8 0-0 13, Singler 2-3 0-0 4, Stuckey 4-13 6-8 14, Bynum 2-7 0-0 4, Villanueva 1-4 0-1 2, Jerebko 0-0 0-0 0, Harrellson 0-0 0-0 0, Datome 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 34-86 19-35 91.

TORONTO (112): Ross 6-13 0-0 17, Johnson 4-13 2-2 10, Valanciunas 7-9 2-2 16, Lowry 4-9 9-9 21, DeRozan 3-15 13-16 19, Patterson 3-5 2-2 8, Salmons 2-8 2-2 7, Hayes 2-4 1-1 5, Vasquez 3-8 0-0 7, Stone 0-0 0-0 0, Fields 1-1 0-0 2, Novak 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 31-34 112.

Detroit	25	29	20	17	—	91
Toronto	26	24	34	28	—	112

3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-16 (Jennings 3-8, Caldwell-Pope 1-1, Stuckey 0-1, Singler 0-1, Smith 0-2, Villanueva 0-3), Toronto 11-31 (Ross 5-10, Lowry 4-6, Vasquez 1-4, Salmons 1-5, DeRozan 0-1, Novak 0-1, Patterson 0-2, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 62 (Drummond 16), Toronto 60 (Johnson, Valanciunas 11). Assists—Detroit 20 (Jennings 9), Toronto 25 (Lowry 9). Total Fouls—Detroit 26, Toronto 30. Technicals—Smith, Vasquez. A—16,194 (19,800).

NETS 102, WARRIORS 98

GOLDEN STATE (98): Iguodala 1-5 0-0 3, Lee 9-14 2-5 20, Bogut 5-7 0-0 10, Curry 11-25 10-10 34, Thompson 5-15 0-0 14, Barnes 2-3 0-0 6, Speights 2-5 2-2 6, Green 1-3 2-4 4, Bazemore 0-1 1-2 1, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-78 17-23 98.

BROOKLYN (102): Johnson 8-17 9-11 27, Pierce 2-7 7-8 11, Garnett 5-7 3-3 13, Livingston 6-11 1-2 13, Anderson 1-5 0-0 2, Blatche 6-13 5-6 17, Kirilenko 3-7 2-3 8, Teletovic 2-5 2-2 8, Terry 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 34-77 29-35 102.

Golden State	32	20	24	22	—	98
Brooklyn	22	37	16	27	—	102

3-Point Goals—Golden State 9-26 (Thompson 4-10, Barnes 2-2, Curry 2-10, Iguodala 1-3, Green 0-1), Brooklyn 5-19 (Johnson 2-5, Teletovic 2-5, Terry 1-3, Anderson 0-3, Pierce 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 47 (Bogut 9), Brooklyn 50 (Teletovic 10). Assists—Golden State 19 (Curry 7), Brooklyn 13 (Blatche 3). Total Fouls—Golden State 27, Brooklyn 20. Technicals—Lee, Garnett. Flagrant Fouls—Terry. A—17,732 (17,732).

HAWKS 97, PACERS 87

INDIANA (87): Granger 4-10 5-5 14, West 4-11 0-0 8, Hibbert 1-8 0-0 2, G.Hill 4-12 0-0 10, George 11-25 3-4 28, Butler 3-4 0-0 8, Scola 2-6 0-0 4, Watson 4-7 0-0 9, Mahinmi 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 35-87 8-9 87.

ATLANTA (97): Carroll 5-8 0-0 11, Millsap 1-10 2-2 4, Antic 6-10 1-2 16, Teague 5-14 5-6 15, Korver 6-8 2-2 17, Brand 3-5 2-2 8, Williams 2-6 1-2 6, Scott 5-9 4-4 15, Mack 1-5 2-2 5. Totals 34-75 19-22 97.

Indiana	12	20	34	21	—	87
Atlanta	25	24	30	18	—	97

3-Point Goals—Indiana 9-27 (George 3-10, Butler 2-3, G.Hill 2-8, Watson 1-1, Granger 1-5), Atlanta 10-23 (Korver 3-5, Antic 3-6, Williams 1-1, Scott 1-2, Mack 1-2, Carroll 1-3, Millsap 0-1, Teague 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 55 (George 12), Atlanta 42 (Millsap 6). Assists—Indiana 19 (West, Granger, Scola, George, Watson, G.Hill 3), Atlanta 27 (Teague 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, Atlanta 14. Technicals—George, Atlanta defensive three second. A—15,169 (18,729).

WIZARDS 102, PELICANS 96

WASHINGTON (102): Ariza 9-17 1-1 21, Booker 1-2 0-0 2, Gortat 3-10 5-6 11, Wall 6-14 5-8 20, Beal 6-13 2-4 17, Webster 2-6 0-0 6, Nene 4-6 3-5 11, Vesely 6-8 0-2 12, Temple 1-3 0-0 2, Porter Jr. 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-80 16-26 102.

NEW ORLEANS (96): Aminu 2-5 0-0 4, Davis 8-13 4-6 21, Ajinca 3-5 0-0 6, Holiday 3-11 2-2 8, Gordon 9-18 4-5 23, Smith 1-5 5-6 7, Evans 0-5 3-4 3, Stiemsma 5-5 0-0 10, Roberts 3-7 3-3 11, Morrow 0-0 0-0 0, Rivers 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 35-78 22-27 96.

Washington	28	33	26	15	—	102
New Orleans	28	16	22	30	—	96

3-Point Goals—Washington 10-21 (Wall 3-4, Beal 3-6, Webster 2-3, Ariza 2-7, Temple 0-1), New Orleans 4-13 (Roberts 2-4, Davis 1-1, Gordon 1-5, Holiday 0-1, Rivers 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (Gortat 14), New Orleans 48 (Davis 7). Assists—Washington 24 (Wall, Temple 6), New Orleans 23 (Evans 5). Total Fouls—Washington 23, New Orleans 24. A—17,557 (17,188).

THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 9, 2014

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Taste "Life on a Plate" (N)				The Assets "Jewel in the Crown" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Millers (N)	The Crazy Ones (N)	Two and Half (N)	Elementary "All in the Family" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Burning"	Rules of Engage.	Vampire D. "Fifty Shades of Grayson"		Reign "Hearts and Minds"		Rules "Kids"	Seinfeld	Community	Community	'70s "The Seeker"	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sleepy Hollow "Sanctuary"		Sleepy Hollow "The Golem"		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Mother "Woooo!"	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Zola Levitt Ministries	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Community (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	Sean Saves (N)	Michael J Fox (N)	Parenthood "Stay a Little Longer" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Leslie Mann, Dave Koechner		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Arts in Context	Masterpiece Mystery! "Sherlock: The Hounds of Baskerville"			Antiques Roadshow "Boise (Hour One)"		Ribbon of Sand	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	House		House		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	OMG!
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:45) Sling Blade		★★★★ My Left Foot Daniel Day-Lewis.				★★★ A Room With a View				★★★ Little Fish	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) Education		Warrior	First Look (:15) ★★★★ Warm Bodies				Detective /Cathouse		(:10) 24/7	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★★★ The Hurricane				★★ Admission Tina Fey.			(:50) ★★★ The Chronicles of Riddick				Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:05) The Thin Re...		The Sopranos		Girls	Girls	★★★★ Safe House Denzel Washington.				The Crash Reel	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) War of the ...		Banshee		Banshee		★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				(:55) Intergalacti...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:35) ★★ Chernobyl Diaries			Banshee "Pilot"		Banshee "The Rave"		Banshee	(:45) Banshee		Banshee
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Son of the Pink Panther				Critters II: The Main Course			★★ Casper Christina Ricci.			(:15) Solar Attack	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) ★★ Slither		Sinister ('12, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				★★★ Rescue Dawn Zach Grenier.				(:05) Stir of Echoes	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Welcome to...		On the Road ('13, Adv) Sam Riley.				(:05) ★★ Velvet Goldmine				(:05) Concrete B...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "Till Duck Do Us Part"		Rodeo Girls (N)		Rodeo G. "Barreling Off Into the Sunset"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(2:30) ★★★ Titanic		★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Kate Beckinsale, Ben Affleck.						★★★ Poseidon ('06, Dra) Kurt Russell.			
BET	58	26		40		★★ Belly ('98, Cri) DMX, Method Man, NAS.				Joy Road ('04, Cri) Roger Guenveur Smith.					Game	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Courtney	Toned Up	Watch (N)	Millionaire		Toned Up
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		Greed "Shipwrecked"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Sole Survivor ('13, Doc) Bahia Bakari.				Sole Survivor ('13, Doc) Bahia Bakari.			
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Jessie	Radio Rebel Debby Ryan.			Wander	Liv/Mad	Gravity	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Memphis vs. Louisville (L)				NCAA Basketball Arizona vs. UCLA (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Auburn vs Mississippi (L)				NCAA Basketball Michigan vs. Nebraska (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.				★★ Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Donut (N)	Donut (N)	Chopped		Chopped Canada (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped Canada	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. New Jersey Devils Site: Prudential Center -- Newark, N.J. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Honors Jerry	SportsDay OnAir	Icons of Coaching	Cowboys Legends	UFC Unleashed	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Anger M.	★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Tom Cruise,					★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Tom Cruise,				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Good Wife "Running"		The Good Wife		The Good Wife		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Dawgs	Dawgs	Rehab (N)	Rehab (N)	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pwn Star	To Be Announced		Curse of Oak Island		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "#Nina's Trending"		Project Runway: All Stars "Fashion Cents"		Project Runway: All Stars "Are U"		Kim of Queens "Preacher's Daughter"		Dance Moms		Project Runway: All Stars "Fashion Cents"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NCAA Basketball George W. vs La Salle (L)				NFL Turning Point		Boxing Fight Night Card TBA			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	Hathaway	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Wild Police Videos		Wild Police Videos	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade				★★ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull						★★ The Ruins	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Switch"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Ground Floor	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	April	★★★ Grand Hotel John Barrymore.				★★ Rain Joan Crawford.			(:45) ★★ Dancing Lady		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Gypsy Sisters "A Newborn King"		Gypsy Sisters		Gypsy Sister "Gypsies Unleashed" (N)		Gypsy Sisters (N)		Gypsy Sisters "Gypsies Unleashed"		Gypsy Sisters	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "The Squab and the Quail"		NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. New York Knicks Site: Madison Square Garden -- New York City, N.Y. (L)					NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Official Story"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Her Negotiation"		White Collar "Live Feed" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Vanity's Bonfire"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Delinquent"		White Collar "Live Feed"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Mother "Brunch"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

SPORTS BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AP source: Bobby Petrino accepts Louisville offer

Western Kentucky's Bobby Petrino has accepted an offer to return to Louisville as head football coach, a move the Cardinals could make official Thursday morning.

The University of Louisville Athletic Association must approve Petrino's hiring and is scheduled to meet Thursday morning. A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday night that, "Petrino is the choice." The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the university had not announced its decision.

Jonathan Blue, a Louisville board of trustee, told the AP that "if it's a done deal, I'm totally behind" the decision.

Petrino, 52, returns to the school he led to a 41-9 record from 2003-06 as a first-time head coach. He has an 83-30 career record as a college head coach, including an 8-4 mark last season with the Hilltoppers, his first position since his April 2012 firing by Arkansas amid scandal.

Blue said he "couldn't be happier" to have Petrino return to Louisville.

Among the other candidates considered were Louisville offensive coordinator Shawn Watson and defensive coordinator Vance Bedford.

Bedford congratulated Petrino on his Twitter account, saying, "I want to thanks the card nation for your support. Coach petrino will do a great job. Stand behind the team. Go Cards."

Public support for Petrino's hiring grew as Strong's departure for the Longhorns became apparent, with Cardinals fans calling radio shows and nearly 60 percent voting in favor of the choice on one Louisville TV station. Those feelings were somewhat surprising considering there were some hard feelings in the athletic department over his frequent interest in other coaching jobs during his first stint at Louisville.

Jurich said Sunday that he and Petrino had patched things up and that he would be considered in the AD's quest to find "a good fit" for a Cardinals football program headed to the Atlantic Coast Conference next season.

FIFA creates confusion once again over 2022 WCup

Associated Press

LONDON — Messi or Ronaldo? Winter or summer?

Those are two of the most talked about topics in soccer these days, keeping fans chattering and fixated on the world's biggest sport. One question will be decided, at least somewhat officially, next week when FIFA chooses its player of the year, while the other looks to be a never-ending saga that seems to be spiraling out of control.

Rather than ending the ongoing confusion about exactly which month the 2022 World Cup in Qatar will be held, attempts by FIFA to clarify the issue — and they come regularly — only tend to muddy the picture.

One minute a consultation process is being established to talk to leagues and federations. The next a FIFA executive is blurting out his beliefs, sending the media into chaos anew.

"I think it will be played between Nov. 15 and Jan. 15 at the latest," FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke told France-Inter radio on Wednesday, adamantly saying that the World Cup "will not be June and July."

Major update to the debate, or more hot air?

FIFA seems to think the latter.

"The precise event date is still subject to an ongoing consultation process," FIFA said in a statement released a short time after Valcke's comments were splashed around the world. "As the event will not be played until 8 years' time, the consultation process will not be rushed and will be given the necessary time to consider all of the elements relevant for a decision."

It has become widely accepted, except maybe in Qatar, that holding football's biggest tournament in the desert Gulf nation during the searing summer months poses a potential health risk. Even FIFA's inspection team ahead of the vote highlighted possible dangers to fans and officials who travel around the tiny country away from air-conditioned stadiums.

Shortly after his first appearance on the radio on Wednesday, Valcke went back on the French airwaves — on RMC Radio — to state that it's "nonsense" to play football in Qatari summer.

Only in the last year has FIFA really started to listen to critics and accept that a World Cup in the usual June-July time frame isn't feasible.

So, after Sepp Blatter insisted in 2011 that "everything is settled for summer," the FIFA president performed a U-turn.

"In summer you cannot play there," Blatter said in August 2013.

Qatar's organizing committee, as it has always said, is getting ready for anything.

"During the FIFA Executive Committee meeting in October, it was agreed that FIFA would enter a period of consultation on the ideal time of year to host the World Cup in Qatar — with a recommendation expected after the World Cup in Brazil," organizers said Wednesday. "We await the outcome of this consultation period. We will be ready to host the World Cup regardless of the outcome."

The sticking point to a move to cooler months remains the major European leagues, who seem to be less amenable to a decision that will disrupt their regular August-May seasons.

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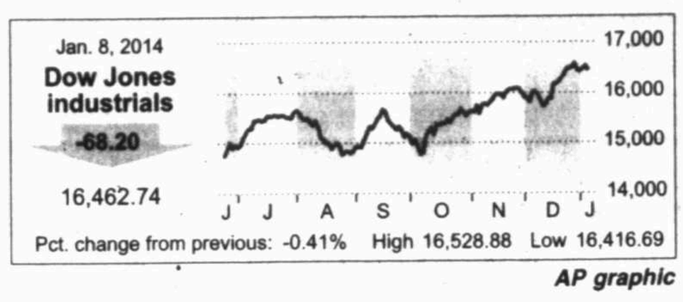

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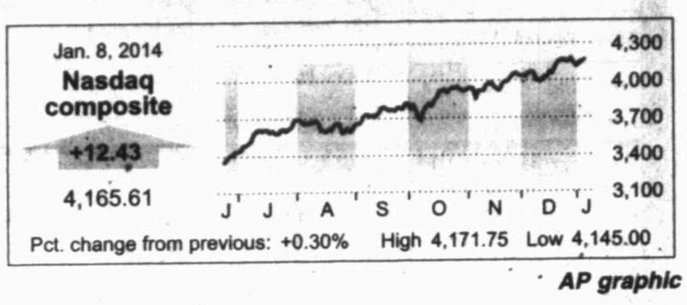

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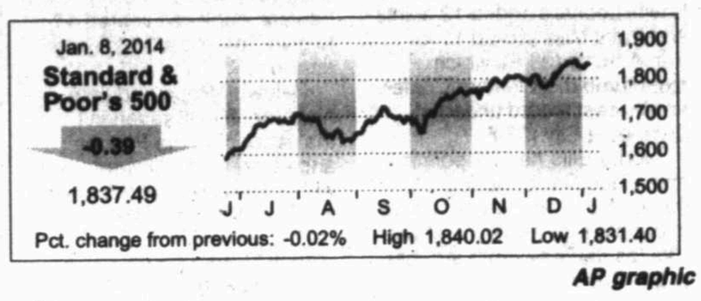

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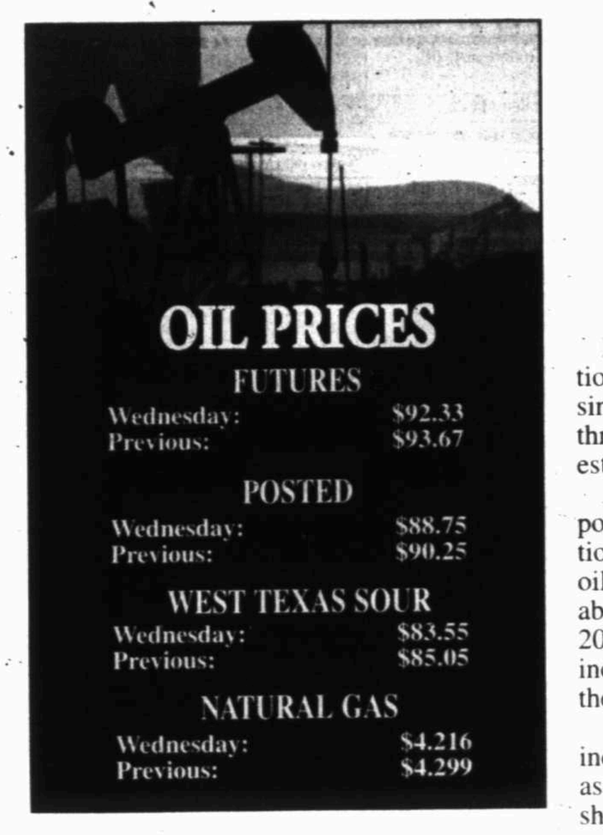

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $92.33
Previous: $93.67

POSTED

Wednesday: $88.75
Previous: $90.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $83.55
Previous: $85.05

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $4.216
Previous: $4.299

US oil boom will slow in 2015, feds forecast

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON – U.S. daily crude production will slow next year for the first time since the nation's shale oil boom began three years ago, according to a new federal estimate.

In its first forecast of the nation's energy position in 2015, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projected Tuesday that oil producers will increase production by about 750,000 barrels of oil per day in 2015. That's a drop from an expected daily increase of 1.3 million barrels in 2014 and the growth of the past two years.

Falling oil prices could dampen the incentive for energy companies to produce as much crude in 2015, a symptom of shrinking demand for motor fuels as automakers sell more efficient cars, said John Staub, head of the EIA's exploration and production team.

"People aren't traveling quite as much as in the past," Staub said.

Still, the EIA's projected daily production of 9.3 million barrels per day in 2015 comes close to levels in 1972, one of the nation's highest years for oil production on record. The agency believes the nation set a record in 2013 with a production increase of 1 million barrels, the largest in history.

The nation's oil wells began to blossom from Texas to North Dakota three years ago when producers shifted their focus to oil after natural gas prices plummeted on a flood of supply. If the federal projections for 2015 prove accurate, U.S. crude production will have grown about 64 percent since 2011.

Falling production

The EIA said the growth likely will continue to drive petroleum imports out of the market next year, when government analysts expect liquid fuel imports to shrink to 24 percent of U.S. consumption, its lowest share since 1970. But the end of the oil boom may be approaching. Last month, the EIA predicted that U.S. oil output would peak in 2016 at 9.5 million barrels, just shy of the nation's record in 1970. Production will begin to drop in 2020, according to the agency.

Oil production is "ultimately based on how good those investments look," because even though production rates at North American shale plays are declining rapidly, there's still plenty of oil there, said John Lee, a professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Houston. "These big shale plays they are by no means fully developed."

If the U.S. government accedes to the oil industry and lifts a ban on selling crude overseas, oil prices would rise and production would keep increasing after 2020, but that idea has met strong political opposition, Lee said.

"Politically, I think (lifting the ban on crude exports) would be very difficult to get through," Lee said.

Oil prices

Increasing oil supply from the U.S. and other non-OPEC countries is expected to drive down prices for Brent, the international benchmark crude, to an average $102 per barrel in 2015 from an average $109 per barrel last year. Meanwhile, U.S. benchmark crude West Texas Intermediate will likely trail Brent by a $12 per barrel discount next year 2015, the EIA reported.

WTI fell further behind Brent last year after pipeline companies untangled a bottleneck of crude in Cushing, Okla., stranded at storage facilities on the way to Gulf Coast refineries. That had kept U.S. oil prices elevated for several years. International crude prices, especially in North America, may also face pressure this year from rising oil output from the Middle East and slowing economic growth and oil demand in China, Moody's Investors Service reported this week.

Oil prices drop 1 percent

The price of oil fell more than 1 percent Wednesday after government data showed that demand for gasoline fell last week to the lowest level in a year.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery fell $1.34, or 1.4 percent, to close at $92.33 a barrel.

The Energy Department said supplies of gasoline rose by 6.2 million barrels last week, a jump of nearly 3 percent. Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill, said the data indicated that demand for gasoline was the lowest since the same week last year. Analysts surveyed by Platts had expected gasoline supplies to rise by 2 million barrels.

At the gas pump, the average price for a gallon of gasoline remained at $3.31. That's up 5 cents from a month ago and a penny higher than at this time last year.

Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, fell 20 cents to $107.15 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

In other energy futures trading:

- Wholesale gasoline dropped 2 cents to $2.66 a gallon.
- Natural gas fell 8 cents to $4.22 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold and other metals fall

Metals futures ended lower. February gold edged down $4.10, or 0.3 percent, to $1,225.50 an ounce.

March silver fell 24.8 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $19.539 an ounce.

Platinum for April delivery eased $1.20 to $1,414.20 an ounce. Palladium for March delivery slipped $3.40 to $738.30 an ounce. Copper for March delivery fell 1.7 cents to $3.3425 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	973295	16.58	+.06
S&P500ETF	877886	183.52	+.04
Penney	662569	7.37	-.82
iShEMkts	585629	39.78	-.13
RiteAid	554739	5.65	+.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiNBorun	3.12	+.48	+18.2
ForestLab	69.30	+10.54	+17.9
BitautoH	34.90	+4.49	+14.8
CEC Ent	49.58	+6.24	+14.4
Hyperdy rs	5.00	+.52	+11.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContainStr n	39.01	-6.78	-14.8
VersoPap	3.75	-.63	-14.4
AZZ Inc	40.39	-6.55	-14.0
FdAgncA	25.34	-3.21	-11.2
Textura n	25.80	-2.87	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,347
Declined	1,728
Unchanged	121
Total issues	3,196
New Highs	160
New Lows	16
Volume	3,546,214,016

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	61150	46.25	+1.04
Organovo	47951	11.05	+.68
MeetMe	43864	2.08	+.28
InovioPhm	35935	2.48	-.02
NwGold g	29802	5.27	-.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MeetMe	2.08	+.28	+15.6
IntelligSys	2.04	+.23	+12.7
Protalix	4.50	+.43	+10.6
ERBA Diag	3.86	+.36	+10.1
Medgen wt	3.25	+.25	+8.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgenics	6.48	-.54	-7.7
B2gold g	2.06	-.14	-6.4
AmShrd	2.77	-.13	-4.5
Electrmed	2.15	-.10	-4.5
WirelessT	2.05	-.08	-3.8

DIARY

Advanced	193
Declined	204
Unchanged	36
Total issues	433
New Highs	13
New Lows	
Volume	112,614,221

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	1502183	3.77	-.09
MicronT	875633	23.87	+2.14
Microsoft	576512	35.76	-.65
Facebook	550414	58.23	+.31
BlackBerry	504352	8.54	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Imris g	2.19	+.63	+40.4
NuPathe	4.38	+1.15	+35.6
Qramed n	24.64	+5.88	+31.3
ProspGR rs	2.65	+.59	+28.6
ARCA bi rs	2.26	+.46	+25.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
support cm	2.88	-.59	-17.0
AxoGen	4.19	-.63	-13.1
AvidTch tf	7.32	-.97	-11.7
Prosensa n	5.80	-.75	-11.5
FFinSvc	4.81	-.59	-10.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,223
Declined	1,319
Unchanged	150
Total issues	2,692
New Highs	189
New Lows	13
Volume	2,279,991,863

Stocks slip as sluggish start to 2014 drags

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market stumbled Wednesday as investors waited for the government's jobs report later this week and the beginning of quarterly earnings releases from corporate America.

Traders put aside a positive report that showed private employers created more jobs in December than economists had expected. The market had a muted reaction to the minutes from the Federal Reserve's mid-December policy meeting.

Wednesday's declines extend what has been a muddled start to 2014. Both the Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index are down a little less than 1 percent after five days of trading.

The tough start should be taken in context of last year's exceptional performance, when the S&P 500 surged almost 30 percent.

After bidding up companies' stock prices to record levels last year, investors are ready to see if their bets are going to pay off. Big, publicly traded U.S. companies will start reporting their quarterly financial results today.

"The question is whether this strengthening economy is translating into stronger corporate earnings," said Russ Koesterich, global chief investment strategist at the investment firm BlackRock.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.08 Down 0.91

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.61 Down 0.49

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $34.05 Down 0.27

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $47.61 Down 0.78

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.30 Down 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.69 Down 0.16

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.77 Down 0.25

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.17 Up 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ARCA bi rs			2.26	+.46	+34.5
AT&T Inc	1.84f	25	34.24	-.25	-2.6
Abraxas		**35**	**3.13**	**-.08**	**-4.0**
AdamsEx	**.84e**		**13.00**		**-.5**
AMD			4.18		+8.0
Alcoa	.12	31	10.83	+.29	+1.9
AlonUSA	.24a	20	16.31	-.24	-1.4
AlphaNRs			6.52	+.02	-8.7
AmAirl n			27.63	+.73	+9.4
Amgen	**2.44f**	**18**	**115.88**	**-.55**	**+1.6**
Anadarko	**.72**	**23**	**79.04**	**-.80**	**-.4**
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**86.65**	**-1.25**	**+.8**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**83**	**17.42**	**+.05**	**-1.5**
AriadP			6.46	-.26	-5.3
Atmel			8.34	+.41	+6.5
ATMOS	**1.48f**	**17**	**45.42**	**+.24**	
AutoData	1.92f	27	80.35	-.43	-.6
BP PLC	**2.28f**	**11**	**48.73**	**+.18**	**+.2**
BabsCCInv	1.20		14.91	-.09	-.1
BakrHu	.60	21	52.21	-.58	-5.5
BallardPw			2.27	-.20	+49.8
BkofAm	.04	22	16.58	+.08	+6.5
B iPVix rs			41.77	+.05	-1.8
BarrickG	.20		17.96	-.31	+1.9
BasicEnSv			14.89	-.64	-5.6
BerkHa A		**1**	**167328**	**4.00**	**-911.00**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**21**	**52.69**	**+.07**	**+.3**
BlackBerry			8.54	+.04	+14.8
BostonSci		25	12.79	+.35	+6.4
BrMySq	**1.44f**	**32**	**53.42**	**+.86**	**+.5**
BrownFA	**1.16f**	**27**	**73.15**	**+.02**	**-.8**
BrownFB	**1.16f**	**26**	**74.08**	**-.69**	**-2.0**
CVS Care	1.10f	19	69.77	+.10	-2.5
Cameron		20	58.85	-.02	-1.1
Caterpillar	2.40	18	89.14	+.21	-1.8
Celestic g		22	10.51	-.14	+1.1
Cemex	.45f		11.73	+.07	-.8
CntryLink	2.16		31.24	-.17	-1.9
ChesEng	.35	20	25.85	-.46	-4.8
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**123.29**	**-1.78**	**-1.3**
Chicos	.30f	19	18.77	-.31	-.4
Cimarex	.56	22	100.04	-.20	-4.6
Cisco	.68	12	22.29	-.02	+.1
Citigroup	.04	14	54.81	+.63	+5.2
ClayEng			74.08	-.91	-9.6
CocaCola	**1.12**	**21**	**39.94**	**-.45**	**-3.3**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**26**	**63.54**	**-.66**	**-2.6**
Comcast	.78	22	52.75	-.06	+1.5
ConAgra	**1.00**	**18**	**33.62**	**-.28**	**-.2**
ConchoRes		**48**	**100.61**	**-.49**	**-6.8**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**69.69**	**-.68**	**-1.4**
CrackerB	3.00	22	110.89	-.17	+.7
CrosTim	**2.32e**	**13**	**29.78**	**+.02**	**+1.3**
DCP Mid	2.88f	23	50.00	-.45	-.7
DTE	2.62	18	65.10	-.66	-1.9
Datarm rs			3.28	+.66	+26.3
Dawson		**17**	**34.05**	**-.27**	**+.7**
DeltaAir	.24	11	29.80	+1.02	+8.5
DevonE	**.88**		**61.31**	**-.17**	**-.9**
Disney	**.86f**	**22**	**75.22**	**-1.12**	**-1.5**
DowChm	**1.28**	**44**	**43.16**	**+.05**	**-2.8**
DryShips			4.08	-.03	-13.2
eBay		25	52.37	-.50	-4.5
EMC Cp	.40	21	25.51	-.04	+1.4
EOG Res	**.75**	**41**	**166.78**	**-.07**	**-.6**
EmpDist	**1.02f**	**16**	**22.33**	**-.12**	**-1.6**
Energen	.58	26	68.58	-.83	-3.1
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	54.11	-.35	-5.5
EnPro		**36**	**56.74**	**-.24**	**-1.6**
EntPrPt	2.76f	23	63.67	-1.08	-4.0
Ericsson	.43e		11.94	+.11	-2.5
ExterranH		**24**	**34.15**	**-.10**	**-1**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**11**	**100.74**	**-.33**	**-.5**
Facebook			58.23	+.31	+6.6
FordM	.40	12	15.54	+.16	+.7
ForestOil		12	3.53	+.06	-2.2
FuelCellE			1.69	-.17	+19.9
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**51.26**	**-.35**	**-1.7**
GabMulRT	**.80**		**11.60**	**+.27**	**-6.5**
GalenaBio			6.24	+.88	+25.8
GAInv	**2.10e**		**34.28**	**-.14**	**-2.6**
GenElec	**.88f**	**20**	**27.21**	**-.08**	**-2.9**
GtPlainEn	**.92f**	**16**	**24.16**	**-.01**	**-.3**
Groupon			11.78	-.10	+.1
HalconRes		18	3.39	-.14	-12.2
Halliburtn	**.60f**	**17**	**49.50**	**-.70**	**-2.5**
HewlettP	.58	10	27.45	-.73	-1.9
iShJapan	.13e		12.04	+.02	-.8
iShChinaLC	1.02e		36.45	+.43	-5.0
iSNEMkts	.87e		39.78	-.13	-4.8
iS Eafe	1.70e		66.25	-.02	-1.3
iShR2K	1.41e		114.86	+.15	-.4
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.14	-.61	-2.3
Intel	**.90**	**14**	**25.43**	**-.16**	**-2.0**
InterDig	.40	32	29.75	+.58	+.9
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	58.87	+.55	+1.3
JohnJn	**2.64**	**21**	**94.16**	**-.13**	**+2.8**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**21**	**103.28**	**-.70**	**-1.1**
KindME	5.40f	29	80.05	-.50	-.8
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.22	-.38	-.6
LegacyRes	2.34f		28.30	-.03	+.5
Lubys		**50**	**7.03**	**-.23**	**-8.9**
MktVGold	.19e		21.61	-.36	+2.3
McDnlds	3.24f	17	95.41	-.97	-1.7
Merck	1.76f	30	49.79	-.32	-.5
MeritMed		**60**	**15.08**	**+.21**	**-4.2**
MexcoEn			6.69	-.16	-3.0
MicronT		15	23.87	+2.14	+9.7
Microsoft	1.12	13	35.76	-.65	-4.4
Nabors	.16	39	16.69	+.05	-1.8
NatGrid	**3.17e**		**63.60**	**-.60**	**-2.6**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	78.17	-1.64	-1.7
NokiaCp			8.11	+.07	
NvMAd	**.80a**		**12.41**	**+.02**	**+2.1**
NvPMI	**.86**		**12.89**	**+.07**	**+4.2**
NuvPI	**.86**		**12.65**	**+.03**	**+2.6**
NSTFI3	**.63a**		**13.10**		**+1.7**
NTXQI	**.70a**		**13.05**	**-.04**	**+1.6**
OcciPet	**2.56**	**17**	**94.79**	**-.76**	**-.3**
OfficeDpt		38	4.95	+.12	-6.4
OnSmcnd			8.54	+.45	+3.6
Oracle	.48	16	37.72	-.13	-1.4
Pandora			32.70	+.26	+22.9
ParTech			**5.33**	**+.01**	**-2.2**
ParkDrl			**8.02**	**-.05**	**-1.4**
PattUTI	**.20**	**16**	**24.99**	**-.04**	**-1.3**
Penney			7.37	-.82	-19.5
PennaRE	**.80f**		**19.44**	**+.36**	**+2.4**
Prmian	.87e	16	13.10	-.18	+1.9
Petrobras	.27e		12.68	-.22	-8.0
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**30.95**	**+.21**	**+1.0**
PioNtrl	.08	44	175.37	+.20	-4.7
PlainsAAP	**2.40f**	**18**	**50.69**	**-.29**	**-2.1**
PlugPowr h			4.55	+.70	+193.5
Potash	1.40	15	33.49	+.86	+1.6
PwShs QQQ	.88e		87.31	+.19	-.7
Praxair	**2.40**	**23**	**130.93**	**+.69**	**+.7**
PrmEgy		**10**	**49.81**		**-1.4**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**80.24**	**-1.18**	**-1.4**
RangeRs	.16	97	82.52	+.09	-2.1
RegionsFn	.12	13	10.25	+.15	+3.6
RiteAid			5.65	+.34	+11.7
RiverbedT			19.53	+1.68	+8.0
Rowan		15	34.03	-.15	-3.8
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	70.41	-.51	-1.2
SpdrDJIA	3.53e		164.35	-.62	-.7
S&P500ETF	3.35e		183.52	+.04	-.6
SabnR	4.01e	13	50.39	-.46	-.3
SanderFm	**.80f**	**13**	**72.04**	**-1.25**	**-.4**
SandRdge			**5.78**	**+.04**	**-4.8**
Sapient		**32**	**17.41**	**+.20**	**+.3**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	86.98	-.53	-3.5
SigmaAld	**.86**	**24**	**93.38**	**+.60**	**-.7**
SiriusXM		54	3.77	-.09	+8.0
Smucker	2.32	19	98.17	-3.35	-5.3
Sprint n			9.98	+.11	-7.2
SP CnSt	1.02e		42.12	-.32	-2.0
SPDR Fncl	.32e		21.99	+.08	+.6
SP Util	1.46e		37.46	-.20	-1.3
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	73.40	-.28	-2.8
TelefEsp	**.47e**		**16.20**	**+.07**	**-.9**
Tesoro	1.00	17	56.77	-1.30	-3.0
3M Co	3.42f	21	136.63	-1.02	-2.6
Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**78.53**	**+.59**	**+.5**
TriContl	**.70e**		**19.87**	**-.02**	**-.6**
Twitter n			59.29	-2.17	-6.8
TylerTech		**91**	**101.48**	**-.91**	**-.6**
UBWV	**1.28f**	**18**	**30.41**	**-.33**	**-3.3**
Vale SA	.78e		13.95	-.09	-8.5
ValeroE	.90	12	51.86	+.44	+2.9
VangEmg	1.15e		39.36	-.07	-4.3
VerizonCm	2.12	68	48.50	-.27	-1.3
VulcanM	**.04**		**59.35**	**+.51**	**-.1**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**21**	**59.36**	**+1.85**	**+3.3**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.92	+.52	+1.1
WstnRefin	.88f	9	40.94	-.99	-3.5
WhitingPet		13	59.09	-.20	-4.5
WmsCos	1.52f	44	39.16	+.15	+1.5
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**15**	**27.71**	**-.11**	**-.8**
Xerox	**.23**	**13**	**12.08**	**-.11**	**-.7**
Yahoo		35	41.02	+.10	+1.4
Yamana g	.26	17	9.12	+.09	+5.8
Zogenix			3.88	+.55	+12.8
Zynga			4.18	+.04	+10.0

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,588.25	13,293.13	Dow Jones Industrials	16,462.74	-68.20	-.41	-.69	+22.94
7,410.25	5,458.86	Dow Jones Transportation	7,310.13	+22.37	+.31	-1.22	+31.81
537.86	455.75	Dow Jones Utilities	484.17	-2.19	-.45	-1.30	+5.95
11,334.65	8,573.26	NYSE Composite	10,320.91	-6.42	-.06	-.76	+19.51
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,382.00	-14.84	-.62	-1.82	-.47
4,177.73	3,076.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,165.61	+12.43	+.30	-.26	+34.12
1,849.44	1,451.64	S&P 500	1,837.49	-.39	-.02	-.59	+25.77
19,719.24	15,305.26	Wilshire 5000	19,608.32	-1.45	-.01	-.50	+27.16
1,167.97	871.01	Russell 2000	1,157.46	-.05	-.01	-.53	+31.60

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 59 Low: 47

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 62 Low: 38

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 60 Low: 40

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 71 Low: 32

MONDAY: Sunny High: 60 Low: 40

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 57 Low: 30

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today, cloudy conditions tonight and a 50 percent chance of showers at night.

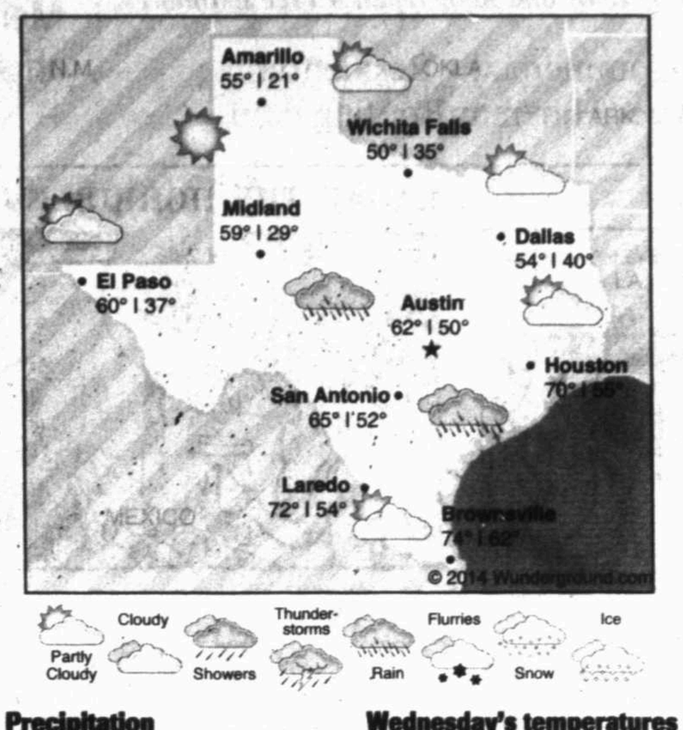
On Friday, look for mostly cloudy skies, a high around 62 and gusts as fast as 25 mph.

The high on Wednesday reached 66, while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Jan. 8 is 81 set in 1969. The record low is 10 set in 1967.

National forecast

Dry, sunny and seasonable weather is forecast for much of the Appalachians and the Atlantic seaboard today. High pressure will hover over New Jersey and extend to the Southwest. An exception will be the Florida Peninsula, where considerable clouds are expected, along with rain in the southern counties and the Keys.

Farther west, a swath of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico will accompany a progressing warming trend over the Mississippi Valley. Clouds and rain are forecast from eastern Texas and western Louisiana to Arkansas, northwestern Mississippi and western Tennessee. In marginally cold air to the north, some snow may fall from northern Missouri to Indiana and parts of Ohio.



Precipitation

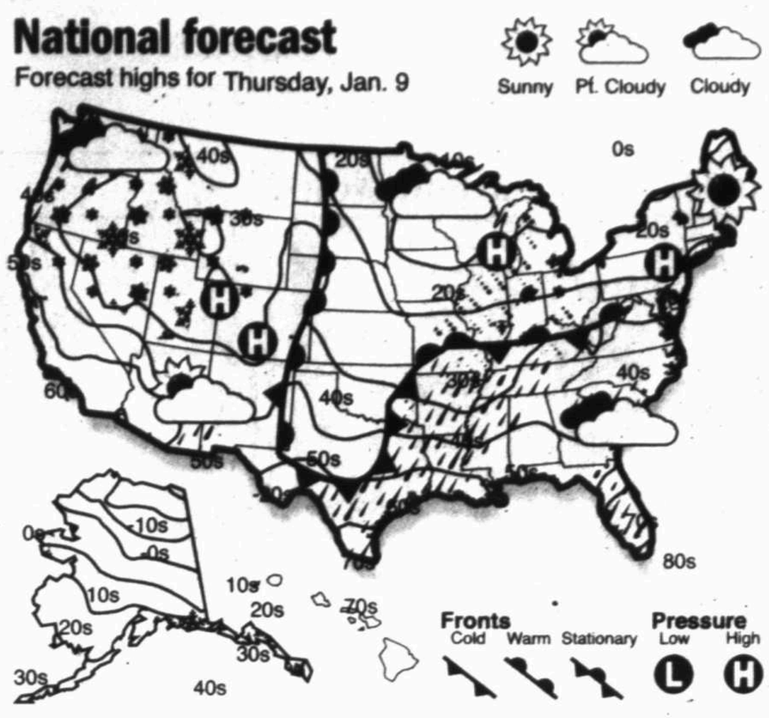
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.11 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	66
Low	32
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:02 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 9



Eager grandmas must defer to new family's wishes

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: In response to the letter from "Family First in Florida" (Nov. 3), it's no wonder her son and daughter-in-law want some peace and quiet when their new baby arrives. Grandma-to-be appears controlling, entitled and someone who will be more of an endurance test than a helping presence. They are right to set kind, yet firm, boundaries with her.

I wanted privacy during and after childbirth, and I'm grateful my mom and MIL respected our wishes. I needed time to establish a nursing routine, heal and get to know my baby before I was ready to host overnight guests.

My kids' grandmas both have strong, loving relationships with their grandkids, so please remind "Family First" she's not missing out on anything. She'll still get to be a doting granny, but for now she should back off and remember the arrival of the child is not about HER. — EXPERIENCED MOM IN OMAHA

DEAR MOM: I'm pleased everything worked out well for you. That woman's letter hit a nerve with my readers. A sampling of their comments:

DEAR ABBY: I had the same vision of being there when my grandkids were born. However, my kids have not involved me the way I imagined.

"Family First's" son is putting HIS family first, as he should. He and his wife have chosen what they feel will make the smoothest, least-stressful launch for their new family, and he is protecting that plan. If she doesn't respect her son's right to make that decision, she risks jeopardizing her future relationship with him, his wife AND the grandkids.

The essence of a mother's love is sacrifice. It's time to put aside her dreams and help her son fulfill his. — SUZIE IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: The new parents are greatly misinformed about the importance of having grandparents around just before and immediately after the birth of a new baby. It helps to have a family member in the waiting room to update other family and well-wishers so Dad can devote full attention to the new mom and baby.

My mother was a godsend, taking care of everything while we bonded with our child. She did the cooking, the chores, and gave us needed breaks during the day so we were able to tolerate night feedings. When our second child arrived, she helped with our older one.

Childbirth is difficult. I don't think this new mom realizes she won't be able to do it all. — SHANA IN LOUISIANA

DEAR ABBY: Has "Family First" considered that her daughter-in-law's mother may be coming? Unfair as it may seem, in cultures around the world, the role of the paternal grandmother is far different than that of the maternal grandmother. — KNOWS FOR SURE IN KENYA

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law told everyone, including the other grandparents, who live near them, they wanted NO visitors for at least six weeks. That sad grandma needs to brush up on her Skype and Facetime skills so she can see them frequently on her computer and phone. We do this with our kids.

In the first year, the baby learned our voices and saw our faces often. When we met again, it was like we'd always been there. — COMPUTER GRANNY

DEAR ABBY: While she isn't invited to be there for the birth of her first grandchild, I'm sure her son and daughter-in-law will be begging her to come for the next one. After a week of no sleep, they are going to wish they had told her yes this time! — GRANNY IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: When I declined my mother-in-law's offer to help out when my son was born, she paid to have a catering service deliver daily three-course dinners for two weeks so I wouldn't have to cook. It was the best gift I ever received, and I love her for it! — LISA IN NORTH CAROLINA

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014:

This year you will want to break barriers and create much more of what you want. You will discover that you have several key people who will make a big difference in your life. If you are single, you have many admirers. The possibility exists that you could meet a life partner in the next year. Don't hold back, should you sense that you have met The One. If you are attached, your relationship flourishes as a result of an increasing element of trust. In fact, you will view your partner as a guiding star in your life. TAURUS adds spice and interest to your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your instincts work well with your finances right now. If you feel like you are lucky, go out and buy a lottery ticket. Be wise and follow your own advice. Remember to listen to your inner voice. You could be unusually fortunate as a result. Tonight: Treat a loved one well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are energized and a witness to new possibilities. A discussion could encourage you to go for a long-term goal. Whether it is possible will be irrelevant. Accept the challenge, and keep your eye on the finish line. Tonight: Screen your calls if you want to get anything done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Take your time and let your mind wander. Your daydreaming contributes to your success and creativity; just don't do it in front of your boss, as he or she might not understand your process. An associate will get you thinking with a question. Tonight: Vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Listen to feedback, and know what you desire. Friends seem to be supportive, and they probably will stay that way while you accomplish this goal. Your upbeat spirit is influential and helps many people, including you. Keep that in mind. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You beam, and others naturally come toward you. The problem you might have is that you can't really let go because of all your responsibilities. Still, others do respond to you well. Use your instincts with someone you must answer to. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Listen to a friend, who might be the source of surprising news. What you say and how you respond will make all the difference. Know that you won't be able to change someone's knee-jerk reaction. Be open to this person, despite his or her thinking. Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might have indicated that you would accept extra responsibility. If you are exhausted and feel as if you have very little to offer, others will sense it, and your leadership could be questioned. Realize your limits when dealing with others. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Touch base with someone in the know. You can't continue the way you have been without taking a bigger look at a situation that will help you expand your thinking. Someone sees life very differently from how you do. Listen to his or her thoughts. Tonight: Get concert tickets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might want to check out an associate's thoughts on the matter. You could be unwilling to take a risk until you feel the situation is a lot more grounded. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to revisit a situation involving a loved one. Your decision could dramatically change your choices afterward. You are on a split path, and once you decide which way to go, it will be difficult to turn back. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Listen to news carefully. The person delivering the information might be as rigid as you are. Avoid viewing this situation in terms of "your way or my way," as that could result in a deadlock between the two of you. Instead, listen and process. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Listen to the creative muse within, as you could have a rare opportunity to express yourself freely. You will do just that in an unprecedented manner if you refuse to hold back. A child or loved one will be delighted by you and what you have to say. Tonight: Live it up.

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BORN TODAY

Former U.S. president Richard Nixon (1913), singer Joan Baez (1941), Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton (1982)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A great void

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7 6 4
♥ Q J 8 6 5
♦ A 9 7
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q 2
♥ 7
♦ Q 10 5 4 3
♣ A 10 9 7 6

EAST
♠ K J 8 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ J 6
♣ J 8 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ A K 10 4 3
♦ K 8 2
♣ K Q 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
7	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Game-forcing raise with at most one club

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

The proper response to Blackwood when holding a void has been debated for decades. When holding two or more aces, playing regular Blackwood as opposed to Key Card, an elegant solution is to lie by two aces, this forces partner to sign off at the five-level, whereupon you cue-bid your void. That is exactly what North did here, and South probably overreacted when he jumped to seven. The grand slam was not a good one, but there were chances.

Declarer won the opening lead and then cashed the ace of spades before ruffing a spade in hand. South needed an extra trick even if the spades behaved, so he led the king of clubs. East covered, dummy ruffed and he was in business!

Next came the ace of diamonds, followed by a diamond to the king. South cashed the queen of clubs, discarding the board's remaining diamond, and made the rest on a careful cross-ruff. Money in the bank! Note that had South drawn the last trump before ruffing a spade, the contract would have failed. There would not be enough trumps to ruff all the spades.

The best course of action when you respond to Blackwood with a void is usually to ignore the void. Partner has said, "Tell me how many aces you have and I can place the final contract." Tell him how many aces you have. Your void may not be useful.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Make it home?
6 Trunk hardware
10 Karate move
14 2013 U.S. Open winner
15 In the past
16 Chaplin's widow
17 Query in Matthew
18 Crybaby of a sort
20 Like French doors
21 Special benefit
22 One having a ball
24 "You said it!"
25 University of Georgia mascot Hairy __
28 Like a GI doing dishes
30 Selena of "Wizards of Waverly Place"
35 Anticipated touchdown hr.
36 Nail holders
37 Meditative genre
38 With 40-Across, taking the easy way (and a hint to eight aptly placed answers in this grid)
40 See 38-Across
41 As per schedule
42 Knocks
43 One might make a setter better
44 Question type
45 Start of a Spanish cheer
46 Antiprohibitionists
47 The Supremes, e.g.
49 Collectible radio
51 Ristorante choice
56 Ready to rumble
60 Drags one's feet
61 First name in puppetry
62 Smidgen
63 Reunion invitee
64 Very malicious
65 Fit
66 Telescope part
67 Golfer's concern

DOWN

1 Sassy sort
2 Honduran home
3 Frigg's husband
4 Like most Pixar movies
5 Skip over
6 What a white "H" on a blue sign signifies: Abbr.
7 Arctic wear
8 Stick to a tight budget
9 Annoyance
10 Unflappable
11 It might wind up in the yard
12 100 sawbucks
13 Diminish
19 Sticks around
23 American frontiersman
25 Trapping strategy
26 Carry __
27 "King Kong" actress Naomi
29 What a "-" may indicate: Abbr.
31 Fess (up)
32 Novelist Binchy
33 Pond wader
34 Bartender's supply
36 Coarse grass used as fodder
37 Without face value
39 __ lizzie
40 NBAer who plays at "The Q"
42 Control for an out-of-control crowd
45 Basketball Hall of Fame sportscaster Dick
46 Pop art pioneer
48 Grand
50 Treatments for breaks
51 Feature of some skirts
52 What a "D" often means
53 Some basilica singers
54 Glitz
55 Doctrines
57 Ankle-length skirt
58 Burdon of The Animals
59 Rollers without wheels

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	A	R	B		R	I	S	K		T	A	S	E	R
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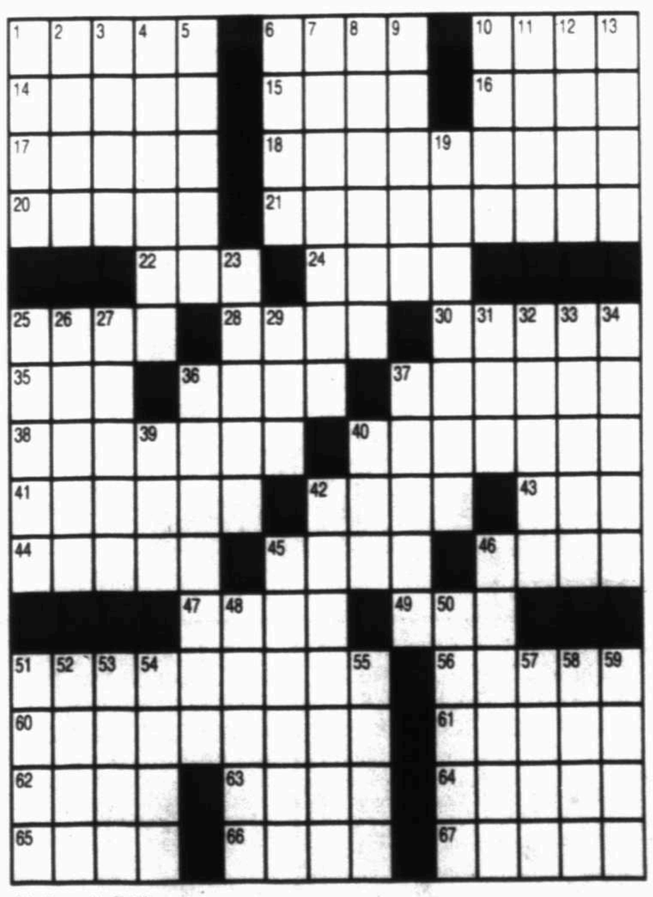

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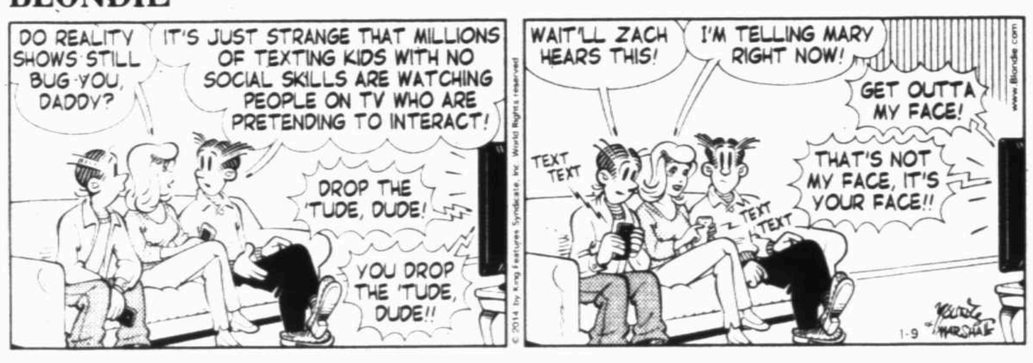

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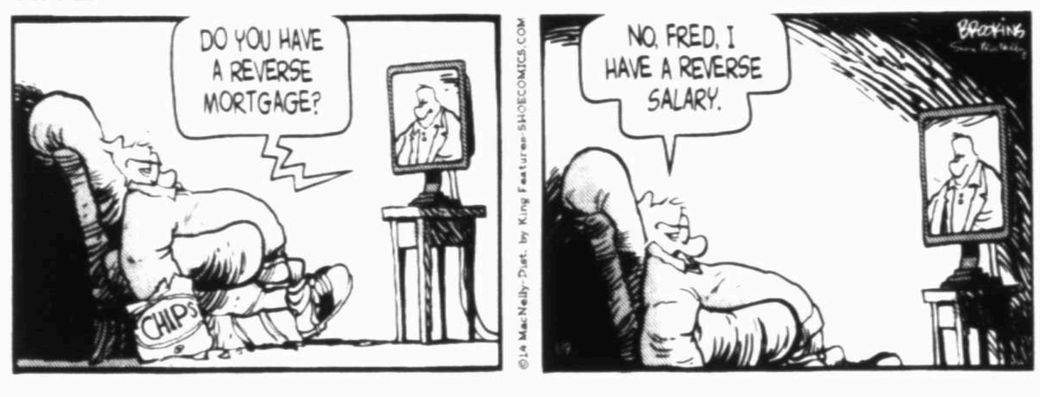

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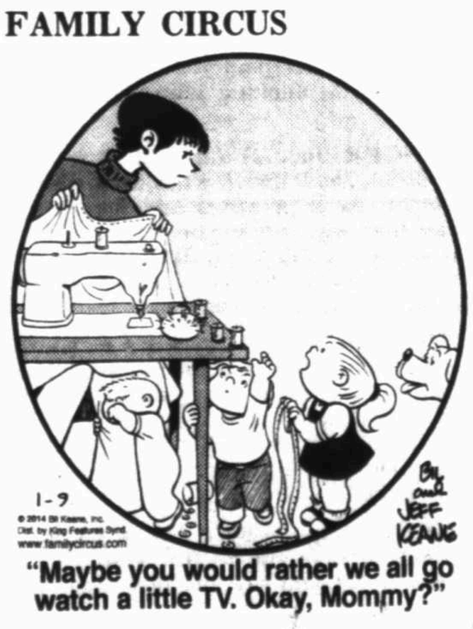

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS and PROVIDERS

Applications for participation in DentiCare, Inc.'s network of general and specialty dental commercial providers will be accepted March 1, 2014 through March 20, 2014. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information please write: DentiCare, Inc., Attention: DentiCare Dental Network Manager, 325 Reid Street, De Pere, WI 54115.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0286362
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 31, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 774944
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb. 4, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO. L.P., [RRC Operator No. 216378] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk. 42 T4S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-157 SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP) Field, ECTOR County, being 12.06 miles SE direction from ODESSA, 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 have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751.**

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 Feb. 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name: TATIA (SA)
Lease/Unit Well No.: 53H
Lease/Unit Acres: 2620.9
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 335.0

Lease Lines: 2150.0 F South L, 1225.0 F West L
Survey Lines: 2150.0 F South L, 843.0 F West L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2150.0 F SOUTH L
1225.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: ECTOR
Section: 46 — Block: 42 T3S — Abstract: 773
Survey: T&P RR CO / PRICE, C H
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1300.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1300.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SALLIE ANN (SPRABERRY-WOLFCAMP): OIL Special Rules 660/500, 160.0 acres.
OIL Optional Rules 660/500, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Easton Miller, at (405) 552-4525.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KATHARINE BLAIR BECK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT RIGNEY, issued on January 7, 2014, in Cause No. P17715, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to:

GRETA REESE RIGNEY

The physical address of the Executtrix is in Midland, Midland County, Texas, and the mailing address is:

c/o Todd, Barron, Thomason, Hudman & Baxter, P.C.
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 409
Odessa, Texas 79762-5982

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 7th day of January, 2014.

TODD, BARRON, THOMASON, HUDMAN & BAXTER, P.C.
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 409
Odessa, Texas 79762-5982
432-363-2100
432-363-2150 (Fax)

By: JIMMIE B. TODD
State Bar No. 20095000
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Colonial SmartStop Self Storage, hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's Lien pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below, and on the following terms: All Property generally described below will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder with payment to be made at the time of the sale. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw any item or items from the sale. The property will be sold Thursday the **23 of January, 2014** on or about the time indicated at each self-storage facility identified below. The undersigned located at:

Colonial Smart Stop Self Storage
1975 West Northwest Highway Dallas, TX 75220 will sell via Public Auction online at www.storagebattles.com

2:00 PM - Colonial SmartStop Self Storage.
Please go to www.storagebattles.com
203 Legacy Limousine of Dallas-Monica Hernandez: Desks, End Table, TV, 515 Billy Harris Plastic Tubs, TX

Colonial Smart Stop Self Storage
910 South Denton Tap Road Coppell, TX 75019 will sell via Public Auction online at www.storagebattles.com

2:00 PM - Colonial SmartStop Self Storage.
Please go to www.storagebattles.com
H431 Rubie Knighton: armoire, dresser, chair, tables
H430 Rubie Knighton: boxes, lamp, pictures

Business Center

Business Opportunity

TRUCKING COMPANY for sale with end dumps & vacuum trailers, one winch truck. With Texas Waste Hauler Permit to transport waste. Established business in operation for 18 years. 337-652-6325

Looking for a New Career?
Find it at

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2004 VOLVO S60 R, 7 speed, silver w/tan & black leather, 109K miles, 1 owner, all service records by Volvo dealers. New tires & front brakes, excellent. AWD Turbo 4 dr Sedan $10,500. 432-230-2680

2006 MAZDA 6. 70K miles serviced only at Mazda dealership, very clean. Good car for a student. Selling for $6700. Call 432-557-0996

2006 SILVER Chrysler Crossfire Limited. 19K miles. $17,000. 432-697-1245

2007 HONDA Civic LX mileage 215,800 $6,200. 432-638-4985

2008 MAZDA 6. 52K miles, garaged kept, new tires, 1 owner, sunroof. Great condition. $10,000 OBO. 432-661-0224

Passenger Cars

NEW TODAY!
2010 ACURA TL, 4 door, V6, 13K miles immaculate, clean Car Fax. $23,000. 432-967-0873

2010 MUSTANG Runs Great! $15K. (432) 631-7202

HYUNDAI 2013 Sonata, 11k miles, heated seats, white w/ tan cloth & black interior, garaged kept, perfect condition. Call 432-312-2841

MAZDA 2004 RX8. Bright blue, 6 speed automatic, 4 door, sun roof, 97K miles, new engine at 49K miles. As is no warranty. $5,800.00. Call 432-557-9170

NICE & clean 2005 Lexus 430, 81,500, $18,500 OBO can be seen at Jorge's Cafe on Big Spring St. Midland, Texas or call 432-528-1905

NISSAN 1987 Mitsubishi 300ZX red sport car low mileage automatic $2,000 OBO. 432-262-2685

Legal & Public Notices

Notice to Physicians and Providers: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation (HMO Blue Texas and Blue Advantage HMO) administers gatekeeper model individual practice association health maintenance organizations that arrange for the provision of both basic and supplemental health services to their members. Any physician or provider can make application to participate in the HMO Blue Texas and/or Blue Advantage HMO networks, at BCBSTX, 3300 N. A Street, Bldg. 8, Ste. 120, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax 432-620-1428 from January 11, 2014, until January 31, 2014.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS
Aetna Life Insurance Co., and Aetna Dental Inc. and their affiliates will accept written applications for participation in their PPO, POS and DMO networks during the period of December 1, 2014 through December 21, 2014. Physicians and providers including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, who wish to contract with us, must apply during this period and applications must be received no later than December 21, 2014. Medical network inquiries should be sent to: Aetna Life Insurance Co., 4400 NW Loop 410, Suite 105, San Antonio, Texas 78229, Attention: 2014 Provider Enrollment. Send Dental network inquiries to: Aetna Dental Management, Three Sugar Creek Center Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77478. Attention: 2014 Provider Enrollment.

Legal & Public Notices

Contruction Manager at Risk Solicitation
The Glasscock County Independent School District solicits credentials and pricing from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk services associated with proposed improvements to the school's facilities.

Interested firms should contact the school at 432-354-2230 or Tom Weeaks at 432-270-1312 to request a copy of the Request for Proposal. You may also go to our website: www.gckats.net and download the inforamtion packet and RFP.

All submissions must be elievered to the school office in Garden City, Texas, no later than 3:00pm CST on January 7, 2014.

Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to overlook any irregularities, and wave any and all formalities.

Passenger Cars

PONTIAC 2009 G8 GT White. 95,800 Miles, new tires. Great Car Loaded. $19,500 OBO. 432-288-8018

TOYOTA 2007 Camry XLE. 113,200 miles, runs great. 1 owner. $9900. 432-894-6015

Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
5715 Andrews Hwy. • Midland
432-522-5900

2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/ Cream Beige
Prem., Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
Jet Black / Blk
Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Avtive seats
13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk
Conv, Prem, Nav, SaT, Though Loading System, heated seats
4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk
M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display
6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav.
4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk
Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k
Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem sound, Sport, Prem.
11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk
Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
Mineral Wht/Oyster
M sport, Prem., hi-fi, nav., 12k miles

2013 BMW 328i
Wht/Blk-Red
Blk racing Stripe
Sport line, Sport Trans, Nav, Heated seats, 3k miles, Unique

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Payroll/Benefits Administrator

Growing Permian Basin pipeline construction and maintenance contractor seeks Payroll/Benefits Administrator. Ideal candidates will possess 2 + years experience in payroll administration with a concentration in coding and completing weekly payroll. Knowledge of payroll adjustments, voluntary and involuntary deductions, taxed, payroll reporting, and benefits administration are a must. Candidates will need to be computer literate in Microsoft applications, self motivated, and detail oriented. Compensation will include a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants can forward resumes by email to lvandever@tuckermidstream.com or by mail to 921 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, TX., 79706

Producer Accounting Position

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, Texas is looking to fill a **Producer Accounting** position. Duties will include data preparation and settlement of Gas Processing plants on a monthly basis. Must have excellent computer and communication skills. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K, and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accountant, **211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701** or email to **employment@westtexasgas.com**.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Part Time Assistant

America's Storage Center PT

Storage Center seeking part time assistant 12-6pm Mon-Fri. Please call 432-520-6400 or stop by for more information.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Painters/Remodelers

Hopkins Home Improvement is hiring experienced painters/remodelers. Salary D.O.E call Bobby at 432-212-5542

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Nine

817-945-1051 • 817-945-1065 (fax) • 8101 Boat Club Road, Suite 330 • Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Nine Energy Service, Inc. seeks an Administrative Assistant for our Midland, Texas facility.

This position requires an applicant to sort and data-enter information for daily statistical reports, maintain electronic file system, assist in on-boarding of employees, arrange travel and route phones, visitors and mail.

Qualified applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, able to operate a multiline phone system, possess strong Customer Service skills, sound judgment, attention to detail and effective use of time.

He/She would react well under pressure; manage competing demands; deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events; commit to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals.

Competitive pay and full benefits. Qualified candidates may e-mail cover letter and resume to angela.jordan@nineenergyservice.com no later than January 15, 2014.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions Clerical, Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to bill@lighthouseenergy.org.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

HEALTHCARE

2- LVN's & Medical Office Clerk

2 Full Time LVN's / clinic environment skills. 1 Full Time Medical Office Clerk w/ clinic experience needed for Martin County Hospital. Send resume to pdority@martinch.org. Apply @ 600 E I-20, Stanton, Texas. 432-607-3265 Fax

Certified Dental Hygienist

Thomas Campagna, DMD FT

We are looking for an exceptional experienced **Certified Dental Hygienist**, full time to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email **info@smilemidland.com** fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to **3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX**

COME JOIN OUR GROWING TEAM!!

Home Health AGENCY is looking for staff in YOUR AREA. We need **RNs**! We need **LVNs**! Flexible Schedule F/T or P/T. Excellent Benefits. Above Average Pay. Spanish Speaking a MUST! Benefits Available: Vacation, Health Insurance, Life, Dental, 401K. Immediate openings. Reliable car a requirement. CALL GAIL @ **432-684-5858**

Experienced Registered Dental Assitant

Family dental office seeks **registered dental assistant** to join our team. Must be currently licensed, energetic, and personable. Prefer at least 2 years of experience. Submit resume with references by fax **432-570-6028.** Mail or drop by **A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, 4410 N Midkiff RD Ste D217, Midland TX 79705**

In-Home Nurse

CNS is looking for a caring and compassionate in-home health care RN or LPN in Midland, Texas, that is interested in working flexible hours, caring for an elderly patient. Qualified applicants must hold a valid state RN or LPN license and have a stable work history. Provide a continuously appropriate, comprehensive and responsive plan of care for each patient and has the ability to travel when required. Critical Nurse Staffing, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer, M/F/V/D and a drug free workplace. Apply online at: www.cnscares.com or call 1-877-259-9001

Interim

HOME CARE AND HOSPICE

Interim Hospice is looking for hard working and team oriented individuals for our growing company.

Full Time, Part Time and PRN C.N.A's

Please contact Diana Leslie at (806) 535-7835 if interested.

Controller

Controller for a medical management group. Ability to effectively plan, coordinate, and manage accounting, HR function, special projects and communicate positively with staff and peers. Bachelor degree - Accounting, 5+ years of experience. QuickBooks experience preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to Executive Director, PO Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 PP-8004

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Immediate Openings

DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza has immediate openings for: • Banquet Servers
Please apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager ~ this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package ~ flexible work schedule, must be available to work at **night and/or weekends** during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of **Home Delivery** and Single Copy **newspapers. The successful** candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. If you are the one we are looking for, contact:

HEARST *media services*

Vincent Cone, V.P. of Circulation
email to: vcone@hearstnp.com
Please come by the Midland Reporter-Telegram,
201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701 to complete an application.
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Positions Needed

Following positions wanted for beautiful renovated hotel in Odessa, Tx. • General Manager- 2 years, • Hotel Management experience a must, • Front Desk Agents, • Night Auditors- Must be Microsoft Office literate, • Laundry Attendants, • Housekeepers, • Housekeeping Supervisors and • Executive Housekeeper. Strong communicator in written/oral skills a must. Please send all resumes to gposmantur@jyihotels.com / 318-834-1772 or come by and fill out an application at Motel One at 2925 E. Hwy 80. Odessa

OTHER JOBS

Housekeeper

Villa Chateau Apartments FT

Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

Janitor/General Cleaners

ABM Janitorial PT

Part time Janitorial positions available. Work Monday-Friday, 5:30-9:30pm, no weekends. Apply at 201 W. Wall Ste 105, Midland, TX 79701.

Janitorial Help

Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

JANITORIAL

PT

Now accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Hours worked 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday-Friday. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring.

Program Assistant

Aphasia Center of West Texas PT
5214 Thomason Dr.
Midland, TX 79703

Service Organization seeks part time Program Assistant to transport adult clients in agency van, clean building & run errands. Flexible schedule, competitive pay, happy, fun work environment. If interested please call 432-699-1261.

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Social Service Coordinator

Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701

Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE

Peerless Tyre Company FT

Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa**.

Sales Associate

Wood's Boots FT/PT

Start the New Year off right! Wood's Boots is adding to our sales team at both Midland locations. It is a good environment with great customers, the best hours in retail, room for advancement, and benefits. Stop in at 4803 Andrews Hwy or 812 W I-20 for an application.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE (
coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

SALES JOBS

Salesperson

Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for part time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

Sales Representative

Promotional advertising company looking for motivated individual to generate sales in Midland. Call **432-517-4000** for more information or mail resume to **D & R Enterprises P.O. Box 3826 Big Spring, TX. 79721.**

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

2 Backhoe Operators

FirstShot Production Services, LLC FT

2 Backhoe Operators with CDL needed, 3 yrs exp required, contact Harvey at 432-853-4932 or apply in person at 1601 Idlewilde Dr.

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355, Attn: H.R. Dept.

Field Tech

Biotech, Inc. is needing a Field technician to treat oil wells in the Midland area. Good pay, insurance, benefits. Must have current drivers' license with good driving record and pass drug screen. CDL not required. Send resumes to tjones@biotechinc.org

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Journeyman Electrician/Line Crew Foreman
Tessco - Energy Division FT
Excellent Pay. Journeyman Electrician - Line Crew Foreman - Electrical Apprentice - Linemen - Equipment Operator. 401K. Paid Vacation. Holiday Pay, etc. Valid Drivers License/Drug Screen Required. Apply in Person: TESSCO-Energy Division, 2201 N. HWY137 Stanton, TX 432-756-2201

Journeyman Electricians & Exp. Apprentice Electricians
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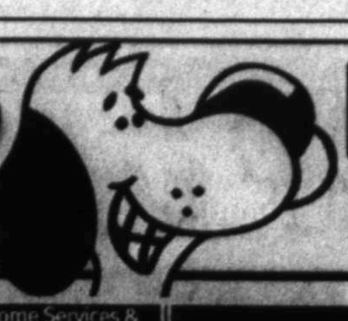

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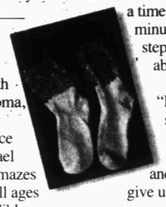
Dancing Machine

Replace the missing words. SEWED HAND SHOW DANCE GOAL REPLAY THEATER NEWS STEP

After performing in a local summer show, kids waited around the _____ lobby to get his autograph. He has danced for Ben the Bachelor and the bachelorettes on television's popular _____, *The Bachelor*. He has been asked to dance for a local teacher retirement party and other events.

Who is this popular dancer? Is he a movie star, a TV star? Has he trained for years under the best _____ instructors?



He is Luis Contreras, a 6th grader in Sonoma, CA. He taught himself to dance just like Michael Jackson and amazes audiences of all ages with his incredible imitation.

I Can Do That!

"I first heard about Michael Jackson when the _____ reported his death," recalls Luis. "I asked my sister, 'Who's Michael Jackson?'"

Luis watched YouTube videos of Jackson dancing and he thought, "I can do that!" That was when he set the _____ of learning a Michael Jackson dance number.

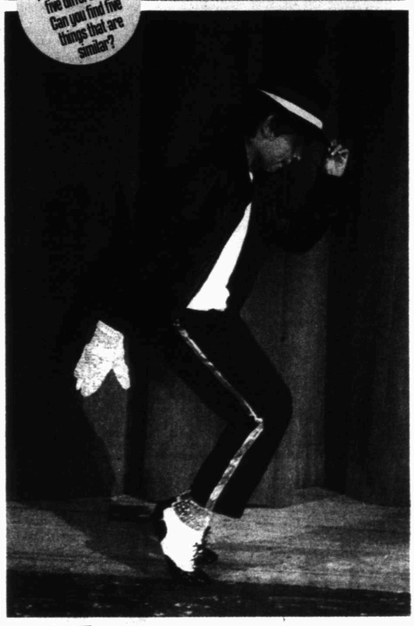
Luis kept pausing and rewinding the videos to watch each dance _____ over and over. Then he'd try it.

Practice, Practice

Luis would study Michael Jackson's dances one step at a time. "It took about ten minutes to master one step. I had to _____ it about 50 times."

"He drove us a bit crazy," says his mom. "He kept playing the same music over and over and over. But he wouldn't give up until he got it right."

Luis's parents are proud of his dedication and the hard work he has undertaken to achieve his goals. His mom _____ sequins onto a pair of socks, one sequin at a time. Each one sewn by _____ with love.



Look at these two photos of Luis. Find five differences. Can you find five things that are similar?

Gotta Dance, but First Things First!

Dancing isn't the only thing Luis does. He also studies hard, earns good grades in school and plays basketball. But, he does fit in dancing every day. He even dances down the aisles of the grocery store!

5:00: Basketball Practice
4:30: Homework
5:30: Start Dancing!

His parents don't let him practice dancing until his homework is finished. But after that, with only a break for supper, he dances until his mother says to stop or he is just too tired to go on.

Luis is starting to study the dance moves of Justin Bieber and is looking forward to joining the school choir in 7th grade.

If Luis danced two hours a day six days a week for one year, how many hours has he danced?

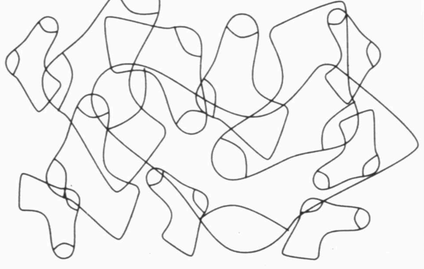
52 X 6 = _____ X 2 = _____

Extra! Extra! I'm Determined!

Look through the newspaper for pictures of people who look determined. Cut these out and make an "I'm Determined!" poster.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you count how many socks are here? Have a friend try. Did you find the same amount?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

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IMITATION
MACHINE
DANCING
SEQUINS
GLIDING
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GOALS
TIRED
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STAR
PUSH

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

N	O	I	T	A	T	I	M	I	F
S	T	U	D	Y	A	N	K	C	E
N	P	R	O	U	D	L	V	N	G
I	U	D	Y	P	A	F	I	C	L
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Q	H	T	N	R	C	O	E	O	D
E	S	O	A	A	I	T	O	I	I
S	O	T	M	W	N	T	S	R	N
M	S	L	A	O	G	E	A	R	G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Setting Goals

Think of three goals you would like to achieve in your future. What can you do now to help you prepare?

I have twenty goals in my head. I guess, if I had to choose three I would choose to be an actor. I am already doing something about it. I go to a children's theater group and I act in my school programs and at other places. I love to act! I also want to be a gymnast. I am going to go to the Redwood Empire Gymnastics Club. I love to do gymnastics. I also want to become a dancer and I do it twice a year in the theater group. I love to dance!

Hannah,
2nd grade

When the time comes, I would like to be a pilot. I have already had lessons since I was eight. I fly at the local sky park. They have a program for kids eight to sixteen. I want to work on my art skills over time in order to improve. My teacher likes my art work. One of my main goals is to use my organizational skills in everything. I will keep on putting things where they belong.

Max,
5th grade

I would like to ice skate. I am going to take lessons. I also like to swim at my grandma's pool. I took lessons and so I am very good. I like to ski. I took skiing lessons and so I am good at that too.

Gretchen,
1st grade

Here are some goals for when I get older. I want to sell my art pictures because I like to paint. I will get ready for that by doing lots of art pictures right now! Another goal is to be a teacher. Now I help a student in my class with math. I like helping people and so I will continue to do that.

Victory,
2nd grade

I would like to get more As on my tests, not that I need it! I just need to keep working hard to make this happen. I would like to have more family trips and happy memories. I would like to earn enough money to take a trip to Hawaii. I will suggest this to the whole family and offer to do lots of chores to make this happen.

Jordan,
4th grade

I would like to move to Texas. I don't know how to make that happen but it is my one resolution for the new year.

Kayla,
5th grade

I would like to play soccer as a career. Some soccer players are paid a lot of money. I need to practice, practice, practice and that is something I am happy to do. I also want to be more organized and my mom and dad said they would help me with this.

Cameron,
3rd grade

I want to be super smart. To do this I want school to be much longer, possibly an extra three hours. I think if I have an extra three hours then I would become smarter.

Sean,
3rd grade

I want to be a professional snowboarder. I think to do this I would need to move to a mountain where there's lots of snow all year round. I would build a half pipe and I would practice tricks every day. When I get good at one trick, I would start practicing another until I can do a complete run. Eventually I would like to be in the Olympics.

Juan,
4th grade

Write On!

Why read?

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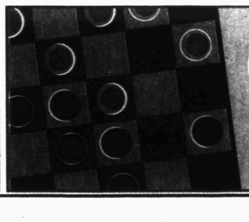
Compound Words

Footwear, Moonwalk and homework are compound words – a new word made from two words. Look through the newspaper for 10 compound words and draw a line where the two words divide.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify compound words.



Two boys were playing checkers. They played five games and each won the same number of games. How was that possible?

ANSWER: They were playing different people.

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