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City may secure $28M for road, IT projects

Certificates of deposit will be used for tax-supported debt if approved

By Joseph Basco
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The city may take out the largest amount of tax-supported debt ever during the next two fiscal years in order to pay for projects estimated to cost $50 million.

Pending a City Council vote on Tuesdat, the city may take out about $28 million worth of certificates of obligation. The COs will fund projects from the engineering, information systems and parks and recreation departments. To cover the remaining amount needed for the $50 million in projects, the city will use funds from various sources including leftover CO funds, the unappropriated fund balance and Midland Development Corp. funds.

Bob McNaughton, the city's finance director, said that this will be the largest tax-supported debt that the city ever has accumulated. Although the city typically takes out COs in the $10 million range every fiscal year, they plan to take out about $15 million for FY 2014 and $12.8 in FY 2015.

As of Sept. 30, the city's total tax-supported debt reached $34.5 million. And according to the Texas Bond Review Board, the city's total debt payments were $204 million ($139 million in principal, plus interest) as of Aug. 31, 2012.

"We use every available resource we have and we issue debt for what we don't have," McNaughton said. "Midland is different than it was five years ago."

A large portion of the COs will be for engineering projects. The nearly $7.7 million from CO debt that the engineering department will use in FYs 2014 and 2015 will be for various projects including overlay of old roads and widening of major thoroughfares.

Jose Ortiz, the city's director of engineering services, said Fairgrounds Road will be widened with the help of the Texas Department of Transportation. The widening will occur from Loop 250 to Pecan Avenue at a debt cost of about $4 million in FY 2015.

"The biggest reason costs are going up is because the labor force is not available anymore; they have to come from different cities," Ortiz said. "The cost of concrete and asphalt is also increasing because of all the construction going on in Midland."

Another significant portion that the COs will cover will be for the information systems department's $10 million public safety and public works radio system. The city will take on about $6.4 million in CO debt for the next two fiscal years to replace the 22-year-old radio system.

Sharlett Chowning, the city's chief information officer, said radio systems are meant to be replaced every 10 years and that other equipment the COs will pay for, including switches and servers, has to be replaced every five years. She said IT equipment always is expensive and yet has to be constantly replaced.

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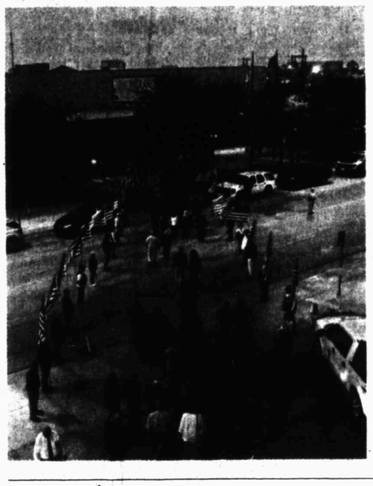

Veterans and their families participating in the Show of Support events cross Wall Street for a dinner at the Midland Center between a wall of flags held by Patriot Guard Riders and volunteers on Wednesday. Veterans and spouses arrived at Midland International Airport on Wednesday afternoon and were escorted by the Patriot Guard to the DoubleTree by Hilton downtown. Among those participating are two veterans who were shot during the Fort Hood massacre, widows of three of the four veterans who died in last year's parade crash, as well as 15 couples from last year's event. They will attend a luncheon and groundbreaking today at the site of the proposed Heroes Plaza, a memorial to the four veterans. Then they will attend a banquet beginning at 6 p.m. at the Horseshoe.

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CAF to relocate headquarters if unofficial results hold

By Rachael Gleason
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The Commemorative Air Force's general membership appears to support relocating headquarters to a larger metropolitian area, according to unofficial results reported Monday by CAF President and CEO Stephan Brown.

To relocate, three-fourths of eligible CAF colonels had to vote in favor of an amendment that would authorize the board of directors — or General Staff — to make a final decision.

Brown reported Monday on his blog that the vote is "very tight," with 75.11 percent of voters favoring the amendment. But the election was not officially closed because two legal votes had arrived that day, he stated.

"In holding with previous year's elections, we will wait for two days of zero legal votes and then close the election," Brown stated.

Brown could not be reached Wednesday for comment on the results.

The CAF announced in May its intention to elevate its national presence by relocating administrative offices and establishing a new air base.

The organization narrowed its list of possible locations to one of six airports in the Houston, San Antonio or Dallas metropolitan areas.

Some Midlanders were outspoken against the relocation, including state Rep. Tom Craddick — who fights for funding each legislative session for the CAF American Airpower Heritage Museum — and family members and representives of local foundations that funded the CAF's original move to Midland.

But the local High Sky Wing — a CAF unit of roughly 200 members — saw the move as an opportunity of increased growth and public visibility.

About 6,000 CAF colonels nationwide could either cast ballots at the annual AirSho in October or by absentee ballot up until the postmark deadline of Nov. 12.

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CAF official assumes post of museum director

By Rachael Gleason
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Call the Commemorative Air Force's main line, and the welcoming voice of a former on-air radio announcer will direct your attention. Meet Steve Buss, the new director of the CAF's American Airpower Heritage Museum.

Buss joined the CAF Foundation in May 2012 as vice president of development and recently stepped into the shoes of former museum director Autumn Vest, who took a job earlier this month at the Sibley Nature Center.

A chance meeting with the B-29 Superfortress, "Fifi," in the early 1980s secured Buss' passion for military aviation history. As museum director, the Wisconsin native said he will bring new energy to planned upgrades and engage the community with social media.

"We're looking at recharging and renovating some of our exhibits," Buss said. "We're giving people a reason to come back to the museum to see what's in our collection."

Buss hails from Oshkosh, where he worked for a radio station before joining the Experimental Aircraft Association for 24 years. His responsibilities included growing and expanding the association's Young Eagles Program and doing the occasional voice-over for television productions.

"Steve Buss has a proven track record of success in the nonprofit and aviation communities," CAF President and CEO Stephan Brown said in a prepared statement back in 2012.

About 11,000 patrons tour the museum's nose art collection, conservation lab and various exhibits each

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Steve Buss is the new CAF American Airpower Heritage Museum director.

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Energy prices

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WTI Posted	$89.75	- $0.00
WTS Posted	$84.20	- $0.00
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Gasoline	$2.982	▼ $0.002

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Obituaries

Berniece "Bea" Thomas

Berniece Ione Thomas, 88, of Midland passed away on Monday, November 18, 2013. She was born on June 25, 1925 in Kimball County, Nebraska to Carl Ferdinana Hoffman and Emma Ellen Degler. Bea graduated From Kimball County High School and attended the University of Nebraska. She married Edwin W. Thomas, Jr. on March 23, 1946 in Perryton,Texas. Bea was past-president of Midland Study Club, S.C.S. Club, United Methodist Women and several other organizations. Bea has been a resident of Midland since 1953.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Bill Hoffmen.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin Wayne Thomas, Jr.; her daughters: Pamela Kay Stephenson and husband Terry, Marcia Ann Doughty and Brenda Sue Sorrells and husband Lynn; her sister, Nancy Herman; her grandchildren: Deana Delozierl, Jesse Sorrells, Ashley Sanders and Dodd Duvall and has 9 great grandchildren. Bea also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and many Friends.

In lieu of Flowers, please make a donation to Hospice or your charity of choice.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, November 21, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 10:00 A.M at First United Methodist Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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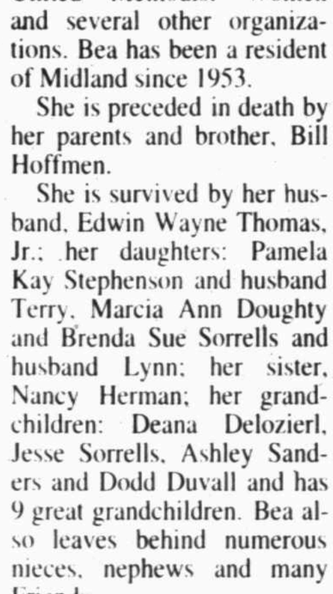


Cameron Lee Massey

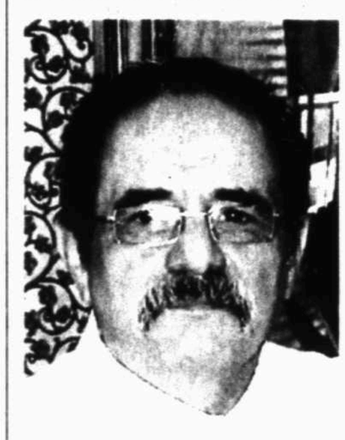
Cameron Lee Massey went to be with God and reunited with his twin brother, Brandon, November 17, 2013. Cameron was born to Wendy and Brian Massey and a large family who loved him so much. Cameron and Brandon entered life August 14, 1993 as tiny preemies, fighting months for life. Cameron was raised in Midland, attending Goddard Junior High and Robert E. Lee High School. He loved old dogs, pickup trucks, being outdoors, music, helping others, hanging out at Colorado City Lake and most of all, his large family. We are going to miss his world class hugs, mischievous grin, jokes and good nature.

Cameron will be greatly missed by his family: mother Wendy Boyd; father Brian Massey; step-mom Michelle; brother Kutter; sisters Kaleigh, Mckayla and Devyn; grandparents Bill and Sharon Boyd of Midland, Larry and Charlotte Massey of Midland, Glenda Harbert of San Angelo and Frank and Jackie Collins of Granbury. Aunts and uncles Rob Boyd and Tara Harrison and cousin, Alex, Jessica and Michael Swiney, Clay and Essie Collins, Mike and Holly Collins, special cousins Chris and Brian Evans, his special friend, Amanda Merrill and step-mother Shelby Massey-Tyler and Brian Tyler. Cameron has numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends who he loved.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, Nov. 23 at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford ST with Pastor Glenda Harbert, Pastor Doug Lamb and Pastor Terry Rothermich officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Kutter Massey, Dakota Kimble, Landon Young, Kyle McWilliams, Dylan Fulton and Kenneth Welch. Honorary pallbearers will be Rob Boyd, Alex Boyd, Paul Deathrage, Michael Swiney, Clay Collins, Michael Collins, Brian Tyler, Luke Brattlof, Troy Young and Josh Orcutt. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the fund set up at First Basin Credit Union in memory of Cameron Massey.

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



Christobal Ybarra

Christobal Ybarra, 65, of Midland, TX, went to heaven, November 18, 2013.

He was born in Pecos, TX on May 24, 1948 to the late Simon and Dominga Ybarra. Chris's family was proud of him getting his GED, and then receiving his EMT later in life. He was married to Edwigen Ybarra on December 24, 1968. They lived together in Midland, TX after relocating from Pecos.

Chris worked in seismographing for 15 years before entering the medical field at Midland Memorial Hospital. He spent 30 years working at the Hospital, 15 of those years in the ER.

Chris was an active member of the Catholic Church. He was deeply devoted to his faith and sharing that with others. He was always willing to help his friends and family.

He is survived by his loving wife Edwigen "Vickie" Ybarra of almost 45 years and 8 children: David and Nancy Matta of Balmorhea, TX; Connie and Armando Tavarez, Eliza and Jose Rodriguea, Francis Ybarra and partner Don Herrera, Dominic and Bridget Ybarra, Felipe and Marisela Ybarra of Midland, TX; April and Clifford Light of Barstow, CA; Christopher Ybarra of Dallas, TX; his 28 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He also leaves behind his brothers: Pete and Ramona Ybarra, Luis Ybarra of Midland, TX; Joe and Lupe Ybarra of San Antonio, TX; Roberto and Monse Ybarra, Nacho and Elida Ybarra of Pecos, TX; His sister, Mary Ybarra of Pecos, TX and numerous nieces, nephews, loved ones and Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements will be held at 1:00pm on November 22nd at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

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John Carl Fisher

John Carl Fisher, 52, of Midland, Texas passed away Monday.

He was born in Roswell, New Mexico on August 26, 1961. He graduated from Goddard High School in 1979 and shortly thereafter, relocated to Midland, Texas and began working in the concrete business.

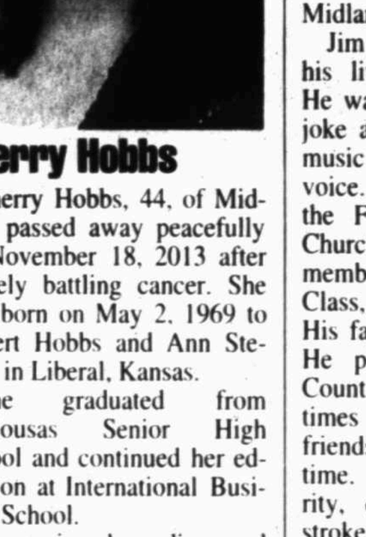
John was an entrepreneur at heart, and owned a very successful concrete business for the past nine years. He enjoyed off-roading, camping, and recreational shooting. He constantly interested himself with projects, although most of them were not his own.

John is survived by his two daughters, Kristie and Alix Fisher of Midland, Texas. He is also survived by his two sisters, Andrea Lucero and Kathy Litt of Roswell, New Mexico and his mother, Mary Lu Richards of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A few years ago, John generously donated a trailer load of children's bicycles to Toys for Tots, so in lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Toys for Tots.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 22, 2013 at 10:00 am at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with David Nobles, officiating.

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



Sherry Hobbs

Sherry Hobbs, 44, of Midland passed away peacefully on November 18, 2013 after bravely battling cancer. She was born on May 2, 1969 to Robert Hobbs and Ann Stevens in Liberal, Kansas.

She graduated from Opelousas Senior High School and continued her education at International Business School.

She enjoyed reading and loved spending time with family. She put in an extensive ten years of work into Endeavor Energy Resources. She was a strong, loving and caring person. Sherry was a great friend, mother to all and father to some. She welcomed everyone into her home and gave all that she had without expecting anything in return.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her beloved children: Spring and Chris Terry, Daniel Jones, Jeremy Jones and Kirstein and Alex Fino; her parents, Robert Hobbs and Ann Stevens.; her sisters: Mary, Emmie, and Joy; her brothers: Ricky, Danny, Lee, and Billy. She was a loving grandmother to Jayden, Camden, and Anastazia and also leaves behind several other family members and friends. A funeral service will be held today, Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Stone Gate Fellowship Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. On line condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to MD Anderson..

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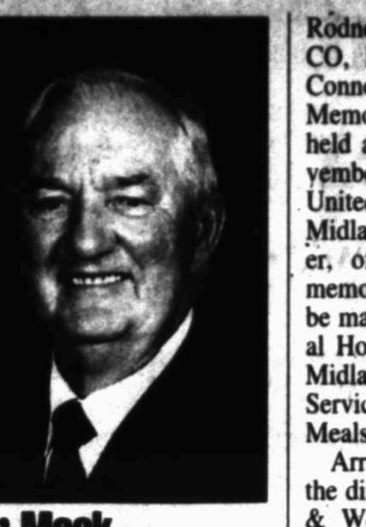

Jim Mack

Jim Mack died November 18, 2013. His wife, daughter and grandson were by his side. Jim was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis 4 years ago, and in typical fashion, continued to enjoy life to the very fullest until his lungs finally stopped functioning. Jim never complained, and it's hard to believe he played golf the weekend before with his son, parring the last hole.

Jim was born to Faye and Freddie Mack in Fort Smith, Arkansas on December 18, 1935. He spent a happy childhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduating from Central High School in 1953. He and his sister, JoAnn were raised with four generations of Macks, and Jim worked at an early age, delivering groceries and newspapers on his bike. After graduating from high school, he attended Oklahoma State for one year and then joined the Army. He spent most of his military time in Anchorage, Alaska, working as a Radar operator.

After being honorably discharged in September, 1956, he attended Tulsa University on the GI Bill and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was a professional engineer and a long-time member of AIME. A summer job in 1957 took him to Garden City, Kansas, where he met Anelle Lupton. She taught Home Economics, and he was the happy recipient of her great cooking. They loved each other deeply, and were married for 55 years.

Anelle supported Jim while he finished his last two years of college, and after graduation they moved to Crane, Texas with their five month old daughter, Rhonda. There he began a career with Texaco, and during his 34 years with the company they moved around Texas and the Permian Basin, ending up in Midland, Texas.

Jim was well known for his lively sense of humor. He was always ready with a joke and a smile. He loved music and had a beautiful voice. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a long-time member of the Partners Class, which he dearly loved. His favorite hobby was golf. He played at Green Tree Country Club at least three times a week, developing friendships that lasted a lifetime. He was a man of integrity, counting every single stroke until it went in the hole, even if it meant enduring the dreaded snowman or moose. Besides golf he loved Chess, Bridge, the Texas Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved spending summer months with his family and friends in their rustic cabin near Pitkin, Colorado, hiking, fishing and deck sitting. He was an avid bird watcher, constantly stocking a variety of bird feeders in his back yard and at the cabin so that he could enjoy them. He lived fully in the moment, enjoying every minute of his day.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years, and the people he served will miss him terribly. He was a strong believer in education and was proud of his children's accomplishments. Both graduated with advanced degrees from the University of Texas system. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Mike Miller and the nursing staff in the Critical Care Unit for their outstanding care.

Preceding him in death were his mother, father, and sister JoAnn White, of Qualicum Beach, British Columbia.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Anelle; his daughter, Rhonda Schmidt of Richardson, TX, her husband, Doug, and sons Dillon, Jay and Brett; and his son, Rodney Mack of Centennial, CO, his wife, Jill, and son Connor and daughter Carson. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, November 22, 2013 at First United Methodist Church in Midland with Dr. Tim Walker, officiating. If desired, memorial contributions can be made to Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation or to Midland Community Senior Services, which provides Meals on Wheels.

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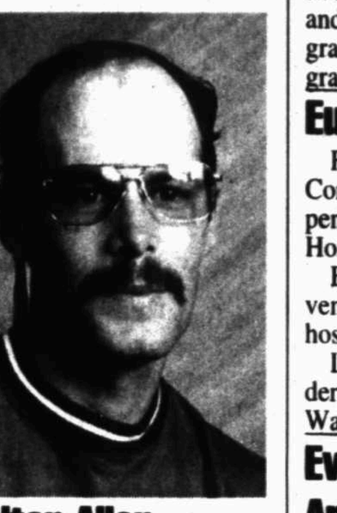

Walter Allen Poitevint

Walter Allen Poitevint, 54, of Midland died Saturday, November 16, 2013 in Kermit. Walt was born in Pecos to Warren and Eleanor Poitevint September 16, 1959 and moved to Odessa in 1960. He was a 1979 graduate of Permian High School. He moved to Midland in 2005 and was a hot shot driver for Schlumberger. He was preceded in death by his father on April 14, 1996.

Survivors include: his mother Eleanor Poitevint of Midland, sister, Becky Bragg of Midland, 3 nephews and 1 great nephew, numerous aunts and uncles and his dog, Tinsley.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 5-7 PM at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 4 PM Friday November 22, 2013 in the Chapel of Sunset Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan Purkey, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Death Notices

Charles "Charlie" Thompson

Charles "Charlie" Thompson, 73, of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday November 17, 2013.

The family will receive friends Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 3:00p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Thompson; one son: Jeff Thompson; one daughter: Lisa Duggan; four grandchildren: Jennifer Hernando and husband Richard, Rabecca Earhart and Austin Pace, Kyle Earhart and Haley Pace; two great grandchildren: Shalynn Hernando and Kaydee Hernando; one sister Barbara Bailey and husband Warren; nieces, nephews and one great niece.

Dewayne "Dee" Strickland

Dewayne "Dee" Marie Strickland, passed away on Friday, November 8, 2013, in Van Buren, Arkansas.

She will be laid to rest in Midland, Texas, on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10:00a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas Fellabaum and wife, Emma; and Junior Deel; six daughters, Mary Atwood and husband, Jim; Debbie McFarland, Irene Dennis and husband, Bill; Nicole Elaine Keele and husband, Jack, Kay Collis and Angie Moore; three sisters, Coy Anthony, Linda Holland, Kay Cline; one brother, Donnie Scherer; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Elvira Gandar

Elvira Gandar, 73, of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday November 17, 2013.

Vigil services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by two sons: George Gandar and Arnold Gandar and wife Priscilla; two daughters: Grace Granados and husband Henry and Cecilia Granados and husband John; one brother: Jesse Loya and wife Lupe; two sisters: Linda Paradez and Flora Viera both; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Eugene Corgill

Funeral service for Eugene Corgill 80, of Midland are pending at Andrews Funeral Home in Andrews, TX.

Eugene Corgill died November 20, 2013, at a local hospital.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Eva Sue "Susie" Anderson

Eva Sue "Susie" Anderson, 88, formerly of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, November 11, 2013 in Perris, California.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survivors include three children, Donnie Anderson and wife, Linda, Ron Anderson and wife, Suzanne and Debra Szczawinski and husband, Ski; a sister Betty Findley, a brother, Charles Simmons, seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Glenda Gooch MacGregor

Glenda Gooch MacGregor, 66, of Midland passed away on November 17, 2013.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013 at West Kentucky Baptist Church.

James Alton McCain Sr.

James Alton McCain Sr., 85, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, November, 19, 2013.

A memorial service in honor of James will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Joan Elaine Teal Walker

Joan Elaine Teal Walker of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, Nov 18, 2013.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Memorial services will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 4:00p.m. Private burial will be in St. Louis, Missouri.

Survived by daughters Carrie Lynn and Kimberly Ann, parents, Beth and Dillard Teal, siblings Dilla Teal and Justin Gordon; aunt and uncle of Gail and Dean Hendricks, and many nieces, nephews, friends and students.

Kevin G. (Catfish) Nassett

Kevin G. (Catfish) Nassett passed away on November 17, 2013.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with a reception following the service.

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

Kevin is survived by his wife, Kaye Nassett; son Eric G. Korst; three brothers; two sisters; stepson Darren Huggins; and three grandchildren.

Lorraine Williams

Funeral service for Lorraine Williams of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Lorraine Williams died November 20, 2013, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Evolution edits unlikely in Texas science books

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A small number of social conservatives on Wednesday urged the Texas Board of Education to approve new science books that de-emphasize lessons on evolution and climate change, but the edits they seek may not have enough support to succeed.

The board's 10 Republicans and five Democrats will vote today on new textbooks and e-books in math, science and technology that could be used starting next fall by most of the state's five million-plus public school students.

Textbook and classroom curriculum battles have long raged in Texas pitting creationists — those who see God's hand in the creation of the universe — against academics who worry about religious and political ideology trumping scientific fact. At issue this time are proposed high school biology books that could be used across the state at least through 2022.

State law approved two years ago means school districts can now choose their own books and don't have to adhere to a list recommended by the Board of Education — but most have continued to use approved books.

The debate is important nationally because Texas is so large that many books prepared for publication in the state also are marketed elsewhere around the country.

Publishers have submitted proposed books, but this summer, committees of Texas volunteer reviewers — some nominated by socially conservative current and former Board of Education members — raised objections. One argued that creationism based on biblical texts should be taught in science classes, while others objected that climate change wasn't as settled a scientific matter as some of the proposed books state.

Many major publishers have since proved unwilling to make suggested major changes, however, and some board members suggested Tuesday that there were enough votes to approve the proposed books without significant editing.

"I would be surprised if there weren't the votes," said Thomas Ratliff, a Mount Pleasant Republican who is the board's vice chairman.

The board will vote on the proposed books today, with final approval coming Friday.

Ratliff, a moderate conservative, said some technical or wording changes were likely to the proposed books. But when it comes to major editing of scientific content he said, "I haven't heard a board member yet say, 'Yeah, that needs to be in there.'"

Such a vote would be a break from years past, when a bloc of social conservatives on the board insisted Texas students be taught "all sides" of evolution, and pressured textbook publishers to insert a healthy dose of skepticism over global warming.

Indeed, as recently as a September public hearing, more than 60 activists and experts on both sides of the hotly debated issue signed up to testify before the board. But on Wednesday, only 18 Texans signed up to address its members — and many planned to oppose any proposed major edits.

Among the evolution skeptics was Don McLeroy, a dentist from Bryan who is a former Board of Education chairman who lost his re-election bid to Ratliff in 2010. Even McLeroy has called for adopting the books without major modifications, though, because he said they will "strike the final blow to the teaching of evolution."

He waited for hours but finally submitted written testimony, because the board hadn't gotten to discussing books by Wednesday evening.

"Even though these books are full of unsubstantiated dogma proclaiming evolution, the evidence they present clearly demonstrates evolution's inability to explain the development of life from a common ancestor," McLeroy wrote. "I believe the Bible — that all life was created by God."

He attached a picture of a once splendid house decaying with time next to a grinning baby panda bear, saying that showed the difference between "unguided natural process" and what an "intelligent designer can do."

"Our children know the difference!" McLeroy wrote. "You know the difference!"

Devon Energy buying Eagle Ford assets for $6B

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Devon Energy Corp. is buying oil-producing assets and other property in the Eagle Ford shale formation in Texas from GeoSouthern Energy for $6 billion.

Devon said Wednesday that the assets include current production of 53,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and 82,000 net acres with at least 1,200 undrilled locations.

The acquisition includes acreage in DeWitt and Lavaca counties in Texas. The assets are expected to reach a peak production rate of about 140,000 BOE per day.

Devon was a pioneer in combining the use of horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing to free up natural gas from shale rock formations. That led to a boom in natural gas production in the past decade, but the increased drilling eventually created a glut that depressed natural gas prices. Devon continued to concentrate its operations in natural gas, even as other companies refocused on making profits from drilling for oil in states such as Texas, Oklahoma and North Dakota.

Analysts said the GeoSouthern deal will give Devon a better balance between oil and natural gas.

Canaccord Genuity analyst Robert Christensen said oil currently accounts for 12 percent of Devon's total volume. "This deal would likely increase Devon's oil production by a significant amount, as GeoSouthern is the 4th largest oil producer in the Eagle Ford," he wrote in a note to clients.

GeoSouthern will continue to run its other assets in the Texas Gulf Coast region and other areas.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Midlander arrested for crack possession

Rodriguez

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday after a police officer found him in possession of crack cocaine and a urine sample that he allegedly used to provide negative drug test results, according to the arrest affidavit.

Ezequiel Rodriguez, 23, of Midland, is being held on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

The officer conducted a traffic stop on Rodriguez's vehicle at about 11:37 p.m. Monday in the 1200 block of East Wall Street after seeing the vehicle leaving a well-known narcotics area, according to the affidavit.

The officer searched the vehicle and found a crack cocaine rock in the end of a drinking straw. He also found a "clear bladder-like plastic bag with a tube and stopper" that contained a yellowish-brown tinted liquid, similar in appearance to urine, according to court documents.

The officer said he believed the liquid was used to provide false results during urine testing Rodriguez was required to provide.

If convicted, Rodriguez faces up to two years in prison.

MPD: Odessan arrested for drug possession

Cordova

An Odessa man was arrested Tuesday in Midland after being found in possession of Ecstasy and marijuana during a traffic stop, according to court documents.

Ricardo Cordova Jr., 25, was being held on a $25,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. He posted bond and was released on Tuesday.

A Midland police sergeant pulled over a vehicle at about 12:55 a.m. Tuesday in the 5400 block of Thomason Drive because the driver was speeding.

The sergeant saw a leafy substance — later identified as marijuana — on the man's jeans. Cordova was acting nervous and the sergeant asked him if he had any other illegal substances in the vehicle. Cordova handed over a bag of Ecstasy pills that were in his pocket, according to the arrest affidavit.

The sergeant said he found more marijuana in the vehicle's center console.

If convicted, Cordova faces up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony charge.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

J. Nichols N. Bryant, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of credit card or debit card abuse and forgery of a financial instrument.

Ricardo Cordova Jr., 25, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Joshua L. Iglesias, 18, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Kyree T. Liggins, 21, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Ernest V. Marquez, 46, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Ezequiel Rodriguez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Warning: Winter weather ahead

Is that a wintry mix in the weekend forecast? Yes.

The National Weather Service is calling for a chance of freezing rain and sleet Friday and Saturday nights and low temperatures in the upper 20s.

According to NWS, temperatures will turn colder late tonight or early Friday as a front moves in that also is expected to deliver northeast winds. Gusts could hit 30 mph.

The 40 percent chance of rain today drops to 20 to 30 percent on Friday. With a high of 32 and gusty winds to continue Friday, expect the coldest conditions of the fall.

On Saturday and Sunday, the forecast calls for high temperatures in the lower 30s, low temperatures in the upper 20s and slight chances of freezing rain both days.

Source: National Weather Service

Show of Support schedule

■ 11:30 a.m.: Luncheon and ceremony at Heroes Plaza site.

■ 6 p.m.: Show of Support banquet at the Horseshoe. Doors are scheduled to open at 4:30 p.m.

Community calendar

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "The Night Before Thanksgiving."

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

Christmas parade

The city of Midland Parks and Recreation Department is accepting entries for the annual Christmas parade. The parade, which has the theme of Winter Wonderland in Midland, is Dec. 7. It kicks off at 6:30 p.m. from downtown.

Registration forms and rules and regulations are available at www.midlandtexas.gov and at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St., and Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Deadline to submit applications is 6 p.m. Dec. 3. Applications can be returned to the MLK center, faxed to 685-7380 or emailed to Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov.

Movies in Midland

■ Big Sky:

Opening: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

Closing: "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2"

■ Tall City 14:

Opening: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," "The Christmas Candle," "Delivery Man"

Closing: "Best Man Holiday," "Captain Phillips," "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2," "The Couselor," "Ender's Game," "Escape Plan," "Gravity," "Bad Grandpa," "Last Vegas," "Thor: The Dark World," "Free Birds"

■ Cinergy:

Opening: "Delivery Man," "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

Closing: "Escape Plan," "Captain Phillips," "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2"

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

■ 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

Reporter-Telegram on radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Water usage

Tuesday's total: 16,602,000 gallons (CRMWD 13,887,000, Paul Davis fields 2,715,000)

Nov. 12: 14,557,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 106,466 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is about 325,800 gallons). The average for October was 14,874,774. The current average for November is 14,156,895.

Omission

Ticket and time information was inadvertently omitted from a story in Wednesday's edition about the Lee High School choir's 1960s Broadway revue.

The concert will begin at 7:33 p.m. Saturday in the LHS auditorium. Tickets are $10 for general reserved seats and $15 for premier reserved seats. To purchase tickets, call the choir office at 689-1619.

For more information, visit www.lhschoirs.org.

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All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-6-14-15-17-18-21-22-23-24

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Houston Grand Opera brought Opera to Go! this week to more than 5,000 Midland ISD students, entertaining and educating them in the art form. There were four performances of the children's opera "Strega Nona," based on the award winning children's book by Tomie dePoalla, as well as presentations in five elementary schools of "Storybook Opera," according to Midland Opera Theater. Opera to Go! is sponsored by the Education and Outreach Department of Houston Grand Opera. This is the seventh year the troupe has come to Midland. In addition, the principle performers presented a concert of popular opera arias Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church. The concert included numbers from "Kismet," "Barber of Seville," "HMS Pinafore," "Cosi fan Tutte," "Carmen" and "Porgy and Bess."

Photo by Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Limited patient choice is next health overhaul issue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After they get the website fixed, then what? Keeping your doctors and hospitals may be the next vexing challenge for Americans in the new health plans created by President Barack Obama's law.

Obama promised people could keep their doctors. But in many states the new plans appear to offer a narrow choice of hospitals and doctors. Overall, it's shaping up as less choice than what people get through Medicare or employer-based coverage. Also, it can get complicated tracking down which medical providers are in what plans.

"The next shoe is going to drop sometime after Jan. 1, when people actually start using their plans," said health economist Gail Wilensky, who ran Medicare for President George H.W. Bush. "Whether or not they can keep their doctor is going to depend on whether their doctor was chosen — or wanted to be — part of a plan on the (insurance) exchange."

Concerns are already being raised from New Hampshire to Kentucky, and Chicago to New York.

Narrow networks are part of the economic trade-off for keeping premiums under control in Obama's health insurance markets, the new gateway to coverage for people who don't have job-based plans. Technical problems with the website HealthCare.gov have dampened initial signups, but 7 million people are expected to participate in the insurance exchanges next year. Some of those people already have coverage through individual plans.

Exchange plans are required to take all applicants, cover broad benefits and provide robust financial protection against catastrophic illness. In return for that, something else has to give. The result: limited choices and significant out-of-pocket costs through deductibles and copayments.

"To get that low premium, the way to get there is by having a more limited or narrow provider network," said Matthew Eyles, a vice president of Avalere Health, a market analysis firm that is closely following developments.

The Obama administration says none of that takes away from what will still be a historic improvement for uninsured people. Exchanges "will vastly increase uninsured Americans' access to providers, giving them an alternative to the emergency room or community health centers," said Health and Human Services Department spokeswoman Joanne Peters. The health care law sets standards for insurers to provide adequate networks, she added.

But the American Medical Association has questions.

"Although it may be too early to reach any definitive conclusions, we are monitoring the adequacy of the exchange networks and will be analyzing the impact of these restrictive strategies on patient access to care," said Dr. Ardis Dee Hoven, the organization's president.

In some states, it's already recognized as a problem. It's magnified in New Hampshire because just one insurer, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, is offering plans there through the new marketplace. The company's new network for individual plans excludes 10 of the state's 26 frontline hospitals.

That was a rude awakening for Dr. Jocelyn Caple, who works at one of the excluded hospitals, Frisbie Memorial in Rochester, N.H., where she's president of the medical staff. She and her family are currently covered under their own policy with Anthem.

"We all use Frisbie physicians," she said. Although there's another facility she could go to next year, "it's pretty shocking not be able to come to your own hospital."

As an Obama supporter, Caple is troubled. The hospital is mulling a lawsuit.

All these years, Frisbie has performed a balancing act caring for a mix of insured and uninsured patients, she said. "Now at a time when you would have thought that the coming of insurance would make it easier to care for those patients, we are being denied the opportunity to care for them," she added. "It's pretty disturbing."

Narrow networks also are raising concerns in other states, and hospitals appear to be the first squeaky wheel.

5 men arrested on federal child enticement charges

By Tyler White
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Five men were arrested Friday and Saturday on federal child enticement charges following an inter-agency sting operation in Midland County, according to documents released Monday.

The operation involved the Department of Homeland Security, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Midland County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department and the FBI, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Austin Berry.

DeAnte Savonne Johnson, Michael Scott Tilley, Daniel Nickless, David Ernesto Martinez and Clarence Johnel White each were arrested on a federal felony charge of coercion and enticement of a minor. The charge involves suspects using computers and mobile devices to communicate with minors in an attempt to engage in sexual activity.

If convicted, the men face 10 years to life in prison, a five-year mandatory minimum term of supervised release, a fine up to $250,000 and a $100 special assessment fee.

■ DPS' Criminal Investigations Division and the FBI arrested Johnson, 20, of Midland, on Friday after he sent sexually explicit messages to a minor.

He sent sexually explicit text messages to a purported 13-year-old girl, and was arrested after arranging a meeting with her. Johnson admitted to bringing a condom to the meeting and that he intended to have sex with a minor, which he knew was wrong, according to the criminal complaint.

■ DHS agents arrested Tilley, 32, of Crane, on Friday after he attempted to meet a 12-year-old child for sexual activity.

Tilley sent an email to a person believed to be a 12-year-old girl, asking her if she had a curfew and if she could send him pictures of herself. Tilley asked, "Are you a wild child," according to the criminal complaint, and said, "We could have a little party and (expletive) if you want."

He sent pictures of his genitals to the person, and made arrangements to meet in Midland. He was arrested on arrival and placed in DHS custody.

Tilley told officers he had met teenagers online before and met with two in Fort Worth and one in Midland-Odessa. He said he was not going to have sex with them, but rather was going to help them by telling their parents what they were doing online in hopes of protecting the children, according to the complaint.

Tilley, who is married with three children, pleaded guilty to a class C misdemeanor charge on July 23 and placed on probation for three months with a deferred disposition.

■ DHS agents arrested Nickless, 24, who was residing in Midland, on Saturday after he tried to have sex with a person he believed to be a 16-year-old girl.

Nickless sent pictures of his genitals to a person whom he believed to be a 16-year-old girl. That person told Nickless to bring condoms to their meeting because "my mom would freak out if she knew I had them," according to the criminal complaint.

Nickless was arrested after arriving at a pre-arranged meeting location. He said he made a mistake and should have went home instead of meeting with the girl.

■ DPS and FBI agents arrested Martinez, 39, of Wink, on Saturday after he tried enticing a minor into engaging in sexual activity.

Martinez sent sexually explicit messages to a person he believed was a 16-year-old girl. He said he wanted to massage the girl from head to toe, as well as "softly [sic] kiss (her) body," according to the criminal complaint.

Authorities arrested him when he arrived at a meeting set up between him and the purported 16-year-old girl.

He told investigators he was feeling "'vulnerable and could not stop' himself even though he was aware that the person he was meeting was 16 years old."

Martinez has a 14-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old stepdaughter.

■ Midland County Sheriff's Office SWAT team arrested White, 38, of Midland, on Saturday night after trying to meet up with a purported 13-year-old girl.

He told officers that he "wasn't going to have sex with her," and that he was "trying to save the girl by meeting her to get her address, then telling her mother on the next day," according to the criminal complaint.

White has a 14-year-old daughter, 12-year-old son and 18-year-old stepson.

He previously was arrested for aggravated kidnapping, stalking, assault family violence, theft and violation of a protective order. He's been convicted for two assault charges, two violation of a protective order charges and one theft charge, according to the complaint.

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year. Buss hopes to engage the Midland community to get patrons to keep coming back.

"A lot of times — not just in Midland — you never really take advantage of what your community offers," he said. "The biggest challenge is just reminding folks that we're still here."

Buss is also tasked with appealing to younger generations, who get a tangible taste of World War II history when warbirds take flight in the annual AirSho.

"It's more limited in a museum setting," he said.

Still, reaching younger generations with mobile displays and interactive exhibits is key to fulfilling CAF's educational goals, Buss said.

"If young people can come, that helps us reach our mission," he said.

State Rep. Tom Craddick secured more than $700,000 in state funds for the Airpower Museum for the next two years.

Most of the money will be used for a new exhibit project in the main hangar that incorporates aircraft from the local High Sky Wing and private collectors, according to the CAF.

The displays will cover World War I through World War II and highlight the impact of West Texans on the war front.

Other planned exhibits will include replicas of a Japanese Zero and Kate and feature "Rosie the Riveters," who worked in factories, and Women Air Force Service Pilots who trained in Texas.

Upcoming CAF events

Toys for Tots Fly-In and Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
When: Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Commemorative Air Force, 9600 Wright Drive
Cost: Free admission with unwrapped toy donation or $5 for adults, free for children under 12 years old
Schedule:
11 a.m. — Pearl Harbor Ceremony
Noon — Chili cook-off judging and lunch ($3)
1 p.m. — Gallery talk: "The Road to Pearl Harbor"
2 p.m. — Santa arrives by airplane

CAF Airpower Heritage Museum
Where: 9600 Wright Drive
When: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Power plant's possible sale to Houston's Dynergy worries town

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

Jim Suhr/AP

Remnants of the latest corn crop rest in the shadow of an Ameren Corp. power plant outside of the 2,850-reisdent southern Illinois town of Newton. Newton, which touts its Jasper County connections to late singer and Academy Award-winning actor Burl Ives, also takes pride in the coal-fired plant, which many locals worry faces a clouded future as Illinois pollution-control regulators decide whether to give Texas-based Dynegy Inc. more time to install pollution controls on the Newton plant and four other Illinois ones it seeks to buy. Newton residents fear an unfavorable ruling could upend the Dynegy deal and perhaps force the power plant to close, posing a crippling loss of tax revenue.

NEWTON, Ill. — Tiny Newton swaddles itself in all things Burl Ives, the folksy Oscar-winning actor who hailed from around the southern Illinois farm town of 2,850. The Embarras River bridge bearing his name is along the way to the rural graveyard where since 1995 he's spending eternity, and there's a push to raise $35,000 to pay for an Ives memorial on the town square.

But Newton's identity may be more about a 36-year-old electric plant that's easily recognized by its towering smokestacks, employs some 200 people and is considered by locals a regional economic gem. Now, as an effort continues to move Illinois away from coal-based energy, some here worry about the plant's future — and the town that's reliant upon it.

Houston-based Dynegy Inc. wants to buy the coal-fired plant and four other Illinois facilities from Ameren Corp. The caveat: Dynegy wants the same waiver St. Louis-based Ameren got from the state — delaying installation of required soot-control upgrades until 2020 — or the deal could be off.

The Illinois Pollution Control Board will decide that today. The ruling is certain to be closely watched in affected communities that include Canton in Fulton County, Peoria County's Bartonville, Coffeen in Montgomery County and Massac County's Joppa. Several hundred people work at those plants, which the companies have said contributed more than $1 billion to the economy, explaining why local officials have campaigned on Dynegy's behalf.

If the board denies Dynegy's request and the company aborts the acquisition, St. Louis-based Ameren probably would try to find another suitor, or ask regulators and Indiana-based nonprofit Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator if it could close one or more, said Andy Smith, a St. Louis-based Edward Jones analyst.

That's no small matter in any of the affected towns, where populations average just 5,700, and several are considerably smaller.

In Newton, Mayor Mark Bolander said roughly half of the city's property tax revenue comes from the power plant, with much of that going toward the local 1,400-student school district already crimped by state funding cuts. Losing that income could cripple city and school services, forcing homeowners and farmers to make up the difference.

Locals fear that displaced workers would move elsewhere for jobs, selling their homes and causing property values to plunge. Census Bureau figures show the 9,700-resident county already has shed population every decade since 1980, with the headcount down more than 1,600 since then.

"If we lose this plant, I see this town drying up. I think it will be that bad," George Hesser, a 63-year-old retiree and Vietnam vet, said while staffing his wife's Newton gift shop. A ruling benefiting Dynegy, he insisted, "is survival for us."

"The plant has become very much a part of the fabric of this community," said Jasper County schools Superintendent Dan Cox, who has lobbied locals through his district's blog to back Dynegy. Ameren "has always been a good neighbor to us, and we're trying to be a good one back."

Coal-fired power already is at a crossroads in Illinois, where several plants have shuttered in recent years, one company is bankrupt and the future of other plants remains clouded as the industry feels the squeeze of environmental regulations and natural gas competition.

Jack Darin of the state's Sierra Club chapter, which is pushing hard for renewable energy to supplant coal-fired power, said it's time for the pivot toward cleaner energy, insisting "the writing is on the wall for the coal industry in Illinois." Furthermore, he said coal-fired emissions can drift hundreds of miles, and released mercury can settle in water and taint fish.

The Newton plant's smokestacks and their plumes can be seen for miles from Illinois 33. Emissions generally don't get a whiff of concern locally, likely because the plant is such a fixture. And perhaps because Newton Lake, from which the plant draws water, has flourished.

Folks around Newton, where the eagle is the school mascot, said bald eagles have in recent years taken haven around the 1,700-acre lake, something they contend wouldn't have happened if pollution was an issue. Bolander said "fish coming out of there are enormous," accounting for why anglers are lured from other states and the lake's prime fishing spots are tightly held secrets on the bass-rich expanse that also includes a 240-acre sanctuary for prairie chickens and 22 miles of trails.

"The moral of the story is, if these plants are so impure and polluting our downstate community, then why is this one of the richest areas as far as Mother Nature is concerned?" Bolander said. "We're not saying it's OK to pollute. All we're saying is we need more time."

Hesser contends "it's not as bad as in big cities, which put out 100 times more pollution than this plant does."

That sentiment echoes across Newton, where homage to Ives — the minstrel and actor famously known for voicing Sam the Snowman in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" — gets amplified this time of year with festivals, horse and buggy rides, bonfires and holiday music.

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Since when is everything the next Katrina?

■ Not everything is Vietnam, Watergate or the Holocaust, and those seeking to make an impact are just diminishing the event.

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Washington Post Writers Group

Meet Simile and Sui Generis. Simile, to refresh memories, is a favorite rhetorical device of writers that compares two essentially unlike things that nonetheless have similar characteristics: The quarterback was *like* a locomotive.

Sui generis, the Latin phrase meaning unique or one of a kind, is a helpful restraint upon the former. Some things, even if they share certain characteristics, shouldn't be compared. Sui generis is the braking system on a rhetorical locomotive, or at least it should be. That was a metaphor, by the way, and not a very good one.

We in the news business could stand to apply the brakes to our runaway impulse to "similize." I personally love a good simile, which is often a way to inject levity into a column. But lately we've seen instances of simile-itis that might have saved readers and viewers some angst, even if writers and pundits were left with less to say. (Let's go light on the air horns, please.)

In the past several days, we've heard news people and others compare Obamacare to Katrina and Iraq. Sarah Palin compared our national debt to slavery. Countless times in recent years we've seen "Nazi" applied to people with whose policies or politics we disagree, none so frequently as George W. Bush, though President Obama, too, has had a few turns.

All of the above are clearly sui generis and should be retired from any future similes unless they are referring to truly like things, not just a single person's impression of the world while musing on current events. Katrina is like Sandy because they were both natural disasters, though significantly more people died in Katrina than in Sandy. Iraq is sui generis and nothing like Vietnam, to which it was sometimes compared.

Nazis and the Holocaust shouldn't be compared to anything else. The systematic, state-sponsored extermination of 6 million Jews, as well as others, is sufficiently horrific to stand alone. Pro-lifers who sometimes characterize abortion as a Holocaust are probably not helping the cause of revelation.

Finally, slavery merits its own place in America's memory. To compare it to anything else, especially something as mundane as debt, is wrong on its face. Indentured servitude to China might have been a better choice for Palin, who prefaced her remark with, "This isn't racist, but ..."

Note: Anytime you start a sentence with "This isn't racist, but ... ," you probably shouldn't finish it.

In Palin's defense, she obviously meant no offense and the attacks in response have been so vicious that the attacks themselves are beyond comparison. One in particular was so awful that I won't repeat it. Just as Palin didn't deserve such an onslaught, people reading this column in good faith don't deserve to have such wretched thoughts imposed on their psyches.

These recent examples of similes gone awry raise two questions: What is the impulse that drives our need to make such comparisons? And why do we react so viscerally when we do?

The impulse is usually to elucidate, i.e., this is as bad as that. But it is also partly lazy. Do we really have so little imagination that all we can do is summon Katrina every time an administration fails to meet our expectations? Or Hitler to denote our impression of bad? Surely it is a rhetorical crime to turn someone so evil into a cliche.

From a purely political perspective, the impulse may be driven by the desire to remind people of the past transgressions of political foes. Thus, when commentators say Obamacare is like Katrina, the mind flits from Barack Obama to George W. Bush and only the differences, rather than the single similarity of administrative incompetence, register: People died in Katrina and President Obama only wants to help people. Through subliminal jujitsu, the real comparison lands in the community psyche.

Conversely, as Salon political writer Brian Beutler suggested during a recent conversation, even Republicans may see benefits to this comparison in that it neutralizes the ongoing, negative liability of Katrina for the GOP. But then the cycle continues into absurdity. If Obamacare collapses and Republicans present Americans with Ryancare, we likely can expect Democrats to characterize every glitch as the GOP's Katrina II.

To the most important point, comparing a horrific tragedy or atrocity to *any* thing else trivializes and diminishes it. By trying to capture, quantify and categorize others' suffering, we trespass on the sacred.

Some things are like nothing else — and should be left to rest in peace.

OUR VIEW

Yes, we take Brown's news about the CAF vote, move personally

It appears Stephan Brown has his votes to move the Commemorative Air Force headquarters. On his blog on the Commemorative Air Force website he offered the following:

"I have gotten several calls asking about the status of the vote. Right now, the vote is very tight, with a 75.11% FOR the Amendment. However, a couple of legal votes did arrive today, postmarked by the Nov. 12 deadline. In holding with previous year's elections, we will wait for two days of zero legal votes and then close the election."

The percentage needed for Brown to get his move was 75 percent. Isn't that handy?

Please don't expect this newspaper to congratulate Brown. Midland is not better off with the headquarters in another city. And we don't admire the manner in which Brown handled himself as a member of this community. Instead of showing respect for those who brought the CAF to Midland and made the organization what it is, he came in with an attitude of "Move aside, I'll take it from here."

Brown did not ask for input from the men who made it their mission to bring the CAF to Midland and turn it into something respectable. He did not seek their counsel on what could be done to make things better. Why? In our view, Brown's intentions were never about keeping the CAF in Midland, but what he felt was the better opportunity for the CAF. Well, it appears Brown is on the verge of getting what he wants.

There are going to be some people who think this sounds personal. Well, of course, it is. It should be personal to all Midlanders that Brown feels the CAF's mission is ultimately better served elsewhere, such as the city of McKinney.

There are going to be others who believe good riddance because the city and CAF people who remain in Midland with the museum will not have lost much. The community still will have an operating museum and AirSho, and Brown will no longer be here. They see it as win-win-win. Some of those people remaining in Midland probably even cast votes for the departure of the CAF's headquarters.

For those voting members, we know you believe your reasons were legitimate, but we are sorry we can't share your enthusiasm.

We know that for most people in Midland today, the news of Brown getting his votes probably won't fall under the 100 most significant items of their day. Their lives will not change one bit whether the headquarters remains in Midland or moves elsewhere. But for Midland and the people who brought the CAF to Midland, we offer our condolences. This news is not welcome.

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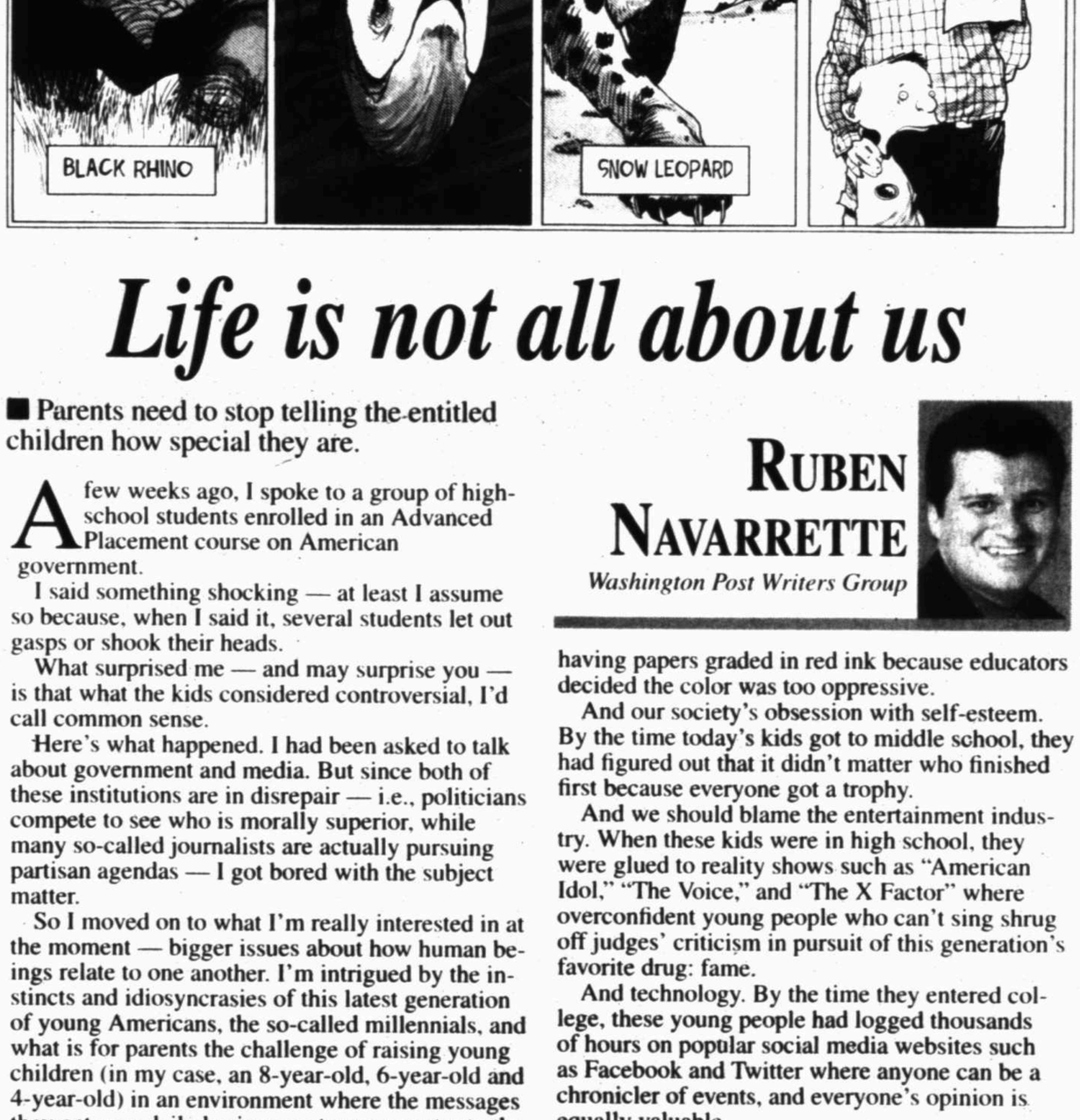

Life is not all about us

■ Parents need to stop telling the entitled children how special they are.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

A few weeks ago, I spoke to a group of high-school students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course on American government.

I said something shocking — at least I assume so because, when I said it, several students let out gasps or shook their heads.

What surprised me — and may surprise you — is that what the kids considered controversial, I'd call common sense.

Here's what happened. I had been asked to talk about government and media. But since both of these institutions are in disrepair — i.e., politicians compete to see who is morally superior, while many so-called journalists are actually pursuing partisan agendas — I got bored with the subject matter.

So I moved on to what I'm really interested in at the moment — bigger issues about how human beings relate to one another. I'm intrigued by the instincts and idiosyncrasies of this latest generation of young Americans, the so-called millennials, and what is for parents the challenge of raising young children (in my case, an 8-year-old, 6-year-old and 4-year-old) in an environment where the messages they get on a daily basis seem to run counter to the lessons and values that we're trying to teach them.

"In my case," I told the students, "I'm trying to teach my 8-year-old that she is not special, that she is not the center of the universe, and that the world doesn't revolve around her."

Bam! That was the shocker. One young man called out, "Oh snap!" Others seemed taken aback. They seemed to wonder, "Why would any parent teach his kids that they're not special?"

Because they're not. We have a whole generation, by now maybe two generations, of young Americans who have been raised to worship at the holy trinity of Me, Myself, and I. Show me an 18-year-old in America and — in most cases — I'll show you someone who is stuck on himself.

Blame the parents. These kids were told they were special since before they could speak, shuttled around in minivans with bright yellow signs that read: "Caution — Baby on Board."

And the toy industry. These days, toddlers carry dolls that have been especially made to look just like them. Creepy.

And the public schools. In elementary school, these kids have been spared the humiliation of having papers graded in red ink because educators decided the color was too oppressive.

And our society's obsession with self-esteem. By the time today's kids got to middle school, they had figured out that it didn't matter who finished first because everyone got a trophy.

And we should blame the entertainment industry. When these kids were in high school, they were glued to reality shows such as "American Idol," "The Voice," and "The X Factor" where overconfident young people who can't sing shrug off judges' criticism in pursuit of this generation's favorite drug: fame.

And technology. By the time they entered college, these young people had logged thousands of hours on popular social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter where anyone can be a chronicler of events, and everyone's opinion is equally valuable.

And finally, we need to blame our society's culture of narcissism where everyone from actresses to teachers to naughty congressmen posts "selfies" — silly, self-indulgent snapshots that serve as instant, digital self-portraits.

Look around. I told the students. It's all about us. We live in a society where there are an infinite number of ways you can order a cup of coffee, hamburger or sandwich. It is all tailor-made to suit our tastes. All because we're supposedly special and unique, and the companies that sell us stuff never miss a chance to make us feel special and unique so we'll buy more stuff.

My 8-year-old hears these messages every day. And so it's no wonder — as she contemplates the next toy that she absolutely must have so she can be happy — that she's convinced that she's entitled to have it because she's the center of the universe.

I have to teach her otherwise, I said. Because if I don't, someday, when she's older, a cold and unforgiving world will do just that. And not in a way that's loving and compassionate.

It was right about then that the applause came.

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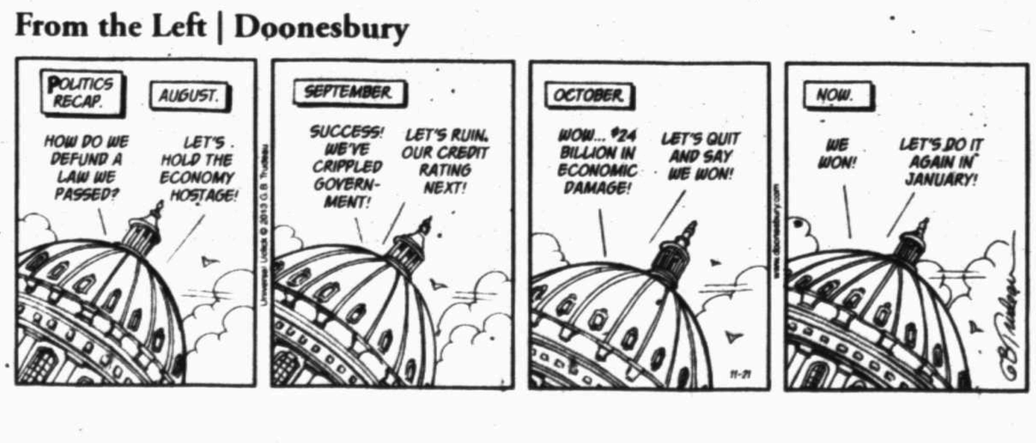

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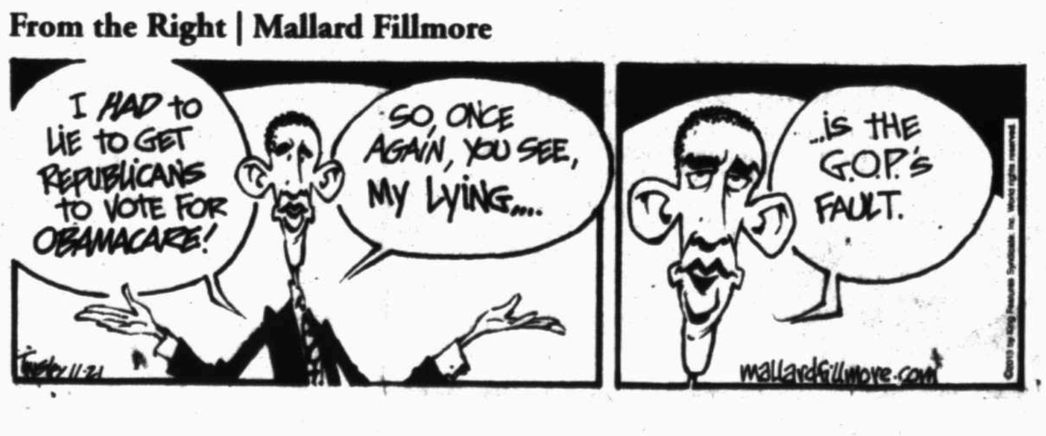


For new moms and hospitals, baby nursery vs. 'rooming in' is a debate

By Julie Deardorff
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

After giving birth by cesarean section — a major abdominal surgery — Kristine Coogan felt like she wasn't the ideal person to care for her infant that first night.

But to her surprise, Coogan said, the nurses declined to take her newborn to the nursery so she could rest and recover. Instead, her daughter "roomed in," a practice designed to keep mothers and babies in close contact immediately after birth.

Though snuggling up together can enhance breast-feeding and bonding, Coogan said she worried about her newborn's safety.

"After having a C-section, you need help," said Coogan, whose support system — her husband — was at home taking care of their 3-year-old twins. "You have limited ability to get up and around, and they hand you a baby to take care of? That safety net (the hospital nursery) has to be there."

Once the hub of the maternity floor, transitional or well-baby nurseries are now rarely used in some hospitals because of the rising popularity of rooming in. Some research suggests that constant skin-to-skin contact in the first 48 hours following birth can be beneficial for moms and babies, even for women who do not nurse.

But the shift away from nursery care has sparked a backlash among some mothers who don't plan to breast-feed or simply want some time to rest after the trauma of childbirth and before taking up the responsibilities of child care.

Some women said their recovery should take priority so they can better care for the baby when they go home. They feel rooming in can raise safety issues at the hospital. And they don't like being characterized as bad mothers who are shirking their duties.

"It's not that I wanted a break for a few days; it's that I didn't feel safe having my baby in the room with me and no other adult present," Coogan said.

Some mothers whose babies do room in also question hospital charges for "nursery care" when it seems they are the ones doing the work.

It used to be common for healthy newborns to be taken to a hospital nursery at night. A well-rested mother, it was thought, would be better able to care for her baby. A woman who wanted to keep her child in the room at night simply needed to ask.

But some hospitals now present rooming in as the norm to help mothers learn the infant's feeding cues and make it easier to start breast-feeding. Some research suggests that babies cry less and soothe more quickly when with their mothers and that new moms don't necessarily get better-quality sleep while separated from their newborns.

Women can still ask for the nursery, but some nurses now are trained to push back.

"Our nurseries haven't closed," said Malika Shah, medical director of Prentice Newborn Nursery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. "What has changed is that the nurse won't say, 'Oh sure, get some rest; I'll take the baby to the nursery and we'll work on breast-feeding tomorrow.'"

Instead, Shah said, nurses explain that the baby needs to feed frequently in the first few hours, a process that helps the mother's milk come in. "There are some women who don't know that," she said.

Prentice, like some other hospitals, now emphasizes rooming in as part of its effort to earn a "baby-friendly" designation offered by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund. The global Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative, which was launched in 1991 but has recently been gaining momentum, aims to improve breast-feeding rates and encourage mother-infant bonding.

Also, the Surgeon General, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Joint Commission, which accredits hospitals, have all issued statements urging hospitals to step up these efforts.

At Northwestern's Prentice, the largest birthing center in the Midwest, "the culture did not previously promote togetherness," Shah said. With the recent changes, 71 percent of babies born at the hospital in August were breast-fed without formula supplementation, up from 34 percent in September 2012, Shah said.

The overnight nursery has been controversial ever since childbirth moved out of the home. Hospitals began recruiting maternity patients in the 1920s, stressing that a hospital birth meant a week's vacation from domestic responsibilities, said birth historian Elizabeth Temkin, whose paper "Rooming-In: Redesigning Hospitals and Motherhood in Cold War America" appeared in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine in 2002.

In the late 1940s, however, rooming in became more common because of two factors: post-World War II nursing shortages and nursery epidemics of infectious diarrhea, impetigo and respiratory illness.

As rooming in became more popular, mothers who used the nursery faced increasing criticism, Temkin said. According to her research, one obstetrician wrote in 1949 that "there will probably always be women who will wish to avoid the responsibility of care of their babies and who will prefer to look upon their hospital stay as a vacation."

"Rooming in has always been accompanied by guilt — the implication that mothers who don't room in are bad mothers," Temkin said.

In the 1960s, nurseries made a comeback as the nursing shortage ended and new studies suggested that nurseries were not, in fact, causing epidemics. A Memphis maternity unit built in 1963 "had cameras installed in the nursery so mothers could observe their infants from their own rooms," Temkin said.

Then came the natural birth movement, which flourished in the 1970s, and, more recently, research suggesting that immediate mother-infant bonding enhances breast-feeding. The pendulum swung back again toward rooming in.

But caring for a newborn can be particularly difficult for moms who labor for days or are foggy from lack of sleep. Others who tend to need extra help include mothers of multiples, those who have had C-sections, women who suffer from early-onset postpartum depression, or those who are single and have little support.

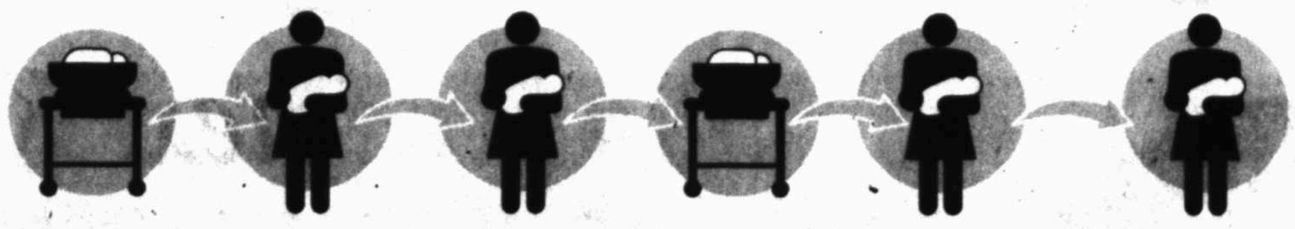
Rooming in isn't necessarily a good idea "if a mom is not capable of caring for herself along with the baby," said Joan Schiller, a coordinator of perinatal education at Advocate Health Care's Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, Ill. "When a mother has unmet needs — physical or emotional — she may not be the best person to care for her baby right away."

On the other hand, it's important for women to know that the first 48 hours are a crucial learning time for moms and babies, she said. "Separating a mom and baby without a valid reason can make a typically easy transition into breast-feeding very stressful for both the mom and baby," said Schiller, who added that rooming in also helps a mom learn her baby's cues and begins a lifelong connection.

Rooming in, rooming out through the decades

In the early 1900s, nearly all babies were born at home. As births shifted to hospitals, the nursery and "rooming in" have alternated as the more highly recommended option for mothers and newborns.

Recommended approach: Nursery / Rooming in



1920s-1930s
Hospitals actively recruit maternity patients, citing a week's vacation from domestic responsibilities as a perk; new moms are considered less competent than professionals at caring for newborns; babies are bottle-fed in the nursery at night so their mothers can sleep uninterrupted

1940s
The idea of rooming in takes hold after World War II as a way to help hospitals cope with nursing shortages and an epidemic of staph infections in nurseries

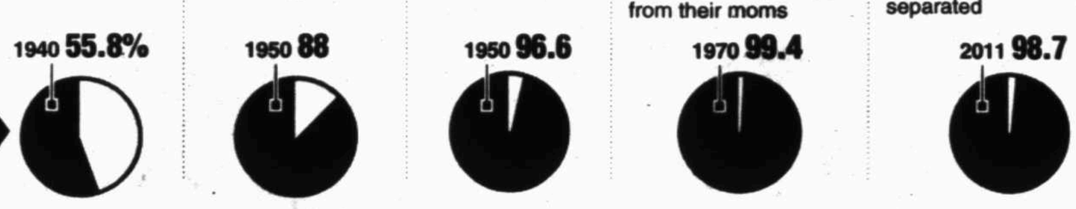
1950s
Rooming in continues as a means of infection control, but experts also encourage it based on the belief that faulty early mothering could cause neuroses and damage a child for life; many women like the idea that an infant's health depends more on a mother's love than on modern technology

1960s
The popularity of rooming in wanes as the space program and other feats give science a boost; also encouraging a return to nurseries are the end of the nursing shortage and new studies suggesting that nurses did not cause infectious epidemics in the nurseries

1970s
Rooming in regains popularity, fueled by the natural birth movement of the late 1960s and the emphasis on mother-infant bonding; neonatal intensive care units become more common; some research suggests that parents denied contact with newborns have trouble bonding with the babies; it's assumed the same holds true if healthy babies are separated from their moms

1980-present
The World Health Organization and UNICEF include rooming in, or continuous contact between mother and child, in their steps for successful breast-feeding; research suggests that closeness, along with lactation counseling, is critical to increasing breast-feeding rates; most experts now agree that, barring a medical reason, mothers and babies shouldn't be separated

Percentage of U.S. births in hospitals



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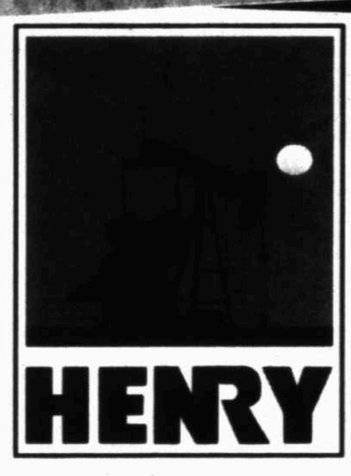

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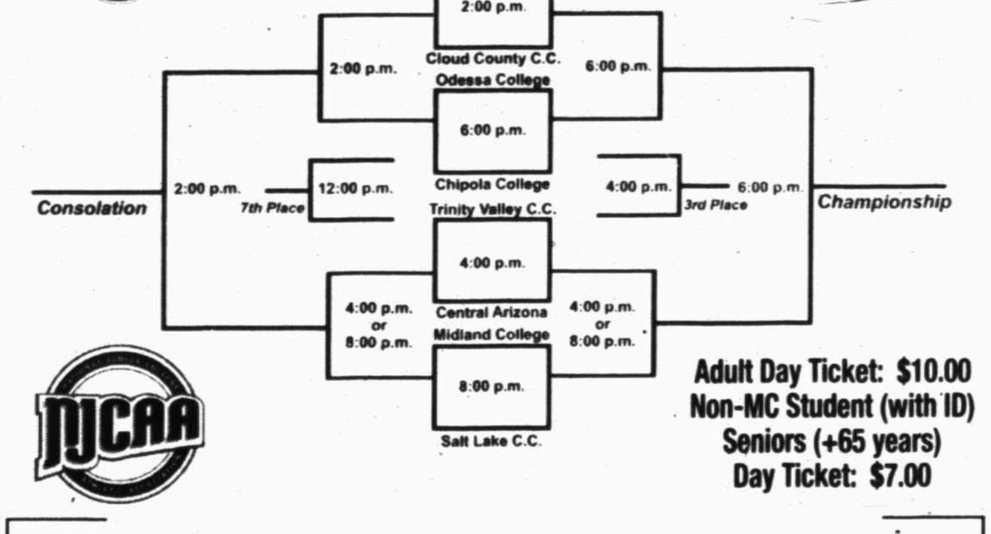

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WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

TODAY

ART SOCIAL: Listen to a talk by Debbie Lillick, executive director of the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, this morning at the Museum of the Southwest.

FRIDAY

OPENING EXHIBIT: "The Color of Oil: Paintings by Margarete Bagshaw" opens with a reception Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum.

SUNDAY

MODERN MUSIC: Permian Basin String Quartet will perform Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

START YOUR ENGINES: The Tejano Lowrider Car Show will be at the Ector County Coliseum on Saturday and Sunday.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Closing today: "Best Man Holiday," "Captain Phillips," "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2," "The Couselor," "Ender's Game," "Escape Plan," "Gravity," "Bad Grandpa," "Last Vegas," "Thor: The Dark World," "Free Birds"
Opening Friday: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," "The Christmas Candle," "Delivery Man"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Closing today: "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2"
Opening Friday: "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

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Opening Friday: "Delivery Man," "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch.
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MUSIC
Catch Midnight Blues Band, Hillbilly Casino, Rekluse, Kirko Bangz and Cody Jinks live in the Basin this weekend.

Regal set to open IMAX theater at Tall City 14

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Midland's Regal Cinemas Tall City Stadium 14 theater is anticipating the launch of an IMAX screen just in time for the release of the "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" on Friday.

"People are already asking about Imax tickets," manager Lindsay Rosales said. "We are pretty excited about it."

The theater is also opening an RPX theater (Regal Premium Experience) for what should be one of the busiest box office weekends of the year. RPX, which was introduced in 2010, includes high-quality projectors and better sound systems than standard theaters, but it is generally similar to the IMAX concept.

With the recent grand opening of Cinergy Cinemas' family entertainment center, including the EPIC (experience perfection in cinema) theater, some are speculating that Tall City opening new and improved theaters is a way to bring business back to the Regal theater.

"To be honest, the whole Imax deal wasn't planned for competition," Rosales said. "Ever since we switched to Regal in January, this was planned. It's pretty crazy how the timing ended up."

Granger Smith and his alter ego to play Rockin Rodeo

By Nick Wendel
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Country artist Granger Smith will be in concert at Rockin Rodeo tonight, and in a highly competitive Texas country music climate, he'll tell anyone that he believes he has one very strong advantage over other artists in his business.

"There's two of us."

Smith is referencing Earl Dibbles Jr., his alter ego who debuted in a 2011 YouTube video that happened by chance.

"It was a complete accident," Smith said. "I was making videos with my brother for the fun of it, and this one went viral on YouTube. People started coming to my shows chanting Earl Dibbles Jr. quotes."

Earl Dibbles Jr. is Smith's satire of the stereotypical country farmer, and the invented character spends most of his time talking about chewing tobacco or drinking beer. He is featured in two songs on Smith's 2013 album "Dirt Road Driveway," including his biggest YouTube sensation (just fewer than 5 million views) "The Country Boy Song."

"He's more popular than me," Smith said. "He has about 10 times as many followers on social media as I do. He's an extreme country boy. Everything is to the max with him."

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'Annie' debuts onstage at Midland Community Theatre on Friday

By Nick Wendel
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Midland Community Theatre will be hosting a holiday season performance of "Annie" beginning Friday. This is director Tim Jebsen's second time engineering "Annie," and he believes he has the actors it takes to produce a memorable show.

"We had a great turnout for audition, and I'm really pleased with the cast," Jebsen said. "A lot of people ask why we do 'Annie' at Christmas, and that's because most people forget that the last day of the play is set on Christmas Day. Plus, the final musical of the year needs to be family friendly, and we are looking for a wide audience."

MCT decided to cast two separate groups of girls for the parts of Annie and the orphans in the play.

"We think this gives more girls opportunities to be in the play, and it makes everything a little more manageable for the rest of us," Jebsen said. "It works well because if one group sees the other group doing well in rehearsal, they get competitive and work a little bit harder than they might have otherwise."

The two seven-girl casts will alternate every other show for the most part, according to Jebsen.

Scott Aycock, who will play the part of Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, auditioned for his first MCT play 10 years ago at the request of his daughter.

"We went to see a show here and when we left she said she wanted to try out for a part in the upcoming production of 'Annie,' but she told me I had to go with her," he said. "We both got parts. I like the production. It's a great feel-good story for the kids. There are a lot of fun, upbeat songs."

Aycock, usually sporting hair on his face and head, chuckled as Jebsen teased his new bald-headed, clean-shaven look for the

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NICK'S PICKS

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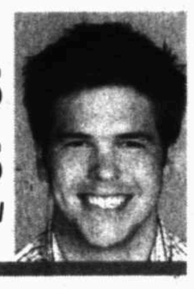
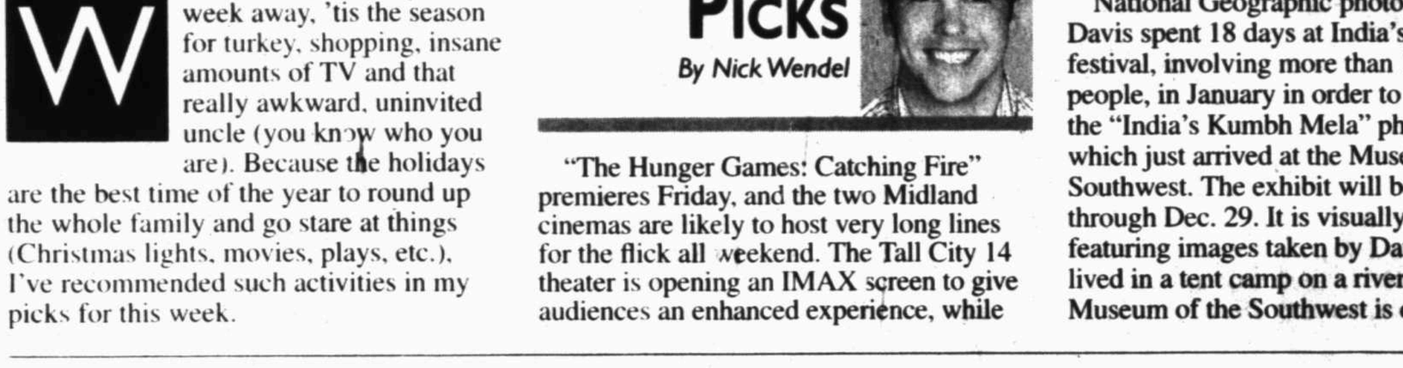


With Thanksgiving just a week away, 'tis the season for turkey, shopping, insane amounts of TV and that really awkward, uninvited uncle (you know who you are). Because the holidays are the best time of the year to round up the whole family and go stare at things (Christmas lights, movies, plays, etc.), I've recommended such activities in my picks for this week.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" premieres Friday, and the two Midland cinemas are likely to host very long lines for the flick all weekend. The Tall City 14 theater is opening an IMAX screen to give audiences an enhanced experience, while Cinergy Cinemas continues to offer its EPIC (Experience Perfection in Cinema) theater. Both options offer improved sound systems and higher screen resolution.

National Geographic photographer Greg Davis spent 18 days at India's Kumbh Mela festival, involving more than 100 million people, in January in order to put together the "India's Kumbh Mela" photo exhibit, which just arrived at the Museum of the Southwest. The exhibit will be on display through Dec. 29. It is visually stunning, featuring images taken by Davis while he lived in a tent camp on a river bank. The Museum of the Southwest is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Midland Community Theatre's production of "Annie" is opening Friday night, and the season's musical finale should not disappoint. Directed by Tim Jebsen, the play is rotating between two casts of Annie and her orphan companions to allow more stage opportunities for girls who auditioned, and adult cast members praised Jebsen's ability to teach and coach younger casts. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m. The show will run through Dec. 21.



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SMITH

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Smith attended Texas A&M before realizing he had a chance to make a career out of music.

"I started playing guitar at 14, first got on stage at 15, and started writing around 17. At the end of my sophomore year at A&M, I got signed to a publishing company in Nashville, so I moved there and fulfilled that commitment from 2000 to 2004. Then I went back and finished school while I started playing full-time."

Whether Smith is performing as himself or Earl Dibbles Jr., he always has one goal in mind.

"I just want to grow my musical audience as much as possible so the music can reach as many people as possible, whatever path that takes — it changes a lot. But, we love playing in Midland. It's always been a good town since I started putting my singles out, and Earl Dibbles Jr. told me he's hoping for a good turnout."

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Allegro Chorale presents "Brahms' Neue Liebeslieder Waltzes and Other Music for Choir and Piano 4 Hands" with special guest Shari Santorelli, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Winter Jam Tour featuring Newsboys, Thousand Foot Krutch, Plumb and Building 429, Saturday at City Bank Coliseum in Lubbock. www.lubbockcivilcenter.com.

Oh No! "Modern" Music: PB String Quartet, 3 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

ART

Art Social: Golden Legacy with Debbie Lillick, 10 a.m. today at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org

"The Color of Oil: Paintings by Margarete Bagshaw," 10:30 a.m. gallery talk and reading and 6:30 p.m. opening reception, Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. www.noelartmuseum.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.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Annie," onstage Friday through Dec. 21 at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre. www.mctmidland.org. 570-4111.

DANCE

Thursday Night Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in Odessa. 432-558-7829.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

EVENTS

Hunt for Heroes Banquet by Show of Support, 6 p.m. today at the Horseshoe. www.showofsupport.org.

No Room at the Inn nativity display, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Tejano Lowrider Car Show, Saturday and Sunday at Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

KID-FRIENDLY

Santa, milk and cookies, 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store.

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

Fiddlesticks Farms, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday. www.fiddlesticksfarms.com.

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

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

"Golden Legacy: Original Art from 65 Years of Golden Books," Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, exhibits at the Museum of the Southwest complex. 683-2882.

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Midland County Greater Works Turkey Trot, Nov. 28 at Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Tis Christmas Holiday Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 30 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 1 at Ector County Coliseum in Odessa. www.ectorcounty-coliseum.org.

Book signing with Rhonda Russell, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 30 at Tis Christmas Holiday Festival, Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

Professional Armed Forces Rodeo World Finals, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at the Horseshoe. www.pafra2000.com.

DECEMBER

Miracle on Tyler Street tree lighting ceremony, 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. www.greaterideal.org

"How to Successfully Complete Digital Entries" for artists, Dec. 2-3 at ArtQuest. www.artquesttx.com.

William Reeves Fine Art exhibit, Dec. 5-11 at Haley Memorial Library. 682-5785

"Bless Me Ultima," film screening, Dec. 5 at Ellen Noel Art Museum in Odessa. www.noelartmuseum.org.

H-E-B Feast of Sharing, Dec. 6 at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcounty-coliseum.org.

Michael Martin Murphy Christmas Show, Dec. 6 at Ector Theatre in Odessa. ectortheatre.com.

Alexander & Victor Fine Art Showing, Dec. 6-7 at Midland Gallery. www.midlandgallery.com.

Christmas at the Mansion, Dec. 6-29 at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Run, Dec. 7 at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org.

Gingerbread House Workshop, Dec. 7 at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org.

Open House at Christmas at the Mansion, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org.

MOSC Pops: Sounds of the Season: Holiday Spectacular, Dec. 7 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

CAF Toys for Tots Fly-In and Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 7 at CAF Airpower Museum. www.airpowermuseum.org.

Noel Coward's "Private Lives," screening, 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at Cinemark 12 in Odessa.

ReinBeer: Episode III, Dec. 10 at Museum of the Southwest. www.museumsw.org. Sold out

Christmas Open House, 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 12 at Midland County Public Library downtown location.

Family Science Night: Space Escape, Dec. 12 at Petroleum Museum. www.petroleummuseum.org.

Star Party, Dec. 13 at Blakemore Planetarium. www.museumsw.org.

Sesame Street Live, Dec. 13-15 at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcounty-coliseum.org.

Christmas Open House, 2-5 p.m. Dec. 14 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

A Brass Christmas: Lone Star Brass, Dec. 15 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

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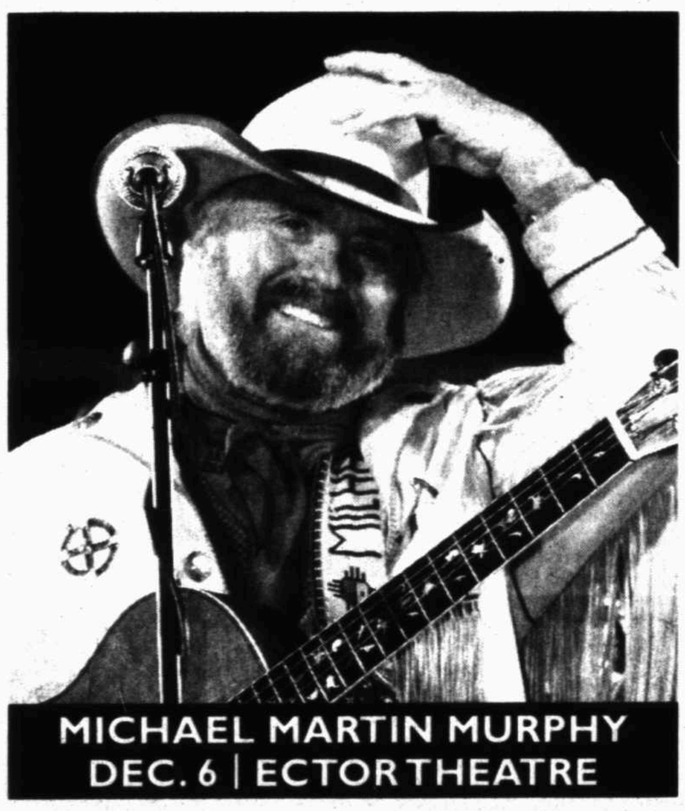

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An Oh So Acoustic Christmas, Dec. 17 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Robert Earl Keen Christmas, Dec. 18 Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

The Bruce and Kelly Christmas Show with Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis with Warren Hood, Dec. 19 at the Yucca Theatre. www.talltownes.com.

Midland Festival Ballet Nutcracker, Dec. 21-22 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin concert, Dec. 28 at Ector Theater, Odessa.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker, Dec. 29-30 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

JANUARY

Sandhills StockShow & Rodeo, Jan. 3-11 at Ector County Coliseum. www.ectorcountycoliseum.org.

"An Evening Inspired by Downton Abbey" benefit for Basin PBS, Jan. 4 at DoubleTree by Hilton.

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

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

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

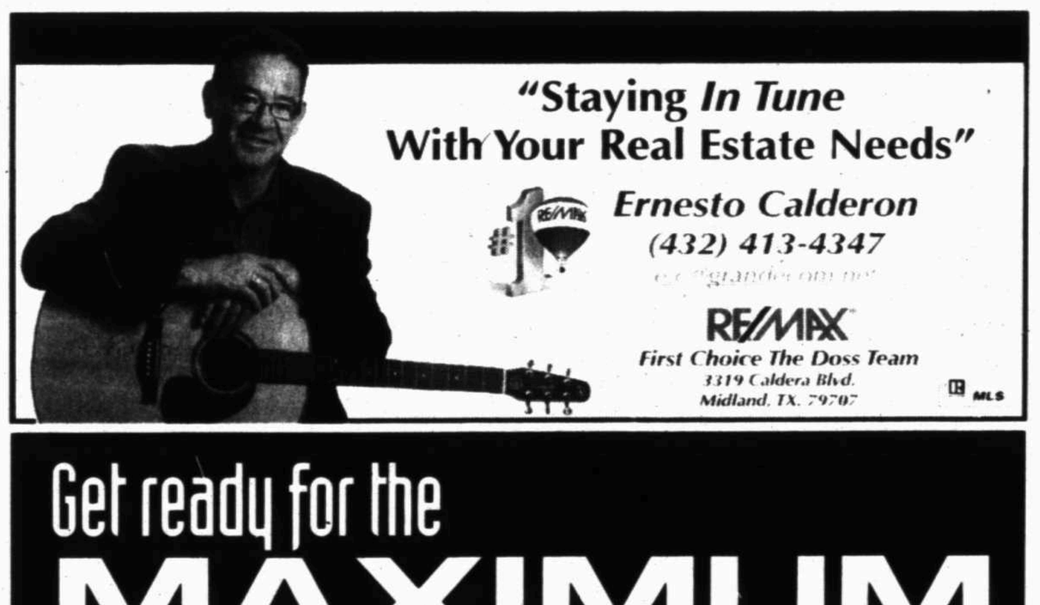
American Idiot, Jan. 20 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

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

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

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

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



STAGE & SCREEN

"THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE" | OPENS FRIDAY

'Catching Fire' a franchise upgrade

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

A considerable upgrade over the first "Hunger Games" movie, "Catching Fire" comes across more like a remake than a sequel.

In the adaptation of the second installation in Suzanne Collins' young adult trilogy, there's certainly plenty that has changed. Rebellion against the totalitarian rule of President Snow (Donald Sutherland) in the 12 districts of Panem is growing. Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) is now a beloved hero with the weight of celebrity on her shoulders. And Philip Seymour Hoffman, bless him, has found his way into the proceedings.

Yet the general plot — a journey from Katniss' poor hometown of District 12 to a climactic game of human hunting in "the arena," with high-speed train rides and training sessions in between — is identical to the first "Hunger Games."

More has shuffled behind the camera, and "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" is much the better for it. Francis Lawrence ("I Am Legend") has taken over directing from Gary Ross, whose poor handling of the first film didn't stop it from becoming a sensation. Lawrence has given the film (the budget was nearly doubled) a more settled environment heavy on grays and a more appropriately grave emotional atmosphere. These are kids being forced to kill other kids, the franchise seems to have realized.

"Catching Fire" opens with Katniss back in District 12, haunted by the experiences of her first Hunger Games. There, too, is her flame Gale (Liam Hemsworth), who's slaving away in the mines. (Hemsworth, a nonentity in both films, makes about as convincing a miner as Ben Stiller's Zoolander did.)

But Katniss' success in the Hunger Games was partly due to her forpublicity-sake romance with her co-winner Peeta (Josh Hutcherson, who seems about half the height of the screen-dominating Lawrence). President Snow, aware of the put-on, insists they keep up the charade to help pacify the uprising.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," a Lionsgate release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for intense sequences of violence and action, some frightening images, thematic elements, a suggestive situation and language. Running time: 146 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MOVIE REVIEW

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'The World's End' brings fitting closure to Cornetto trilogy

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson
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PICK O' THE WEEK

"The World's End" (R) The Cornetto trilogy — which also includes "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz" — comes to an end with this rousing comedy about a pubcrawl gone awry that gets funnier each time you watch it. **A-**

OTHER REVIEWS

"Ambushed" (R) Why does a guy as allegedly smart as Dolph Lundgren — who holds a master's degree in chemical engineering — keep risking the straight-to-video fan base he still has by making such dumb movies? **D**

"Bell Witch Haunting" (unrated) Slightly above-average found footage film gets off to a slow, derivative start but about halfway through, a slow, burning scare sets in. **B**

"Dealin' With Idiots" (R) Jeff Garlin's approach to suburban Little League baseball is much like his approach to everything: loud and unfunny. **C-**

"Free Samples" (R) A few rough spots aside, who would have thought a film about a woman spending a day in an ice cream truck would be so entertaining? **B**

"Grabbers" (R) Terrific monster movie has a retro feel right up until the moments when its scenes of graphic violence shock you into the modern age. **A-**

"Paradise" (R) Oscar winning scribe ("Juno") and former stripper Diablo Cody wrote and directed this feature that shows some signs of the wit and intelligence she exhibited on "Juno," but she's got some things to learn about casting and being a director. **C+**

"2 Guns" (R) The attempts at levity get a little tedious but the chemistry between stars Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg is genuine and infectious. **B**

ANNIE

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"Daddy" Warbucks role.

Katy Wall, 12, will be playing the lead role of Annie onstage.

"I'm optimistic in real life, so it's easy to be optimistic like Annie," she said.

The play will run through Dec. 21. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees will start at 2 p.m. For tickets or more information, go to mctmidland.org.

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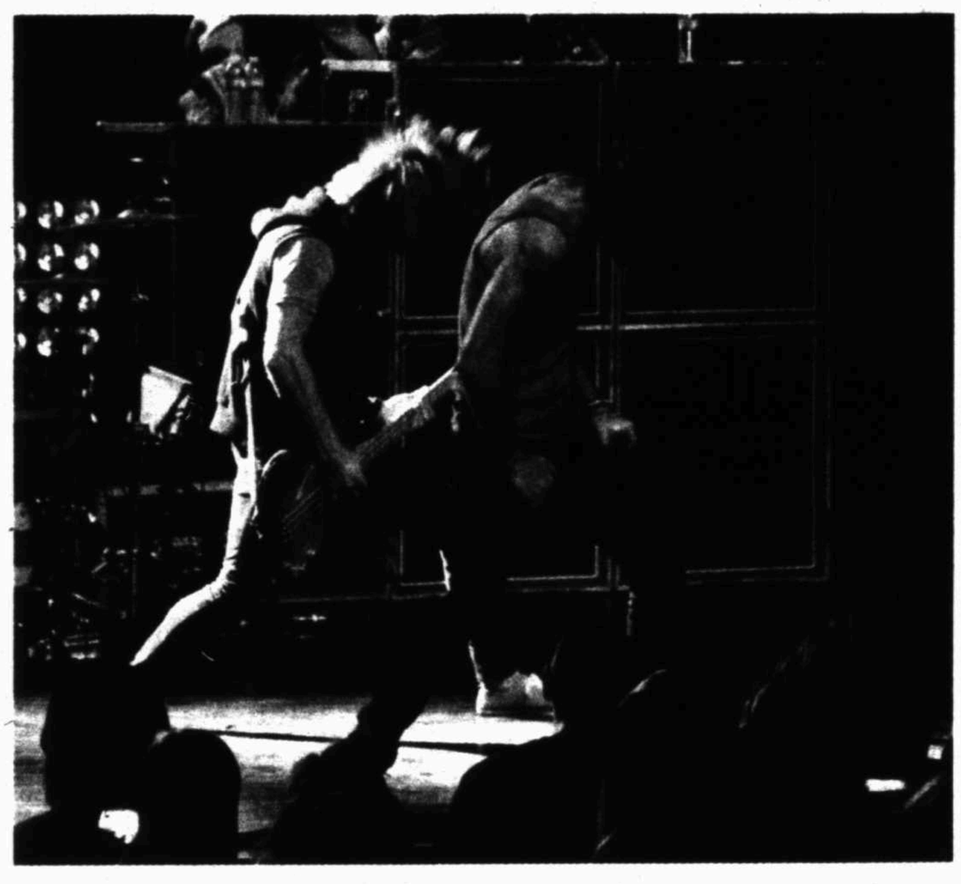
MIDLAND SCENE

ACTS TAKE THE STAGE

Plenty of touring acts have made their way through Midland recently, including Audio Adrenaline, Willie Nelson and others.

We want to see where you're spending your weekends. Send your photos from concerts, plays or other events to mbuck@mrt.com for inclusion in this space and online.



Quartet ready to go modern

By Nick Wendel
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The Permian Basin String Quartet will be performing a show called, "Oh No! 'Modern' Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center's Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall.

Violinist John Madura explained the title was a satire on the public's general reaction to the term "modern music."

"The reason for the name of the concert is that we are trying to set out and say that even if it is 20th or 21st century music, it's not just noise — which is a common idea," he said.. "A lot of people shy away from modern works because they are considered just noise. At the turn of the 20th century, that was all the rage, and it became an academic versus emotional experience. We want to show the value of some modern music."

The Permian Basin String Quartet is the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale's resident string quartet, and Sunday's performance marks the first ensemble of its 2013-2014 season, which will be the first one for this particular combination of players.

"There is something for everybody in this concert," Madura said. "I think it will be a fun show because of the vast array of tunes we are doing. If you like folk music, we'll have something for you. If you just like hearing weird but fun colors, then we will have that. If you like relaxing music, we'll have that too. It's such a great variety. The music we will play will even represent pieces from three different countries. Plus, the venue is far superior to most recital halls I have played in."

Tickets to the performance cost $14, but admission is free for all students. Discount prices are available for groups of 10 or more.

LIVE WIRE

21 Granger Smith/Earl Dibbles Jr. @ Rockin Rodeo
21 Victor Ochoa @ Cafe at the Gardens (Alldredge Garden)
22 Noel Olivas @ Lone Star Bar
22 Matt Rios @ Music City Mall
22 Midnight Blues Band @ The Detour
22-23 Mister Happy @ The Bar
22-23 3 Lits Pigz @ Your Place
23 Los Palominos @ Tejano Super Car Show
23 Cody Jinks @ Lone Star Bar
23 Ty Miller, All Stars, Samuel Zachary, Mike Leonard, Martha Elliott, Marrisa Reshman @ Music City Mall
24 Kirko Bangz, OG Kid Frost, MC Magic, Rekluse, Too Deep, Low G, Busta, Juniko @ Tejano Super Car Show
24 Goodtimers, Matt Rios, Walton Lute @ Music City Mall
24 PB String Quartet @ Wagner Noel
24 Hillbilly Casino @ Blue Max
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RESTAURANT GUIDE

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.

MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 4610 N. Garfield St. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

AJUUA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND DRIVE-THRU Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Daily specials and menudo served on weekends. 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. 694-4116 | $ | 2 spoons

CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood. 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 E. Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

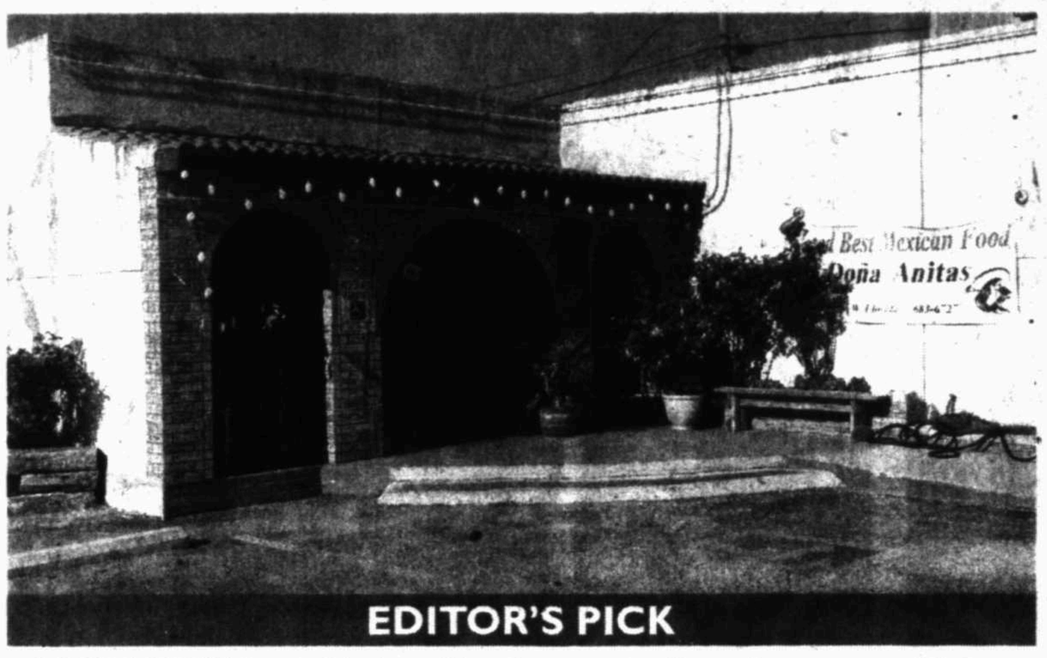
CASA MADRID Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | $ | 3 spoons

CHARLA'S RESTAURANTE & BAR With a casual atmosphere and full service bar, Charla's serves enchiladas, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup and tropical salad. Delicious chips and salsa. 3330 W. Illinois Ave. 699-2440 | $ | 3 spoons

CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | $ | 4 spoons

DOS COMPADRES We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave, #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.Doscompadres.net | $ | 3 spoons

DOS MARGARITAS Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch specials and breakfast plates such as huevos rancheros and omelettes. 1501 N. Big Spring St. 618-9536 www.dosmargaritasusa.com | $ | 3 spoons



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DONA ANITA'S Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | $ | 3 spoons

EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO Restaurant Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Two locations in Midland serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. 3323 N. Midland Drive 689-0032 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

JUMBURRITO Drive-through or eat-in for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Try the stew-meat with cheese and avocado and smother it with queso and/or Jumburritos' hot sauce. Expect a line for weekend breakfast. 1301 Lamesa Road, 682-5060 | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-7017 | 908 S. Midkiff Road, 689-0350 | 4509 N. Midkiff Road, 689-3894 | www.jumburrito.com | 4 spoons

LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

LA MISION Festive, colorful restaurant with great Tex-Mex favorites. In a hurry? Go for the lunch buffet. 1008 S. Big Spring St. 682-0320 | $ | 4 spoons

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ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

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SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons

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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 W. Wadley Ave., Suite B 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

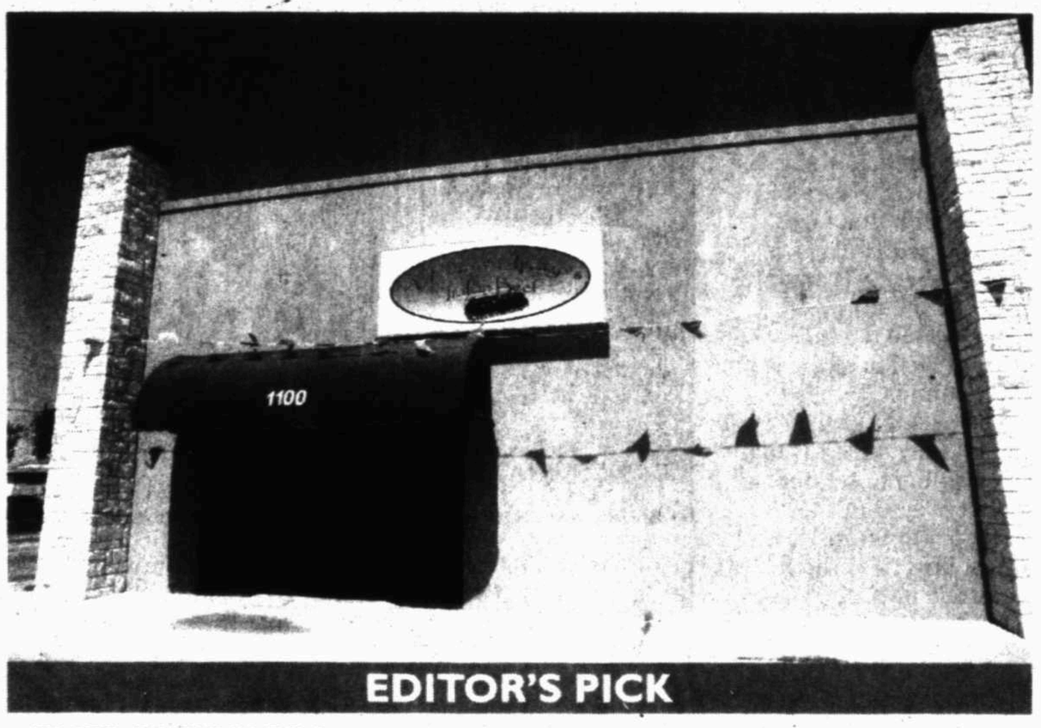
JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

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



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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

STEAKS & 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

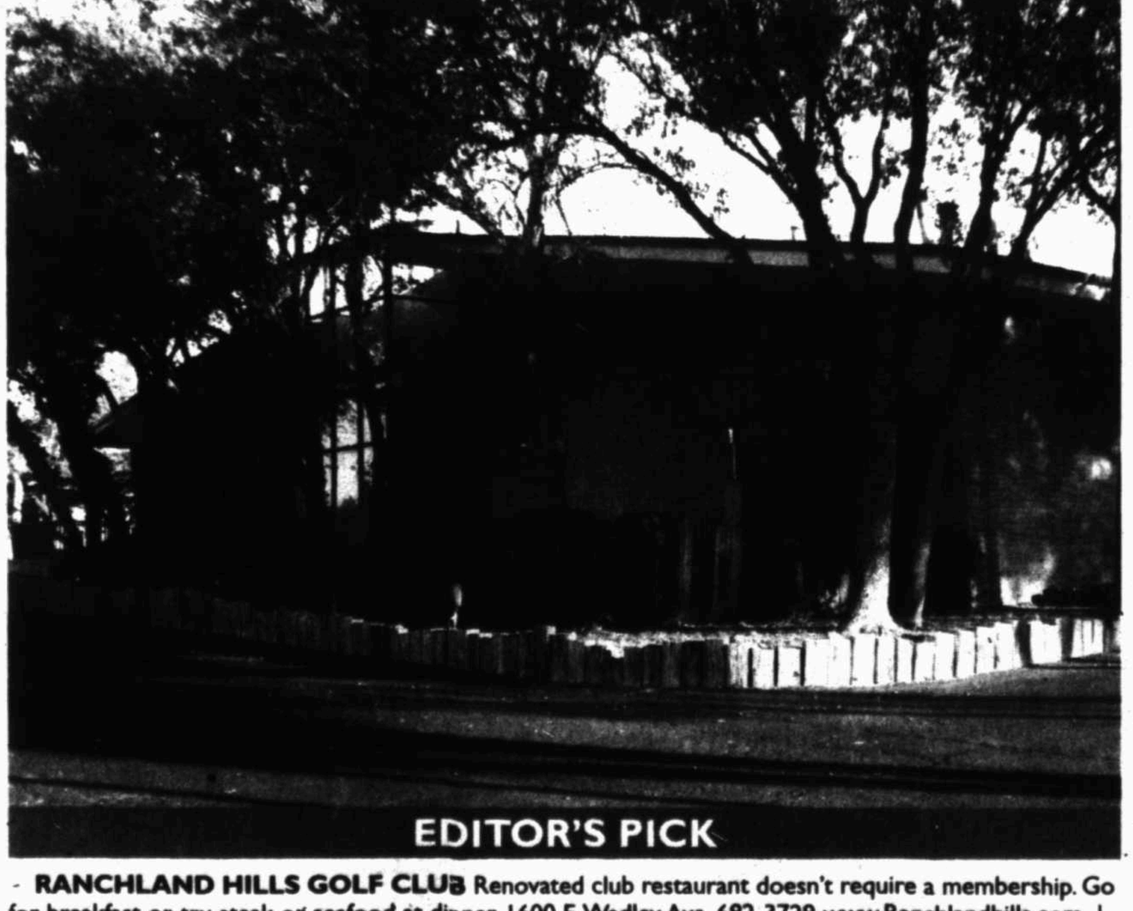
SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE Midland's only restaurant from the Landry's chain specializes in steaks. For something different, try the warm steak salad that includes grilled veggies and steak piled on top of a bed of greens. 4511 W. Loop 250 699-0476 www.saltgrass.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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. 684-868 |'$$ | 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



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

DESSERT

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 Local bakery specializing 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

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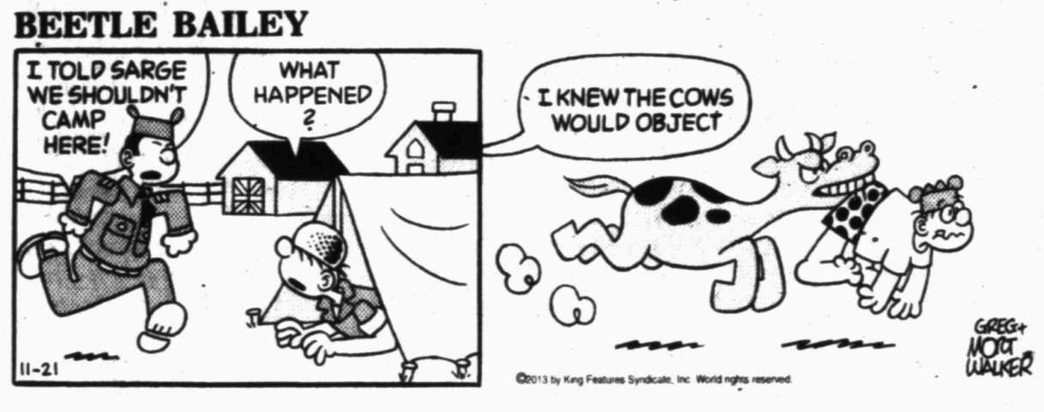

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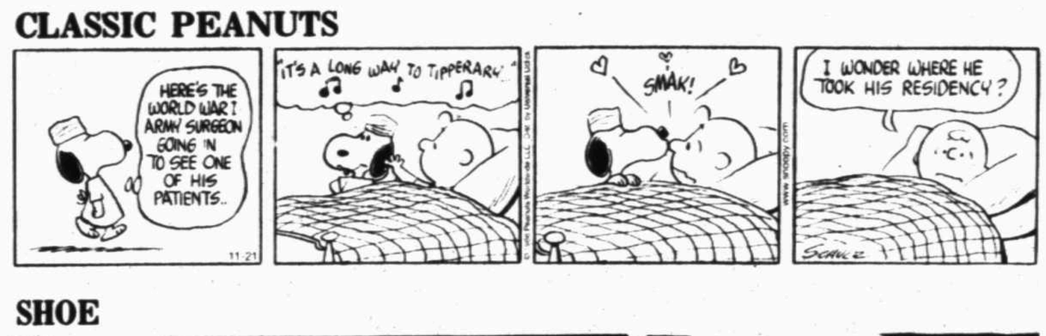

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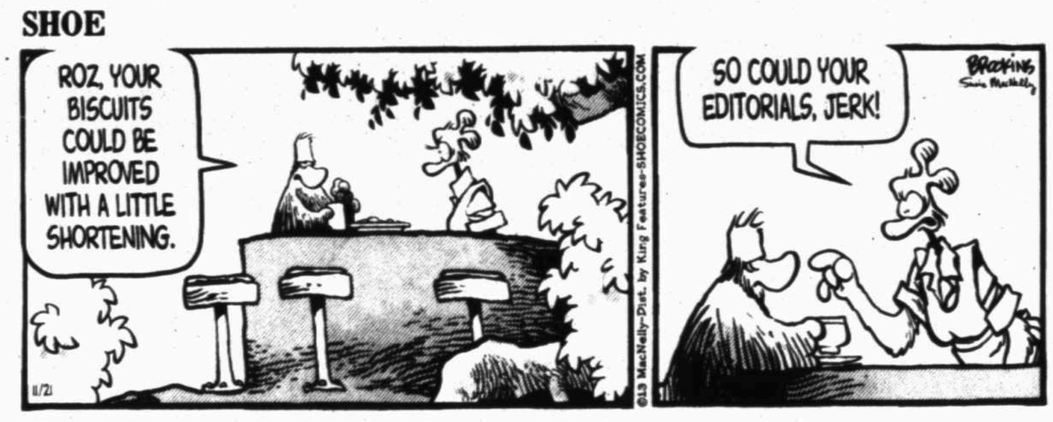

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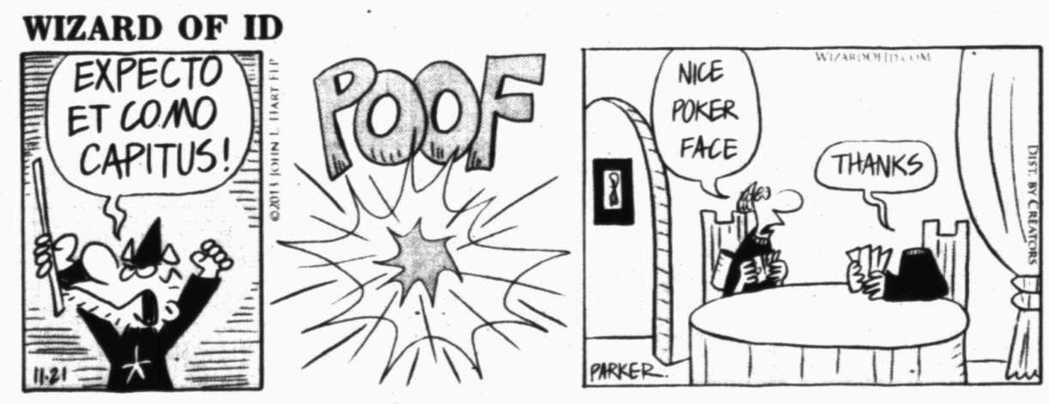

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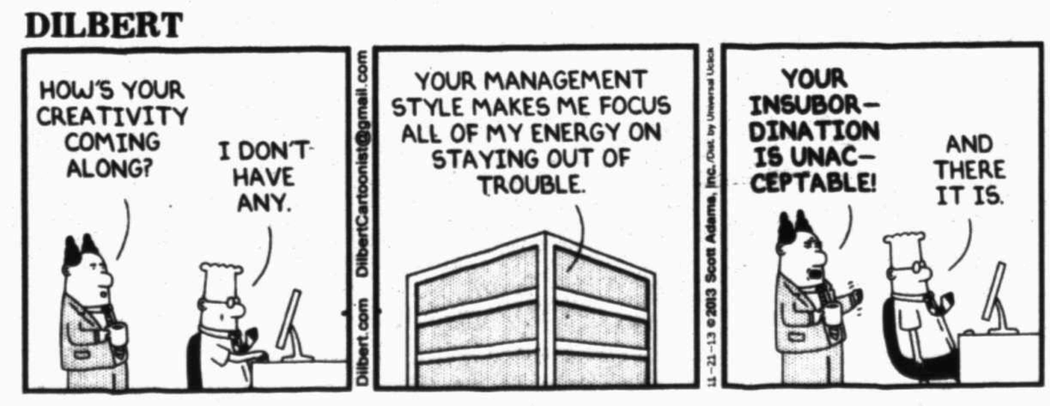

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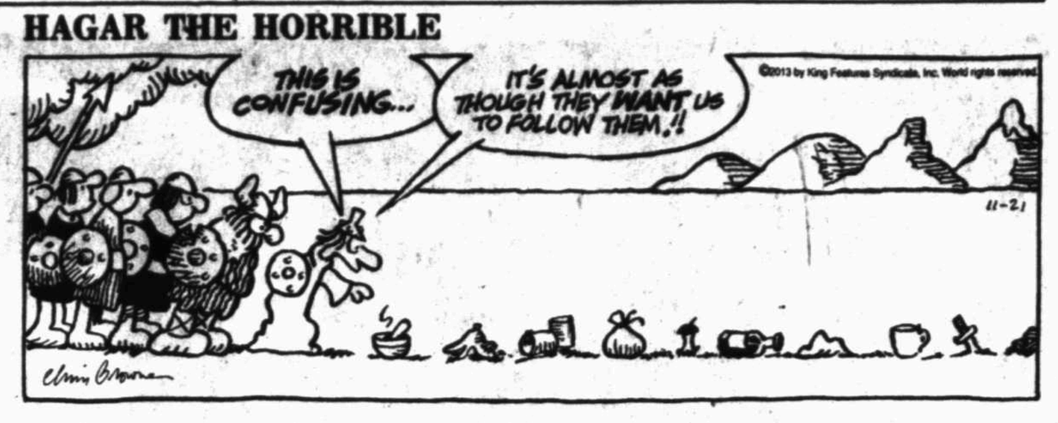

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"SO...AM I AN 'X' OR AN 'O'?"

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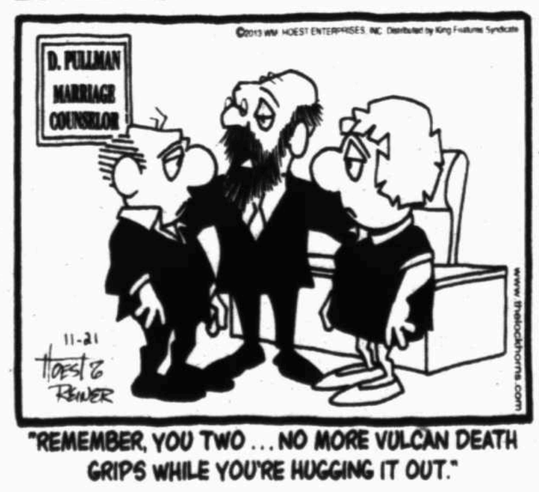

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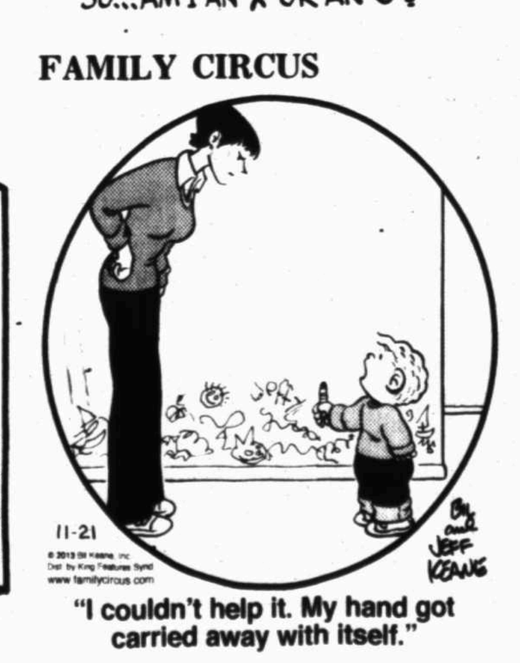

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Stellar field set for WNIT at Chap Center

By Oscar LeRoy
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It may still be football season for many fans, but those wanting to get a taste of some of the best junior college women's basketball in the country can stop by Chaparral Center this weekend.

Jones

For the fourth consecutive year, Midland College is hosting the National Invitational Tournament, featuring four teams ranked in the top 20 of the NJCAA Division I women' basketball poll.

The action kicks off at 2 p.m. today when Angelina College (2-4) faces Cloud County (Kan.) Community College (3-4), then No. 1-ranked and defending national champion Trinity Valley Community College takes on No. 2 Central Arizona (3-1) at 4 p.m., followed by Odessa College (6-1) against No. 4 Chipola (Fla.) College (5-0) at 6 p.m., and then No. 18 Midland College (6-3) going up against Salt Lake Community College (5-1) at 8 p.m.

The field is one of the best one can find this early in the season and one of the best anywhere outside the NJCAA National Tournament in Salina, Kan., in March.

"We try to get some of the better teams in a tournament patterned after the national tournament," said 20th-year Midland College coach Ron Jones. "We have a national game rematch between Trinity Valley and Central Arizona. We just happened to draw the bracket and that's the way it worked out. Trinity Valley, Central Arizona and Chipola finished strong in last year's national tournament, so we're looking forward to seeing some good competition and get after it."

Midland College, which made it to the second round of last year's national tournament, looks to regroup after going 1-2 at the College of Southern Idaho Tournament. One of the losses the Lady Chaparrals suffered was a 91-57 decision to Central Arizona.

"After we got dismantled against Central Arizona last Thursday, I thought we played much better Friday and Saturday and we look forward to try to play another great week of competition and try to get better," Jones said.

Like most coaches in this tournament, Jones said the main goal for this weekend is to see what areas his team needs to work on against top flight competition. For an MC team dominated by freshmen, Jones said his team needs to work on consistency and intensity.

"Our first seven games, I don't think we played with the intensity we needed to," Jones said. "But the last couple of games, I thought that picked up and the

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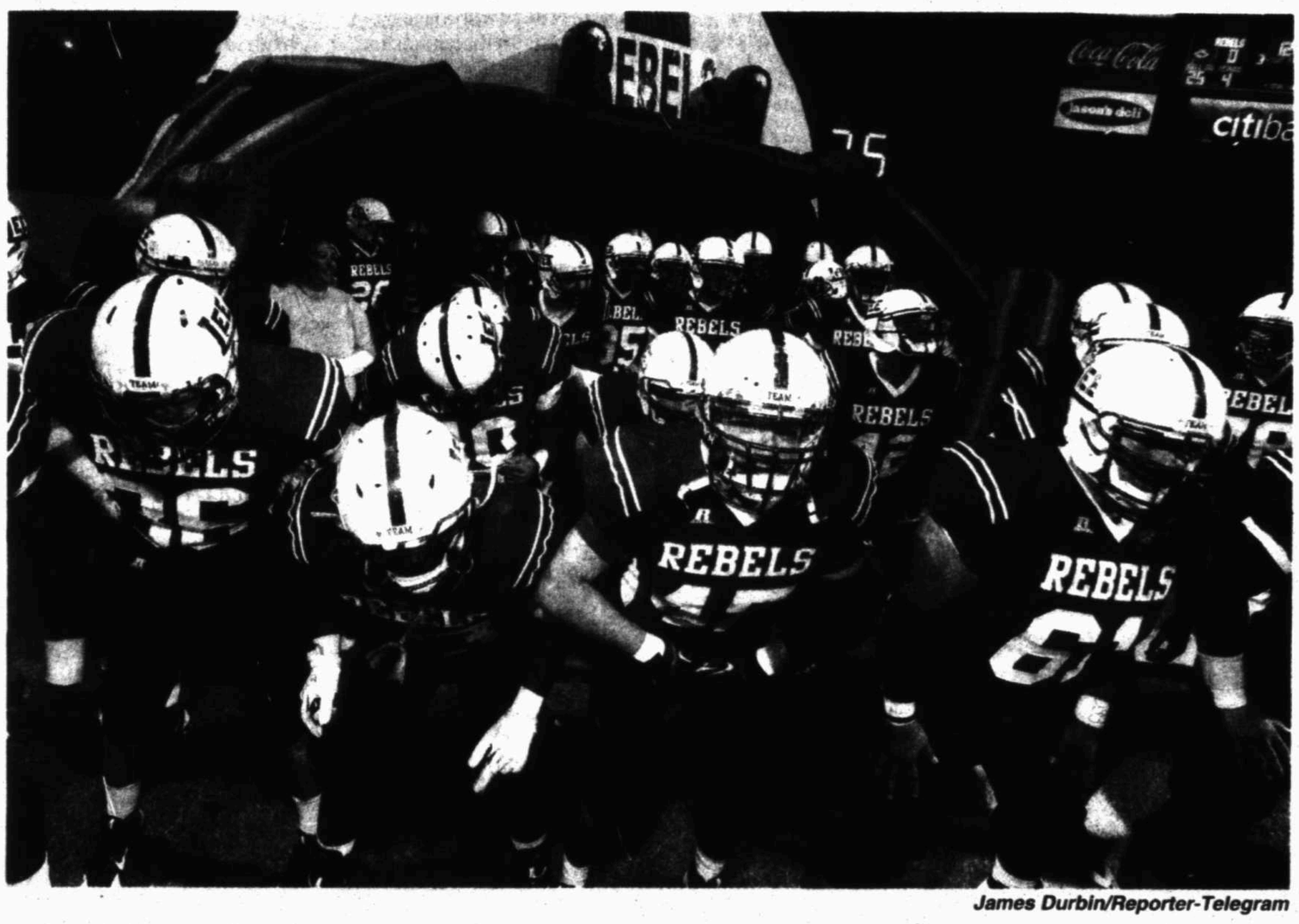
Midland College's Tanjanay Veiga (11) knocks the ball away from Southwest JC's Karina Covarrubias (24) on Nov. 4 at Chaparral Center.

READY FOR ROUND 2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Lee High football players get pumped up before the start of the game against Midland High on Oct. 18 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebels hopeful for Southlake Carroll rematch

By Len Hayward
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REBEL REPORT

Lee coach James Morton decided to show the Rebels a "horror" film earlier this week. No it wasn't Halloween or Friday the 13th, it was the game film from the Rebels' 63-14 drubbing at the hands of Southlake Carroll on Sept. 6.

Alvarado

Morton didn't show the squad the whole film, just highlights, both good and bad. But it was something that Morton and his staff felt like they had to do to show their players how much different of a team they are from then to now.

"We don't want to make the same mistakes we did against Southlake Carroll," senior offensive tackle Diego Alvarado said. "It's important for us to realize that we are different players now than when we were the second week of the year. We need to focus on not resorting back to making those same mistakes."

After that drubbing against Carroll, Lee went on a seven-game winning streak, shared a District 2-5A title, earned its first playoff berth since 2009 and won its first playoff game since 2007.

Even with all the Rebels have accomplished this season, Morton and the players both know there's a huge Everest-like mountain standing in front of them this week in the No. 8-ranked Dragons. The two teams will meet in a Class 5A Division I area round game at 7 p.m. Friday at Chisholm Trail Stadium in Fort Worth.

The memory of that loss has not gone away, though, as Morton used the film to remind the Rebels of not only the mistakes, but also as chance for them to take this week as an opportunity.

"Within that there's a great opportunity, and showing the video from the last time, people would shy away from that," Morton said. "Actually we've taken it as a positive in doing some of the things we need to do."

Morton said the Rebels have been given a rare opportunity to face a team a second time during the season, and it's that chance that is motivating the Rebels this week in workouts.

A Lee win on Friday would be a surprise, and in some cases a shock, and that is the opportunity Morton has presented to his team this week. He's emphasized staying "within themselves" and "controlling the controllables."

"What are the greatest moments in

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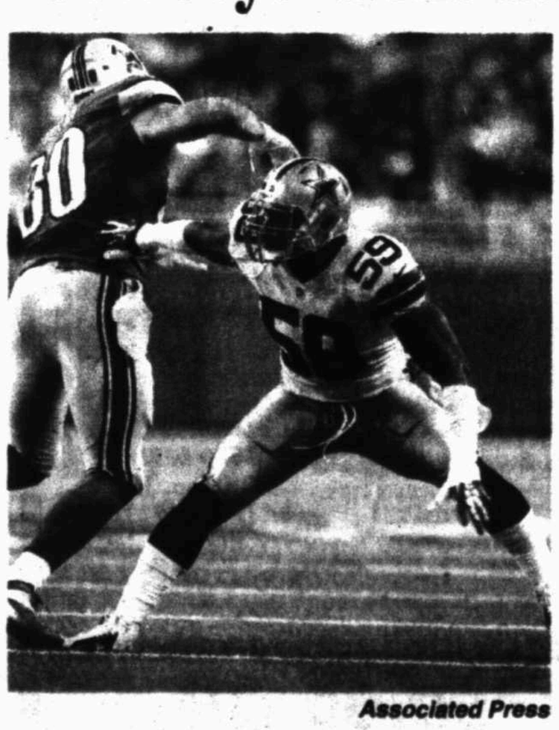
Cowboys' Sims takes spotlight with Lee sidelined

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press


Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys inside linebacker Ernie Sims (59) defends against Detroit Lions tight end Joseph Fauria (80) in the second quarter of a football game in Detroit on Oct. 27.

IRVING — Before Dallas picked him up last year, Ernie Sims was out of an NFL job during the season for the first time in his career.

A little more than a year later, he's supposed to be the answer at middle linebacker while the Cowboys wait for Sean Lee, their defensive leader, to come back from a hamstring injury.

Sims doesn't have much experience in the middle, and the Cowboys (5-5) take the league's worst defense into an important NFC East game at the New York Giants (4-6) on Sunday.

It's probably the closest thing to the spotlight for the former top 10 pick by Detroit since Sims started the first 50 games of his career for the Lions.

"It's a real big moment," the eighth-year pro said. "A lot of eyes are on me to see how I'm going to approach the situation. I know one thing: I'm not afraid. I'm studying, meeting with Sean, meeting with anybody who is willing to give me the extra advice, the extra coaching."

It's not like Sims hasn't started since the Lions reduced his role and later decided they didn't want him anymore, sending him to Philadelphia in an offseason trade in 2010. He made 15 starts for the Eagles that year, then another four in 13 games with Indianapolis a year later.

But he was sitting at home when the Cowboys called 13 months ago, right after Lee was lost for the season to a toe injury. He ended up making six starts for Dallas in 2012, and has three more this year.

So much for the chatter in training camp that his roster spot might be in jeopardy after he decided to rejoin Dallas as a free agent.

"The best thing I can do is not worry and not stress, don't fear anything and just go out there and do what I've been doing my whole life,"

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Season ends for Lee's Bell

By Len Hayward
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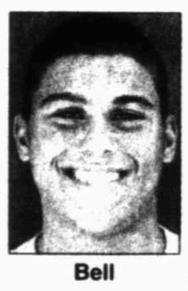
Lee head coach James Morton confirmed this week that senior wide receiver Alex Bell is out for the rest of the season with a cracked jaw.


Bell

Bell injured his jaw against San Angelo Central the final week of the regular season, and did practice last week in preparation for the Class 5A Division I bi-district playoff game against El Paso El Dorado. But Bell did not play in the game and Morton said they found out the extent of the injury late last week, and that the jaw is cracked.

Lee (9-2) is set to play No. 8 Southlake Carroll (10-1) in a Class 5A Division I area round game at 7 p.m. Friday at Chisholm Trail Stadium in Fort Worth.

Bell caught 40 passes for 696 yards and nine touchdowns this season for the Rebels. He didn't play in the season's first three games recovering from a hamstring injury.

Morton said that Bell, who is also an all-district midfielder in soccer, should be ready for soccer season.

Isaiah Johnson will likely move to Bell's spot at receiver, while Reed Knittle, who caught five passes for 77 yards in last week's game will see time in Johnson's spot along with Zyan Burditt.

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

2-5A's sweep last week shows district better than previously thought

We have noted in the past that it has been getting tougher and tougher to defeat the El Paso teams in the playoffs, so it was nice to see the 4-0 sweep by 2-5A over 1-5A in bi-district play this past weekend.

Not only did 2-5A sweep the Sun City teams, they dominated. It was the first time for the Basin teams to sweep El Paso in bi-district play since four teams were allowed to make the playoff from each district.

Of course, while that state is true, it's a bit misleading since it's a rarity in this day and age of district shifts that four teams would ever meet in the same year. It's probably not going to happen unless it comes in the bi-district round and that can only happen if the Basin teams are in District 2.

Prior to last Friday night, the Basin district, whether it was District 2 or 3, led the El Paso district by a 10-5 margin from 2008 to 2012 in the playoffs. We had noted that this was a vast improvement for El Paso. The Basin teams held a 5-0 playoff advantage over El Paso from 2002 to 2007. Of course, if you go further back than that, El Paso was getting a playoff win over the Basin teams about once or twice every two decades.

The point here is not many expected this district to be very good this year.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

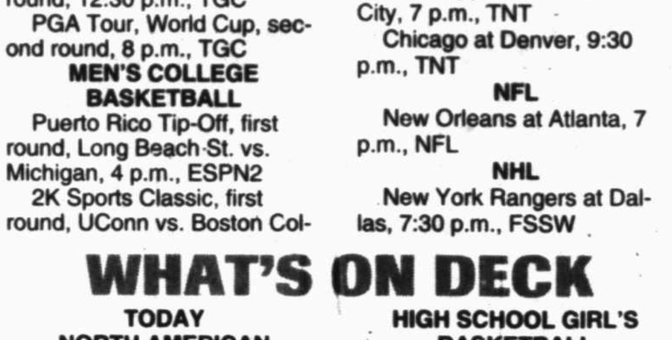
WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Rutgers at UCF, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Rice at UAB, 6:30 p.m., FS1
GOLF
European PGA Tour, South African Open Championship, first round, 8 a.m., TGC
LPGA, Titleholders, first round, 12:30 p.m., TGC
PGA Tour, World Cup, second round, 8 p.m., TGC
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Puerto Rico Tip-Off, first round, Long Beach St. vs. Michigan, 4 p.m., ESPN2
2K Sports Classic, first round, UConn vs. Boston College, 6 p.m., ESPN2
South Dakota State at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., FSSW Plus
2K Sports Classic, first round, Indiana vs. Washington, 8 p.m., ESPN2
NBA
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
Chicago at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT
NFL
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7 p.m., NFL
NHL
New York Rangers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Jackalopes at Topeka, 7:15 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL
Trinity at Westbrook Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL
Trinity at Westbrook Tournament
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College WNIT, games begin at 2 p.m., Chaparral Center

YOUTH SPORTS



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The Greater Midland Football League Varsity Greenwood Panthers finished off an undefeated four-year run with a victory in the Varsity Super Bowl last weekend on Nov. 8 at Grande Communications Stadium. The team finished 8-0 this season and are 32-0 overall in four years of playing in the GMFL. Team members are Jantzen Baker, Christian Bell, Auston Brookshire, Dylan Casteel, Bailey Casteel, Joseph Contreras, Eric Covos, Abdiel DeLaRosa, Efrain Franco, Jalen Fuentes, Austin Groeschel, Omarion Jameson, Jayden Kitchens, Hayden McDonald, Joseph Millan, Max Montes, Wayne Niblett, Gabriel Perez, Jaxon Ransom, Brody Ray, Ryan Snodgrass, Robert Ruiz, Weston Wilber. Coaches are Johnny Wilber, Mike Ranson, Steve Groeschel and Calef Montes.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Edgmer Escalona on a one-year contract. Selected the contracts of C Michael Ohlman and LHP Time Berry from Frederick (Carolina) and RHP Eddie Gamboa from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Selected the contract of OF Bryce Brentz and RHP Anthony Ranaudo from Pawtucket (IL) and 3B Garin Cecchini from Portland (EL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed INF Jake Elmore off waivers from Houston. Selected the contracts of INF Carlos Sanchez and OF Trayce Thompson from Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Named Matt Quatraro major league assistant hitting coach. Purchased the contract of RHP Bryan Price from Columbus (IL). Selected the contracts of RHP Austin Adams, INF Jesus Aguilar and OF Carlos Moncrief from Akron (EL) and of INF Erik Gonzalez from Carolina (SL). Designated INF Cord Phelps for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the contracts of LHP Kyle Lobstein, RHP Justin Miller and 1B Jordan Lennerton from Toledo (IL). SS Eugenio Suarez and OF Daniel Fields from Erie (EL), and RHP Jose Valdez and RF Steven Moya from Lakeland (FSL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Claimed INF Ryan Jackson off waivers from St. Louis. Released RHP John Ely. Sent OF J.D. Martinez outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Purchased the contracts of OF Lane Adams, INF Christian Colon, and RHP Michael Manoti from Omaha (PCL) and INF Chesior Cuthbert from Northwest Arkansas (Texas). Designated LHP Noel Arguelles and INF Irving Falu for assignment. Announced RHP Felipe Paulino refused his outright assignment to Omaha and elected to become a free agent.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contracts of LHP Logan Darnell from Rochester (IL). OF Max Kepler and INFs Jorge Polanco from Cedar Rapids (MW), and Kennys Vargas from Fort Myers (FSL). Sent RHP B.J. Hermsen outright to Rochester (IL). Agreed to terms with RHPs Deolis Guerra, Lester Oliveros and Virgil Vazquez. LHP Aaron Thompson, OFs Jermaine Mitchell, Chris Rahi and Wilkin Ramirez. INFs Jason Bartlett, James Beresford, Doug Bernier, Deibinson Romero, and C Dan Rohlfing on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Acquired INF Dean Anna from San Diego for RHP Ben Paulius and added Anna to the 40-man roster. Selected the contracts of OF Slade Heathcott from Scranton Wilkes-Barre (IL). RHPs Shane Greene and Bryan Mitchell and C Gary Sanchez from Trenton (EL) and RHP Jose Campos from Charleston (SAL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contract of RHP Raul Alcantara from Stockton (Cal).
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed RHP Shawn Tolleson off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Selected the contracts of RHPs Lisalverto Bonilla and Ben Rowen and INF Luis Sardinas. Announced LHP Edwar Cabrera cleared waivers and was assigned outright to the minor leagues.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contracts of INF Ansmendy Alcantara and RHP Dallas Beeler from Tennessee (SL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Selected the contracts of C Tucker Barnhart, OF Juan Duran, OF Ryan LaMarre and RHP Chad Rogers.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contracts of OF Kent Matthes from Colorado Springs (PCL). LHP Tyler Matzek and OF Kyle Parker from Tulsa (TL). LHP Kraig Sitton from Modesto (Cal), and RHP Raul Fernandez. LHP Jayson Aquino and INF Rosell Herrera from Asheville (SAL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Selected the contracts of RHPs Pedro Baez and Yimi Garcia and LHP Jarrel Martin from Albuquerque (PCL). Agreed to terms C J.C. Boscan. INFs Brendan Harris and Clint Robinson and LHP Daniel Moskos on minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Promoted Jessica Brown to director-ticket technology and services and Caitlin Moyer director-new media.
NEW YORK METS — Selected the contracts of LHP Steven Matz from Savannah (SAL). RHPs Jeff Walters and Erik Goeddel from Binghamton (EL), and RHP Jacob deGrom from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Selected the contracts of OFs Aaron Altherr and Kelly Dugan from Clearwater (FSL) and C Tommy Joseph and LHP Rob Rasmussen from Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Selected the contracts of RHP Casey Sadler and OF Gregory Polanco from Indianpolis (IL). INF Alen Hanson from Altoona (EL), and LHP Joely Rodriguez from Bradenton (FSL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Johnson on a one-year contract. Selected the contracts of RHP Donn Roach, RHP Keyvius Sampson and LHP Juan Oramas. Designated RHP Brad Brach, RHP Miles Mikolas, LHP Jose De Paula and OF Jaff Decker for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed manager Mike Matheny to a three-year contract extension. Announced the retirement of RHP Chris Carpenter. Selected the contracts of OF Oscar Taveras, OF Mike O'Neill and INF Greg Garcia from Memphis (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Young and RHP Gabriel Alfaro on minor league contracts. Selected the contracts of Aaron Barrett from Harrisburg (EL); and of LHP Sammy Solis and OF Michael Taylor from from Potomac (Carolina). Designated LHPs Fernando Abad and Tyler Robertson for assignment.
Frontier League
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Traded RHP Chris Squires to the Kansas City (AA) for a player to be named.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Boston F Gerald Wallace $10,000 for using profane language during his postgame media availability session following a Nov. 19 game at Houston.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed G Elliot Williams and G Lorenzo Brown.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Fined San Francisco LB Ahmad Brooks $15,570 by the NFL for his hit on New Orleans QB Drew Brees during a Nov. 17 game.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT J.J. Dungar.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT Christo Bilukidi. Released DT Kheston Randall.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Josh Cooper from the practice squad. Placed WR Armanti Edwards on the injured reserve list. Signed WR Reggie Dunn to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Released TE Martell Webb from the practice squad. Signed RB Steven Miller to the practice squad. Placed RB Montell Owens on injured reserve. Released TE Martell Webb from the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed G Andrew Tiller to the practice squad. Released G Bryan Collins from the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed RB Chris Rainey.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed OL Chandler Burden to the practice squad. Released FB Toben Opurum from the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed LB Jermaine Cunningham.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed DB D.J. Hayden on the injured reserve list. Activated LB Miles Burris from the PUP list. Re-signed DL Brian Sanford. Signed DT Ricky Lumpkin to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Jeremy Morin from Rockford (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Kevin Connauton from Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW Trevor Parkes from Toledo (ECHL). Agreed to terms with LW Andreas Athanasiou on a three-year entry-level contract.
MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F Jason Zucker from Iowa (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled F Tim Kennedy from Portland (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned D Dmitry Korobov to Syracuse (AHL).
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Announced C Louis-Marc Aubry and D Nick Jergen were reassigned to Toledo (ECHL).
WORCESTER SHARKS Signed F Dan DaSilva to a professional tryout agreement.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Named Asher Mendelsohn director of soccer operations.
D.C. UNITED — Announced the resignation of assistant coach Josh Wolff to take the same position at Columbus.
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed MF Brad Evans to a multiyear contract.
North American Soccer League
SAN ANTONIO SCORPIONS — Named Alen Marcina coach.
National Women's Soccer League
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Acquired MF Christine Nairn from Seattle for the discovery rights to F Kim Little.
TENNIS
ATP — Named Chris Kermode executive chairman & president, effective Jan. 1, 2014.
COLLEGE
EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Appointed Danny McCabe of Adelphi to the ECAC Board of Directors for a four-year term.
FELICIAN — Named Chris Foye softball coach.
OAKLAND — Reinstated men's basketball players Duke Mondy and Dante Williams after serving two-game suspensions for violation of team policies.
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE —Announced the retirement of football coach Rich Cavanaugh, effective Jan. 1, 2014.
YESHIVA — Announced the addition of women's softball as a varsity sport starting in the spring of 2014.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	21	14	6	1	29	59	38
Tampa Bay	21	14	7	0	28	66	55
Toronto	21	13	7	1	27	62	49
Detroit	22	9	6	7	25	54	62
Montreal	22	11	9	2	24	58	47
Ottawa	22	8	10	4	20	63	71
Florida	22	6	12	4	16	49	72
Buffalo	23	5	17	1	11	42	72

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	22	14	8	0	28	63	48
Washington	22	12	9	1	25	69	63
N.Y. Rangers	21	10	11	0	20	43	52
Carolina	21	8	9	4	20	40	59
New Jersey	20	7	8	5	19	42	49
N.Y. Islanders	22	8	11	3	19	63	73
Philadelphia	20	8	10	2	18	40	50
Columbus	21	7	11	3	17	52	64

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	22	14	4	4	32	79	66
Minnesota	23	14	5	4	32	61	53
St. Louis	20	14	3	3	31	70	47
Colorado	20	15	5	0	30	64	42
Dallas	20	11	7	2	24	58	56
Winnipeg	23	10	10	3	23	61	66
Nashville	21	10	9	2	22	48	63

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	23	15	6	2	32	72	59
San Jose	21	13	3	5	31	72	50
Phoenix	21	14	4	3	31	73	66
Los Angeles	22	15	6	1	31	63	46
Vancouver	23	11	8	4	26	58	61
Calgary	21	7	11	3	17	59	79
Edmonton	23	6	15	2	14	60	83

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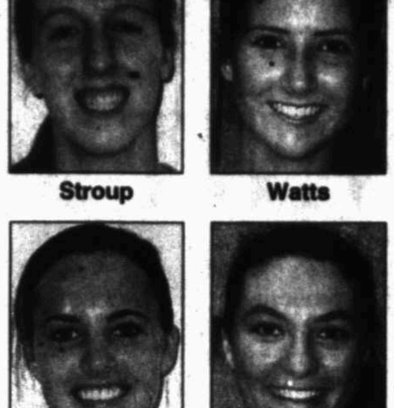
Trinity's Stroup picked for All-State team



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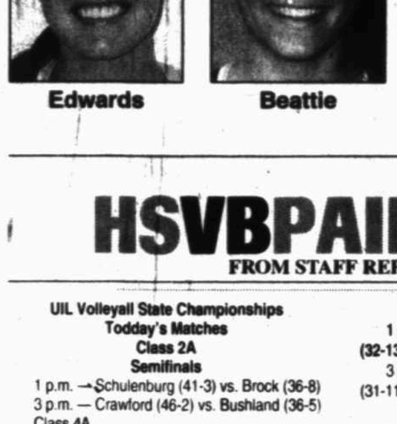

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From staff reports

Trinity junior volleyball player Ashley Stroup was named to the first team of the TAPPS 3A All-State volleyball team, recently.

Stroup, who helped the Lady Chargers to a second consecutive playoff appearance in TAPPS 3A this season, was a first team selection and was one of two players from TAPPS 1-3A to earn a slot on the first team.

Midland Classical's Lexi Watts was a second team selection. Trinity setter Margo Edwards and the Lady Knights' Kayla Beattie each received honorable mention on the all-state team.

Stroup was also named the TAPPS 1-3A Outstanding Middle Hitter/Blocker, while Watts was the Outstanding Defender and Alissa Beatte was named the Newcomer of the Year.

Stroup, Edwards and Avery Watson were named to the TAPPS 1-3A All-District first team for Trinity. For Midland Classical, Watts, Kayla Beattie and McKenzie Griffin were also named to the first team.

On the second team, Trinity's Kaitlin Hendrick, Alex Beggs and Mykelti Ball received nods, along with Midland Classical's Alissa Beattie, Brianna Rico and Danielle Jackson.

Trinity's Mylyra Ball was honorable mention, and Midland Classical's Meredith Bledsoe, Kristen Johnson and Beth Ann Holmes also received honorable mention.

HSVBPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UIL Volleyball State Championships
Today's Matches
Class 2A
Semifinals
1 p.m. — Schulenburg (41-3) vs. Brock (36-8)
3 p.m. — Crawford (46-2) vs. Bushland (36-5)
Class 4A
Semifinals
5 p.m. — Amarillo High (36-9) vs. Friendswood (32-14)
7 p.m. — Dripping Springs (40-9) vs. Prosper (34-11)
Friday's Matches
Class A
9 a.m. — Lindsay (37-7) vs. Round Top-Carmine (31-12)
11 a.m. — Jewett Leon (45-2) vs. Windthorst (35-8)
Class 3A
1 p.m. -- Decatur (39-7) vs. Big Spring (32-13)
3 p.m. — Bellville (40-7) vs. College Station (31-11)
Class 5A
5 p.m. — Southlake Carroll (48-1) vs. San Antonio Churchill (46-2)
7 p.m. — The Woodlands (43-0) vs. League City Clear Falls (40-6)
Saturday's Matches
State Finals
9 a.m. — Class A
11:30 a.m. — Class 2A
2 p.m. — Class 3A
4:30 p.m. — Class 4A
7 p.m. — Class 5A

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 69, Charleston Southern 64
Louisiana Tech 94, Cent. Arkansas 57
Rice 63, Texas A&M-CC 61
SMU 70, Texas St. 49
Sam Houston St. 98, Jarvis Christian 48
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Cardinal Stritch 82, St. Xavier 74
Cincinnati 81, Campbell 62
Davenport 81, Cornerstone 80
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Evansville 100, Valparaiso 92
IPFW 106, Purdue-Calumet 72
Madonna 88, Marygrove 39
Manhattan 79, Illinois St. 70
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N. Dakota St. 83, W. Michigan 74
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Ohio St. 63, American U. 52
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Purdue 83, E. Illinois 55
Ryon 82, Marian (Wis.) 65
Siena Heights 76, Concordia (Mich.) 73, OT
Spring Arbor 92, Great Lakes Christian 56
St. Norbert 63, Wis.-Oshkosh 53
Viterbo 65, St. Mary's (Minn.) 48
Xavier 77, Miami (Ohio) 51
Youngstown St. 82, Theil 58
SOUTH
Apprentice 101, Mid-Am Christian 60
Belmont 94, Lipscomb 64
Bethel (Tenn.) 97, Harris-Stowe 71
Carson-Newman 77, Tusculum 70
Dayton 82, Georgia Tech 72
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Lenoir-Rhyne 81, Queens (NC) 77, 2OT
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FAR WEST
Air Force 78, Colorado Christian 51
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American International 91, Bridgeport 79
Bentley 88, Assumption 76
Caldwell 91, Felician 77
Colgate 81, Cornell 58
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Duquesne 70, Albany (NY) 59
E. Mennonite 94, Elizabethtown 84
Harvard 86, Bryant 68
Holy Cross 63, Fairfield 49
LeMoyne 79, New Haven 71
Lock Haven 78, Shippensburg 61
Loyola (Md.) 89, UMBC 83, OT
Merrimack 83, Stonehill 77
Pittsburgh 77, Lehigh 58
Quinnipiac 71, Hampton 68
S. Connecticut 80, Adelphi 52
Slippery Rock 79, Clanon 65
St. Anselm 88, S. New Hampshire 65
St. Michael's 68, Franklin Pierce 66
St. Rose 84, Pace 54
EXHIBITION
Minn.-Crookston 81, Finlandia 61

Today's Games

SOUTHWEST
Howard at Houston, 7 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at UTSA, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
CS Northridge vs. Montana St. at McGuirk Arena, Mount Pleasant, Mich., 3:30 p.m.
Niagara vs. SC-Upstate at Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center, Kent, Ohio, 3 p.m.
Austin Peay at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
W. Carolina at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Wofford at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at Saint Louis, 7 p.m.
Eureka at W. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Bowling Green at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Missouri S&T at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
SOUTH
FIU at Bethune-Cookman, 6 p.m.
Samford at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Florida, 6 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Marshall, 6 p.m.
UCF at Miami, 6 p.m.
Webber at North Florida, 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
The Citadel at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Northwestern St., 7 p.m.
Indiana-Kokomo at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Columbia vs. North Texas at the Chiles Center, Portland, Ore., 4 p.m.
Lamar vs. Savannah St. at the Jon M. Huntsman Center, Salt Lake City, 6 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Idaho at Portland, 7 p.m.
Washington St. at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Utah, 8:30 p.m.
San Diego Christian at San Diego, 9 p.m.
West Alabama at Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
Texas Southern at Stanford, 9 p.m.
Hawaii-Hilo at Hawaii, Mid
EAST
Texas-Arlington at Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
Vermont at Wagner, 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at West Virginia, 6 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
2K Sports Classic
At New York
First Round
UConn vs. Boston College, 6 p.m.
Indiana vs. Washington, 8:30 p.m.
Charleston Classic
At Charleston, S.C.
First Round
Nebraska vs. UMass, 11:30 a.m.
UAB vs. New Mexico, 2 p.m.
Georgia vs. Davidson, 4 p.m.
Temple vs. Clemson, 6:30 p.m.
Puerto Rico Tip-off
At San Juan, Puerto Rico
First Round
Charlotte vs. Kansas St., 9:30 a.m.
Northeastern vs. Georgetown, 11:30 a.m.
Long Beach St. vs. Michigan, 4 p.m.
Florida St. vs. VCU, 6:30 p.m.

SPORTSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLORIDA

Teen golfer Lydia Ko now playing for dough

NAPLES — Lydia Ko didn't need to wait for the prize money to be distributed to realize why this week is so different on the LPGA Tour.

She was reminded in the airport by a question she has heard dozens of times. The 16-year-old from New Zealand was clearing customs when the agent asked her purpose for coming to the United States. She told him she was playing in a golf tournament.

"He says, 'Are you a professional?' I was like, 'Yeah, I am.' So that was the biggest thing," Ko said Wednesday. "I never said that before."

When the agent inquired about her game, the teenager with maturity beyond her years mentioned that she was No. 5 in the women's world ranking.

Clearly, this is no ordinary pro debut.

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Costas: Interviews, not commentary, on Russian law

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bob Costas would love to ask Russian President Vladimir Putin about the country's so-called "gay propaganda" law.

He's less interested in offering up a commentary on the issue.

NBC will broadcast the Sochi Olympics starting Feb. 6, and so far one of the biggest stories surrounding these Winter Games is that recently enacted law.

The network announced Wednesday that Costas would add late-night hosting duties to his prime-time responsibilities. He considers that slot perfect for in-depth interviews and discussions on any controversies that may arise, and his well-established fondness for addressing broader issues would seem to predict a plunge into Russian legal policy.

Costas and NBC Sports Group Chairman Mark Lazarus said in interviews with The Associated Press this week that the network would report on the subject in its Olympic coverage. That likely won't include Costas reciting an opinion piece.

"You can say, 'Russia has these laws, tsk, tsk,'" he said. "But 90 percent of Americans, I'm guessing — regardless of their political affiliation when it comes to other issues — disagree with the law anyway. So the best service is not to just wag a finger. The best service is to ask the right questions if you can get responsible people to sit down to be interviewed."

During the broadcast of the opening ceremony for the 2012 London Games, Costas suggested that the International Olympic Committee should have used the stage to honor the Israeli athletes killed in Munich 40 years earlier.

He said this week that a commentary was the only option then because of the immediacy of the scene of the country's representatives marching in, when the IOC could have held a moment of silence.

"Sometimes commentaries are useful — at least I hope so; otherwise, I'm in big trouble," Costas said. "But other times what you'd prefer is to be a reporter and an interviewer rather than a commentator."

WNIT

From 1C

freshmen are starting to understand what it takes to compete and play against certain players at this level, and they're getting better."

Jones cited forward Mary Savoy and guards Tanjanay Veiga and Ellyn Avery as freshmen who have made some of the most improvement.

Jones said his team's first opponent of the tournament is comparable to College of Southern Idaho, a team that defeated MC 67-64 last Friday.

"They run a really good motion offense and they shoot it really well," said Jones of the Bruins. "They have a player in Natalie Parsons (a 5-foot-9 sophomore guard), who's averaging (16.3 points per game)."

In addition to Parsons, the tournament should feature some of the best post players in women's junior college basketball in 6-2 Joymesia Howard and 6-4 Shea Brown of Central Arizona, 6-4 Adut Bulgak of Trinity Valley and 6-2 Ebony Wells of Chipola. CAC also features Midland High grad and sophomore guard Paris Webb.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

Midland College National Invitational Tournament
at Chaparral Center
Today
Game 1: Angelina College (2-4) vs. Cloud County (Kan.) C.C. (3-4), 2 p.m.
Game 2: No. 1 T. rrant County Valley C.C. (5-0) vs. No. 2 Central Arizona (3-1), 4 p.m.
Game 3: Odessa College (6-1) vs. No. 4 Chipola (Fla.) College (5-0), 6 p.m.
Game 4: No. 18 Midland College (6-3) vs. Salt Lake C.C. (5-1), 8 p.m.
Friday
Consolation bracket
Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 2 p.m.
*Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Winner's bracket
Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Saturday
7th place game, noon
Consolation championship, 2 p.m.
Third place game, 6 p.m.
Championship game, 6 p.m.
*Midland College will be the 8 p.m. Friday regardless of win or loss

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NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 123 ROCKETS 120

DALLAS — Monta Ellis had a season-high 37 points and assisted on the go-ahead basket to spoil Dwight Howard's best offensive night for Houston, and the Dallas Mavericks rallied to beat the Rockets 123-120 Wednesday night.

Dallas was down one when Ellis drove and zipped a pass to Shawn Marion in the corner for the go-ahead 3-pointer with 47 seconds left.

Houston's James Harden had a chance to tie it with 9 seconds left but missed the second of two free throws. Jose Calderon made two free throws after a Houston foul, and Harden shot an airball on a 3-point try in the final seconds.

Howard made his first 11 shots and scored a season-high 33 points.

Dirk Nowitzki finished with a season-high 35, including 14 in the fourth, and passed Reggie Miller for 15th on the NBA scoring list. Nowitzki has 25,298 points, 18 ahead of Miller.

The Rockets led by 18 late in the third quarter before the Mavericks rallied in the fourth by shooting 74 percent and outscoring Houston 36-19.

Howard, who was 12 of 16 from the field, hit a free throw for a 119-114 lead before Nowitzki hit a jumper; then blocked a shot by Howard on the other end.

Ellis assisted on a dunk by Marion, and after Chandler Parsons missed a layup, Ellis found Marion for the go-ahead shot.

The 35-year-old Nowitzki, in his 16th season with the Mavericks, passed Miller on a free throw after a technical foul for defensive 3 seconds on Howard late in the second quarter.

SPURS 104 CELTICS 93

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 19 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Boston Celtics 104-93 Wednesday night, winning their eighth straight overall and remaining undefeated at home.

Kawhi Leonard had 16 points and Tim Duncan rebounded from a poor outing in San Antonio's previous home game to score 13 points. Boris Diaw had 12 points, Tiago Splitter added 11 points and 10 rebounds and Danny Green 11 points for the Spurs (10-1).

Avery Bradley, Jeff Green and Jared Sullinger each had 19 points for Boston, which has lost five straight.

There were 10 lead changes and 14 ties in the first half, as neither team was able to sustain any momentum.

KINGS 113 SUNS 106

PHOENIX — DeMarcus Cousins overcame a sore shoulder to score 19 points and grab 12 rebounds, leading the Sacramento Kings past the Phoenix Suns 113-106 on Wednesday night for their first road win of the season.

The Kings took control in the third quarter, turning a five-point halftime lead into a 14-point advantage. They finished off a back-to-back sweep after beating Phoenix at home on Tuesday night.

The Suns lost their fourth straight game.

Cousins dislocated his left shoulder in Tuesday night's game, though he said afterward it wasn't separated. Kings coach Michael Malone said the big center got injured when he was fouled, but he continued to play that night and started Wednesday, playing 27 minutes.

Cousins absorbed some contact at the 9-minute mark of the first quarter and grabbed his left shoulder, grimacing in pain. He shot only 4 of 14 but was a force on the glass at both ends of the court.

PELICANS 105 JAZZ 98

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis has come close to making New Orleans Pelicans franchise history two games in a row. Ryan Anderson has helped ensure Anderson's performances don't go to waste.

Davis had 22 points, nine rebounds and eight blocks, and the New Orleans Pelicans won their second straight game, 105-98 over the struggling Utah Jazz on Wednesday night.

Anderson added 14 of his 19 points in the second half to help the Pelicans pull away in the fourth quarter after the Jazz, who beat New Orleans for its only win of the season last week, had rallied to take a third-quarter lead.

HAWKS 98 PISTONS 85

ATLANTA — Josh Smith was glad to get past his homecoming.

Smith's former Atlanta teammates were glad to hang on for an ugly win.

Paul Millsap, signed in the offseason to replace Smith, had 19 points to steal the spotlight in Smith's return to Atlanta, leading the Hawks to a 93-85 win over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Smith, who signed with Detroit after nine seasons with the Hawks, had 11 points while shooting 5 of 15 from the field.

"I'm glad I got this one under my belt," Smith said. "Now we can move on and just focus on playing basketball."

There was a mixed response for Smith in pregame introductions but only applause following a "Thanks Josh Smith" message on the video board during the first timeout.

"It was what I expected, kind of," Smith said. "Some cheering, a little bit of boos, but it's all good."

Smith called his return to his hometown "kind of a surreal moment" before the game.

Al Horford, Smith's former teammate, said it was different" to have Smith wearing the Pistons' blue uniform on the Hawks' home court.

"Josh was a teammate of mine for a long time and I know he felt it," Horford said. "I felt it, too. There was a little nostalgia, I think you could say. But it was good. He's trying to move forward and so are we, but it was just good to see him."

The Hawks pulled away after leading 66-64 through three quarters. Jeff Teague scored 18 points and DeMarre Carroll had 11 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

Pistons coach Maurice Cheeks was ejected with 2:36 remaining after complaining to an official during a timeout. Cheeks wouldn't reveal what he said that drew the two technical fouls and ejection.

CLIPPERS 102 TIMBERWOLVES 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Blake Griffin and Kevin Love had been duking it out for 3 1/2 quarters, and Chris Paul was content to watch two of the best power forwards in the game pound away at each other.

When the two big guys started to tire from the grueling duel, the little man took over and finished off the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Griffin had 20 points and 10 rebounds to win his matchup with Love and Paul scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Los Angeles Clippers to a 102-98 victory over the Timberwolves on Wednesday night.

Paul finished with 20 points and 11 assists for his 12th straight double-double to open the season, breaking Magic Johnson's previous mark of 11 straight in 1990-91.

"It's huge man. Magic is a mentor of mine, somebody I look up to," Paul said. "His basketball production was unbelievable so he mentioned in anything with him is huge and an honor."

He scored 12 straight points for the Clippers in the final 3:41 to hold off another late charge from the Wolves and break out of a six-game slump in which he was hitting just 35 percent of his shots.

"It's just cool to see the ball go through the net," Paul said. "I'll take it whenever. Fourth quarter is winning time and we're all competitive, but as the leader of the team, me and Blake, we know that's when it's time to win."

BOBCATS 95 NETS 91

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored a season-high 31 points and the Charlotte Bobcats handed the turnover-prone Brooklyn Nets their sixth loss in their past seven games 95-91 on Wednesday night.

Walker was 12 of 20 from the field and knocked down four 3-pointers as the Bobcats (6-6) snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Nets. Walker hit two free throws with 0.1 seconds left to seal the win.

WIZARDS 98 CAVALIERS 91

CLEVELAND — Bradley Beal scored 26 points and Nene added 24, leading the Washington Wizards to a 98-91 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

John Wall and Martell Webster both scored 15 points for Washington, which took control early and held off Cleveland's late charge.

The Wizards led by double figures midway through the first quarter, were ahead 56-38 at halftime, and pushed the margin to 27 points in the third quarter.

Cleveland trailed 86-71 midway through the fourth before Kyrie Irving scored 11 straight points to cut the deficit to four points with 2:56 remaining.

Marcin Gortat's two free throws with 1:16 left extended the lead to 92-86, and Beal added two free throws with 32.8 seconds remaining to put the game away.

Irving scored 28 points, including 18 in the final period, to lead Cleveland, which has dropped four of five.

HEAT 120 MAGIC 92

ORLANDO, Fla. — LeBron James scored 21 points and handed out seven assists as Chris Bosh scored 18 points and the Miami Heat beat the Orlando Magic 120-92 on Wednesday night for their fifth straight victory.

James Jones scored 14 of his 17 points in the third quarter, when the Heat turned what was a five-point game into a runaway.

RAPTORS 108 76ERS 98

PHILADELPHIA — DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points and Rudy Gay had 18 to help the Toronto Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 108-98 on Wednesday night.

In a down year so far in the Atlantic Division, the Raptors (5-7) wrested away first place from the Sixers (5-8).

DeRozan and Gay dominated the Sixers in the second half to turn this one into a rout. Gay hit a pair of 3-pointers and scored 15 points in the third quarter, and DeRozan scored 30 points through the first three quarters to build a 16-point lead.

PACERS 103 KNICKS 96

NEW YORK — Paul George and the Pacers were down and just about out, seconds away from consecutive losses.

Once a late foul call gave him a chance to tie it, he wasn't letting Indiana lose it in overtime.

"I wanted to attack," he said.

George made three throws to tie it with 5.2 seconds left in regulation, then scored nine of his season-high 35 points in the extra period as Indiana pulled out a 103-96 victory Wednesday night over the New York Knicks, who dropped their sixth straight at home.

TRAIL BLAZERS 91 BUCKS 82

MILWAUKEE — The Portland Trail Blazers kept up their strong start and extended the Milwaukee Bucks' early-season woes.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points, Damian Lillard added 19 and the Trail Blazers got their eighth straight win, beat the Bucks 91-82 Wednesday night.

Portland held the lead throughout the second half but had difficulty pulling away until late in the fourth quarter.

"We got a win. That's all I'm worried about," said Portland guard Wesley Matthews, who had 15 points, all in the first half to help the Blazers complete a sweep of a four-game Eastern Conference road trip.

"To finish a road trip undefeated and to do it with the defense and energy that we had in the second half is great," Portland coach Terry Stotts said.

Luke Ridnour scored 13 points to lead the Bucks, who lost their sixth in row and eight of 10 on the season. They last won on Nov. 6 against Cleveland. Portland's last loss came a night earlier against Houston.

"Our margin of error is very small," Bucks coach Larry Drew said. "We're trying to dig ourselves out of a hole and the only way to do that is to play every possession like it's going to be the last possession. Portland is hot, needless to say, but we were right there but just couldn't get over the hump."

Milwaukee pulled within six points late in the fourth on Caron Butler's 3-pointer.

TUESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	5	7	.417	—
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	½
Boston	4	9	.308	1½
New York	3	8	.273	1½
Brooklyn	3	8	.273	1½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	9	3	.750	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2
Charlotte	6	6	.500	3
Washington	4	7	.364	4½
Orlando	4	7	.364	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	10	1	.909	—
Chicago	6	3	.667	3
Detroit	4	7	.364	6
Cleveland	4	8	.333	6½
Milwaukee	2	8	.200	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	10	1	.909	—
Dallas	8	4	.667	2½
Houston	8	5	.615	3
Memphis	6	5	.545	4
New Orleans	5	6	.455	5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	10	2	.833	—
Oklahoma City	7	3	.700	2
Minnesota	7	6	.538	3½
Denver	4	6	.400	5
Utah	1	12	.077	9½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	3	.727	—
L.A. Clippers	8	4	.667	½
Phoenix	6	5	.455	2
L.A. Lakers	5	7	.417	3½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	4

Wednesday's Scores

Miami 120, Orlando 92
Toronto 108, Philadelphia 98
Washington 98, Cleveland 91
Indiana 103, New York 96, OT
Charlotte 95, Brooklyn 91
Atlanta 93, Detroit 85
L.A. Clippers 102, Minnesota 98
Portland 91, Milwaukee 82
New Orleans 105, Utah 98
San Antonio 104, Boston 93
Sacramento 113, Phoenix 106
Dallas 123, Houston 120
Memphis at Golden State, late

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 123, ROCKETS 120

HOUSTON (120): Parsons 7-10 3-4 21, Jones 8-13 1-1 18, Howard 12-16 9-13 33, Beverley 3-9 0-0 9, Harden 6-14 9-11 23, Lin 0-5 1-2 1, Casspi 5-5 0-0 11, Asik 0-0 1-2 1, Garcia 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 42-76 24-33 120.

DALLAS (123): Marion 5-8 1-1 13, Nowitzki 13-20 7-7 35, Dalembert 3-4 4-6, Calderon 4-8 2-2 13, Ellis 13-18 9-12 37, Carter 2-7 5-7 9, Crowder 0-1 0-0 0, Blair 1-2 0-0 2, Larkin 3-5 0-0 8. Totals 43-77 28-33 123.

Houston	40	28	33	19	— 120
Dallas	29	32	29	36	— 123

3-Point Goals—Houston 12-31 (Parsons 4-5, Beverley 3-6, Harden 2-6, Casspi 1-1, Jones 1-3, Garcia 1-3, Lin 0-3), Dallas 11-22 (Calderon 3-5, Marion 2-2, Larkin 2-3, Ellis 2-4, Nowitzki 2-8, Carter 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 35 (Howard 11), Dallas 43 (Dalembert 10). Assists—Houston 29 (Parsons 11), Dallas 26 (Ellis 8). Total Fouls—Houston 23, Dallas 26. Technicals—Howard, Houston defensive three second, Nowitzki, A—20,045 (19,200).

SPURS 104, CELTICS 93

BOSTON (93): J.Green 7-14 3-4 19, Sullinger 8-17 2-2 19, Olynyk 2-9 4-4 8, Crawford 5-9 2-2 12, Bradley 9-18 0-0 19, Lee 1-3 0-0 2, Bass 3-7 0-0 6, Wallace 1-3 0-0 2, Pressey 1-3 0-0 2, Faverani 0-1 0-0 0. Humphries 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 39-86 11-12 93.

SAN ANTONIO (104): Leonard 7-14 1-2 16, Duncan 3-13 7-8 13, Splitter 4-7 3-6 11, Parker 6-11 7-8 19, D.Green 4-6 0-0 11, Ginobili 2-5 0-0 5, Diaw 6-10 0-0 12, Belinelli 4-7 0-0 9, Mills 1-6 0-0 3, Ayres 0-1 0-0 0, Bonner 1-3 0-0 3, Joseph 1-1 0-0 2. Total 35-81 18-24 104.

Boston	25	23	22	23	— 93
San Antonio	22	26	32	24	— 104

3-Point Goals—Boston 4-15 (J.Green 2-2, Bradley 1-2, Sullinger 1-5, Faverani 0-1, Pressey 0-1, Crawford 0-2, Olynyk 0-2), San Antonio 8-21 (D.Green 3-5, Belinelli 1-1, Ginobili 1-1, Bonner 1-3, Mills 1-3, Leonard 1-5, Diaw 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (Sullinger 17), San Antonio 47 (Splitter 10). Assists—Boston 16 (Crawford 4), San Antonio 27 (Ginobili 6). Total Fouls—Boston 20, San Antonio 14. Technicals—San Antonio Coach Popovich, San Antonio defensive three second. A—18,581 (18,797).

PACERS 103, KNICKS 96

INDIANA (103): George 12-28 9-12 35, West 4-13 2-4 10, Hibbert 2-5 3-3 8, G.Hill 7-18 5-8 23, Stephenson 3-10 3-3 9, Scola 3-4 2-2 8, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Copeland 1-3 0-0 3, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 1-6 4-4 7. Totals 33-87 28-36 103.

NEW YORK (96): Anthony 10-28 10-10 30, Martin 3-8 0-2 6, Bargnani 4-16 1-2 10, Udrih 8-15 0-0 19, Shumpert 2-6 2-4, J.Smith 8-19 1-1 21, World Peace 1-5 0-0 2, Prigioni 1-2 0-0 2, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0, Hardaway Jr. 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-100 14-17 96.

Indiana	14	23	21	31	14 — 103
New York	19	23	20	27	7 — 96

3-Point Goals—Indiana 9-30 (G.Hill 4-10, George 2-7, Hibbert 1-1, Copeland 1-3, Watson 1-4, Johnson 0-1, West 0-1, Stephenson 0-3), New York 8-30 (J.Smith 4-10, Udrih 3-4, Bargnani 1-6, Prigioni 0-1, World Peace 0-2, Anthony 0-3, Shumpert 0-4). Fouled Out—Bargnani. Rebounds—Indiana 66 (West 10), New York 62 (Anthony 18). Assists—Indiana 16 (Stephenson 5), New York 15 (Udrih 4). Total Fouls—Indiana 19, New York 32. Technicals—Stephenson. A—19,812 (19,763).

PELICANS 105, JAZZ 98

UTAH (98): Jefferson 4-10 2-2 13, Favors 4-9 5-6 13, Kanter 8-13 3-6 19, Lucas III 5-8 0-0 14, Hayward 1-17 4-4 6, Evans 4-4 0-0 8, Burke 5-8 0-0 11, Burks 3-8 2-2 8, Harris 1-2 0-0 2, Garrett 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 37-83 16-20 98.

NEW ORLEANS (105): Aminu 2-5 0-2 4, Davis 9-12 4-6 22, Smith 3-5 5-6 11, Holiday 7-14 0-0 14, Gordon 3-13 3-4 9, Anderson 6-9 3-3 19, T.Evans 5-13 3-6 13, Roberts 0-2 0-0 0, Morrow 3-4 1-2 8. Totals 38-87 19-29 105.

Utah	17	24	28	29	— 98
New Orleans	30	25	28	32	— 105

3-Point Goals—Utah 8-24 (Lucas III 4-5, Jefferson 3-6, Burke 1-2, Burks 0-1, Garrett 0-2, Hayward 0-8), New Orleans 5-15 (Anderson 4-6, Morrow 1-1, T.Evans 0-2, Holiday 0-2, Gordon 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 47 (Favors 11), New Orleans 55 (Davis 9). Assists—Utah 27 (Hayward 11), New Orleans 24 (Aminu, Rivers, Holiday, Davis, T.Evans 4). Total Fouls—Utah 25, New Orleans 20. A—13,203 (17,188).

HAWKS 93, PISTONS 85

DETROIT (85): Smith 5-15 1-2 11, Monroe 3-8 1-2 7, Drummond 5-11 0-0 10, Jennings 9-21 0-1 21, Caldwell-Pope 1-9 2-2 4, Stuckey 7-12 3-3 18, Singler 2-6 2-2 6, Siva 0-0 0-0 0, Datome 2-4 0-0 5, Harrellson 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 35-87 9-12 85.

ATLANTA (93): Carroll 3-6 4-6 11, Millsap 8-14 3-4 19, Horford 5-7 0-0 10, Teague 9-14 2-2 18, Korver 2-5 2-2 8, Ayon 3-4 1-2 7, Mack 0-3 1-2 1, Martin 1-3 0-0 2, Scott 4-9 3-5 11, Williams 2-6 1-1 6. Totals 36-71 17-24 93.

Detroit	13	33	18	21	— 85
Atlanta	15	28	23	27	— 93

3-Point Goals—Detroit 6-22 (Jennings 3-6, Stuckey 1-1, Harrellson 1-1, Datome 1-3, Singler 0-1, Smith 0-4, Caldwell-Pope 0-6), Atlanta 4-15 (Korver 2-3, Williams 1-2, Carroll 1-3, Mack 0-1, Martin 0-1, Scott 0-1, Teague 0-2, Millsap 0-2). Fouled Out—Stuckey. Rebounds—Detroit 46 (Drummond 12), Atlanta 51 (Carroll 12). Assists—Detroit 17 (Jennings 6), Atlanta 23 (Teague 7). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Atlanta 12. Technicals—Detroit Coach Cheeks 2, Atlanta defensive three second. Ejected—Detroit Coach Cheeks. A—13,167 (18,729).

RAPTORS 108, 76ERS 98

TORONTO (108): Gay 6-16 4-5 18, Johnson 3-8 1-2 7, Valanciunas 1-4 2-2 4, Lowry 4-12 2-2 13, DeRozan 10-19 10-12 33, Hansbrough 1-5 3-5 5, Ross 7-11 0-0 17, Novak 3-7 0-0 8, Buycks 1-4 0-0 3, Dayo 0-0 0-0 0, Stone 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-86 22-28 108.

PHILADELPHIA (98): Turner 4-13 5-6 13, Hawes 10-13 5-6 28, Orton 2-4 2-2 6, Carter-Williams 2-10 6-7 10, Anderson 5-11 0-0 13, Wroten 3-11 3-4 9, Thompson 3-5 0-0 6, Allen 3-5 1-4 7, Davies 0-2 1-2 1, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 34-78 23-31 98.

Toronto	25	30	36	15	— 108
Philadelphia	25	23	29	21	— 98

3-Point Goals—Toronto 14-29 (Ross 3-4, Lowry 3-5, DeRozan 3-5, Gay 2-5, Novak 2-6, Buycks 1-3, Johnson 0-1), Philadelphia 7-20 (Hawes 3-4, Anderson 3-6, Brown 1-1, Davies 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Carter-Williams 0-2, Turner 0-2, Wroten 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 49 (Hansbrough, Gay 8), Philadelphia 57 (Hawes, Turner 10). Assists—Toronto 28 (Lowry 10), Philadelphia 20 (Carter-Williams 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 23, Philadelphia 23. Technicals—Philadelphia Bench, Philadelphia defensive three second. A—10,787 (20,328).

BOBCATS 95, NETS 91

BROOKLYN (91): Pierce 3-11 5-7 12, Garnett 2-2 0-0 4, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 1-5 2-2 4, Johnson 6-13 3-4 19, Blatche 11-14 3-4 25, Plumlee 3-3 3-6 9, Anderson 5-10 2-2 16, Livingston 1-5 0-0 2, Terry 0-1 0-0 0, T.Taylor 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-67 18-25 91.

CHARLOTTE (95): Kidd-Gilchrist 4-10 0-2 8, McRoberts 2-6 2-4 6, Biyombo 4-6 1-3 9, Walker 12-20 3-4 31, Henderson 4-12 4-5 13, J.Taylor 0-4 0-0 0, Zeller 2-6 2-3 6, Sessions 5-11 3-5 13, Adrien 2-5 3-4 7, Tolliver 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-81 18-30 95.

Brooklyn	29	21	20	21	— 91
Charlotte	33	23	30	9	— 95

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 9-19 (Anderson 4-6, Johnson 4-9, Pierce 1-3, Blatche 0-1), Charlotte 5-13 (Walker 4-7, Henderson 1-2, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, McRoberts 0-1, Sessions 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 46 (Garnett 8), Charlotte 53 (Adrien 10). Assists—Brooklyn 21 (Livingston 5), Charlotte 17 (Henderson, McRoberts 5). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 27, Charlotte 20. Technicals—Livingston, Brooklyn defensive three second, McRoberts. A—13,843 (19,077).

HEAT 120, MAGIC 92

MIAMI (120): James 5-11 11-11 21, Battier 2-3 0-0 6, Bosh 7-10 3-4 18, Chalmers 3-5 2-2 9, J.Jones 5-8 2-3 17, Andersen 4-6 2-2 10, Allen 2-8 0-0 6, Lewis 1-4 0-0 2, Cole 3-6 0-0 9, Beasley 4-10 6-6 14, Haslem 1-1 3-4 5, Mason Jr. 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 38-74 29-32 120.

ORLANDO (92): Affalo 9-16 5-5 30, Harkless 2-7 1-2 5, Vucevic 2-7 2-2 6, Nelson 5-13 3-4 17, Oladipo 5-12 8-8 20, Moore 1-3 0-0 2, Maxiell 2-6 0-0 4, S.Jones 1-4 0-0 2, Lamb 1-2 0-0 3, Price 1-1 0-0 3, Nicholson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-71 19-21 92.

Miami	25	29	36	30	— 120
Orlando	20	29	22	21	— 92

3-Point Goals—Miami 15-24 (J.Jones 5-7, Cole 3-3, Allen 2-3, Battier 2-3, Chalmers 1-1, Bosh 1-2, Mason Jr. 1-2, Lewis 0-1, James 0-2), Orlando 15-29 (Affalo 7-9, Nelson 4-9, Oladipo 2-5, Price 1-1, Lamb 1-2, Moore 0-1, Harkless 0-2). Fouled Out—Vucevic. Rebounds—Miami 50 (Beasley 7), Orlando 33 (Vucevic 6). Assists—Miami 27 (Chalmers 8), Orlando 19 (Nelson 5). Total Fouls—Miami 15, Orlando 23. Technicals—Chalmers, Miami Coach Spoelstra, Affalo 2. Ejected— Affalo. A—17,256 (18,500).

WIZARDS 98, CAVALIERS 91

WASHINGTON (98): Webster 5-11 3-3 15, Nene 10-16 4-4 24, Gortat 3-7 2-2 8, Wall 6-16 3-3 15, Beal 9-20 2-2 26, Vesely 2-3 0-0 4, Temple 2-5 0-0 4, Booker 1-2 0-0 2, Maynor 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 38-84 14-14 98.

CLEVELAND (91): Clark 1-6 0-2 3, Thompson 0-5 2-2 2, Bynum 1-3 0-0 2, Irving 9-14 7-7 28, Miles 0-1 0-0 0, Walters 2-13 7-8 11, Jack 6-10 0-0 14, Dellavedova 3-6 0-0 9, Varejao 7-10 0-0 14, Gee 0-2 0-0 0, Karasev 0-1 2-2 2, Sims 3-4 0-0 6, Bennett 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 18-21 91.

Washington	30	26	24	18	— 98
Cleveland	19	19	21	32	— 91

3-Point Goals—Washington 8-19 (Beal 6-7, Webster 2-8, Maynor 0-1, Wall 0-1, Temple 0-2), Cleveland 9-23 (Irving 3-4, Dellavedova 3-6, Jack 2-4, Clark 1-3, Bennett 0-1, Karasev 0-1, Walters 0-2, Gee 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 48 (Nene, Vesely 8), Cleveland 46 (Varejao 11). Assists—Washington 31 (Wall 9), Cleveland 19 (Jack, Irving 6). Total Fouls—Washington 17, Cleveland 20. A—16,189 (20,562).

KINGS 113, SUNS 106

SACRAMENTO (113): Mbah a Moute 4-5 3-3 11, Thompson 5-6 0-0 10, Cousins 4-14 11-15 19, Vasquez 2-9 9-9 13, McLemore 3-7 2-2 8, Thomas 8-13 6-7 23, Patterson 3-6 0-0 7, Salmons 2-7 0-0 6, Fredette 3-6 0-0 8. Hayes 1-1 0-0 2, Outlaw 2-4 1-2 6. Totals 37-80 32-36 113.

PHOENIX (106): Tucker 4-10 1-2 12, Frye 0-2 0-0 0, Plumlee 5-9 2-5 12, Dragic 10-20 8-9 31, Green 8-13 1-2 23, Mark.Morris 0-4 2-2 2, Marc.Morris 6-8 0-0 13, Goodwin 0-8 1-2 1, Len 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, Christmas 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 38-85 15-22 106.

Sacramento	27	28	19	39	— 113
Phoenix	27	23	12	44	— 106

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 7-17 (Salmons 2-2, Fredette 2-2, Outlaw 1-2, Thomas 1-2, Patterson 1-3, Vasquez 0-3, McLemore 0-3), Phoenix 15-33 (Green 6-8, Dragic 3-6, Tucker 3-7, Christmas 2-5, Marc.Morris 1-2, Frye 0-1, Mark.Morris 0-1, Goodwin 0-3). Fouled Out—Green. Rebounds—Sacramento 55 (Cousins 12), Phoenix 48 (Plumlee 7). Assists—Sacramento 19 (Vasquez 6), Phoenix 12 (Dragic 5). Total Fouls—Sacramento 23, Phoenix 26. Technicals—Sacramento Coach Malone, Mark.Morris. A—12,705 (18,422).

Tigers, Texas to swap Fielder, Kinsler

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Tigers and Rangers agreed to a blockbuster trade Wednesday night that would send Detroit slugger Prince Fielder to Texas for second baseman Ian Kinsler, according to a person with knowledge of the deal.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

Fielder signed a $214 million, nine-year contract with the Tigers before the 2012 season that includes a limited no-trade provision, and the big first baseman was set to approve the deal.

Kinsler just finished the first season of a $75 million, five-year contract.

It's the first headline-grabbing move of baseball's off-season, and it involves two of the American League's top teams. Detroit has won three consecutive AL Central titles and reached the World Series in 2012, while Texas won the AL pennant in 2010 and 2011.

But neither team was about to stand pat. With stars like Fielder, Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and Anibal Sanchez in the fold, Detroit's payroll had become one of the game's biggest. And although Fielder hit 55 home runs over the last two years for the Tigers, his numbers dipped this season and he struggled in the playoffs when Detroit lost to Boston in the AL championship series.

Fielder hit .279 with 25 homers this year, his lowest home run total over a full season. Kinsler batted .277 with 13 homers. He was limited to 136 games because of injuries to his ribs and right side.

The trade could give Detroit more financial flexibility, with Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer a year from free agency.

Fielder, however, is still only 29, and the Rangers are set to add a big bat to the middle of their lineup while also resolving a logjam in the middle of their infield. Jurickson Profar, a highly touted 20-year-old prospect, appeared to be blocked by Kinsler and shortstop Elvis Andrus. Now, Profar should have a chance to play regularly.

The Tigers signed Fielder to a huge contract shortly before spring training in 2012 — after designated hitter Victor Martinez injured his knee. Martinez came back in 2013. With Fielder gone, Cabrera may move from third base back to first.

Kinsler fills a need at second base for Detroit after Omar Infante became a free agent.

Fielder is due $168 million through 2020, a salary of $24 million per season. Under his no-trade clause, he submits a list of 10 teams each year that he can be traded to without his approval.

Texas was not on that list this year, but Fielder agreed to accept the trade and instructed agent Scott Boras to approve the deal.

Kinsler is guaranteed $62 million through 2017: $16 million in each of the next two seasons, $14 million in 2016, $11 million in 2017 and a $5 million buyout of a $10 million option.

It's already been an unpredictable offseason for the Tigers. Manager Jim Leyland stepped down after the season and was replaced by Brad Ausmus. Detroit could have come back with a similar roster and probably been favored to win the division again, but now more changes seem possible.

Pacquiao, Rios camps come to blows in Macau

Associated Press

MACAU — Manny Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, was involved in a physical altercation with the entourage of opponent Brandon Rios on Wednesday, days before their fight.

Roach approached Rios' trainer, Robert Garcia, in the gym both camps are sharing at The Venetian casino on Macau's Cotai Strip, saying they had gone past their scheduled training time and should leave.

Video of the incident shows a heated argument before Roach was kicked in the upper body by Alex Ariza, a member of the Rios camp who formerly worked alongside Roach in Pacquiao's corner.

Roach demanded on-site security call the police and initially wanted to press assault charges against Ariza. But Bob Arum, chief executive of Top Rank, which promotes both fighters, talked him out of it, for fear it could derail this weekend's bout for the vacant WBO welterweight title.

"Who knows what the hell happens in Macau if you press charges. Everybody could get arrested. We don't know anything about the legal system," Arum told The Associated Press, adding he was "pretty disgusted" with the incident.

The fight is Sunday in Macau, which will still be Saturday night in the United States.

"That kind of publicity is not good for the sport," Arum said. "It was nothing to do with the fighters. It had all to do with a grudge that Ariza has with Freddie, who fired him from Pacquiao's corner.

"Garcia and Rios are good friends of mine and they listened to reason, and I've told them to tone everything down and they will. But Ariza sometimes gets out of control, and that's really the problem. And usually when these types of fights occur, it's usually someone who is tangential to the main guys who starts it."

Pacquiao indirectly addressed the issue during a promotional media appearance later Wednesday.

"Let everything finish in the ring," Pacquiao said. "No trash talk before the fight because it's not a good example to all the people. If anyone has a grudge against someone, forgive them as God forgives. It's not personal. It's our job, entertaining people."

Ariza said he did not believe Pacquiao's comments were directed at him, and the hours that had passed between the morning altercation and the late-night promotional event had not reduced his displeasure toward Roach.

"I take responsibility for what I did 100 percent. I know what I said and know what I did. I can't take it back; it was the heat of the moment," Ariza told The Associated Press.

"I did what I did because he accosted me, he got close. I know Freddie Roach for six years, and I know he has a tendency to be aggressive. If he did it again, I'd do it again, too."

Ariza, who during the altercation mocked Roach's slurred speech resulting from Parkinson's disease, said the Hall of Fame trainer was clearly coming toward the end of his ringside career.

"There's one thing that anger brings out is the truth," Ariza said. "He hides behind that whole Parkinson's gig, not to demean Parkinson's. He feels very threatened. People gave me a lot of credit for Manny's rise. It's sad. It's transparent he's at the end of the road, and this is his way of trying to hang on to what popularity he has."

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

NOV. 22 - NOV. 25

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 20-5
Season: 231-89
Pct.: .770

Jonathan Hull
Last week: 21-4
Season: 230-70
Pct.: .767

Terry Williamson
Last week: 20-5
Season: 228-72
Pct.: .760

Travis Metcalf
Last week: 18-7
Season: 221-79
Pct.: .737

Len Hayward
Last week: 18-7
Season: 220-80
Pct.: .733

Guest Picker
Antwan Alexander
Trinity Head Football Coach

HIGH SCHOOL						
Lee vs. Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll
Midland Christian vs. Dall. Parish Episcopal	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian
Big Spring vs. Andrews	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Andrews
Odessa High vs. Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin	Arlington Martin
San Angelo Central vs. Keller Fossil Ridge	Fossil Ridge	SA Central	Fossil Ridge	SA Central	SA Central	SA Central
Abilene Cooper vs. Arlington Lam'r	Arlington Lamar	Abilene Cooper	Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar
Grady vs. Happy	Happy	Happy	Happy	Grady	Grady	Grady
Garden City vs. Ira	Ira	Garden City	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
El Paso Bowie vs. Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon	Canyon
El Paso Del Valle vs. Wolfforth Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship
COLLEGE						
Baylor at Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Baylor	Baylor	Oklahoma State	Baylor	Baylor
Oklahoma at Kansas State	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Kansas at Iowa State	Iowa State	Iowa State	Kansas	Kansas	Iowa State	Iowa State
Texas A&M at LSU	LSU	Texas A&M	LSU	Texas A&M	LSU	LSU
Cincinnati at Houston	Houston	Houston	Cincinnati	Houston	Houston	Houston
UTSA at North Texas	North Texas	North Texas	North Texas	North Texas	North Texas	North Texas
Arizona State at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
PRO						
Dallas at N.Y. Giants	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Giants	Dallas	N.Y. Giants
Jacksonville at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Jacksonville
Denver at New England	Denver	Denver	Denver	New England	Denver	Denver

Last week's guest picker Greenwood head football coach Shad Hanna was 17-8.
This year's guest pickers are 264-86 (.754).

LEE MVPS

Nunez

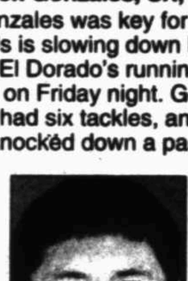
OFFENSE
Kaleb Nunez, Soph., WR

Nunez was big for the Rebels in key spots on Friday. The sophomore tight end caught six passes for 138 yards and a touchdown. Nunez currently leads the team with 776 yards receiving this season.

Gonzales

DEFENSE
Nick Gonzales, Sr., DT

Gonzales was key for the Rebels is slowing down El Paso El Dorado's running game on Friday night. Gonzales had six tackles, and he also knocked down a pass.



Gloria

SPECIAL TEAMS
Alexis Gloria, Jr., DB

Gloria was solid on kickoff coverage throughout the night, and had two tackles. He also had a "knockout" block on a kickoff return and was lauded for his play on the punt team.

REBELS

From 1C

sports?" Morton asked. "It's not the team that wins big and is supposed to win, it's those surprising stories. I think our kids have definitely embraced that part of the idea that this is an opportunity for us."

Morton certainly has some experience at playing against an opponent in the regular season and beating them during the playoffs. In 2000 and 2002, Morton's Lubbock Monterey squads lost to Abilene High in non-district play, only to turn around and beat the Eagles the playoffs.

But the challenge faced this week could be considered a different thing all together.

Carroll is averaging more than 50 points a game this season, and holding teams to around 11. Plus, in the game earlier this season, Lee had its least productive night on offense with 180 yards and allowed nearly 600.

The players know this week is a challenge, and so do the coaches, but Morton said he wants his team to meet the challenge head on and see what happens.

"We wouldn't want to be in a situation where you didn't have those challenges," Morton said. "When you are climbing and building the program back, it takes these kind of games to do that. We've got a lot of faults but aren't shying away from adversity. I think we as a program have embraced that."

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This week's opponent

Southlake Carroll

Record: 10-1

About the Dragons: Simply put, they are good. After losing the season opener to Allen, Southlake Carroll has won 10 straight games and virtually rolled through its district schedule. The Dragons are averaging 52.6 points a game and 511 yards of offense, and allowing just more than 15 points a game this season. Quarterback Ryan Agnew rushed for 164 yards against Lee and hasn't stopped running or throwing since. Agnew has 1,071 yards rushing with 19 touchdowns, and has 2,552 yards passing with 26 touchdowns and six interceptions. Carroll's defense is led by a stout defensive line that limited Lee to 180 total yards in September.

Lee coach James Morton on Southlake Carroll: "They are very fundamentally sound. Everybody wants to talk schemes with them, but they are fundamentally very good. Their schemes are good schemes, but I think it goes back more to their teaching and their coaches doing a good job of teaching base fundamentals. But at the same time that's what make it's a lot of fun."

AROUND DISTRICT 2-5A

Rebel Yells

■ Lee coach James Morton said a big key for his team this week against No. 8 Southlake Carroll will be limiting its running game. In the game on Sept. 6, the Dragons rushed for more than 300 yards and quarterback Ryan Agnew had 156 yards on 15 carries.

"No. 1 we cannot allow them to run the ball the way they did the last time, that's just a plain and simple deal," Morton said. "We've got to be better, and it starts with where we've improved a lot and that's the defensive line. Those guys have to be good up front and stay in their gaps."

Lee allowed more 300 yards rushing once the rest of the season when Midland High had 378 yards in October.

■ Lee had one of its best rushing performance of the season on Friday, running for 188 yards as a team. Junior running back Aron Dobbins had his second best rushing total of the year with 156 yards. His best was a 196-yard performance against Abilene Cooper to start District 2-5A back in September.

■ Caden Coots is within striking distance of becoming Lee's all-time career leader in passing yards. Entering Friday's game against Southlake Carroll, Coots has thrown for 3,185 yards and is 31 yards shy of tying the career record of 3,218 set in 1998 and 1999 by Jon Rogers.

Coots already holds the school record for touchdown passes in a season with 34 and yards in a season (3,218).

■ With big games on Friday, Lee receivers Kaleb Nunez and Isaiah Johnson each have a chance to break the school record for receiving yards in a season. Nunez leads the Rebels with 776 yards on 47 catches this season, and Johnson has 49 receptions for 740 yards.

Jerry Stanford holds the record with 817 yards in 1994.

■ Lee is 0-3 against Southlake Carroll as the two teams played in consecutive years in 2004 and 2005, and the Rebels loss this year. And Lee has not had much luck against teams from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex over the last 13 years.

Since 2001, Lee is 8-18 against teams from the Metroplex. The Rebels' last victory against a team from the Metroplex was in 2007 when they beat Mansfield Summit in a Class 5A Division I playoff game.

■ Lee broke a two-game losing streak to El Paso teams in the postseason with Friday night's 47-28 victory against El Paso El Dorado.

Lee Statistics

(9-2, 7-1)

Lee	104	127	111	85—427
Opponent	51	93	68	113—325

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Aron Dobbins	174	1,025	5.9	11
Srneon Mayberry	45	308	6.8	3
Zyan Burditt	24	187	7.8	2
Caden Coots	86	138	1.6	2
Jon Schwalbach	12	36	3.0	1
Daravon Williams	2	10	5.0	0
Brves Turner	3	4	1.3	3
Terry Sims	2	2	1.0	0
Team	7	-57	-8.1	0
Totals	355	1,651	4.7	22

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Caden Coots	222	332	5	3,185	34
Jon Schwalbach	4	13	0	39	0
Zyan Burditt	1	2	0	6	1
Totals	227	347	5	3,230	35

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Kaleb Nunez	47	776	16.5	6
Isaiah Johnson	49	740	15.1	9
Alex Bell	40	696	17.4	9
Kelton Washam	27	409	15.5	2
Aron Dobbins	36	290	8.1	4
Reed Knittle	10	157	15.7	1
Daravion Williams	3	52	17.3	0
Nathan Bailey	3	44	14.7	2
Srneon Mayberry	6	37	6.2	2
Zyan Burditt	3	29	9.7	0
Josh Warren	1	6	6.0	0
Diego Alvarado	1	0	0.0	0
Terry Sims	1	-6	-6.0	0
Totals	227	3,230	14.2	35

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Angel Alvidrez	42	1,389	33.1	48
Zach Ray	4	165	41.3	46
Totals	46	1,441	33.8	48

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Aron Dobbins	15	0	0	2	94
Alex Bell	9	0	0	1	58
Brady Roper	0	43	4	0	55
Isaiah Johnson	9	0	0	0	54
Kaleb Nunez	6	0	0	0	36
Simeon Mayberry	5	0	0	0	30
Brves Turner	4	0	0	0	24
Nathan Bailey	3	0	0	0	18
Caden Coots	2	0	0	0	12
Zyan Burditt	2	0	0	0	12
Kelton Washam	2	0	0	0	12
Juwan Lee	1	0	0	0	6
Jon Schwalbach	1	0	0	0	6
Reed Knittle	1	0	0	0	6
Angel Alvidrez	0	4	0	0	4
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	60	47	4	4	427

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Abel Sanchez	2	0	0	0
Juwan Lee	1	60	60.0	1
Brves Turner	1	35	35.0	1
Nathan Bailey	1	27	27.0	1
Garrett Chalker	1	24	24.0	0
Totals	6	146	24.3	3

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Brves Turner	128	0	10	3	1	3
Jon Jarman	93	0	5	0	0	4
Logan Vitello	93	0	0	0	1	8
Nathan Bailey	85	3	11	4	2	2
Nick Gonzales	84	1	5	0	0	2
Cade Kennedy	63	3	5	0	2	1
Abel Sanchez	62	0	1	1	2	4
TJ Soto	59	0	4	0	0	0
Relandas Swan	56	3	0	0	0	0
Nathan Seay	42	4	6	2	1	0
Kris Prieto	34	0	0	1	0	1
Caleb Calvert	32	0	1	0	0	0
Anthony Navarrete	32	0	1	0	0	3
Darnen Wallace	27	0	2	0	0	0
Juwan Lee	23	0	0	0	2	4
Cain Abalos	22	0	0	1	0	0
Bryson Murry	22	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett Chalker	16	0	0	0	0	2
Alexis Gloria	11	0	0	0	0	1
Cesar Payen	10	0	0	0	0	1
Drew Knox	10	0	1	0	1	0
Angel Alvidrez	8	0	0	0	0	0
Jack Wallace	7	0	1	0	0	0
Barnabe Perez	7	0	0	0	0	0
Arron Jackson	5	0	0	0	0	1
Manny Perez	4	0	0	0	0	0
Riley Justice	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brycon Murray	8	0	1	0	0	0
Ruben Valle	3	0	0	0	0	0
Benny Tenorio	2	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Cardenas	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vincent Machuca	1	0	0	0	0	0
Caleb Bocourt	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,664	151.2	3,230	293.7	4,894	444.9

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,386	216.9	2,023	183.9	4,409	400.8

SPORTS BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ATLANTA

Saints-Falcons a role reversal from last season

Talk about role reversal.

When Atlanta hosted New Orleans a year ago, the Falcons were cruising toward a division title and locking up home-field advantage in the playoffs, while the Saints just wanted to get to the end of a disappointing season.

The longtime rivals have traded places for Thursday's prime-time game.

With coach Sean Payton back on the sideline and Drew Brees as good as ever, New Orleans (8-2) leads the NFC South and hopes to chase down Seattle for the best record in the conference.

The Falcons, on the other hand, are trying to figure out how a team that started the season with Super Bowl aspirations is now in the running for the top pick in next year's draft. Mired in a four-game losing streak and coming off a humiliating loss to lowly Tampa Bay, Atlanta (2-8) is all but assured its first losing season since 2007,

"I know how difficult it is to win in our league," Payton said, "and I know how often these games come down to the final plays, making a play in the end and having a chance to win a game."

The Saints staggered to a 7-9 mark last season while dealing with the bounty scandal and Payton being suspended for the year. But they've bounced back to reclaim the top spot in the division, setting the tone with an opening 23-17 victory over the Falcons in September, a game that came down to a defensive stop inside the 10 in the final minute.

"Every win is a confidence builder," Brees said. "Obviously with just the hype going into the season, you know the type of momentum that can be gained from a game like that."

Atlanta went the opposite way.

After at least playing respectably in the early going, with their first four losses by a total of 19 points, the Falcons have been outscored 135-61 during their current skid. The margin really isn't that close, either. Last week, they fell behind the Buccaneers 38-6, managing to score three meaningless touchdowns that made the final score look a bit less embarrassing, 41-28.

WILLIAMSON

From 1C

I think the football we saw this season is better than we expected and we had some great games and tremendous finishes. Everyone was competitive and there were surprises at every turn from the league championship race to the final playoff berth.

We all know that Lee faces a tough task of getting past Southlake Carroll this week, but the Rebels will be seeking to become the first Rebel team to garner a 10-win season since 2000 when Lee was 13-2 and wearing a third consecutive state championship ring. Lee has won 10 or more games in a season 12 times in its history and is on the lip of the cup for No. 13.

I was 12-2 while playing the playoffs' first round Pickin' Game last week. It gets much tougher this week, but this is how the Area round will go down this week:

Southlake Carroll 48, Midland Lee 25: Well, at least it's an improvement over the 63-14 shellacking the Rebels got from the Dragons the last time they played.

Arlington Martin 34, Odessa High 21: It's not the storybook finish you would wish for the Red Hosses, but it's been a fun ride to this point.

Arlington Lamar 38, Abilene Cooper 32: Cooper does get this game at home, but that just makes it a bit closer.

San Angelo Central 35, Keller Fossil Ridge 32: There is only a lonely kitten left to carry the 2-5A banner forward.

Area

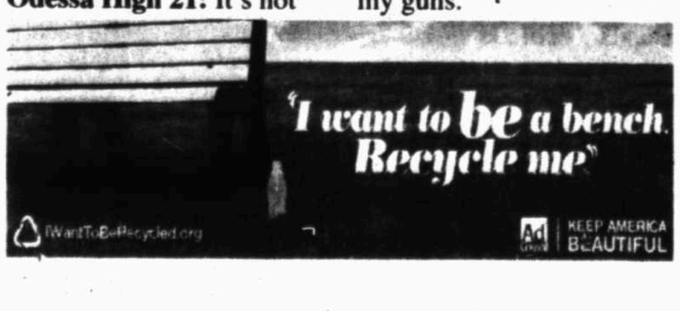
Big Spring 42, Andrews 21: It's the matchup the Permian Basin was praying for and now it's a reality. The Steers will enjoy it the most.

Shallowater 28, Monahans 26: Shallowater is undefeated, but Monahans could actually pull this one out of the fire.

Grady 55, Happy 46: Last week I picked Grady to lose, so I'm now back on the Wildcat bandwagon.

Ira 67, Garden City 57: The Bulldogs are loaded for Bearkats. Ira defeated two-time defending state champion Throckmorton last week.

Midland Christian (A Lot), Whoever (Not Enough): I haven't seen or heard anything that would change my mind from last week, so I'm sticking to my guns.



REGION 1 HS FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Odessa (6-5) vs. Arlington Martin (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Maverick Stadium
Coppell (9-1) vs. DeSoto (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Lee (9-2) vs. Southlake Carroll (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Saginaw's Chisholm Trail Stadium
Euless Trinity (9-2) vs. Mansfield Timberview (8-3), 5 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Abilene Cooper (7-4) vs. Arlington Lamar (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Lewisville Hebron (8-3) vs. Cedar Hill (9-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
San Angelo Central (10-1) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Denton Ryan (8-2) vs. Waco Midway (9-2), 11 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area

EP Chapin (8-3) vs. Amarillo (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Denton Guyer (9-2) vs. Waco (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium
EP Del Valle (8-3) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (11-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
N. Richland Hills Birdville (9-2) vs. Crowley (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, FW Brewer

DIVISION II
Region I
Area

EP Bowie (9-2) vs. Canyon (11-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Saginaw Boswell (8-3) vs. Aledo (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, N. Richland Hills' Birdville Complex
Carrollto (8-3) vs. Canyon Randall (9-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Wichita Falls (6-5) vs. Everman (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Saginaw HS

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I

Area

Andrews (5-6) vs. Big Spring (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Springtown (6-5) vs. Stephenville (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Justin Northwest
Lubbock Cooper (9-2) vs. Abilene Wylie (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Kennedale (7-4) vs. Burnet (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Lubbock Estacado (5-6) vs. Snyder (4-7), 2 p.m. Saturday, Snyder
Graham (11-0) vs. Glen Rose (5-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Shallowater (11-0) vs. Monahans (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Denver City
Vernon (9-2) vs. Liberty Hill (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Brownwood

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Bushland (9-2) vs. Clyde (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Wall (11-0) vs. Idalou (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring
Eastland (11-0) vs. Littlefield (7-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder
Denver City (11-0) vs. Bangs (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Canadian (10-1) vs. Hawley (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Sonora (10-1) vs. Post (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Colorado City
Cisco (11-0) vs. Spearman (9-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Abernathy (10-1) vs. Crane (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole

CLASS A
DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Stratford (10-0) vs. Anson (10-1), 4 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Seymour (9-1) vs. New Deal (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Bulldog Stadium
Stamford (9-1) vs. Panhandle (8-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Post
Sundown (7-3) vs. Windthorst (6-5), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Wellington (9-0) vs. Sudan (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Farwell (6-4) vs. Shamrock (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo River Road
Ralls (9-2) vs. Booker (8-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Gruver (10-0) vs. Seagraves (7-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Hereford

Region II
Area

Iraan (10-0) vs. Munday (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, San Angelo Stadium
Albany (10-0) vs. McCamey (4-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Colorado City
San Angelo TLC (9-0) vs. Hamlin (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Clyde
Muenster (10-0) vs. Wink (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tuscola

SIX-MAN
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Happy (9-2) vs. Lenorah Grady (7-4), 6 p.m. Friday, Petersburg
Borden County (6-5) vs. Turkey Valley (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stinton

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Garden City (10-1) vs. Ira (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee
Crowell (10-1) vs. Water Valley (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Follett (10-1) vs. Amherst (5-6), 6 p.m. Friday, Groom
New Home (8-3) vs. Matador Motley County (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Nazareth

DIVISION II
Region II
Regional

Dawson (11-0) vs. Loraine (10-1), 6 p.m. Thursday, Ackerly
Blackwell (10-1) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (10-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Rankin

Welker wastes no time in Denver

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — There are some things in life that just get better with age. Love letters. Fine wine. The rapport between a receiver and his quarterback.

Yet, Wes Welker hasn't wasted any time becoming Peyton Manning's top target, just as he quickly became Tom Brady's bull's-eye in New England.

Welker set a franchise record with 112 catches his first year with the Patriots in 2007, when Brady set the NFL record with 50 touchdown passes

Manning is on pace to break that mark with 54 TDs this season, thanks in good measure to Welker, who has already matched his career high with nine TD catches.

The Broncos are on pace to score 636 points, which would break the NFL record of 589 set by the '07 Patriots.

"That was a great year for us," Brady said. "You watch what these guys are doing and they have better numbers than we had."

Pouncey watched Dolphins game with Incognito

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — A restless Richie Incognito sat with Miami Dolphins teammate Mike Pouncey watching their team's most recent game on TV, and contemplating the strange sequence of events that reduced them to couch potatoes.

"Richie looked over and was like, 'Man, I can't believe that we're sitting here watching the Dolphins play,'" Pouncey said Wednesday. "I was like, 'It's unbelievable, bro. I had never pictured this ever in my life.' We got a laugh out of it."

Sidelined by a gall bladder illness, Pouncey said he watched Sunday's victory over San Diego at his house with Incognito, who was suspended for his role in the team's bullying scandal.

"He's doing really good," Pouncey said. "He's in good spirits. He wants to get back on this football team, wants to get back and play football. Richie Incognito is a football player — that's the only thing he knows. He's missing it to death, but he'll be all right."

Incognito was suspended Nov. 3. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday on his grievance against the Dolphins seeking to rejoin the team.

Pouncey said he was interviewed about the scandal Wednesday by NFL special investigator Ted Wells, who has been questioning players, coaches and staff at the Dolphins' complex this week. Wells is looking into allegations that tackle Jonathan Martin was harassed daily by teammates, including Incognito.

"He were asking a bunch of questions," Pouncey said. "It seemed like a long time but it probably wasn't. They got all the questions they wanted to get out of us, and we gave them trustful answers. They're in there just trying to figure out what's going on, so they're doing the right thing."

Pouncey rejoined the team Wednesday after spending three nights in the hospital, and he worked on the side during practice. He said he's feeling much better and hopes to play Sunday against the Carolina Panthers.

His illness was the latest setback in an eventful year for the Dolphins' center. Following the Dolphins' game at New England on Oct. 27, Pouncey was served with a grand jury subpoena related to the criminal case involving his friend and former University of Florida teammate, Aaron Hernandez.

The next day, Martin abruptly left the team and the bullying scandal began to mushroom, subjecting Pouncey and the rest of the offensive line to national scrutiny.

"If I make through 2013 without having a heart attack, that'll be good," Pouncey said with a laugh.

The NFL Players Association will conduct its own investigation into the scandal, led by Richard Smith, outside counsel for the union in the New Orleans Saints bounty case, a person familiar with the situation said. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the union hadn't announced its plans.

Smith will examine the roles of coach Joe Philbin, his staff and Miami management, although it's unknown whether they will be willing to meet with him.

One issue is whether anyone on the coaching staff ordered Incognito to toughen up Martin, a second-year tackle from Stanford who became a starter as a rookie but played poorly at times.

SIMS

From 1C

Sims said. "And that's playing football, doing my techniques, studying, preparing and everything else there will take care of itself."

Fans had reason to worry after watching Sims and Bruce Carter, without Lee, in a blowout loss to New Orleans before last week's bye. With the outcome decided, the Saints ran through Lee, Carter and the rest of the Dallas defense on eight straight plays for a touchdown.

The best-case scenario was Sims and the rest just being overmatched. The worst? That they quit.

"We didn't give up at the end," Sims said. "It was just a matter of getting our alignments right and executing our technique. It's been almost two weeks now. So that's the last thing on our minds right now."

One thing is never far from Sims' mind: hitting people. Teammates usually start with "physical" when describing him, and that's where he begins with any self-analysis. He says his parents had to take him out of soccer when he was a kid because "I was slide-tackling people so aggressively."

The conversations are a little different all these years later, but the message is roughly the same.

"He's one of those guys, in a very good way, you're always saying, 'Ernie, it's shells today, you know? It's not full pads. It's not tackle,'" coach Jason Garrett said. "You're always pulling him away from players. It's just the way he plays. Some of the best players I've ever been around have that same kind of mentality."

So does the guy he's replacing. But Lee also has 11 interceptions in 45 games. Sims has one pick in more than twice as many games. Lee has five straight double-digit tackle games this season. Sims never had more than five in an entire season in his heyday with the Lions.

"I don't think Ernie will be Sean Lee," cornerback Orlando Scandrick said. "You don't lose your captain and just find another one. Sean Lee wouldn't be Sean Lee if it was that easy. But I mean, Ernie's going to come in and I'm confident that he'll do well. He'll do fine."

Depending on how long Lee is out, Dallas' season could be riding on it.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	254	199
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	183	268
Miami	5	5	0	.500	213	225
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	236	273
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	252	220
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	227	226
Houston	2	8	0	.200	193	276
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	129	318
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	275	206
Pittsburgh	4	6	0	.400	216	245
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	208	212
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	238
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	1	0	.900	398	255
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	232	138
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	184	246
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	228	222

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	276	260
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	274	256
N.Y. Giants	4	6	0	.400	192	256
Washington	3	7	0	.300	246	311
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	288	183
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	236	135
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	187	237
Atlanta	2	8	0	.200	214	292
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	265	253
Chicago	6	4	0	.600	282	267
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	258	239
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	240	320
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	10	1	0	.909	306	179
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	247	178
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	214	212
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	224	234

Today's Games
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Houston, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Chicago at St. Louis, noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit, noon
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, noon
Carolina at Miami, noon
Tennessee at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Seattle

Monday's Game
San Francisco at Washington, 7:40 p.m.

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 21, 2013

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wonderland	"Who's Alice?" (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Vermont is for Lovers, Too" (N)		KMID News	Chris Pratt, Pusha T (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Millers (N)	The Crazy Ones (N)	Two and Half (N)	Elementary "On the Line" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Chiwetel Ejiofor	Letterman	(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	Seinfeld "The Rye"	Rules of Engage.	Vampire D. "Dead Man on Campus" (N)		Reign "Chosen" (N)		Rules of Engage.	Sein. "The Boyfriend"	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X Factor "Results Show" (N)		Glee "Movin' Out" (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family		The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	Dr. Rik Wadge	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Parks and Rec (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	Sean Saves (N)	Michael J Fox (N)	Parenthood "Election Day" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Kristen Bell, David Gregory	(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	PBS NewsHour		Daytri-pper	Just Seen It	American Experience "JFK" A look at the presidency of John F. Kennedy. 2/2 from Nov 17				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	Noche de Estrellas		Latin Grammy Awards						Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	Fam.Feud	Million..	House		House "Painless"		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	OMG!
FLIX									(:15) ★★ 200 Cigarettes	Ben Affleck.		
HBO			★★ American Reunion	Jason Biggs.	Boardwalk Empire		24/7	Ladies	KMorgan	Cathouse	Face Off (:15)	★ P...
HBO2			(5:00) ★★ New Year's...		Boardwalk Empire		Boardwalk Empire		Heights	Down	★ Valentine Road	
HBO5			(5:30) ★ Jawbreaker		The Sopranos		Bill Maher		Boardwalk Empire		★★★ Pitch Perfect	Anna Kendrick.
MAX			(5:50) ★★ G.I. Jane ('97, Dra)	Demi Moore.	Strike Back Origins		★ Broken City ('12, Cri)		Mark Wahlberg.		JumpOff	Movie
MAX2			(5:45) ★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Sha...				★★★★ Warm Bodies		(:45) ★★★ The Descendants			(:40) Co-Ed
PLEX			Movie	(:25) ★ Rising Stars	Barry Corbin.		★★ Dancer; Texas Pop. 81		(:40) ★ Relative Strangers		(:15) ★ The Philade...	
SHOW			(:15) ★ The Cold Light of Day	Henry Cavill.			★★★ Jarhead ('05, Act)	Jake Gyllenhaal.	Gigolos	(:35) Masters of Sex		Polyamor
TMC			(5:20) ★ Intolerable...		★★ Far and Away ('92, Dra)	Tom Cruise.			★ For Ellen ('12, Dra)	Paul Dano.	(:05) ★ Inescapable	
A&E	The First 48		First 48 "New Year's Terror/ Deadly Friends"		The First 48		Scared "Dougherty County, GA" (N)		Beyond Scared Straight "St. Clair, IL"		First 48 "New Year's Terror/ Deadly Friends"	
AMC			★ Men in Black ('97, Sci-Fi)	Will Smith.			★★★ X-Men ('00, Sci-Fi)	Hugh Jackman.			★★ Ghost Rider	
BET			106&Park	The Game	SoulMan	SoulMan	★ For Colored Girls ('10, Dra)	Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine.			Wendy Williams	
BRAVO			Beverly "Faint Chance"		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Matchmaker (N)		Housewives Atlanta	Shahs
CNBC			The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Mad Money	American Greed
CNN			OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		Parts Unknown		OutFront	Piers Morgan Live
DISC			JFK: The Lost Tapes		To Be Announced				Alaska	Buy Alaska	"Life on a Mountain"	Alaska Alaska
DISNEY			Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	★ 16 Wishes	Kendall Cross.		(:15) Ferb	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Wander GoodLuck GoodLuck
ESPN			Football		NCAA Football Rutgers vs. Central Florida					SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2			NCAA Basketb. 2K Sports Classic Con./Bos. (L)				NCAA Basketball 2K Sports Classic Ind./Wash. (L)				Olbermann (N)	Olber
FAMILY			★★★★ WALL-E ('08, Ani)	Ben Burtt.			★★★ The Princess and the Frog		The 700 Club		★ Christmas in Bo...	
FNC			On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File
FOOD			Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Restaurant Express		Chopped	
FSSW			Cowboys Insider ★	SportsDay OnAir	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey New York Rangers vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)			Stars Live (L)	SW Outdoors	TexasA& MFoot	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX			★★ Green Lantern ('11, Act)	Ryan Reynolds.			Anger M.		★★ Green Lantern ('11, Act)	Ryan Reynolds.		Movie
HALLMARK			(5:00) ★ Once Upon...		★ The Christmas Ornament	Kellie Martin.			★ Snow Bride ('13, Fam)	Patricia Richardson.	★ Twice Upon a C...	
HGTV	House	HouseH	Cousins Undercover		Rehab	Rehab	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Bible Secrets		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	Project Runway "Sip Into Something Sexier"		Project Runway "Keepin' It Classy"		Project Runway "Partners in Crime"		Million Dollar Shoppers		Million Dollar Shoppers		Project Runway "Keepin' It Classy"	
MSNBC	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		P.World	Match	Premier League		Premier League		Premier League	Costas Tonight		NFL Turning Point	
NICK	★★ Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed				F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling (N)				XBOX One		Criss Angel: Believe	
SYFY	V "Fruition"		V "Red Sky"		V "Red Rain"		V "Serpent's Tooth"		★★★ Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home			
TBS	Seinfeld	Family-Guy "420"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Holmes (N)	Conan
TCM	Movie	MGM Par.	★ Primary		(:15) ★ Adventures on a New ...		★ Crisis ('63, Drama)		FacesofNv	★ Four Days in No...		
TELE	Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
TLC	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress
TNT	Castle "Headhunters"		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)						NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls vs. Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)			
TVLAND	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Onstable"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Poisoned Motive"		White Collar "Ice Breaker" (N)		Covert A. "Trompe Le Monde" (P) (N)		White Collar "Out of the Frying Pan"		White Collar "Ice Breaker"	
WGN	America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Mother "The Yips"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

Several talented QBs wrapping up SEC careers

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — SEC fans should enjoy all the top-notch quarterbacks while they can because many of the great signal callers in the league won't be around for long.

A.J. McCarron, James Franklin, Aaron Murray, Connor Shaw and Zach Mettenberger are wrapping up their careers, and this could also be the last month to see Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel play in college. All but Franklin, who has been slowed by an injury, are semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award, given annually to the nation's top quarterback.

"No one thought that Johnny Manziel would do what he did last year, so who knows," he said. "There's a lot of good football players out there and that's why we have guys to recruit them."

Alabama's McCarron is in the final stretch of a perhaps one of the best careers by a quarterback in SEC history. McCarron has helped the top-ranked Crimson Tide to two national titles and is Alabama's leader in career yards passing and touchdowns. His 35-2 career record gives him a .946 winning percentage, the best for a quarterback in SEC history.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said McCarron has been a great addition since the moment he joined the program and that he's been impressed with how he's learned from all his experiences.

"I can't say enough good things about how he's done, and I think his record pretty much speaks for itself in terms of the success that he's had as a starter here," Saban said. "At the end of the day, that's what it's all about. And he's always represented the program here in a first-class way. I think he has been absolutely stellar."

Franklin has thrown for 1,577 yards and 14 touchdowns in six games this season. He's missed the last four games with an injured shoulder but will return this week. This season is his third straight with at least 1,500 yards passing and 10 touchdown passes.

Associated Press

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) encourages the crowd during the fourth quarter of an NCAA college football game against Mississippi State on Nov. 9 in College Station. Texas A&M won 51-41.

Murray has been a model of consistency for Georgia, and hasn't missed a start in his four-year career. He's 108 yards shy of his fourth straight 3,000-yard passing season and has thrown at least 20 touchdown passes in each of his four years.

"I am definitely proud of the way I've been able to play this long," Murray said. "It's been a little bit of luck, too, because I've definitely taken my share of shots that you see end people's seasons all the time. But no matter how I'm feeling, if I have even a remote chance of playing I am going to make it happen."

Shaw has helped No. 12 South Carolina to an 8-2 record by throwing for 1,868 yards and a career-high 19 touchdowns this season in his third year as a starter. Shaw has thrown just one interception this season.

Mettenberger has thrown for 2,733 yards and 20 touchdowns this season for the 18th-ranked Tigers. He's enjoyed watching fellow quarterbacks around the league develop since the beginning of their careers.

"You look at all of us, you kind of look at all of our first years starting, it was kind of rough," he said. "We had to go against some of the best defenses in the country ... we obviously took some time to show maturation throughout our careers. We've all kind of had rough patches, we've all kind of settled into our own game and really have had pretty good careers here at the tail end."

The only non-senior of the bunch is Texas A&M's Manziel, who as a redshirt sophomore will be eligible for the NFL draft after this season. Manziel has refused to talk about his future, but most believe that this will be his last season in College Station.

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C I N O ? U → ? N

B E E I ? W → ? E

? F I N R U → ? R

A H ? O O R → ? H

Yesterday's Answer: PHIVIRTUEOT / MIMD / RIVO / TIO / MEDIUM / PIT

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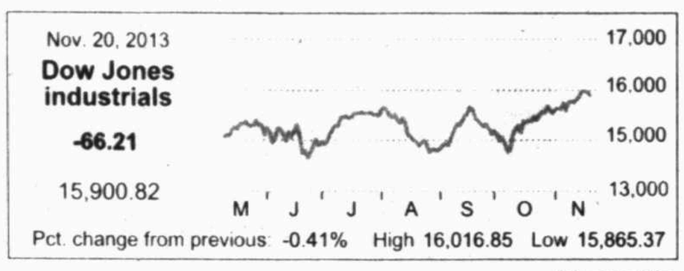

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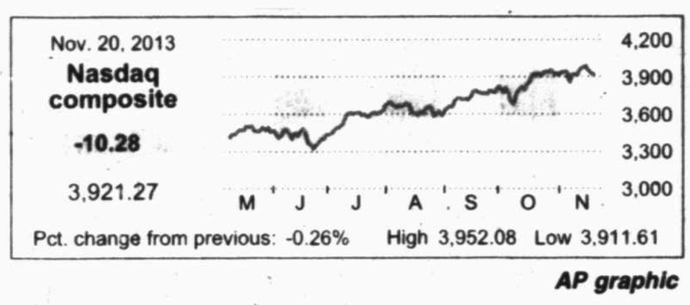

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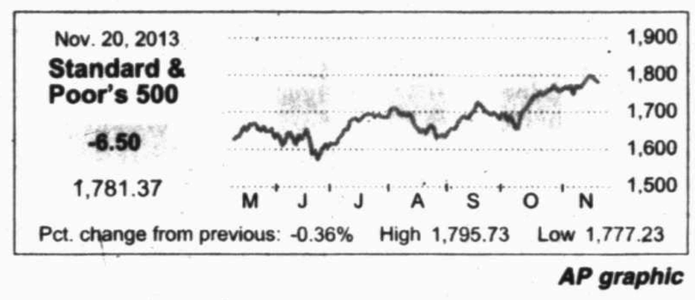

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $93.33
Previous: $93.34

POSTED

Wednesday: $89.75
Previous: $89.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $84.20
Previous: $84.20

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.674
Previous: $3.556

House OKs bills to speed drilling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House approved two bills Wednesday aimed at speeding up drilling for oil and natural gas on public lands.

The measures were among three energy bills the House is considering this week as Republicans who control the chamber push to expand an oil and gas boom that's lowered prices and led the U.S. to produce more oil last month than it imported from abroad.

One of the bills approved Wednesday would set strict deadlines for federal approval of oil and gas permits and expand areas open to production. Another would restrict the Interior Department from enforcing proposed rules to regulate hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, on public lands.

A third bill, set for approval Thursday, would streamline permitting for natural gas pipelines.

Supporters say the bills are needed to ensure that a drilling boom taking place on state and private lands extends to millions of acres, mostly in the West, under federal control.

President Barack Obama has promised to veto the bills, saying they are unnecessary and run counter to protections put in place for oil and gas drilling.

Rep. Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., who sponsored the bill to speed up permitting, said the current energy boom has mainly occurred on state and private lands, including the Bakken formation in North Dakota and Montana and the Marcellus Shale region centered in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Drilling also is booming in traditional production states such as Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

"The only reason we haven't seen that same dynamic growth on federal lands is because of excess regulations," Lamborn said.

Lamborn's bill would deem a drilling application approved if no decision is made within 60 days, set a minimum threshold for lands leased by the Bureau of Land Management and charge a $5,000 fee to groups that protest lease permits. It also would open up Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration.

The House approved the measure, 228-192.

The House also approved a separate bill that would block the Interior Department from enforcing a proposed rule on hydraulic fracturing on federal lands in states where drilling regulations are already in place. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Bill Flores, R-Texas, was approved 235-187.

Hydraulic fracturing, also called fracking, involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground to split open rocks to allow oil and gas to flow. Improved technology has allowed energy companies to gain access to huge stores of natural gas underneath states from Wyoming to New York but has raised widespread concerns that it might lead to groundwater contamination and even earthquakes.

A draft rule issued this spring would require companies that drill for oil and natural gas on federal lands to publicly disclose the chemicals used in fracking operations. A final rule is expected next year.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1107556	178.47	-.56
BkofAm	1051769	15.14	-.06
Penney	857978	9.44	+.73
iShEMkts	608832	41.79	-.58
MktVGold	569316	22.85	-.84

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GrayTelev	11.03	+1.62	+17.2
GrayTvA	9.37	+1.19	+14.6
DirGMBear	58.16	+7.23	+14.2
DirDGdBr s	39.05	+3.93	+11.2
LaZBoy	26.82	+2.40	+9.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Voxeljet n	39.21	-18.80	-32.4
FSPBIUSDBr	22.35	-5.21	-18.9
DmRsBW	5.87	-1.07	-15.4
DirGMnBull	20.85	-3.40	-14.0
FaOilBISPBr	3.31	-.44	-11.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,030
Declined	2,054
Unchanged	99
Total issues	3,183
New Highs	75
New Lows	71
Volume	3,043,319,136

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Organovo	166171	7.95	-1.65
InovioPhm	69744	2.03	+.11
AlldNevG	62734	3.27	-.33
NwGold g	44873	5.26	-.16
ChenereEn	33553	39.00	-.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WirelessT	2.42	+.55	+29.4
ERBA Diag	2.97	+.47	+18.8
AltisrcAst	701.99	+93.47	+15.4
LiberMed	3.16	+.33	+11.7
ContMatls	17.41	+1.76	+11.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastchH s	17.46	-4.69	-21.2
SparkNet	5.58	-1.16	-17.2
Organovo	7.95	-1.65	-17.2
AlldNevG	3.27	-.33	-9.2
Medgen wt	2.50	-.25	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	148
Declined	264
Unchanged	23
Total issues	435
New Highs	6
New Lows	14
Volume	108,584,559

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Zynga	541634	4.27	+.28
Facebook	532618	46.43	+.07
MicronT	445289	18.80	-.26
Cisco	434511	21.23	-.19
eBay	340984	50.39	-1.74

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Unilife	4.03	+1.23	+43.9
ZhoneTech	5.66	+1.71	+43.3
RemarkM h	5.55	+1.23	+28.5
SGOCO	6.73	+1.42	+26.7
ChiRecyEn	4.13	+.80	+24.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChHousLd	2.00	-.97	-32.7
NwstBio n	4.97	-1.69	-25.4
ARC Grp	19.23	-6.52	-25.3
NwstBio wt	3.00	-.87	-22.5
EvokePh n	9.30	-2.44	-20.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,168
Declined	1,363
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,651
New Highs	94
New Lows	34
Volume	1,690,334,163

Hydrogen cars could be available soon

Associated Press

DETROIT — Cars that run on hydrogen and exhaust only water vapor are emerging to challenge electric vehicles as the world's transportation of the future.

At auto shows on two continents Wednesday, three automakers were unveiling hydrogen fuel cell vehicles to be delivered to the general public as early as spring of next year.

Korea's Hyundai Motor Co. will be the first to the mass market in the U.S. with a hydrogen-powered Tucson small SUV for lease next spring. Details were to come later Wednesday at the Los Angeles Auto Show. Honda also revealed plans in Los Angeles for a car due out in 2015. Earlier, at the Tokyo Motor Show, Toyota promised a mass-produced fuel cell car by 2015 in Japan and 2016 in the U.S.

Hydrogen cars are appealing because unlike electric vehicles, they have the range of a typical gasoline car and can be refueled quickly.

But hydrogen cars still have a glaring downside — refueling stations are scarce, and costly to build. Critics say the cars are still a long way from mass production.

Consumers can expect costs in line with some luxury models. In Tokyo, Toyota promised a price of 5 million yen ($50,000) to 10 million yen ($100,000), and as close to the lower figure as possible.

Even as battery-powered and hybrid-electric cars took on conventional gasoline models in the past decade, automakers continued research into hydrogen fuel cells, said Paul Mutolo, director of external partnerships for the Cornell University Energy Materials Center.

Hydrogen cars, Mutolo said, have an advantage over battery-powered electric cars because drivers don't have to worry about running out of electricity and having to wait hours for recharging.

Hydrogen fuel cells use a complex chemical process to separate electrons and protons in hydrogen gas molecules. The electrons move toward a positive pole, and the movement creates electricity. That powers a car's electric motor, which turns the wheels. "You're literally ripping the electrons from inside the molecule, generating electricity," Mutolo said.

Since the hydrogen isn't burned, there's no pollution. Instead, oxygen also is pumped into the system, and when it meets the hydrogen ions and electrons, that creates water and heat.

Oil little changed

The price of oil showed little change Wednesday after the minutes of the last Federal Reserve meeting indicated that policymakers intend to soon begin winding down the central banks' economic stimulus.

Benchmark U.S. crude for December delivery fell 1 cent to close at $93.33 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The more heavily traded January Nymex contract slipped 4 cents to $93.85.

Members of the Federal Reserve agreed last month that they would likely start reducing their bond purchases in coming months if the job market improved further.

The Fed's bond purchases have been intended to keep long-term borrowing rates low.

Oil prices rise

Gold and silver prices fell Wednesday as traders anticipated that the Federal Reserve may be closer to reducing its economic stimulus than previously expected.

The prospect of fewer bond purchases diminished the threat the program could trigger inflation and a weaker dollar, key drivers of higher gold and silver prices.

Gold for December delivery fell $15.50, or 1.2 percent, to settle at $1,258 an ounce Wednesday. December silver lost 27.6 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $20.058 an ounce.

Minutes from the central bank's policy meeting last month showed that the Fed would likely begin reducing its bond purchases in the coming months.

Policymakers also considered slowing down the purchases even if there wasn't clear evidence that the job market was improving.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.83 Up 0.58

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $104.24 Down 1.30

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.80 Down 0.78

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $48.76 Down 0.06

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.65 Up 0.42

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.51 Down 0.49

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.64 Up 0.22

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.00 Down 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	26	35.40	-.32	+5.0
Abraxas	...	**38**	**3.45**	**+.09**	**+57.5**
AdamsEx	**.84e**	...	**13.07**	**+.01**	**+23.4**
AEtern grs	...	4	1.05	-.54	-55.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	3.92	+.12	+182.0
Alcoa	.12	26	9.05	-.08	+4.3
AlonUSA	24a	15	12.68	+.07	-29.9
Amgen	**1.88**	**18**	**115.56**	**+.10**	**+34.1**
Anadarko	**.72**	**26**	**90.54**	**-.16**	**+21.8**
Annaly	1.65e	3	10.42	-.08	-25.8
Apache	**.80**	**14**	**93.18**	**+.17**	**+18.7**
ApidMatl	**.40**	**80**	**16.83**	**+.01**	**+47.1**
ATMOS	**1.48f**	**17**	**45.34**	**-.43**	**+29.1**
AutoData	1.92f	27	79.05	-.66	+38.9
BP PLC	**2.28f**	**11**	**46.99**	**+.04**	**+12.8**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	14.30	-.20	-6.4
BakrHu	.60	23	56.91	-.25	+39.3
BkofAm	.04	20	15.14	-.06	+30.4
B rPVix rs	...	...	46.65	-.96	-63.3
BarrickG	.20	...	17.18	-.65	-50.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	16.50	+.37	+44.6
BerkHa A	**...**	**161724**	**80.00-1280.21**		**+28.7**
BerryPet	**.32**	**17**	**50.50**	**+.22**	**+50.5**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**20**	**50.96**	**-.25**	**+40.2**
BlackBerry	...	...	6.08	+.01	-48.8
BrMySq	**1.40**	**31**	**51.79**	**-.19**	**+60.6**
BrownFA	**1.02a**	**27**	**73.90**	**-.09**	**+20.2**
BrownFB	**1.02a**	**27**	**74.49**	**-.33**	**+17.8**
CVS Care	.90	18	65.42	+.20	+35.3
Cameron	...	19	54.77	+.13	-3.0
Caterpillar	2.40	16	82.68	-.99	-7.7
Celestic g	...	20	9.56	-.34	+17.3
CntryLink	2.16	...	31.80	-.21	-18.7
ChesEng	.35	20	25.55	+.25	+53.7
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**122.00**	**-.06**	**+12.8**
Chicos	.22	18	18.12	-.02	-1.8
Cimarex	.56	21	96.32	-.25	+66.8
Cisco	.68	12	21.23	-.19	+8.0
Citigroup	.04	13	50.77	-.40	+28.3
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**74.83**	**+.58**	**+87.1**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**21**	**40.06**	**-.08**	**+10.5**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**27**	**65.26**	**-.02**	**+24.9**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**18**	**32.27**	**-.29**	**+9.4**
ConchoRes	**...**	**49**	**104.24**	**-1.30**	**+29.4**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**72.25**	**-.01**	**+24.6**
CrackerB	3.00	23	112.20	+1.27	+74.6
CSVelIVST	...	...	31.95	+.67	+92.6
CrpsTim	**2.24e**	**13**	**29.20**	**+.20**	**+8.5**
DCP Mid	2.88f	22	47.88	+.28	+14.7
DTE	2.62	19	68.77	-.02	+14.5
Datarm rsh	...	...	2.41	+.05	+21.7
Dawson	**...**	**15**	**30.80**	**-.78**	**+16.8**
DeltaAir	.24	10	27.71	-.14	+133.4
DevonE	**.88**	**...**	**62.75**	**-.02**	**+20.6**
DxSCBr rs	...	...	20.49	+.03	-62.1
Disney	**.75f**	**20**	**69.23**	**+.11**	**+39.0**
DowChm	**1.28**	**40**	**39.26**	**-.44**	**+21.4**
eBay	...	24	50.39	-1.74	-1.2
EMC Cp	.40	19	23.87	+.03	-5.7
EOG Res	**.75**	**41**	**166.92**	**-.97**	**+38.2**
EmpDist	**1.02f**	**17**	**22.79**	**-.11**	**+11.8**
Energen	.58	27	73.25	+.53	+62.5
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	52.89	+.60	+23.2
EnPro	**...**	**36**	**55.87**	**-.41**	**+36.6**
EntPrPt	2.76f	22	61.38	+.28	+22.6
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.38	+.01	+22.6
ExterranH	**...**	**23**	**33.24**	**+.24**	**+51.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**10**	**94.68**	**-.74**	**+9.4**
Facebook	...	97	46.43	+.07	+74.4
FordM	.40	13	16.92	+.05	+30.7
ForestOil	...	14	4.09	+.01	-38.9
FrontierCm	.40	69	4.84	-.14	+13.1
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**51.11**	**-.48**	**+18.0**
GabMultT	**.80**	**...**	**10.31**	**-.10**	**+31.3**
GAInv	**2.70e**	**...**	**34.19**	**-.02**	**+22.9**
GenElec	**.76**	**20**	**26.96**	**-.07**	**+28.4**
GenMotors	...	16	37.69	-.32	+30.7
GtPlainEn	**.92f**	**16**	**24.38**	**-.38**	**+20.0**
Groupon	...	...	9.22	-.60	+89.7
HalconRes	...	22	4.18	-.05	-39.6
Halliburtn	**.60f**	**18**	**53.58**	**-.18**	**+54.5**
HewlettP	.58	...	24.94	-.05	+75.0
HuntBncsh	.20	12	8.82	-.05	+38.0
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	47.60	-.79	+14.9
iShJapan	.15e	...	12.12	+.01	+24.3
iShSilver	...	...	19.14	-.47	-34.8
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	39.57	-.31	-2.2
iSHEMkts	.77g	...	41.79	-.58	-5.8
iShn20 yrT	3.19e	...	102.78	-1.78	-15.2
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	65.55	-.46	+15.3
iShR2K	1.70e	...	109.33	-.04	+29.7
IntegrysE	2.72	15	56.30	-.63	+7.8
Intel	**.90**	**13**	**24.56**	**-.14**	**+19.1**
Intelliph	...	...	4.47	-.48	+78.8
InterDig	.40a	34	32.04	-.10	-22.0
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	56.10	-.05	+28.5
JohnJn	**2.64**	**21**	**95.15**	**+.29**	**+35.7**
JnprNtwk	...	27	19.90	+.50	+1.2
KimbClk	**3.24**	**22**	**107.82**	**-.06**	**+27.7**
KindME	5.40f	30	81.01	-.22	+1.5
KindMM	5.40f	48	74.96	-.05	-.7
LegacyRes	2.34f	...	27.65	+.42	+16.2
Lowes	.72	24	47.33	-3.11	+33.2
Lubys	**...**	**52**	**7.31**	**-.11**	**+9.3**
MktVGold	.46e	...	22.85	-.84	-50.7
McDnlds	3.24f	18	97.54	-.44	+10.6
Merck	1.72	29	48.13	+.06	+17.6
MeritMed	**...**	**65**	**16.17**	**+.14**	**+16.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	7.51	-.49	+16.7
MicronT	...	19	18.80	-.26	+196.5
Microsoft	1.12	14	37.08	+.34	+38.8
Nabors	.16	40	17.22	-.02	+19.2
NatGrid	**3.16e**	**...**	**61.81**	**-.99**	**+7.6**
NOilVarco	1.04	15	83.36	+.20	+22.0
NokiaCp	...	...	7.94	+.14	+101.0
NvMed	**.80a**	**...**	**12.05**	**-.08**	**-20.8**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**12.11**	**-.12**	**-18.8**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**12.30**	**-.12**	**-17.8**
NSTFI3	**.63e**	**...**	**12.60**	**-.07**	**-13.8**
NTXQI	**.70e**	**...**	**12.98**	**-.10**	**-18.1**
OcciPet	**2.56**	**17**	**97.18**	**+.28**	**+26.9**
Organovo	...	...	7.95	-1.65	+205.8
PanTech	**...**	**...**	**5.53**	**-.04**	**+12.9**
ParkDri	**...**	**...**	**8.00**	**+.22**	**+73.9**
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Penney	...	...	9.44	+.73	-52.1
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Pfizer	**.96**	**17**	**31.92**	**+.26**	**+27.3**
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RoyDShllA	3.60	9	67.48	+.01	-2.1
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S&P500ETF	3.39e	...	178.47	-.56	+25.3
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SiriusXM	.05e	52	3.63	-.05	+25.6
Smucker	2.32	20	101.49	-7.10	+17.7
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SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	21.09	-.07	+28.6
SP Util	1.46e	...	38.60	-.43	+10.5
Staples	.48	...	15.10	-.24	+32.5
SunocoLog	2.52f	18	68.43	-.88	+37.6
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TevaPhrm	1.28e	81	40.50	+1.53	+8.5
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Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**74.43**	**-.19**	**+44.5**
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TylerTech	**...**	**90**	**99.51**	**...**	**+105.4**
Unilife	...	...	4.03	+1.23	+77.5
UBWV	**1.28f**	**18**	**30.40**	**+.01**	**+24.9**
Vale SA	.78e	...	15.42	-.27	-26.4
ValeroE	.90	15	42.11	-.23	+23.4
VangEmg	1.38e	...	41.10	-.52	-7.7
Voxeljet n	...	...	39.21	-18.80	+36.1
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**55.73**	**+.04**	**+7.1**
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WellsFargo	1.20	11	43.62	+.06	+27.6
WstnRefin	.88f	8	37.30	+.01	+32.3
WhitingPet	...	14	60.71	-.14	+40.0
WmsCos	1.47f	39	34.78	-.25	+6.2
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**15**	**28.10**	**-.39**	**+5.2**
Xerox	**.23**	**11**	**10.98**	**-.24**	**+61.0**
Yahoo	...	31	35.62	+.99	+79.0
Zynga	...	...	4.27	+.28	+80.9

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16,030.28	12,590.23	Dow Jones Industrials	15,900.82	-66.21	-.41	+21.34	+23.87
7,245.43	4,892.25	Dow Jones Transportation	7,094.72	-20.29	-.29	+33.69	+41.97
537.86	436.76	Dow Jones Utilities	495.55	-7.03	-1.40	+9.37	+12.36
10,226.34	8,002.25	NYSE Composite	10,096.43	-39.22	-.39	+19.58	+24.46
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,398.45	-18.69	-.77	+1.82	+1.75
3,994.97	2,884.75	Nasdaq Composite	3,921.27	-10.28	-.26	+29.86	+33.99
1,802.33	1,359.88	S&P 500	1,781.37	-6.50	-.36	+24.90	+28.06
19,148.77	14,213.83	Wilshire 5000	18,878.08	-62.79	-.33	+25.89	+29.73
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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 77 Low: 32

FRIDAY: Cloudy High: 32 Low: 28

SATURDAY: Cloudy High: 32 Low: 28

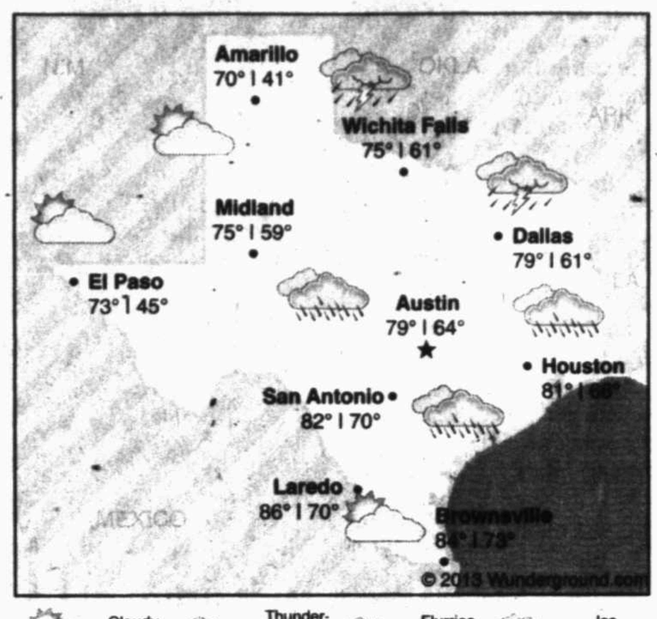
Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 77 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 32 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast between 15 and 25 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. There is a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the evening, and a chance of rain after midnight.

Friday, look for cloudy skies with a high around 32 and north winds between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of precipitation. Expect cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 28 and north winds around 10 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of freezing rain during the day and a 30 percent chance at night.

Saturday, the forecast calls for cloudy skies, with a high around 32 and a low around 28. There is a 30 percent chance of freezing rain during the day and a 50 percent chance of snow, freezing rain and sleet at night.

The high on Wednesday reached 77, while the low dropped to 55. The record high for Nov. 20 is 90 set in 1996. The record low is 22 set in 1988.



Precipitation

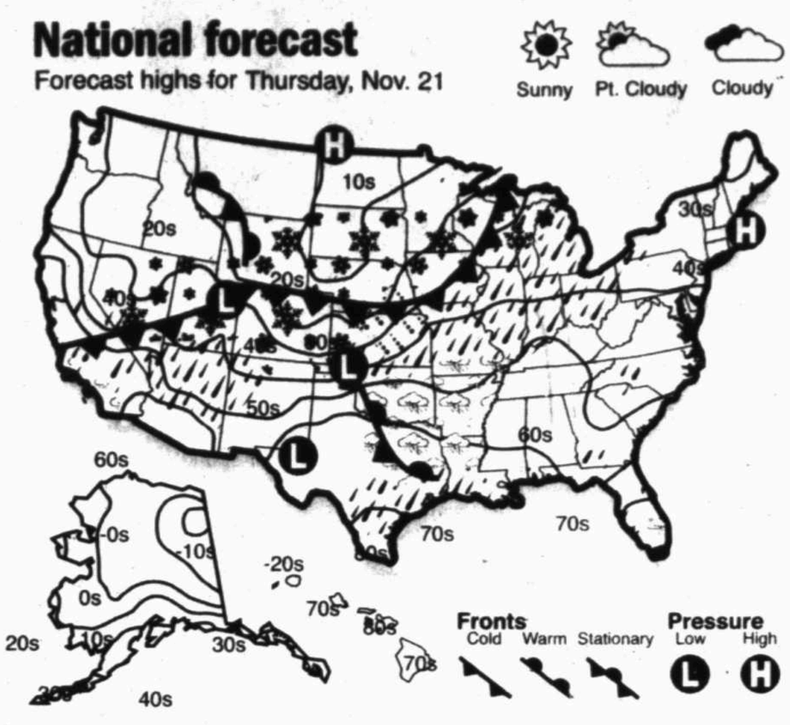
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	6.50 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.79 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	77
Low	55
Normal high	65
Normal low	37
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Nov. 21



Wife feels violated after being awakened by husband's touch

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I love my husband very much. Until the last few years there have never been any problems in our 20-year marriage. I have depression and epilepsy, and I am on five different medications for them.

Sometimes when I have come out of a seizure, I have found that my clothes have been removed and my husband is "touching" me. Also, because the medication puts me into a deep sleep at night, I have half-awakened to him having sex with me. I am so groggy I can't respond. Is this right? I feel like I have been violated, but I haven't said anything to him. This causes me to cringe most of the time when he touches me now.

I'd like to get back to a normal love life, but I can't get over what he does to me when I'm not fully aware. How do I tell him I know what he has been doing without ruining my marriage? — FEELING VIOLATED IN RIO RANCHO, N.M.

DEAR FEELING VIOLATED: You feel violated because what your husband is doing is called spousal rape, and it's a criminal offense. Having sex with someone who is so doped up she (or he) can't give consent is a sexual assault. Tell your husband you know what he has been doing, how you feel about it and that you would prefer that the two of you make love while you are wide awake and able to fully enjoy it. This should be discussed with a marriage counselor and, if necessary, the police.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a married father of two very young children (2 and 6 months). I have excessive student loan debt that is making my life extremely tough, and between that, day care and my mortgage, I'm on the brink of bankruptcy.

My mother is extremely wealthy. She is very involved with my family and we both do things to help each other out. I mow the grass in her large yard every week.

She sees me struggling, yet she makes no offer to help financially. I am becoming resentful about it. If she helped, it would not change her lifestyle at all. My wife's family is the opposite. Her parents aren't wealthy, but they have done everything within their power to help their children. I know how I will treat MY kids.

Am I wrong to feel resentment because my mother has decided differently? Or should I just "grow up"? — FRUSTRATED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If you have discussed with your mother that you are under extreme financial pressure and she has refused to help, then I can see why you might feel some resentment. My question is, HAVE you talked to her about it? That would be the "grown-up" thing to do. The worst she can say is no. If she does, what you will need to do is take a part-time job to help with the bills — even if it means you mow your mother's lawn less often.

DEAR ABBY: Next month will be our 25th anniversary. My wife and I are permanently separated, but will not divorce because she would lose health coverage under my employer's plan. How do I acknowledge this "landmark" — or should I just ignore it, since it isn't really a celebratory event? — NOT QUITE AN EX IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NOT QUITE AN EX: If you and your wife are on speaking terms, call her and say something nice. Or send her a card. If you're not on friendly terms, then diplomatically ignore the landmark.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Supreme confidence

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A K Q 9
♥ K 7 4
♦ 10
♣ A J 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ Q J 10 5 2
♦ J 8
♣ Q 8 6 4

EAST
♠ 8 4
♥ A 8 3
♦ A K Q 9 7 5 3
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ J 10 7 5 2
♥ 9 6
♦ 6 4 2
♣ K 10 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	1	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	3	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

North had a tough decision to make at his last turn; should he call it a day and pass or try to "gild the lily" by raising? He knew they were getting a diamond lead rather than a heart through his king, so a club fragment from partner might be enough to set up the clubs and bring home 10 tricks. This was a very close decision and North took the aggressive view. Could South make it?

West led the jack of diamonds and East allowed it to hold. West made the obvious shift to the queen of hearts. Declarer ducked this, hoping for a singleton or doubleton ace in the East hand. No luck. South ruffed the third round of hearts, drew trumps in two rounds, and had to decide how to tackle the club suit.

A little basic counting was all that was needed. West had led the jack of diamonds. The 10 of diamonds was in dummy. Most players would lead small from three to the jack, so he was probably leading high from a doubleton. Declarer could place East with seven diamonds. East had followed suit to three hearts and two spades, so therefore could have no more than one club. Declarer cashed the king of clubs, in case that singleton was the queen, and then ran the 10 of clubs with supreme confidence — something that only comes with good card counting.

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, Nov. 21, 2013:

This year, you will be serious and determined about your direction and the choices you make. You draw people from various walks of life toward you. If you are single, you could meet several different people. Enjoy dating. You will know when someone is right for you. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other so much that you won't need anyone else to have a party. Use care with money, as you often are extravagant. CANCER sometimes rains on your parade.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You will feel as if you are on an emotional seesaw. You could be feeling a lot about someone close. You might be weighing the pros and cons of a change involving property and perhaps family. Irritation could bubble up at the slightest provocation. Tonight: Stay centered.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Do not stand on ceremony. You might want to make a call or reach out to someone who has become distant. Your temper soars, as you seem to keep hitting a brick wall. Relax, and take a walk to get some fresh air. Be more hospitable and open. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You'll want to indulge others as well as yourself. You can't seem to decide what would be more fun and memorable. Trust yourself to choose the right event or happening. At times, you give in to excess. Be careful — a family member could be jealous. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might sense a change in others. What has been held back in the past, or perhaps even today, could become a fiery issue. Don't worry; it can be resolved. You seem to know exactly what to do and when to do it. Follow your own advice. Tonight: Make an important phone call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Take your time right now, and be slightly less accountable. You are full of enthusiasm for a new friendship. Try to lighten up about a domestic situation or investment. If you are not sure, wait before engaging in a conversation or taking action. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, and proceed in the direction you want to head in. You might feel as if you can't handle a personal matter, and you could become angry if you are pushed. Excuse yourself rather than explode. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. You might want to assume a less-prominent position in a project once you hear it. Someone in your daily life might become a burden to you. You need to express your feelings before anger builds. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ If you are questioning what to do, detach. Allow your feelings and instincts to guide you, as they are likely to lead you in the right direction. Recognize when you are feeling triggered. At that point, your best bet is to do nothing. Tonight: Touch base with someone at a distance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Someone close to you will demand the stage. You might as well retreat rather than fight for the podium. If you start to feel down, indulge a little. You might want to buy a new item for winter or perhaps a gift for a loved one. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You will see a situation differently from how the majority of people around you see it. As a result, you might proceed as you wish and not bother to explain why. You will note that several people give you the benefit of the doubt. Keep them around. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Focus on completing your work or errands. You will want to be free and relaxed for the coming weekend. A partner expects a lot. In a sense, you feel driven by this person. Be aware if you are giving too much, as you could become resentful. Tonight: Get ready for a hot tango.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ If you are honest with yourself, your mind seems to be everywhere all at once. Your self-discipline seems to be on vacation. If you can enjoy these flights of fancy, do. A close friend suddenly might become angry. This person wants more attention! Tonight: Keep it light.

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BORN TODAY

Author Voltaire (1694), actress Goldie Hawn (1945), journalist Tina Brown (1953)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Are you serious?"
5 Handicapper's concern
9 Class _
14 Doth possess
15 Los Angeles, for one
16 High nest
17 Opposed party
18 *Filet mignon dish named for a goddess
20 Jet sounds
22 Proactiv target
23 Was in the vanguard
24 *Emergency supplies
27 Dog in Baum stories
28 Dangerous fly
33 Puffin kin
36 Sizable music combo
39 Planted
40 Troubled youth literally hiding in each answer to a starred clue
44 Fable
45 Makes the scene
46 I trouble?
47 Slob's napkin
50 Spheres studied by Mendel
52 *Pipe-smoking royal
58 Tailless primate
61 Explorer on Nick Jr.
62 Art support
63 *Fictional rank above Padawan
67 Pro _
68 Where the action is
69 Former Neet rival
70 Similar
71 Face-off locales
72 Low joint
73 Wings, for instance

DOWN

1 Marina structure
2 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum city
3 Rose essence
4 Need of a 53-Down
5 Brief missions?
6 Hi and Lois's daughter
7 Foreboding
8 Cupboard arrangement
9 Officers-to-be
10 Floral wreath
11 Word-of-mouth
12 Riesling product
13 Aid factor
19 Grow together
21 Rock-filled
25 It can be viewed with a scanning tunneling microscope
26 Column style
29 Paranormal ability
30 Tip for a croupier
31 Large gulp
32 Prefix with skeleton
33 Book after John
34 River through Orsk
35 Broccoli relative
37 Prefix with skeleton
38 Metronome settings
41 Prize component?
42 "The Lady & Sons Savannah Country Cookbook" author Paula
43 Stylebook subject
48 Stoli and SKYY
49 Tar Heel State campus
51 Egyptian amulet
53 Solution for 4-Down
54 2010 Supreme Court appointee
55 Honshu port
56 Admit to the club
57 Twisty-horned antelope
58 Admitting a breeze, perhaps
59 "Frasier" actress Gilpin
60 Shangri-la
64 Press coverage
65 Make haste
66 Uno e due

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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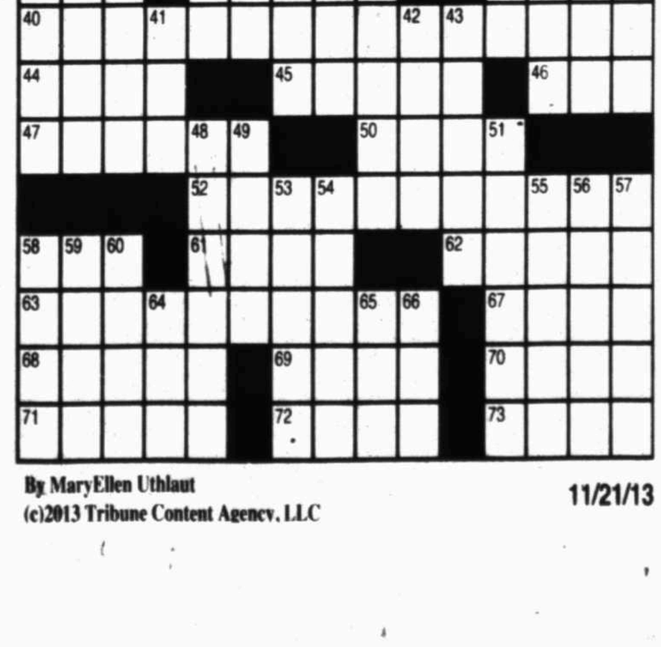

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Associated Press

Reigning UFC MMA bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz, left, from San Diego, and interim bantamweight champion Renan Barao, right, from Rio de Janeiro, flank UFC featherweight fighter Ricardo Lamas, from Chicago, as they pose for photos after a news conference in New York on Wednesday. The UFC was in New York to kick off promotion for its Super Bowl weekend show but the occasion is as close as the MMA's leading promotion will get to the Big Apple as New York continues to grapple over whether or not to allow fights in the state.

UFC fighters lament lockout of big New York stage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dominick Cruz expected to squeeze in at least a run — and maybe grab a beer — during his two-day trip in New York. The UFC champ, after all, isn't much for sightseeing.

"What's there to see," he asked.

Just about everything a tourist could want is in the Big Apple, but not even Broadway has a stage big enough for the Ultimate Fighting Championship. UFC fights are still locked out among NYC sights.

Cruz, the 150-pound champion, and fellow fighters Renan Barao and Ricardo Lamas were in Manhattan on Wednesday at a restaurant not far from Madison Square Garden to kick off promotion for UFC's Super Bowl weekend show. But the news conference is as close as the MMA's dominant organization will get to having its fighters inside state borders. New Jersey is still home to the must-watch events in the East — just like it will be for UFC 169 on Feb. 1 — while UFC and New York continue to grapple over whether to allow fights in this state.

"I'd love to fight here," Lamas said. "I love New York. I think it's kind of ridiculous that it isn't legal. I'm kind of dumbfounded by that fact."

So are the promoters, fans and even plenty of politicians who would love the kind of economic boost UFC brings to most every city it visits.

UFC Chairman Lorenzo Fertitta said this year that once the sport is legalized and regulated in New York, his group will hold at least four events a year for the next three years, more than half in cities across upstate New York.

With New York idle, UFC continues to make the Garden State it's marquee fight home on the East, and the February card is yet another milestone event in its 20-year history. UFC will hold its Super Bowl weekend show at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., just a few miles from MetLife Stadium, where the Super Bowl will be played Feb. 2.

Cruz will defend his bantamweight championship against Barao, Jose Aldo puts his featherweight title on the line against Lamas, and heavyweights Frank Mir and Alistair Overeem will slug it out.

The spotlight will shine on UFC — and the fighters insisted they are ready.

"The city's going to be packed," Lamas said. "All my friends and family that wanted to go are having trouble finding hotel rooms."

Cruz, out of San Diego, loves the NFL and is a fan of the Washington Redskins and Robert Griffin III. With the Redskins in last place in the NFC East, Cruz knows he'll have to cheer for another team in the Super Bowl — even if he has to bundle up.

"After I win," Cruz said, "I plan on going."

No doubt, the Prudential Center also will be jam packed, and A-list celebrities in town for Super Bowl parties will surely swing by to meet up with UFC president Dana White and be seen at one of the cards of the year.

"I'm not bothered by big crowds, I'm not bothered by a lot of people watching," Lamas said. "If anything, I perform better under pressure."

There's little pressure — just heavy anticipation, about when the UFC can move across the river to New York.

The Senate in March approved a bill to legalize and regulate the combat sport that includes boxing, judo, wrestling and kickboxing.

Rodriguez walks out of grievance hearing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez walked out of his grievance hearing Wednesday after arbitrator Fredric Horowitz refused to order baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to testify.

Horowitz was in the midst of the 11th day of hearings on the grievance filed by the players' association to overturn the 211-game suspension given to Rodriguez by Major League Baseball last summer for alleged violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract.

"I'm done. I don't have a chance. You let the arbiter decide whatever he decides," Rodriguez said during an interview on WFAN radio. "My position doesn't change. I didn't do it."

A person familiar with the session said that after Horowitz made his ruling, the New York Yankees third baseman slammed a table, uttered a profanity at MLB Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred and left. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because what takes place at the hearing is supposed to be confidential.

"I am disgusted with this abusive process, designed to ensure that the player fails," Rodriguez said in a statement. "I have sat through 10 days of testimony by felons and liars, sitting quietly through every minute, trying to respect the league and the process.

"This morning, after Bud Selig refused to come in and testify about his rationale for the unprecedented and totally baseless punishment he hit me with, the arbitrator selected by MLB and the players' association refused to order Selig to come in and face me. The absurdity and injustice just became too much. I walked out and will not participate any further in this farce."

Associated Press

Alex Rodriguez arrives at Major League Baseball headquarters in New York on Tuesday. Rodriguez's grievance hearing to overturn his 211-game suspension resumed Monday with the first of what could be 10 straight days of sessions.

Rodriguez's legal team remains involved in the proceeding. Rodriguez said he had planned to testify later this week but was warned by the union he could face additional discipline if he did.

In a lengthy interview on WFAN, Rodriguez said he consulted Biogenesis of America head Anthony Bosch for "nutrition and weight loss."

Rodriguez repeatedly denied using PEDs during the period in question and said Selig "hates my guts," is "trying to destroy me" and "doesn't have the nerve to come and face me face to face."

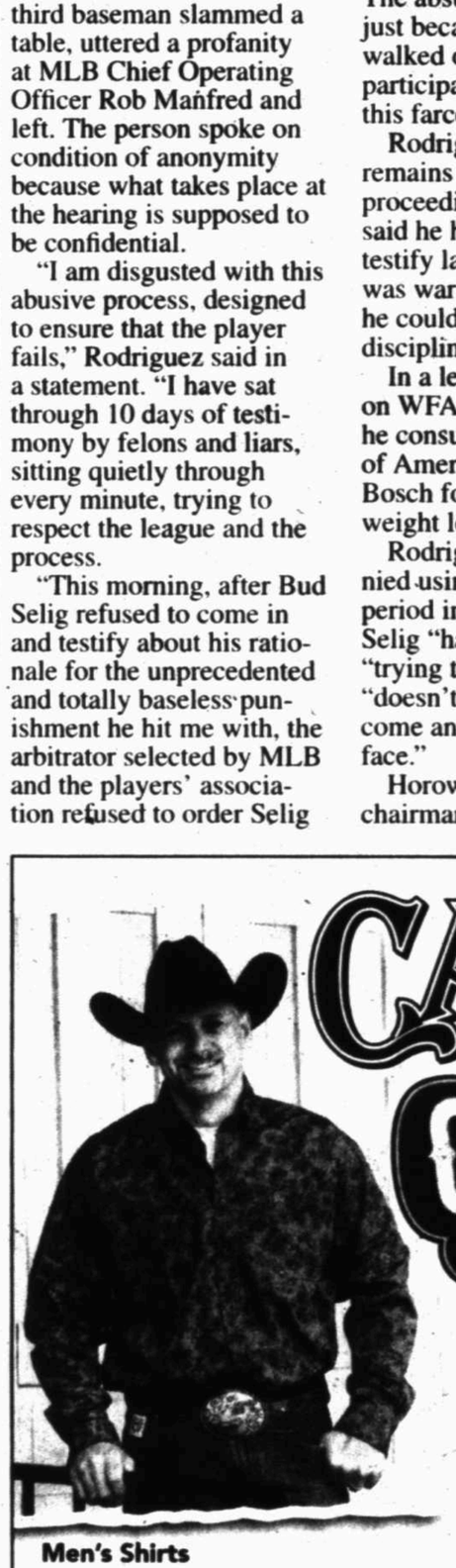
Horowitz technically is chairman of a three-man arbitration panel that also includes Manfred and Dave Prouty, the general counsel of the players' union.

"For more than 40 years, Major League Baseball and the players' association have had a contractual grievance process to address disputes between the two parties. This negotiated process has served players and clubs well," the commissioner's office said in a statement. "Despite Mr. Rodriguez being upset with one of the arbitration panel's rulings today, Major League Baseball remains committed to this process and to a fair resolution of the pending dispute."

Selig testified in 2000 on the rationale of his decision to suspend Atlanta pitcher John Rocker for all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the season, a penalty cut to the first 14 days of the regular season by arbitrator George Nicolau. Selig also testified in the 2002 contraction grievance, which settled.

Among other baseball commissioners to testify were Bowie Kuhn in the 1980 Ferguson Jenkins case, Peter Ueberroth in the 1980s collusion proceedings and Fay Vincent in the 1992 Steve Howe arbitration.

"The MLBPA believes that every player has the right under our arbitration process to directly confront his accuser," the union said in a statement. "We argued strenuously to the arbitrator in Alex's case that the commissioner should be required to appear and testify. While we respectfully disagree with the arbitrator's ruling, we will abide by it as we continue to vigorously challenge Alex's suspension within the context of this hearing."



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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0285796
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 21, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 773274
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 27, 2013
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 PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 36, Blk. 38 T3S, T&P RR CO/STUART, W Survey, A-989, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 16.3 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, 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.**

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT C	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	37H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	3920.22	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	299.0	
Lease Lines :	440.0 F SOUTH L,	1070.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	440.0 F SOUTH L,	1070.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 1070.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 33 Block: 38 T-3-S Abstract:
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 7980.0 F SOUTH L, 800.0 F EAST L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37/38 Case No. 0285667
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 14, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 773020
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 19, 2013
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

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	SCHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3001H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	28731.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	90.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	325.0	
Lease Lines :	10246.0 F NORTH L,	2365.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	4961.0 F NORTH L,	2365.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 9948.0 F NORTH L, 1650.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46 Block: 37 T3S Abstract: 928
Survey: T&P RR CO/ HASELDEN, J
Lease Lines: 90.0 F SOUTH L, 1650.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 1420.0 F SOUTH L, 1650.0 F EAST L

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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to reenter a plugged and abandoned well and to obtain an injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clearfork Formation in the Goldsmith, C.A., Et al Lease, well number: 718RW. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith (Clearfork) Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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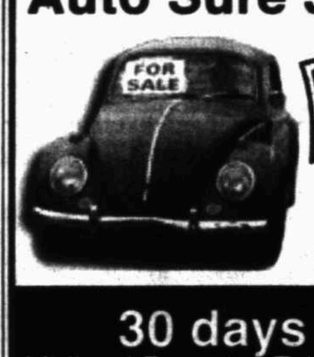

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Contact: Todd Talley
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Architect: Downing Ferguson Peeples
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West Texas Chapter (includes Abilene,*Lubbock, Midland and Wichita Falls)
(325/676-7447)
Contact: Adora Garcia (wtagc@sbcglobal.net)

3. Association of General Contractors
Amarillo Chapter
(806/374-1924)
Contact: Sandy Webb (sandy@agcamarillo.com)

4. Association of General Contractors
San Antonio Chapter
(210/349-4921)
Contact: Dana Marsh (dmarsh@sanantonioagc.org)

5. Association of General Contractors
Austin Chapter
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Contact: Deborah Graham (dgraham@agcaustin.org)

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Contact: Larry Trejo (ltrejo@agcelpaso.org)

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Local oilfield service company seeking Swab Rig Operator. Full benefits. Must have a CDL license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop, Midland, TX. 79701. Call 432-699-1200

HEALTHCARE

LPC/LPC Intern/LCDC

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:30am
Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

Medical Billing Clerk

Ingram Eye Center FT
Midland, TX 79701
Medical Billing, answering phones and scheduling appoints. Full Time. Hourly wage based on experience, benefits provided. Send resume to: dingram@quiknt.com or fax 432-694-7414 or apply in person: Ingram Eye Center, 2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg A, Midland, Tx 79701.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hotel GM

Hotel GM wanted for beautiful newly renovated hotel in Odessa, TX. 2 years Hotel Management experience a must. Great Opportunity for FD Managers to rise up in position - willing to train the right person. Must be Microsoft Office Literate. Strong communicator in written/oral skills a must. Please send all resumes to search111a@gmail.com

OTHER JOBS

CARETAKER / NURSE AIDE

Full-time for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies. $12.00 hour. Please call 432-687-1650.

Kennel Assistant

Animal Clinic & Hospital FT
Midland, TX 79703
Kennel Assistant needed. Full-time position. Call 432-694-2537.

Maintenance Person

Must have skills and knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC, and be able to lift 50 pounds daily. Pay determined on experience and qualifications. Please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, Texas. Drug tests performed randomly. No phone calls please

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S 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 lifting 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
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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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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O-TEX Pumping is now hiring full time **service supervisors** and **pump operators** and a part time **office clerk**. Benefits include, health, dental, vision, AFLAC and matching 401K for full time employees. Competitive pay plus job bonuses. Please come in and fill out an application at **2611 E. I-20 Midland, TX**. No phone calls please.

Positions Needed

Wall Street After 5 Sports Lounge
Positions needed:
Food & Beverage Manager & Supervisor, Cooks, Servers/Hostesses, Breakfast Attendants,Bar Managers, Bartenders
Wyndham Garden Hotel - Housekeepers
Pay based on experience. Please email or hand deliver resume, wyndhammidlandgm@gmail.com / 3100 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Dishwashers, Busboy, Pantry Person & Hostess

The Garlic Press FT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is hiring for Dishwashers, Busboys , Pantry Person & Hostess. Apply in person: Oakridge Square, Wadley/Garfield, between 11am-2pm or 5:30pm-7pm.

PrepCooks/Waitstaff/Dishwashers

Murray's Deli FT
Midland, TX 79705
Now hiring for Cooks, Waitstaff & Dishwashers. Day or night shift. Apply at: 3211 West Wadley, Midland.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!

•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume:**dominos@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

General Manager & Assistant Manager

JumBurrito FT
Midland/Odessa
We are looking for self-motivated leaders to join our team. As a Restaurant Manager at one of our restaurants, you will be an important member of a team who will drive the JumBurrito Brand and deliver on the JumBurrito promise of "the prefect burrito experience". You will be generously compensated for managing the team, and meeting our operational/financial goals and objectives. If you exceed our expectations you can progress rather quickly in our company. Salary/bonus/401k/vacation. Email resumes to sgallego@jumburrito.com

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Lori's Cafe is looking for: Servers- (Morning Shift), Experienced Cook & Prep Cook ($12-$14) hour, Contract Catering Servers, Bartenders. Apply in person 2201 W. Wall Street, 9am-11am or 1pm-2pm.

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Qualified candidates, please contact
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972-721-6712
Dustin.Madlock@nch.com

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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

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OTHER JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position requires: night shift, weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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SALES JOBS

Full-Part Time Sales Associates
We are looking for Insurance associates who possess these important qualities. *Cool under pressure, *Enjoy working hard, *Relate well to all kinds of people *Energetic, *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: 432-570-9501 or Mail to P O Box 8830, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by 4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705.

Outside Parts Sales
J & B Trailer & Equipment FT
Odessa, TX **0-1 Years Exp.**
Must have parts experience and dependable vehicle. Wages plus commission on sales. Apply at 11112 W. Hwy 80 E. No calls.

SALES
Directional drilling company seeking knowledgeable, experienced salesperson. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com

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 full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

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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.

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Air Drill Solutions FT
Equipment Technician: Responsible for assembly and maintenance of products in support of services. Rebuild used or faulty surface equipment. Operate crane and forklift. HS diploma or equivalent is preferred. Must be mechanically inclined and a team player. Please contact 432-218-4700 or apply with at Air Drilling 4914 WCR 114 1/2, Midland, Tx 79706

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We are looking for experienced roustabout, s/b,coater, (pushers). a mechanic in diesel and gas. If you are interested please call 432-563-8018 or come buy to fill out a application at 8215 west county rd. 115 .

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Accurate, Inc. FT
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Service Technicians and Shop Mechanic
Dynamic Energy Services, LLC, is seeking three flexible, self-motivated, safety-conscious individuals to fill positions for **2 Service Technician** and **1 Shop Mechanic** to work in a fast paced, demanding environment. These are non-manager, entry level positions. For full details regarding all positions, please call: **281-225-0463** or email **hr@dynamicenergyservices.com.** To Apply On-line, visit **www.de-services.com**.

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Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX.

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Now hiring Contract Welders. Must pass 6G pipe test and also have 1 million general liability insurance. On call 24/7. Apply in person at 2228 Stevens Rd. Odessa, Tx. 79764 or Call Ricky Sessions at 432-254-8773

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
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and Non CDL Drivers
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Diesel Mechanic Wanted
SOC Industries LLC Now hiring **experienced diesel mechanic**. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Must have own tools. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**, fax resumes to **423-620-0035** or email resumes to: **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

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Midland, TX 79706
Now hiring Frac Sand Pusher. 6 days on, 3 days off. Guaranteed hours with competative pay. $60,000 annually. Apply at 4801 SCR 1200, Midland TX. 79706 or call 432-685-6058. email: boomerangtrucking@yahoo.com

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SOC Industries LLC Now hiring **experienced drivers/operators.** Must have at least 6 months experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. **Hot Oil Operators** must have HAZMAT endorsements and at least one year experience. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**, fax resumes to **423-620-0035** or email resumes to: **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

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3. mrtclassified@mrt.com
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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

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2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

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Pickup Trucks

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2011 CHEVY 3 1/4 ton cargo van w/ shelving and lift gate, 115k mi. Excellent condition, call 432-559-9465

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4WD & SUV

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RVs

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RVs

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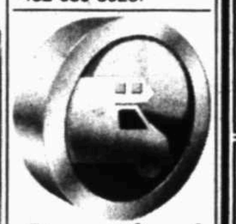

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Appliances: KitchenAid fridge, upright freezer, dorm refrigerator
Sewing Machines: Singer Commercial, Singer Treadle, and Singer Featherweight
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BY: LINDA L. BIDEN

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East to Bolder
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Nice king bedroom suite, carved wooden storage chest, sofas, wicker & bamboo chairs, end, coffee & miscellaneous tables, Oriental screens, Pub table & chairs, Marble top console & mirror, recliner, 2 small flat screen TV's, DVD player, lamps, art, silk, plants & trees, costume jewelry, ladies clothing, hats, purses, shoes, etc. Hand vacuums, washer, dryer, Chicago polisher waxer. Lots of decorative & miscellaneous
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Estate Sale By Joseph and Team
3300 Greenbriar (Midland)
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lots of quality and useable items in this sale, including...Costume jewelry, Bohemia glass, crystal, Waterford, china, Francis I sterling flatware, sterling goblets, silver plate, dolls, piano, grandfather clock, sofas, recliners, Pfaff sewing machine, day bed, 3 dining room tables/chairs, buffet, area rugs, room divider, stained glass window, bar stools, fridge, washer/dryer, patio furniture, tools, 2 Harley Buell Blast 2009 motorcycles/1 with 3039 miles/1 with 2500 miles, 1952 Chevrolet.
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Yard & Garage Sales

79701

4609 Crockett Ave Thursday and Friday 8am-1pm, couch, elliptical exercise bike, chiminaya, clothes, and some tools. 432-288-8075

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

3210 APPERSON Nov 23rd. 7AM-2PM Clothing, Household items, Furniture, TV's and Decorator items. Rain or Shine!

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

2413 Storey Ave. off Garfield Tues., Wed & Thurs. 9:00-2:00 Big Sale! Bookcase, side chair, students desk, small tables, copper plated items, trivets, jewelry, cassettes & CD's, porcelin dog collection, demitasse cups, dishes, books, collectables, & misc. clothes & pictures.

79707

4007 COYOTE Trail. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 8am-? Piano, Baby items, furniture, fabric, Jewelry, Coats, Linens, frames. "N" scale model train.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

10400 HWY 191 Thursday 6pm-9pm Saturday 11am-5pm LIQUIDATION SALE at Extra Innings. Nike baseball shoes, Pants, clothing and gear. Office furniture and supplies. Everything priced to sell!

4505 ROSEWOOD Dr., Sat. Nov. 23, 8am-12pm. Furniture, clothing, household items, etc.

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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In Observance Of The

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram's Holiday Hours will be:
Wednesday, November 27th - 8am-3pm
Thursday, November 28th - CLOSED
Friday, November 29th - 8am-3pm

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Publishing On:	Deadline is:	
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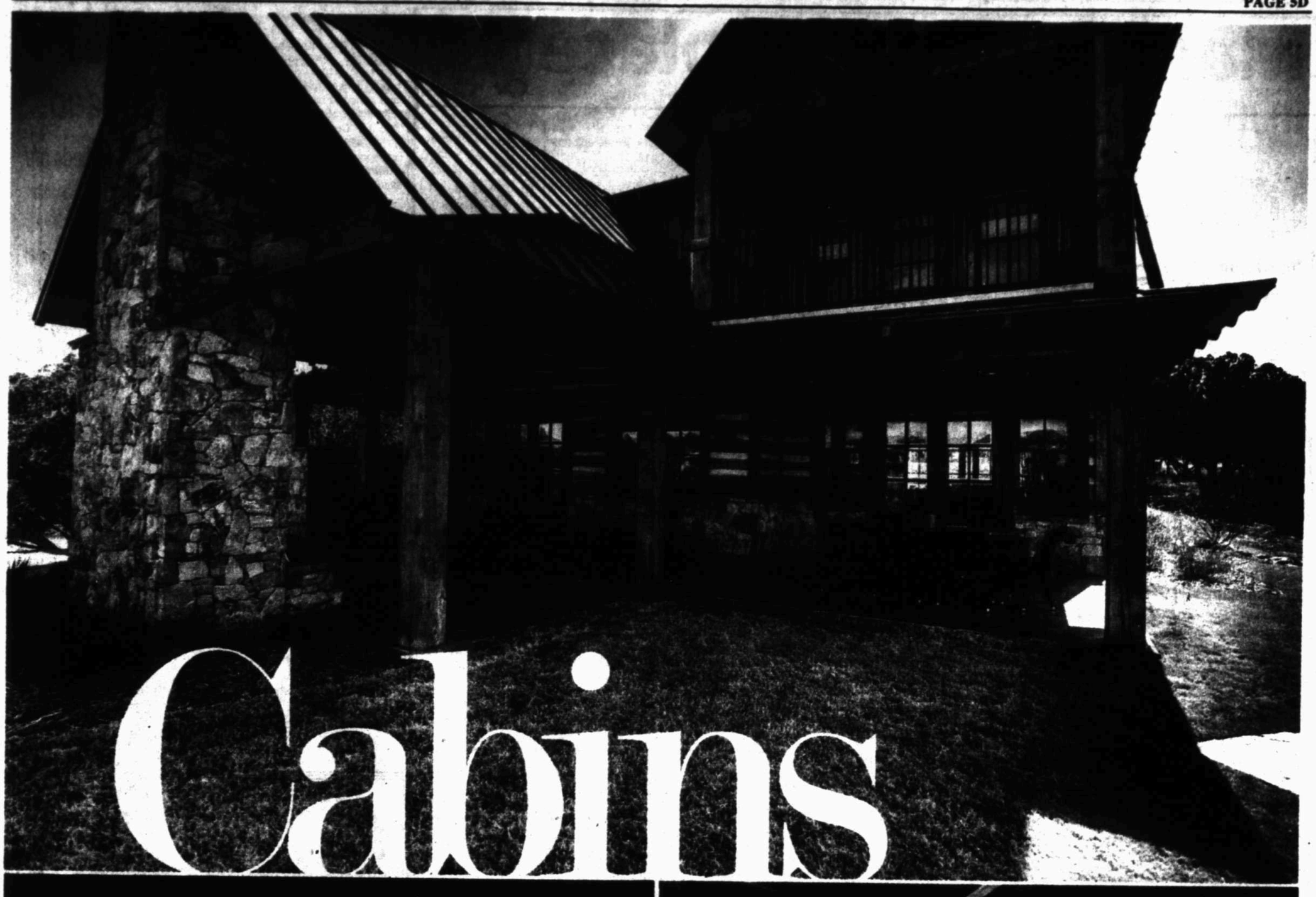

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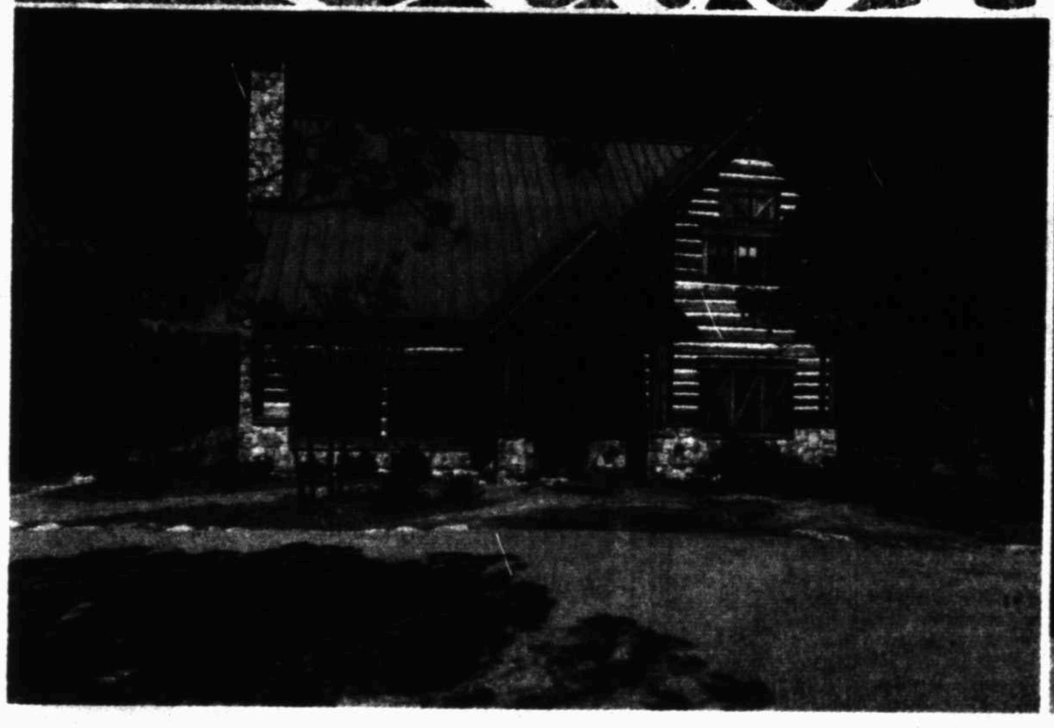

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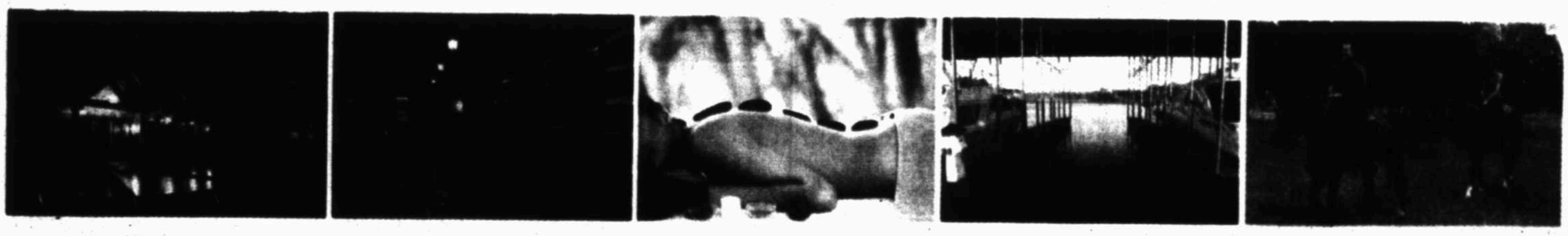

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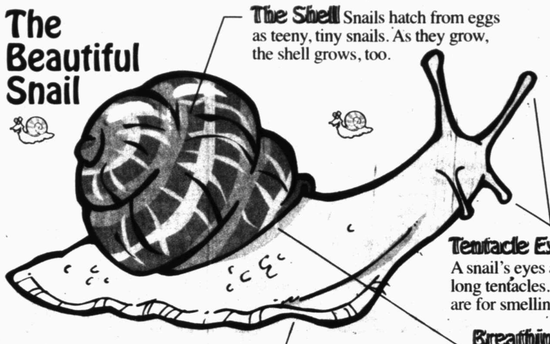
The Beautiful Snail



The Shell Snails hatch from eggs as teeny, tiny snails. As they grow, the shell grows, too.

Tentacle Eyes and Nose A snail's eyes are at the end of its long tentacles. The short tentacles are for smelling.

Breathing Hole Snails breathe through a hole near their shell.

One Fine Foot Snails slide along the flat part of their body, called the "foot." Snails make a trail of silvery slime. This helps them to slide up walls and even crawl upside down.

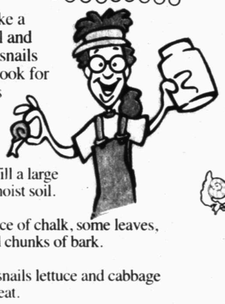
Snails don't live just in gardens. They can also be found in ponds and even in the ocean. They are related to oysters, clams and even octopuses. They are part of the group of animals with soft bodies known as mollusks.

How many snails can you find on this page?

If the weather turns very cold or very dry, a snail pulls into its shell and waits for the cool, damp weather it loves. It fills up the opening of its shell with a mucus-like slime, that hardens into a snug door.

Make a ... Snail Motel

You can make a comfy motel and invite some snails for a visit. Look for snail visitors under rocks and leaves.



1. Partially fill a large jar with moist soil.
2. Add a piece of chalk, some leaves, grass, and chunks of bark.
3. Give the snails lettuce and cabbage leaves to eat.
4. Keep the jar covered with a piece of nylon stocking or window screen.
5. Keep the Snail Motel in a shady place.
6. Twice a week replace the old soil and food.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions

Help this snail find its way to the Snail Motel.

Extra! Extra! Snail Trail

Circle one snail on this page each time you read 2 column inches of the newspaper. Can you circle all of the snails before the week is out?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read for a variety of purposes.

The snail has a latin name that means "a belly-footed animal." Use the code to find out what this name is.

A = ●	G = ◣	O = ■	S = ✚		
D = ▲	H = ◗	P = ★	T = ➘		
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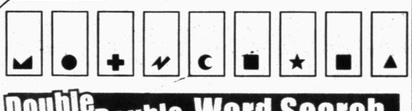
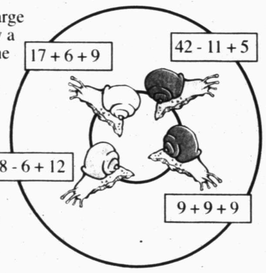


Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Amazing Snail Race

Draw a circle on a large piece of paper. Draw a small circle inside the large circle. Put two snails or more in the small circle and watch to see which one slides out to the large circle first.

Do the math to see which snail will win the race. Highest number wins!



Standards Link: Math: Compute sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

I Built My House....

I built my house of stone, metal, and cement. The stone was for the floor and the sides, while the metal was for the roof, and the cement was to stick stone pieces together. If I could make my own house, its walls would be chewy candy and everything would be trampolines. The ceiling would be made of hard chocolate. The outside would look like a normal house.

Blakeney Boldrick, 6th grade, Hillander

I built my house of bricks by first writing a plan of what it would look like. The house that I would build would be five stories high and have an elevator. The house would have a living room, kitchen, game room, six bedrooms, and a movie room. The house would have a slide that starts at the very top and goes through every room. This would be a really cool house!

Hayden Hall, 6th grade, Hillander

I built my house of bricks. The bricks are very strong and hard to mess up. The brick's color would be orange and it would look very nice. It would look nice after I finished it. I would like my house to be strong and colorful because it would stand out well. I like to use bricks because it makes everything sturdy.

Zachary Wells, 6th grade, Hillander

I built my house of candy. My bedroom is made out of "Twix". The floor in the bathroom is "Laffy Taffy". The roof of the house is made of gummy bears and the couches in the living room are made out of cotton candy. The entire outside is made of "Twizzlers".

Sarah Mata, 6th grade, Hillander

I built my house of basic materials: brick, wood, glass, and stone. The brick was for the outside walls. The wood was for the roof and inside walls. The stone was for the front and back porch and the driveway. The glass was for windows. My house is a one story house. Most of my floors are either tile or hard wood floors. My house has four bedrooms. The roof is steep and the back yard is small. This is my house.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand fact and opinion; Writing Applications: Revise writing; Write brief descriptions.

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