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Local Scoutmasters weigh in on gay ban

Buffalo Trail Council official: 'I'd hate to see Scouting's mission get lost'

By Tyler White
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Troop 84 Scoutmaster Jim Andrews is among local Scout leaders strongly opposed to the potential removal of a restriction against gays in the Boy Scouts of America.

After the BSA announced Monday that discussions were under way on lifting the long-standing ban, Andrews said he would consider resigning from his position in the troop sponsored by St. Anne's Catholic Church.

"Scouts are held to a higher moral code than an average person," he told the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday. "I don't believe gays are permissible to be part of a Christian attitude of Scouting."

Andrews said his beliefs align with the BSA's biblical-based principles, which have been present since the group's inception. By lifting the restriction, the BSA goes against those ideas, he said.

The BSA would consider giving troop sponsors — such as churches and civic groups — the authority to decide whether to allow gay Scouts and leaders.

But Shari Johnson, president of the Odessa chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), said while the change is long overdue, it merely would absolve the BSA of any responsibility and is "a chicken way out." The BSA should remove the restriction across all troops and require all to comply, she said.

Johnson, the mother of a gay daughter, said the exclusion is a form of bullying that increases depression and suicide in gay children and confirms their greatest fears.

"They start having a (feeling of) self-loathing that people must be right about them because they can't be any different," she said. "That's the message the Boy Scouts have been sending, and it's wrong."

The Buffalo Trail Council's new executive director, David Chapman, said he does not expect troop changes but agrees a dialogue on this topic is necessary.

"I just think we've reached a point that it became an issue that needed to be revisited," he said.

While cities such as San Francisco may greatly benefit from this policy change, Chapman said West Texas cities may not.

Other Scoutmasters in Midland have voiced their concerns on this impending change.

John Nelson, who has led Troop 232 — sponsored by First Baptist Church of Midland — for more than 10 years, said he is disappointed in the BSA's "compromising position."

He said he is concerned that gay Scout

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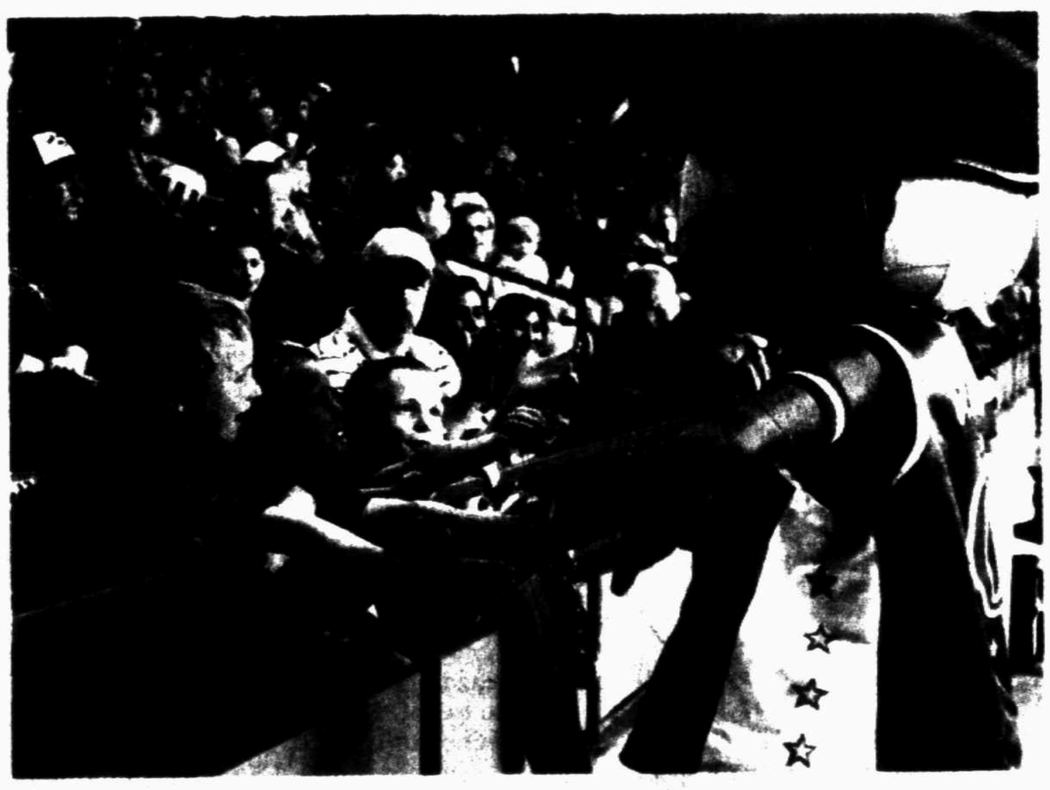

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Harlem Globetrotter "Hacksaw Hall" dunks over the head of a referee at a performance by the Globetrotters on Wednesday at Chaparral Center.

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Harlem Globetrotter "Cheese Chisholm" helps 6-year-old Alexandra Pontremoli twirl a basketball on her finger.

BOTTOM
Caleb, Jacob and DJ McKellop, of Odessa, greet the Harlem Globetrotter mascot Globie.

Photos by James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

Check out more photos from the event at mywesttexas.com

Greenwood discusses building split campus

By Meredith Moriak
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Heeding feedback from the Citizen's Bond Committee, Greenwood ISD trustees met Wednesday evening to discuss the possibility of building a new campus with two schools — one for third through fifth grades and another for sixth through eighth grades — at the southeast corner of Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and FM 307.

The 1,200-student, 165,000-square-foot campus would share common core facilities, such as the kitchen and library, but each school would have separate gymnasiums, classroom wings and cafeterias, as indicated on a preliminary rendering developed by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

"It's extremely important to the members of the committee there's a separation between the two schools. The more you can split the two schools and show these are two separate buildings that share a kitchen, the more likely this bond will pass," said trustee Justin Brooks, who also serves on the committee, which has met with PSC representatives three times this month to discuss a vision for the district's future.

He said parents on the citizen's committee are adamantly against having one school that requires third-graders to mix with 13-year-olds.

Trustees have been engaged with PSC since 2011, working on district master planning and preparing to call a bond election. GISD's enrollment has soared in recent years, and all buildings are at or beyond capacity, Superintendent Doug Young said.

The plan for the two schools was first presented during a Jan. 21 meeting of the bond committee and is one Brooks believes directly addresses GISD's needs.

"We've taken input from teachers and administrators who know Greenwood's needs better than the board and come up with a plan that truly fits the district's needs," Brooks said.

Trustees previously had discussed building a new elementary school on land owned at Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and Farm-to-Market Road 307, while converting the existing elementary school to a middle school. However, the costs associated with renovating the elementary school for bigger middle-school students was thought to be an inefficient use of funds.

"The corridors are small, the potties

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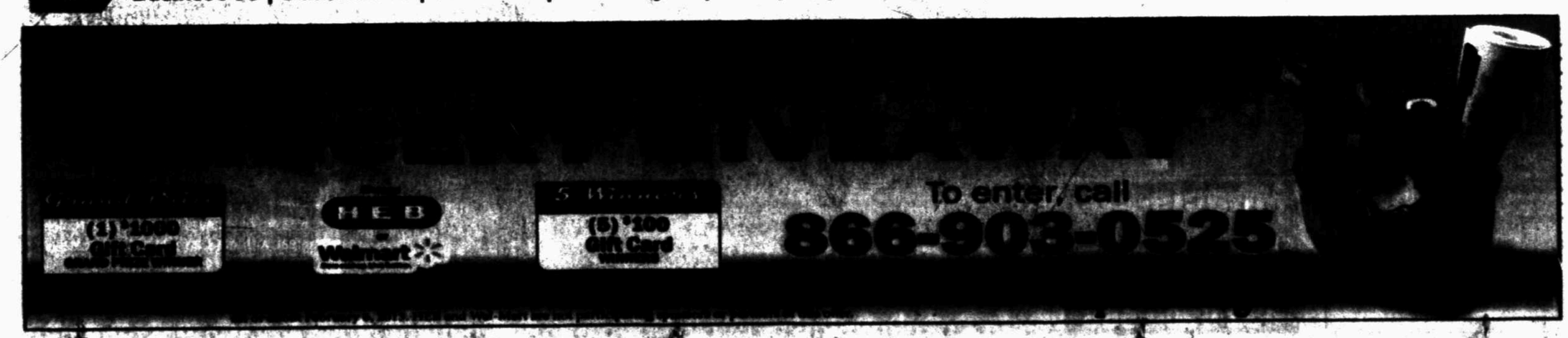

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Former Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was seriously injured in the mass shooting that killed six people in Tucson, Ariz., two years ago, sits with her husband Mark Kelly and speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on gun violence.

Giffords pleads for gun curbs; NRA fights back

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Severely wounded and still recovering, former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords begged lawmakers at an emotional hearing Wednesday to act quickly to curb firearms because "Americans are counting on you." Not everyone agreed, underscoring the national political divide over gun control.

Giffords' 80-word plea was the day's most riveting moment, delivered in a hushed, halting voice two years after the Arizona Democrat suffered head wounds in a Tucson shooting spree that killed six people — and two months after 20 first-graders and six women were slain by a gunman who invaded Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. She retired from Congress last year.

But at the same session, a top official of the National Rifle Association rejected Democratic proposals to ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines and said requiring background checks for all gun purchases would be ineffective because the Obama administration isn't doing enough to enforce the law as it is.

Even if stronger background checks did identify a criminal, "as long as you let him go, you're not keeping him from getting a gun and you're not preventing him from getting to the next crime scene," said Wayne LaPierre, the NRA's executive vice president. He said poor enforcement is "a national disgrace."

Giffords, in her brief appearance, focused on the carnage from armed assailants.

"Too many children are dying," she said at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. "Too many children. We must do something. It will be hard, but the time is now."

Guiding her in and remaining to testify was Mark Kelly, the retired astronaut who is Giffords' husband.

The couple, who both owns guns, have formed a political action committee called Americans for Responsible Solutions that backs lawmakers who support gun restrictions.

"We're simply two reasonable Americans who realize we have a problem with gun violence and we need Congress to act," Kelly said.

Wednesday's session played out in a hearing room packed to capacity. While both sides appealed to their followers beforehand to arrive early and fill the room, most in the public audience of around 150 appeared to be gun-control sympathizers, including relatives of the shooting victims at Virginia Tech.

The hearing kicked off a year in which President Barack Obama and members of Congress are promising to make gun restrictions a top priority. After the hearing, Giffords met privately with Obama at the White House.

At the Capitol, senators' remarks during the hearing illustrated the gulf between the two parties on this issue.

Sen. Ted Cruz joined others in lauding Giffords but expressed little interest in curbing firearms.

"Unfortunately in Washington, emotion I think often leads to bad policies," said Cruz, a freshman elected with strong tea party backing.

Rapid-fire gun devices remain in the crosshairs

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — For gun enthusiasts, the Slide Stock is an exciting add-on that enables shooters to unleash bursts of machine-gun-like fire from semi-automatic weapons like the AR-15.

Online videos show exultant gun owners spraying targets, including ones depicting zombies, with what appears to be fully automatic fire at rates of 400 rounds per minute or better.

On its website, the Slide Stock's manufacturer, Slide Fire Solutions Inc., of Moran, tells its prospective customers: "Prepare to change the way you play."

For Slide Fire Solutions, the sweetest part may be the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in 2010 said the Slide Stock is perfectly legal under current law. But for gun control advocates, including Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., bumpfire devices — as they're known generically — are a nightmare waiting to happen.

"With practice, a shooter can control his rate of fire from 400 to 800 rounds per minute," Feinstein said on Wednesday, speaking at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on guns.

With such devices, she said, mass shooters gain "tremendous killing power" that can "tear young bodies apart."

Along with other Democratic lawmakers, Feinstein introduced an updated assault weapons ban last week in response to the Newtown, Conn., shootings. In addition to 157 named assault weapons, Feinstein's measure specifically outlaws bumpfire stocks.

Gun manufacturers and users alike have long been fascinated with machine guns, which turned traditional warfare on its head when used to devastating effect in World War I. Prohibition-era gangsters' use of the "Tommy gun," which shot 875 rounds a minute or more, prompted Congress in 1934 to pass the National Firearms Act placing stiff federal registration and taxation requirements on machine gun possession.

Although the technology has been around 40 years or more bumpfire devices gained popularity in the wake of the Firearms Owners Protection Act, which among other things outlawed civilian possession or transfer of machine guns not legally in circulation before the law's signing date, May 19, 1986.

Since then, firearms entrepreneurs have played a cat-and-mouse game with ATF regulators, attempting to engineer devices that enable semi-automatic weapons to replicate fully automatic ones while staying inside the legal distinction that divides them: A single trigger pull for each shot (semi-automatic) vs. a continuous burst of shots "without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger" (machine gun).

GUNCONTROL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PHOENIX

Police: 1 dead in shooting, suspect on loose

A gunman opened fire at a Phoenix office complex on Wednesday, killing one person, wounding two others and setting off a manhunt. Police warned the public that he was "armed and dangerous."

Authorities identified the suspect as 70-year-old Arthur Douglas Harmon, who they said opened fire at the end of a mediation session. They identified a man who died hours after the late morning shooting as 48-year-old Steve Singer.

Police said a 43-year-old man was listed in critical condition and a 32-year-old woman suffered non-life threatening injuries.

"We believe the two men were the targets. It was not a random shooting," said Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Thompson said authorities believe Harmon acted alone and fled the scene in a car after the 10:30 a.m. shooting.

Harmon allegedly shot at someone who tried to follow him after the shooting in an attempt to get his license plate number, according to authorities.

Police didn't immediately release the names of the wounded. But a Phoenix law firm, Osborn Maledon, said one of its lawyers, Mark Hummels, was among the wounded.

CHICAGO

Teen performer at inaugural events fatally shot

A 15-year-old girl who had performed in President Barack Obama's inauguration festivities is the latest face on the ever-increasing homicide toll in the president's hometown, killed in a Chicago park as she talked with friends by a gunman who apparently was not even aiming at her.

Chicago police said Hadiya Pendleton was in a park about a mile from Obama's home in a South Side neighborhood Tuesday afternoon when a man opened fire on the group. Hadiya was shot in the back as she tried to escape.

The city's 42nd slaying is part of Chicago's bloodiest January in more than a decade, following on the heels of 2012, which ended with more than 500 homicides for the first time since 2008. It also comes at a time when Obama, spurred by the Connecticut elementary school massacre in December, is actively pushing for tougher gun laws.

Hadiya was a bright kid who was killed just as she was "wondering about which lofty goal she wanted to achieve," her godfather, Damon Stewart, told The Associated Press. Hadiya had been a majorette with the King College Prep band.

"She was a very active kid, doing dance, cheerleading, who felt like she could accomplish just about anything, a very good student who had big dreams about what she wanted to be, a doctor, an attorney," said Stewart, a Chicago police officer and attorney. "She was constantly getting good grades."

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Wednesday that the president and the first lady's "thoughts and prayers are with" the teen's family, adding: "And as the president has said, we will never be able to eradicate every act of evil in this country, but if we can save any one child's life, we have an obligation to try when it comes to the scourge of gun violence."

In Chicago, gangs routinely and often indiscriminately open fire.

FLORIDA

Zimmerman wants to delay trial for Martin shooting

ORLANDO — Attorneys for the former neighborhood watch volunteer charged with shooting Trayvon Martin to death want more time to prepare his case.

Attorneys for George Zimmerman filed a motion Wednesday to delay the case. Spokesman Shawn Vincent says the attorneys want Zimmerman's second-degree murder trial to be moved from June to November. Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty.

A hearing in which Zimmerman will argue he was acting in self-defense is scheduled for April. The judge has said that hearing will be at least 45 days before the trial.

Prosecutors did not immediately respond to an email about the defense request. Zimmerman's attorney Mark O'Meara is also asking the public to donate more money for his defense. O'Meara says Zimmerman's defense fund has raised more than $314,000 since he was charged.

ALABAMA

Standoff: gunman kills bus driver, seizes boy

MIDLAND CITY — A gunman holed up in a bunker with a 6-year-old hostage kept law officers at bay Wednesday in an all-night, all-day standoff that began when he killed a school bus driver and dragged the boy away, authorities said.

SWAT teams took up positions around the gunman's rural property and police negotiators tried to win the kindergartener's safe release.

The gunman, identified by neighbors as Jimmy Lee Dykes, a 65-year-old retired truck driver, was known around the neighborhood as a menacing figure who once beat a dog to death with a lead pipe, threatened to shoot children for setting foot on his property and patrolled his yard at night with a flashlight and a shotgun.

He had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday morning to answer charges he shot at his neighbors in a dispute last month over a speed bump.

The standoff along a red dirt road began on Tuesday afternoon, after a gunman boarded a stopped school bus filled with children in the town of Midland City, population 2,300.

Sheriff Wally Olsen said the man shot the bus driver when he refused to hand over a 6-year-old child. The gunman then took the boy away. T

he bus driver, Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, was hailed by locals as a hero who gave his life to protect 21 students.

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Authors expose obesity myths

Associated Press

Fact or fiction? Sex burns a lot of calories. Snacking or skipping breakfast is bad. School gym classes make a big difference in kids' weight.

All are myths or at least presumptions that may not be true, say researchers who reviewed the science behind some widely held obesity beliefs and found it lacking.

Their report in today's New England Journal of Medicine says dogma and fallacies are detracting from real solutions to the nation's weight problems.

"The evidence is what matters," and many feel-good ideas repeated by well-meaning health experts just don't have it, said the lead author, David Allison, a biostatistician at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Independent researchers say the authors have some valid points. But many of the report's authors also have deep financial ties to food, beverage and weight-loss product makers — the disclosures take up half a page of fine print in the journal.

"It raises questions about what the purpose of this paper is" and whether it's aimed at promoting drugs, meal replacement products and bariatric surgery as solutions, said Marion Nestle, a New York University professor of nutrition and food studies.

"The big issues in weight loss are how you change the food environment in order for people to make healthy choices," such as limits on soda sizes and marketing junk food to children, she said. Some of the myths they cite are "straw men" issues, she said.

But some are pretty interesting.

Sex, for instance. Not that people do it to try to lose weight, but claims that it burns 100 to 300 calories are common, Allison said. Yet the only study that scientifically measured the energy output found that sex lasted six minutes on average — "disappointing, isn't it?" — and burned a mere 21 calories, about as much as walking, he said.

That's for a man. The study was done in 1984 and didn't measure the women's experience.

AP file photo

Betty Hale, center, instructs a physical education class at Eberhart Elementary School in Chicago in 2009. Conventional wisdom says school gym classes make a big difference in kids' weight. But a report in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine said this is one of many myths that are detracting from real solutions to the nation's weight problems.

Among the other myths or assumptions the authors cite, based on their review of the most rigorous studies on each topic:

■ Small changes in diet or exercise lead to large, long-term weight changes. **Fact**: The body adapts to changes, so small steps to cut calories don't have the same effect over time, studies suggest. At least one outside expert agrees with the authors that the "small changes" concept is based on an "oversimplified" 3,500-calorie rule, that adding or cutting that many calories alters weight by one pound.

■ School gym classes have a big impact on kids' weight. **Fact**: Classes typically are not long, often or intense enough to make much difference.

■ Losing a lot of weight quickly is worse than losing a little slowly over the long term. **Fact**: Although many dieters regain weight, those who lose a lot to start with often end up at a lower weight than people who drop more modest amounts.

■ Snacking leads to weight gain. **Fact**: No high quality studies support that, the authors say.

■ Regularly eating breakfast helps prevent obesity. **Fact**: Two studies found no effect on weight and one suggested that the effect depended on whether people were used to skipping breakfast or not.

■ Setting overly ambitious goals leads to frustration and less weight loss. **Fact**: Some studies suggest people do better with high goals.

Some things may not have the strongest evidence for preventing obesity but are good for other reasons, such as breastfeeding and eating plenty of fruits and vegetables, the authors write. And exercise helps prevent a host of health problems regardless of whether it helps a person shed weight.

"I agree with most of the points" except the authors' conclusions that meal replacement products and diet drugs work for battling obesity, said Dr. David Ludwig, a prominent obesity research with Boston Children's Hospital who has no industry ties.

Most weight-loss drugs sold over the last century had to be recalled because of serious side effects, so "there's much more evidence of failure than success," he said.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Some families to be priced out of health overhaul

Some families could get priced out of health insurance due to what's being called a glitch in President Barack Obama's overhaul law. IRS regulations issued Wednesday failed to fix the problem as liberal backers of the president's plan had hoped.

As a result, some families that can't afford the employer coverage that they are offered on the job will not be able to get financial assistance from the government to buy private health insurance on their own. How many people will be affected is unclear.

The Obama administration says its hands were tied by the way Congress wrote the law. Officials said the administration tried to mitigate the impact. Families that can't get coverage because of the glitch will not face a tax penalty for remaining uninsured, the IRS rules said.

But there's not much hope for an immediate fix from Congress because the House is controlled by Republicans who would still like to see the whole law repealed.

The affordability glitch is one of a series of problems coming into sharper focus as the law moves to full implementation.

Starting Oct. 1, many middle-class uninsured will be able to sign up for government-subsidized private coverage through new health care marketplaces known as exchanges. Coverage will be effective Jan. 1. Low-income people will be steered to expanded safety-net programs. At the same time, virtually all Americans will be required to carry health insurance, either through an employer, a government program, or by buying their own plan.

NEW YORK

Study sees prostate cancer treatment side effects

A new study shows how important it is for men to carefully consider treatments for early-stage prostate cancer. Fifteen years after surgery or radiation treatment, nearly all of the older men in the study had some problems having sex.

About one-fifth had bladder or bowel trouble, researchers found.

The study doesn't compare these men — who were 70 to 89 at the end of the study — to others who did not treat their cancers or to older men without the disease. At least one study suggests that half that age group has sexual problems even when healthy.

The study isn't a rigorous test of surgery and radiation, but it is the longest follow-up of some men who chose those treatments.

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■ Take off pounds sensibly (TOPS) — 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ 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.

Lamesa Road project meeting

A community meeting on the Lamesa Road Project is planned for 6:30 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

City staff will give an update on progress and the schedule for the Lamesa Road Project, which has already brought new water lines and will eventually result in the addition of sidewalks, traffic signals, and the reconstruction/resurfacing of Lamesa Road. Residents in attendance will be able to see drawings from the proposed improvements and have a chance to speak directly with the engineers.

Community calendar

■ Golf Course Road Church of Christ is to host Life Line Screening for stroke and osteoporosis. The screenings are planned for today. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

Fire Department swearing-in

The Midland Fire Department will welcome new firefighters during a swearing-in ceremony, which will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at City Hall in the Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine St.

A shift will swear in Russell Linehan, Justin Nix, Cody Quintana and Nathan Thompson.

New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **At Tall City 14:**
Closing today: "Hobbit"
Opening Friday: "Warm Bodies" and "Bullet to the Head"
Premiere today: 10 p.m. "Warm Bodies"
Monday: 6 p.m. Premiere "Josh Groban Live: All That Echoes." $15.

■ **At Big Sky Drive-in:**
Closing today: "The Gangster Squad" and "A Haunted House"
Opening today: "Warm Bodies" and "Silver Linings Playbook"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

State of the Economy

The Midland Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Midland Development Corp., presents the 2013 State of the Economy at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St. A panel discussion, which includes Kenneth Burgess, chairman of FirstCapital Bank of Texas; Timothy A. Leach, CEO of Concho Resources; Mitch Mamoulides, Permian South area manager of Chevron North America; and Andrew Nelson, COO of XCOR Aerospace. Tickets are $30 for members and $45 non-members. Online ticket sales end Friday.

Reporter-Telegram on the radio

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

Water tracker

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

Tuesday's total: 11,843,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,198,000, Paul Davis fields 3,645,000)

Jan. 22 total: 13,448,000 gallons

Note: The current average delivery from the CRMWD for January 2013 is 10,426,690 gallons.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 5-3-7
Pick 3 night: 4-5-0
Daily 4 day: 4-1-1-2
Daily 4 night: 6-1-4-0
Cash Five: 1-3-28-29-37
Lotto Texas: 6-26-33-39-43-50
Powerball: 14-16-32-47-52 PB: 16
All or Nothing (morning): 2-6-8-10-11-13-17-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing (day): 1-4-5-8-9-10-12-15-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-6-8-9-12-15-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-2-4-7-9-10-15-16-18-20-23-24

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Jan. 31, the 31st day of 2013. There are 334 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general in chief of all the Confederate armies.

In 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice it was beginning of unrestricted submarine warfare.

Powerful storm flips cars, decimates homes

■ Georgia governor declares state of emergency in Bartow, Gordon counties following suspected tornado.

Associated Press

Associated Press

Workers look for personal belongings following a tornado at the Daiki plant, a metal fabrication company, on Wednesday in Adairsville, Ga. A fierce storm system that roared across Georgia and Tennessee has left at least two person dead after it demolished buildings and flipped vehicles on Interstate 75 northwest of Atlanta.

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga. — A massive storm system raked the Southeast on Wednesday, spawning tornadoes and dangerous winds that overturned cars on a major Georgia interstate and demolished homes and businesses, killing at least two people.

In northwest Georgia, the storm system tossed vehicles on Interstate 75 onto their roofs. The highway was closed for a time, and another main thoroughfare remained closed until crews could safely remove downed trees and power lines from the road.

WSB-TV in Atlanta aired footage showing an enormous funnel cloud bearing down on Adairsville, about 60 miles northwest of Atlanta, as the storm ripped through the city's downtown area. The system flattened homes and wiped out parts of a large manufacturing plant. Pieces of insulation hung from trees and power poles, while the local bank was missing a big chunk of its roof.

One person was killed and nine were hospitalized for minor injuries, state emergency management officials said. Residents said no traces remained of some roadside produce stands — a common sight on rural Georgia's back roads.

One other death was reported in Tennessee after an uprooted tree fell onto a storage shed where a man had taken shelter.

In Adairsville, the debris in one yard showed just how dangerous the storm had been: a bathtub, table, rolls of toilet paper and lumber lay in the grass next to what appeared to be a roof. Sheets of metal dangled from a large tree like ornaments.

"The sky was swirling," said Theresa Chitwood, who owns the Adairsville Travel Plaza. She said she went outside to move her car because she thought it was going to hail. Instead, the passing storm decimated a building behind the travel plaza.

Powerful winds ripped through the entire region, with gusts powerful enough to topple tractor-trailers in several places. In Adairsville, several were flipped on their side in the parking lot of the travel plaza. Danny Odum and Rocky Depauw, both truckers from Marion, Ill., had stopped for breakfast when the suspected tornado hit.

The pair had been driving their trucks through storm warnings all night long. When they got to the restaurant in Adairsville they went inside to eat. Depauw got a weather alert on his phone, and about two minutes later they saw debris flying through the parking lot and ran for an inner room.

"I've been stopping here for probably 40 years," Odum said. "I just stopped and had breakfast this morning, and this happened."

After it passed, Odum said he went outside to find his truck that was hauling diapers on its side with his dog Simon, a Boston terrier, still inside. Simon was scared but otherwise fine.

Depauw's truck was parked next to Odum's and was damaged but still upright. He speculated his heavy haul of cat litter may have helped his truck handle the hit better than his friend's.

Not far down the road, at Owen's Bar-B-Que, Chrystal Bagley and her coworkers heard warnings about severe weather on the radio, but they didn't hear Adairsville included in the list of warning areas. Around 11:45 a.m., the doors started rattling, and chairs and knick-knacks began blowing around the room as the door flapped open.

"We heard this big old whooshing noise like a train, and then we ran to the restroom, but we had to dodge objects," she said. "It was real scary."

By the time they reached the restroom, the 20 seconds of a roaring noise and shaking walls had stopped, and everyone was OK.

Bartow County fire chief Craig Millsap said there were reports that two storm warning sirens may have failed, but he said the failed sirens were not in the hardest-hit area.

Access to the area was being restricted, and there was a report of a gas leak in the area, officials said. A shelter was being established at a community recreation center — temperatures were expected to plummet to the 30s and 40s overnight.

Authorities were still investigating several sites to determine if damage was caused by twisters. Since Tuesday, the system had caused damage across a swath from Missouri to Georgia.

In recent days, people in the South and Midwest had enjoyed unseasonably balmy temperatures in the 60s and 70s. A system pulling warm weather from the Gulf of Mexico was colliding with a cold front moving in from the west, creating volatility.

One person was reported injured by lightning in Arkansas during the storm's eastward trek. Two people suffered minor injuries when a mobile home was blown off its foundation in Kentucky. Only one minor injury was reported in Mississippi, where officials praised residents for heeding warnings and being prepared.

In Tennessee, officials confirmed that a tornado with peak wind speeds of 115 mph touched down in Mount Juliet. No serious injuries were reported there, though the path of damage was about 150 yards wide, including homes, a warehouse and an automotive business. At least six other tornadoes were reported statewide.

At a shopping center in Mount Juliet, large sheets of metal littered the parking lot, light poles were knocked down and bits of fiberglass insulation were stuck in the trees.

One wall of a Dollar General convenience store collapsed, and the roof was torn off. Mark Fulks Jr. runs Mark's Automotive with his father in a building attached to the Dollar General. The garage door was blown off his shop and sitting on one of the cars inside, and Fulks said several of the cars they were working on had their windshields blown out.

A nearby office building and a distribution center for The Tennessean newspaper also had severe damage. Rick Martin, who bags the newspapers and helps his wife deliver them, was shocked when he saw what was left of the distribution center.The metal frame of the building still stood, but its cinder-block walls had crumbled, and papers and plastic bags littered the trees.

"We feel real lucky," he said Wednesday morning as looked at the damage. "I would have hated to be in here when this happened."

The deaths reported Wednesday ended the nation's longest break between tornado fatalities since detailed tornado records began being kept in 1950, according to the Storm Prediction Center and National Climatic Data Center. The last one was June 24, when a person was killed in a home in Highlands County, Fla. That was 220 days ago as of Tuesday.

The last day with multiple fatalities was June 4, when three people were killed in a mobile home in Scott County, Mo.

MOTOR gives firm contract to study South Midland roads

■ Study to look at traffic flow of roads south of Interstate 20.

By Joseph Basco
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The Midland and Odessa Transportation Organization has set in motion the first steps to alleviating traffic flow problems on county roads south of Interstate 20.

The organization met Monday to approve a contract with the Freese and Nichols consulting firm to study the major roads in South Midland, such as Farm-to-Market Road 1213 and Farm-to-Market Road 715.

"Just like with Loop 250, we know there is a congestion problem, but we haven't pinpointed it yet," said Robin Donnelly, vice-chairwoman for MOTOR.

According to the request for proposal for the South Midland Planning and Environmental Linkage study, the western border of the area to be examined will be the Loop 250/I-20 interchange; the eastern border will be the Business 20/I-20 interchange. I-20 will be the northern border and Farm-to-Market Road 1213 will be the southern border.

Also according to the RFP, the data collected will identify the area's purpose and needs, fatal flaws, significant environmental concerns, as well as other issues.

The data will be used to create a proposed congestion management plan, Donnelly said.

"Traffic in the area is horrific," Donnelly said. "The roads were not designed for the kind of traffic that's on it."

One example of an area with incompatible traffic was Rankin Highway near County Road 120, Donnelly said. The area, a mixture of commercial and industrial businesses and residential homes, has semitrucks driving alongside family vehicles during the day.

"These roads were meant to be residential," Donnelly said. "We don't have the load limit needed for these southern roads."

He added that Rankin Highway and County Road 140 is another example of how heavy vehicles have turned the roads into rough rides.

Jerry Morales, a member of the MOTOR policy board and at-large City Council member, also said the roads south of I-20 are in bad shape and need improvement.

One area that Morales said could be improved is the intersection of I-20 and Rankin Highway. He said the on-and-off ramps are dangerous during rush hour because there are 18-wheelers that exit I-20 and traffic on the current ramps could back up onto the highway itself.

Another area Morales would like the consultants to look at are the "very dark" roads near the Horseshoe that lack street lights. He said there have been minor accidents in the area and the consultants could find a feasible solution to prevent major catastrophes.

"The overall goal of the study is to see how we can get traffic flowing better and where we can create truck routes," Donnelly said.

The president of one business near the intersection of Rankin Highway and County Road 130 said the road itself is not bad, but it's the speed limit that he is concerned about.

"The speed limit should be less than 55 miles per hour," said James "Dusty" Builta, president of B & W Chemical Toilets. "The speed limit here is 75 miles per hour. It's too dangerous."

The study will be conducted over a six-month period, with as much work as possible complete by three months because of Midland's rapid development, according to the RFP.

Donnelly said the study itself may cost $100,000.

As for the suggested construction projects that may result from the study, it is too early for an estimate, Morales said.

"The study will identify the needs and demands of the area," Morales said. "Then, we'll have an idea of project costs, which could be funded by TxDOT, the county or the city."

One of MOTOR's previous studies, the State Highway 191 corridor study, concluded that the organization suggests the use of backage roads along the roadway as a better use of the land.

Donnelly said progress on SH 191 is "behind the ball" because there aren't any backage roads.

With the South Midland study, Donnelly said it will give developers incentive to take action and fix the roads.

SCOUTMASTERS

From 1A

leaders may "recruit" children to live gay lifestyles or engage in inappropriate conduct. However, if leaders abide by BSA policy to refrain from one-on-one contact with Scouts, then having gay leaders would probably not be an issue.

Billy Priebe, scoutmaster for Troop 152 — sponsored by First United Methodist Church — said he's concerned more as a parent than as a Scout leader. While sexual misconduct is not a large concern, he said he is not comfortable with his children having a gay Scout leader because of his religious beliefs.

Even if the restriction is removed in this "no-win situation," he said the troop's stance on gays likely would remain unchanged.

Chapman is unsure how this controversy will spin with other parents but said the council will ensure the Scouts' best interest. Scouts are taught tolerance, leadership and citizenship skills, with education remaining the organization's key goal, he said.

"I'd hate to see Scouting's mission get lost because of (this issue)," he said.

GREENWOOD

From 1A

are small and it became evident it should remain an elementary school," said PSC Project Manager Phil Furqueron. "We would not be able to accomplish something with the built-in furnishings and cubbies in the classroom if we built a new elementary across the street."

The current elementary school would house prekindergartners through second-graders, according to the proposal.

The new campus would have two drop-off areas, one for elementary students and one for the middle-school children, to ensure students can safely enter and exit the buildings.

By building a sixth-through eighth-grade facility, GISD would double the number of gymnasiums, football fields and tracks, therefore alleviating existing pressure on dressing rooms and athletic facilities.

"We have kids that are changing in bathrooms and hallways because we don't have enough locker rooms," Young said.

The citizen's committee also recommended moving the high school's administrative offices to the north side of the school by the gymnasium.

"It's been said that the high school is the face of the district and with everyone coming in by the gym, we should clean it up and make it more secure," said trustee Dane Crunk who also serves on the citizen's bond committee.

The existing administrative area would be converted into a life skills classroom, Young said.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7 and the board's next meeting is Feb. 11.

For inclusion on the May 11 ballot, trustees must call a bond election by March 1. There are 4,117 individuals eligible to vote on a GISD bond election, said Ruth Sloan, Midland County elections administrator.

Decade since loss of space shuttle Columbia

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — He was just 8 when NASA lost the space shuttle Columbia and he lost his astronaut mom. Now, 10 years later, Iain Clark is a young man on the cusp of college with a master's rating in scuba diving and three parachute jumps in his new log book.

His mother, Dr. Laurel Clark, loved scuba and skydiving. So did her flight surgeon husband and Iain's dad, Dr. Jonathan Clark, who since the Feb. 1, 2003 accident, has been a crusader for keeping space crews safe.

Altogether, 12 children lost a parent aboard Columbia. The youngest is now 15, the oldest 32. One became a fighter pilot in Israel, just like his father, and also died tragically in a crash. The oldest son of the pilot of Columbia is now a Marine captain with three young children of his own. The commander's daughter is a seminary student.

"It's tough losing a mom, that's for sure. I think Iain was the most affected," said Clark, a neurologist. "My goal was to keep him alive. That was the plan. It was kind of dicey for a while. There was a lot of darkness — for him and me."

Clark's wife and six other astronauts — Commander Rick Husband, co-pilot William McCool, Kalpana Chawla, Michael Anderson, Dr. David Brown and Israeli Ilan Ramon — were killed in the final minutes of their 16-day scientific research mission aboard Columbia.

The space shuttle, with a wing damaged during launch, ripped apart in the Texas skies while headed for a landing at Kennedy Space Center. NASA will remember the Columbia dead at a public memorial service at Kennedy on Friday morning.

AP file photo

This December 2012 photo shows Dr. Jonathan Clark, husband of Columbia astronaut Laurel Clark, standing with his son, Iain Clark, 18, in Arizona. Clark's wife and six other astronauts were killed Feb. 1, 2003, following a 16-day scientific research mission aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

Clark, now 59 and long gone from NASA, said he turned to alcohol in the aftermath of Columbia. If it wasn't for his son, he doubts he would have gotten through it.

"He's the greatest kid ever," Clark said in a phone interview from Houston with The Associated Press. "He cares about people. He's kind of starting to get his confidence, but he's not at all cocky."

Iain is set to graduate this spring from a boarding school in Arizona; he wants to study marine biology at a university in Florida.

"His life is like about as idyllic as you could imagine, considering all ... he's been through," said Clark, who is still protective of Iain's privacy. He would not disclose where Iain attends school, but he did provide a few snapshots.

Mother and son were extremely close.

After the accident, Iain insisted to his father: "I want to invent a time machine," If he could go back in time, the child reasoned, he could warn his mother about the fate awaiting her.

"He asked me why she didn't bail out, that kind of stuff, because he knew she had been a parachutist," Clark recalled.

Father and son were among the astronauts' families waiting at the Kennedy runway for Columbia that early Saturday morning. Once it was clear there had been trouble, the families were hustled to crew quarters, where they got the grim news.

Rona Ramon's sharpest memory about that fateful Feb. 1 is how "the joy and the longing" to see her husband return from space turned so quickly into anguish. "I just looked up at the sky and said, 'God, bring him back to me.' "

Her husband, already a heroic military pilot, became Israel's first spaceman on the flight.

Clark hastily came up with a plan: Disappear with his son as soon as they got back home to Houston. Grab the dog, the car and as much money as possible. Then, "drop off the grid."

But that didn't happen. A few years went by before father and son finally made their escape. Clark bought a house in Arizona, keeping a small apartment in Houston as he went from working for NASA at Johnson Space Center, to a teaching job at Baylor College of Medicine and an adviser's position at the National Space Biomedical Research Institute.

Clark won't divulge his exact whereabouts, even now. He moves every few years. He has a girlfriend, but doesn't see himself remarrying.

"I don't ever want to go through losing a wife again," he explained.

Clark remains bitter over the "really bad people" who came after him in Houston for money and favors, spurred by NASA's $27 million settlement in 2007 with the Columbia families.

"There was a lot of grief. There was a lot of sorrow. There was a lot of destructive behavior. There were a lot of people taking advantage of you," he said.

But Clark holds no grudges against NASA, neither the agency as a whole nor the managers who, during the flight, dismissed concerns from low-level employees about the severity of damage to Columbia's left wing. It was gouged by a piece of insulating foam that peeled off the fuel tank at liftoff.

Clark learned of the foam strike during the mission, while working a shift in Mission Control. Like so many others, Clark wishes he'd done something.

But no one knew during the flight how badly Columbia was damaged. And no effort was made to find out while there still was time to consider what would have been a risky rescue attempt by another shuttle.

Surviving the actual breakup, during re-entry, was deemed impossible by all involved. At 210,000 feet going Mach 15, it was "much, much worse than anything we had ever planned for," former NASA shuttle manager and flight director Wayne Hale wrote in his blog earlier this month.

For four years after the Columbia accident, Clark assisted a NASA team that looked into how the astronauts died and how they might have survived.

For Clark, it was about "trying to find something good out of something bad. I kind of threw my heart and soul" into crew survival issues. The tragedy has made Clark and his son more spiritual.

"He's a really good kid and I wonder — you always wonder — would he have been this way if he hadn't lost somebody so dear in his life.

"Maybe this was Laurel's gift to him."

NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PHILADELPHIA

Priest, teacher convicted in Pa. church abuse case

A jury on Wednesday convicted a priest and teacher in a pivotal church-abuse case that rocked the Philadelphia archdiocese and sent a church official to prison for child endangerment.

The verdict supports accounts by a 24-year-old policeman's son that he was sexually abused by the Rev. Charles Engelhardt and sixth-grade teacher Bernard Shero in about 1999.

The accuser's 2009 complaint describing abuse by two priests and the teacher led to Monsignor William Lynn's landmark conviction last year for endangerment. Lynn is serving three to six years in prison for his role in transferring an admitted pedophile priest to the accuser's parish in northeast Philadelphia.

The young man said the abuse started after Engelhardt caught him drinking altar wine in fifth grade. He said Engelhardt told fellow priest Edward Avery about their "session," prompting Avery to twice sexually assault the boy.

The jury convicted Shero of rape, indecent sexual assault and other charges, and Engelhardt of indecent assault of a child under 13, corruption of a minor and conspiracy with Avery.

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OPINION

Why allow same-sex marriage? To save the institution

■ If a child ultimately benefits from two parents, shouldn't we protect all children by saving the institution of marriage?

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More than perhaps anyone else in America, David Blankenhorn personifies the struggle so many have experienced over same-sex marriage.

First he was agnostic, then he was against it, now he's for it.

This is to say that Blankenhorn — a long-standing opponent of same-sex marriage — has shifted his energies to saving the institution of marriage, regardless of whom one chooses as a mate.

If you're unfamiliar with Blankenhorn, it is because he hasn't been barking his positions on television the way so many ideologues do. And this may be because he is not strictly an ideologue but one of those rare people who agonize in search of the right thing.

As creator of the Institute for American Values, Blankenhorn initially sought to avoid the gay marriage issue altogether because it *was* so divisive — and because opposition necessarily meant hurting friends and often, family. Eventually, he wrote a book against same-sex marriage and testified against it as California's Proposition 8 was challenged in court.

Then, last summer he changed his mind.

Tuesday, Blankenhorn and more than 70 diverse signatories released a letter urging Americans to end the gay-marriage war and change the question from "Should gays marry?" to "How can we save marriage?"

Joining Blankenhorn are scholars, law professors, theologians and journalists, notably his former arch-rival Jonathan Rauch. Whether one is straight or gay, they say, the challenge is to figure out how to strengthen marriage for the broader benefit to society.

Blankenhorn's journey through the marriage minefield parallels that of many Americans who, though they didn't hold any animosity toward gays, weren't sure that changing the institution of marriage was in the best interest of society.

Like Blankenhorn, my greatest concern has been the effect on our nation's children. The operative questions, posed so well by traditional marriage warrior Maggie Gallagher, were: Do we want to codify the notion that one parent, either the mother or father, is dispensable? And, what effect might this have?

We have witnessed the fallout from broken families in the past several decades, during which divorce and out-of-wedlock births have skyrocketed. These trends have been wrought not by expanding the definition of marriage but by a general lowering of respect for the institution. Blankenhorn's group suggests that given Americans' evolving acceptance of same-sex marriage, we should refocus our energies on a goal that transcends sexual orientation.

His group's focus is on the disintegration of marriage in the middle and lower classes, which, they say, is creating a new underclass of inequality. As it happens, well-educated people tend to stay married in greater numbers, while the less educated — high school and no college — are becoming a subculture of economically depressed, single-parent families. Studies no longer need to be cited to convince us of what we know: Children from such homes have a lousy shot at the pursuit of happiness.

Blankenhorn still believes, as do most Americans, that a child benefits most from a loving mother and father committed in marriage. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child even has designated this arrangement as a right. "Marriage," Blankenhorn has written, "is a gift that society bestows on its children."

But this gift has been badly damaged or, too often these days, withheld. Moreover, many same-sex couples today also have children. It is simply not possible to justify offering societal protections to only certain children. As Blankenhorn has recognized, it is in everyone's best interest that all children in all families have the security of parents committed through marriage with all its attendant rights and responsibilities.

In an op-ed last summer, Blankenhorn expanded on his vision:

"Once we accept gay marriage, might we also agree that marrying before having children is a vital cultural value that all of us should do more to embrace?" he asked. "Can we agree that, for all lovers who want their love to last, marriage is preferable to cohabitation?

"Can we discuss whether both gays and straight people should think twice before denying children born through artificial reproductive technology the right to know and be known by their biological parents?"

Now there's a feast for thought.

Blankenhorn's personal transformation has resulted in a welcome shift in the public debate. How clever of him to recognize that his allies in strengthening marriage are the very people who for so long have been excluded.

OUR VIEW

Something was missing from Perry's State of the State message

After giving his seventh State of the State assessment to Texas' lawmakers on Tuesday, you could readily tell that Gov. Rick Perry was dealing from a position of strength through the state's surging economy.

He boldly accounted for the state's sound financial position and delivered the expected message of conservative themes — small government, low taxes and defiance of Washington.

It is a message that has played well for Perry in Texas but has failed to attract much national attention. But Perry brought a new twist to his State of the State party this time around, recommending $1.8 billion in unspecified tax relief for Texas taxpayers.

It was a stark contrast to his address two years ago when the state struggled with a $27 billion budget shortfall and an anemic economy. Lawmakers responded with deep cuts to education, health care and other programs.

Texas has rebounded from the recession better than most other states, in part because of soaring revenue from oil and gas production. Perry credited conservative policies for the state's success.

Perry also dropped another bombshell, saying for the first time that he supports taking $3.7 billion from surplus to build highways and water facilities. The governor has been reluctant to tap the state's rainy day fund but said the need for water and transportation projects is great and the spending would be a one-time thing. In our view, he is making the right call here.

While Perry extolled the virtues of the state economy and its financial well-being, many Democrats think that Texas under Perry's stingy budgets has badly shortchanged public schools, health care and other programs. They called for restoring deep budget cuts of two years ago.

We are especially concerned about the proper funding of public schools; his message didn't offer much relief for these critical concerns.

In many ways, we would agree with the governor that if the state can be run efficiently on less revenue, the taxpayer should benefit. Perry said Texas has more money than it needs and he called for amending the Texas Constitution to allow the state to return tax money it collects but doesn't spend.

That sounds good in theory, but most of the state's revenue comes from sales taxes, so direct refunds to taxpayers would be difficult. We would like to know more about how this would be accomplished. Naturally, we wonder how much Perry is motivated by the national spotlight or a potential re-election campaign in 2014.

He appeared to steer clear of troubling issues. Although Perry has aligned himself with social conservatives, he didn't mention abortion, gay marriage or other subjects on the agenda of the religious right. He also didn't deal with immigration.

We think Perry played well to his conservative base as a whole but we aren't sure if he really addressed the State of the State as a whole.

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LAPDOG SHAMING

Is it time to say goodbye to tea party?

■ Moderation of the hardline stances is taking place. These are good times, and politicians are seeing this.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Is it last call for the tea party?

Consider these recent developments:

Late Thursday of last week: Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a possible presidential candidate in 2016, ridicules fellow Republicans as the "stupid party" and urges Washington Republicans to get over their obsession with cutting budgets.

Friday afternoon: The office of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, another would-be Republican presidential candidate, declares that he will not go along with a plan, hatched by conservative legislators, to rewrite the state's election laws in a way that would stack Virginia's electoral votes against Democrats.

Late Friday: Fox News says it has parted ways with Sarah Palin, the former vice presidential candidate and tea-party darling whose following had shriveled.

Saturday: Reports emerge that House Speaker John Boehner had given a speech in which he referred to "hard heads" in his Republican caucus.

Monday: Sen. John McCain, who during his 2008 presidential run backed an enforcement-only approach to immigration, declares his support for a plan for undocumented immigrants to become legal. Joining him on the stage is Sen. Marco Rubio, one of the party's brightest stars for 2016.

This last offense was too much for Rush Limbaugh, who denounced the "amnesty" plan. "Why are we doing this?" he asked Rubio on-air Tuesday.

Rubio was solicitous but firm. "We do have this existing problem that has to be dealt with," he replied.

It is too early to call a requiem for the tea party. The informal movement still dominates the House Republicans. And the GOP's puritanical primary process, encouraged by the redrawing of districts to protect Republican seats, guarantees that the far right will remain entrenched in the party for some time. Fresh evidence of the phenomenon can be seen in the decision by Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) to retire rather than face a primary challenge from the right.

But if the tea party isn't over, some of the more sensible partygoers are heading for the exits, realizing that things are getting rowdy and the neighbors may soon be calling the cops. Republicans with national ambitions — Jindal, McDonnell, New Jersey's Chris Christie — are moderating their images and views in ways that keep pace with the electorate.

That electorate punished some of the party's more incendiary elements in November — Missouri's Todd Akin, Indiana's Richard Mourdock, Florida's Allen West — and now many of those same people are voting with their remotes. Fox News apparently decided that it was no longer worth paying Palin to give televised warnings of the catastrophic effects of President Obama's "socialist" policies.

Demagoguery works well in bad times, but it's harder to stoke fear and anger when the stock market is at a five-year high and the private sector has been adding jobs for nearly three years.

If anything, anger has turned against tea-party lawmakers. Christie, one of the most popular Republicans in the land, decried GOP leaders' "disgusting" behavior after they forced a delay in funds for Hurricane Sandy recovery. The leaders relented, allowing the spending bill, like Obama's tax hike on the wealthy, to pass despite "no" votes from most House Republicans.

On immigration, likewise, fear of the tea party's demagoguery has subsided. McCain, for example, fought off a primary challenge in 2010 from an opponent who called him soft on illegal immigration. But on Monday, McCain stood up to those who would call his new plan amnesty. A "de facto amnesty" already exists, he said. "We have been too content for too long to allow individuals to mow our lawn, serve our food, clean our homes and even watch our children, while not affording them any of the benefits that make our country so great."

The return of the old McCain (in 2010, he endorsed Arizona's harsh immigration law) is an encouraging sign, as was the retirement of Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.), a reflexive critic of anything he could label "amnesty."

More good news comes from the House, where most declined to join Limbaugh in his "amnesty" rant. And Rubio, though he owes his job to the tea party, wasn't going to be bullied.

"I know why people are uncomfortable about it," he told Limbaugh on Tuesday. But he defended compromise. "Anytime I see anything that's harmful to America, as a policymaker I try to make it better," he said. "I'm just trying to do the best I can with what's already a tough situation."

Palin probably would disagree. But who cares?

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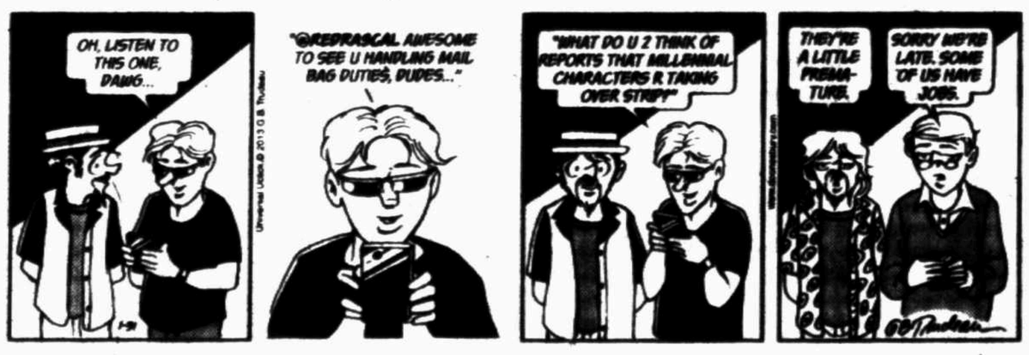

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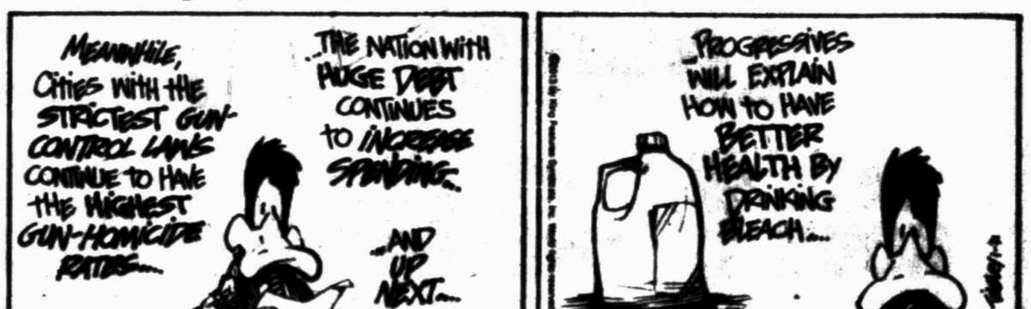

US economy slowed during last year's fourth quarter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy shrank unexpectedly late last year, a reminder of the biggest threat it faces in 2013: sharp government spending cuts and prolonged political budget fights.

A plunge in defense spending helped push the economy into negative territory for the first time since mid-2009. The contraction in the October-December quarter came in at an annual rate of 0.1 percent, according to a government estimate released Wednesday.

The likelihood of another recession appears remote. The economy is forecast to grow around 2 percent this year as strength in areas like housing and auto sales could partly offset government cutbacks. Investors appear unfazed, too: The stock market has surged more than 6 percent this year and is nearing an all-time high.

But economists warn that further spending cuts would weaken a still-precarious recovery.

"One way or the other, government is going to be a constraint on growth," said James Marple, senior economist at TD Bank.

Deep spending cuts in defense and domestic programs are set to kick in March 1. Most of the federal government could shut down March 27 if Congress doesn't extend a temporary measure authorizing funding.

And the nation's borrowing limit must be raised by May 18 or the government could default on its debts.

A sputtering economy could weaken President Barack Obama's hand in dealing with Congress and complicate his efforts to push forward on other domestic priorities, such as immigration reform and gun control.

The Commerce Department said the economy shrank last quarter mainly because companies restocked at a slower rate and the government slashed defense spending. Exports also fell.

Economists say some of those factors could prove temporary. Still, the slowdown from the 3.1 percent annual growth rate in the July-September quarter was unexpectedly sharp.

For all of 2012, the economy expanded 2.2 percent, better than 2011's growth of 1.8 percent.

The Federal Reserve referred to the fourth-quarter slowdown Wednesday in a statement after a policy meeting. The U.S. economy appears to have "paused in recent months," the Fed said, mainly because of temporary factors.

The central bank said growth would likely resume this year. But it reaffirmed its commitment to stimulating the economy by keeping borrowing costs low for the foreseeable future.

Looming government cutbacks may already have hindered the economy: Concern over the year-end fiscal cliff could be one reason businesses slowed their restocking. And defense spending may have fallen as agencies prepared for automatic spending cuts.

Congress managed to avert the fiscal cliff but only postponed the start of automatic spending cuts until March 1.

The drag from the government comes as private-sector growth is picking up. Consumers and businesses spent more in the October-December quarter compared with the July-September quarter.

Government watchdog: taxpayers might lose $27 billion in bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A government watchdog says U.S. taxpayers stand to lose $27 billion from the 2008 financial bailout, up from an estimate of $22 billion in the fall.

A report issued Wednesday by the special inspector general for the Troubled Asset Relief Program said the estimate is higher because of increased losses for the Treasury Department on sales of shares in bailed-out companies.

Ally Financial, the former financial arm for General Motors, still owes $14.6 billion of the $17.2 billion in aid it received. The report said taxpayers can expect to lose $5.5 billion on that investment because of the company's losses on risky mortgages issued ahead of the financial crisis.

The report also criticized the Treasury for lacking a plan to unwind its investment in Ally. Taxpayers own 74 percent of the company.

Ally and GM together owe more than half of the $67.3 billion still owed U.S. taxpayers by companies that were bailed out during the financial crisis, according to the quarterly report to Congress by Special Inspector General Christy Romero.

The total owed is down from $84.2 billion as of Sept. 30, as banks and other financial companies have repaid their investments and Treasury has received proceeds from stock sales. Insurer American International Group Inc., which received the biggest bailout of the crisis, $182 billion, finished repaying it last year.

After the 2008 crisis, Congress authorized $700 billion for the bailout of financial companies and automakers under the TARP. About $413 billion was lent.

GM owes $21.6 billion of the $49.5 billion bailout it received.

To recover all of its investment in GM, Treasury would need to sell the General Motors Co. shares it still holds at an average "break-even" price of $71.86 each — more than double their current price of around $28. Treasury has held the stock for over two years, awaiting a better price.

Ally shares aren't publicly traded.

Romero's report said Treasury "has no concrete exit plan" for Ally, which was formerly called GMAC.

While repaying the taxpayers' investment in Ally is important, Treasury must focus attention on the company's finances, the report said.

"Taxpayers saved GMAC, and they should not be put in the position of needing to save the company again," it said.

Treasury disputed the report's finding.

The department does have an exit strategy for the Ally investment, Assistant Secretary for Financial Stability Timothy Massad said in a letter to Romero.

Ally had originally planned to make an initial public offering of its stock to assist Treasury's exit, but the plan was postponed in 2011, Massad noted. He said two actions occurred last year that were part of the strategy. Ally's mortgage-lending subsidiary Residential Capital LLC filed for bankruptcy protection and the company sold its international operations to raise cash.

After ResCap is restructured in the bankruptcy proceeding and the sales of overseas operations are completed, Treasury will be able to recover its investment through a sale of its Ally stock or additional asset sales, Massad said.

He said the actions chosen will depend on market conditions and Ally's progress.

What to expect

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Criticism of Treasury
The report also said the Treasury Department lacks a plan to unwind its investment in Ally. Treasury said it has an exit strategy.

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New BlackBerry won't be released in US until March

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Research In Motion Ltd. unveiled new, versatile BlackBerrys after excruciating delays allowed Apple, Samsung and others to build commanding leads in an industry that is redefining society. But the first phone won't come out in the United States until March, and one with a physical keyboard will take at least a month longer.

The stock fell 12 percent after Wednesday's kickoff, despite mostly positive reviews about the new BlackBerry 10 operating system. There's concern the phone isn't coming out sooner, and there's worry BlackBerry 10's advances won't be enough to turn the company around.

In a move underscoring the stakes riding on its make-or-break product lineup, RIM used the occasion to announce that it is changing the company's name to BlackBerry. It's a pioneering brand that lost its cachet not long after Apple's 2007 release of the iPhone, which reset expectations for what a smartphone should do.

Associated Press

Thorsten Heins, CEO of Research in Motion, which is changing its name to BlackBerry, introduces the BlackBerry 10 on Wednesday.

Pioneered in 1999, BlackBerry became a game-changing breakthrough in personal connectedness. It changed the culture by allowing on-the-go business people to access wireless email. President Barack Obama couldn't bear to part with his BlackBerry. Oprah Winfrey declared it one of her "favorite things." It was so addictive at times that it was nicknamed "the CrackBerry."

As the BlackBerry began to cross over to consumers, rivals came out with a new generation of phones that could do more than just email and messaging, starting with the iPhone and followed by devices running Google's Android system. Suddenly, the BlackBerry looked ancient.

RIM promised a new system to catch up, using technology it got through its 2010 purchase of QNX Software Systems. But it has taken more than two years to unveil new phones that are redesigned for the new multimedia, Internet browsing and apps experience that customers are now demanding.

CEO Thorsten Heins, who one year ago replaced longtime executives who had presided over BlackBerry's fall, formally unveiled the much-delayed smartphones and software Wednesday in New York. Simultaneous events were held in Toronto, London, Paris, Dubai, Johannesburg, New Delhi and Jakarta, Indonesia.

The first device in the new crop of revamped BlackBerrys will be the Z10 — pronounced "zee-10" in the U.S. and "zed-10" elsewhere. As RIM previously disclosed, it will have only a touch-screen keyboard, like Apple Inc.'s trend-setting iPhone and most phones running Android, including Samsung Electronic Co.'s popular Galaxy line. Although the Z10 will go on sale today in the U.K. and next Tuesday in Canada, it won't be available in the U.S. until March.

The Q10 will follow and will have a physical keyboard, a feature that has kept BlackBerry users loyal over the years because it makes typing easier. RIM said the Q10 will start going on sale on some global carriers in April, but it couldn't say when U.S. carriers will have it.

Heins said U.S. carriers need more time to test the devices. All the major U.S. carriers plan to sell the new BlackBerrys. Verizon Wireless said the Z10 will be available for $200 with a two-year service agreement, in line with what other major smartphones cost. In Canada, it will cost about $150 with a three-year contract.

Frank Boulben, RIM's chief marketing officer, said some of the delay in the U.S. stems from specific testing requirements imposed by the Federal Communications Commission. There was a similar delay when the iPhone first came out, though subsequent models were released more quickly after their announcements.

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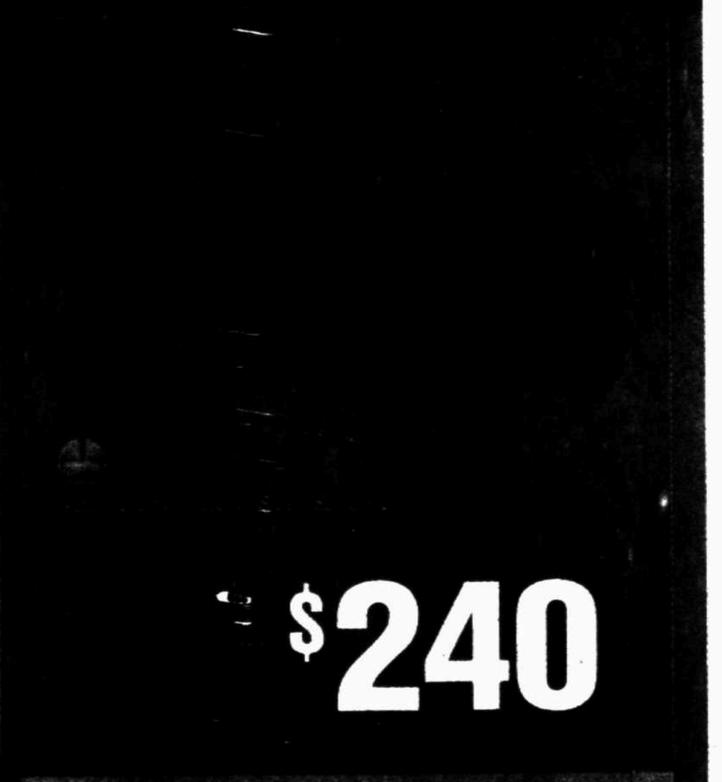

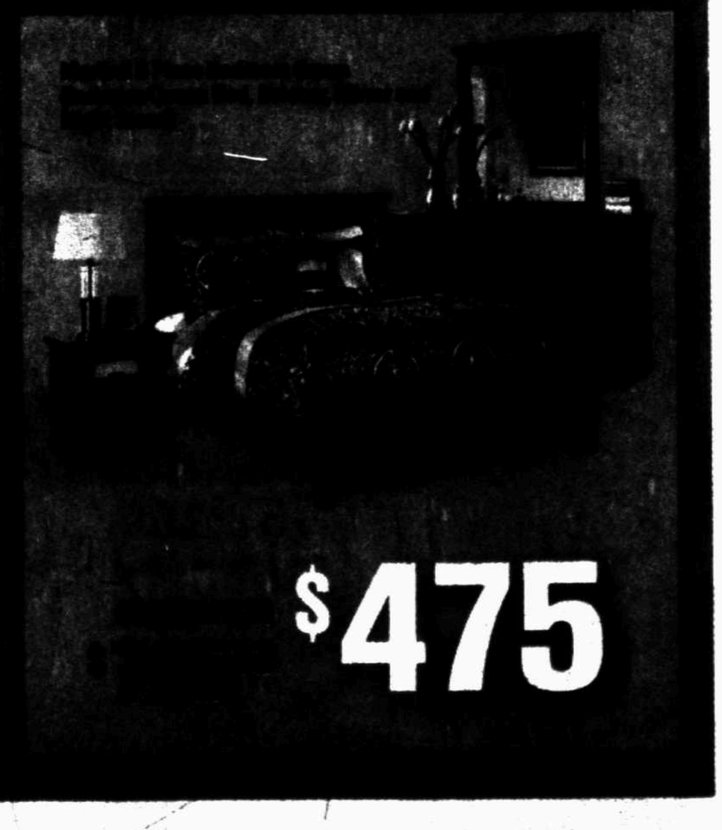

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TEA chief: Don't give up on accountability system

Former Midlander also disagrees with change supported by Seliger

By Morgan Smith
Texas Tribune

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams this week called on educators to hold the line on the state's accountability system amid what he called a "ranging conversation" at the Legislature about how to address the widespread concerns about the role of high-stakes testing.

"I know we are out there in that desert and it is a transition period," the Texas Education Agency chief said. "But I'm going to ask us to pump our brakes and slow our roll to get through this transition."

During his speech Tuesday at an annual gathering of school administrators in Austin, he urged the crowd of roughly 3,000 to display courage and not to "give up or move back" as the state continued its transition to the new accountability system.

More than 800 school boards across the state have passed resolutions saying the state overemphasizes standardized testing amid outcry from parents and confusion from school districts as the state moved over to the new system this spring.

That momentum has extended to the Legislature, as well. Lawmakers have responded with proposals that range from reducing the exams students must pass to graduate to doing away with state student assessments altogether. In a pointed gesture, the House eliminated spending for testing in its initial budget, and Williams took tough questions from a panel of senators on the topic in a hearing last week.

Williams said he recognized the need for increased flexibility in student testing requirements but that the state needed to preserve what he called the "central line of thinking" in the accountability system, "the business of teaching every kid in every school."

The speech marked the first time the new commissioner, appointed by Gov. Rick Perry in August, had addressed the Midwinter Conference put on by the Texas Association of School Administrators. It can be a trying experience for TEA chiefs — though his predecessor received wild cheers last year when he called for a reexamination of the role assessment plays in the state's accountability system, he had chillier receptions there in the past.

But the biggest reaction from the crowd came not from something Williams said in his speech, but to an unidentified audience member who asked a question at the end that earned a standing ovation. He asked the commissioner to fight for the return of the $5.4 billion made in cuts to public education "in the same spirit of fighting the KKK"

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HOME DESTROYED IN BLAZE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A Midland firefighter walks through the mist from a fire hose after a blaze destroyed a trailer home near the intersection of West County Road 137 and Rankin Highway on Wednesday.

Officials suspect space heater in South Midland fire

From staff reports

A south Midland home went up in flames Wednesday afternoon in a fire that is believed to have been caused by a space heater.

The trailer home at the 1000 block of West County Road 137 was a total loss after sustaining significant interior and exterior damage, according to Brian McGary, Midland Fire Department battalion chief.

Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little said the fire possibly was caused by a space heater malfunction.

The residents, who were not at home when the fire started, will stay with family members, Little said.

Eight MFD and two volunteer units responded to the fire at about 5 p.m., McGary said.

Council recommends MISD hire health coordinator

By Meredith Moriak
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Members of the Midland ISD School Health Advisory Council approved a recommendation Wednesday asking the board of trustees to consider hiring an employee wellness and student health coordinator.

The recommendation comes after months of work by the SHAC's staff wellness subcommittee, which looked at the benefits of having an employee wellness plan, as well as how it ties into the state's Coordinated School Health Program.

SHAC member Rhonda Carr, a registered dietitian and diabetes education coordinator at Midland Memorial Hospital, presented the sub-committee's report and indicated how hiring someone to coordinate student and employee health would allow MISD to expand the services it offers.

MISD currently uses four of the eight components included in the CSHP — physical education, health education, parent and community involvement and nutrition services. By hiring an additional staff member, Carr said it is likely MISD would be able to adopt the four other components — staff wellness promotion, healthy and safe school environment, counseling and mental health services and health services.

The SHAC serves as an advisory body for the school district. Members' recommendation for a health wellness coordinator will be forwarded on to MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren and trustees.

Plainview residents worry over effects of plant closure

By Shanna Sissom
Plainview Herald

The impact of Cargill's upcoming closure is already being felt in the local economy but some say profound, multi-million dollar consequences with thousands of displaced people are yet to be realized.

"I look at it in dollars and cents," said Brian Pohlmeier, president of Centennial Bank. "(Cargill) probably had about a million and a half a week payroll. That's $80-plus million a year that's no longer going to be in the community."

Inside

Plainview Herald Managing Editor Shanna Sissom says town will survive adversity.

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The bank has already seen buyers backing out of real estate transactions since 2,220 workers were told of the plant's Feb. 1 closure. Every segment of the community seems to be bracing for what lies ahead.

Schools stand to lose a major chunk of funding, as Plainview ISD Superintendent Ron Miller said they have identified "well over 800 students" with at least one parent employed at Cargill.

"There could be as many as 1,000 because the little ones don't really know where their parents work," Miller said. "We just hope it doesn't reach 1,000. If it's 1,000 students, then we only get 75 percent of taxes. We'd have that potential loss of $5.3 million, thereabouts."

Miller said some students have already been withdrawn from school, as their parents are relocating to obtain employment.

With so many students expected to relocate, Miller said fewer teachers will be needed.

"In the past when we've had to reduce staff, the last five years, we've been able to do it by attrition. We've been able to absorb those situations," Miller said. "This may not be the case, where we can absorb them."

Teacher layoffs?

"That is an extreme possibility, that very well could happen," Miller said. The school district loses $37 a day for every student not in attendance.

Kress Superintendent Doug Setliff said 34 out of 240 students in their community are children of

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Can tax refund strategy put Gov. Perry on the rebound?

■ The governor isn't the most popular guy, and he hopes giving excess money back will change that.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN —

The state of our state is great, our longtime governor tells us. "Our future is limitless," he says.

His, however, might not be.

"Most Texas voters done with Rick Perry," said the headline on a poll released Tuesday shortly before Perry's seventh — and final, if the poll is anywhere near right — State of the State address.

"Texas voters — even Republicans — have had enough of Rick Perry," said Public Policy Polling, a North Carolina-based and Democratic-leaning firm with a pretty good reputation for getting stuff right.

The numbers backed the words. Only 31 percent of the 500 respondents want Perry to seek re-election next year to a fourth term.

But wait, there's more.

"He's among the most unpopular governors in the country," Public Policy Polling said, leading to this devastating number about the only election that counts in Texas: "Only 41 percent of GOP primary voters want him to be their candidate again."

I'm sure those in his immediate family still love the gov, but we now have polling evidence that his popularity outside that circle is waning. There's plenty of time until voting begins, so I wouldn't write Perry off just yet. But the Public Policy Polling numbers are encouraging to potential Perry challengers, including GOP state Attorney General Greg Abbott, who the poll shows is within 3 percentage points of Perry among Republican voters.

So, with Perry fatigue perhaps at critical mass, what's a resourceful politician/governor to do? Well, giving money to people often can help. Ladies and gentlemen, the governor now presents the Rick Perry Money-Back Guarantee Plan. The details are to come, but he called Tuesday for a "mechanism" that can be used to return money to taxpayers "when we bring in more (money) than we need."

He also called for $1.8 billion in unspecified tax relief in the next two years.

"I'm proud that in Texas we're talking about the best way to give money back," he said.

I like the idea of finding a way to return taxpayer money that's not needed. Here's some of the perspective (warped, perhaps) from which I approach this.

In the state budget context, a "surplus" is considered a good thing. I know it's better than a "shortfall," but doesn't surplus mean the state collected more taxes than needed? Isn't that overtaxation?

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Obituaries

Chloe Aria Martin

"Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, I'm always asking why this crazy world had to lose such a ray of light we never knew gone to soon." Chloe, the first newborn daughter of Christopher and Lindsay Martin, was born and passed away on January 8, 2013, in Odessa, TX at Odessa Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her loving parents, Christopher and Lindsay Martin; nana Brenda Hart; grandparents, Randy and Anita Martin; aunt Tonya, cousin Indicah; uncle and aunt Shay and Brandy Hart, cousins Alyssa and Shane; aunt Bethany :Latch, cousins Keith and Mallory; uncle and aunt Roche and Amanda Bellamy, cousins Zander and Drake; aunt Jennie Martin; and many extended family.

Chloe is preceded in death by her pawpaw Dennis Hart, great-granny Allie Martin, great grandpa Ralph Rumfelt, and great grandma Justine Guarino.

The Martin family would like to give thanks to the doctors, and many nurses' who have helped them in this difficult time, also to ABC Ministry in Midkiff, TX for their generosity. The family asks that friends join them for a memorial service on January 31, 2013, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 6:30pm, and for a pink balloon release afterwards.

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Donella Rodgers

Donella Hardaway Rodgers, 81, of Eunice, New Mexico, passed away in Ector County, Texas, during surgery on January 26, 2013.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, February 2 at 11:30 a.m., in the chapel of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Officiating will be Reverend Steve Brannan of the Church of Christ of Eunice, New Mexico, and Pastor Steve Schorr of First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas. A reception will follow.

Donella was born in Weinert, Haskell County, Texas on October 15, 1931 to James H. and Maymie Hardaway. Donella grew up in Monahans and Pecos, Texas. She graduated from Pecos High School and continued to business college in Abilene.

Donella married AV Rodgers on June 18, 1977 and they were married 32 years.

Donella worked as a homemaker. She enjoyed music and reading. She was also actively involved in her Church and the Senior Citizen Center in Eunice.

Donella was a happy, giving person with a magnetic personality. She blessed everyone she met with friendship and a beautiful, heartfelt smile. She touched the lives of her family and friends and she will be truly missed.

Donella is survived by siblings, Shirley and Bobby G. Hardaway, Donny J. Hardaway, Thomas D. Hardaway and Judith H. Devenport; her sister-in-law Billie Fay Hardaway; her grandchildren, Kevin and Melissa Hardaway, Keith and Tia Hardaway, and Kris Hardaway; great grandchildren, Carson, Connor, Kelsie and Kenzie and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two children, Theresa and Joey Nash, her father and mother, James H. and Maymie Hardaway, her husband, AV Rodgers, three brothers, J. Leroy Hardaway, Jack W. Hardaway and Bill D. Hardaway, and one sister, Lois H. Shearman.

Memorial donations may be given to charities of one's choice.

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

Estevan Najera

Estevan Patino Najera, 52, passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at his residence. He was born on September 16, 1960 in Midland to the late Agapito and Elida Najera. Estevan was raised and educated in Midland and had worked as a concrete finisher for over 20 years.

Estevan is preceded in death by his parents, Agapito and Elida Najera. He is survived by his brother, Agapito (AJ) Najera Jr. of Midland; four sisters, Gloria Patino Bonilla, Margarita P. Najera, Anna Maria Najera and Teresa Najera Hernandez all of Midland; six nephews and eight nieces.

Funeral mass is set for today at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers for the service will be Nicholas Najera, Jesus Costilla, Joe Munoz, Lalo Soto, Gilbert Sanchez Sr., Isa Romero Jr., Tony Gonzales and Joe Louis Fuentes III. Honorary pallbearers are David Olgin Sr., Johnny Olgin, Wally Olgin, Danny Olgin, Jesse Granado, Big John Fuentes, Bobby Ybarra and David Velarde.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@ntsonline.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

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Myrtle Alma Rose Holst

Myrtle Alma Rose Holst, age 89, formerly of Midland passed away early Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at Silver Stone Home, Denton. She was born on November 20, 1923 in a log cabin in Pennington County, SD to Freeman and Penila (Potter) Rose. She married Roger Duane Holst on June 21, 1951 in Rapid City, SD.

Alma worked in a variety of areas but principally as a long distance operator for Bell Telephone, an airplane relay tech during World War II and most recently custodian for her church. She also was a homemaker and mother of four.

She is survived by her four children: Diana Reaves and husband Bernard (Jack) of Aubrey; Duane Holst of Midland; Debra Holst of Dallas, and Dawne Holst Adamson of Roseville, CA and four grandchildren: Troy Reaves of Flower Mound, Denise Chambers of Denton, Michael Gratzinger of Bluffdale, Utah and Michelle Ross of Washington, D.C. and nine great-grandchildren.

There will be a Memorial Service at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel at 4805 Gateway in Midland on Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM to celebrate her life. There will be a gravesite ceremony June/July, 2013 at the Rose Cemetery, SD.

Willie Rose Sr.

Willie Smith Rose Sr., 72 of Munday went to be with the Lord on Sunday January 27, 2013 at his residence.

Memorial service will be 2:00pm Friday February 1, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Munday with Brother Shane Kendrix, officiating. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Willie was born July 21, 1940 in Rowena, Tx. to William Banner and Lula Sue (Holloway) Rose.

He worked as a pipeline technician for El Paso Natural Gas for over 27 years. He loved fishing, getting together with all his loved ones and going to the casinos.

He is survived by his wife; Saundra Rose, his first wife; Martha Fough, three daughters; Cathy Pittman of Rule, Tx., Pam Rose and husband, Larry Corbell of Lewisville, Tx., and Fonda Harvell and husband, Michael of Midland; four sons; Eddie Shipman, and wife, Vickie of Round Rock, Tx., Willie S. Rose Jr. and wife, Angelita of Georgetown, Tx., Michael Rose and wife, Sue of New Braunfels, Tx., and Keith Williford and wife, Bridget of Buffalo Gap, Tx., eighteen grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wants to extend a special thanks to Wichita Falls hospice doctors, nurses and staff for the loving care shown to our family during this time.

Willie's obituary and memorial guestbook may be viewed at www.robertmassie.com

Baby Jasiah Belloc

Baby Jasiah Avalyna Belloc, infant daughter of Joshua Belloc and Kristin Galan, passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2013. She was preceded in death by his great-great grandfather Louis Dominguez Sr. She is survived by his parents; grandparents, Pedro (Pete) Belloc of Midland, Linda Akil of Riverside, CA, Kim Young and Andre Young both of Midland; great grandparents, Louis and Anna Dominguez of Midland, Pedro Epifania Belloc of Presidio, TX and Dolores Jurado of Midland; great-great grandmother Ramona Dominguez also of Midland; numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@ntsonline.net.

Bruce Edwards

Bruce Michael Edwards, 48, of Midland, went to be with his Lord, Jesus Christ, on Monday morning, January 28, 2013. By his side, was Traci, his wife of 25 years, his daughter, Kelsey, 18, and a room full of his beloved family and friends. Bruce is preceded in death by his grandparents Thelma and Robert Edwards, Reverends Richard and Amy Yunker, and aunt, Sharon and uncle Ken Ellis. He was survived by his parents David and Suzanne Edwards, brother Brett Edwards and wife Tammy and sisters Stephanie Bothwell and husband Ben, Erika Eades and husband Donovan, and Danielle Kreiss and husband Corey, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Linda Smith, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Tammy Choate and husband Richard, Tanya Cartwright and husband John, Tricia Duncan and husband Chris and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration Service for Bruce is scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2013, 2:00 pm at Mid Cities Community Church with Pastor Don Palmer, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Thursday, January 31, 2013 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Brett Edwards, Caleb Edwards, David Arrington, DJ Arrington, Randy Smith, John Cartwright, Kevin Cartwright, Richard Choate, Chris Duncan and Lantz Duncan. Honorary pallbearers will be Ben Bothwell, Donovan Eades, Corey Kreiss, Phillip Martinez, John Alcala, Lenny Long, Willie Long, Brad Rose, Joey Pinard, Fabian Aranda, Mark Hendrickson, Dodd Stringer, Raymond Chambers, Jeff Thummel, Brad Roberts, and Staton Roberts.

A memorial fund has been set up for the Edwards family at West Texas National Bank in Midland.

Bruce was born in Elkhart, Kansas on June 6, 1964 to David Michael Edwards and Suzanne Martha Edwards. He spent an adventurous childhood in Odessa, TX and grew into a daring young man who was a warrior for Christ. He lived every day to its fullest. His bold personality, booming voice, and contagious smile won the hearts of everyone he met, especially children and youth. He had a gift for making everyone feel special. To his family, he hung the moon. At Traci's Salon, his friendliness brightened everyone's day. At Southwest Airlines, he was known for singing loudly and spontaneously. His own unique rendition of "Viva Las Vegas" will be missed by customers, family and friends! He loved a healthy lifestyle, quick wit, and time at the beach with his family. Most of all, he loved God's word which was written in his heart and embedded in his mind. Bruce stood in God's strength and love, with joy in his heart, as he entered the gates of Heaven.
(I Peter 2:24)

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

Shirley Ann Clark Reid

Shirley Reid (85) of Fort Worth, Texas passed away January 25, 2013. She was born November 17, 1927, the third of five children, to Roy A. Clark and Callie Fay Frederick in Cleburne, Texas.

Shirley grew up in Dallas Texas. There, she met and married Daniel Reid. Dan and Shirley made a home in Fort Worth where they raised their family of four children. Shirley's passion for the last twenty-five-plus years has been the study of art and history. She served as a docent at both the Kimball Art Museum and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Shirley is survived by her daughter Nancy Jane Reid and husband Peter of Newport, Oregon, sons Robert Reid and wife Jan of Bowie, Texas and Brian Reid and wife Kathy of Midland, Texas, daughter Ellen Reid Smith and husband Josef of Colorado Springs, Colorado, sister Sandra Weber of San Antonio, Texas and five grand children Alexander, Rebecca, Michael, Allison and Stephen.

A private celebration of Shirley's life will be held by her family in Fort Worth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Aphasia Center of West Texas (aphasiawtx.org).

Death Notices

Bernice Estep

Bernice Estep passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Midland.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Second Baptist Church in Midland at 10:00 a.m.

She is survived by her grandson Christopher Estep and his wife Amanda and their daughter Kaleigh Brown, her granddaughter Amy and husband Bobby Billington and their sons Kenneth and Tyler Dowdy and Caiden Billington and Paityn Billington; her sisters Patsy Davis and her husband Don and Donna Mae Wilson and her husband Kenneth; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

James Lee

James O. "Jimmie" Lee, 78, of Rankin, passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

Graveside services will be held at 2p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2013 at the Rankin Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Jimmie is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean Lee of Rankin; three sons, Ricky Lee and his wife Kathy, Rusty Lee and his wife Tracy, and Jim Paul Lee and his wife Teresa; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Ross Carroll

Ross Oscar Carroll, 95, passed away on January 28, 2013.

Family will be receiving family and friends tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral service is set for Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Goodlett, Texas. Interment will follow at Goodlett Cemetery. Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

He is survived by his sons, James Carroll, Billy Carroll, Howard Carroll and Larry Carroll.

Patty Andrews of singing Andrews Sisters dead at 94

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Patty Andrews, the last surviving member of the singing Andrews Sisters trio whose hits such as the rollicking "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B" and the poignant "I Can Dream, Can't I?" captured the homefront spirit of World War II, died Wednesday. She was 94.

Andrews died of natural causes at her home in the Los Angeles suburb of Northridge, said family spokesman Alan Eichler in a statement.

Patty was the Andrews in the middle, the lead singer and chief clown, whose raucous jitterbugging delighted American servicemen abroad and audiences at home.

She could also deliver sentimental ballads like "I'll Be with You in Apple Blossom Time" with a sincerity that caused hardened GIs far from home to weep.

From the late 1930s through the 1940s, the Andrews Sisters produced one hit record after another, beginning with "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen" in 1937 and continuing with "Beat Me Daddy, Eight to the Bar," "Rum and Coca-Cola" and more. They recorded more than 400 songs and sold more than 80 million records, several of them going gold (more than a million copies).

Other sisters, notably the Boswells, had become famous as singing acts, but mostly they huddled before a microphone in close harmony. The Andrews Sisters — LaVerne, Maxene and Patty — added a new dimension. During breaks in their singing, they cavorted about the stage in rhythm to the music.

Their voices combined with perfect synergy. As Patty remarked in 1971: "There were just three girls in the family. LaVerne had a very low voice. Maxene's was kind of high, and I was between. It was like God had given us voices to fit our parts."

The Andrews Sisters' rise coincided with the advent of swing music, and their style fit perfectly into the new craze. They aimed at reproducing the sound of three harmonizing trumpets.

"I was listening to Benny Goodman and to all the bands," Patty once remarked. "I was into the feel, so that would go into my own musical ability. I was into swing. I loved the brass section."

Unlike other singing acts, the sisters recorded with popular bands of the '40s, fitting neatly into the styles of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey, Bob Crosby, Woody Herman, Guy Lombardo, Desi Arnaz and Russ Morgan. They sang dozens of songs on records with Bing Crosby, including the million-seller "Don't Fence Me In." They also recorded with Dick Haymes, Carmen Miranda, Danny Kaye, Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante and Red Foley.

The Andrews' popularity led to a contract with Universal Pictures, where they made a dozen low-budget musical comedies between 1940 and 1944. In 1947, they appeared in "The Road to Rio" with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

The trio continued until LaVerne's death in 1967. By that time the close harmony had turned to discord, and the sisters had been openly feuding.

Bette Midler's 1973 cover of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" revived interest in the trio. The two survivors joined in 1974 for a Broadway show, "Over Here!" It ran for more than a year, but disputes with the producers led to the cancellation of the national tour of the show, and the sisters did not perform together again.

Patty continued on her own, finding success in Las Vegas and on TV variety shows. Her sister also toured solo until her death in 1995.

Her father, Peter Andrews, was a Greek immigrant who anglicized his name of Andreus when he arrived in America; his wife, Olga, was a Norwegian with a love of music. LaVerne was born in 1911, Maxine (later Maxene) in 1916, Patricia (later Patty, sometimes Patti) in 1918.

All three sisters were born and raised in the Minneapolis area, spending summers in Mound, Minn., on the western shores of Lake Minnetonka, about 20 miles west of Minneapolis.

Listening to the Boswell Sisters on radio, LaVerne played the piano and taught her sisters to sing in harmony; neither Maxene nor Patty ever learned to read music. All three studied singers at the vaudeville house near their father's restaurant. As their skills developed, they moved from amateur shows to vaudeville and singing with bands.

After Peter Andrews moved the family to New York in 1937, his wife, Olga, sought singing dates for the girls. They were often turned down with comments such as: "They sing too loud and they move too much." Olga persisted, and the sisters sang on radio with a hotel band at $15 a week. The broadcasts landed them a contract with Decca Records.

They recorded a few songs, and then came "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen," an old Yiddish song for which Sammy Cahn and Saul Kaplan wrote English lyrics. (The title means, "To Me You Are Beautiful.") It was a smash hit, and the Andrews Sisters were launched into the bigtime.

Their only disappointment was the movies. Universal was a penny-pinching studio that ground out product to fit the lower half of a double bill. The sisters were seldom involved in the plots, being used for musical interludes in film with titles such as "Private Buckaroo," "Swingtime Johnny" and "Moonlight and Cactus."

Their only hit was "Buck Privates," which made stars of Abbott and Costello and included the trio's blockbuster "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Michael W. Campbell, 44, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Melvin L. Clark, 18, of Waco, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of impersonating a public servant and two charges of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Alfaro Cruz, 28, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on charges of violation of probation and writ of habeas corpus.

Steven R. Rasmussen, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animal.

Jose R. Landaeta, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Adrian F. Luna, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest.

Tiffany L. Mobley, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Christopher L. Ransom, 25, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Fermin T. Vasquez III, 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of tampering or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

John E. Williams, 60, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on two charges of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

SYSTEM

From 1B

— referring to a story Williams shared about his early years as a prosecutor in the Reagan Justice Department going after members of the Ku Klux Klan.

In response, Williams reiterated what he had said previously about waiting for the resolution of the school finance lawsuit before taking any action on restoring funding, and said he looked forward to "having the conversation" at that time.

During his remarks, Williams also indicated he would not support changes to the so-called 4X4 high school graduation requirement that students complete four years each in math, science, English and social studies. Many educators — and at least one prominent lawmaker, Sen. Kel Seliger — would like to change that to allow students to choose an emphasis on career and technology or science and math.

Williams said that opportunity could exist within the current structure. "This is not a debate about career or college, this ought to be a debate about both," he said, adding that backing away from the rigors of the 4X4 would do "nothing more than put at great risk the futures" of children in the public education system.

HERMAN

From 1B

Depending on how they spend my money, I'm conceptually OK with tax-and-spend lawmakers. I have more of a problem with tax-and-don't-spend lawmakers who make us pay more than is needed to run the state.

And if they collect it and it turns out they don't need it, they should return it. So let's give Perry's idea a full and fair hearing.

Please let me use this moment to re-urge something I think would lead to a quick and needed overhaul of the Texas tax system, which depends heavily (too heavily, some say) on local property taxes to fund public schools.

I say we require everyone to write a check for their property tax. No more rolling it into the monthly mortgage payment, which makes many property taxpayers ignorant about the heavy burden of that levy until April 14 when, while scrambling to do their federal income tax return, they are happy to see how much they paid in property tax — which is deductible from federal income tax.

I say make everyone really feel the pain by writing a check for their property tax.

That's not going to happen, of course, kind of like some of the things Perry proposed Tuesday. But I give him credit for offering some bold ideas. Polling data aside, it's clear Perry, who has said he won't announce his future political plans until after the legislative session ends in May, isn't quacking like a lame duck.

We know what the latest polls says, but it will be a while until we know what Perry is going to do about his future.

With that in mind, I noted this in a coincidental, unrelated email from a state agency, offering sound advice for all, shortly after Perry ended his Tuesday speech: "Texas State Fire Marshal's Office Urges Everyone to Have An Exit Strategy."

XCOR, Axe brand to send 22 contest winners to space — really

By Tiffany Hsu
Los Angeles Times

Smelling good could send you out of this world. As in, actually off the face of the planet, according to a new promotion from the Axe line of male grooming products.

Axe — a Unilever brand of shampoos, body sprays and deodorants — is offering the chance to win 22 spots on the Lynx sub-orbital plane from XCOR Aerospace, the space tourism company set to make its headquarters in Midland.

In Britain, Axe is known as Lynx — see what Unilever did there?

The gimmick coincides with the launch of the company's new Apollo collection of products. Marketing taglines for the new items include "Astronauts always get the girl" and "Nothing beats an astronaut."

In one commercial, a young woman rescued from an inferno by a studly fireman quickly abandons him for the spaceman she sees walking nearby (so unfair).

Axe even got Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, who landed on the moon in 1969, to plug the campaign.

"Leave a man, come back a hero," Aldrin says in the video.

XCOR is set to start launching two-seat passenger rockets some 62 miles above the Earth's surface starting as early as 2014. The short trips, leaving from the Caribbean island of Curacao, will cost nearly $100,000.

Unless, of course, you win Axe's contest and make it through what Axe is calling the Axe Apollo Space Academy. To enter, participants have to create a profile on AxeApollo.com or LynxApollo.com and explain why they want to hitch a ride into space.

Those with the most votes will participate in a series of challenges this summer. From there, a smaller group will attend the Axe Global Space Camp in Orlando, Fla. — a sort of astronaut immersion program — before finding out if they've won a trip on the space ship.

It's like "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," just with an uber-modern glass elevator at the finish line.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		Grey's Anatomy "Bad Blood" (N)		Scandal "Truth of Consequences" (N)		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel Tegan and Sara, Mindy Kaling		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Two and Half (N)	Person of Interest "Dead Reckoning" (N)		Elementary "The Red Team" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld "The Dog"	Rules "Dirty Talk"	The Vampire Diaries "A View to Kill" (N)		Beauty and Beast "On Thin Ice" (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Stand-In"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Auditions #6" (N)		Glee "Naked" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Audra Grace	Thurman Scrivner
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	30 Rock (F) (N)		The Office (N)	1600 Penn (N)	Do No Harm "Pilot" (P) (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show Lisa Loeb, Benh Zeitlin		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytrip-pers	Parks and Wildlife	Columbia:Mission-Hope (N)		Nova "Space Shuttle Disaster"		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News		Tavis Smiley (N)
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Por ella soy eva		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65			165	(:15) ★★ Always		Unzipped		(:15) ★★ Pret a Porter ('94, Com) Kim Basinger.					★★★ Chrystal		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:30) Unbroken		★★ The Ultimate Voice Vonga.				Girls	Enlight	Real Sex	(:50) Transit James Caviezel.		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(3:45) ★★ Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy				★ Wrath of the Titans			1stLook	★ Your Highness			Movie
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(9:25) The Grudge		The Sopranos		Bill Maher		★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wig.				(:10) ★ The Debt	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:45) Coulrophobia & ...		★★★ L. Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.				★★★ Tombstone ('93, West) Kurt Russell.				(:10) ★ Erotic Karma	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:30) ★★★ Wonderlust Jennifer Aniston.				★★ Larry Crowne			(:40) ★ Sony Wives Sindrome			★ Sherlock Holme...	
PLEX			96			Movie	★★ The Country Bears			★ Look Who's Talking Now			(:40) ★★ Legend Tom Cruise.			(:10) ★ Tornado!	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★★★ Meet Joe Black Brad Pitt.				★★ The Iron Lady ('11, Bio) Meryl Streep.				Gigolos	Gigolos	★ Goon	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(3:40) ★ Sister Mary...		★★★ The Italian Job Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ Fright Night			(:45) ★★★ Alive Ethan Hawke.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Caught in the Middle"		First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"		The First 48: Missing Persons (N)		Beyond Scared Straight (N)		Scared "Portsmouth County, VA"		First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Mad Max: ...		★★★ The Transporter Jason Statham.				★ Starship Troopers ('97, Sci-Fi) Denise Richards.					
BET	58	26		40		106&Park	★★ Doing Hard Time Bois Kodjoe.				★★ All About the Benjamins ('01, Act) Ice Cube.				Wendy Williams		
BRAVO	65	63		41		Million	(:45) Millionaire		(:45) Atlanta Soc. (N)		Atlanta	Kathy (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	VanderR	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Mexico's Drug War		Death: It's a Living		American Greed		Mad Money		Death: It's a Living	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		PropWars	Property Wars "Hold the Phone"			PropWars	Property Wars "Hold the Phone"		
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	★ Princess Protection Program		(:40) GoodL	(:05) Jessie	GoodLuck		Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Connecticut vs. Providence (L)				NCAA Basketball Arkansas vs. Alabama (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Illinois vs. Michigan State (L)				NCAA Basketball Arizona vs. Washington (L)				NCAA Basketball Gonzaga vs Loyola M. (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days				★★★ Letters to Juliet Amanda Seyfried.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Sweet Genius		Restaurant Stakeout		Chef Wanted		Chef Wanted (N)		Rachael vs. Guy		Chef Wanted	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Ultimate Insider	SportsDay OnAir	NCAA Basketball Vanderbilt vs. Texas A&M Women's (L)				Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act)				Anger M.	Anger M.	Archer (N)	Legit (N)	Biased	Archer	Legit	Biased
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	BradyB.	BradyB.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	HappyD.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Hawaii	Hawaii	Extreme Homes		HouseH	House	HouseH	House	Extreme Homes	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) BuiltAmerica		MenBuiltAmerica "Changing the Game"				BuiltAm. "When One Ends, Another Begins"				MenBuiltAmerica	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "Road to the Runway"		Runway "There is No I in Team"		Project Runway "Spin Out" (N)			Double Divas	DanceMom "Revenge of the Replacements"		Runway "There is No I in Team"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball Drexel vs G. Mason (SP) (L)				NFL Turning Point		Costas Tonight		Star Spangled		NFL Turning Point	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Figure Out	House of Anubis (N)		F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	(:40) Benefit
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Tattoo	Tattoo	Impact Wrestling				Bellator MMA (L)				Bellator MMA	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Being Human		Continuum			Continuum			Lost Girl "Caged Fae"		Lost Girl	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Pool Guy"	Seinf. "The Pool Guy"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King Nerd "Games Without Frontiers" (N)		Conan		King Nerd "Games Without Frontiers"	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	MGM Par.	★★★★ Cat Ballou Jane Fonda.				★★ Monte Walsh ('70, West) Lee Marvin.				★ The Dirty Dozen	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Randy Knows	Say Yes to the Dress	Randy Knows	Randy Knows	Randy Knows	Randy Knows	What Not to Wear "Kathy A." (N)		Randy Knows	Randy Knows	What Not to Wear "Kathy A."	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Ladies in Red"		NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)				NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Outlaws and In-Laws"		NCIS "Good Cop, Bad Cop"		NCIS "Mother's Day"		Suits "The Strong Survive" (N)		Necessary Rough "Hits and Myths"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fat"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Senate OKs liability limits for space companies

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A proposal to help New Mexico attract commercial space travel companies is speeding through the Legislature.

The Senate unanimously approved legislation on Wednesday to protect spacecraft manufacturers along with their parts suppliers from most damage lawsuits by passengers on space tourism flights.

British billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic plans to fly tourists into outer space at $200,000-a-ticket from Spaceport America, near the community of Truth or Consequences.

A 2010 state law shields Virgin Galactic from being sued in most cases for damages by passengers or their families if there was an accident. The legislation will provide similar liability limitations for the suppliers and manufacturers of spacecraft and their components.

Liability restriction proposals have failed in the Legislature in the past two years, but a compromise was negotiated by Virgin Galactic and the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association.

Under the latest measure, Virgin Galactic and other space companies must carry $1 million in insurance to qualify for the liability limitations. Supporters say the insurance coverage will help guarantee people are compensated in the few instances that damage lawsuits are allowed, such as when a spacecraft company knew there was a defect or dangerous condition or if they acted recklessly.

Virgin Galactic officials and spaceport promoters have said the proposed liability limitations were needed to attract companies to New Mexico's spaceport, which has cost taxpayers more than $200 million.

The legislation heads to the House, which is expected to approve it.

Website back up for Women's Health Program

Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Texas health officials have reinstated a website listing Women's Health Program doctors after verifying that all listed practices are accepting low-income patients under the contraception and preventive care program.

The website was pulled down Jan. 14 after it was found to be riddled with errors, including wrong phone numbers and practices that were not part of the Women's Health Program. Most of the mistakes were blamed on the use of provider identification numbers for doctors who had joined the program.

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PLAINVIEW

From 1B

Cargill workers.

"From the parents that have talked to us so far, they are going to try to stay because a lot of them have family here," Setliff explained. "But we know there will be some that will have no choice but to move on to find work." Setliff said it was too early to tell if this will affect those employed by his district.

"I'm not prepared to comment on teachers until there's a better idea of how many students we might lose," Setliff said, adding that all state funding is tied to average daily attendance.

As Cargill families figure out options, the meat company's competitors were in town last week recruiting workers to plants in other states or elsewhere in Texas. Cargill also has jobs to offer at other company sites.

While many workers the Herald have spoken to say they would prefer to stay in the Plainview area, most believe they would likely end up moving to get jobs.

When it comes to anticipated changes in the housing market, Debi Wilkins of ERA Roberts & Wilkins Realtors believes the rental situation will be impacted more than real estate, and she hasn't seen an influx of new listings in recent days. However, Wilkins noted a husband and wife, both Cargill workers, were among those canceling plans to buy last week.

"Plainview has never seen anything like this happen before," Wilkins said. "I'm sure it's not going to be good, but I am hoping it's not going to be as bad as people are saying."

In the days following the Jan. 17 announcement, some area businesses said they were already noticing a dip in sales. Most declined to speak to the Herald on the record.

Plainview native Teresa King, longtime owner of two successful businesses, said sales at her furniture and carpet stores dropped by 50 percent immediately after the Cargill news broke. King has had to cut some of her 14 employees' hours as a result.

"That's unfortunate, but we have to react to what's happening around us," King said, adding that those who can spend should do so now to help the local economy. "Once it's rippling everywhere, everyone else is affected. It's just a huge domino effect."

But King believes Plainview can come together as a community and turn things around by spending locally.

"I don't think everyone needs to panic," King said. "The main thing that can help us, is we can overcome this with them shopping in Plainview, by spending every dime here and not out of town."

While she and other local business owners have long agreed that shopping in Plainview is paramount to a healthy local economy, the volume of dollars and people affected has a town saddened as it copes.

"This is the worst thing that's ever happened in Plainview, in my opinion," said J.B. Roberts, a longtime Plainview real estate agent and businessman. "There were several of us sitting around in a coffee shop recently talking about the businesses it will affect. And I said it might be easier to talk about the businesses it won't affect. ... Someone would bring up a name it wouldn't affect, and sure enough it was shot down. It's going to affect everybody in the county, and even further.

"It really distresses me as an old man to see this happen to our lovely community."

Stephen Spillman/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

A truck leaves the Cargill beef processing plant in Plainview on Jan. 17. Cargill announced recently that it will idle the plant and lay off all 2,000 workers because of a tight cattle supply following years of drought. The company said workers in Plainview will be let go Feb. 1, and plants in Friona, Dodge City, Kan., and Fort Morgan, Colo., will get cattle that previously would have been sent to Plainview.

Plainview will survive this adversity

SHANNA SISSOM
Plainview Herlad Managing Editor

The most difficult and painful story I've ever written, at least that does not involve death or child abuse, is on today's front page.

But time and time again in recent days, I've been amazed at how the community has responded to adversity. It's my belief the faith, goodwill and spirit of our people will triumph despite the loss of Cargill.

Debbi Wilkins graduated from Plainview High School in 1971 and remembers when what was then Missouri Beef came to Plainview.

"That's when the town changed, and there was a big influx of people," Wilkins recalled. Perhaps oddly, as she noted, population has gone down by several thousand people since that time.

If you've ever met Debbi, you know she's a positive thinker who loves Plainview.

"I am thinking we can bounce back and get some new business in," she told me. "We can hang in there together."

As noted in this space last week, I was moved by the immediate response of Plainview's faithful on that tearful Jan. 17. Churches opened their doors, prayer services were called, and at the one sanctuary I visited, the pews were packed that night.

In the days afterward, I talked to Cargill workers and recruiters. While some of those facing layoffs are open and willing to relocate, the vast majority seem to want to stay here. It's their home, and many have known no other.

While more than 2,000 lost jobs may be impossible for Plainview to absorb, those who can will surely stay. Steven Gonzales, a Cargill employee of nine years with a wife and three kids, told me he's hoping to find work in Lubbock and commute. Others share his idea.

One of the out-of-state recruiters at last week's job fair was asking me about the economy in Texas, which, as you know, varies greatly according to region. Then she gently asked me why people would want to stay here when there aren't many jobs.

I pondered her question for a moment, and qualified my response by saying I've lived here less than a year.

"There are close-knit families and relatives who want to be near each other and don't want to leave home." That was the best answer I could come up with at the moment.

But if you look around Plainview, there's much to love, and that has everything to do with its people.

When you think about the early settlers of this land, they were overcomers who faced adversity and built their dreams.

While the numbers and facts we face are staggering, I'm among those, like Debbi, who believe the people of Plainview will indeed come together, survive this storm and eventually find a new day and prosperity.

Former Ector County jail employees indicted for accepting bribes

From staff reports

ODESSA — Federal authorities on Wednesday arrested 12 former Ector County Correctional Center guards and one former employee for allegedly accepting bribes in exchange for smuggling contraband to inmates inside the federal detention facility, according to U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman and Mark Morgan, FBI special agent in charge at the El Paso Division.

The defendants include nine people from Odessa who are named in 13 federal grand jury indictments that were returned on Jan. 23. The indictments allege that during 2011 and 2012, the correctional officers and a food service worker smuggled in contraband — including cellphones and chargers, tobacco and marijuana — in exchange for cash in knowing violation of their official duties.

The people indicted and arrested are Jovanna Marie Olivarez, 21, of Odessa; Jennifer Armida Lopez, 25, Matthew Ryan Williams, 20, Jazmine Desiree Cruz, 19, Charlette Smith, 46, Jonathon Wayne Meza, 29, Nancy Torres Morales, 36, Valerie Ann Arenivas, 22, and Gabriel Angel Navarette, 23, all of Odessa; Jessica Lucia Smith, 33, of Monahans; Dennis Earl Newsome, 63, of Austin; Barbara Jean Garrett, 52, of Andrews; and Ashley Dawn Clark, 29, of Crane.

Each defendant is charged with one count of accepting a bribe. Upon conviction, each defendant faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a maximum $250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Klassen is prosecuting the case.

MPD: Reckless driver sends MHS student to hospital

From staff reports

A Midland High School student was sent to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after she was struck by a vehicle in a parking lot Wednesday afternoon, according to a press release from the city public information officer.

Midland Police Department officers responded to a pedestrian accident at 12:23 p.m. and were advised by witnesses that a black pickup had struck the 17-year-old girl in a Midland High School parking lot.

Witnesses said that the driver of the pickup, a 17-year-old male student, had been headed southbound on D Street in heavy traffic at the beginning of the lunch period. The driver drove over a curb near Ohio Avenue and accelerated westbound in the parking lot before striking the female student, according to the press release.

The girl was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver will be charged with reckless driving, according to the release.

MPD: Man arrested for stabbing dog to death

From staff reports

A Midland man remained in custody Wednesday after being arrested for allegedly stabbing a dog to death, according to his arrest affidavit.

Kuzminski

Steven R. Kuzminski, 24, is being held for a state jail felony charge of cruelty to nonlivestock animals.

A Midland police officer who responded to a disturbance at about 9:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the 4700 block of Pasadena Drive saw a white dog lying in the doorway and covered in blood.

While the officers were there, two men came outside and dropped an unconscious and bloody Kuzminski — who had a laceration on his hand and thigh — on the ground outside. The arrest report did not indicate how he was injured.

Witnesses at the scene told the officer that Kuzminski was arguing outside with his ex-girlfriend, who had come to the house to pick up the dog. During the fight, Kuzminski ran into the house and grabbed a pistol before grabbing the dog. One witness took the gun from Kuzminski but he then took out a small pocket knife and began stabbing the dog, according to the report.

The husky/German shepherd mix had been stabbed multiple times and was pronounced dead at the scene by Animal Control, according to the arrest report.

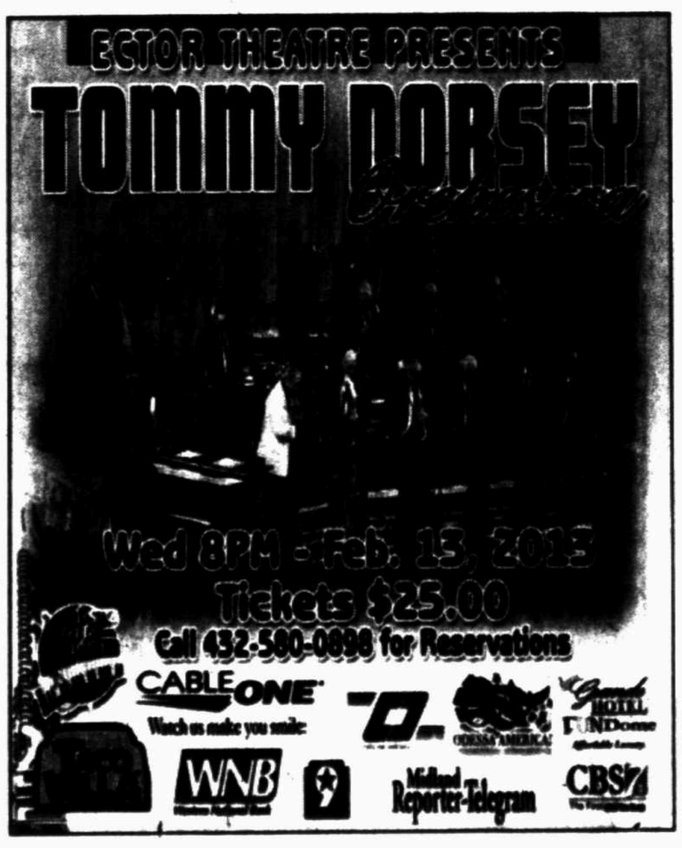
If convicted, Kuzminski could face up to two years in prison.

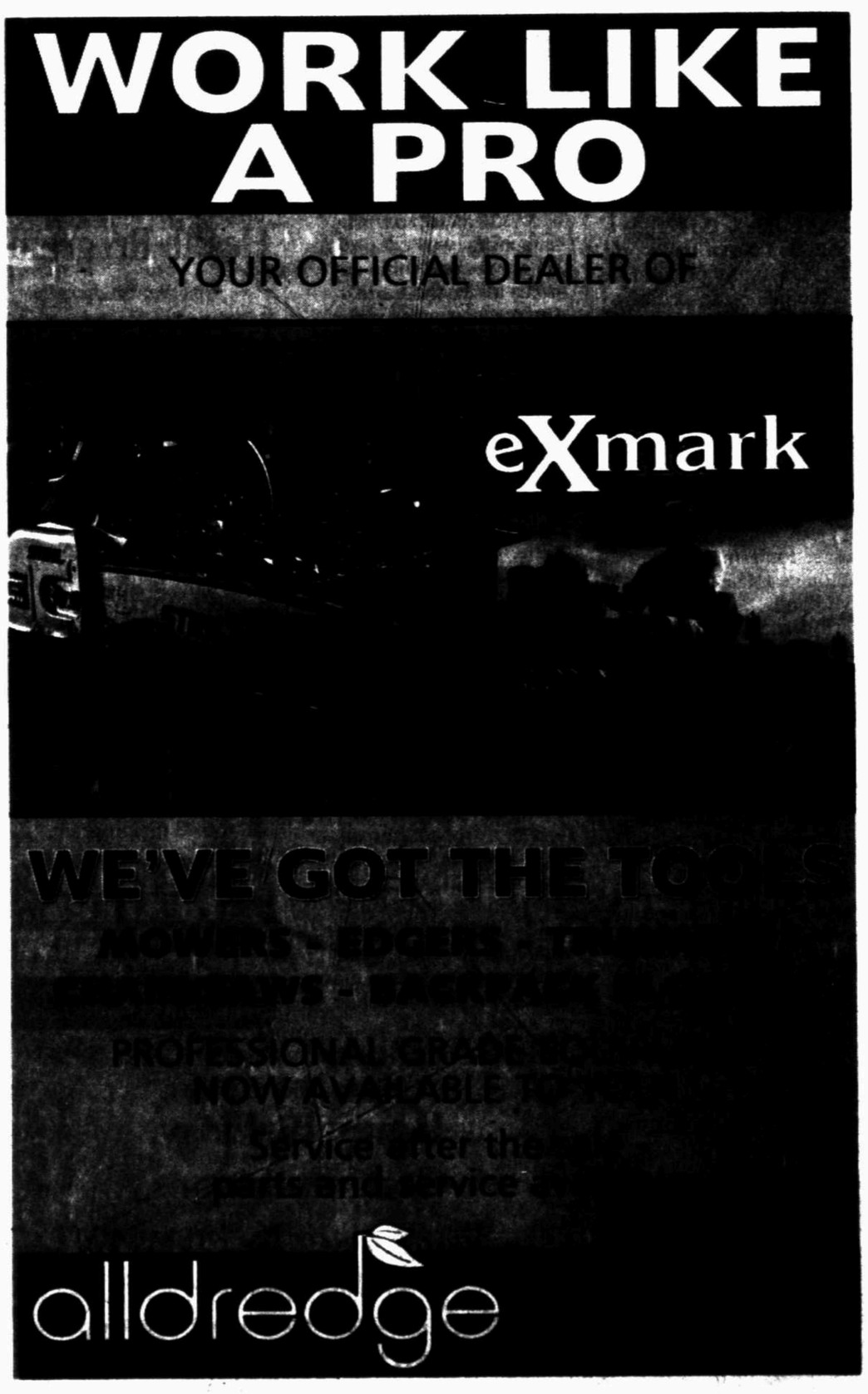
Judge withdraws execution date in college slaying

Associated Press

CONROE — A state district judge Wednesday withdrew next month's execution date for a 41-year-old convicted killer who now has avoided the Texas death chamber four times.

Judge Kelly Case ordered that Larry Swearingen's Feb. 27 lethal injection be put off indefinitely, then gave lawyers up to 60 days to file briefs addressing the merits of a hearing to decide whether to move forward with DNA testing in his case.





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FRIDAY: Partly cloudy High: 64 Low: 36

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 63 Low: 32

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 62, a low near 30 and 5 to 10 mph winds from the west. The high temperatures Friday through Monday are expected to be in the 60s. Lows in the 30s are in the forecast. Rain is not expected during the next seven days.

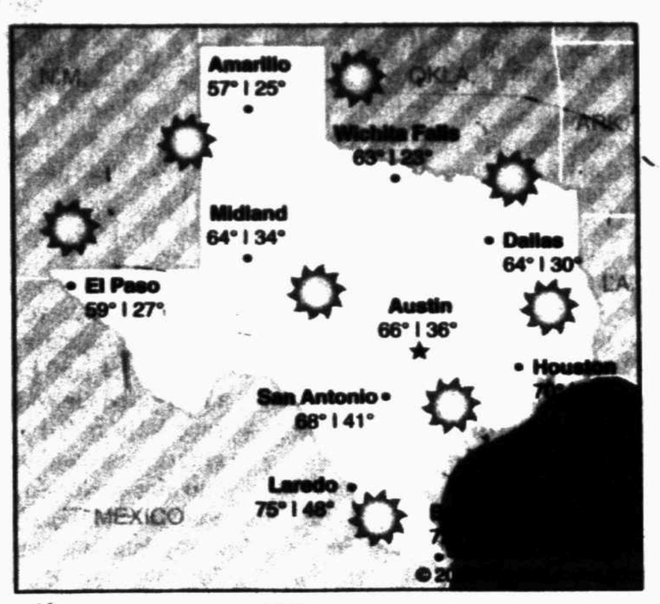
The high on Wednesday reached 51, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 30 is 80 set in 1971, 1967 and 1963. The record low is 8 set in 1951 and 1949.

Weather whys

Q: What are these light beams, associated with diamond dust, called?

A: The most common name for them is light pillars, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "When light is bounced off these ice crystals — light from car headlights, streetlights, outdoor signs or other means — the light forms a pillar of light that is very unusual looking. Diamond dust also can be produced as a halo around the moon or sun on cold days. This dust often occurs in very cold regions and can frequently be observed in Alaska, Canada and Siberia and is most often seen at night."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M



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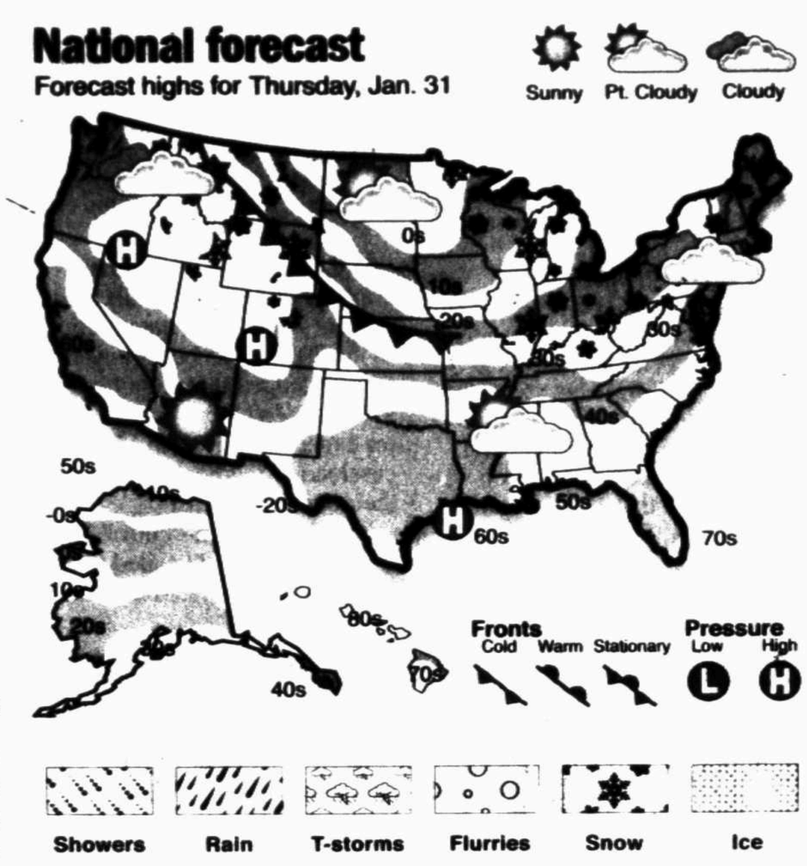
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.45 in.
Year total	1.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.53 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	51
Low	27
Normal high	59
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:43 a.m.
Sunset	6:22 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 31



Teacher is shocked to learn about student's new career

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 am an adjunct teacher in a small college in the Midwest. For the most part, my students are great, but one breaks my heart. I admire him because he has overcome some incredible obstacles. Last year, he lost a good job and had to drop out for a time. He's back now, and when I asked about his new job, he said he runs a strip club.

At first, I thought he was kidding, but he assured me he manages more than 50 ladies who, at the end of their shift, leave with their lives and their dignity. He doesn't strike me as a common street pimp and I realize he took this job to survive. I'd like to approach him outside the classroom and offer to help not just him, but his employees. I don't want to come across as a do-gooder, but I don't think this is a great career.

I know this letter may make for some funny water cooler conversations, but the truth is people who get sucked into the vice trade have a hard time getting out and often come to a bad end. Do I care about my students too much, or am I being judgmental? — WANTS TO HELP IN ILLINOIS

DEAR WANTS: I think it's a little of both. You are well-meaning, but may have jumped to some incorrect conclusions. Managers of adult entertainment clubs are not "pimps"; they are club managers. Further, just as not all prostitutes are exotic dancers, not all exotic dancers are prostitutes. Many are single women working to support themselves and their children; others may be students trying to pay for their educations.

Before trying to "rescue" any of them, visit the club and see firsthand what is — and is NOT — going on there. If there are underage girls being forced to work there, report it to the police. If not, recognize that they are adults and able to make their own career choices. While I admire your good heart, the individuals you're worried about may not need your assistance.

DEAR ABBY: I want to ask your opinion about something. I work at a doughnut shop inside a college campus. I have a tip jar, and many customers are generous and share their change with me.

My problem is other people who feel entitled to the money in my tip jar. There have been instances when some of them realized they were a few cents short, so they stuck their hands in my tip jar and fished out the coins they wanted. It is not out of ignorance! The jar is clearly labeled "Tips — Thank you." If I tell them they can't take the money, they get angry. One lady screamed at me, saying I was "selfish," and the money in the jar shouldn't be just for me!

What do you think, Abby? Am I too upset over a few cents? Or am I right to feel robbed and stand up for myself when people do this? — DOING MY JOB ON CAMPUS

DEAR DOING MY JOB: I don't blame you for feeling robbed. Your tips ARE meant just for you, and you have earned every penny your customers left in recognition of your good service. What these people are doing is petty theft. Some establishments avoid this problem by leaving a small container of pennies on the counter. Please suggest it to your boss.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Give partner a helping hand

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q J 7 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ 9 2

WEST
♠ 9 5
♥ K 10 8 5
♦ J 6 4 3
♣ 10 7 3

EAST
♠ 10 6 2
♥ A Q J 9
♦ A 10 2
♣ K 8 5

SOUTH
♠ A 8 4
♥ 4 3 2
♦ K Q
♣ A Q J 6 4

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Five of ♦

Winning defense is not easy to learn, and even after you have mastered the technique a moment's carelessness can ruin everything. East, known as an excellent defender, made one good play and one bad, and East-West paid the price.

If you get fixed in the bidding, stay fixed. Once East opened in South's long suit, it is correct for South to pass. One no-trump is an inferior action, since there might not be a source of tricks. When North made an inferior balancing bid of one spade, South decided there was a good chance that North had some values in hearts, and so chose to bid three no-trump.

West decided that South must have clubs well stopped, and spades was not an attractive lead. Therefore, the defender elected to attack with hearts, the better of the remaining suits. East made the discovery play of inserting the knave, which won. The defender then continued with the ace and queen of hearts. West overtook with the king and cashed the 10 to complete the defensive book, and the defenders were at the crossroads. If East held the ace of spades, it was unlikely that the contract could be made no matter what. But if East held a minor-suit ace, it might be necessary to cash it right now. After considerable thought, West elected to shift to a club, the suit partner had bid. Declarer quickly wrapped up nine tricks thanks to clubs breaking evenly.

The jack of hearts at trick one was the good play. But East erred at trick three by continuing with the queen of hearts. Correct was to first cash the ace of diamonds, then revert to hearts. That would have ensured a one-trick set.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013:

This year you will want to detach, especially when you are triggered. You also will make more of an effort to look at the big picture. Once you master this skill, you'll feel as though you're more in control of your life. Travel, education and/or a foreigner might play a role in the next 12 months. If you are single, you could become involved with someone very different and creative. This person could be instrumental in your opening up to new ideas and different lifestyles. If you are attached, develop a new hobby together, or plan that long-desired trip. LIBRA knows how to draw you in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and you seem to be the source of the energy. A surprise or change of plans is likely. You will be unusually fortunate through communication. Be careful when spending, as you tend to justify the most extravagant choice. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Allow greater creativity and more fun into your life. You could be upset by an event or an unexpected situation. For some of you, relief might come in the form of a walk; for others, it could be snacking that soothes you. Tonight: Do something just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Add more lightness to the moment, especially in difficult or uncomfortable situations. Initially, others might react strangely. Know that humor brings a new perspective. Use care with money and a partner. This person could become controlling. Tonight: Live in the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Stay direct when dealing with a loved one. A situation might cause a conflict between two important areas of your life. If you follow your sixth sense, an innate resourcefulness will emerge. You'll be able to handle what you thought was not possible. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Make it to an important meeting, even if it means canceling or rescheduling other plans. The right words work wonders. Share more of your thoughts, especially with a group that has goals similar to yours. Don't be surprised if you have to revamp plans. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Make an extra effort to let someone know your boundaries and what you will and will not do. Creating greater clarity between the two of you will allow more easiness. Accept a compliment in the vein in which it was given. Tonight: Meet up with friends for dinner or a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ What was hard, now is easy. Even if you are dealing with someone who has a combustible personality, do not let his or her reaction throw you. You seem to be able to keep the big picture in mind as you have been changing and evolving. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You will want to take some time to sort through what is going on with you, whether it is behind the scenes or with a key person. You have not slowed down enough to assess where your reactions are coming from. Take some time to do some soul-searching. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a child or loved one. Someone in your immediate circle has good news that could make you smile. This person also might have a special invitation just for you. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have what it takes, though often you are your own biggest challenge. How you handle a personal matter could change dramatically and cause unexpected developments. You want control, but so does everyone else. Honor your limits. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Life presents many options, and you see them clearly. The question remains: Which path is the best one for you? As you evaluate the possibilities, share them with a friend or an associate who will challenge you if he or she thinks you are off base. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your efforts have paid off in the past. Once more, your ability to work long and hard hours emerges, which makes you endearing to a special group. A meeting could inform you that there are changes in the works. Tonight: In the game of life.

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BORN TODAY

Singer/actor Justin Timberlake (1981), baseball player Nolan Ryan (1947), actress Carol Channing (1921)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Treehouse feature
7 Matured, as cheese
11 Some condensation
14 For one
15 One who's all action
16 Eggs in a clinic
17 Illusionist's effect
19 Bushranger Kelly
20 Novelist Wiesel
21 "Days of Thunder" org.
23 Duck
26 Diplomat's forte
28 Feeds without needing seconds
30 Arrive
31 Major bore
33 Pull (for)
35 Kicked oneself for
36 BBQ heat rating
37 County fair competition
41 Flooring wood
43 Busy time for a cuckoo clock
44 Italian soccer star Maldini
47 Many towns have one
51 "Voulez-__": 1979 ABBA album
52 Big name in foil
53 Make a fine impression
54 Outer limit
55 Discipline involving slow, steady movement
57 Toppled, as a poplar
59 Goose egg
60 1967 #1 hit for The Buckinghams, which can describe 17-, 31-, 37- or 47-Across
65 Traditional London pie-and-mash ingredient
66 New news
67 Stereo knob
68 Funny, and a bit twisted
69 One way to run
70 Nine-ball feature

DOWN
1 Slump (with "up")
2 "Who Needs the Kwik-E-Mart?" singer
3 "Makes no __"
4 Lawyer, at times
5 Renewable energy subj.
6 Equips afresh
7 Nelson, e.g.: Abbr.
8 Hit the road, musically
9 "__ mouse!"
10 In one's Sunday best
11 Make a bank deposit
12 Top of the world
13 Lump
18 He played James
22 Half-__: coffee order
23 2002 Olympics host, briefly
24 "As if!"
25 How shysters practice
27 Small crown
29 Onetime Beatles bassist Sutcliffe
32 Led __: "Stairway to Heaven" group, to fans
34 One who turns a place upside down
38 Foldable sleeper
39 Blasted
40 Purple hue
41 Org. with an oft-quoted journal
42 More racy, as humor
45 Tote
46 Sugary suffix
48 "Oh, __ won't!"
49 Tunnel effect
50 Five-finger discounts, so to speak
56 Audiophile's setup
58 Witch costume stick-on
59 Wet behind the ears
61 "Spring forward" letters
62 One of four in a grand slam
63 Wildspitze, for one
64 "__ willikers!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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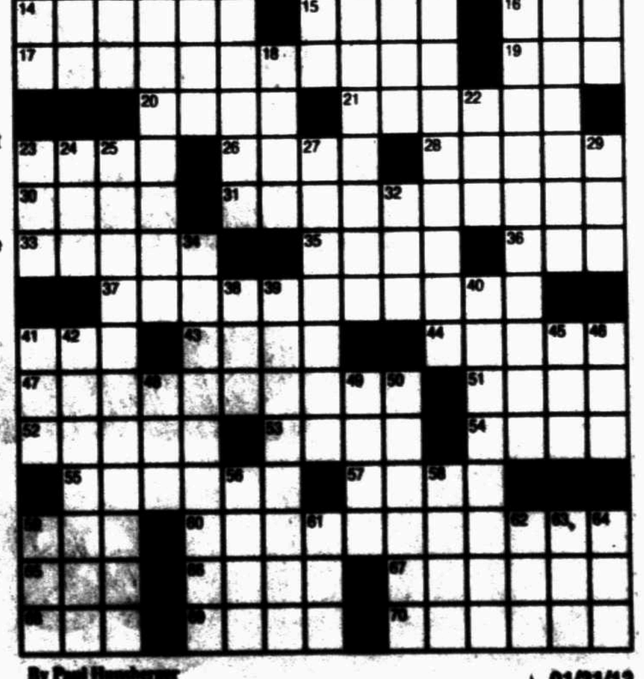

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Texas Senate chairman seeks health budget changes

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas will use "all the money that there is available to spend" in the state budget just paying the health care costs of the growing number of poor, disabled and elderly unless dramatic changes are made to the Medicaid system, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee said Wednesday.

Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, called on fellow Texas lawmakers and state agency chiefs to prepare themselves to make tough choices but offered no details on how he would change Medicaid, the joint state-federal health program for 3.6 million Texans. More than 2.7 million children, 531,000 disabled and 244,000 elderly rely on Medicaid.

State budget analysts testified that the draft Health and Human Services budget calls for a 3 percent increase in state spending in the 2014-2015 budget cycle but acknowledged that Republican leaders asked them not to factor expected growth in Medicaid caseload or medical inflation into their budget forecast.

The Republican-controlled Legislature in 2011 failed to fund Medicaid growth, and now lawmakers must pass an emergency $3.4 billion spending bill to cover those costs. After questioning by Democratic senators, Williams explained why he didn't want the anticipated costs included in the draft budget.

"If we do that, our work is done, folks. We've spent all the money that there is available to spend," Williams said. "We're not looking to narrow the number of people we serve; I'd like to see it expanded. But we can't do it the way we've always been doing it."

Williams said he was looking to proposals introduced by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, to reduce costs and fight fraud, waste and abuse. Nelson asked a budget analyst how much money similar cost-containment measures from 2011 had saved, and the board reported savings of $1.8 billion, though the target had been $2.9 billion.

The Republican leadership in Texas has rejected any proposal that would raise state revenues, and Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday called for a tax cut. Democrats and advocates for the poor, though, complain that the cap Republicans have placed on state spending will result in a cut in services to people who desperately need them.

Williams echoed many Republicans when he complained about the 14 percent growth in the health and human services budget over the past 10 years. He said for the first time the health and human services budget is roughly equal to education, historically the largest portion of state spending. But Williams reiterated that he doesn't want to cut services to those who truly cannot care for themselves.

Perry: Take $1B from rainy day fund for tax relief

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday proposed taking nearly $1 billion from the rainy day fund for tax relief on top of the $3.7 billion he wants to spend from the state's emergency account to pay for water and road projects.

Tapping the rainy day fund for tax relief, which Perry outlines in his proposed state budget to lawmakers, is somewhat of a surprise. Perry left that out of his State of the State speech on Tuesday, when his mere seal of approval to use some of the projected $11.8 billion in the fund for one-time infrastructure projects was itself a change in stance.

Speaking to a group of business leaders in Dallas on Wednesday, Perry again didn't mention the $840 million in tax relief from the rainy day fund. But while discussing with reporters later ways in which the state could return money to taxpayers, Perry indicated the fund might be a place to look.

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Martin has eye on state as he enters regional meet

By Len Hayward
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Kyle Martin will begin his quest for TAPPS state swimming gold on Friday as the Midland Christian sophomore will compete in the TAPPS North Region Swimming and Diving Championships.

Martin won regional titles in 2012 in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500 freestyle, and then finished second in both events at the state meet last year.

This year, Martin is looking for victories in both at the state meet in two weeks in San Antonio.

"(His times) have improved, and for me they are probably par for the course," said Midland Christian swimming coach Karl Staggs. "The hard part is that he hasn't started a taper yet. We will get a feel for it at regionals, and he will be just coming into a taper, and hopefully we'll have him peaked appropriately when he goes to state."

The one-day meet is Friday at the Mansfield Aquatic Center, and competitors will compete in timed finals.

Martin is the top seed in the 500 freestyle both in the overall rankings and in Division II, carrying a time of 5 minutes, 8.30 seconds into the event, which is seven seconds better than his time at state in 2012 and four seconds better than the second-seeded swimmer in Friday's event.

Martin will be the second overall seed in the 200 freestyle and will be seeded first in Division II.

Joining Martin this year from Midland Christian at the meet will be freshman John Staggs. Staggs will compete in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke, and even though Staggs has been in the water for a number of years he is just embarking on his swimming career.

Karl Staggs, who is John's father,

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COM Aquatics swim team member Kyle Martin, foreground, competes in the 200 butterfly at the 2013 Syntal Capital Partners Winter Invitational on Jan. 18 at COM Aquatics.

Griner breaks Big 12 record

Baylor standout leads in career scoring

Lady Bears	**90**
Lady Raiders	60

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Brittney Griner set the Big 12 women's career scoring record on Wednesday night, finishing with 40 points in top-ranked Baylor's 90-60 victory over Texas Tech.

It was the fourth career 40-point performance for Griner, who also had 15 rebounds for her 51st double-double.

Griner passed Oklahoma State's Andrea Riley for the record while scoring the first four points of the game, giving her 2,837 for her career. Riley had 2,835 points from 2007-2010.

Brooklyn Pope added 14 points for Baylor (19-1, 9-0).

Kelsi Baker scored 12 points for Texas Tech (16-5, 6-3), which had won four in a row.

It was the Lady Bears' 31st consecutive Big 12 regular-season victory. Texas Tech was the last team to beat Baylor during the regular season, topping the Lady Bears in 2011.

Griner got the ball inside often and didn't miss much, shooing 17 for 25 from the field and 6 for 9 at the free-throw line. Baylor finished with 50 points in the paint, compared to 18 for Texas Tech.

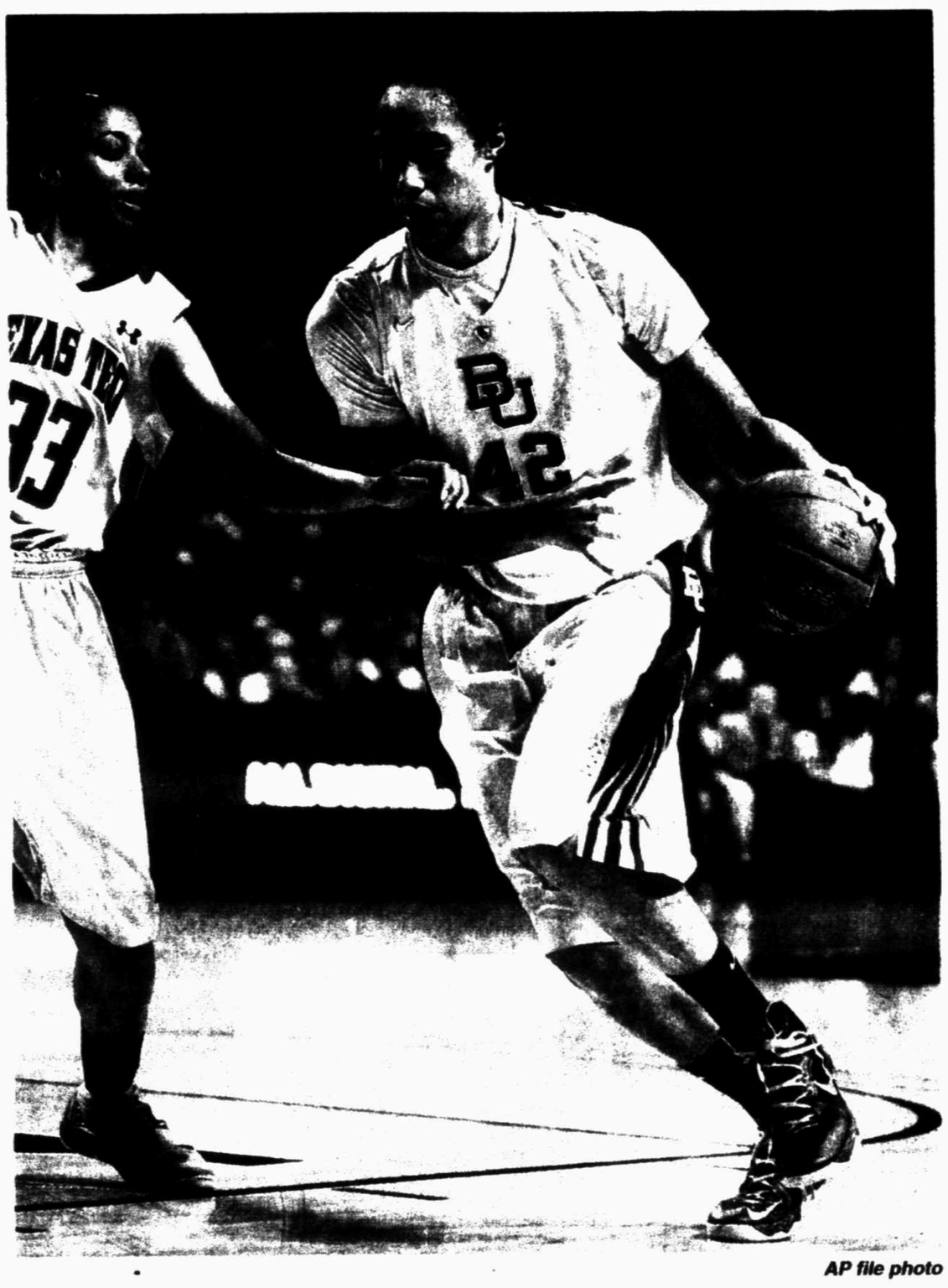
Baylor scored 17 points off the Lady Raiders' 13 turnovers, while the Lady Bears coughed up the ball eight times and Texas Tech got 10 points from them.

It was the second record in as many games for the 6-foot-8 Griner, who set the NCAA record for career blocks in a home win over Oklahoma on Saturday.

She blocked seven shots against Texas Tech, giving her 30 in the last four games. She reached 40 points with a two-handed jam with 2:37 left in the game for her 12th career dunk, extending her NCAA record.

Texas Tech defended Griner as best it could, putting as many as three players on her when she got the ball inside. When she missed, there was plenty of rebounding help on the weak side of the basket for the Lady Bears to get another scoring opportunity.

Baylor outrebounded Texas Tech 51-37 and got 12 second-chance points. The Bears got 30 offensive rebounds.



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Baylor's Brittney Griner drives against Texas Tech's Shauntal Nobles during their game in Lubbock on Wednesday.

Brees wants to bury bounty probe, help New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees wore gray sneakers to his first full day of Super Bowl-related appearances — a wise move for an ambassador of a city who had to walk briskly from end to end of a sprawling convention center to make all of his scheduled stops.

Not only was the Saints' star quarterback a man on the move, but also ready to move on from the bitterness of the bounty scandal, which may have undermined his team's chances of playing for a title on its home field.

"We're professionals, and we've moved past that in the sense that there's nothing that can be done other than, 'Let's move on, and let's find a way to be better next year inspite of it,'" Brees said. "It would be easy to sit here and be angry, but it is what it is."

Brees

Coming off a 13-3 campaign in 2011 and a narrow loss to San Francisco in that season's playoffs, the Saints went into the offseason figuring they would be contenders again this season.

Then came the NFL's probe of the Saints' cash-for-hits program and numerous sanctions, the most severe of which was the full-season suspension of coach Sean Payton. New Orleans went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2008, and now the team practicing at the Saints' suburban training center is the NFC champion 49ers.

Throughout the community, displeasure with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's handling of the matter has been on display for months, from T-shirts reading "Free Payton" (he is now reinstated) to signs in bars and eateries showing Goodell's photo and reading: "Do not serve this man."

During the season, Brees offered his own criticism of what he thought was a faulty investigation and overly heavy-handed disciplinary process. But when the topic came up Wednesday, Brees said it was time to "put this thing to bed."

"We've said what needed to be said," Brees said. "Sean's back, all the pieces are in place, and now it's time for us to

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Bubba says he's squeamish about deer-antler spray

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bubba Watson wants no part of deer-antler spray. The name alone makes the Masters champion a bit squeamish.

"It sounds like something I would never want near me. ... I don't even know how you take deer-antler spray," Watson said Wednesday at the Phoenix Open. "Who's the guy that thought of that? He might have been on something, too."

A day after a Sports Illustrated article on Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis put deer-antler spray in the news at the Super Bowl, Vijay Singh admitted he used the substance.

The 49-year-old Fijian first revealed he used the spray in an interview for the Sports Illustrated story. The magazine said Singh paid one of Sports With Alternatives To Steroids' owners $9,000 last November for the spray, hologram chips and other products. The deer-antler substance contains a performance-enhancer connected to human growth hormone.

"While I have used deer-antler spray, at no time was I aware that it may contain a substance that is banned under the PGA Tour Anti-Doping Policy," Singh said in a statement.

"In fact, when I first received the product, I reviewed the list of ingredients and did not see any prohibited substances. I am absolutely shocked that deer-antler spray may contain a banned substance and am angry that I have put myself in this position. I have been in contact with the PGA Tour and am cooperating fully with their review of this matter. I will not be commenting further at this time."

PGA Tour spokesman Ty Votaw said the tour is "looking into the matter."

"It's sad that people live and die by their sport and they have to, I guess, cheat and go around it and try to better themselves with deer-antler spray," Watson said. "I'm not just going to take something and ask questions later. I'm not going to take deer antler-spray and find out

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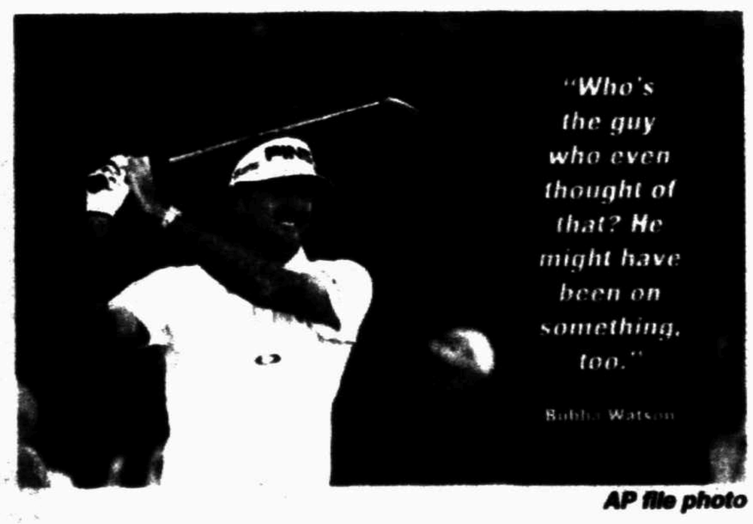

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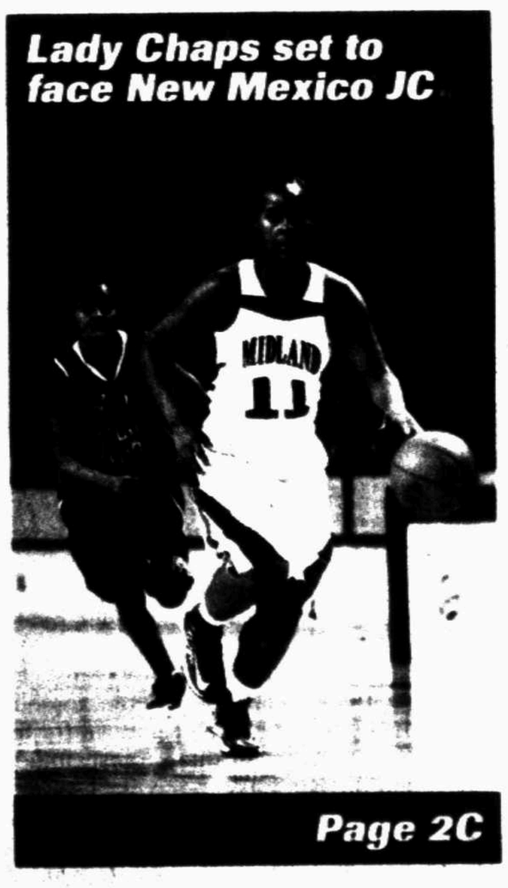

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WOMEN

NO. 14 NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 17-5, 5-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico JC 16-3, 5-1

Last game: Midland College 102, Clarendon College 77; Odessa College 52, New Mexico JC 50

Notes & quotes: This game will break a three-way tie for first place in the WJCAC standings. Midland College and NMJC are tied with South Plains College for first place. ... MC coach Ron Jones said this is the start of a crucial stretch for his team. "I think the next several games will have something to do with who wins the conference, the seeding for regionals and things like that," he said. "We know this is a big game. New Mexico lost the other night for the first time since November, and I'm sure they'll be fired up and ready to play. I think they're very similar to us in that they play a lot of inside-out as far as their schemes are concerned." ... The Lady Chaparrals have won four consecutive games, including Monday's high-scoring victory at Clarendon. The 102 points scored by MC was a season high. Six Lady Chaps were in double figures, led by Meghan Braeuer's game-high 24 points. Achiri Ade added 16 points and 12 rebounds for her 12th double-double of the season, Chanelle DiCroce and Sabrina Ochoa each had 13 points, Darnetta Jackson had 11 points and Diamalises Rivera chipped in with 10 points. MC also had 10 3-pointers in the game, led by Braeuer's five and Ochoa's four. ... NMJC suffered its first loss in WJCAC play when Odessa College pulled off the road upset on Monday as the Lady Thunderbirds struggled from the free-throw line, going 13 for 26. ... NMJC is led by 5-foot-7 sophomore G Stacie Telles with 13.7 ppg, while 5-9 sophomore G Valerie Barriga adds 10.3 ppg. "They're not quite the same as they were last year when they had two very good post players," said Jones of NMJC. "But they execute so well, and they lead the league in field goal percentage (44.9), so they get high-percentage shots. And if they're not well defended, they're going to get good shots against you." ... Jones said freshman G Tia Dixon, who missed Monday's game because of the flu, was back at practice on Wednesday and should be feeling a lot better for today's game.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Western Texas at New Mexico JC, 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7

MEN

NO. 8 NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 13-5, 4-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico JC 19-2, 7-0

Last game: Midland College 76, Clarendon College 71; New Mexico JC 61, Odessa College 57

Notes & quotes: Midland College won its third straight game Monday as it held off Clarendon on the road to give second-year head coach Chris Craig his 100th career victory. Craig said the Chaps not only made plays but free throws down the stretch. MC also overcame 25 turnovers. Five Chaps scored in double figures. Justin Coleman and Corey Hilliard each had 14 points, Tiegbe Bamba had 13, and Gary Akbar and Colan Weasby each added 11. ... The win kept the Chaps in a tie with South Plains for fourth place in the WJCAC standings. ... NMJC comes in as the hottest team in the WJCAC, having won nine straight, including Monday's game in which the Thunderbirds pulled away from Odessa in the final 1:28. ... "There's no question they're the best team in the league," Craig said. "They're two games up on everybody, and they're the clear leader to win the regular-season crown and number one seed. (NMJC coach James Miller) has done a (heck) of a job continuing what (former NMJC coach Chris Tifft) was doing there. They have experienced guys, they're efficient and they've had a heck of a season." ...NMJC's roster is made up of seven sophomores, led by 6-foot-4 G Desmond Lee's WJCAC-leading 22.5 ppg. Dekabrieun Eddige, a 6-3 sophomore guard, has 10.9 ppg. ... Craig said a key for his team is taking care of the ball, especially because NMJC doesn't turn the ball over much. "We can't throw away possessions," he said. "We've got to value each possession. If they turn it over 10 times, which is what they did against Odessa, and we have a typical game of having 18, 19 turnovers, we're going to run out of possessions. We're thin at the guard position, and we just have to keep working at it." ... MC's guard position took a hit recently as Craig said freshman G Kiwi Gardner is no longer with the team. He did not elaborate. Gardner, who averaged 11.4 ppg and had a team-high 46 assists, missed three previous games because of a team suspension.

Next: Howard College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; Western Texas at New Mexico JC, 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7

Stats and schedules

Midland College Women's Statistics
(17-5, 5-1)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Achiri Ade	18	105	50	86	262	14.6	226	12.6
Meghan Braeuer	22	61	61	74	217	9.9	58	2.6
Catherine Kruschke	22	77	62	119	216	9.8	175	8.0
Tia Dixon	21	57	30	42	179	8.5	65	3.1
Darnetta Jackson	22	67	17	33	159	7.2	106	4.8
Danielchia Canales	22	65	19	34	159	7.2	76	3.5
Diamalises Rivera	21	50	30	53	130	6.2	115	5.5
Femke Vandinger	22	31	36	62	98	4.5	124	5.6
Sabrina Ochoa	20	26	9	18	77	3.7	47	2.2
Chanelle DiCroce	21	26	19	26	77	3.7	47	2.2
Curlesha Woods	15	16	5	8	44	2.9	23	1.5
Gabriela Martins	22	12	10	10	41	1.9	46	2.1
Totals	22	594	340	565	1,859	75.4	1,268	54.9

3-point goals (123) — Dixon 35, Braeuer 34, Ochoa 16, Canales 10, Jackson 8, Woods 7, Martins 7, DiCroce 6

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	5	1	18	3
New Mexico JC	5	1	16	3
Midland College	5	1	17	5
Odessa College	5	2	15	5
Howard College	2	4	13	8
Frank Phillips	2	4	9	13
Western Texas	1	6	8	15
Clarendon	0	6	10	12

Monday's Scores

Midland College 102, Clarendon College 77; South Plains 71, Frank Phillips 35; Odessa College 52, New Mexico JC 50; Howard College and Western Texas College were open

Today's Games

New Mexico JC at Midland College; Howard College at Frank Phillips; South Plains at Clarendon College; Howard College and Western Texas College are open

Midland College Men's Statistics
(13-5, 4-3)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Justin Coleman	17	89	46	63	264	15.5	103	6.1
Kiwi Gardner	14	46	51	69	160	11.4	38	2.7
Tiegbe Bamba	17	72	37	64	193	11.4	130	7.6
Aly Ahmed	18	55	35	58	145	8.1	125	6.9
Gary Akbar	18	48	38	74	134	7.4	88	4.9
Corey Hilliard	14	32	22	29	101	7.2	29	2.1
Colan Weasby	17	35	6	13	103	6.1	47	2.8
Willie Nicholson	16	22	35	46	86	5.4	29	1.8
Edo Egharevba	16	27	7	13	76	4.8	38	2.4
Anthony Norris	9	15	6	9	36	4.2	27	3.0
Brandon Lucas	14	28	5	9	51	3.6	29	2.1
Shavon Thompson	12	12	4	12	28	2.3	18	1.5
DJ Billingsley	13	5	4	7	14	1.1	10	0.8
Brandon Machin	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	0.4
Totals	19	480	296	466	1,293	77.4	785	43.6

3-point goals (129) — Weasby 27, Coleman 20, Gardner 17, Hilliard 15, Egharevba 15, Bamba 12, Nicholson 7, Lucas 6, Norris 2

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	7	0	19	2
Odessa College	6	2	16	5
Howard College	5	2	16	3
South Plains	4	3	15	5
Midland College	4	3	13	5
Frank Phillips	2	5	12	9
New Mexico Military	2	5	6	14
Clarendon	1	6	12	9
Western Texas	1	6	11	10

Monday's Scores

Midland College 76, Clarendon College 71; Howard College 69, NMMI 74; South Plains 82, Frank Phillips 76; New Mexico JC 61, Odessa College 57

Today's Games

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

TEXASBASKETBALLROUNDUP

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NBA

SPURS 102 BOBCATS 78

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 22 points and the San Antonio Spurs never trailed in beating the Charlotte Bobcats 102-78 on Wednesday night, extending their winning streak to nine games.

Kawhi Leonard added 18 points, Danny Green had 17 and Tiago Splitter 15 for San Antonio, which has won 17 straight at home.

Ramon Sessions came off the bench to score a team-high 22 points for Charlotte, which has lost five of six. Kemba Walker (16 points) and Ben Gordon (11) were the only other Bobcats in double figures.

With coach Gregg Popovich back on the bench after missing three games with an illness, San Antonio went 9 for 16 on 3s (56 percent) and shot 55 percent from the field.

NUGGETS 118 ROCKETS 110

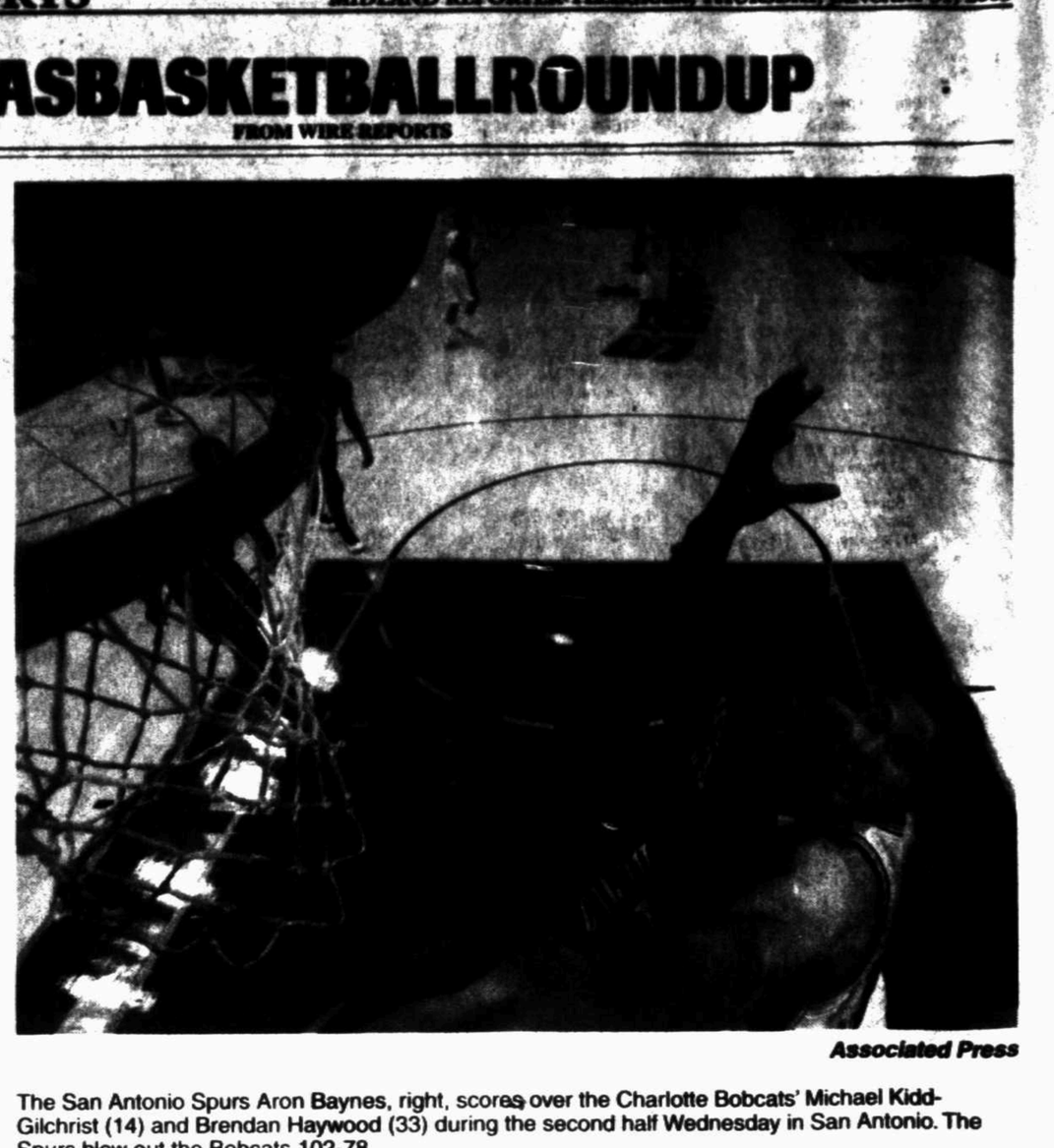
DENVER — Danilo Gallinari scored a game-high 27 points, Kenneth Faried had 19 points and nine rebounds and the Denver Nuggets beat the Houston Rockets 118-110 Wednesday night.

Andre Iguodala had 15 points for the Nuggets, who have won five straight and beat Houston for the third time this season.

Jeremy Lin scored 22 points to lead the Rockets and James Harden and Chandler Parsons added 21 each. Houston had two more points, including a 45-point win at Utah on Monday.

Two 3-pointers by Gallinari and some missed shots by the Rockets sparked a 24-3 Nuggets run that gave them a 101-88 lead with 6:54 left.

Houston clawed back and pulled to 106-102 with 2:55 left, but consecutive buckets by Andre Miller and Ty Lawson made it an eight-point game and Denver closed it out.



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The San Antonio Spurs Aron Baynes, right, scores over the Charlotte Bobcats' Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (14) and Brendan Haywood (33) during the second half Wednesday in San Antonio. The Spurs blew out the Bobcats 102-78.

COLLEGE MEN

NO. 18 KANSAS STATE 83 TEXAS 57

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Thomas Gipson had 17 points off the bench, Angel Rodriguez added 11 points and eight assists, and No. 18 Kansas State routed Texas 83-57 on Wednesday night to snap a two-game skid.

Omari Lawrence also scored 12 in a reserve role for the Wildcats (16-4, 5-2 Big 12), who built a 38-19 lead by halftime despite playing long stretches without three key players.

Rodney McGruder, the Big 12's third-leading scorer, picked up two fouls in less than 2 minutes and spent the rest of the half on the bench. Martavious Irving joined him with two fouls moments later, and Will Spradling went to the locker room after getting smacked in the head.

The Longhorns (9-11, 1-6) couldn't capitalize, committing 18 turnovers.

Sheldon McClellan had 15 points on 3 of 12-shooting for Texas.

TEXAS A&M 55 MISSISSIPPI STATE 49, OT

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Fabyon Harris scored 17 points, Elston Turner added 11 and Texas A&M rallied past Mississippi State for a 55-49 overtime win on Wednesday night.

Texas A&M (13-7, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) trailed by 14 points early in the second half, but recovered to snap a four-game losing streak. Harris made 8 of 13 shots from the field and Turner sank a crucial fadeaway jumper with 30 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Aggies a 53-49 lead.

J'Mychal Reese scored 10 points, including four in overtime.

Mississippi State's Craig Sword banked in a 3-pointer with 5.9 seconds left to tie the game at 47 and send it into overtime. Gavin Ware led the Bulldogs (7-12, 2-5) with 14 points while Colin Borchert added 10. The Bulldogs have lost five straight.

OKLAHOMA 74 BAYLOR 71

WACO — Amath M'Baye and Steven Pledger both scored 20 points and Oklahoma held on for a 74-71 victory at Baylor on Wednesday night to tie the Bears for second place in the Big 12.

Baylor (14-6, 5-2 Big 12) trailed by 16 in the second half before twice cutting the deficit to one. Sooners freshman guard Buddy Hield spun and drove for a bank shot with 1:06 left, and Pledger made two free throws with 8.6 seconds left.

Romero Osby added 11 points for Oklahoma (14-5, 5-2).

Big 12 scoring leader Pierre Jackson had 22 points for Baylor, but missed a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left. Brady Heslip grabbed the rebound and stepped back, but his shot rattled off the rim as time ran out, though his foot might have been on the line anyway.

Isaiah Austin, Baylor's 7-foot-1 freshman, had 17 points and 21 rebounds.

RICE 79 HOUSTON 69

HOUSTON — Max Guercy had 21 points, Tamir Jackson added 18 and Rice earned its first Conference USA victory of the season by beating Houston 79-69 on Wednesday night.

Rice (5-15, 1-5 C-USA) overcame an eight-point half-time deficit by outscoring the Cougars 54-36 in the second half.

The turn-around came with 5:31 remaining in the first half when Rice trailed 29-14 and Guercy hit a 3-pointer to cut Houston's lead to 12 and start an 11-4 run to end the half. The Owls continued their run in the second half and took only its second lead of the night after Jackson's jumper made it 49-48 with 9:40 remaining. Rice used a 20-8 run to end the game.

Jackson was 9 for 10 from the free-throw line and added six rebounds to his point total.

TaShawn Thomas led Houston (13-6, 2-4) with 15 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Joseph Young had 17 points and six rebounds.

SOUTHERN METHODIST 68 MARSHALL 57

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Jalen Jones had 19 points and eight rebounds, and Ryan Manuel scored 17 points to lead Southern Methodist to a 68-57 victory over Marshall in a Conference USA game on Wednesday night.

Nick Russell had 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Mustangs (12-10, 2-5), who had lost three in a row and six of their past seven. It was SMU's first road victory in the conference.

Elijah Pittman had 15 points and eight rebounds, D.D. Scarver scored 15, DeAndre Kane had 13, and Dennis Tinnon pulled down a season-high 17 rebounds to go with eight points for the Thundering Herd (9-12, 2-4), who have lost three in a row.

UAB 78 UTEP 72, OT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Jordan Swing scored six of his career-high 24 points in overtime as Alabama-Birmingham rallied past Texas-El Paso 78-72 Wednesday night, snapping a six-game losing streak and posting its first Conference USA win of the season.

Swing hit the layup with 5 seconds left in regulation that tied it at 64 after the Blazers (9-12, 1-5) erased a 15-point, second-half deficit.

UAB used a 22-7 run, with Swing scoring eight and Rod Rucker seven, to make it 50-50 with 6:08 remaining in regulation, but could not take the lead until Fahro Alihodzic's layup opened overtime.

With the Blazers ahead 71-65, the Miners closed the gap to 71-70 on Jacques Streeter's three-point play with 2:13 remaining. Swing hit four straight free throws and Alihodzic added a layup with 20 seconds left, making it 77-72.

McKenzie Moore's 18 points led UTEP (11-8, 4-2), which had won five of its previous six games.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 59 MCNEESE STATE 39

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Taylor Smith had 21 points, a career-high 18 rebounds and six blocks as Stephen F. Austin rolled over McNeese State 59-39 Wednesday night, holding the Cowboys to nine first-half points.

The Lumberjacks (17-2, 8-1 Southland Conference), who swept the season series, also defeated the Cowboys 71-43 on Jan. 5 after leading 23-19 at halftime. This time, Stephen F. Austin capitalized on McNeese State's atrocious first-half shooting — 15.4 percent (4 of 26), including 0 of 6 from long range— to lead 26-9 at intermission.

The Cowboys (8-11, 2-7) closed to 36-27 with 9:41 left, but could get no closer. At 43-33, the Lumberjacks reeled off 10 straight points.

McNeese State's point total was its lowest since losing to Stephen F. Austin 64-39 on Jan. 19, 2008.

COLLEGE WOMEN

NO. 21 OKLAHOMA 74 TCU 53

NORMAN, Okla. — Sharane Campbell scored 23 points and made five 3-point baskets to help Oklahoma recover from an early deficit and roll over TCU 74-53 on Wednesday night.

Nicole Griffin added 11 points and Joanna McFarland 12 rebounds for the Sooners (16-4, 6-2 Big 12), who fell behind 11-0. Aaryn Ellenberg, the team's leading scorer, had seven points before leaving with a left leg injury early in the second half.

Oklahoma came back to lead 30-27 at halftime and blew the game open with a 20-1 run over a 5:15 stretch early in the second half. Campbell hit four 3-pointers during the surge, with the last making the score 54-31 with 12:48 remaining.

Zahna Medley had 18 points and Veja Hamilton 10 points and nine rebounds for the Horned Frogs (7-12, 0-8).

Oklahoma shot 25 of 56 (44.6 percent) from the floor, including 13 of 28 (46.4 percent) from 3-point range.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCMURRY ANNOUNCES NEW FOOTBALL COACH

ABILENE — McMurry University announced on Wednesday that Mason Miller will be the team's new head coach.

Miller, who was the War Hawks' offensive coordinator under former coach Hal Mumme, has been with McMurry for four seasons and during that time the War Hawks have averaged more than 400 yards a game.

Mumme announced his resignation on Jan. 25 and will take an assistant coaching job at James Madison University. Mumme was 27-16 in his four seasons at the school.

JACKS TO FACE WICHITA FALLS

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes will continue a five-game home streatch with a trio of games beginning today against Wichita Falls.

The Jacks (6-32-2, 14 points) broke a 10-game winning streak last Friday with a 4-3 victory against Corpus Christi. Lawrence Cornellier scored the game-winning goal as goalie Nick Deery picked up his second win of the season.

Cornellier is leading the team in goals with 23 this season and also has 22 assists.

The Jacks are 1-3-0 against the Wildcats this season as one of Odessa's wins this season came against Wichita Falls on Nov. 9.

Since starting the season at 2-2-0 after the NAHL Showcase in Minnesota, the Jacks are 4-30-2 this season and have one win in each November, December and January.

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"I know the city is going to be a great host regardless," Brees said. "The city wants to put their best foot forward, they want everybody to have a great experience. I don't like the fact that we've got the NFC team practicing in our facility, but we're going to be gracious hosts and hope that it pays us back in the future."

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NFL

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 5
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Green Bay 24, Minnesota 10
Sunday, Jan. 6
Baltimore 24, Indianapolis 9
Seattle 24, Washington 14
Sunday, Jan. 12
Baltimore 38, Denver 35, 2OT
San Francisco 45, Atlanta 24
Sunday, Jan. 13
Atlanta 30, Seattle 28
New England 41, Houston 28
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
San Francisco 28, Atlanta 24
Baltimore 28, New England 13
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Honolulu
NFC 62, AFC 35
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

BALTIMORE RAVENS at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — RAVENS QUESTIONABLE: WR Anquan Boldin (shoulder), NT Terrence Cody (foot), WR Tandon Doss (ankle), LB Dannell Ellerbe (ankle, back), S James Ihedigbo (knee), CB Asa Jackson (thigh), RB Vonta Leach (knee, ankle), LB Ray Lewis (triceps), LB Albert McClellan (shoulder), DE Pernell McPhee (thigh), DT Haloti Ngata (knee), RB Bernard Pierce (knee), TE Dennis Pitta (thigh), S Bernard Pollard (chest), WR David Reed (thigh), S Ed Reed (shoulder), CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen), LB Terrell Suggs (Achilles tendon), C Gabe Jackson (ankle). 49ERS: QUESTIONABLE: LB Nahkoro Bowman (shoulder), TE Garrett Celek (foot). PROBABLE: LB Ahmad Brooks (shoulder), CB Tarell Brown (shoulder), RB Frank Gore (ankle, shoulder), LB Clark Haggans (shoulder), G Mike Iupati (shoulder), RB LaMichael James (back), RB Bruce Miller (shoulder), LB Aldon Smith (shoulder), DT Justin Smith (elbow, triceps), LB Patrick Willis (shoulder).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	5	3	0	2	8	12	9
N.Y.Islanders	6	3	2	1	7	22	19
N.Y.Rangers	6	3	3	0	6	19	20
Pittsburgh	6	3	3	0	6	16	18
Philadelphia	7	2	5	0	4	14	20

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	6	5	0	1	11	19	12
Ottawa	7	5	1	1	11	24	13
Montreal	6	4	2	0	8	18	15
Toronto	6	3	3	0	6	18	20
Buffalo	6	2	3	1	5	16	19

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	10	29	15
Winnipeg	6	3	2	1	7	18	18
Carolina	5	2	3	0	4	14	18
Washington	6	1	4	1	3	13	22
Florida	6	1	5	0	2	10	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	7	6	1	0	13	24	16
St. Louis	6	5	1	0	10	24	13
Detroit	6	3	2	1	7	15	17
Columbus	7	2	4	1	5	13	22
Nashville	6	1	2	3	5	10	18

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	7	4	2	1	9	19	19
Edmonton	5	3	2	0	6	15	14
Vancouver	6	3	2	1	7	16	19
Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	10	13
Calgary	4	1	2	1	3	11	15

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	6	6	0	0	12	25	10
Anaheim	5	3	1	1	7	17	17
Dallas	7	2	4	1	5	13	18
Los Angeles	5	2	2	1	5	11	14
Phoenix	6	2	4	0	4	21	20

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

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 3, Chicago 2, SO
Ottawa 5, Montreal 1
Edmonton at Phoenix, late
Colorado at Vancouver, late
Today's Games
Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
N.Y.Islanders at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y.Rangers, 6 p.m.
St.Louis at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES
SENATORS 5, CANADIENS 1

Montreal	1	0	0	— 1
Ottawa	1	3	1	— 5

First Period—1. Montreal, Plekanec 4 (Markov, Diaz), 5:31 (pp) 2. Ottawa, O'Brien 3 (Karlsson, Condra), 7:53.

Second Period—3. Ottawa, Alfredsson 1 (Wiercioch, Turris), 7:27 (pp) 4. Ottawa, Zbanejl 1 (Greening, Benoit), 9:25 (pp) 5. Ottawa, Phillips 2 (Smith, Greening), 11:02.

Third Period—6. Ottawa, Neil 2 (Benoit, Smith), 14:46.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 9-10-13—32. Ottawa 11-11-5—27.

Goalies—Montreal, Budaj, Ottawa, Anderson. A—19,620 (19,153). T—2:33.

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 2, SO

Chicago	1	0	0	0 — 2
Minnesota	1	1	0	0 — 3

Minnesota won shootout 2-1

First Period—1, Minnesota, Cullen 1 (Setoguchi, Granlund), 1:30 2. Chicago, Shaw 1 (Bickell, Kane), 5:14 3. Chicago, Toews 4 (Hossa), 8:45.

Second Period—4. Minnesota, Clutterbuck 1 (Gilbert), 59.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Chicago 1 (Toews G. Kane NG, Sharp NG). Minnesota 2 (Parise G, Koivu NG, Cullen G).

Shots on Goal—Chicago 7-8-11-6—32. Minnesota 15-4-2-4—25.

Goalies—Chicago, Crawford. Minnesota, Harding. Backstrom. A—18,550 (17,954). T—2:44.

NBA DL

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Rio Grande Valley	15	9	.625	5
Austin	14	10	.583	1
Sioux Falls	14	11	.560	1 1/2
Tulsa	14	12	.538	2
Texas	11	14	.440	4 1/2
Iowa	6	18	.250	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	17	8	.680	—
Santa Cruz	9	8	.625	1 1/2
Reno	12	12	.500	6
Los Angeles	8	15	.348	8
Idaho	7	17	.292	9 1/2

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Maine	17	10	.630	—
Canton	17	11	.607	1/2
Erie	14	11	.560	2
Fort Wayne	12	14	.462	4 1/2
Springfield	8	17	.320	8

Wednesday's Scores
Erie 103, Canton 85
Tulsa 107, Springfield 100
Bakersfield at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games
Maine at Fort Wayne, 6 p.m.

Tennis

WTA Tour Open Gaz de France SUEZ
Wednesday
At Stade Pierre de Coubertin
Paris
Purse: $600,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 7-6 (7), 4-6, 6-3.
Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 7-5.
Lucie Safarova (8), Czech Republic, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Second Round
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Roberta Vinci (5), Italy, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Marion Bartoli (3), France, def. Christina McHale, United States, 7-5, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (12), Czech Republic, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Doubles
First Round
Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, and Janette Husarova, Slovakia, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Monica Niculescu (3), Romania, 6-2, 2-6, 11-9.
Quarterfinals
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States, and Alicja Rosolska (6), Poland, 6-2, 6-3.
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Petra Rosolska, Poland, 6-4, 0-6, 11-9.

NBA

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	28	15	.651	—
Brooklyn	27	19	.587	2 1/2
Boston	22	19	.537	5
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	10
Toronto	16	30	.348	13 1/2
Southeast Division				
Miami	29	13	.690	—
Atlanta	26	19	.578	4 1/2
Orlando	14	31	.311	16 1/2
Washington	11	33	.250	19
Charlotte	8	34	.244	19 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	29	17	.632	—
Indiana	27	19	.587	1 1/2
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	3 1/2
Detroit	21	29	.370	11 1/2
Cleveland	13	33	.283	15 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	37	11	.771	—
Memphis	29	15	.659	6
Houston	25	23	.521	12
Dallas	19	26	.422	16 1/2
New Orleans	15	31	.326	21
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	—
Denver	29	18	.617	6
Utah	25	21	.543	9 1/2
Portland	23	22	.511	11
Minnesota	17	25	.405	15 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	34	13	.723	—
Golden State	28	17	.622	5
L.A. Lakers	20	25	.444	13
Sacramento	17	30	.362	17
Phoenix	15	30	.333	18

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 92, Washington 84
Indiana 98, Detroit 79
Boston 99, Sacramento 81
New York 113, Orlando 97
Atlanta 93, Toronto 92
L.A. Clippers 96, Minnesota 90
Chicago 104, Milwaukee 88
Miami 105, Brooklyn 85
San Antonio 102, Charlotte 78
Denver 118, Houston 110
Utah 104, New Orleans 99
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, late
Today's Games
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 102, BOBCATS 78

CHARLOTTE (78): Kidd-Gilchrist 2-5 0-0 4 Ashen 1-3 5-6 7, Biyombo 0-1 1-2 1, Walker 6-13 3-4 16, Henderson 3-9 0-0 6, Sessoms 8-19 4-4 20, Gordon 4-10 1-1 11, Haywood 2-5 0-0 4, Taylor 4-8 0-0 9 Totals 30-73 14-17 78

SAN ANTONIO (102): Leonard 7-10 0-0 18, Diaw 3-6 2-2 8, Splitter 6-12 3-4 15, Parker 9-10 3-4 22, Green 5-6 4-4 17, Baynes 3-7 1-2 7, Gooden 3-5 3-3 9, Jackson 1-6 2-3 2 Total 0-2 0-0 0, De Colo 0-4 0-0 0, Mills 1-1 0-0 3 Totals 38-69 17-21 102

Charlotte 18 24 13 23 — 78
San Antonio 25 24 25 28 — 102

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-19 (Gordon 2-4, Taylor 1-5, Walker 1-5, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, Sessoms 0-2, Henderson 0-2), San Antonio 9-16 (Leonard 4-5, Green 3-3, Mills 1-1, Parker 1-1, Gooden 0-1, Diaw 0-1, De Colo 0-1, Jackson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 38 (Ashen, Walker 6), San Antonio 43 (Baynes 9). Assists—Charlotte 13 (Walker, Taylor 4), San Antonio 28 (Parker 7). Total Fouls—Charlotte 16, San Antonio 20. Technicals—Charlotte defensive three second A—18,581 (18,797).

NUGGETS 118, ROCKETS 110

HOUSTON (110): Parsons 8-18 3-3 21, Patterson 4-6 2-2 10, Asik 4-7 2-4 10, Lin 8-15 5-8 22, Harden 6-13 6-12 21, Douglas 4-11 3-4 11, Delfino 2-7 0-0 5, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, Morris 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 39-81 24-35 110

DENVER (118): Gallinari 10-17 3-6 27, Faried 6-8 7-8 19, Koufos 3-3 0-0 6, Lawson 4-12 7-8 16, Iguodala 5-13 4-6 15, A.Miller 6-9 0-0 12, Brewer 2-8 4-7 9, Chandler 3-9 0-0 7, Mozgov 3-3 1-1 7. Totals 42-82 26-34 118

Houston 29 28 29 24 — 110
Denver 29 27 27 35 — 118

3-Point Goals—Houston 8-27 (Parsons 3-7, Delfino 2-7, Harden 1-2, Morris 1-3, Lin 1-3, Patterson 0-1, Douglas 0-4). Denver 8-28 (Gallinari 4-8, Lawson 1-3, Chandler 1-4, Brewer 1-4, Iguodala 1-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 44 (Asik 10), Denver 45 (Faried 9). Assists—Houston 22 (Lin 5), Denver 21 (Iguodala 6). Total Fouls—Houston 29, Denver 24. Technicals—Houston defensive three second, Denver defensive three second. A—17,269 (19,155).

PACERS 98, PISTONS 79

DETROIT (79): Singler 2-6 0-0 5, Maxiell 1-5 0-0 2, Monroe 9-17 2-4 18, Knight 5-12 1-1 7, Stuckey 6-18 1-2 14, Jerebko 0-4 3-4 3, Drummond 1-3 2-10 4, Bynum 6-12 1-2 13, Jennings 2-8 2-4 6, Villanueva 1-4 0-0 3, Kuster 0-2 0-0 4. Totals 32-93 12-27 79.

INDIANA (98): George 3-11 3-4 10, West 7-14 0-0 14, Hibbert 7-14 4-4 18, West 6-8 0-0 15, Stephenson 5-10 1-2 12, T.Hansbrough 3-8 0-0 6, Johnson 2-3 1-6, Augustin 1-3 0-0 3, Mahinmi 1-5 2-2 4, Green 0-1 0-0 0, B.Hansbrough 1-2 0-0 2, Pendergraph 0-3 0-0 0, Plumlee 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-61 19-21 98.

Detroit 23 13 20 23 — 79
Indiana 22 28 — 98

3-Point Goals—Detroit 3-10 (Singler 1-1, Villanueva 1-4, Stuckey 1-4, Bynum 0-1), Indiana 9-22 (West 3-6, West 2-5, Stephenson 1-2, T.Hansbrough 1-2, Johnson 2-3, Augustin 1-3, George 1-3, Mahinmi 1-5, B.Hansbrough 0-1, Pendergraph 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 60 (Drummond 14), Indiana 58 (T.Hansbrough, Stephenson, Hibbert 11). Assists—Detroit 11 (Knight 4), Indiana 23 (Stephenson 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 17, Indiana 18. Technicals—Indiana defensive three second, Frank Vogel. A—12,137 (18,165).

76ERS 92, WIZARDS 84

WASHINGTON (84): Webster 4-13 4-4 15, Nene 5-10 6-6 16, Okafor 7-15 1-2 15, Wall 3-12 3-5 9, Temple 1-2 0-0 2, Crawford 1-5 0-0 3, Aldrich 1-2 0-0 2, Seraphin 4-8 0-0 8, Vesely 0-0 2-2 2, Price 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-75 17-21 84

PHILADELPHIA (92): Turner 3-11 0-0 6, T.Young 6-15 1-2 14, Hawes 4-13 3-4 12, Holiday 10-22 1-2 21, N.Young 7-17 4-4 18, Iguodala 1-9 0-0 2, Allen 7-10 0-0 14, Wright 3-6 0-0 7, Moultrie 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-95 6-10 92

Washington 28 11 24 21 — 84
Philadelphia 25 23 25 19 — 92

3-Point Goals—Washington 7-22 (Ariza 3-5, Webster 3-9, Crawford 1-3, Temple 0-1, Wall 0-2, Price 0-2), Philadelphia 6-13 (N.Young 3-6, T.Young 1-1, Hawes 1-1, Wright 1-2, Turner 0-1, Holiday 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (Okafor 17), Philadelphia 56 (Hawes 11). Assists—Washington 22 (Wall 6), Philadelphia 27 (Holiday 6). Total Fouls—Washington 15, Philadelphia 17. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second A—15,101 (20,328).

KNICKS 113, MAGIC 97

ORLANDO (97): Harkless 1-5 4-5 6, Davis 1-2 0-2, Nelson 6-12 0-0 12, Nelson 8-17 3-4 21, Redick 9-14 7-7 29, Moore 4-10 0-9 9, Nicholson 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 3-13 0-0 7, Smith 3-6 0-0 6, Tolliver 1-5 0-0 2, Ayon 0-1 0-0 0, O'Quinn 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 38-77 14-16 97

NEW YORK (113): White 1-3 0-0 2, Anthony 8-17 2-2 20, Chandler 10-11 1-1 21, Felton 6-13 0-0 15, Shumpert 3-7 0-0 7, J.Smith 4-9 0-0 9, Novak 3-7 0-0 8, Stoudemire 7-7 0-0 14, Prigioni 4-7 0-0 11, Copeland 1-2 0-0 3, Brewer 0-0 1-1 3. Totals 47-82 5-8 113

Orlando 31 31 22 24 — 97
New York 31 20 28 34 — 113

3-Point Goals—Orlando 7-26 (Redick 4-9, Nelson 2-4, Davis 1-2, Moore 0-1, Smith 0-1, Harkless 0-1, Turkoglu 0-4), New York 14-34 (Felton 3-6, Prigioni 3-6, J.Smith 2-2, Novak 2-6, Anthony 2-7, Copeland 1-2, Shumpert 1-4, White 1-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 37 (Vucevic 11), New York 42 (Chandler, Anthony 7). Assists—Orlando 18 (Nelson 9), New York 30 (Felton 9). Total Fouls—Orlando 19, New York 18. Technicals—Felton A—19,033 (19,763).

HAWKS 93, RAPTORS 92

TORONTO (92): Anderson 3-12 7-8 15, A.Johnson 2-10 0-3 5, Gray 4-8 0-0 8, Lowry 5-11 2-2 14, DeRozan 8-16 5-6 23, Acy 1-1 0-0 2, Ross 0-4 2-2 2, Lucas 8-16 0-0 19, Fields 1-5 1-2 3. Totals 33-85 17-23 92

ATLANTA (93): Korver 6-10 0-0 17, Smith 7-16 5-7 20, Horford 10-15 2-4 22, Teague 3-11 2-2 8, Pachulia 3-7 1-1 8, Jenkins 2-5 1-1 5, Stevenson 2-4 0-2 6, I.Johnson 3-6 0-1 6, Pargo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-75 11-18 93

Toronto 23 32 14 23 — 92
Atlanta 20 25 30 18 — 93

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-22 (Lucas 3-7, Lowry 2-3, DeRozan 2-3, Anderson 2-5, A.Johnson 0-1, Ross 0-3), Atlanta 10-26 (Korver 5-8, Stevenson 2-4, Smith 1-3, Teague 1-3, Harris 1-4, Jenkins 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 59 (A.Johnson 14), Atlanta 46 (Smith 11). Assists—Toronto 19 (Lowry 5), Atlanta 26 (Teague 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 16, Atlanta 18. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second, Atlanta defensive three second. A—12,021 (18,729).

CELTICS 99, KINGS 81

SACRAMENTO (81): Garcia 2-6 0-6 5, Thompson 4-7 1-2 9, Cousins 4-12 5-8 13, Greene 3-9 4-6 11, Evans 7-15 4-4 18, Robinson 4-5 3-4 11, Brooks 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 24-54 18-32 81

BOSTON (99): Pierce 5-9 6-7 16, Sullinger 0-0 0-0 0, Garnett 5-10 1-1 13, Bradley 4-11 2-2 11, Lee 6-11 0-0 12, Wilcox 3-4 0-0 6, Terry 5-7 0-0 12, Barbosa 3-6 0-1 7, Totals 26-58 15-20 99.

Sacramento 24 14 22 21 — 81
Boston 22 37 21 19 — 99

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 6-17 (Garcia 2-4, Outlaw 1-2, Evans 1-2, Thornton 1-3, Thomas 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Cousins 0-1), Boston 5-16 (Terry 2-3, Barbosa 1-2, Lee 1-2, Bradley 1-5, Green 0-2, Pierce 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Evans 11), Boston 44 (Pierce 10). Assists—Sacramento 13 (Cousins 4), Boston 22 (Garnett 5). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19, Boston 22. Flagrant Fouls—Barbosa. A—18,624 (18,624)

BULLS 104, BUCKS 88

CHICAGO (104): Deng 6-18 0-0 12, Gibson 7-12 0-0 14, Noah 6-11 0-1 12, Hinrich 2-7 2-2 6, Hamilton 4-11 2-2 10, Belinelli 3-8 1-2 8, Butler 8-12 1-2 18, Robinson 9-11 4-4 24, Mohammed 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-91 10-13 104

MILWAUKEE (88): Mbah a Moute 2-4 0-0 4, Ilyasova 6-18 4-6 18, Dalembert 6-9 2-4 14, Jennings 6-18 1-2 15, Ellis 4-12 3-3 12, Dunleavy 4-5 2-2 11, Udoh 0-2 2-2 2, Henson 3-5 0-0 6, Udrih 2-6 0-0 4, Harris 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 34-82 14-19 88

Chicago 23 32 24 25 — 104
Milwaukee 19 18 31 20 — 88

3-Point Goals—Chicago 4-13 (Robinson 2-3, Belinelli 1-2, Butler 1-2, Hinrich 0-3), Milwaukee 4-18 (Ilyasova 2-3, Jennings 2-5, Ellis 1-2, Dunleavy 1-2, Udrih 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 51 (Deng 13), Milwaukee 50 (Dalembert 13). Assists—Chicago 27 (Hinrich 8), Milwaukee 17 (Jennings 8). Total Fouls—Chicago 22, Milwaukee 19. Technicals—Jennings Ejected—Jennings— A—17,640 (18,717).

HEAT 105, NETS 85

MIAMI (105): James 10-18 1-4 24, Haslem 2-5 1-1 5, Bosh 7-14 2-2 16, Chalmers 5-7 0-0 11, Wade 9-16 2-4 21, Allen 2-3 0-0 5, Battier 3-5 0-0 9, Anderson 1-4 0-0 3, Cole 3-7 1-2 7, Lewis 2-3 0-0 6, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 43-83 8-14 105

BROOKLYN (85): Humphries 3-5 0-0 6, Evans 3-10 0-2 0, Lopez 8-13 5-6 21, Williams 4-9 1-1 9, Johnson 4-15 7-8 16, Humphries 0 0-0 0, Blackman 3-6 0-0 6, Damon 0-2 2-2 2, Blatche 5-5 2-3 12, Watson 1-4 0-0 2, Teletovic 1-2 3-6 7. Total 31-81 21-31 85

Miami 30 19 36 20 — 105
Brooklyn 20 19 24 22 — 85

3-Point Goals—Miami 11-19 (James 3-4, Lewis 2-3, Allen 2-3, Wade 1-1, Battier 1-2, Jones 1-2, Chalmers 1-2, Miller 0-1, Cole 0-1), Brooklyn 7-18 (Boggans 1-3, Teletovic 1-2, Johnson 1-5, Watson 1-4, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 49 (James 9), Brooklyn 41 (Lopez 7). Assists—Miami 21 (James 6), Brooklyn 20 (Watson 5). Total Fouls—Miami 20, Brooklyn 13. A—17,732 (17,732)

CLIPPERS 96, TIMBERWOLVES 90

L.A. CLIPPERS (96): Butler 7-12 3-4 19, Griffin 11-17 2-4 24, Jordan 6-8 4-10 16, Bledsoe 3-14 4-4 10, Green 0-3 0-2 0, Crawford 5-14 6-8 17, Barnes 0-1 0-0 0, Hill 1-4 2-4 4, Odom 1-3 0-2 2, Turiaf 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-77 23-36 96

MINNESOTA (90): Kirilenko 3-10 7-8 14, Williams 3-8 0-0 7, Pekovic 8-15 1-2 17, Ruiz 4-9 1-2 9, Rubio 3-7 1-1 8, Cunningham 3-7 1-2 7, Shved 5-13 1-1 12, Barea 4-7 5-7 14, Shermans 1-4 2-4 4, Gelabale 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-79 12-25 90

L.A. Clippers 23 29 24 20 — 96
Minnesota 26 23 23 19 — 90

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 3-9 (Butler 2-4, Crawford 1-3), Minnesota 5-19 (Williams 1-2, Rubio 1-2, Barea 1-3, Kirilenko 1-4, Shved 1-4, Rubio 0-1, Gelabale 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 59 (Griffin 13), Minnesota 48 (Pekovic 12). Assists—L.A. Clippers 16 (Bledsoe 10), Minnesota 20 (Rubio, Williams, Barea 4). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 16, Minnesota 25. Technicals—Butler, Total L.A. Clippers defensive three second, S. Flagrant Fouls—Barnes, Shermans. Ejected—Barnes. A—15,312 (19,356).

JAZZ 104, HORNETS 99

NEW ORLEANS (99): Aminu 1-4 1-2 3, Davis 7-8 0-0 14, Lopez 6-12 5-6 15, Vasquez 8-21 1-2 17, Mason 3-6 0-0 8, Anderson 5-11 3-5 16, Rivers 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 1-3 4-4 7, Thomas 0-1 2-2 2, Smith 4-6 2-3 10, Henry 1-2 2-4 4, Miller 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 37-78 17-28 99

UTAH (104): Ma.Williams 2-10 6-6 11, Millsap 7-12 11-16 25, Jefferson 10-18 2-4 22, Hayward 7-11 0-0 2, Foye 4-10 4-7 14, Watson 0-2 1-2 1, Favors 6-9 3-5 15, Carroll 2-3 0-0 4, Kanter 1-1 0-0 2, Burks 1-2 5-6 8. Totals 34-68 32-46 104

New Orleans 29 18 28 24 — 99
Utah 19 32 27 26 — 104

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-22 (Mason 3-6, Anderson 3-6, Miller 1-1, Roberts 1-2, Smith 0-1, Henry 0-1, Aminu 0-1, Vasquez 0-4), Utah 4-12 (Foye 2-6, Burks 1-2, Ma.Williams 1-4). Fouled Out—Anderson. Rebounds—New Orleans 52 (Aminu 13), Utah 48 (Millsap 10). Assists—New Orleans 22 (Vasquez 13), Utah 24 (Foye 8). Total Fouls—New Orleans 32, Utah 24. Technicals—Vasquez, New Orleans defensive three second, Utah defensive three second. A—17,490 (19,911)

All-Stars

2013 NBA All-Star Rosters
All-Star Game: Feb. 17 at Houston
Injured, will not play; +replacement
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Starters

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Years A-S
Carmelo Anthony, NY	F	6-8	230	6
Kevin Garnett, Bos	F	6-11	253	15
LeBron James, Mia	F	6-8	250	9
J.Rajon Rondo, Bos	G	6-1	186	4
Dwyane Wade, Mia	G	6-4	210	9
Reserves				
Chris Bosh, Mia	F-C	6-11	235	8
Tyson Chandler, NY	C	7-1	240	1
Luol Deng, Chi	F	6-9	220	2
Paul George, Ind	G-F	6-8	221	1
Jrue Holiday, Phi	G	6-4	190	1
Kyrie Irving, Cle	G	6-3	191	1
Brook Lopez, Bklyn	C	7-0	250	1
Joakim Noah, Chi	C	6-11	232	1
Head Coach: TBD				
Trainer: Mark Bernton, Cleveland				

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Starters

Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Years A-S
Kobe Bryant, LAL	G	6-6	205	15
Dwight Howard, LAL	C	6-11	265	8
Kevin Durant, Okl	F	6-9	230	4
Blake Griffin, LAC	F	6-10	251	3
Chris Paul, LAC	G	6-0	175	6
Reserves				
LaMarcus Aldridge, Por	F	6-11	240	2
Tim Duncan, SA	F	6-11	250	14
James Harden, Hou	G	6-5	220	1
David Lee, GS	F	6-9	240	2
Tony Parker, SA	G	6-2	185	7
Zach Randolph, Mem	F	6-9	260	2
Russell Westbrook, Okl	G	6-3	187	3
Head Coach: TBD				
Trainer: Keith Jones, Houston				

Leaders

THROUGH JAN. 29
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	47	430	385	1333	29.6
Anthony, NYK	35	355	221	1028	29.4
Bryant, LAL	45	452	283	1277	28.4
James, MIA	41	422	191	1089	26.6
Harden, Hou	46	355	399	1195	26.0
Irving, CLE	35	308	153	839	23.9
Westbrook, OKC	45	352	248	1073	23.8
Griffin, LAC	42	365	157	886	21.1
Wade, MIA	37	288	175	765	20.7

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

p.m., NBCSN
Arizona at Washington, 8 p.m., ESPN
Arkansas at Alabama, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m., ESPN2

NBA
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT & FSS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Vanderbilt at Texas A&M, 7 p.m., FSS

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOLTENNIS
Greenwood at Sweetwater, 4 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
New Mexico Junior College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
New Mexico Junior College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women, St. Mary's at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.
Men, St. Mary's at UTPB, 7:30 p.m.
HOCKEY
Wichita Falls at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Assigned RHP Zach Stewart outright to Charlotte (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Kelley on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B/3B Andy LaRoche on a minor league contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with INF Cliff Pennington on a two-year contract.
MIAMI MARLINS—Claimed RHP Sam Dyson off waivers from Toronto Designated OF Kevin Mattison for assignment.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shawn Marcum on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Designated RHP J.C. Ramirez for assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Waldrop on a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with INF Chase Headley on a one-year contract.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed OF Cole Mais to a contract extension.
GAYLORD GRIZZLIES—Signed RHP Rey Colina to a contract extension.
SOUTHERN MAINE NOR'EASTERNERS—Signed OF Tyler Hall and OF Brian Wheeler.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed OF Stuart Cooper.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed C Hasheem Thabeet.
Rudy Gay and C Marcus

Crashes raise concerns at Winter X Games

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — The image was chilling: Snowmobile rider Caleb Moore, launched over his handlebars on a backflip gone wrong, rolled down the landing hill with his 450-pound machine somersaulting behind him.

Run over by his sled, Moore lay on the snow for several minutes before being helped off the course. As of Wednesday, he was hospitalized in critical condition because of bleeding around his heart and a complication involving his brain.

Moore's was the worst accident at the Winter X Games, which wrapped up Sunday night after four days of competition, but it wasn't the only harrowing moment. The wipeouts included a runaway snowmobile that sent spectators scrambling.

Even the highlights were hardly tame. Snowboarding star Shaun White soared a competition record 24 feet into the air during the superpipe competition, and fellow boarder Elena Hight showed off a difficult trick called a "double alley-oop backside rodeo" that involved a couple of backflips and a 180-degree rotation. It had never been seen in a competition.

All that, plus Moore's crash, has some wondering whether dialing up the difficulty each year improves action sports or has simply made them too dangerous.

"Should we be asking these questions? We absolutely should be," said Dan Lebowitz, the executive director of Sport in Society at Northeastern University, which examines the role of sports to promote healthy development and social responsibility.

The people performing these superhuman feats "really are just human," he said. "How do we maintain safety in that progression when that progression sometimes pushes every envelope to some amazingly extreme point?"

Moore's injuries underscore the dangers at Winter X, which was filled with numerous cover-your-eyes crashes.

Halldor Helgason of Iceland over-rotated on a flip in the snowboard big air competition and had to be taken off on a sled with a concussion. Rose Battersby of New Zealand sustained a lumbar spine fracture in a wipeout during practice before the skiing slopestyle competition, which will be an Olympic sport next winter at the Sochi Games.

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In this photo taken Jan. 24, emergency personnel tend to Caleb Moore after he crashed during the snowmobile freestyle event at the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo. Moore remains in critical condition in a Colorado hospital after this dramatic crash.

Then there was this: Summer X Games motocross champion turned snowmobile newcomer Jackson Strong tumbled off his machine during the best trick competition, the throttle sticking and the sled swerving toward fans as they scurried away. The machine came to a rest when it got tangled in some netting and no one was seriously hurt.

Such a scenario had already crossed the mind of Levi LaVallee, a snowmobiler who captured two gold medals only to be sidelined for the final two competitions after tearing a muscle in his back.

"I've always thought about, 'What happens if the thing tips over and the throttle sticks?'" LaVallee said. "It was good, though, because it showed that X Games has a good setup with the fencing."

Whether action sports are too dangerous is an issue that's been raised before.

When freestyle skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident a little more than a year ago in Park City, Utah, there were questions about the halfpipe. Before that, the sport was examined when snowboarder Kevin Pearce suffered a severe brain injury in a fall in the same pipe as Burke two years earlier. Pearce has recovered and served as an analyst at Winter X.

But in general, the athletes accept the risks and defend their disciplines.

"To lose Sarah was such a blow to this entire industry," said snowboarder Gretchen Bleiler, who didn't compete this year as she recovers from a serious eye injury she suffered in training. "This sport brings so much joy, happiness and balance to my life and that far outweighs what could happen. You can't ever live your life with what could happen."

In a statement, X Games officials said they've paid close attention to safety issues over the event's 18-year history: "We've worked closely with athletes, risk management specialists, sport organizers and event managers to present the best possible experience for athletes and spectators. Further measures are constantly being evaluated."

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what it is later. ... I think we should check them for mental problems if they're taking deer-antler spray. That's kind of weird."

Watson has taken a lot of approved medications lately. After fighting through illness to tie for fourth in the season-opening Tournament of Champions in Hawaii, the Masters champion withdrew before the start of the Farmers Insurance Open last week in San Diego.

"I had strep throat in Maui and then I had the flu last week," Watson said. "My energy level isn't where I want it to be, about 80 percent right now. ... Yesterday was the first time I played golf, and so about seven days off. I'm still kind of under the weather trying to get the medicine out of me. Kind of groggy, just don't have the energy. I lost about 10 pounds since Maui, but I want to be out there competing."

The long-hitting left-hander was paired with Olympic swimming star Michael Phelps in the pro-am Wednesday a day before the start of play at TPC Scottsdale.

"Being able to play with Bubba, it's something else," Phelps said. "We were throwing jokes back and forth the whole entire time and keeping it very light."

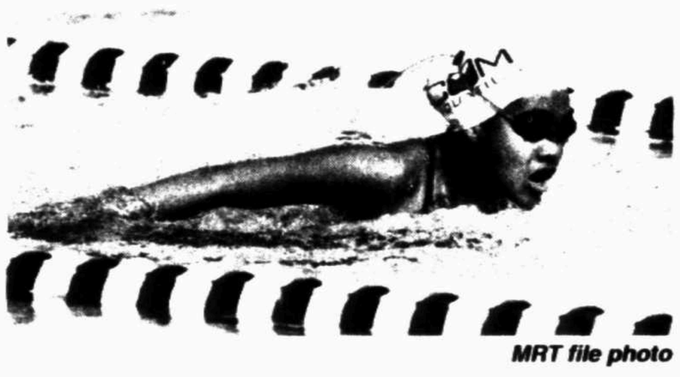
Dodging another round of questions about his tax comments, Phil Mickelson didn't hold a media session, but answered a few questions for a PGA Tour media official.

"I always enjoy coming back to Phoenix," Mickelson said. "I lived here for 12 years. It's where I met (wife) Amy. It's where I've won a couple times, and the crowd and the people here create an environment that we don't see in any other golf tournament."

He caused a sensation by saying new federal and state tax rates kept him from being part of the San Diego Padres' ownership group and might cause him to move away from California.

The former Arizona State star has struggled on the course, tying for 51st last week at Torrey Pines after opening his season with a tie for 37th in the Humana Challenge.

Defending champion Kyle Stanley is making his fifth straight start of the season, joining Tommy Gainey and Scott Stallings as the only players yet to take a week off.



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COM Aquatics' Claire Anne Abijay competes in the girls 13 and over 200 meter butterfly in June 2012 at the WNB Invitational swim meet at Doug Russell Pool. Abijay is one of three Trinity School students competing at the TAPPS North Region meet in Mansfield on Friday.

MEET

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said that he stopped diving at the end of this summer and began swimming. He will be seeded 22nd overall and fifth in Division II in the 50 freestyle, and 10th overall and fourth in Division II in the 100 breaststroke.

A trio of swimmers from Trinity will also compete on Friday. The school made its return to TAPPS this fall.

Senior Zoe Brock will compete in the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and will be seeded second in Division III in the 100 freestyle and fifth in Division III in the backtroke.

Trinity junior Sophie Kim will compete in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley. Kim is seeded second in Division III in the breaststroke and second in the individual medley.

Sophomore Claire Abijay will round out Trinity's contingent and will compete in the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle. Abijay is seeded second in Division III in both the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

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About the event

TAPPS NORTH REGION SWIMMING MEET

When: Friday
Where: Mansfield Aquatic Center, Mansfield
Format: Timed finals
Local competitors: Kyle Martin, Midland Christian (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle); John Staggs, Midland Christian (50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke); Zoe Brock, Trinity (100 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Sophie Kim, Trinity (100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley); Claire Abijay, Trinity (100 butterfly, 500 freestyle)

A-Rod troubles frustrate Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was speaking on a conference call.

"A huge debacle," he said. "Distasteful."

That was on Dec. 13, 2007, when he re-signed with the New York Yankees and was discussing his decision 1½ months earlier to become a free agent.

Now those words describe how some in the team's front office feel about A-Rod's $275 million, 10-year contract.

Once considered a player who could shatter the career home run record, Rodriguez has transformed from All-Star to annoyance for some in the Yankees organization. He hasn't played a full season since 2007, he's out for at least the first half of this year following hip surgery on Jan. 16, and now he's been accused of again receiving performance-enhancing drugs — an allegation he denies.

Even before the accusations were published Tuesday by the alternative weekly Miami New Times, some Yankees executives were wishing Rodriguez would just go away. Speaking on condition of anonymity because the team isn't publicly commenting on A-Rod's latest troubles, they revealed their frustration with the slugger.

And they have a big incentive for A-Rod to disappear. If he doesn't play again because of a career-ending injury, about 85 percent of the $114 million he's owed by the team would be covered by insurance, according to one of the executives who spoke on condition of anonymity.

AP file photo

The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, seen here during Game 2 of the ALCS in October 2012, was accused this week of using performance-enhancing drugs. When the Yankees re-signed Rodriguez in December 2007, they expected him to set home run records. Now, some in the team's management hope he never plays again.

New York also might be able to free itself from having the $27.5 million average annual value of Rodriguez's contract count in its luxury tax payroll in each of the next five seasons, a key factor as the Yankees try to get under the $189 million threshold in 2014.

If Rodriguez is on the disabled list, his contract is included. But if he's on the voluntary retired list, it would not be part of the total.

And if the Yankees fall under that $189 million benchmark, their luxury tax rate would drop from its current 50 percent to 17.5 percent for 2015.

New York will not likely be able to void A-Rod's deal. Baseball's drug agreement between management and the players' association specifies the commissioner's office has all disciplinary authority for violations.

A-Rod's poor health, however, may provide the path to savings for the team.

While Rodriguez rebounded from right hip surgery in March 2009 to help the Yankees to their first World Series title since 2000, Dr. Bryan Kelly said recovery from his operation on A-Rod's left hip this month will be more complex if for no other reason than it receives more stress because Rodriguez is a right-handed hitter.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31,2013
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
Family Ticket Pricing (one night only): $10.00 per family (up to five members)
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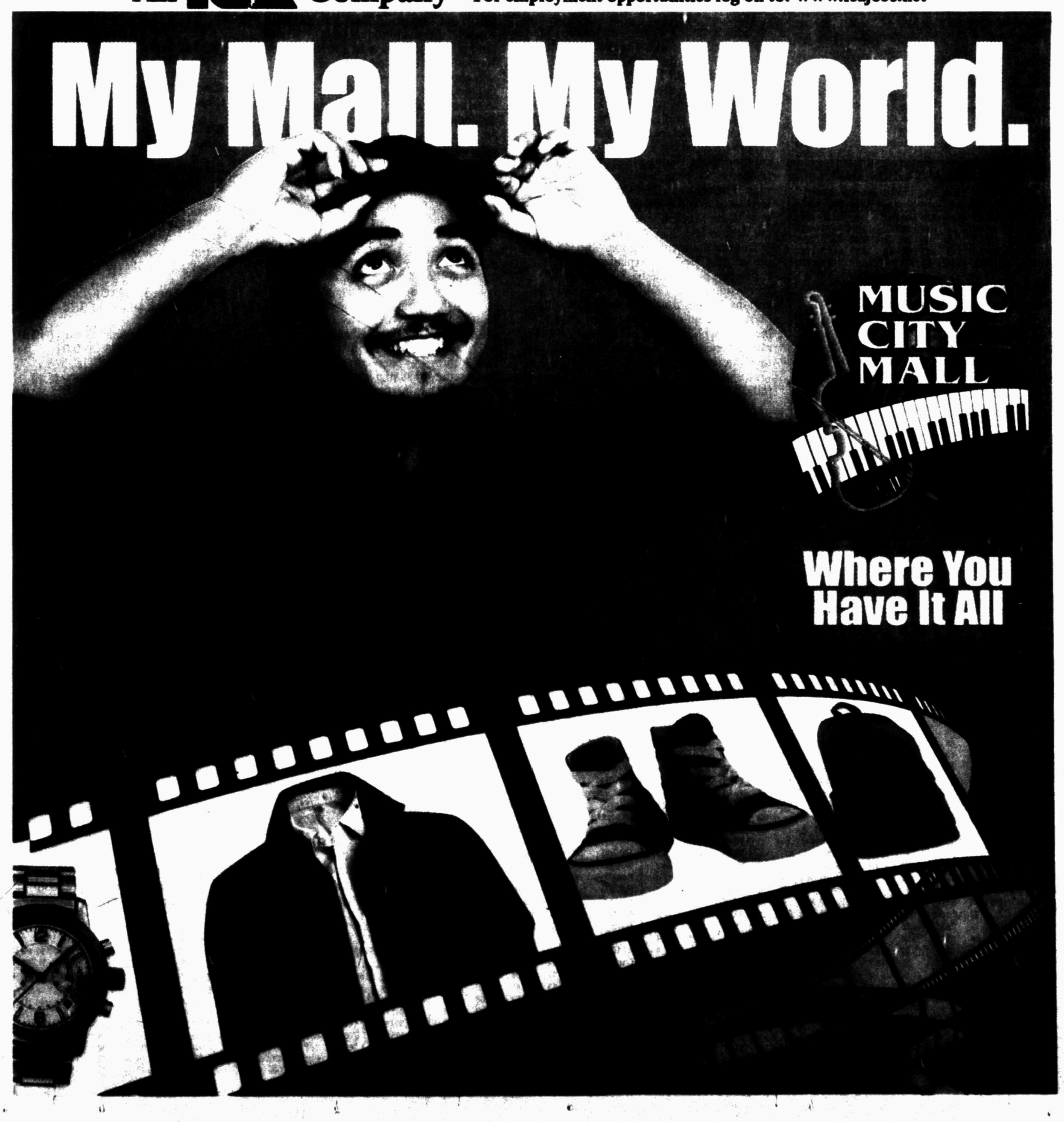

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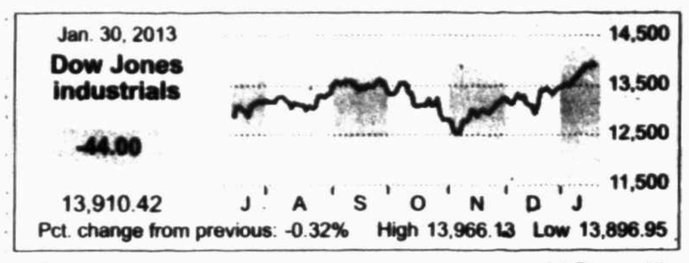

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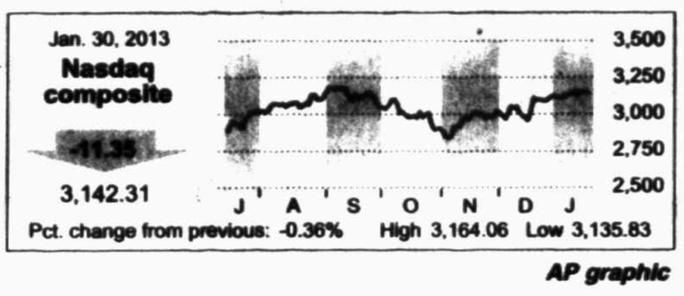

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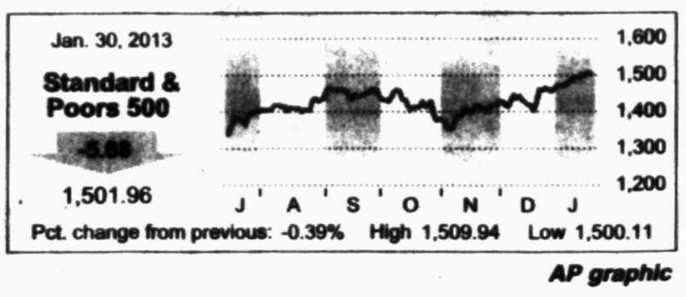

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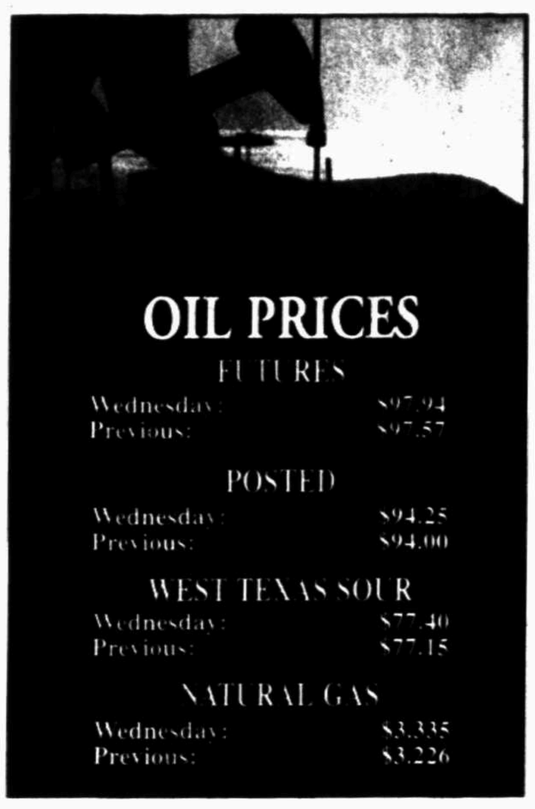

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FUTURES

Wednesday: $97.94
Previous: $97.57

POSTED

Wednesday: $94.25
Previous: $94.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $77.40
Previous: $77.15

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.335
Previous: $3.226

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	10188	14150.07	-59
BkofAm	842340	11.38	-.11
SprintNex	665793	5.65	+.01
FordM	583967	12.93	-.21
ChesEng	479278	20.11	+1.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iP LEEmM	119.92	+19.42	+19.3
Unsys	21.75	+2.83	+15.0
Freescale	14.23	+1.84	+14.9
PrUVxST rs	11.79	+1.34	+12.8
CSVS2xVx rs	5.34	+.58	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Mentor	4.68	-.67	-12.5
Spansion	11.74	-1.43	-10.9
BP GCrb	4.91	-.47	-8.7
Medifast	23.73	-2.26	-8.7
Turkcell	15.64	-1.23	-7.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,024
Declined	2,000
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,154
New Highs	252
New Lows	14
Volume	3,600,718,723

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheriereEn	55624	21.21	+.24
NovaGld g	27478	4.48	+.23
NwGold g	26645	9.73	+.04
Rentech	26391	3.03	-.01
NavideaBio	20841	3.18	+.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ParkCity	3.41	+.40	+13.3
TroTch	2.00	+.20	+11.1
Arrhythm	2.70	+.24	+9.8
MexcoEn	6.97	+.50	+7.7
Ever-Glory	2.21	+.13	+6.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrenPlap	2.36	-.18	-7.1
BioTime	4.52	-.34	-7.0
MidshBcp	15.70	-.89	-5.4
CoastD	2.00	-.10	-4.8
TanzRy g	3.59	-.14	-3.8

DIARY

Advanced	209
Declined	213
Unchanged	37
Total issues	459
New Highs	13
New Lows	1
Volume	80,607,918

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RschMotn	1998339	13.78	-1.88
Facebook n	560489	31.24	+.45
Microsoft	424154	27.85	-.16
SirusXM	421509	3.15	+.02
Cisco	347702	20.58	-.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MsnNetw	3.40	+1.00	+41.7
HutchT	2.82	+.53	+23.1
CmtyWest	4.34	+.79	+22.3
BioClinica	7.21	+1.17	+19.4
USA Trk	5.57	+.85	+17.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Veltl	4.09	-1.38	-25.2
RenewE rs	2.56	-.80	-23.8
VentrusBio	2.53	-.75	-22.9
KeyTm	9.72	-2.19	-18.4
Torm rs	2.79	-.48	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	749
Declined	1,714
Unchanged	114
Total issues	2,577
New Highs	141
New Lows	16
Volume	1,911,862,001

Chesapeake shares surge after CEO's resignation

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

Chesapeake Energy's market value surged more than $1 billion Wednesday, a day after the company said embattled CEO Aubrey McClendon would step down.

Shares in Chesapeake, the nation's second-largest producer of natural gas after Exxon Mobil, were up more than 8 percent on the New York Stock Exchange by early afternoon, rising $1.14 or 6 percent to close at $20.11 a share. That is the highest mark Chesapeake stock has reached since October. The company's high share price in 2012 was a closing price of $25.58 on May 20.

McClendon's planned departure — he will serve as CEO until a replacement is found and will retire from the company on April 1 — came after months of intense criticism from investors and analysts.

McClendon will receive $11.7 million in severance pay over four years, based on his contract terms published in filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He will also retain about $33.5 million in previously granted stock awards along with other perks, as detailed in SEC filings.

His total compensation for 2011 was $17.9 million and included $13.6 million in stock awards, according to SEC filings. The company has not yet published McClendon's full compensation for 2012, although it plans to eliminate his 2012 bonus.

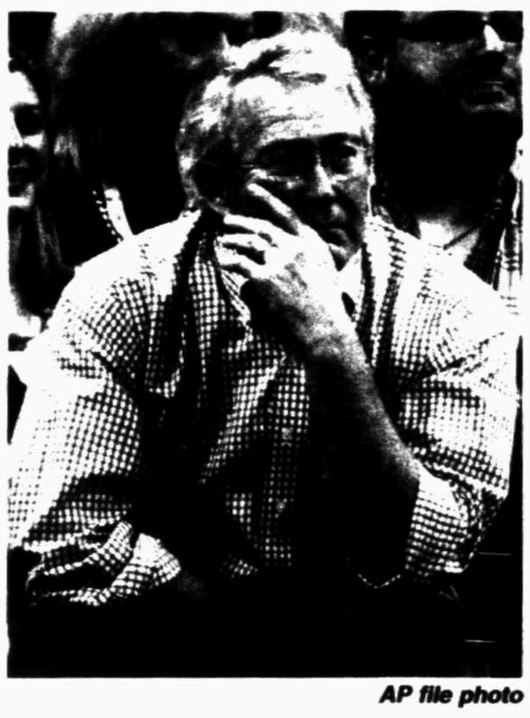
Chesapeake's revenue stream, which was heavily dependent on natural gas, virtually collapsed when gas prices dropped to their lowest levels in a decade in April 2012. News reports of McClendon's questionable personal financial dealings exacerbated concerns about Chesapeake and its leadership.

The company's stock price subsequently nosedived, falling 47 percent between March and May. Chesapeake's market value shrank about $8 billion during that period and its earnings suffered. The company reported a $2.1 billion loss in the third quarter of 2012 because of falling natural gas prices.

McClendon had an aggressive strategy for running Chesapeake, most recently funding a rapid expansion of the company's oil production through loans the company needed to keep running amid falling earnings. The effort pushed Chesapeake's long-term debt to more than $16 billion during a year when McClendon said he wanted to cut debt to less than $9.5 billion.

Despite the increasing loans needed to pursue McClendon's expansion plans, he resisted calls to scale back his goals of increasing production. But it was the allegations of questionable financial dealings, including a set of personal loans from banks to which Chesapeake owed debt, that raised concerns of conflicts of interest and fueled a surge of investor discontent.

Eventually, the pressure of the company's falling stock price and shareholder confidence led to a series of corporate changes, including the ouster of McClendon as chairman and a reshuffling of the company's board of directors.



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Chesapeake Energy's CEO Aubrey McClendon, seen here at an Oklahoma Thunder game in 2012, said he would leave the company.

That new board, structured with the support of activist investor Carl Icahn and Chesapeake's largest shareholder, Southeastern Asset Management, eventually clashed with McClendon. The CEO cited "philosophical differences" with the board in a statement about his resignation.

Icahn, in a statement on McClendon's retirement, praised the CEO's accomplishments at Chesapeake. McClendon co-founded the small Oklahoma City-based land holding company in 1989 and transformed it into a natural gas giant.

Icahn hinted, however, that a scaled down version of Chesapeake, with fewer assets and a leaner operation, would be best for the company. Icahn took a 7.65 percent stake in Chesapeake when he invested $785 million in company stock in May 2012. Southeastern Asset Management is Chesapeake's largest shareholder, with a 13.6 percent stake in the company.

"Aubrey has every right to be proud of the company he has built, the world class team of people at Chesapeake and the collection of assets he has assembled, which in my opinion, are the best portfolio of energy assets in the country," Icahn said. "While it is known that some of these assets will be sold by the company in due course, I do not believe that this will in any way effect the ultimate realization of Chesapeake's potential. I am confident that history will prove that Aubrey has been correct about the value of natural gas in general and the value of Chesapeake in particular."

Oil nears $98

Oil finished near $98 Wednesday, maintaining the momentum that has driven it to four-month highs and pushed up prices at the pump.

A report that showed the U.S. economy unexpectedly contracted in the fourth quarter tempered the gains a bit. Still, oil rose 37 cents to finish at $97.94 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the ninth increase in the last 11 trading sessions and oil shows a gain of $6 a barrel for the year so far.

The government also said that crude oil supplies rose by 5.9 million barrels last week, more than twice what analysts expected, as imports increased. Just a few weeks ago a report showing that big an increase in supplies likely would have sunk oil prices. But traders say conditions now favor higher gas prices.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, said "there's room for additional upside price progress" and he expects "additional strength to the $100 area." Oil hasn't topped $100 a barrel since early May.

Euro hits 14-month high

The euro rose to $1.3567 in late trading Wednesday, from $1.3486 late Tuesday. The euro rose as high as $1.3586, its highest point against the dollar since Nov. 18, 2011.

In other trading, the British pound rose to $1.5793 from $1.5759.

The dollar fell to 0.9111 Swiss franc from 0.9219 Swiss franc and to 1.0015 Canadian dollar from 1.0023 Canadian dollar.

The dollar rose to 91.20 Japanese yen from 90.69 Japanese yen.

Gold for April delivery rose $18.90 to $1,681.60 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $40.22 Down 0.37

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91054 Up 1.01

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $26.45 Down 0.68

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $22.13 Up 0.49

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.12 Up 0.12

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.47 Up 0.70

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.93 Up 0.91

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $9.00 Up 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.16	...	10.88	+.22	+1.7
AT&T Inc	1.80f	28	34.48	-.20	+2.3
Abraxas	...	...	2.13	...	-2.7
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.27	-.05	+6.4
AMD	...	...	2.65	-.09	+10.4
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.56	-.14	+12.2
Alcoa	.12	35	8.80	-.08	+1.4
AlonUSA	.16	32	18.95	-.09	+4.8
AlphaNRs	...	...	8.61	-.50	-11.6
AmIntlGrp	...	3	37.67	-.15	+6.7
Amgen	**1.88f**	**15**	**85.38**	**-1.21**	**-1.0**
Anadarko	**.36**	**...**	**80.24**	**-.32**	**+8.0**
Apache	**.68**	**13**	**84.36**	**-1.02**	**+7.5**
Apple Inc	10.60	10	456.83	-1.44	-14.2
ApldMatl	**.36**	**99**	**12.86**	**+.06**	**+12.4**
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**16**	**37.25**	**-.32**	**+6.1**
AutoData	1.74	21	59.47	-.80	+4.5
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**44.92**	**-.29**	**+7.9**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	17.06	-.11	+11.6
BakrHu	.60	15	44.95	-.90	+10.0
BkofAm	.04	44	11.38	-.11	-2.0
BanPVix rs	...	...	24.27	+1.41	-23.7
BasicEnSv	...	8	12.83	-.37	+12.4
BerkHa A	**...**	**191**	**145505.00**	**-990.00**	**+8.5**
BerryPet	**.32**	**...**	**35.19**	**-.34**	**+4.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46**	**18**	**40.57**	**+.16**	**+11.6**
BostonSci	...	...	7.31	+.21	+27.6
BrityScj	**1.40f**	**31**	**36.62**	**+.08**	**+13.6**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**26**	**68.24**	**+.47**	**+7.7**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**25**	**66.12**	**+.23**	**+3.5**
CVS Care	.90f	18	51.65	+.31	+6.8
Cameron	...	24	60.90	-.89	+7.9
Caterpillar	2.08	12	98.65	+.05	+10.1
Celestic g	...	14	8.06	-.06	-1.1
Cemex	.32t	...	10.84	-.27	+9.8
CntryLink	2.90	36	40.40	-.33	+3.3
ChesEng	.35	...	20.11	+1.14	+21.0
Chevron	**3.60**	**10**	**116.45**	**-.76**	**+7.7**
Chicos	.21	17	17.65	-.03	-4.4
Cimarex	.48	15	63.75	-.31	+10.4
Cisco	.66	13	20.58	-.20	+4.7
Citigroup	.04	13	41.95	-.21	+6.6
ClayEng	**...**	**27**	**48.04**	**-.18**	**+.1**
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**20**	**37.50**	**+.08**	**+3.4**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**22**	**110.85**	**-.06**	**+6.0**
Comcast	.65	21	39.03	-.08	+4.5
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**32.72**	**+.42**	**+10.9**
ConchoRes	**...**	**20**	**91.49**	**-.05**	**+13.6**
ConocPhil	**s2.64**	**8**	**61.09**	**-.57**	**+5.3**
Corning	.36f	10	12.00	-.23	-4.9
CrackerB	2.00	15	64.20	-.74	-.1
CSVelIVSt	...	...	21.07	-1.39	+27.0
CrosTim	**2.28e**	**12**	**30.55**	**-.05**	**+13.5**
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	44.77	-.17	+7.2
DTE	2.48	16	63.37	+.52	+5.5
Dataram h	...	...	.42	+.04	+27.3
Dawson	**...**	**19**	**26.42**	**-.03**	**+.2**
Dell Inc	.32	9	13.37	+.12	+31.9
DevonE	**.80**	**36**	**57.75**	**+.79**	**+11.0**
DirSCBear	...	...	11.35	+.39	-15.9
Disney	**.75f**	**17**	**53.79**	**-.30**	**+8.0**
DowChm	**1.20**	**27**	**34.61**	**-.12**	**+7.1**
EMC Cp	...	20	24.60	+.42	-2.8
EOG Res	**.68**	**29**	**126.32**	**-.62**	**+4.6**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**21.17**	**+.12**	**+3.9**
Energen	.58f	15	48.32	+1.19	+7.2
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	46.50	-.41	+8.3
EnPro	**...**	**22**	**44.78**	**-.83**	**+9.5**
EntPrPt	2.64f	20	55.94	-.41	+11.7
Ericsson	.35e	...	10.67	-.26	+5.6
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**23.16**	**+.19**	**+5.7**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**12**	**90.57**	**-1.09**	**+4.8**
Facebook n	...	...	31.24	+.45	+17.4
FordM	.40f	10	12.93	-.21	-.2
ForestOil	...	10	6.82	+.08	+1.9
FMCG	**1.25**	**11**	**35.16**	**+.15**	**+2.8**
FrozenFd h	**...**	**...**	**1.10**	**-.05**	**+23.6**
GATX	**1.24f**	**19**	**47.04**	**+.23**	**+8.6**
GeoResMtl	**.80**	**...**	**8.55**	**...**	**+8.9**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**29.63**	**-.17**	**+6.6**
GenElec	**.76f**	**16**	**22.23**	**-.27**	**+5.9**
GlPlainEn	**.07f**	**16**	**21.13**	**-.11**	**+4.0**
HalconR rs	...	...	7.86	-.11	+10.7
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**13**	**40.20**	**-.68**	**+15.9**
Heinz	**2.08**	**19**	**60.85**	**-.20**	**+5.0**
HewlettP	.53	...	16.40	-.08	+15.1
iShBraz	1.57e	...	56.57	+.03	+1.1
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.95	+.10	+2.1
iShSilver	...	...	30.92	+.60	+5.3
iShEMkts	.74e	...	44.13	-.21	-.5
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	59.20	+.06	+4.1
iShR2K	1.69e	...	86.97	-1.08	+5.5
IntegrysE	2.72	17	54.88	+.12	+5.1
Intel	**.90**	**10**	**21.37**	**+.09**	**+3.6**
InterDig	.40a	7	43.21	-1.28	+5.2
JDS Uniph	...	...	12.40	-.66	-8.1
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	47.13	+.01	+7.9
JohnJn	**2.44**	**19**	**74.09**	**-.32**	**+5.7**
KeryxBio	...	...	8.49	+.13	+224.0
Keycorp	.20	11	9.38	+.12	+11.4
KimbClk	**2.96**	**20**	**88.15**	**+.01**	**+4.4**
KindME	5.16f	...	87.61	-2.05	+9.8
KindMM	5.16f	...	82.09	-1.03	+8.8
LegacyRes	2.28f	...	25.13	-.42	+5.6
Lubys	...	26	5.88	-.22	+2.8
MktVGold	.46e	...	41.96	-.29	-9.5
McDnlds	3.08	18	94.67	-.25	+7.3
Merck	1.72f	20	43.50	-.16	+6.3
MerMfdwd	**...**	**24**	**13.77**	**-.22**	**-.9**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.97	+.50	+8.3
MicronT	...	...	7.65	+.07	+20.7
Microsoft	.92	15	27.85	-.16	+4.3
MorgStan	.20	...	22.98	+.39	+20.2
Nabors	...	...	16.61	-.09	+14.9
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**55.08**	**-.35**	**-4.1**
NOVNexco	.52f	13	73.66	-.46	+7.8
NewsCpA	.17	25	27.90	+.12	+9.4
NokiaCp	...	...	4.09	-.12	+3.5
NvMlMd	**.05e**	**...**	**15.42**	**-.02**	**+1.4**
NvPMII	**.80**	**...**	**15.31**	**-.02**	**+2.6**
NuvPI	**.85**	**...**	**15.46**	**+.06**	**+3.2**
NSTPII	**.80e**	**...**	**15.38**	**+.02**	**+6.1**
NTXQI	**.73**	**...**	**16.88**	**-.08**	**+3.4**
OccIPet	**2.16**	**12**	**85.32**	**+.21**	**+11.4**
Oracle	.24	17	35.38	-.40	+6.2
PerTech	**...**	**13**	**4.41**	**-.15**	**-10.0**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**5.52**	**-.08**	**+26.0**
PatUTI	**.20**	**10**	**20.19**	**-.02**	**+8.4**
PennaRE	**.64**	**...**	**18.39**	**-.35**	**+4.3**
Premier	**1.08e**	**11**	**13.86**	**+.32**	**+13.1**
PetroBrasA	**.46e**	**...**	**18.35**	**-.57**	**-5.0**
Petrobras	**.46e**	**...**	**18.57**	**-.02**	**-4.0**
Pfizer	**.80f**	**14**	**27.51**	**+.05**	**+8.7**
PloNtrl	.08	...	116.21	-1.16	+9.0
PlainsAA s	**2.25f**	**22**	**52.20**	**+.14**	**+15.4**
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	67.02	-.14	+2.9
Pmxim	**2.40f**	**20**	**108.94**	**-.61**	**+.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**8**	**25.08**	**...**	**+8.7**
PrUVxST rs	...	...	11.79	+1.34	-43.6
ProctGam	**2.25**	**19**	**75.08**	**+.08**	**+10.6**
Qualcom	1.00	18	63.53	+.08	+2.7
RangeRs	.16	...	68.49	+.46	+9.0
RegionsFn	.04	11	7.81	+.10	+9.5
RschMotn	...	27	13.78	-1.88	+16.1
Rowan	...	26	34.91	-.11	+11.6
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	72.72	+.11	+5.5
SpdrDJIA	3.34e	...	138.76	-.47	+6.3
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	150.07	-.59	+5.4
SalmR	**3.50e**	**13**	**46.95**	**-.21**	**+18.0**
SanderFin	**.68**	**21**	**59.21**	**-.44**	**+5.8**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**7.13**	**-.08**	**+12.3**
Saplent	**...**	**24**	**12.10**	**-.11**	**+14.6**
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	78.60	-1.35	+13.4
SigmaAld	**.80**	**21**	**77.14**	**-.12**	**+4.8**
SiriusXM	.05e	5	3.15	+.02	+9.0
Smucker	2.08	21	88.88	+.23	+3.1
SprintNex	...	...	5.65	+.01	-.4
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.39	-.08	+6.1
Staples	.44	...	13.48	-.18	+18.2
SunocoLog	2.18f	15	59.95	+.10	+20.6
Supvalu	.35	...	3.91	...	+58.3
TeleEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.54**	**-.06**	**+7.8**
Tesoro	.60f	12	48.09	+.04	+9.2
3M Co	2.36	16	100.80	-1.01	+8.6
Texas Instrs	**.80**	**11**	**55.58**	**-.08**	**+7.9**
TriContl	**.81e**	**...**	**16.94**	**-.07**	**+5.5**
TylerTech	**...**	**54**	**53.88**	**+.19**	**+11.2**
UBWV	**1.24**	**16**	**25.14**	**-.89**	**+3.3**
USSteel	.20	...	22.32	-.88	-6.4
ValeroE	.80f	12	43.75	-.02	+28.2
VangEmg	.99e	...	44.52	-.23	...
VerizonCm	2.06	...	43.61	+.11	+.8
Vulcanlf	**.84**	**...**	**56.83**	**-1.91**	**+9.2**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**18**	**39.87**	**-.19**	**+7.7**
WarnerCh	.50a	10	14.21	+.72	+18.0
WealthInfl	**...**	**...**	**13.38**	**+.24**	**+19.4**
WellsFargo	**1.00f**	**10**	**34.97**	**-.05**	**+2.3**
WstnRedm	**.48f**	**22**	**32.31**	**+.18**	**+14.6**
WhitingPet	**...**	**12**	**47.72**	**-.83**	**+10.0**
WstnCos	**1.38f**	**23**	**35.10**	**+.21**	**+7.2**
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**16**	**27.47**	**-.12**	**+2.8**
Xerox	**.17**	**9**	**8.16**	**+.02**	**+19.6**
Yahoo	...	6	20.12	+.42	+1.1
Zynga	...	...	2.53	-.07	+7.2

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,969.82	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,910.42	-44.00	-.32	+6.15	+8.39
5,854.55	4,705.29	Dow Jones Transportation	5,783.99	-90.81	-1.54	+8.99	+8.25
499.62	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	473.05	+1.67	+.04	+4.41	+4.91
8,941.14	7,222.89	NYSE Composite	8,904.31	-31.33	-.35	+5.48	+12.27
2,509.57	2,164.67	Amex Index	2,407.39	-7.57	-.31	+2.19	+.94
3,196.69	2,726.69	Nasdaq Composite	3,142.31	-11.35	-.36	+4.67	+10.32
1,559.35	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,501.96	-6.65	-.39	+5.31	+13.49
15,918.00	13,349.92	Wilshire 5000	15,637.60	-71.18	-.45	+5.62	+13.21
907.91	729.75	Russell 2000	869.91	-10.40	-1.15	+5.80	+16.78

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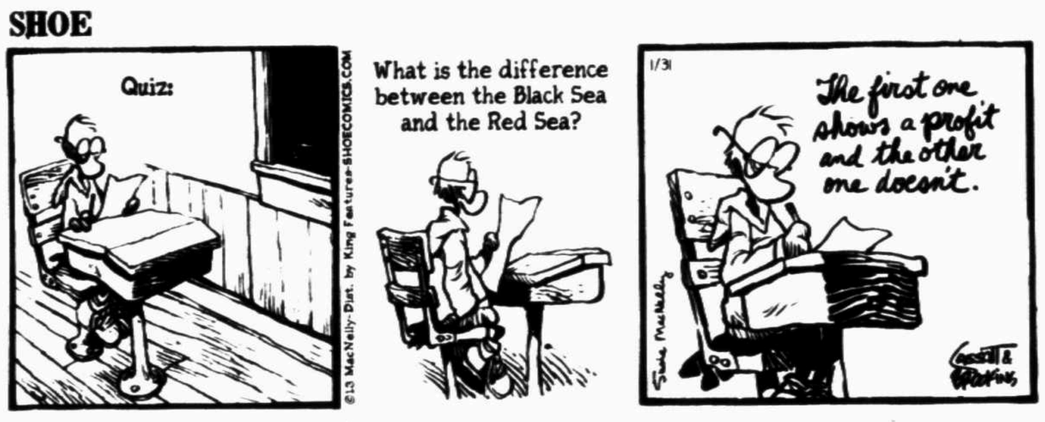

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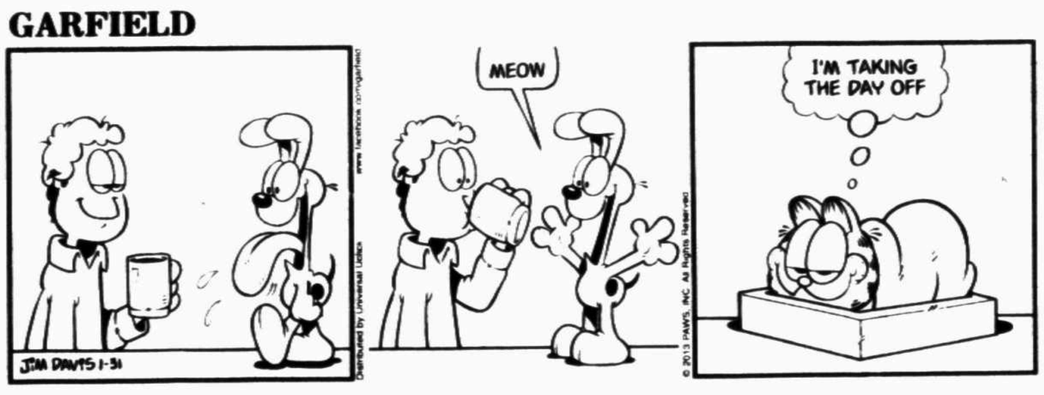

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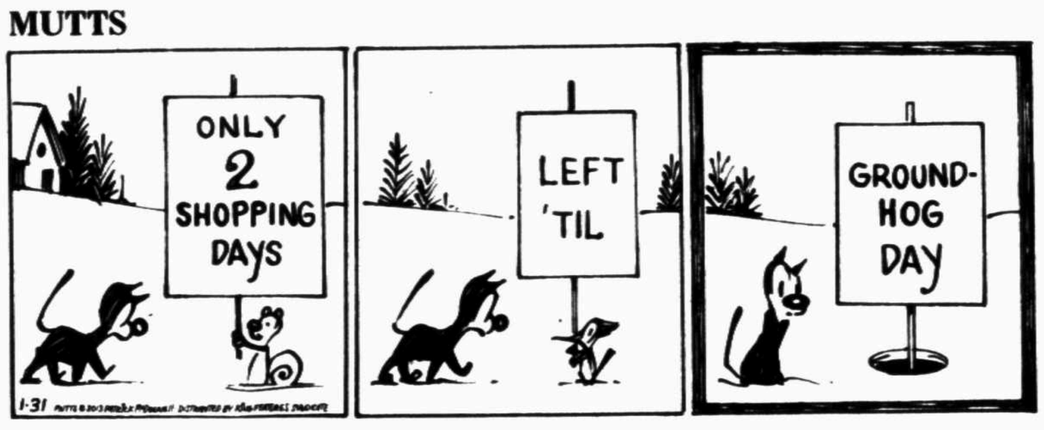

CLOSE TO HOME

Carl and Freida make a last-ditch attempt to rid Chibbles of his hideous odor.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HEY, MOM! I NEED TEN DOLLARS AND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE!"

LOCKHORNS

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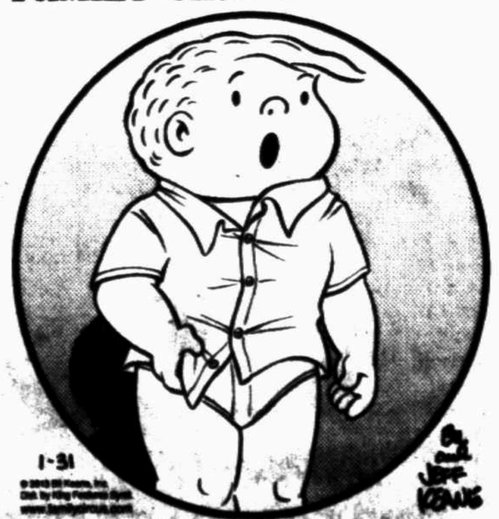
FAMILY CIRCUS

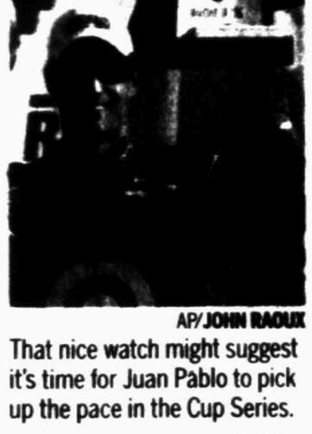


"Mommy, why does this shirt have an extra button?"

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



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That nice watch might suggest it's time for Juan Pablo to pick up the pace in the Cup Series.

Any chance Juan Pablo Montoya takes some Rolex 24 momentum into the Sprint Cup season?

GODSPEAK: All Montoya will take into the stock-car season will be a new Rolex timepiece.
KEN'S CALL: Absolutely. Look what it did for AJ Allmendinger last year. Oh, wait, never mind.

Ricky and Danica: Will it last?

GODSPEAK: It will last longer than the first keg at a frat party, but not as long as a rhino's gestation period.
KEN'S CALL: I'm pulling for them, but if it turns bad, let's hope they have the good sense to ignite the breakup on the front stretch.

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ROLEX 24 HOURS TOP 10 FINISHERS

1. Scott Pruett/Memo Rojas/Juan Pablo Montoya/Charlie Kimball, BMW-Riley
2. Max Angelelli/Jordan Taylor/Ryan Hunter-Reay, Corvette DP
3. John Pew/Ozz Negri/AJ Allmendinger/Justin Wilson/Marcos Ambrose, Ford-Riley
4. Mike Rockenfeller/Burt Frisselle/Joao Barbosa, Corvette DP
5. Antonio Garcia/Richard Westbrook/Ricky Taylor/Oliver Gavin, Corvette DP
6. Ryan Dalziel/Alex Popow/Sebastien Bourdais/Ailan McNish, Ford-Riley
7. Jon Fogarty/Alex Gurney/Memo Gidley/Darren Law, Corvette DP
8. Brian Frisselle/Nelson Piquet Jr./Felipe Nasr/Christian Fittipaldi, Corvette DP
9. Filipe Albuquerque/Oliver Jarvis/Edoardo Mortara/Dion von Moltke, Audi R8
10. Frank Stippler/Rene Rast/Ian Baas/Marc Basseng, Audi R8

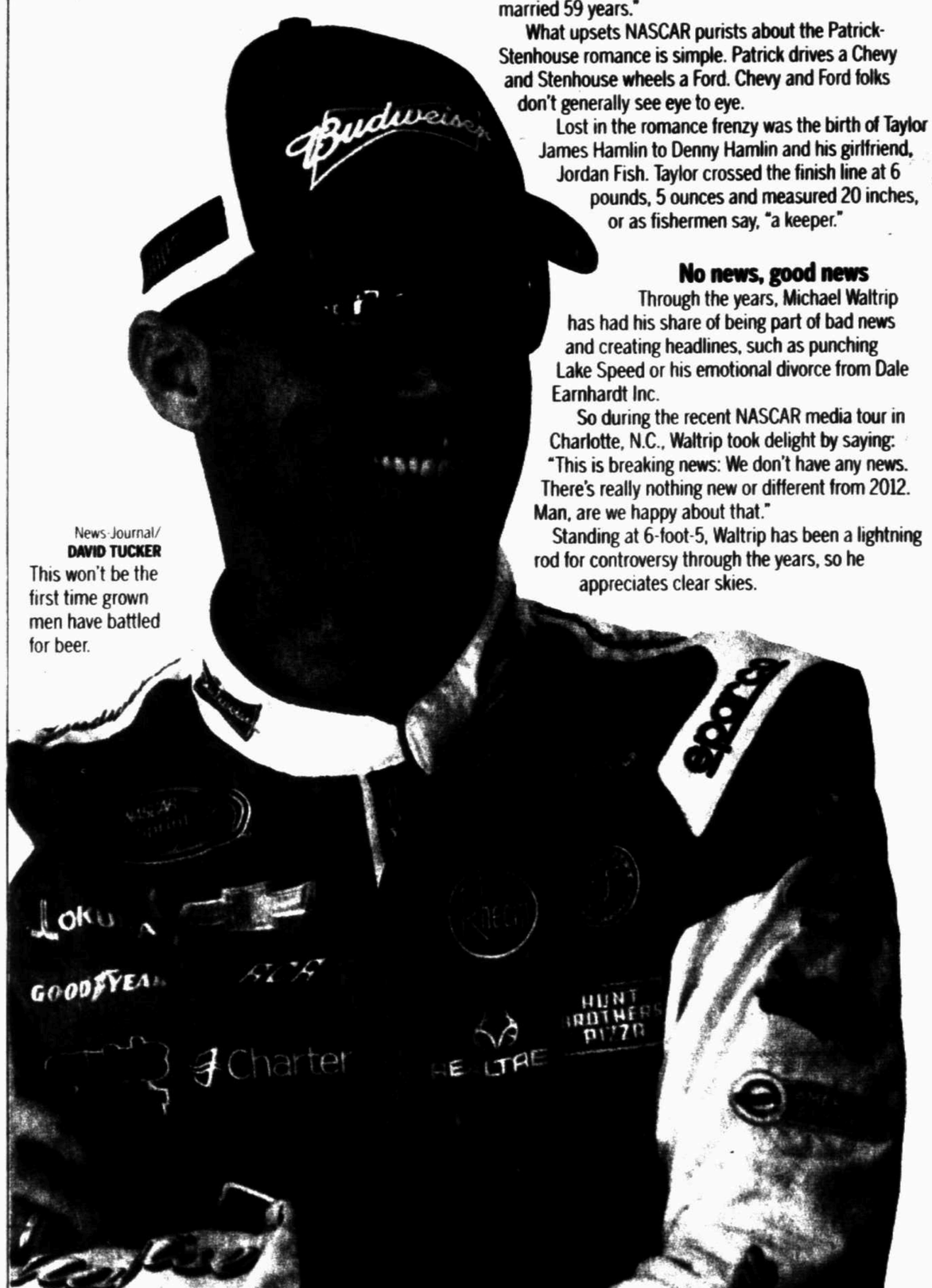
HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

This Bud's for who?

What we know: Kevin Harvick will leave Richard Childress Racing after 2013 and drive for Stewart-Haas Racing in 2014.

What remains in play: Who gets the mighty Budweiser sponsorship? Harvick's current sponsor can either follow him over to Tony Stewart's camp or stay put at Childress Racing. Apparently, that decision has not been made.

Of course, it will all play out behind closed doors, but keep a close eye on Harvick in the first part of the season. Count how many times he slips "Bud" or "Budweiser" into conversation as he tries to woo the "King of Beers" to stay in his corner.



News-Journal/DAVID TUCKER

This won't be the first time grown men have battled for beer.

NASCAR: TMZ Edition

You know NASCAR is getting more of a mainstream look when reports about its competitors begin popping up on entertainment television shows and websites. Last week was a real TMZ experience for stock-car racing.

The headliner was Danica Patrick, who recently filed for divorce, admitting she's dating fellow Sprint Cup Series rookie contender Ricky Stenhouse Jr. There was even a photo of the unlikely couple holding hands at a recent Professional Bull Riders event in Winston-Salem, N.C.

When racing icon A.J. Foyt, 78, was asked about race drivers dating, he had no comment other than "I've been married 59 years."

What upsets NASCAR purists about the Patrick-Stenhouse romance is simple. Patrick drives a Chevy and Stenhouse wheels a Ford. Chevy and Ford folks don't generally see eye to eye.

Lost in the romance frenzy was the birth of Taylor James Hamlin to Denny Hamlin and his girlfriend, Jordan Fish. Taylor crossed the finish line at 6 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches, or as fishermen say, "a keeper."

No news, good news

Through the years, Michael Waltrip has had his share of being part of bad news and creating headlines, such as punching Lake Speed or his emotional divorce from Dale Earnhardt Inc.

So during the recent NASCAR media tour in Charlotte, N.C., Waltrip took delight by saying: "This is breaking news: We don't have any news. There's really nothing new or different from 2012. Man, are we happy about that."

Standing at 6-foot-5, Waltrip has been a lightning rod for controversy through the years, so he appreciates clear skies.

AP/JOHN RAOUX

NASCAR's most fortunate coupling since Holman and Moody.

Why the wide eyes?

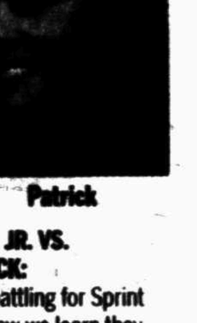
Do you really have to ask? As if it wasn't enough to have an ongoing and fail-safe ratings grabber like Danica Patrick on the scene, we now add Ricky Stenhouse, which has all of us saying, "Wow, didn't see that one coming." It's not exactly shocking in a Julia Roberts-falling-for-Lyle-Lovett sense, but still, we're a little shocked. And thrilled, by the way.

You do seem happy for those two kids.

Don't mistake our giddy nature for anything other than selfish pleasure. If you're part of the racing media in any form, trust me, this is the best thing to happen since they started catering the press box. You can only write about spoilers and deck lids for so long. There's nothing like human drama to draw attention to your product. The possibilities here are beyond belief — if there's a Chuck E. Cheese for print and broadcast media, we just walked through the doors.

Will there be any competitive fallout?

Not for Danica, because she's rather accustomed to dealing with the glare of attention. But Stenhouse will be thrown into the deep end, and try as they might at Roush Fenway Racing, they can't put swimmies on his arms. Roush Fenway Racing President Steve Newmark claimed last week that they're not worried about this having an effect on Stenhouse's on-track performance, but if you never believe anything else, believe this: They wish this had never happened.



Ken Willis has been covering NASCAR for The Daytona Beach News-Journal for 27 years. Reach him at ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Stenhouse Jr. Patrick

RICKY STENHOUSE JR. VS. DANICA PATRICK:

Patrick and Stenhouse are battling for Sprint Cup Series rookie honors and now we learn they are dating.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Patrick and Stenhouse will redefine the term 'passion for racing' before the season is finished."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

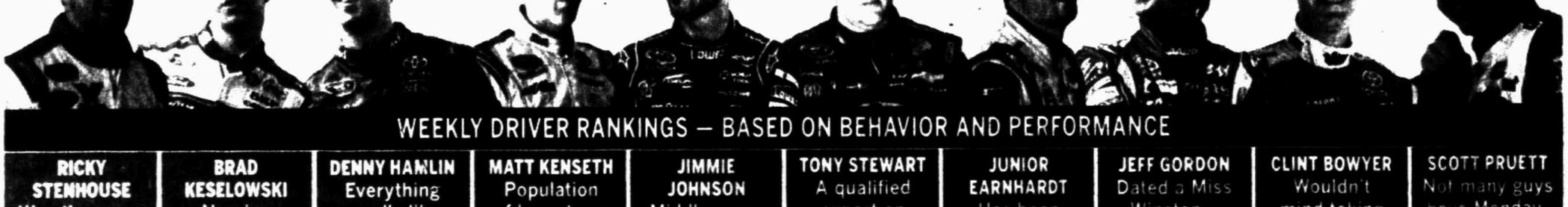
Key Speedweeks dates

FEB. 16: Sprint Unlimited At Daytona, ARCA Series Lucas Oil 200
FEB 17: Daytona 500 pole qualifying.
FEB. 18-19: UNOH Battle At The Beach (short-track nationals)
FEB. 21: Budweiser Duel (qualifying races)
FEB. 22: NextEra Energy Resources 250 NASCAR truck race
FEB. 23: DRIVE4COPD 300 Nationwide race
FEB. 24: 55th-annual Daytona 500

GODWIN'S NASCAR/ROLEX 24 POSTSCRIPT

Godwin Kelly is the Daytona Beach News-Journal's motorsports editor and has covered NASCAR for 30 years. Reach him at godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

WINNER: Juan Pablo Montoya
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Marcos Ambrose, AJ Allmendinger, Clint Bowyer, Michael Waltrip
BEST QUOTES: Clint Bowyer
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Jamie McMurray
FIRST ONE OUT (OF VICTORY LANE): car owner Chip Ganassi
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The Sprint Cup Series has an open date the weekend of the 2014 Sebring 12 Hour.



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

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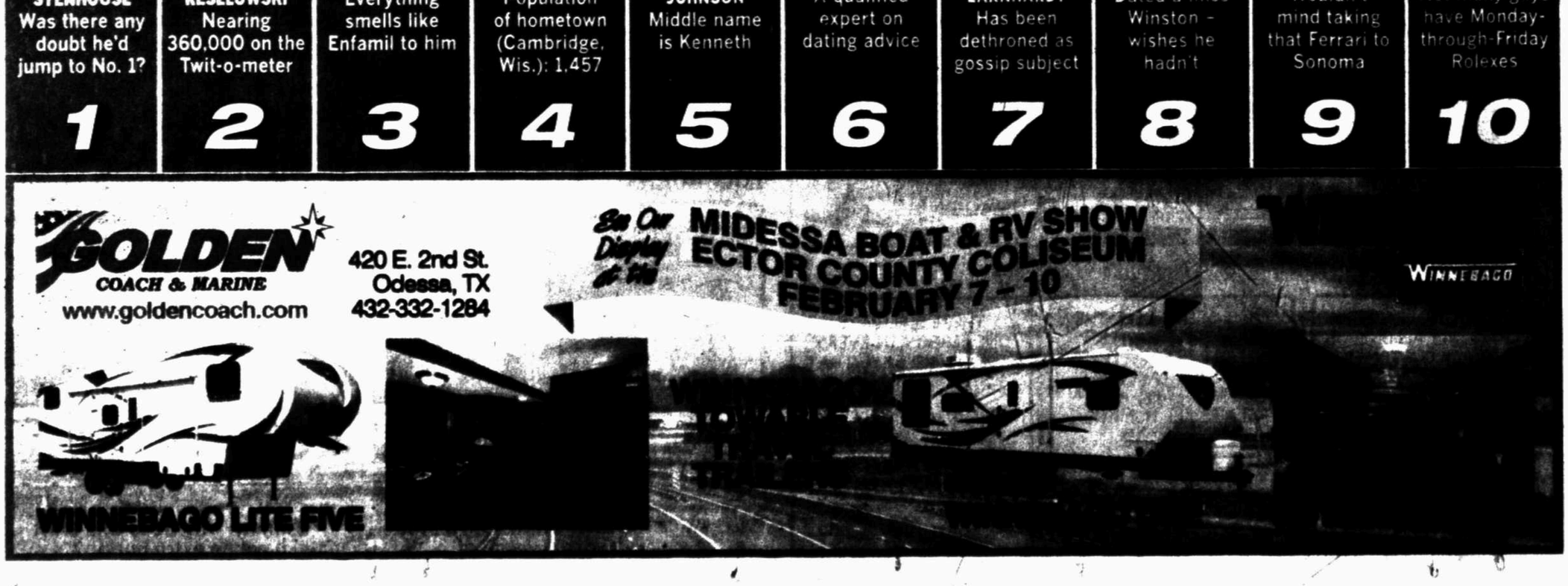
RICKY STENHOUSE Was there any doubt he'd jump to No. 1?	BRAD KESELOWSKI Nearing 360,000 on the Twit-o-meter	DENNY HAMLIN Everything smells like Enfamil to him	MATT KENSETH Population of hometown (Cambridge, Wis.): 1,457	JIMMIE JOHNSON Middle name is Kenneth	TONY STEWART A qualified expert on dating advice	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Has been dethroned as gossip subject	JEFF GORDON Dated a Miss Winston – wishes he hadn't	CLINT BOWYER Wouldn't mind taking that Ferrari to Sonoma	SCOTT PRUETT Not many guys have Monday-through-Friday Rolexes



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donald Gene Douglas, were issued to Shawn Alexis Edgar on January 29, 2013 in Cause No. P17326, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Shawn Alexis Edgar
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 30th day of January, 2013.

PINSON LAW FIRM

By: Brandon W. Pinson

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Midland College
Jack E. Brown Dining Hall Additions & Renovations
Midland, Texas

Construction Manager: Cooper Construction Co. Inc. will receive proposals for the "Jack E. Brown Dining Hall Additions & Renovations" Project at 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, Texas on **Thursday, February 7, 2013 until 3:00 PM CST**. Contract Documents are available and questions will be answered through Construction Manager, Cooper Construction Co. at (432) 337-4404 or metro 580-4405.

A non-mandatory Pre-proposal Conference will be held on Friday February 1, 2013, at 10:00 AM CST, at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall, 3600 N. Garfield St, Midland, Texas 79705.

Rick Bender, CPA
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Lost & Found

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Legado Permian, LLC, Opr. No. 495443, 10003 Woodloch Forest Dr, Ste 900, The Woodlands, TX 77380 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit amendment to inject fluids, including H2S (sour) gas, into a porous formation productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith-Landreth San Andres/Ut Lease, Goldsmith Field, well number 201W. The proposed injection well is located approximately 3 miles west from Goldsmith, Ector County, TX. The fluids will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4156-4405'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the 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 that 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, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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2nd & 4th Thurs
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Centennial Lodge #1448
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2008 BMW 750i
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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0280250
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 17, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 754380
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 21, 2013
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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. 19, Bk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-245, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 15.7 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Feb 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	LINDSAY 'T'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3
Lease/Unit Acres :	80.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1528.0

Lease Lines :	467.0 F North L,	467.0 F East L
Survey Lines :	467.0 F North L,	2173.0 F West L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) LOWE (ATOKA), (2) RK (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

LOWE (ATOKA) : Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres. Optional Rules 467/0, 40.0 acres.

RK (STRAWN) : Ex. Special Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres. Ex. Optional Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972)980-3863.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARCELINE L. OLSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Marceline L. Olsen, deceased, were issued to Dale C. Olson, Independent Executor, on January 28, 2013, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Marceline L. Olson, Deceased," No. P17332 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, 2811 Auburn, Midland, Texas 79705, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dale C. Olson
Independent Executor
of the Estate of Marceline L. Olson,
Deceased, No. P17332 in the
County Court of Midland County,
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For: An annual master agreement for office supplies for the City of Midland.'

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounting Clerk

Master Tubular FT

Midland based Company is looking for an experience accounting clerk to assist to in the processing Accounts Receivables, Accounts Payable and various other accounting tasks. Candidate should be detail oriented, have good communication skills and strong computer skills. OCTG Tubular knowledge preferred but not required. Position is available to start immediately. Salary is competitive and will be determined based on experience.

Please send resumes to humanresources@mastertubulars.com

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK

Midland's Premier Country Club FT

Is looking for an **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK**. This individual must be detailed oriented, a self motivator and very professional. Job duties will range from collecting members charges to preparing statements, audits of point-of-sales, and preparing tip reports for accounts payable. Applicant must have at least 2 years experience. Please apply in person at **6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.**

Senior Financial Associate opening at RBC in Midland

RBC Wealth Management FT

Do what you love and love what you do! Become a Senior Financial Associate at RBC. As a Senior Financial Associate you'll play a key role in helping clients build and manage wealth. In addition to handling some high-level administrative support tasks, you'll partner with Financial Advisors to develop new business and gather assets to manage. You'll actively be involved in the solicitation and education of new clients and in the introduction of products and services. To view the full job description and to apply to this position please visit www.rbc.com/careers. The requisition ID# is 21025.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

COME JOIN OUR UNIVERSAL DESK

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is accepting résumés for a **full-time copy editor and page designer position** on our universal desk. The right candidate should have a knack for grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style but also can find inconsistencies in stories and isn't afraid to ask questions. He or she also should have an eye for page design.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference at a daily newspaper and who wants to perfect his or her craft at copy editing and page design.

A bachelor's degree in journalism or English, two years of editing experience, InDesign or Quark knowledge and proficiency in AP style are preferred. Recent college graduates and those who are graduating soon are welcome to apply. Time on a universal desk and experience editing sports copy are pluses.

The Reporter-Telegram is part of Hearst Corp. and offers a competitive salary and benefits.

If you are interested in our copy editor and page designer position, please email a cover letter, résumé, your best design samples and three references in PDF or Word format to News Editor Trevor Hawes at thawes@mrt.com. You can also mail a hardcopy submission to Midland Reporter-Telegram, Attn.: Trevor Hawes, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Call 432-687-8854 after 4 p.m. to learn more.

AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Body Tech

Quality Body Works in Midland is looking to hire auto body technicians. Paid vacations, holidays, medical & dental insurance, matching IRA. $22 commission rate. Please call 432-697-1234 or come by 3111 W. Front St.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Clerical Position

Petroleum Co-Ordinators, Inc. is now hiring for land based clerical positions in Midland, TX. We provide competative rates along with great benefits, such as, 401K, Hospitalization, Dental/Vision, Vacation, Uniforms, etc. Working MS Office experience is necessary and oilfield experience is a plus. Please submit resumes to employment@petroinc.net

Office Clerk

Lee R's Trucking FT

Lee R's Trucking is now accepting applications for a full time Office Clerk. Duties will include: Invoicing freight tickets and handling all DOT drivers logs and fuel/mileage reports. 10 Key and computer skills required which include (Excel spreadsheets and Quick Books). Pay depends on experience. Call for application @ 432-570-8283. 1:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday or email resume to *leda@suddenlinkmail.com*

Receptionist/Office Clerical

Accurate, Inc. FT

Seeking Receptionist/Office Clerical. Experience needed. Email: Laci@accuratecoatings.com

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Superintendent

Campbell Construction Co. FT

Campbell Construction Company seeking **Superintendent**
Pre-employment drug test required
Good Benefits Salary DOE
Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland or send resume to PO Box 11293, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to (432) 683-5943

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Teachers

First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks **Teacher** for Tuesday's & Thursday's starting now. Call 683-0851.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Drillers, Boom Operators and Pipe Rollers

Eagle Rock Drilling Inc. Need experienced Drillers, Boom Operators & Pipe Rollers for a Super Single rig. Apply in person at 1113 Dayton Road, Midland. No phone calls please.

Entry Level Field Techs & Project Manager

TitanLiner, Inc. currently has the following employment oppurtunities in our Midland, TX location: **Entry Level Field Technicians** and **Project Manager**. All positions require at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Oilfield experience preferred. CDL A required if applying for Field Technician. Previous management/supervisor experience required for Project Manager position. Qualified applicants may submit resumes to **hr@titanliner.com**. No phone calls please.

HSE Manager

TitanLiner, Inc. is looking to fill the position of **H.S.E. Manager**. Position will be based in our Corporate Office in Midland, TX. Responsibilities include the development & implementation of HSE & DOT program for our company, ensure compliance with OSHA & DOT, investigate work place incidents, conduct new hire safety orientations, & perform regular HSE/DOT site audits to ensure compliance. 5 or more years of work experience in the HSE discipline (preferred in Oil & Gas Industry). Safety degree and/or related certifications required. Must be able to travel 50% of the time. Must have a valid US driver's license & pass standard background check & drug test. Compensation DOE. Qualified applicants may submit resumes to **hr@titanliner.com**. No phone calls pls.

Lease Operator

BC Operating, Inc. is looking for a **Lease Operator** and to make positive contributions to our team near Goldsmith, Texas. The successful candidates must have minimum of 5 years practical field experience, and be able to provide sufficient leadership and technical skills to independently operate and troubleshoot oilfield production equipment; rod pumped oil wells, water supply wells, injection wells, production vessels, well test equipment, injection pumps, ESPs, and other related oilfield equipment. Experience reporting production information electronically in FieldDirect is a plus. A company vehicle, laptop computer, and cell phone will be furnished. Job requires some overtime. A clean driving record and high school diploma or equivalent is required. Full benefits package includes major medical, prescription drug, 401K matched 5% beginning on your 6 month anniversary, and 2 weeks of paid vacation. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a resume to Jason Wacker via e-mail, **JWacker@BCOperating.com**.

HEALTHCARE

Caregivers

HomeCare Plus

Now hiring for in home Caregivers. Must be able to pass back ground check and drug test. Apply at 501 Andrews Hwy in Midland

Caregiver's

Visiting Angels FT/PT

Now hiring In home caregivers. Please call 432-897-4094.

Chairside Dental Assistant

Confidential PT

Immediate opening for Part-time Chairside Dental Assistant in Midland. Experience preferred. Please send resume to: P-17, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

CNA's / Providers

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. PT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking experienced CNA's/Providers to assist with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. Part-Time. Call: 1-800-458-3257. E.O.E.

CCS CORRECT CARE SOLUTIONS

Healthcare Opportunities

Correct Care Solutions (CCS) provides healthcare services to correctional facilities nationwide and has the following opportunities available at Midland County Detention Center:

Licensed Vocational Nurse – FT & PT
Certified Medical Assistant- PRN

Generous compensation and great benefits!

Focus on the patient not the paperwork

For immediate consideration,
Please apply online: www.correctcaresolutions.com

www.correctcaresolutions.com/our-story

EEO

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor

Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT

Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:00am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

LVN

Confidential FT

Busy medical office is in need of a LVN with clinic experience. Orthopedic experience is preferred but not required. Please submit resume' to PO Box 5556, Midland, Texas 79704.

Marketer/ Office Clerk & PRN/Weekend RN

Martin County Home Health is now taking applications for a Full Time Marketer/Office Clerk. Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00. Excellent Benefits with competitive pay and mileage. Also looking for PRN/Weekend RN. Call Allison Roy, RN/DON at 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299.

Optician

Phillips Eye Clinic FT

4311 W. Wadley Ave. Midland, TX 79707

Experienced preferred but not required. Please apply in person.

Personal Care Attendants

InHome Care, Inc. FT

Looking for individuals to do light housekeeping and cooking in patients home. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please come by or send resume to: InHome Care, Inc., 808 W Indiana, Midland, Tx. 79701. Fax: 432-570-1303.

Phlebotomy Certification Class (blood drawing)

Odessa, Feb. 9th and 10th; $300. Call 505-217-2284, 505-410-7889 or 505-410-9559. www.swphlebotomy.com

Phone Operator

Confidential FT

Busy medical office is in need of a phone operator. A minimum of 1 year experience with heavy incoming call traffic on a multi line phone system is preferred. Medical background is required. Please submit resume' to PO Box 5556, Midland, Texas 79704.

Registered Dental Assistant

Growing practice in need of **Registered Dental Assistant**. Please email resume to **info@smilemidland.com** or fax resume to Drs. Kauffman and Campanga **432 520-0720**.

Sitters / CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Must pass drug test and background check. All shifts available. E.O.E. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Executive Housekeeper

Holiday Inn Express FT

5309 West Loop 250 North

Now hiring Full-time Executive Housekeeper. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

Housekeeping & Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

LaQuinta Inn & Suites FT

Now Hiring
- Housekeepers
- Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

Flexible Hours; Great Pay!
Please apply at LaQuta Inn & Suites on Loop 250; next to Kohl's

Manager

Confidential FT

Midland Hotel seeking candidate with strong team building skills who can manage overall daily operations, payroll, hiring, training & property mgmt. Previous hotel experience a plus! Salary/Benefits negotiable. Send resume to kelly@crest-mgmt.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers

Allied/Barton Security Services FT

NOW HIRING! Security Officers Needed! Benefits including 401(k), paid vacation, and tuition reimbursement. Contact Dan for more information at (972) 560-1489 EOE M/D/F/V.

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Manufacturing Maintenance Supervisor

Accurate, Inc. FT

Manufacturing Maintenance Supervisor.
Apply at: midlandresumes@gmail.com

OTHER JOBS

CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS

Midland Y.M.C.A. is currently hiring part time Certified Lifeguards. For details contact Leaf Faller at 432-682-2551 or apply at 800 N. Big Spring.

Handyman/Janitorial Position

McClatchy Bros, Inc. FT

McClatchy Bros, Inc. is hiring Handyman/Janitorial position. Sunday thru Thursday. This is a full time position. Salary with benefits. Working hours negotiable. Apply at McClatchy Bros Inc 3901 W Industrial Midland 432-694-9691.

Kitchen & Program Youth Workers

Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon kitchen and program youth workers, prox. 20 hours a week, $9 - $10.50 an hour, background and drug test. Call 432)683-5297 only between 11-1 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. for more info.

Medical Equipment Delivery Driver

HomeCare Plus FT

HomeCare Plus is seeking a medical equipment delivery driver. Knowledge of assembly of wheel chairs, beds, 02, and other medical equipment preferred. Able to lift heavy objects, minimal computer entry and some on call required. Must have valid driver license and able to pass background check and drug screening. Apply at 501 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX

Preschool Teacher

The College of Mama Bears is looking for FT Preschool Teacher. HS Diploma & background check. Call 432-684-8270 for interview.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

For our Harris N-1000 Printing presses. This is 6 day per week, fast paced, deadline driven 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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NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

Press Operator

House of Printing FT

Printing Production & Bindery-Operator M/F 8-5. Benefits/DOE. Call 683-1740.

Sales Associate & Mover

Refind Furnishings PT

Now hiring part time sales associate and part time mover, apply in person 3211 W. Wadley, Ste 16B. 432-689-3405

Screen Printer & Embroidery Tech

Immediate Positions Available: Experienced Screen Printer & Embroidery Tech. Requires a high-energy, detail oriented person. Call A-1 Sign Engravers, Inc/A-1 Embroidery & Screen Printing, Inc. at 800-876-7446 speak with Martin Baeza

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

Wait Staff & Sales

The Wine Rack is now hiring full and part time wait staff and sales. Starting pay $10 per hour plus tips. Stop by the Wine Rack today for an application. 4610 N. Garfield Ste. D-4, Midland!

Warehouse Expeditor II

Immediate opening! Temp to Hire position. Successful candidate should have minimum one years warehouse & inventory experience. Must have clean driving record and background. Computer skills, Excel & Data Entry also required. Job will involve shift work, weekends and overtime. Pay $15 to start. Send resume to resume@igotthejobs.com

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NOW HIRING

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be available to work [illegible] a 6 hr. shift. No experience required but [illegible] processing and mail [illegible] have a valid [illegible]

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: ellsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Commercial CSR
Seeking full time position with an insurance agency in Midland, TX. Must have experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. License preferred but not required. 432.683.4619

REAL ESTATE

Office Assistant
Santa Fe Apartments now hiring Office Assistant. Under Total new management. Apply at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX., or fax resume 432-520-0434. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Hiring all positions, Kitchen staff, starting at $12, wait staff, starting at $4.50 plus tips, bussers & dishwashers. Incentives & bonuses. Apply at Basin Burger House, 607 N Colorado.

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 $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any Domino's Pizza Midland or Odessa or send resume: casale@clearwire.net. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Food & Beverage Manager
Midland Country Club FT
Is looking for a Food and Beverage Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

MANAGEMENT OPENINGS
Fast-Casual Restaurant in Midland now has openings for salaried Management. Call 432-416-0042 to setup an interview or email resume to lotzbetter3235@yahoo.com.

SCHLOTZSKY'S HIRING FOR ALL SHIFTS
Work in a fun and grease free environment. Come by 5211 W. Wadley or 1109 Andrews Hwy for an application.

Servers, Cooks & Bussers
The Racquet Club FT
Seeking candidates for Servers, Cooks & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment. Apply in person, 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please.

RETAIL JOBS

Pharmacy Technicians & Shift Leads
Walgreens Drug Store
Now seeking Pharmacy Technicians & Shift Leads. Benefits available including Medical, Dental and 401K. Apply in person: 215 Andrews Hwy. or walgreens.com/careers.

SALES JOBS

FT Assistant Sales Manager
Affordable Storage, Inc. FT
Affordable Storage, is seeking a FT Assistant Sales Manager. Applicants must have an extensive sales background. Working most weekends is required. Pay DOE - $28K - $33K starting Salary. Send Resumes to: jd@selfstorageoflubbock.com. Fax to: (432) 694-4445. Drop off at: 3420 Thomason Dr.

Inside Sales
Armstong McCall Beauty Supplies FT/PT
Leader in Professional Beauty product has Inside sales position PT/FT. Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30 Able to lift 50lbs., fill orders, stock and customer service. Knowledge of Beauty Industry helpful. Pay BOE in Beauty Industry Call 432-520-0090

Sales Rep
Sales Representative for BHA. Apply in person: 2915 South County Rd 1255, Midland or Call Gary 432-563-1784.

SKILLED LABOR

Cabinet Maker & Laborers
Immediate Hire - Great Pay, experienced cabinet maker and laborers. Fax Resume to 432-684-7990 or call 432-684-9377, email: info@tenstarcabinets.com

Licensed Journeymen & Licensed Apprentice Electricians
Basin Electric Co. is an electrical contracting company whose main goal is to provide exceptional service that exceeds the expectations of our customers. We strive for the best work environment for our employees by offering a safe, drug-free workplace, training, health insurance, life insurance, paid time off, matching 401k, and overtime. Basin Electric Co. is a growing organization that believes in taking care of its employees and rewarding for performance. If you are a qualified, confident professional looking for a long-term commitment with a well established, stable company, come join our team of professionals. Apply in person at 6910 E. Hwy 80 Midland, TX 79706 or visit basinelectricco.com to view our company website and request an application.
BASIN Electric Co.

SKILLED LABOR

Electrical/Automation Technician

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for Electrical/Automation Technician in its Midland, Texas office.

Responsibilities include:
- Installation and maintenance of electrical equipment, PLC Controllers, Instrumentation Transmitters, Pump Off Controllers, Telemetry and radio equipment.
- PLC and HMI Display programming
- Supervision of electrical/automation contractors
- Assuring that all work meets regulatory compliance

The qualified applicant will have 3-5 year's Automation/Electrical experience with a broad knowledge of all types of instrumentation and electrical equipment. A good knowledge of Personal Computer Systems, Windows operating system and proficiency with Excel spreadsheets a must. Experience with Automation Direct PLC Controllers and a Journeyman Electrical License is a plus. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

To become part of our outstanding Energen field team, a growing Industry Leader in the Permian Basin, for immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Careers to complete an online application.

We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan, a signing bonus, along with a complete benefits package.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Electrician
B & L Electric seeking electrician for oilfield services. Requirements: Journeyman license or 3 years experience in Controls-Troubleshooting. Benefits include, Competitive pay, Health insurance, with 90 day work period, vacation - bonus. Please call 432-813-1910 for appointment

EMI Inspection Machine Operator
Smith Pipe of Abilene FT
Need an experienced operator for a Non-Destructive Testing Unit in our Abilene Yard. Apply in person at Smith Pipe of Abilene, 7435 Hwy 277 South, Abilene, Texas, call 325-691-1085 for an application, or email - lmorris@smithpipe.net. EOE

Experienced Diesel Technician
Horizon Transportation FT
Now hiring Experienced Diesel Technician, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and drug test. Please call 432-699-4468.

Licensed Journeyman Electricians/Apprentices
Star Electric FT
Star Electric is now hiring Licensed Journeyman Electricians & Apprentices with at least 3 years experience. Commercial experience required. Competitive wages, benefits, paid holidays. Please fax resumes to 432-684-9292. For questions call 432-684-9191

Mechanic
Mechanic needed. Must furnish own tools, have at least some experience with diesel engines (preferred Detroit, but not required). Some experience with freightliner trucks. Will be on call at least 1 week in the month. Fax resume to: 432-618-9854.

MECHANIC OR MECHANICS ASSISTANT
Job duties to include but no limited to: Maintenance and repairs for trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment. Salary DOE. Benefits include: Uniforms, health insurance and 401k. Apply in person. K.D.M. HOT OIL SERVICE, INC. 2400 FM 715 Midland, Texas 79706

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
Microsoft office skills a must. Email resume to pwatson@wpg-us.com Mail to P.O. Drawer 11186, Midland, TX 79702.

Shop Hand
Lee-Co Coating Enterprise FT
Now accepting application for full-time Shop Hand. Duties will include: preparations, coating and painting sub pump equipment. No experience required, will train. Hours are usually afternoon-late night shift. Position starts at $13.50 an hour. Call for application 432-570-8283 from 10am-4pm, Monday - Friday or email resume to: teda@suddenlinkmail.com

Winders & Mechanics
B & L Electric seeking winders & mechanics for motor shop. Benefits include, Competitive pay, Health insurance, with 90 day work period, vacation - bonus. Please call 432-813-1910 for appointment

CORNELL Wireline, LLC

Wireline Cased Hole Completions Engineer

Cornell Wireline, LLC, a fast growing McAllen, TX based oil field service company is looking to grow in the Midland/Odessa area. We are looking for a highly motivate individual with the following qualifications.

- Minimum 2 year experience with Wireline services (mainly stage work and logging)
- Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to jason@cornellsolutions.net or request an employment application.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
Horizon Transportation FT
Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Guaranteed Pay. Please call 432-699-4468.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.silverlinetx.com

DOT Transportation Coordinator/Manager
WTG Fuels FT
The ideal candidate will be highly skilled in Transportation Safety including interpreting and stabilishing policies to ensure compliance with State and Federal Regulations regarding Transportation and Workplace Safety. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent and DOT Transportation Certification helpful, with 3-5 years experience in DOT Transportation and Regulations. Working knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, CSA Fleet Management Database, and Federal, State Safety Laws and Regulations particulary DOT Regulations. Must possess extensive knowledge of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and excellent written and verbal communicating skills and be willing to travel. For a full list of qualification and responsibilities or to apply please bring resume by 11501 W CO Rd 125, Odessa, TX 79765.

FLEET MECHANICS
Ingram Concrete, a family-oriented concrete manufacturing company, is currently seeking Fleet Mechanics. These are full-time and permanent positions in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, Sweetwater, and Big Spring, Texas. Paid weekly. Home daily. No waiting period on medical insurance. Full benefits/401k. Please call 325-646-6518 for additional info. EOE M/F/D/V

MOBILE LUBE AND TIRE CHANGE TECHNICIAN
Hiring a Mobile Lube and Tire Change Technician. Must have experience changing tires and servicing 2 5 ton trucks. Must be willing to be on call. General mechanic abilities a plus. Must be able to pass drug screen and physical. Must have valid driver's license. Please call 432-682-5017 or visit our office at 5800 E. I-20.

Treater Truck and Long Haul Drivers
X-CHEM FT

IMMEDIATE NEED- CDL DRIVERS

Founded in 1982, X-Chem offers leading-edge solutions for the maintenance, production, completion and stimulation of oil wells, gas wells and pipelines.

X-Chem is looking for strong Treater Truck and Long Haul Drivers to join our Midland team!

Qualified drivers must have 1-3 years experience, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements.

We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(k) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holidays, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum Truck Drivers
Blue Quail Energy Services, LLC is seeking Vacuum Truck Drivers with class A CDL and tanker endorsement. Blue Quail Energy Services is a fast growing services company with competitive pay and great work environment. Please call 432.684.0999 or send resume to info@blue-quail.com

Passenger Cars

CHRYSLER 2007 300, new tires 12/24/12, new engine 8/30/12, 98k mi., $11,000 OBO, 432-741-9896.

DODGE 1997 Intrepid 120k/miles new tires asking $2100 obo. 432-978-7130.

FORD 1991 Mustang 5.0 GT, below 70k miles. $5500. 432-238-1801.

HONDA 2008 Civic LX 45k miles, 36 mpg, 4 door, extremely clean, auto, A/C, AM/FM CD, Aux, USB. New tires, gold with tan interior, $12,000. 432-288-1885.

JAGUAR 2000 Van den Plas, luxury, great condition well maintained, garaged, clean carfax interior updates, new tires, excellent riding quality and performance, 111k/mi imperial blue, kelly blue book $7,100 432-770-0704

LEXUS 2010 IS250C only 2,600 miles. Like new! Auto, A/C, $37,900. Call 432-553-1315.

LINCOLN 2011 MKS Power sun-roof, Navigation system, THX stereo system, transferable Certified Pre-Owned warranty. In excellent condition with 29K miles. $25,700. 432-694-4407 or 432-260-0010

MAZDA 2008 5 Sport Edition w/ 2 Remotes 4-Cylinder Engine 78K Miles Automatic 5-Spd Transmission 6-Passenger Seating Gray Exterior Black Cloth Interior NO mechanical or electrical problems Gas Saver! Price is $6800 Call 432.238.9472

MERCEDES 2003 500SL Convertable. 22K miles, new tires, new tire sensors, new batteries and a recent tune up. $31900 OBO. 806-535-3158

MERCEDES 2004 Benz S500 110,800 miles 4 door sedan black exterior/black interior excellent condition cd changer, sunroof, navigation, rear wheel drive, auto transmission 8 cylinder gas well maintained with regular service rear brakes replaced 106,500 miles. $13,600. Call Mark 318-542-6694

MERCEDES 2006 S-500, 65k miles, loaded, white/white, sun roof, immaculate, must sell, $21,800, 432-254-9520 or 432-552-2633

MERCEDES 2009 SL63 AMG. 8,700 miles, black/black, dealer maintained, sport package, excellent condition with all options, $73,000. Cory 432-661-4709.

MITSUBISHI 2007 Eclipse, 52k miles, auto. We finance. B&B Auto 432-683-6222

NISSAN 2005 Sentra, Red, 4dr, automatic, am/fm cd, power windows, 95k mi, $5,250. 432-557-8204

PONTIAC 1999 Firebird, V8, auto, 78K miles, B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

SCION 2008 XB 4 door black, 81k miles, 4 cylinder, with 5 speed manual transmission, $9,500 OBO. Call 432-699-5893 or 432-638-4829.

TOYOTA 2001 Celica GT, all power, sunroof, 54k mi., new battery & tires, white, excellent condition, all tinted, $5,500/OBO, 432-222-5634. Before 11am; after 7pm.

TOYOTA 2005 Sequoia SR5. White 88,700 miles, 8 cylinder, 3rd row, front and side airbags, new tires, beige clean interior, $11,500. 432-684-6232 please leave message, if no answer.

VW 2006 Beetle convertible, loaded 45,000 miles, $11,500 Jerry 432-557-7674

WANTED!!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

Exotic Cars

2012 MINI Cooper S., blue -standard trans.-$24,000. Black leather seats. Wife can't drive standard. 432-352-9660

Antique & Classic Cars

MERCEDES 1984 380SL Convertible 128k/miles super clean asking $9500 or best offer might trade. 432-553-1343.

Trucks

2007 TOYOTA Tundra SR5, double cab, 4.7 liter, 95k miles, $15,500. 432-631-2699.

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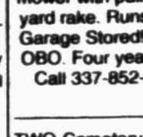

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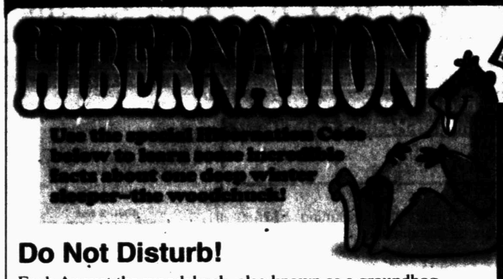

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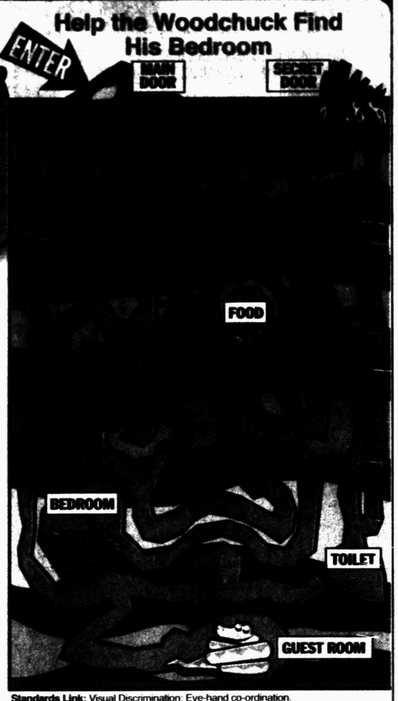
Help the Woodchuck Find His Bedroom



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Eye-hand co-ordination.

THE Hibernation Code

❤ =0	▲ =1	☁ =2	☾ =3	★★★ =4
●● =5	✂ =6	☃ =7	🧤 =8	☕ =9

Use the code to tell what time you do each of the following:

Example: If you do homework at **4:30**, show it this way...

★★★:☾❤

Do Homework	Start School	Eat Lunch	Take a Bath	Go to Bed

Standards Link: Math: Associate symbols to numerals; compare time to realted events.

How Do Animals Know When to Hibernate?

Scientists have found a special chemical in the blood of hibernating animals. They call it **HIT** or Hibernation Inducement Trigger. Although they do not know what this chemical is, they do know that it appears when one of three things happens:

- the days become shorter and there is less light
- there is a big drop in temperature
- food is scarce

Extra! Extra! Winter Weather Forecast

Look at your newspaper's weather forecast for the coming week. Then search through the newspaper and circle words that could be used to describe the expected weather conditions.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

One summer day, blood with HIT taken from a hibernating woodchuck was injected into a lively one.

Result: HIBERNATION

Conclusion: _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension.

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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B	U	I	L	T	U	S	I	E	E
N	M	A	S	H	C	N	U	L	S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Get to the Roots

Find words in the newspaper that have suffixes and/or prefixes. For each word that you find, circle the root word and underline the prefix and/or suffix.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify suffixes and prefixes.

Weekly Writing Corner

Wake Up!

Students describe what they believe it is like to wake up after sleeping through the winter.

Could you imagine if I woke up and found myself sleeping like Sleeping Beauty? I would be terrified. I would get up and look around and ask the talking animals where I am. Then I would go back to sleep so that they wouldn't eat me! That's what I would do.
Cristina, 5th grade

I would see flowers blooming and little animals waking up. The sun would be shining. Maybe some kids would be playing outside.
Delaney, 2nd grade

I am a rabbit. My name is Ryan. I hibernate. I go to sleep through the winter and wake up in the spring. My favorite season is summer because it does not get cold and the lowest degree in summer is 80F.
Ian, 2nd grade

I wake up, tired and confused. When I went to bed it was below freezing and the snow was seven feet high. Now it's raining lightly and there are rainbows and flowers everywhere. I went outside and saw my neighbors. I asked what season it was, they said spring. I almost fell down! I had slept through the winter. I ran back inside to check my bed for magic or any wizards. When I found nothing, I screamed and ran into the door. Now that I'm done, I think I'm going to sleep through the summer.
Mikayla, 5th grade

I'm a black bear getting ready to hibernate through the winter. I'm eating a lot of food so I won't starve. I lie in my den through the winter and finally wake up in the spring. I'm wobby, stepping out of my den, yawning and stretching. I see the beautiful, colorful flowers with the sun in my face. The bees are buzzing and the birds are chirping, and there is more snow. I see the yummy looking berries and fruits on the trees and begin to get hungry. I climb the tree and smell the fresh air. It's finally spring!
Kelly, 5th grade

When I woke up it was spring. I was confused. But I knew it was spring because the sun was out.
Christian, 1st grade

I woke up to flowers with nothing but sunshine and people all around me.
Jayden, 1st grade

I see a light at the end of my cave. I see the greenest grass I've ever seen. I see beautiful colored flowers. Listen. You can hear the hummingbirds hum. Look. I see a bright blue sky. It has to be spring.
Annalise, 2nd grade

I'm waking up from a long winter's sleep. I walk up to my window and see my friends playing outside. Everything is wet outside too. The sun feels nice and warm. Then I go and join my friends.
J.T., 2nd grade

I was waking up from my winter's nap and when I looked out of the window, flowers were blooming along the sidewalk, birds were singing, trees were getting all green again, hummingbirds were getting nectar from the flowers, woodpeckers were pecking the trees. Every was beautiful in the forest.
Angel, 4th grade

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted

Write a news story about a sighting of the Easter Bunny. Be sure to tell *who, what, when, where, why* and *how.*

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- STOMP strikes the Spencer Theater at Alto, N.M., on Saturday.

Event 7, 12

- Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show returns Super Bowl weekend to the Horseshoe.
- Tool Box Bash swings into action Saturday at the CAF.

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ONE NIGHT ONLY: PERLMAN WEDNESDAY @ THE WAGNER NOEL

Israeli-born American violinist Itzhak Perlman is regarded as one of the preeminent violinists of the 20th and early-21st centuries. A conductor and instructor of master classes, he will perform at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center on Wednesday.

In January 2009, Perlman took part in the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, premiering a piece written for the occasion by John Williams and performing with clarinetist Anthony McGill, pianist Gabriela Montero and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. In May 2007, he performed at the state dinner for Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, hosted by President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush at the White House.

Perlman devotes considerable time to education, both in his participation each summer in the Perlman Music Program and his teaching at the Juilliard School, where he holds the Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Chair.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Wagner Noël box office, online at www.wagnernoel.com, or charge by phone at 1-800-514-3849. The Wagner Noël box office is open Monday-Friday from noon until 5 p.m.

ROAD TRIP: BIG SPRING SYMPHONY SATURDAY@ BIG SPRING MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

The Big Spring Symphony's third concert of the season, "American Marvels," begins with the "Candide Overture," by Leonard Bernstein, followed by "Buckaroo Holiday," by Aaron Copland. The trumpet section will be featured playing "Bugler's Holiday," by Leroy Anderson followed by selections from "Crazy for You," by George Gershwin.

Pianist Charles Webb will join the orchestra in the "Paganini Variations," by Witold Lutoslawski. A former resident, Webb was stationed at Webb Air Force Base where he established a military chorale. His musical career culminated as dean of the Music School at Indiana University, the largest school of music in the United States.

The second half of the concert will feature one of the most famous of all symphonies, the "New World Symphony," by Antonin Dvorak.

Tickets, priced at $18 adults, $13 seniors and $8 students, are available at Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and at the door. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Today

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT
When: 6:30-8 p.m.
Where: Petroleum Museum
Info: "Under the Sea." Encounter sea creatures, create edible ecosystems, make sand dollars and experiment with dolphin echolocation.
Admission: Free. Refreshments provided.
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SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams, Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910. Dances on Thursdays.

Friday

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Saturday

TOOL BOX BASH
When: 6:30-10 p.m.
Where: CAF
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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Spencer Theater, Alto, N.M.
Tickets: $79 and $76. Call 575-336-4800 or toll free at 888-818-7872 between 9 a.m-5 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at www.spencertheater.com.

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When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Horseshoe

Monday

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When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, The Horseshoe Box Office and online at www.midlandhorseshoe.com

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
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Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
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CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
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Capsule reviews of new releases

"HANSEL & GRETEL: WITCH HUNTERS" — An R-rated horror action comedy fairytale — how's that for genre bending? "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" is more Gatling guns and grenades than The Brothers Grimm. It takes the kidnapped kiddies into adulthood, where they've parlayed their fame at cooking a witch's goose into a business. Got a witch problem? Call H & G — the extermination experts. High concept pitch or no, the movie doesn't really work. They were shooting for sort of a witch-hunting "Zombieland," an f-bomb-riddled "Van Helsing" packed with comical anachronisms — a Bavarian forest past with witch trials, pump shotguns and primitive tasers, where bottles of milk have woodcut pictures of "missing children" on the labels. Hansel (Jeremy Renner) and Gretel (Gemma Arterton) show up just as the village of Augsburg is about to burn a redhead. "Gingers" were a favorite target of witch hunters. Hansel shrugs this barbaric crime off, but Gretel insists that the locals need "evidence." That puts them in conflict with the sheriff (Peter Stormare), who can't get a handle on their "witch plague" and the missing children who come with it. H & G have been hired to do what he cannot. It isn't long after Hansel mutters "Anyplace we can get a drink in this hell hole?" that the siblings are on the job, chasing lesser witches in pursuit of the Great Witch, played by Famke Janssen as if the makeup is going to do all the acting for her. Writer-director Tommy Wirkola focuses on the fights and flings all manner of viscera at the 3-D camera as limbs are whacked off and heads and torsos explode. Less attention was paid to the story, and the dialogue is a tad over-reliant on the random f-word to land a laugh.

— Roger Moore, McClatchy-Tribune News Service

"PARKER" — This plays like the bloodiest promotional video ever made for Palm Beach tourism. Stabbings, explosions and furniture-smashing brawls occur at some of the ritziest locations within the sun-splashed, pastel-soaked slab of Florida opulence. The city is the setting for a $50 million jewel heist as well as some revenge doled out with the usual machine-like efficiency by Jason Statham. As the title character, the anti-hero of many of the novels by Richard Stark (the pseudonym of the late Donald E. Westlake), Statham is stepping into a well-known persona. But he's not exactly pushing himself outside his comfort zone. Parker is the kind of thief who lives by a civilized, self-imposed code — one he expects others to adhere to, as well. But this is the same character Statham always plays: quietly cool, dryly British, powerfully lethal. Director Taylor Hackford's rather perfunctory action film is actually more compelling before it even gets to Palm Beach, as Parker makes his way from Ohio to Texas to New Orleans before reaching his final destination. After being double-crossed by his partners (including Michael Chiklis and Wendell Pierce) on a daring robbery of the Ohio State Fair, Parker seeks revenge by tailing them to their next job: hitting the auction of some major jewels that belonged to a late society maven. Jennifer Lopez co-stars as the struggling Palm Beach real estate agent who learns too much and wants a piece of the action, but playing weak and girlish isn't exactly her strong suit. R for strong violence, language throughout and brief sexual content/nudity. 118 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters"

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"BROKEN CITY" — Mark Wahlberg is a tainted cop-turned-P.I. and Russell Crowe is the mayor of New York, suspecting his wife (Catherine Zita-Jones) of having an affair, in Allen Hughes' taut, tough, satisyingly noirish thriller about power, politics and corruption. 1 hr. 49 R (violence, profanity, sex, adult themes) 3 stars.

"DJANGO UNCHAINED" — Quentin Tarantino homages Mandingo, spaghetti westerns, blaxploitation, Sam Peckinpah and the Three Stooges, in this all-over-the-place antebellum western. Jamie Foxx gets the title role, a slave promised freedom if he helps a bounty hunter (Christoph Waltz) track down some mugs. With Kerry Washington, Samuel L. Jackson and Leonard DiCaprio as a plantation owner, twirling his mustache with sinister glee. R (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars

"GANGSTER SQUAD" — Sean Penn is crime king Mickey Cohen and Josh Brolin is the square-jawed LAPD detective determined to end his reign in this brawny neo-noir. With Emma Stone as Cohen's moll, Ryan Gosling as a pretty boy cop, and Nick Nolte as the gruff, gravel-voiced police chief. The retro touches are compromised by a contemporary visual style, and Penn's wild performance isn't always as menacing as perhaps the actor intended. 1 hr. 50 R (violence, sex, drugs, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"JACK REACHER" — Tom Cruise stars as the hero of Lee Child's book series about an ex-Army investigator tough guy. In this case, Reacher heads for Pittsburgh to find out who was behind the apparently random murder of five strangers by a sniper. Rosamund Pike, Richard Jenkins and David Oyelowo also star. 2 hrs. 10 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) 1 1/2 stars

"THE LAST STAND" — Arnold Schwarzenegger is an border-town sheriff who has to stop a drug cartel kingpin escaped from the Feds and gunning his ZR1 straight for Mexico. South Korean hitmaker Kim Jee-woon directs, Forest Whitaker is the FBI guy barking orders into the phone. 1 hr. 47 R (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 stars.

"MAMA" — An intensely spooky ghost story, with two deeply traumatized young girls discovered in the woods and taken to live with their uncle and aunt (Jessica Chastain) — a move the wraith-like title character is hardly happy about. 1 hr. 40 PG-13 (intense scares, children in jeopardy, adult themes) 3 stars.

"SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK" — A head-spinning wonder of a movie about love, pain, reinvention, rehabilitation and the totemic power of an NFL franchise, with Bradley Cooper as a guy dealing with bipolar disorder and heartbreak, Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow with her own troubles and woe, and with an amazing supporting cast. From director David O. Russell, based on Matthew Quick's novel. 2 hrs. 02 R (profanity, sex, drugs, violence, adult themes) 4 stars

"ZERO DARK THIRTY" — Kathryn Bigelow's slow-burning and brilliant account of the decade-long Osama bin Laden manhunt, with Jessica Chastain as the CIA officer determined to track the al-Qaeda figure down, no matter what. With Jason Clarke, Kyle Chandler, Jennifer Ehle, Joel Edgerton and Mark Strong. 2 hrs. 37 R (intense violence, profanity, adult themes) 4 stars.

"A HAUNTED HOUSE" — In this spoof of found-footage horror movies, a young couple move into a dream house and encounter a demonic presence that throws their lives into chaos. With Marlon Wayans, Essence Atkins and Cedric the Entertainer. Written by Wayans and Rick Alvarez. Directed by Michel Tiddes. (1:25) R.

"MOVIE 43" A number of stories intersect and overlap in this ensemble comedy. With Kristen Bell, Richard Gere, Terrence Howard, Chloe Grace Moretz, Chris Pratt, Kate Winslet and many more. Multiple writers and directors. (1:37) R.

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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Moving cop drama is best DVD release of week

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"End of Watch" (unrated) Life on the streets of Los Angeles gets a new perspective when a police officer taking a film course uses cameras to document his experiences. Gritty, moving cop drama written and directed by David Ayer, who also wrote "Training Day" and the underrated gang thriller "Harsh Times." What makes Ayer's film so special is his treatment of his two leading men, perfectly played by Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena. The characters are flawed and emotionally scarred by their experiences yet heroes in escalated, scary situations. But the best moments come when the partners are just passing the time with conversation in their squad car. Those poignant moments separate this from being just another action film. A

"Death Race 3: Inferno" (unrated) The series continues as folk hero Frankenstein — a convicted cop killer — needs one more victory in the savage race to win his release from prison. Speaking of just another action film, this one has plenty of cool crashes and stuff blowing up, which is covering some of the worst collective acting in this franchise. Granted, to begin with the actors are not given any quality dialogue, but when scenes of the bad guy consist mostly of his maniacal laughter, things get real old real fast. C

"For a Good Time Call" (unrated) Unlikely friends form an allegiance — and a phone sex business — when their mutual need for money warrants desperation. A less than auspicious first act gives way to one of the most bawdy, raunchy and funny films of the year. A must-see for fans of the "Hangover" series and "Bridesmaids," it is amazing that a film with this subject matter contains no nudity. Oh, there's plenty to justify its theatrical R rating and goodness knows what all else was added for the unrated version but it does it with language and situational comedy. Speaking of the unrated version, kudos — finally! — to Universal for including both versions on the rental version. After years of teasing renters with full menus that allow viewers to click onto bonus features only to reveal a screen advising them to buy the DVD or Blue-ray for the full experience, the distributor has started to include these features. Hmm, maybe it's time to lift my ban on Universal purchases. B+

"The Paperboy" (R) Matthew McConaughey stars as a reporter who returns to his hometown in Florida to investigate a death row case. Overrated drama does have great performances going for it — not to mention several scenes featuring Zac Efron wearing nothing but a pair of tighty whities. But the best swamp-based tale of lurid behavior and moral impunity still belongs to 1981's "Body Heat." B-

"Searching For Sugar Man" (PG-13) Rodriguez, an American singer-songwriter who drifted into obscurity here in the States in the 1990s, became a huge star in South Africa, where his influence and legends of his death finally led someone to seek the truth. The result is this Oscar-nominated best feature documentary that elevates the music to a loftier position that it deserves — sorry, Rodriguez is no Bob Dylan — but that doesn't hamper this fascinating look at his career. A

"30 Nights of Paranormal Activity With the Devil Inside the Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (R) The title pretty much says it all, doesn't it? It's another one of those achingly unfunny spoof films with — if you're lucky — a couple of moments that may coax a slight smile. Mostly this is a movie rife with stupidity and gags that makes the Three Stooges look like high-brow sophistication. In this case, that brief moment of glee comes when the credits start to roll. OK, I will concede that I managed a weak grin at a couple of other moments but was it worth it? Hardly. I only regret my user score at IMDb only allows a low score of 1. Its overall score elevates it to a shocking 2.8 out of 10, with 17 percent of voters — probably the cast and crew — giving it a perfect 10. Really? F

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Stone Sour to play songs off latest album, give audience taste of what's to come

By Alan Sculley

In deciding to do something as ambitious as a concept album split into two CDs, one might think Stone Sour would have felt the weight of needing to fulfill some great expectations with the project.

But vocalist Corey Taylor, who conceived the story and wrote the lyrics for what will be two CDs, "House Of Gold & Bones" Parts 1 and 2, said deciding to do a concept album actually had the opposite effect on the band.

"Even though it was a huge project, honestly it took a lot of pressure off of us," Taylor said in a mid-December phone interview. "We just started to write again. We stopped worrying about popularity and singles that really muddied the water a lot of times creatively. We just started thinking about the project as a whole.

"For lack of a better term, we've been pigeonholed for a long time as just a radio rock band," he said. "That's not what we've been pushing for. Obviously, It's good to have radio, but at the same time we've prided ourselves at being a very aggressive live band for a very long time. I think with this, it allowed us to really express ourselves that way and kind of force the audience into seeing that there's more to this band than meets the eye or meets the ear, so to speak. But honestly there was no real pressure to outdo any of the previous singles. We just wanted to make great music and tell a great story."

As it is, "House Of Gold & Bones Part 1," which was released in October, has had some commercial success. The fourth album by the band, which includes Taylor and guitarist Jim Root (who are also in the hugely popular band Slipknot), guitarist Josh Rand, drummer Roy Mayorga and new bassist Johny Chow, debuted in the top 10 and has produced a single, "Absolute Zero," that has gone top 15 on "Billboard" magazine's Rock Airplay chart.

Taylor said he started to form an idea for this two-album concept project before Stone Sour made its previous CD, 2010's "Audio Secrecy."

The story Taylor has created so far involves three main characters, Allen, Peckinpah and a third character who tells the story in first person, but is not named. The first half of a story included with "House Of Gold & Bones Part 1" fleshes out a tale of danger, confusion and self-discovery that one wouldn't glean from the lyrics alone. It also serves to introduce the central question of the two-part saga: whether as a person one decides to continue to live in his youth — repeating the same mistakes of the past — or does one move forward as an adult, seeking to evolve and become a better person?

Taylor, who has divorced, remarried and cleaned up what once was once a fairly hard-partying lifestyle, has clearly faced some life-defining events, and said he wanted to craft a story and lyrics that told a fantastical story, but also connected to real life.

"It still was very much, like almost like a sci-fi fantasy story, but I wanted it to be something that people could grasp onto and not be so haughty that people couldn't understand it," Taylor said. "I wanted to make sure it was very grounded in real issues and real decisions and real problems. We all have to face that at some point. We all have to kind of stand at the edge of the pool and say which side am I going to jump in? Am I going to jump in the shallow end or am I going to jump in the deep end? And just try to figure it out."

The music on "House Of Gold & Bones Part 1" won't sound foreign to fans of Stone Sour's other three albums. Songs like "Influence Of A Drowsy God," "Gone Sovereign" and "A Rumor Of Skin" offer a familiar mix of hard rock and metal and offer plenty of melody to go with the crunch. A few tunes, such as "RU486" and "Last Of The Real," though, push in a heavier, more aggressive direction. There are also quieter moments. "Tactiturn" opens with an acoustic section, while "The Travelers Pt. 1" is a lushly orchestrated ballad.

Taylor hinted that "House Of Gold & Bones Part 2," while having some metal tinged hard rockers, will be darker, heavier and more elaborate and experimental than "Part 1."

Taylor said Stone Sour will give fans a little preview of "House Of Gold & Bones Part 2" (which is tentatively set for release in April) on its winter co-headlining tour with Papa Roach.

"We're playing a lot of stuff off of 'Part 1,' but we're also going to start to incorporate some songs from 'Part 2' and really give people a taste of what's yet to come and just build the excitement that everybody felt for 'Part 1,' and yeah, just try to make it a really comprehensive show," he said.

ALL THE DETAILS

STONE SOUR, PAPA ROACH WITH OTHERWISE
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, The Horseshoe Box Office and online at www.midlandhorseshoe.com

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Gun and Blade Show provides alternative to football on Super Bowl weekend

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The promoters of the Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show have found that Super Bowl weekend is a good date for a show.

"We close at 4 o'clock on Sunday only because it's Super Bowl," said Kim Sansom, adding the show is usually open until 5 p.m. both days. "A lot of vendors live close enough to get home. And it's worked out well."

The show, which returns to the Horseshoe Saturday and Sunday, features more than 450 tables, with almost 200 vendors.

"We have the Lazer Shot game that will be there," Sansom said. Included in the show are "new, used and collectible firearms, parts, clips, grips, holsters, tactical guns and gear, ammo, reloading supplies and equipment, books, leather, coins, knives of all kinds, hunting and shooting access, military collectibles and gear, ammo cans, stuff for the ladies and kids, purses including CHL purses, optics of all kinds and much more."

Silver Spur Trade Shows, Inc., is owned and operated by Kim and Monty Sansom of the South Plains community of Ralls. Silver Spur has been in business since December of 2005.

"My husband, Monty, and I are life members of the NRA," Samson said. "The NRA and TSRA will be at the show if you need to renew your membership or want to join.

"Another point usually not thought about with our shows is the impact on the economy we make in any given weekend. We have attendees from as far as 250 miles away that come in for this show now."

The shows are geared "for the family," said Sansom. "We have a lot of women who attend our shows. The guys who want to buy something for themselves also buy something for their wives."

The Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show is a "buy, sell and trade show," Sansom said. "You can bring stuff in to trade or to sell. It makes it unique. You're not captured by one store."

ALL THE DETAILS

SILVER SPUR GUN AND BLADE SHOW
When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
Where: Horseshoe
Admission: $5 adults and under 12 are free.
Info: Vendors include T & G Sales, 54 Tactical, West Texas Ordinance, Damron's Guns & Pawn, Sharpshooters from Lubbock.
Web: www.silverspurtradeshows.com

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STOMP

OTHERWISE MONDAY @ THE HORSESHOE

Based in Las Vegas, Nev., Otherwise began with brothers frontman Adrian Patrick and guitarist Ryan Patrick. "Our writing was a lot simplier when we started, but as circumstances forced us to grow up, our music matured with us," Patrick said in a release from Century Media. "Tragedies and loss are part of life, and our music is one of the ways we maintain a positive outlook despite the setbacks."

The band's breakthrough single, "Soldiers," speaks to that idea. "When I started writing the lyrics, I was staring at my bandmates and thinking that they are my brothers in arms," the singer said. "It was going to be our anthem, but by the time I finished I realized it was an anthem for our whole nation. We are all soldiers fighting for something, whether it's to put food on the table, to be heard or just to be happy."

Purchase tickets at Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, The Horseshoe Box Office and online at www.midlandhorseshoe.com. Also on the venue are Stone Sour and Papa Roach. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

LIVEWIRE

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Jan. 31
Micky and the Motorcars @ Rockin Rodeo
Pullman Standard @ Riley's

Friday, Feb. 1
Aaron Einhouse @ Lone Star Bar
Loudfinger @ Detour

Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2
Mister Happy @ The Bar
Tiffany & The Lump @ Your Place

Saturday, Feb. 2
The Blind Pets @ Blue Max
Chad Johnson Band, Cyrus James @ Lone Star Bar
Heather Roberts Band, Seth Savage @ Redneck's

Monday, Feb. 4
Stone Sour, Papa Roach, Otherwise @ The Horseshoe

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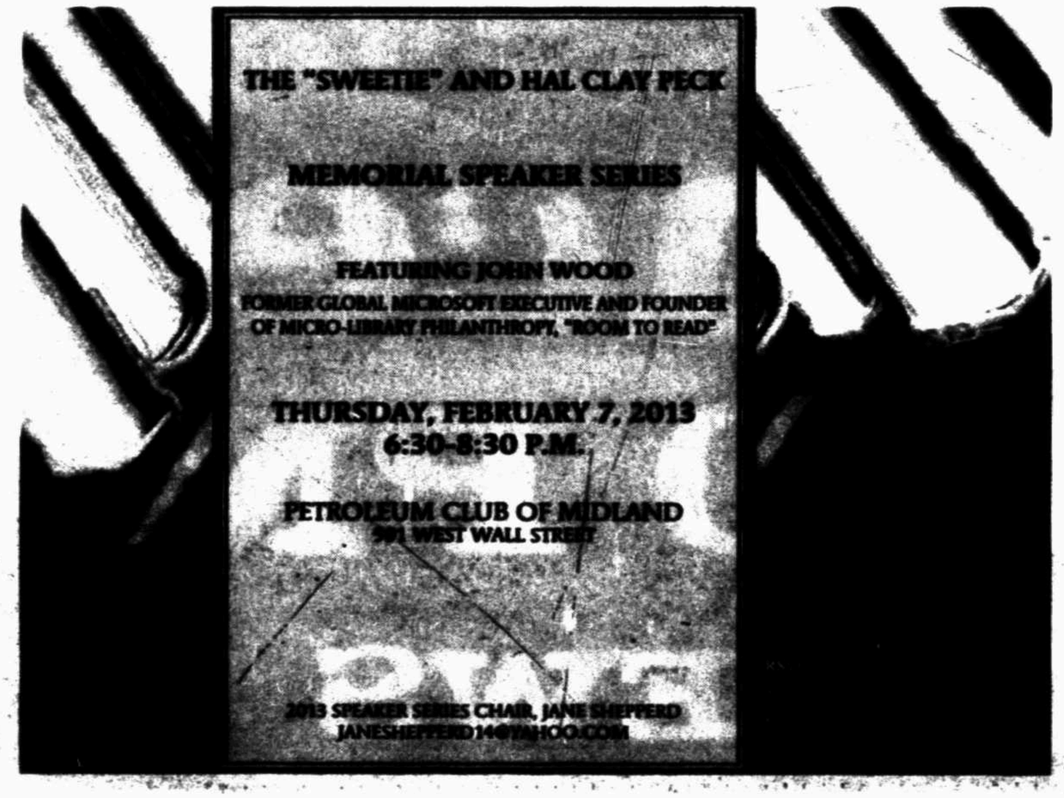

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PICCADILLY CIRCUS
When: Feb. 7
Where: Horseshoe

"SHREK: THE MUSICAL"
When: Feb. 8-March 9
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Opening production of Midland Community Theatre's 2013 season. Call 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org.

"OUT OF BOUNDS" EXHIBITION
When: Feb. 8 through March 29
Where: McCormich Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College main campus
Gallery talk and reception: 6-9 p.m. Feb. 8.
Info: Features works by David Herbold, Hector Hernandez, Jieun Beth Kim and Molly Wicks in collaboration with MC students.

MASTERS OF MOTOWN
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Live on Stage! Permian Basin series

WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
When: Feb. 9 and 10
Where: Horseshoe

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT
When: 2 p.m. Feb. 10
Where: Wagner Noël

TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA
When: 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Where: The Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: $10 per person. Camp Fire is accepting sponsorships and concert tickets will be on sale at the Camp Fire office. Proceeds will go to benefit Camp Fire West Texas Council programs in Midland and Odessa.

"TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA" CONCERT
When: 2 p.m. Feb. 11
Where: Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Midland College campus

THE TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 13
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
Tickets: $25

O'REILLY OUTLAW NATIONALS
When: Feb. 15-16
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: MAP Motorsports

NO REMORSE MMA FIGHT NIGHT
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: $20 advance, $25 at the door, $250 tables (group of 6). Doors open 6 p.m.

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL
When: 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16
Where: ACE Arena, Andrews
Tickets: $25 per person, $40 couple, $150 table of eight. Call 523-2695
Info: Dinner and dance. 60th annual Andrews Chamber of Commerce banquet

OPERA DOWNTOWN
When: 6 p.m. Feb. 17
Where: Midland Center
Tickets: $10-$25. Call 269-0389
Info: Italian dinner and music. Features famous arias, duets, ballet and a children's choir performance.

REO SPEEDWAGON
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

THE MUSICAL "OLIVER"
When: Feb. 21-24
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.
Info: Presented by Trinity School
Tickets: Go on sale Feb. 11 at Trinity School

LOS LONELY BOYS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

THE DIAMONDS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
Tickets: $25

BRIAN REGAN
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 23
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Regan's theater tour has visited more than 80 cities each year since 2005.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT
When: 2:30 and 7 p.m. Feb. 24
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Spamalot tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Broadway series includes Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles, April 14; Blue Man Group, April 30-May 2; and The Addams Family, May 23.
Info: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagner-noel.com.

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT: LONE STAR BRASS
When: 2 p.m. Feb. 24
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

TERRY BARBER
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 25
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single admission $30.
Info: Live on Stage series.

CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 28
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

OPEN CAMPUS NIGHT
When: March 1
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Features Brian Selznick in the Durham Children's Museum, Miniature Books in the Turner Memorial Art Gallery, and storytelling in the Blakemore Planetarium.

THE BALLET "PETER AND THE WOLF"
When: 7:30 p.m. March 1
Where: Midland High School Auditorium.
Guest artists: Jayson Pescasio as Peter

MOSC POPS III: SHOWER THE PEOPLE
When: 8 p.m. March 2
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

AUDITIONS FOR "ROMEO & JULIET"
When: March 4 and 5
Where: Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177 or 432-332-1586
Info: Holding auditions for Disney's "Aladdin" (dual language edition) April 22 and 23.

LONE STAR SANCTUARY FOR ANIMALS
When: 5:30 - 8 p.m. March 7
Where: Petroleum Club of Midland
Contact: Bethany Etheredge, 553-1528

WEST TEXAS GUITAR FESTIVAL
When: March 7-9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Festival concert 7 p.m. March 9. Sponsored by UTPB.

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11th annual Tool Box Bash to be held Saturday

By Audrie Palmer
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The Midland Habitat for Humanity is gearing up for its 11th annual Tool Box Bash this weekend at the CAF Hangar.

The event is the largest fundraiser for the nonprofit organization and will feature dinner, silent auctions and games for children and adults.

Organizers invite those in West Texas to join the staff on a "safari" as they hunt down poverty housing.

"We do this event every year, and it's a good way to get the community involved. It's not just for adults but also a good place for kids to come and learn about Habitat," said event and volunteer coordinator Molly Daniel.

The silent auction is the cornerstone of the event, she added. This year's items include a collection of various local restaurant gift cards, gift baskets from area flower and gift shops, paintings donated by local artists, tickets to a Texas Rangers game, Midland RockHounds season tickets and a shotgun.

Event volunteers will also sell keys for $10 each throughout the night and at the end of the bash, one key will unlock the "magic door" and reward the key owner with a 40-inch television.

In addition to the silent auction and dinner catered by Los Sabelas, Daniel said the event will include carnival-like games for children and families as well as four inflatable jump houses.

All the money raised goes to support the Midland Habitat for Humanity programs.

ALL THE DETAILS

11TH ANNUAL TOOL BOX BASH
Where: Commemorative Air Force, 9600 Wright Dr.
When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday
Tickets: $40 for adults, $15 for children, $100 for a family pack (two adults, two children)
For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Habitat for Humanity office at 686-8877.

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
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.

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois Ave.
689-3901

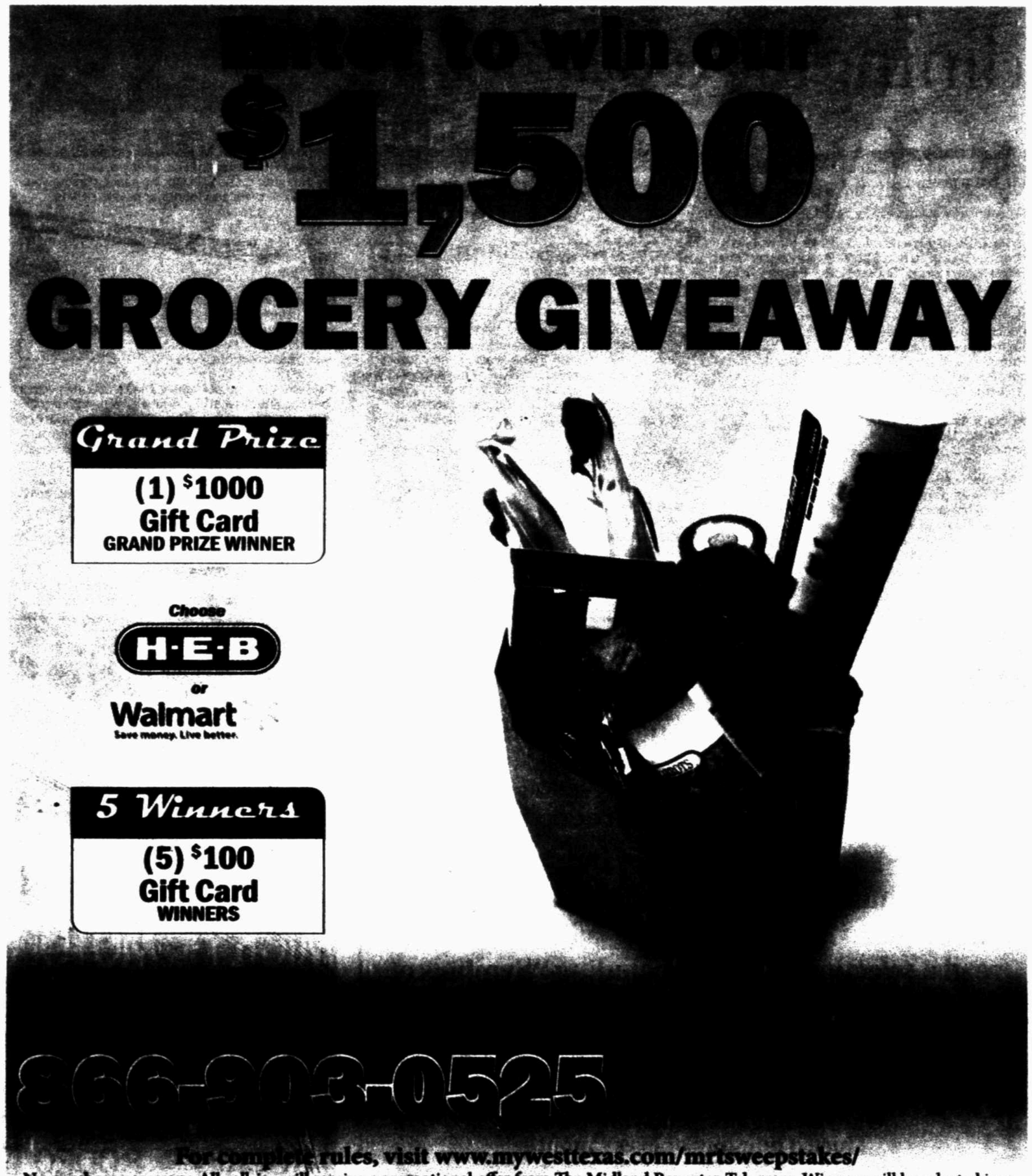
Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday
2 spoons

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

Authentic Italian food with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include items such as fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp proscuitto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. A little piece of Italy that happens to be in Midland.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Saturday
5 spoons

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd. #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Pizzeria Venti serves piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Crust made with extra virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes. Italian pastries such as cannolis, tiramisu and various cakes. Catering available.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons



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Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," "Buffalo Chicken," "BBQ Chicken" and more. Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls;" "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks; hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Save room for a few Peproni Rolls. Lunch and dinner buffets.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring St.
683-6363

Downtown establishment open for more than 51 years. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Romantic atmosphere. Parking is sparse, especially at lunch.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Casual atmosphere for dining in or take out. Signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 -9:30 p.m. Monday – Friday; 4 -9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
3 spoons

Mi Piaci Italian (SD)
2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa
432-362-8060

Located on the corner of University Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, Mi Piaci's offers traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and pizza. Try the garlic bread with dipping sauces before your meal. Kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Garlic Press (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave.
#6 Oak Ridge Square
570-4020
www.thegarlicpress.net

Fine dining, Tuscan atmosphere. Seafood, steaks, crepes, salads and pasta dishes beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:30 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:30 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials for $5.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta and angel hair with artichokes.
Price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-

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11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings. Variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, rib-eye, baby rack of lamb and quail. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as veal marsala, veal piccata and green peppercorn veal. Reservations recommended.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., 5-10:15 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 5-10:15 p.m. Monday; 5 - 10:30 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. Entrees include pollo piccata, farfalle con pollo, gnocchi bolongnese, lasagna, veal and fish of the day and variety of pizzas. Desserts include different types of cake and cheesecake. Live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:15 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Torino's (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff #110
Facebook @ Torinos Pizzabar
218-6943

Go to Torino's to watch your favorite game. Flat-screen TVs arranged on the walls in the various dining areas offer direct TV. Pizza is made to order and is offered in quarter, half or whole sizes. Favorites include supreme, meat lovers, pepperoni, Italian sausage or cheese. Wings, cheese sticks, fried mushrooms, nachos, stuffed jalapenos and fries are perfect for game-time snacks. Menu also includes salads.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily
4 spoons

Steak/Seafood

Wall Street Bar & Grill (SD)
115 East Wall St.
684-8686

Some of the finest dining in town, especially for steaks and seafood. Appetizers, steaks including N.Y. strip, filet mignon, ribeye, beef kebab and chicken fried steak. Tempting seafood dishes including charbroiled shrimp, pecan crusted trout, seafood relleno and catfish. Chicken dishes and a delicious house salad and fresh bread. Kid's menu available. Brunch on Sunday morning. Save room for the Gold Brick dessert. Reservations for groups over six taken.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-10 p.m. Monday - Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m. Sunday
5 spoons

Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

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www.Ranchlandhills.com

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