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Texas is embroiled in disputes over water

State is in conflict with New Mexico, Oklahoma and Mexico over access

By Audrey White
Texas Tribune

As Texas' drought wears into its third year, water fights are accelerating within the state as farmers, cities and industry compete for limited supplies from dwindling reservoirs. But many of these seem like small-scale skirmishes compared with the complex and high-stakes battles along Texas' borders that stem from pacts signed decades ago

Texas is locked in a legal conflict over water with New Mexico, and a North Texas county is suing to get access to a vast amount of water — more than 460 million acre-feet, equivalent to a year's supply for several Austin-size cities — from Oklahoma. Mexico is also delivering water from the Rio Grande to Texas at a slower than usual rate.

Along the Texas-New Mexico border, the rhetoric is particularly heated. Last week, Texas filed a lawsuit with the U.S. Supreme Court that accused New Mexico of failing to deliver water from a reservoir along the Rio Grande known as Elephant Butte. New Mexico's attorney general, Gary King, called the move "tantamount to extortion" and harmful to New Mexico's farming interests. Texas counters that in accordance with a 1938 Rio Grande Compact, the water should be going to Texas farmers rather than being held in New Mexico.

In another case, which the U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear, Tarrant County, which includes Fort Worth, wants Oklahoma to sell water from Red River reservoirs to the county. But Oklahoma has refused to sell water to the county, and Tarrant County sued. The case, which stems from a dispute over a 1980 Red River compact, began in 2007, and Tarrant County has lost in lower courts. The U.S. solicitor general had recommended the high court hear the case, which could have broader implications for other multistate water pacts around the country.

Battles over border water increase in times of drought, and so do the number of lawsuits and proposed laws that affect water use, preservation and distribution, according to Martin Rochelle, a water attorney in Austin. And with a drought that

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MIDLAND SPCA

Yoshina Woods, new director of Midland SPCA, poses with her dog, Jase.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

New director brings new ideas to shelter

By Meredith Moriak
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As Midland SPCA's new shelter director, Yoshina Woods hopes to find every dog and cat at her facility the right adoptive family.

"We're well beyond our capacity right now with the number of animals we're housing, and we're hoping to increase the number of adoptions this year," said Woods, who began working as the shelter's manager Nov. 26.

The shelter currently houses 33 dogs and 34 cats, though it's only equipped for about 25 dogs and up to 30 cats, said Woods, who moved to Midland from Houston after working two years with horses and farm animals at the Houston SPCA.

She holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Stephen F. Austin University and has completed some graduate-level work in animal science at the University of Houston.

"My understanding is that before I came, adoptions were few and far between, which kind of makes sense because we're tucked away back here, and it's hard to find," Woods said of the facility that is in the county.

To alleviate some of the overcrowding at the shelter and make space for more animals, Woods said she hopes to hold adoption fairs

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Greg Abbott visits with Republican Women

■ Attorney general: 'We have some lawsuits locked and loaded' for Obama.

By Joseph Basco
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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott covered a range of topics, including Midland's conservative "clutches" and suing President Barack Obama, during a visit Wednesday with Midland County Republican Women.

"It is great to be out of the peoples' republic of Austin — back into the conservative clutches of Midland County," Abbott told a packed ballroom at the Petroleum Club.

Abbott

Abbott appeared on the same day that Obama announced his gun violence reduction proposals, which include 23 executive orders, such as banning military-style assault weapons and improving mental health services.

"One of the greatest threats I've seen in this nation — in a long time — is the abuse of executive orders by this president," Abbott said. "We have some lawsuits locked and loaded, ready to go to town on this president."

Abbott wasn't able to respond to particulars of Obama's proposals because he hadn't reviewed them by the time of the luncheon.

But he said he is prepared to take legal action if Obama's executive orders violate the Second Amendment or if the president has exceeded his executive authority.

"It's inappropriate for politicians to overreact and take actions that are both counterproductive and unconstitutional," Abbott said.

Rhonda Lacy, MCRW president, said Obama plays on the hearts of people, and that the executive orders for gun violence reduction is more about politics for him instead of what needs to be done.

"It's much more of a mental health

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President Obama pledges to fight for ambitious gun proposals

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — With children at his side, President Obama on Wednesday invoked the nation's "responsibility to care for them and shield them from harm" as he outlined an ambitious set of proposals to rein in guns and gun violence.

"This is our first task as a society, keeping our children safe, this is how we will be judged."

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" Obama said as four children who had written letters about gun violence sat nearby on a White House stage. "Their voices should compel us to change."

Obama spoke 33 days after the mass shooting that took the lives of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. "We honor their memories in part by doing everything we can to prevent this from happening again," Obama said.

After his remarks, the president high-fived the four children as he signed 23 gun-related executive orders. They addressed topics as diverse as nominating acting Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director B. Todd Jones to lead the embattled agency permanently, and directing the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to resume research on gun violence that had been derailed by the National Rifle Association.

Obama declared: "I will put everything I've got into this, and so will Joe (Biden). But I tell you, the only way we can change is if the American people demand it."

Signing the executive orders may have been the easy part. The president and Democrats on Capitol Hill favoring gun control face a much harder road in winning congressional approval for the other elements of Obama's plan. They include:

■ Expanding gun-purchaser background checks to include virtually all private transactions, many of which take place at gun shows. There would be some exceptions, including gifts between family members. Under current law, only purchases from federally licensed firearms dealers

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The big number
On Tuesday, Midland used **11.3 million gallons** of water. More about the city's water usage on 4A.

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Large study confirms flu vaccine safe in pregnancy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A large study offers reassuring news for pregnant women: It's safe to get a flu shot.

The research found no evidence that the vaccine increases the risk of losing a fetus, and may prevent some deaths. Getting the flu while pregnant makes fetal death more likely, the Norwegian research showed.

The flu vaccine has long been considered safe for pregnant women and their fetus. U.S. health officials began recommending flu shots for them more than five decades ago, following a higher death rate in pregnant women during a flu pandemic in the late 1950s.

But the study is perhaps the largest look at the safety and value of flu vaccination during pregnancy, experts say.

"This is the kind of information we need to provide our patients when discussing that flu vaccine is important for everyone, particularly for pregnant women," said Dr. Geeta Swamy, a researcher who studies vaccines and pregnant women at Duke University Medical Center.

The study was released by the New England Journal of Medicine on Wednesday as the United States and Europe suffer through an early and intense flu season. A U.S. obstetricians group this week reminded members that it's not too late for their pregnant patients to get vaccinated.

The new study was led by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. It tracked pregnancies in Norway in 2009 and 2010 during an international epidemic of a new swine flu strain.

Before 2009, pregnant women in Norway were not routinely advised to get flu shots. But during the pandemic, vaccinations against the new strain were recommended for those in their second or third trimester.

The study focused on more than 113,000 pregnancies. Of those, 492 ended in the death of the fetus. The researchers calculated that the risk of fetal death was nearly twice as high for women who weren't vaccinated as it was in vaccinated mothers.

U.S. flu vaccination rates for pregnant women grew in the wake of the 2009 swine flu pandemic, from less than 15 percent to about 50 percent. But health officials say those rates need to be higher to protect newborns as well. Infants can't be vaccinated until 6 months, but studies have shown they pick up some protection if their mothers got the annual shot, experts say.

Because some drugs and vaccines can be harmful to a fetus, there is a long-standing concern about giving any medicine to a pregnant woman, experts acknowledged. But this study should ease any worries about the flu shot, said Dr. Denise Jamieson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

FBI: Dozens arrested in US trash-hauling case

Federal authorities have charged 32 people, including a dozen alleged mobsters and associates, with using threats of violence and shakedowns to control garbage pickup routes in New York City's suburbs.

FBI agents arrested 30 of the defendants on Wednesday on racketeering conspiracy, extortion and other counts during morning raids around the city and its northern suburbs, as well as in New Jersey. Two more were expected to surrender later in the day.

An indictment identifies 12 of the defendants as either official members or associates of the Genovese, Gambino and Luchese organized crime families. The crime families have a long tradition of infiltrating and extorting trash collection companies at a cost partly borne by paying customers.

"In addition to the violence that often accompanies their schemes, the economic impact amounts to a mob tax on goods and services," George C. Venizelos, head of New York's FBI office, said in a statement.

Court papers allege the extortion ring controlled several trash hauling companies in Westchester, Rockland and Nassau counties in New York, and in Bergen and Passaic counties in New Jersey. The men extorted protection money from the companies and told them which routes they could use, the papers say.

VIRGINIA

Man who killed 2 fellow inmates executed in Va.

JARRATT — A man who strangled his prison cellmate and made good on a vow to continue killing if he wasn't executed was put to death Wednesday in Virginia's electric chair.

Robert Gleason Jr., 42, was pronounced dead at 9:08 p.m. at Greensville Correctional Center. He became the first inmate executed in the U.S. this year and the first to choose death by electrocution since 2010.

In Virginia and nine other states, death row inmates are allowed to choose between electrocution and lethal injection.

Before being lowered into the chair, Gleason winked into the witness booth. Then he sat calmly while six members of the execution team strapped him in.

He alluded to a movie about execution called "The Green Mile" before ending with an Irish expletive and concluding: "God bless."

Gleason was serving life in prison for the 2007 fatal shooting of a man when he became frustrated with prison officials because they wouldn't move out his new, mentally disturbed cellmate.

ABBOTT

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issue, and I think it's greatly about the violent video gaming that is going on," Lacy said. "I taught for 30 years before doing all this. I saw how it changed children."

Other Texas politicians, such as Gov. Rick Perry, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, shared similar opinions on the issue, citing the Second Amendment as a right for citizens.

"The first priority must be to enforce the laws already on the books, something (the Obama administration) has a poor track record of doing," said Drew Brandewie, spokesman for Cornyn.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, said he does not see how the proposals will reduce gun violence, but thinks the mental health elements are relevant. He said the proposals are meant to fill the "void" of mental health services, but he does not think that is the case at all.

"What else could have prevented Newtown?," Selinger said.

Another issue Abbott discussed was a lawsuit he filed last year against U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder regarding Texas' voter ID law. He said Holder is preventing the state from enforcing it.

"We've had dead people casting votes, live people voting twice, foreign nationals registered to vote in the state of Texas illegally," Abbott said. "I prosecuted voter fraud across the entire state."

Texas Senate Bill 14 would have required people to present an ID before voting. A federal panel blocked the law, citing its unfair burden to Latinos, racial minorities and the poor, according to a Houston Chronicle report.

Lacy said this topic was one of the most important ideas Abbott brought to the table Wednesday.

"That's one of the things Obama has stopped us on," Lacy said. "Of course, out here, I think we're redistricted just fine."

Lacy's mother, Juandelle Lacy Roberts, asked Abbott about redistricting, saying the issue "fouled up" Republicans this year.

Abbott said he predicts the U.S. Supreme Court will decide in June to strike down Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act because of a lawsuit filed by Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange regarding "preapproval" for changing voting systems.

He said the court's rejection will free Texas from the limitations imposed by Section 5 and give the state greater sovereignty to develop its own election system laws.

"That in turn will mean that Texas should win on its redistricting case and its voter ID case," Abbott said.

Abbott deflected a question about whether he plans to run for governor. He said 2014 is far away, and there are many issues to worry about, including legal matters against the Obama administration and the legislative session.

"We'll let politics take care of itself while we work our way through representing our Texans," Abbott said.

Roberts said there is a possibility he could run for the office.

"He'll test the waters," she said. "A lot of it will depend on what Rick Perry's gonna do. I think if Perry sends his balloons up and they don't come down good, I think Greg Abbott is positioning himself to be there."

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once she has completed files on all of the animals.

"The people in management before me were let go, and I've been trying to figure things out as I've gone along," Woods said. "We didn't have complete inventories or files on any of the animals and have been working to update their medical records and shot histories."

Hiring Woods as the shelter director has been a positive move for the Midland SPCA, said Jeanette Probandt, board president.

"Our objective is to find all the animals we can good homes with responsible pet owners," Probandt said. "Just because you adopt doesn't mean you're going to take care of it. We encourage people to spend time thinking about the animal's care before they adopt."

Woods said the SPCA's staff members — all of whom are relatively new — truly understand working in a team environment.

"They're a great help to me and the animals. They're willing to do anything that needs to be done," Woods said.

Though the Midland SPCA houses many animals, Woods said they still don't have the space to take in all the city's strays.

"Unfortunately, with the population growth, we get lots of calls, and we just don't have the space to take them in," she said.

When the SPCA can't accept someone's animal, Woods said they will post pet photos on its Facebook page, hoping the photo will be shared and someone will ultimately decide to adopt. It's worked on multiple occasions, she said.

"Social media has become instrumental in helping get animals in a home," Woods said.

As a no-kill shelter, Woods said the Midland SPCA does not euthanize dogs unless they are extremely sick and beyond the help a veterinarian could provide.

Immigrant groups welcome study on licenses

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Immigrant advocates are welcoming a California study that found unlicensed drivers are the most hazardous motorists on the road, saying it supports their longstanding argument that denying driver's licenses for illegal immigrants has put everyone at risk.

Drivers without a valid license are nearly three times more likely to cause a deadly crash, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles report.

The study reviewed drivers with revoked or suspended licenses along with unlicensed drivers who were found to have the worst driving record.

Advocates say immigrant drivers could benefit from training and testing required to get a license. Opponents, however, say a driver's license would jeopardize national security by giving illegal immigrants an official ID from the government.

The study came as the debate over driver's licenses for illegal immigrants has been heating up. Illinois is expected to join New Mexico and Washington by becoming the third state in the U.S. to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill last year offering driver's licenses to young immigrants who qualify for two-year federal work permits.

Immigrant advocates say the California DMV findings show the issue should not get lost in the political discussion regarding immigration. Licensed drivers provide a guarantee they have learned the rules of the roads in California and have been tested on them, said Pedro Rios, director of the San Diego office of the American Friends Service Committee.

"It makes sense that it would translate to fewer accidents leading to fatalities, and ultimately I think that's what everyone would want," Rios said. "It certainly would increase the number of drivers who would be insured and increase the ability for people to file claims when that's necessary.

"It's ultimately a public safety issue," he added.

The actual number of unlicensed drivers in California is unknown because they do not come to the attention of the DMV until they are involved in a crash or convicted of a traffic violation, according to the study, which was officially announced by the DMV on Dec. 20.

While little is known about them, the study says it is likely the percentage of illegal immigrants in this group increased after California passed a 1994 law requiring applicants to show a valid Social Security number and documents proving they are in the country legally.

The Los Angeles Times on Wednesday was the first to report that immigrant groups pushing to change the 1994 law believe the study supports their efforts.

It's the DMV's first significant analysis of unlicensed drivers in 15 years.

The study used crash data over a 23-year period and looked at two-vehicle fatal crashes in which only one driver was at fault.

Supporters of the 1994 law said it is contradictory to reward illegal immigrants with a government document such as a driver's license.

WATER

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some experts predict could last until 2020, cross-border water relations will remain complex.

"Most of the important water laws have been passed during periods of drought, when people are focused on it," said Glenn Jarvis, a McAllen attorney who works on water issues. "With the drought we're in now, people are more likely going to be more focused on it and be inclined to do something about it either legally or in the courts."

Back on the Rio Grande, Mexico is again behind on deliveries of water to Texas under a 1944 treaty that requires Mexico to deliver over the course of five years an average of 350,000 acre-feet of water to Texas per year.

More than two years into the current five-year cycle, Mexico is almost 350,000 acre-feet behind schedule. (For comparison, the city of Austin used about 107,000 acre-feet in 2011.)

"Texas is aware of that. Mexico is aware of that, and we've been sitting down and talking about ways we can better understand the status of the basin," said Sally Spener, a foreign affairs officer for the International Boundary and Water Commission, which oversees water agreements between the U.S. and Mexico.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, Mexico was behind schedule on water deliveries at the end of the five-year cycle and eventually made it up, Jarvis, the McAllen attorney, said it is too early in the cycle to tell what will happen.

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Midland County Courthouse Auxiliary Courtroom
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Midland Crime Prevention Commission
7 p.m. today
Third floor classroom Police Department
601 N. Loraine

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday.

This month's featured book is "Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ HospiceMidland is planning classes that deal with end-of-life issues.

Finishing Well is set for 1:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Jan. 28 and continuing through April 1 at Rays of Hope Grief Centre. Topics of the free classes include health and medical, spiritual and emotional, legal and financial and hospice care. To register, call Sandy Leiker at 682-2855 or 686-6101.

■ Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Jan. 24. The speaker is underwater photographer Bill Bynum.

Those attending may bring lunch. Drinks and cookies will be served.

For more information, call 683-4403.

■ A dodgeball tournament is planned for March 2 at the Midland Indoor Soccer Center for the benefit of National MS Society.

For more information, contact Mark Solari at dbldare@suddenlink.net or visit www.eteamz.com/double-darechallenge.

Grocery contest

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New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **Tall City 14:**
Closing today: "Monsters Inc.," "Argo" and "Les Miserables"
Opening Friday: "Silver Linings," "Last Stand," "Mama" and "Broken City"

■ **Big Sky Drive-in:**
Closing today: "Parental Guidance" and "Jack Reacher"
Opening today: "Last Stand" and "Mama"

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

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; third Thursday; 520-3512.

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

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: 11,348,000 gallons
Jan. 8 total: 9,917,000 gallons

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Daily 4 night: 9-8-8-1
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Powerball: 9-21-28-32-51 PB: 35
Lotto Texas: 13-14-17-20-42-53
All or Nothing (morning): 1-2-3-6-9-10-11-13-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing (day): 1-4-6-7-9-15-17-18-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-4-6-8-9-11-12-13-20-23-24
All or Nothing (night): 1-3-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-13-23-24

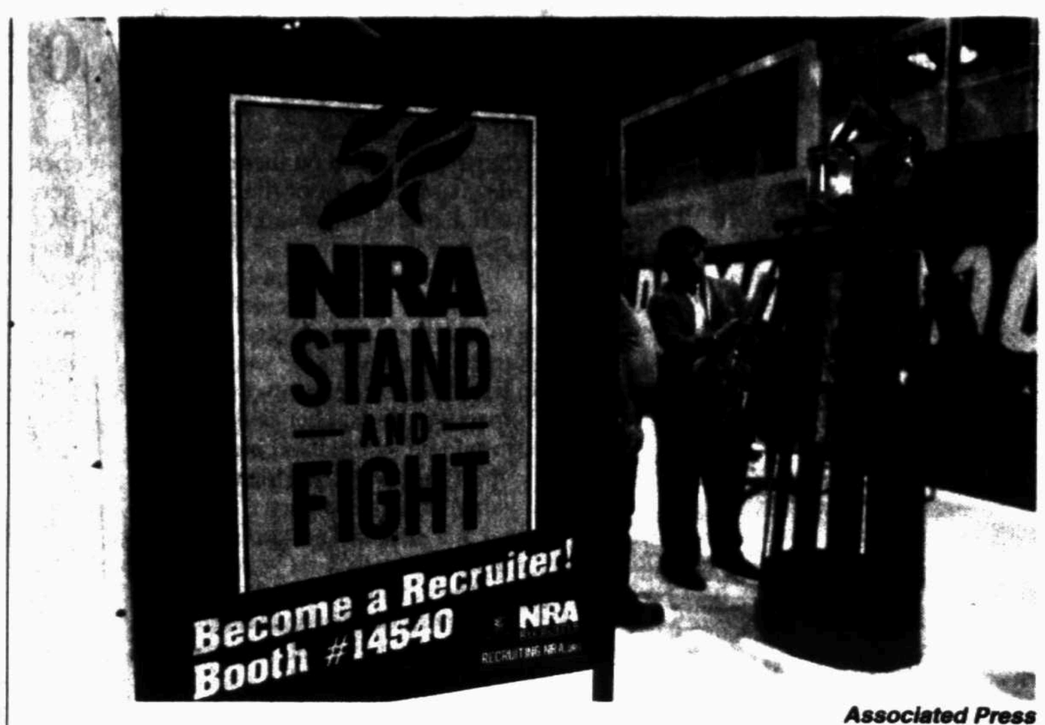
Today in history

Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2013. There are 348 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.



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A Diamondback Firearms representative, rear right, explains features of one of their rifles on display at the 35th annual SHOT Show on Wednesday in Las Vegas.

Texas Republicans express dim views of gun plan

By Stewart M. Powell and Joanna Raines
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON _ Veteran U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, embraced an "obligation to try" while freshman U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Friendswood, decried an "anti-gun sneak attack" in response to President Obama's unprecedented proposals to combat gun violence 33 days after a haunting elementary school massacre in Connecticut.

The lawmakers' conflicting reactions on Wednesday reflected perennial divisions on gun control measures within the GOP-dominated, 38-member Texas congressional delegation that often sees Democrats willing to weigh changes in the wake of tragedies and Republicans rallying to stymie potential federal threats to gun rights.

Obama called for universal criminal background checks for gun buyers, a ban on ammunition clips with more than 10 rounds and restoration of the expired, 10-year ban on assault-style semi-automatic weapons such as the Bushmaster rifle that Adam Lanza used on Dec. 14 to kill 20 students and six staff at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after killing his mother and before taking his own life.

Texas Democrats said they would study and potentially pass Obama's legislative proposals even though many of the measures initially stand little chance of gaining support in the GOP-controlled House.

"This Congress must rise above partisan politics and now come together to pass these important gun safety laws," urged Jackson Lee, a former member of the Houston City Council elected to Congress from a downtown district in 1994. "The politics of outside groups like the NRA (National Rifle Association) should not play a factor when we consider the safety of our citizens."

Rep. Pete Gallego, D-San Antonio, a former prosecutor and state lawmaker, said he would solicit "input" from law enforcement agencies and others across his far flung congressional district that stretches from San Antonio to the outskirts of El Paso.

"I'm confident that Congress can both comply with the Second Amendment (protecting gun rights) and protect our families," Gallego said.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, whose district stretches to San Antonio, said "protecting gun ownership is not inconsistent with protecting our children from weapons of war in the hands of the deranged."

Republicans faulted Obama for both what he proposed and how he planned to enact some of the changes — particularly emergency implementation of 23 executive orders. None of the measures would not have prevented the nightmare in Newtown, Conn., GOP critics said.

Obama was trying to "exploit the tragic murder of children as an excuse to push his own extreme anti-gun agenda" that would "restrict the constitutional rights of every American," said freshman Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Houston, who served as Texas' solicitor general.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-San Antonio, the second ranking member of the Senate GOP leadership, did not immediately comment on Obama's actions and proposals. The second-term senator who faces re-election in 2014 "will continue to defend the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Texans," Cornyn spokesman Drew Brandewie said. "The first priority must be to enforce the laws already on the books, something this administration has a poor track record of doing."

Stockman, claiming that Obama's executive orders "infringe upon the God-given right to keep and bear arms," vowed "peaceable legislative force" to reverse Obama's "anti-gun sneak attack" with impeachment to be considered if that failed.

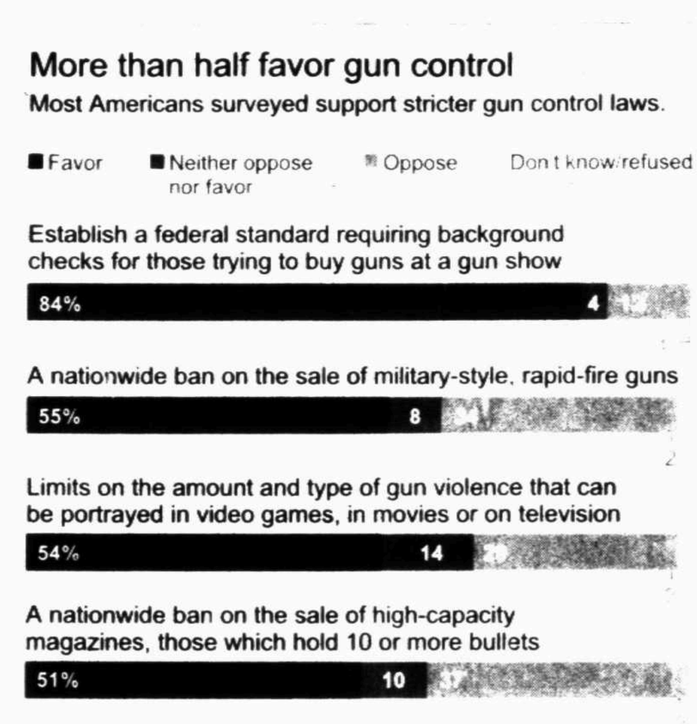
U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, a former chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said Obama ought to "focus on the underlying causes of these acts including addressing mental illness and violence in the media."

"I do not believe that limiting the rights of law abiding citizens will prevent future acts of violence," said Smith, who now heads the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

The lawmakers' comments underscored that Texas enjoys a rich, pro-gun culture dating back to its earliest days as an independent nation and subsequently a sparsely populated expanse on the western frontier of the United States.

Members of the state's Senate and House delegation have long-standing ties with the NRA, including both Republicans and Democrats.

Rick Perry: "The piling on by the political left, and their cohorts in the media, to use the massacre of little children to advance a pre-existing political agenda that would not have saved those children, disgusts me, personally," Perry said in a statement. "The Second Amendment to the Constitution is a basic right of free people and cannot be nor will it be abridged by the executive power of this or any other president."



GUNS

From 1A

— estimated at 60 percent of total sales — require a background check.

The president "was exactly right when he said 'weapons designed for the theater of war have no place' in our society," said Feinstein, who will reintroduce the assault weapons ban in the Senate Jan. 24. "I couldn't agree more. These weapons have one purpose: to kill the most people in the shortest amount of time possible."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who sponsored expanded background checks in the previous session of Congress, said the measure could garner support beyond gun control advocates in Congress.

"If you look at the combination of likelihood of passage and effectiveness of curbing gun crime, universal background checks is at the sweet spot," Schumer said. "We're glad the president put such emphasis on it, and we look forward to working with him."

The White House gun-control rollout was barely over before the NRA and congressional Republicans from pro-gun states such as Texas began weighing in.

"We look forward to working with Congress on a bipartisan basis to find real solutions to protecting America's most valuable asset — our children," the NRA said in a statement. "Attacking firearms and ignoring children is not a solution to the crisis we face as a nation.

Only honest, law-abiding gun owners will be affected and our children will remain vulnerable to the inevitability of more tragedy."

Obama appeared to recognize the intense opposition his proposals would engender on Capitol Hill and called on citizens in pro-gun states to express their support.

Obama's plan for curbing gun violence

Proposals for curbing gun violence announced Wednesday by President Barack Obama:

Needs congressional action:

■ Requiring background checks on all gun sales. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence says 40 percent of gun sales are conducted with no criminal background check, such as at gun shows and by private sellers over the Internet or through classified ads. Obama said there should be exceptions for cases like certain transfers among family members and temporary transfers for hunting purposes.

■ Reinstating the assault weapons ban. A 10-year ban on high-grade, military-style weapons expired in 2004. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., says such a ban might clear the Senate but doubts it could get through the House.

■ Renewing a 10-round limit on the size of ammunition magazines.

■ Prohibiting the possession, transfer, manufacture and import of dangerous armor-piercing bullets.

■ Senate confirmation of a director for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The agency has been run by an acting director, Todd Jones, whom Obama will nominate to become director.

■ New gun trafficking laws penalizing people who help criminals get guns.

Executive order:

■ Address legal barriers in health laws that bar some states from making available information about people who are prohibited from having guns.

■ Improve incentives for states to share information with the background check system.

■ Make sure that federal agencies share relevant information with the background check system.

■ Direct the attorney general to work with other agencies to review existing laws to make sure they can identify individuals who shouldn't have access to guns.

■ Direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other research agencies to conduct research into the causes and prevention of gun violence.

■ Clarify that no federal law prohibits doctors or other health care providers from contacting authorities when patients threaten to use violence.

■ Give local communities the opportunity to hire up to 1,000 school resource officers and counselors.

■ Require federal law enforcement to trace all recovered guns.

■ Propose regulations that will enable law enforcement to run complete background checks before returning firearms that have been seized.

■ Direct the Justice Department to analyze information on lost and stolen guns and make that information available to law enforcement.

■ Provide training for state and local law enforcement, first responders and school officials on how to handle active-shooter situations.

■ Make sure every school has a comprehensive emergency management plan.

■ Help ensure that young people get needed mental health treatment.

■ Ensure that health insurance plans cover mental health benefits.

■ Encourage development of new technology to make it easier for gun owners to safely use and store their guns.

■ Have the Consumer Product Safety Commission assess the need for new safety standards for gun locks and gun safes.

■ Launch a national campaign about responsible gun ownership.

Associated Press

Your view

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Do you agree with the governor's statements?

Yes, Obama has gone too far.
Frank L Savage

Texas is safe because of Perry.
Dylan Henry

Like him or not, respect the office. He makes an interesting point . . . . "There is evil prowling in the world — it shows up in our movies, video games and online fascinations, and finds its way into vulnerable hearts and minds."
Grace Bustamante Tijerina

I'm still trying to figure out why Obama wants to take our guns away because of so many senseless murders, but he SUPPORTS thousands of babies being murdered every single day!!!!! Every day people! There is something way wrong with this picture!!!!!!
Aimee Witten Miller

Never been much of a Perry fan...but I stand behind him on this! I do think we need to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill...but Do Not Ban them from law bidding citizens! I agree that our children are raised in more violent times than ever and parents use video games as babysitters not monitoring what they are exposed to! Im amazed at how many kids today are not raised by parents at home ...where there is a void it will be filled! And more than likely with evil! Yes. Last time a MA Duce was used in a crime...ummmm.... never.
Heather Hafley Abney

Obama calls for research on media in gun violence

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hollywood and the video game industry received scant attention Wednesday when President Barack Obama unveiled sweeping proposals for curbing gun violence in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., school shooting.

The White House pressed most forcefully for a reluctant Congress to pass universal background checks and bans on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines like the ones used in the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre.

No connection was suggested between bloody entertainment fictions and real-life violence. Instead, the White House is calling on research on the effect of media and video games on gun violence.

The order specifically cited "investigating the relationship between video games, media images and violence."

The measure meant that media would not be exempt from conversations about violence, but it also suggested the White House would not make Hollywood, television networks and video game makers a central part of the discussion. It's a relative footnote in the White House's broad, multi-point plan, and Obama did not mention violence in entertainment in his remarks Wednesday.

The White House plan did mention media, but suggested that any effort would be related to ratings systems or technology: "The entertainment and video game industries have a responsibility to give parents tools and choices about the movies and programs their children watch and the games their children play."

The administration is calling on Congress to provide $10 million for the CDC research. The CDC has been barred by Congress to use funds to "advocate or promote gun control," but the White House order claims that "research on gun violence is not advocacy" and that providing information to Americans on the issue is "critical public health research."

NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LAS VEGAS

Space station to get $18 million balloon-like room

NASA is partnering with a commercial space company in a bid to replace the cumbersome "metal cans" that now serve as astronauts' homes in space with inflatable bounce-house-like habitats that can be deployed on the cheap.

A $17.8 million test project will send to the International Space Station an inflatable room that can be compressed into a 7-foot tube for delivery, officials said Wednesday in a news conference at North Las Vegas-based Bigelow Aerospace.

If the module proves durable during two years at the space station, it could open the door to habitats on the moon and missions to Mars, NASA engineer Glen Miller said. The agency chose Bigelow for the contract because it was the only company working on inflatable technology, said NASA Deputy Administrator Lori Garver.

NASA is expected to install the 13-foot, blimp-like module in a space station port by 2015. Bigelow plans to begin selling stand-alone space homes the next year.

Army's largest solar array dedicated in NM

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Army dedicated its largest solar energy-producing system on Wednesday at White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico.

The $16.8 million array includes nearly 15,500 sun-tracking solar panels spread across 42 acres. It will be capable of producing 10 million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year — enough to meet about 10 percent of the need of the missile range.

With abundant sunshine, New Mexico made an ideal site for the project, said Garrison Commander Col. Leo Pullar, one of the officials who attended the ceremony.

"This project illustrates the U.S. Army's commitment to going green, our focus on operating on net zero energy, and doing what we can to help protect the environment," Pullar said in a statement.

Other electricity generating stations fueled by renewable resources have been developed on a handful of Army installations around the country. The projects included solar and wind systems at Arizona's Fort Huachuca and biomass systems at Fort Stewart in Georgia and the Red River Army Depot in Texas.

Federal law currently requires at least 7.5 percent of an installation's total electricity consumption to include energy produced by renewable resources. The Defense Department has set a voluntary goal of 25 percent by 2025.

The Army has been focusing on purchasing electricity generated from solar, wind, geothermal and biomass sources to meet the benchmarks. In August, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued requests for proposals for purchasing $7 billion of electricity over 30 years from renewable energy plants built and operated by contractors using private financing.

At White Sands, Siemens Industry Inc. will be operating the new solar array and selling the electricity to the missile range.

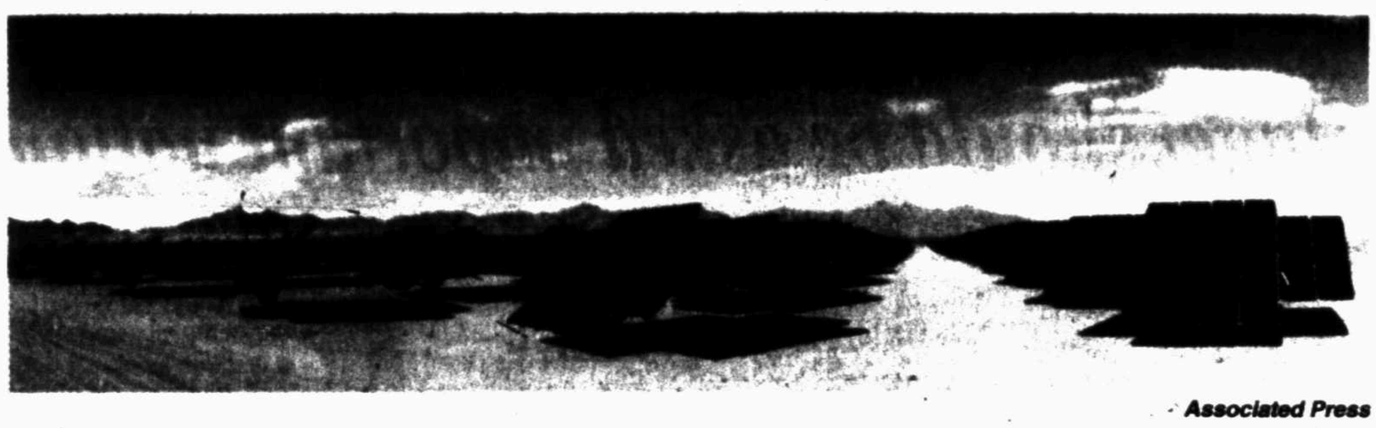
Officials said the Army will own the renewable energy credits associated with the solar plant and will use them toward meeting federal renewable energy mandates.

Construction of the 4.1 megawatt array took about eight months. Work was completed in December, and officials expect the system to save White Sands more than $930,000 a year.

California-based technology company Solaria Corp. designed the array's trackers.

"The productivity is amazing," Solaria CEO Dan Shugar said in an interview. "You get about 30 percent more energy than you do out of a stationary array."

Shugar said the Defense Department, which is by far the federal government's largest energy consumer, is interested in renewable energy for cutting operating costs and enhancing security.



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This undated photo from the U.S. Army shows the Army's solar array at White Sands, N.M. Officials with the U.S. Army gathered Wednesday at White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico to dedicate the largest of the military branch's solar photovoltaic systems.

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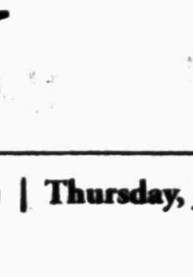
Hagel should be asked important national security questions

■ Hearings could renew interest in national security policy.



GEORGE WILL

Washington Post Writers Group

Senate hearings on the nomination of Chuck Hagel to be defense secretary will be a distinctive Washington entertainment, a donnybrook without drama. He should be confirmed: Presidents are due substantial deference in selecting Cabinet members because they administer presidential policies and, unlike judicial appointments, they leave when their nominators do. Hagel will be confirmed because Sen. Chuck Schumer, after hesitating theatrically enough to propitiate supporters of Israel, of whom there are many among his New York constituents, has decided not to oppose Hagel. Opposition would have ended Schumer's hope to make the nation nostalgic for Harry Reid by succeeding him as Senate Democratic leader.

Still, the hearings will be sound and fury signifying renewed interest in national security policy, which can be illuminated by Hagel addressing questions like these:

■ In 1997, 28 years after you returned from Vietnam with two Purple Hearts, we heard a May 27, 1964, taped telephone conversation in which President Lyndon Johnson said to his national security adviser, McGeorge Bundy: "I don't think it's worth fighting for and I don't think we can get out. ... What in the hell is Vietnam worth to me? What is Laos worth to me? What is it worth to this country?"

At the time, there were only 16,000 U.S. forces in Vietnam, and only 266 U.S. deaths. The U.S. deployment would peak at more than 500,000 in 1969 and 58,000 would die there. How did this tape, and Vietnam generally, shape your thinking?

■ Your critics say you managed to be wrong on Iraq twice, by supporting the 2003 invasion and by opposing the 2007 surge. If the surge had not happened, what would have happened in Iraq?

■ How many sorties, including attacks on Iran's air defense systems, would be required to significantly degrade and delay Iran's nuclear program?

Can Israel mount such an air campaign alone? Would you favor U.S. cooperation, with intelligence and special munitions?

■ Did you refuse to sign a 2006 letter urging the European Union to declare Hezbollah a terrorist organization because you consider that designation inaccurate? From your 2009 endorsement of U.S. negotiations with Hamas, can we conclude that you oppose the policy of not negotiating with terrorists?

■ You call our sanctions against Cuba "outdated," "unrealistic," "irrelevant" and "nonsensical." What Cuba policy would you recommend?

■ Do you agree with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's judgment that cuts under sequestration would "hollow out the force"? Can you give examples of procurements or deployments that justify your description of the Defense Department as "bloated"?

■ The Navy has nine aircraft carriers. Aircraft carrier groups are the principal means of projecting U.S. power. And they are very expensive. How many should we have? How is your calculation influenced by the fact that seven weeks ago China for the first time landed a fighter jet on the deck of an aircraft carrier?

■ Congress' power to declare war has atrophied since it was last exercised (against Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary on June 5, 1942). Should Congress authorize America's wars?

■ Do you believe that the use of drones to target specific individuals means presidents have an unreviewable power to kill whomever they define as enemies? Do you favor "signature strikes" wherein drones attack groups of young males whose characteristics match the "signature" of terrorists?

■ In 1949, one of NATO's founders said its purpose was "to keep the Americans in (Europe), the Germans down and the Russians out." What is its purpose now? Given that U.S. military spending is three times larger than the combined spending of NATO's other 27 members, is it not obvious that those nations don't feel threatened?

Bonus question: Might fewer than 54,000 U.S. forces in Germany suffice to defend that country, or Western Europe, from whatever threat they are there to deter?

OUR VIEW

It's inadvisable to borrow against 401(k) or IRA

There is so much talk about the "fiscal cliff," debt ceiling and overall spending that we tend to forget the fact that the American people may not be much better at balancing the checkbook than the federal government.

Many Americans are robbing their own 401(k) or IRAs to make ends meet. That could spell big trouble down the road when those funds are not available for the retirement years.

Americans are borrowing against their 401(k) to pay for non-retirement needs such as mortgages, credit card debt or college tuition, according to a new study from the financial advisory firm HelloWallet.

It's been a growing problem nationally since the recession and has now reached a level that amounts to more than $70 billion in annual withdrawals.

While this may not account to debt in real terms, the shifting of funds damages security of the future while losing real money in the transaction itself. For instance, when you withdraw from your 401(k), it often comes with penalties, additional taxes and lost interest, making retirement goals that much harder to reach.

Also, these withdrawals usually come on the heels of real debt. New research from AARP shows that people 50 and over are carrying higher balances on their credit cards — $8,278 in 2012, compared to $6,258 for the under-50 population. That debt makes it more likely they'll borrow against their 401(k) or cash out an IRA.

This trend is highest, of course, among laid-off workers who have been unable to find jobs or who take lesser-paying jobs.

Still, financial experts are saying it doesn't make sense to take a loan from a 401(k).

A lot of Americans still are searching for that right retirement formula. Financial experts are recommending an emergency fund equal to three months of your salary. Experts also advise that at age 35, you should have at least one year's salary in your 401(k) or IRA. By age 45, three years' salary. And by retirement at age 67, you should have at least eight times your salary put away.

It might be wise to see where you stand. If you don't measure up, you might want to embark on a new course of action.

The federal government is having a hard time dealing with its debt. We hope you take heed and not let unneeded debt destroy your future.

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President congeniality talks tough

■ Obama tells GOP it's no more Mr. Nice Guy during recent press conference.

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

"I'm a pretty friendly guy," President Obama said near the end of his White House news conference Monday afternoon.

The claim might have been a touch more plausible if he hadn't spent the bulk of the previous hour demonstrating just how adversarial he could be. Indeed, there was no precipitating event that led him to schedule the last-minute session in the East Room — lending credibility to the theory that he summoned reporters so he could bait Republicans.

"If congressional Republicans refuse to pay America's bills on time, Social Security checks and veterans' benefits will be delayed," the friendly president said, explaining his refusal to negotiate over increasing the debt limit.

Calling the opposition's stance "absurd," Obama advised Republicans that they "have two choices here: They can act responsibly, and pay America's bills; or they can act irresponsibly, and put America through another economic crisis. But they will not collect a ransom in exchange for not crashing the American economy. ... And they better choose quickly, because time is running short."

And that was just the opening statement. The hectoring continued through the Q&A. Exactly one month after the massacre at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., Obama said of debt-reduction talks: "What I will not do is to have that negotiation with a gun at the head of the American people."

The Republicans' view, President Congeniality added, "was rejected by the American people when it was debated during the presidential campaign. ... But if the House Republicans disagree with that and they want to shut down the government to see if they can get their way on it, that's their prerogative."

Arguably, Obama's no-more-Mr.-Nice-Guy approach is good politics. His first-term experience made clear that he gained nothing from Republicans when he took a passive approach. When it comes to getting things done in Washington, there's no substitute for forceful presidential leadership. Teddy Roosevelt, whose oil-on-canvas likeness gazed at Obama from an East Room wall, probably would have approved.

Yet the performance was also a reminder of why Obama isn't noted for his interpersonal warmth — a topic Jackie Calmes of the New York Times asked him to address when she mentioned the criticism that he and his staff are insular and that he doesn't socialize.

It's tempting to wonder whether Obama could achieve more if he could establish personal connections with Republicans on Capitol Hill. But Obama disparaged the notion behind Calmes' question — that a better bedside manner could help his agenda.

"I like a good party," the president informed her after attesting to his "friendly guy" status. "Really what's gone on in terms of some of the paralysis here in Washington, or difficulties in negotiations, just have to do with some very stark differences in terms of policy."

That may be true, but until recent years, sharp disagreements were smoothed by personal ties. On Monday, by contrast, Obama showed unrelenting hostility toward the opposition, accompanying his remarks with dismissive shrugs and skeptical frowns.

Asked by NBC's Chuck Todd why he wasn't pursuing a backup plan in case there's no debt-limit agreement, he replied: "We are not a deadbeat nation. And so there's a very simple solution to this: Congress authorizes us to pay our bills."

CBS' Major Garrett, reminding Obama that as a senator he voted against a debt-limit increase, asked if he would accept a short-term increase. "We just had an entire campaign about it," the president replied. "And by the way, the American people agreed with me."

Obama's antipathy toward his Republican opponents took a more personal tone when Calmes, the final questioner, asked about his reluctance to socialize.

"When I'm over here at the congressional picnic, and folks are coming up and taking pictures with their family, I promise you, Michelle and I are very nice to them," Obama said. "But it doesn't prevent them from going onto the floor of the House and, you know, blasting me for being a big-spending socialist." Playing golf with House Speaker John Boehner "didn't get a deal done," he pointed out.

Given the tendency by conservative media "to demonize me," Obama said, socializing with the president might lead to "a challenge from somebody in a primary." The only way to change lawmakers' behavior, he said, is for voters to "reject" the partisans who don't compromise. "And that will be true whether I'm the life of the party or a stick in the mud," he said.

From the affable president, this must pass for friendly advice.

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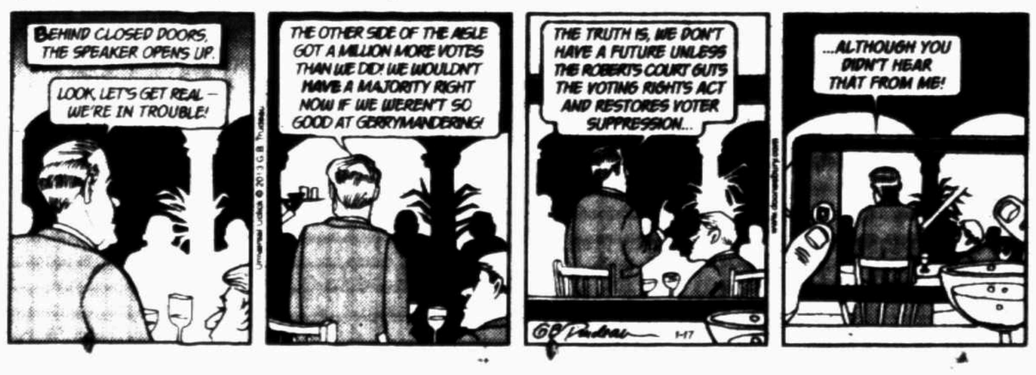

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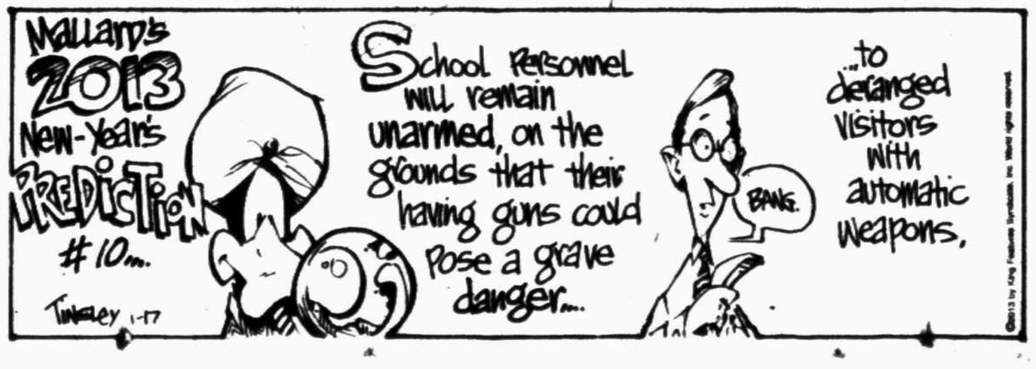

POLITICSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Military leaders warn Congress of 'hollow' force

The nation's top military leaders warned Congress in unusually stark terms that its failure to pass a 2013 defense budget — coupled with the threat of automatic budget cuts — has pushed the Pentagon to the brink of a crisis.

They wrote in a joint letter to congressional leaders that the readiness of U.S. armed forces is at a "tipping point."

A copy of the letter was provided to The Associated Press Wednesday. The military leaders said that troops in combat and those who are being treated for wounds will get the funds needed. But the rest of the force will be severely compromised if the Pentagon has to continue operating on last year's budget.

The Pentagon faces two major money problems. First is the threat of drastic additional budget cuts if Congress and the Obama administration are unable to agree on debt-reduction measures by March. The second is Congress' failure thus far to pass a 2013 budget, which has left the Pentagon on a spending path based on its previous budget.

In their letter the military leaders said the risk is that budget conditions will create a wide disconnect between their spending needs and available funds that the armed forces will be ill prepared for the future.

NORTH CAROLINA

Marine pleads guilty to urinating on corpses

CAMP LEJEUNE — A Marine who pleaded guilty Wednesday to urinating on the corpses of dead Taliban fighters in Afghanistan will likely be demoted one rank under a plea agreement, although a military judge called for a much harsher sentence.

Staff Sgt. Edward W. Deptola pleaded guilty to multiple charges at court-martial, including dereliction of duty for desecrating remains, posing for photographs with the corpses and failing to properly supervise junior Marines.

Deptola and another Marine based at Camp LeJeune were charged last year after video surfaced showing four Marines in full combat gear urinating on the bodies of three dead Afghans.

Interior chief Salazar to step down in March

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who oversaw a moratorium on offshore drilling after the BP oil spill and promoted alternative energy sources throughout the nation, will step down in March.

A former U.S. senator from Colorado, Salazar ran the Interior Department throughout President Barack Obama's first term and pushed renewable power such as solar and wind and the settlement of a longstanding dispute with American Indians.

With Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson also leaving the administration and Energy Secretary Steven Chu expected to depart, Obama will have a clean slate of top officials overseeing energy and environment issues.

In a statement Wednesday, Obama said Salazar had helped "usher in a new era of conservation for our nation's land, water and wildlife" and had played a major role in efforts to expand responsible development of the nation's domestic energy resources.

Salazar said in a statement that the Interior Department was helping secure "a new energy frontier" and cited an aggressive agenda to reform oil and gas leases, which he said had increased offshore drilling safety. Under his watch, the Interior Department has authorized nearly three dozen solar, wind and geothermal energy projects on public lands that provide enough electricity to power more than 3 million homes, Salazar said.

Obama has vowed to focus on efforts to bolster renewable energy in a second term while continuing to expand production of oil and natural gas. He also has made it clear he will focus on climate change, an issue he has acknowledged was sometimes overlooked during his first term.

Former Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, a longtime Obama ally, is among those mentioned as a potential successor to Salazar, along with John Berry, director of the White House Office of Personnel Management. Berry is a former assistant interior secretary and the director of the National Zoo. Gregoire, whose term expired Wednesday, also is considered a candidate to head the Energy Department or the EPA.

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee and a favorite of the environmental community, also is believed to be under consideration for Salazar's position.

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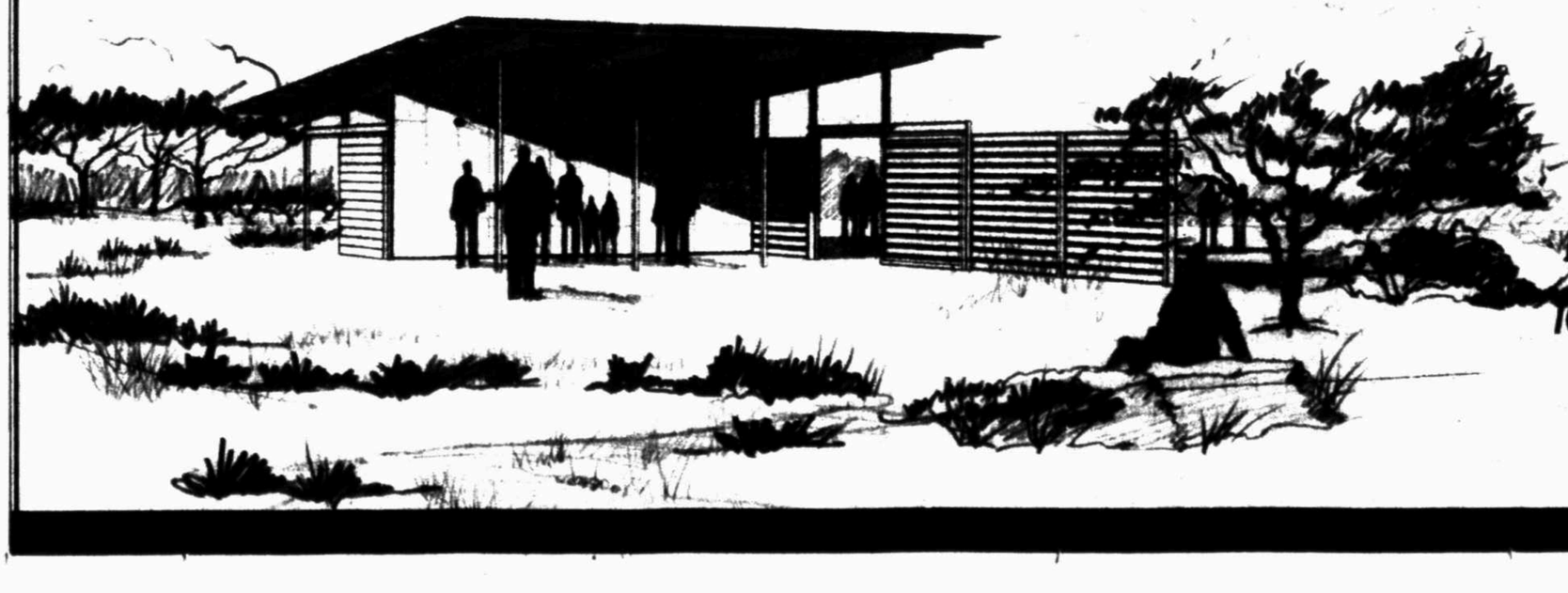
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WORLDBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BERLIN

Germany to bring home gold stored in US, France

In what sounds like the setup for a stylish Hollywood heist movie, Germany is transferring nearly 700 tons of gold bars worth $36 billion from Paris and New York to its vaults in Frankfurt.

The move is part of an effort by Germany's central bank to bring much of its gold home after keeping big reserves outside the country for safekeeping during the Cold War.

Shipping such a large amount of valuable cargo between countries could be a serious security headache. A gold robbery — the subject of such movies as "Die Hard 3" and "The Italian Job" — would be embarrassing and expensive for Germany.

The high-stakes, high-security plan is to move the precious metal — 374 tons kept in vaults in Paris and 300 tons stored at the New York Federal Reserve Bank — to the Bundesbank in Germany's financial center over the next eight years.

MALI

French troops begin land assault

BAMAKO — French soldiers pressed north in Mali territory occupied by radical Islamists on Wednesday, launching a land assault that was to put them in direct combat with al-Qaida-linked fighters "in one to 72 hours," military officials said.

Their presumed destination was the town of Diabaly, where fleeing residents said Islamist extremists had taken over their homes and were preventing other people from leaving.

Militants seize hostages in Algeria

Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — As Algerian army helicopters clattered overhead deep in the Sahara desert, Islamist militants hunkered down for the night in a natural gas complex they had assaulted Wednesday morning, killing two people and taking dozens of foreigners hostage in what could be the first spillover from France's intervention in Mali.

The Algerian army has surrounded the complex and about 1,000 miles from the coast, there is no obvious way for the kidnappers to escape in their four wheel drive vehicles with their hostages.

A militant group claimed responsibility for the rare attack on one of oil-rich Algeria's energy facilities, saying it came in revenge for the North African nation's support for France's military operation against al-Qaida-linked rebels in neighboring Mali.

The militants said they were holding 41 foreigners from the energy complex, including seven Americans.

The group — called Katibat Moulathamine or the Masked Brigade — phoned a Mauritanian news outlet to say one of its affiliates had carried out the operation at the Ain Amenas gas field, located 800 miles south of Algiers, the Algerian capital, and that France must cease its intervention in Mali to ensure the safety of the hostages.

BP, together with the Norwegian company Statoil and the Algerian state oil company Sonatrach, operates the gas field. A Japanese company, JGC Corp, provides services for the facility as well.

In Rome, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta declared that the U.S. "will take all necessary and proper steps" to deal with the attack in Algeria. He would not detail what such steps might be but condemned the action as "terrorist attack" and likened it to al-Qaida activities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

Algeria's top security official, Interior Minister Daho Ould Kabila, said that "security forces have surrounded the area and cornered the terrorists, who are in one wing of the complex's living quarters."

He said one Briton and one Algerian were killed in the attack, while a Norwegian and two other Britons were among the six wounded.

"We reject all negotiations with the group, which is holding some 20 hostages from several nationalities," Kabila said on national television, raising the specter of a possible armed assault to try to free the hostages.

The head of a catering company working on the base told the French Journal de Dimanche that helicopters were flying over the complex and the army waited outside.

There were even reports of clashes between the two sides and a member of the militant group told the Mauritanian news outlet they had already repelled one assault by Algerian soldiers late Wednesday night.

It was not immediately possible to rectify the discrepancies in the number of reported hostages.

Their identities were also unclear, but Ireland announced that they included a 36-year-old married Irish man and Japan, Britain and the U.S. said their citizens were involved as well. A Norwegian woman said her husband called her saying that he had been taken hostage.

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EPA changes course after gas co. protest

Records indicate regulators rescinded mandate despite evidence against driller

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

WEATHERFORD — When a man in a Fort Worth suburb reported his family's drinking water had begun bubbling like champagne, the federal government sounded an alarm: A company may have tainted their wells while drilling for natural gas.

At first, the Environmental Protection Agency believed the situation was so serious that it issued a rare emergency order in late 2010 that said at least two homeowners were in immediate danger from a well saturated with flammable methane. More than a year later, the agency rescinded its mandate and refused to explain why.

Now a confidential report obtained by The Associated Press and interviews with company representatives show that the EPA had scientific evidence against the driller, Range Resources, but changed course after the company threatened not to cooperate with a national study into a common form of drilling called hydraulic fracturing. Regulators set aside an analysis that concluded the drilling could have been to blame for the contamination.

For Steve Lipsky, the EPA decision seemed to ignore the dangers to his family. His water supply contains so much methane that the gas in water flowing from a pipe connected to the well can be ignited.

"I just can't believe that an agency that knows the truth about something like that, or has evidence like this, wouldn't use it," said Lipsky, who fears he will have to abandon his dream home in an upscale neighborhood of Weatherford.

The case isn't the first in which the EPA initially linked a hydraulic fracturing operation to water contamination and then softened its position after the industry protested.

A similar dispute unfolded in west-central Wyoming in late 2011, when the EPA released an initial report that showed hydraulic fracturing could have contaminated groundwater. After industry and GOP leaders went on the attack, the agency said it had decided to do more testing. It has yet to announce a final conclusion.

Hydraulic fracturing allows drillers to tap into oil and gas reserves that were once considered out of reach because they were locked in deep layers of rock.

The method has contributed to a surge in natural gas drilling nationwide, but environmental activists and some scientists believe it can contaminate groundwater. The industry insists the practice is safe.

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MIDLANDCOUNTYLOCKUP

Center has furry friends that need homes

■ PetSmart to host national event this weekend.

PetSmart hopes to fetch Midlanders who want to add furry friends to the family.

Midland's PetSmart Charities' everyday adoption center — one of 13 across the nation — aims for 40 adopters during this weekend's national adoption event.

That is an attainable goal, according to Norma "Steg" Stegall, executive director for the Midland Humane Coalition Adoption Center in PetSmart.

"If you're wanting a wonderful friend, we've got some great dogs and great cats," she said.

With more people moving to Midland, some of whom face a housing crisis or income issues, animal shelters are becoming overrun with strays, she said.

But even with the increase in the number of animals at shelters, the number of pet euthanizations has decreased for the fifth consecutive year because of efforts by rescue groups, Paul O'Neill, director of Midland Animal Services, said.

Stegall agrees the everyday adoption center has had a positive impact on euthanizations rates in Midland.

"Since we've been open (euthanizations have been) cut down quite a bit," she said.

With the opening of PetSmart's adoption center, Midland Animal Services can hold animals for a longer time, O'Neill said. Animal Services holds animals for at least three days, and will hold them for two to four weeks if they are adoptable.

The Midland adoption center has found homes for nearly 900 cats and dogs since its November 2011 opening, according to a press release from PetSmart Charities.

Certain animals are harder to adopt out, such as unsocial cats, unfriendly dogs and certain animals that have a history of abuse, O'Neill said.

The adoption center also has a difficult time finding homes for numerous large breeds — such as boxer and German shepherd — and certain small breeds — such as shih tzu and Maltese — but mutts are easier to place, Stegall said.

"The mixture sometimes makes the (dog's) personality even better," she said.

Adoption fees at the PetSmart center are $95 for dogs and $65 for cats. The pets are spayed or neutered and receive up-to-date shots and microchips. The center waives the fee for senior citizens interested in adopting an older animal, Stegall said.

To ensure pets go to safe and reliable homes, the center screens potential owners, she said.

Interested Midlanders must provide a veterinarian reference. If they are apartment dwellers, they must provide a signed lease and prove that a pet deposit, if required, has been paid. Owners' homes or apartment complexes should have a secure fenced yard or outside area for dogs to play, she said.

"Hopefully they can find their best friend here at this adoption center," she said.

All the details

WHAT: PetSmart Charities national adoption event
WHERE: PetSmart adoption center
WHEN: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday
OTHER: TRACE (The Rescue and Care Endeavor) will offer 14 to 15 puppies for adoption, according to Robert Booth, founder of the organization that finds homes for dogs. (www.tracerescue.org)

Story by Tyler White | Photos by James Durbin

Local cyclists weigh in on Armstrong confession

By Tyler White
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Midlander Kelly Brown started cycling 12 years ago after reading one of Lance Armstrong's books.

Inspired by Armstrong's story, he trained tirelessly to become a U.S. Cycling Federation Category 2 cyclist, a ranking received through years of participation in cycling races.

"He was just different from everybody else," he said. "You knew he had that drive."

But Brown finds it hard not be disappointed in Armstrong now that he reportedly admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs. The confession is part of an interview Armstrong had with Oprah Winfrey that will air tonight and Friday on the entertainer's OWN network.

"The trust has gone out the window for me," Brown said.

David Ham, owner of Peyton's Bikes on Midkiff Road, said doping is a result of pressure put on professional athletes to perform well.

"They're expected to perform above what a human can perform, so (they) resort to drugs to do it," he said.

Jasha Cultreri, president of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association, said he "kind of doesn't care" about the doping controversy but wants athletes to clean up their acts.

Doping has been an open secret within cycling for years, said Eric Burkhart, another Category 2 cyclist based out of Midland.

"You don't have to be a million-dollar athlete to use this stuff. You can find it anywhere," he said.

Burkhart thinks Armstrong's lifetime ban from cycling is extreme. Other cyclists on the U.S. Postal Service Pro Cycling Team — Tom Danielson, Levi Leipheimer and George Hincapie — received only six-month bans after admitting to using performance-enhancing drugs, he said.

"Everyone that jumped on Lance's little wagon made money," he said.

Regardless of doping claims against Armstrong, many area cycling enthusiasts believe he made great advances for the sport.

"He pumped a lot of energy into cycling in Texas," said Brown, who remembers seeing smaller numbers of Category 1-2 cyclists at races in the early 2000s. Currently, more than 100 Category 1-2 cyclists may show up for any given competition, he said.

"He got people off the couch and (they) say 'Hey, I want to be like Lance.'" Ham said.

In 2011, The Permian Basin Bicycle Association raised about $6,000, which was split between Gifts of Hope, a nonprofit organization, and the Livestrong Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by Armstrong.

The Livestrong Foundation has done a

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MPD: 14-year-old flees car crash, drives through automotive shop, hits owner

By Tyler White
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A Midland juvenile was arrested Wednesday after fleeing the scene of an accident and driving through a building.

Police were dispatched at about 5:20 p.m. to the 300 block of North Terrell Street and found a blue SUV that had been driven through E&R Automotive repair shop.

The shop had two large holes from where the SUV entered the building in a crash that employee Paul Hale described as "like a bomb blowing up."

Rubble and destroyed vending machines were strewn across the surrounding area. Damage reports are pending, but the crash may have caused around $50,000 worth of damage, said C.W. Owen, the officer at the scene.

While investigating the crash, police determined that a 14-year-old male had been driving the SUV south on Lamesa Road near Kansas Avenue when he hit an SUV crossover, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

The teen fled the scene, drove along the crossover, and turned onto South Street.

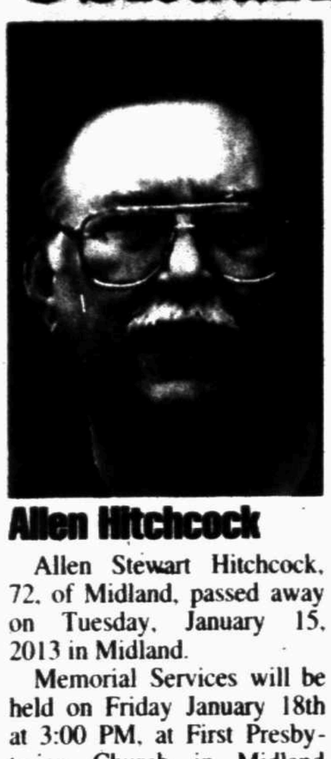
The juvenile lost control of the vehicle because he was driving at high speeds and then hit the business at Terrell and South streets, according to the release.

The business owner and the teen were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital and were treated and released. Two passengers in the SUV refused treatment at the scene, and the occupants of the crossover were not injured, according to the release.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A 14-year-old fleeing the scene of an accident lost control of a Ford Excursion and crashed through E&R Automotive on the 300 block of North Terrell Street, striking the owner of the business and coming out the other side of the building. The driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries and was later arrested on charges of failure to stop when involved in an accident and aggravated assault.

Obituaries



Allen Hitchcock

Allen Stewart Hitchcock, 72, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in Midland.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday January 18th at 3:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with Mary Beth Anton, officiating.

Allen was born on January 4th, 1941 in Midland, Texas to Edmund and Marjorie Hitchcock.

He grew up in Midland, graduated from Midland High School in 1959 and received a basketball scholarship to Tarleton State College in Stephenville. He went on to college at Texas Tech majoring in Insurance and Business Finance.

He moved back to Midland in 1974 where he owned his own construction company for a time and then went to work for other companies, designing and selling metal buildings, until he retired.

He is survived by 2 sons Andrew Stewart Hitchcock and wife Andrea of Lubbock and David Allen Hitchcock of Midland, three grandsons, Dylan, Tanner and Stewart Hitchcock, a sister Nancy Sciple and husband Ed Sciple, niece Reagan and nephew Craig of Austin.

Honorary pallbearers are the Moonshiners Class of 1959 at Midland High School: Charles Moore, Jack T Graves, Bill Mock, Kit Thompson, Rod Nugent, Mike Buckley, David Griffith, Bill Larkin, Max Berry, Daniel Harston, Tom Craver and Michael Martin McCrea.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Midland Humane Coalition, PO BOX 4040, Midland, TX 79704.

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

Jesse Kinsey

Jesse "Cody" Kinsey was born February 25, 1989 and rode his motorcycle from this life into the next on January 11, 2013. He was 23.

At the age of 18 he went to work for Permian Power Tong and was employed there for five years. Most recently he was employed with Byrd Oilfield Services. His work ethic was superb and he was a leading example among his co-workers inspiring many to be like him. He was known by many as the "Laydown Legend" and for the past five years had been training others in the oilfield.

Cody always had a smile on his face! He was loving to friends, family and animals and they in turn, loved him too. He never met a stranger! He began to ride as soon as he was able and spent a lot of time at the race track. Over the last several years he'd been working on a 1987 Mustang muscle car. Cody loved to play racing games.

Preceding Cody in death is his father, Ronnie Gene Kinsey; grandfathers, Kenneth Kinsey, Zack Day; grandmother, Betty Kinsey Boren.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Lenore Kay Day of San Antonio, TX; sister, Lauren Kinsey-Moreland and husband Joseph of Odessa, TX; brother and nephew Zack and Ronnie Kinsey of Odessa, TX; grandfather, Bob Boren of Houston, TX; grandmother, Dolly Day and Aunt Becky Day, both of Midland, TX; Uncle Joe and Aunt Jeanette Lyons of New Braunfels, TX; Uncle Dewayne and Aunt Leslie of Austin, TX; best friend, Richie Champion of Midland; numerous friends and co-workers.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at American Heritage Chapel, 4100 N FM 1788, in Midland.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2013, 2:00 pm, at Golf Course Church of Christ with Dan Nicholas officiating. Interment immediately following at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park. Condolences may be posted at www.thehealingstartshere.com.

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Joseph Wooten

Joseph Ervin Wooten, 76, of San Angelo, died Monday, January 14, 2013, in San Angelo. Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at the Community Center in Garden City with Ron Murphy officiating.

Ervin was born in Hale Center, Texas, July 19, 1936 to J.E. and Ruth (Sanders) Wooten. Ervin was a long time resident of Glasscock County, serving as a member of the Glasscock County School Board. Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner. He graduated from Garden City high school in 1954 and married his high school sweetheart Bertie Mae Robinson in 1955. His greatest fulfillment was providing for his family and he always made sure that his extended family was also taken care of. His nieces and nephews thought of him as their father figure. It was a great thrill for his grandsons to ride in the "big truck" and drive around the county with "Papa" when they would come to visit.

He was a big man with a big heart who was always there to help whoever needed it.

Ervin is survived by his loving wife of 57 years: Bertie (Robinson); Brother: Jerry (Alma) Wooten of Fredericksburg, Texas; sons Joe (Judy) Wooten of Minooka, IL and Gerald (Donna) Wooten of Sheffield, Texas; grandsons: Joey (Sara), Bobby, Tommy, Jimmy, and Britt Wooten. He is also survived by his special nieces and nephews, Cindy Nunally, Pam (Ryan) Walker, Jim (Carlyn) Williams, Corky (Sherrie) Turner, Becky (John) Nelson, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Ervin was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Joanne Turner, and sons: Stuart and David.

The family would like to thank BRC Hospice for their care which made Ervin's last days comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Lora Ann Evans

Lora Ann Evans (Baby) went home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2013. Homegoing services will be Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Greater Ideal Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Lora graduated from Cooper High School in 1979 and Abilene Commercial College in Accounting 1980. She later moved to Midland, Texas and married Don Evans. From that unity, two sons were born, Donald and David Evans. She was a member of King Solomon Baptist Church in Abilene, Texas. She later became a member of Greater Ideal Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Lynett Hughins-Sousa

Lynett Hughins-Sousa died Sunday, January 13th, 2013, at her home in Odessa, Texas.

She was born September 7th, 1948 in Minot, North Dakota to Jack and Gladys Hughins. Lynett was raised on a farm in Tehama County, California and graduated from Corning High School in 1966. Enlisted in the U.S. Army and attended Intelligence school in Fort Hollabird, MD; honorably discharged in 1974. Moved to El Paso, Texas in 1978 and became, quite successfully, an Avon representative. Moving to Odessa, Texas, she continued her career as an Avon representative, while reaching her lifelong dream as a Social Worker, and owning her own business, Special Care. There she worked to get her Master's degree in Social Working and began her heartfelt, and quite natural, career as a spirited, vivacious social worker and a teacher at Odessa College.

Lynett and her dog FuFu were the highlight of any visit to her many clients in the Permian Basin. She will be profoundly missed as a daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt.

Survivors include her mother, Gladys Hughins; her daughter, Mindi King; her brother, Steve Hughins and wife Paula; all of Odessa; uncle, Iver Thon and wife Sharon of Redding, CA.; aunt, Ida Oberg of Palo Sedro, CA.; Granddaughter, Faith King and two other grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Visitation with the family will be 5-7 PM Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM Friday, January 18, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

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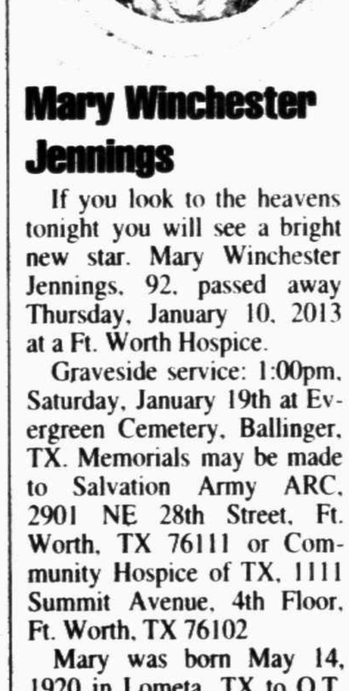


Mary Winchester Jennings

If you look to the heavens tonight you will see a bright new star. Mary Winchester Jennings, 92, passed away Thursday, January 10, 2013 at a Ft. Worth Hospice.

Graveside service: 1:00pm, Saturday, January 19th at Evergreen Cemetery, Ballinger, TX. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army ARC, 2901 NE 28th Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76111 or Community Hospice of TX, 1111 Summit Avenue, 4th Floor, Ft. Worth, TX 76102

Mary was born May 14, 1920 in Lometa, TX to O.T. Burton and Minnie Estel Neal Burton. She married Jack Winchester in 1936 and was a wife, mother and homemaker until his death in 1951. In order to keep her family together and to take care of her young children, she went to work at the local theaters and took in ironing during her spare time. Later, she went to work doing what she knew best, cooking. Mary was a restaurant cook in the Midland/Odessa and Ft. Worth areas until she was 80 and retired due to health. She would often comment on how she wished she could still work. Mary enjoyed working in her yard and watching the birds. She loved to quilt and gifted many family and friends with these handmade treasures. What she cherished most in life was her family and her time spent with them. Mary was an amazing role model and example for each family generation. She was the matriarch of five generations.

Mary was preceded in death by parents, Otho & Estel Burton, husband Jack Winchester, sons Ricky Jennings and Neal Winchester, daughter Juanita Evartt, grandson Tracy Strickland, siblings Opal Brooks and Buster Burton.

Survivors: Children: Jack & Carolyn Winchester of Ft. Worth, Stella and Guy Stanton of Azle and Billy Jennings of Ft. Worth, Grandchildren: Kelli Strickland, James and Donna Stanton, Jason and Tina Stanton, Tim and Natalie Winchester and Jennifer and Brian Bell, great grandchildren: Nichole and Jay Cudd, Kasyne and Justin Bradley, Danny Stanton and Ashley Young, Samantha Stanton, Isabella Winchester, Olton Strickland, Will Stanton and Lauren Winchester, great great grandchildren: Cayden Cudd and Michael Stanton, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

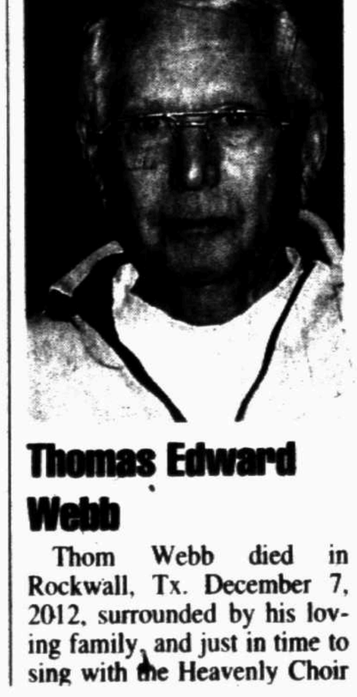
MaryKay Underwood-Fryer

MaryKay Underwood-Fryer, 54, of Midland, passed the test of mortal life and triumphantly entered the joy of eternity on January 13, 2013. MaryKay was born on March 8, 1959, in Midland, Texas to William Horace Underwood and Shirley Ann Blunt. MaryKay was a graduate of Lee High (1977). She received her Associates Degree at Snow College in Ephraim, UT and attended Utah State in Logan, UT. She married James Fryer in 2000 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MaryKay was preceded in death by her parents Shirley and Jody Conaway. She is survived by her husband, James Fryer; step-daughter, Taryn Marie Fryer and her son Zander Woodlief; brother, Bill Underwood and wife Denise Underwood; sister, Jan Pinborough and husband Thomas Pinborough; sister, Rosanne Gerrard and husband Steven Gerrard. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews; Brooke, Buck, and Kate Underwood; Elizabeth and Christianna Pinborough; and Calvin and Hillary Marquardson.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, January 18, 2013 at the funeral home, 3800 N Big Spring St, Midland. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2101 Tarleton St. Interment will follow at Garden City Cemetery.

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



Thomas Edward Webb

Thom Webb died in Rockwall, Tx. December 7, 2012, surrounded by his loving family, and just in time to sing with the Heavenly Choir celebrating the birth of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thom was born June 28, 1937 in Odessa Texas. He graduated from Midland High School in 1955 and while there, he was a member of the Band, Choir, and the Paint and Palette club. He was blessed with musical, artistic and creative talent and a beautiful voice. He played many musical instruments including the Oboe, Guitar, Piano and Organ and any other instrument that was placed in his hands. Thom played the oboe with the MOSC (1953-55) under the direction of Walter Mantani during the early years of the symphony and chorale. He was also a very talented artist leading to his degree from El Paso College of the Mines (now U.T. El Paso) in advertising and marketing.

During his career he had Thom Webb Advertising Agency, Greene-Webb Advertising in Dallas, Texas and served as Vice President of Marketing for various companies including Curtis Mathis Corp., ColorTyme, Inc. and Georgia Carpet Outlets.

On retiring from GCO he returned to Midland and with his wife Donna opened Wild Birds Unlimited. During this time he was also employed as marketing director for KMID, Chanel 3 and KWES, Chanel 9. On leaving Midland, he and Donna bought a 5th wheel and traveled throughout the country where he met many new friends and enjoyed golf every place they visited. A tribute written by Mike Houchin is as follows: "May the cigars be Cuban, The Martini perfectly mixed, Your golf swing be flawless & The wind to your back..."

Thom was preceded in death by his parents, William Thomas and Virginia (Barrick) Webb and granddaughter, Amanda Michelle Houchin. He is survived by his wife, Donna Qualia Webb, his two children, Michael Webb, and his wife, Renea of Brownwood,Tx.; Michelle Webb Blasingame and husband, David of Rockwall Tx.; his grandchildren, Zachary, Thomas, and Makenzie Houchin, Jennifer and Tricia Webb, his brother, Mike Webb and wife, Barbara, of Hawkins, Tx.; his sister, Patricia Crumpton and husband, Morris of Hernando, MS. He is also survived by 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church and Columbarium in Midland at 11am January 19, 2012 officiated by Msg. James Bridges. A reception will follow in the Parlor.

Memorials may be made to the Scholarship fund at St. Ann's Catholic School, St. Stephens Catholic Church or Helping Hands of Midland. www.helpinghandsmidland.com.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them.

Liam & Blake Frasier

Liam Edward Frasier and his twin brother, Blake Cole Frasier passed away on Monday, January 14, 2013 at Odessa Medical Center. Graveside services will be on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 3:00PM at Resthaven with David Vestal officiating.

Survivors include their parents, Brittany Wooten and Cole Frasier; brother, Jonas Frasier; paternal grandparents, Sherri and Tracy Vines and Eric and Lori Frasier; maternal grandparents, Dawn Buck and Steven Wooten; aunts, Kallie and her husband Landon Graham, Kadee Vines, Dakota Frasier, Brianna Wooten, Bailea Wooten, and Alex Delozier; uncles, Keaton Vines and Leland Baker; maternal great-grandparents, Jane Wooten, Sabrina and Rick Hill; paternal great- grandparents, Garland and Charlotte Frasier, Sandy Banks, Jim and Rita Dewey, and Imogene Vines; cousins, Kyler and Lexi Graham; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

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

Death Notices

A. David Uechi

A. David Uechi, age 81 of Temple, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2012.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Margie Uechi of Temple, his first wife, Linda Uechi of Midland, two children, John David Uechi and wife, Katie of Georgetown and Kelli Uechi Day and husband, LaWayne of Midland and six grandchildren.

Joshua Stearns

Joshua Edward Stearns, 27, of Odessa passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 17th from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. Celebration of Life Services will be 10a.m. Friday at Sunset's Chapel. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Josh is survived by his daughter, Gabriella Kaye Stearns; his fiancée, Ashley Massey; mother Melissa Kaminsky; father, Donald Stearns; two sisters; Amanda Chapa and husband Carlos and Christina Beemer and husband Jasin; grandparents: Linda Keefer and Russell'and Linda Harlow and close family friend, Ralph Wiant.

Lela Buchanan

Lela Buchanan, 101, of Midland and formerly of Lamesa, passed away on January 15, 2013.

Services will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Second Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa. Visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at Branon Funeral Home.

Maria Galindo

Maria Ybarra Galindo, 97 of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Rosary will be tonight at 7pm at Heavenly Gate Chapel. Funeral mass is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 18 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral mass is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

She is survived by her loving husband, Victoriano Galindo of Midland; daughters, Gloria Galindo and Jesusita Vasquez both of Midland and Anna Medina of Odessa.

Martha Bertran

Martha Genay Bertran, 81, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 18, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Bertran and wife, Patti of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherri Gibson and husband, Mike of Clinton, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one sister, Billie McDaniel and husband, Mike.

Mary Collerd

Mary S. Collerd, 85, of Odessa, passed away Monday, January 14, 2013 in Odessa, Texas.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mary is survived by her husband of 63 years, Herbert J. Collerd; one son; four daughters; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Milagro Del Carmen Alvarez

Milagro Del Carmen Alvarez, 62, of Andrews passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Visitation will be Friday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Friday at McNett Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday January 18, 2013 at Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Hernandez of Andrews; daughter, Victoria Armendoza of Washington; mother, Maria Del Carmen Alvarez of San Salvador, El Salvador, sister Nony Alverez of San Salvador, El Salvador and two grandchildren.

Death Notices

Teresa Flores

Teresa V. Flores, age 91, passed away on January 14, 2013.

A funeral mass is set for today at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

She is survived by her children: Reynaldo Flores, Jose Manuel Flores, Raul Flores, Rodolfo Flores, Roberto Flores, Manuel Flores, Rita Madrid, Celia Hernandez, and Ramona Flores; twenty-two grandchildren, fifty-four great-grandchildren, and five great, great-grandchildren.

Violet Hammond

Violet Marie Hammond, 73, passed away on Wednesday, January 15, 2013.

Receiving of friends and family will be Friday, Jan. 18 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her loving family; husband, Pete L. Hammond; daughter, Ruth Marie Harbin; sons, Charles Hammond, Jay Hammond, and Marty Hammond and brother, Leroy Gresham of Brownwood, TX. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

Conrad Bain of 'Diff'rent Strokes' dies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Conrad Bain, a veteran stage and film actor who became a star in middle age as the kindly white adoptive father of two young African-American brothers in the TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes," has died.

Bain

Bain died Monday of natural causes in his hometown of Livermore, Calif., according to his daughter, Jennifer Bain. He was 89.

The show that made him famous debuted on NBC in 1978, an era when television comedies tackled relevant social issues. "Diff'rent Strokes" touched on serious themes but was known better as a family comedy that drew most of its laughs from its standout child actor, Gary Coleman.

Bain played wealthy Manhattan widower Philip Drummond, who promised his dying housekeeper he would raise her sons, played by Coleman and Todd Bridges. Race and class relations became topics on the show as much as the typical trials of growing up.

Gas

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natural gas boom, has hundreds of gas wells throughout Texas, Pennsylvania and other mineral-rich areas of the United States. Among them is a production site — now owned by Legend Natural Gas — in a wooded area about a mile from Lipsky's home in Weatherford, about a half-hour drive west of Fort Worth.

State agencies usually regulate water and air pollution, so the EPA's involvement in the Texas matter was unusual from the start. The EPA began investigating complaints about the methane in December 2010, because it said the Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees oil and gas drilling, had not responded quickly enough to the reports of bubbling water.

Government scientists believed two families, including the Lipskys, were in danger from methane and cancer-causing benzene and ordered Range Resources to take steps to clean their water wells and provide affected homeowners with safe water. The company stopped doing that after state regulators declared in March 2011 that Range Resources was not responsible. The dispute between the EPA and the company then moved into federal court.

Believing the case was headed for a lengthy legal battle, the EPA asked an independent scientist named Geoffrey Thyne to analyze water samples taken from 32 water wells. In the report obtained by the AP, Thyne concluded from chemical testing that the gas in the drinking water could have originated from Range Resources' nearby drilling operation.

Meanwhile, the EPA was seeking industry leaders to participate in a national study into hydraulic fracturing. Range Resources told EPA officials in Washington that so long as the agency continued to pursue a "scientifically baseless" action against the company in Weatherford, it would not take part in the study and would not allow government scientists onto its drilling sites, said company attorney David Poole.

In March 2012, the EPA retracted its emergency order, halted the court battle and set aside Thyne's report showing that the gas in Lipsky's water was nearly identical to the gases the Plano-based company was producing.

"They said that they would look into it, which I believe is exactly what they did," Poole said. "I'm proud of them. As an American, I think that's exactly what they should have done."

The EPA offered no public explanation for its change in thinking, and Lipsky said he and his family learned about it from a reporter.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Resort "The Pointy End of the Spear" (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Mark Walberg		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Person of Interest "The Contingency"		Elementary "Flight Risk"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Vampire D. "After School Special" (N)		The Carrie Diaries "Pilot"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Auditions 2" The judges continue their quest. (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray "Liars"	Law & Order: C.I. "Legacy"	
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 (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	The Office (N)	1600 Penn (N)	Rock Center With Brian Williams		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno D.L. Hughley, Naomi Watts		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		GED Connec.	Parks and Wildlife	TBA	Art & Create	Antiques Roadshow "Corpus Christi"		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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		W.Collar "On Guard"		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:45) Unzipped		★★ Two Family House Kelly Macdonald.				★★ Snow Falling on Cedars				(:10) ★★★ Alive	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) 1stLook	★★ Green Lantern Ryan Reynolds.				Girls	Enlight	Sex Toys	Real Sex	J. Edgar (N)	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:10) ★★ What's Your Number?				★★ American Reunion Jason Biggs.				★★★ The Change-Up Jason Bateman.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:20) People I Kn...		Sopranos "University"		★★ Hanna ('11, Act) Saoirse Ronan.				★★ Unknown ('11, Myst) Liam Neeson.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) Collateral		(:15) ★★★ Kiss Kiss Bang Bang				★★ Cowboys and Aliens Daniel Craig.				(:15) Sex Games	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:20) ★★★ Pulp Fiction John Travolta.				Project X Thomas Mann.			Forbidden "Seductive Property"			Big Mommas: L...	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:35) ★★★ Nadine Jeff Bridges.			★★ Flipper Elijah Wood.			(:40) ★ The Beverly Hillbillies			(:15) As Good as...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★★ The School of Rock Jack Black.				High School ('11, Com) Matt Bush.				Gigolos	Gigolos	Next Stop	Road Dog
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) Rare Birds		My Week With Marilyn			(:45) Bellflower ('11, Act) Evan Glodell.				(:35) Detachment Adrien Brody.		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Love Her Madly/ Off Track"		The First 48		The First 48: Missing Persons		Scared "Portsmouth County, VA" (N)		Scared "Oklahoma County, OK"		The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) The Karate...		★★ The Wedding Planner ('01, Rom) Jennifer Lopez.			★★ Jerry Maguire ('96, Rom) Tom Cruise.						
BET	58	26		40		106&Park	★★ Torque ('04, Act) Ice Cube.				★★★ Four Brothers ('05, Act) Mark Wahlberg.					Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Kathy (N)		Watch (N)	Millionaire		Kathy
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Marijuana Inc		Shadow Billionaire		American Greed		Mad Money		Shadow Billionaire	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Radio Rebel Debby Ryan.			(:10) A.N.T.	(:35) GoodL	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)				ITF Tennis Australian Open Third Round (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) Step Up 3 ('10, Dan)			★★ Drumline ('02, Fam) Zoe Saldana, Nick Cannon.					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	Cupcake "Work of Art"		Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius (N)		Rachael vs. Guy		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir	To Be Announced							Insider "Dr Pepper Rangers Award Show"		SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Anger M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Archer (N)	Legit (N)	Biased (N)	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	Home Strange Home		Extreme Homes	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Guide to Presidents		Guide to Presidents		Presidents "Assume the Position 17-89-18-25"				Bamazon		Guide to Presidents	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "All Stars and Stripes"		Project Runway "Couture de France"		Runway "Finale: Go Big or Go Home" (N)		Double Divas (N)	Double Divas	DanceMom "But I'm a National Champion"		Project Runway "Couture de France"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Game On!	TBA	To Be Announced					TBA	Fight Night 36			
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	(5:00) Walking Tall		Impact Wrestling (L)				Bellator MMA (L)				King Mo (N)	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Haven		Haven "Reunion" (N)		Haven (N)		Continuum "Endtimes"		Haven "Reunion"		Haven	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Stock Tip"	Seinf. "The Letter"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King Nerd "Welcome to the Nerdvana" (N)		Conan		King Nerd "Welcome to the Nerdvana"	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) Ghosts, Itali...		★★★ Cry Danger			★★ 99 River Street			Tomorrow is Another Day			Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante		La patrona		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Wedding "Showdown at the Altar"		Amer. Gypsy Wedd "The Stanley Sisters"		Four Wedding "... and Dracula's Castle"		What Not to Wear "Tristen" (N)		Four Wedding "... and Dracula's Castle"		What Not to Wear "Tristen"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers vs. Minnesota Timberwolves Site: Target Center -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, 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 "Dog Tags"		NCIS "South by Southwest"		NCIS "Knockout"		Suits "Blind-Sided" (SP) (N)		CSI: Crime "Two and a Half Deaths"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Class"	
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.

MMH: Survivor of fatal crash in stable condition

By Tyler White
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The oilfield worker who survived Tuesday's two-pickup crash is in stable condition, according to Midland Memorial Hospital's nursing supervisor.

Jesus Carballo, 27, of Ehrenberg, Ariz., sustained internal injuries in the crash that killed three other workers.

Francisco Alberto Ortega, 26, and Manued Jesus Loera, 47, both of Odessa, and Joshua Edward Stearns, 27, of New Caney, were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, which occurred Tuesday morning on Farm-to-Market Road 1788, about six miles south of Interstate 20, according to Department of Public Safety troopers.

Ortega was driving a tan pickup — in which Stearns and Carballo were passengers — south on 1788 when he tried to pass a vehicle in front of him, said Sean Baxter, DPS spokesman.

He crossed into the northbound lane and collided, almost head-on, with an oil company welding truck driven by Loera.

Ortega, Loera and Carballo were wearing seat belts but Stearns was not.

Supporters say Legislature shorts parks by $12M

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Supporter of Texas state parks says the Legislature is short-changing the system by $12 million in its latest budget proposal.

The "Keep Texas Parks Open" campaign asked lawmakers on Wednesday to reconsider the amount of money they allotted for state parks, or see seven of them close down.

The group complains that lawmakers are diverting funds away from parks and using them for other purposes. The Legislature created the Sporting Good Tax in 1993 to provide a secure source of funds for the Texas parks system.

The Parks and Wildlife Department said it needed an $18.9 million increase in state funding, but the draft budget proposal released in the Senate only increased parks spending by $6.9 million. Parks advocates note the Sporting Good Tax will grow by $18 million.

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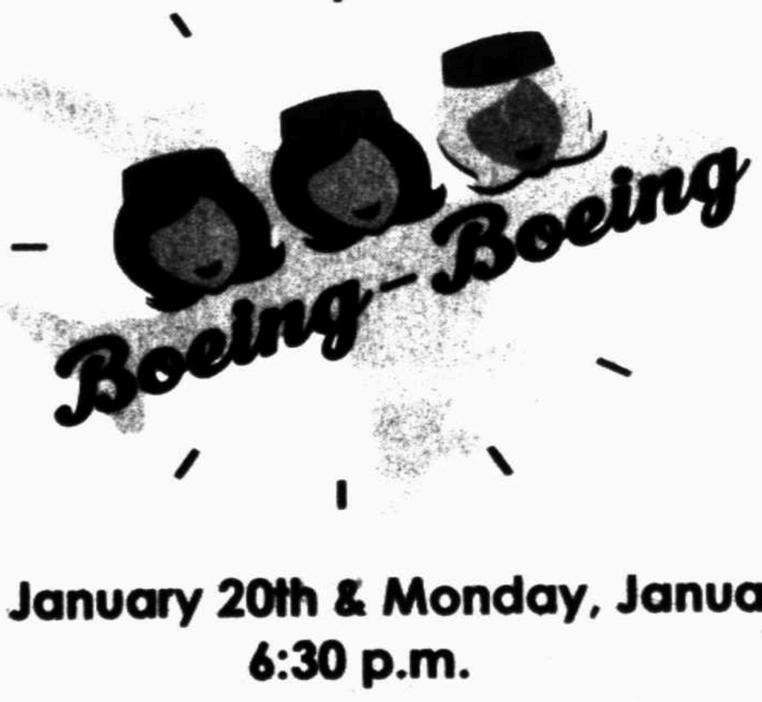

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Midland to host 3-day AA conference

By Ed Todd
MRT correspondent

Disheveled lives set adrift by alcoholism will be retold this weekend by recovering alcoholics who found rebirth, purpose and well-being in working the 12-step spiritual program of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

Tales of despair and chaos versus freedom and renewal will be the focus of the 43rd Mid-Winter AA Conference, planned for Friday through Sunday at Midland Center.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a program of attraction," said Jim Mc., who is celebrating 31 years of sobriety.

The 12-step spiritual program — which was founded in1935 by Dr. Bob, of Akron, Ohio, and by Bill W., a New York stockbroker — is open to anyone who wants to stop drinking alcohol and to lead a sober and conscientious life.

Before founding AA, the men — who had been deemed "hopeless alcoholics," had been associated with the Oxford Group, a Christian fellowship that emphasized universal spiritual values in daily living.

The three-day Midland AA conference is projected to attract 400 to 500 people in the AA and Al-Anon fellowships. The latter is a program for family and friends of alcoholics.

The registration fee is $35 and includes access to the hospitality room for fellowship and food.

Voice of the conference is Tim B.

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Agenda for three-day AA conference

- Today 8 p.m.: Pre-conference kick-off meeting at the AA-Al-Anon Serenity Group at 3100 N. "A" St., Building C.
- Friday 6 p.m.: Wise Owl session of podium speakers. Chair: Pew B.
- Friday 8 p.m.: AA speaker, Scott T. of Cold Brook, N.Y. Chair: Jesse C.
- Saturday 9:30 a.m.: AA speaker, Donna H. of Huntley, Mont. Chair: Bob B.
- Saturday 11 a.m.: Al-Anon speaker, Bob L. of Sun City, Calif. Chair: Gene J.
- Saturday 8 p.m.: A.A. speaker, Matthew M. of Long Beach, Calif. Chair: DeeAnn C.
- Sunday 10 a.m.: AA speaker, Terri K. of Woodville, Ohio. Chair: Chuck C.

Missing man found at convenience store

From staff reports

The Midland man who was missing Tuesday evening was found about 8:40 a.m. Wednesday at the Stripes Convenience Store at 4508 N. Big Spring St.

After receiving a call, police found 80-year-old Jose Borunda in good condition and transported him to Midland Memorial Hospital as a precautionary measure, according to a press release from the city.

MPD began searching for Borunda after he was last seen at about 8 p.m. Tuesday walking west on Neely Avenue from the Ashton Way Apartments.

Police, Texas Department of Criminal Justice bloodhounds and Department of Public Safety helicopters searched throughout he night for Borunda, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease and does not speak English, according to the release.

MRT file photo

David Ham owns Peyton's Bikes. He said doping among cyclists is a result of pressure put on professional athletes to perform well.

Cyclists

From 1B

wonderful job in increasing awareness and encouraging research for cancer, said Fatima Castillo, executive director of Gifts of Hope.

Cycling will go on, but reactions to Armstrong's interview likely will be mixed, Brown said.

"It's going to be split down the middle. People still love him," he said.

Armstrong should have confessed to doping years earlier, because his continued denial has adversely affected his credibility, Burkhart said.

Ham hopes Armstrong will be remembered for his legacy as a talented athlete and cancer advocate.

"He's still an amazing athlete," he said. "He did a lot for the sport."

Expert: More money doesn't mean better schools

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An expert witness in the lawsuit over funding for Texas public schools testified Wednesday that more spending does not necessarily lead to better student performance.

Eric Hanushek, an education expert at Stanford University, said he does not see a correlation between per student spending and test results. He said he believes the real problem with public schools is a lack of efficiency.

Hanushek is testifying in the final stage of a lawsuit brought by school districts against the state claiming the Legislature is not providing enough funding.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Austyn M. Bazon, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probations.

Demetrieus D. Edwards, 36, of Stanton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Oscar S. Espinoza, 29, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

James H. Eubanks Jr., 32, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Jesse J. Fuentes, 31, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Liborio F. Garcia, 54, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in a drug-free zone.

Israel P. Guevara Jr., 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of assaulting a family or household member with bodily injury and stalking.

Nicholas T. Kennedy, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of injuring a child, elderly or disabled person with criminal negligence.

Loren S. Kinney, 25, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on two charges of manslaughter.

Michelle D. Manley, 37, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in a drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Conference on oil shale set in NM

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Speakers from major oil companies and the U.S. Department of Energy are expected to participate in a conference on the potential for shale oil production in the San Juan Basin.

The conference is scheduled to be held March 18-19 at San Juan College.

The Farmington Daily Times reported that local officials hope the Mancos Shale, a geologic layer of the San Juan Basin, will be the next big play in oil shale.

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TODAY: Sunny
High: 52
Low: 27

FRIDAY: Sunny
High: 56
Low: 30

SATURDAY: Sunny
High: 60
Low: 28

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 52 and northwest winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 27 and east winds around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

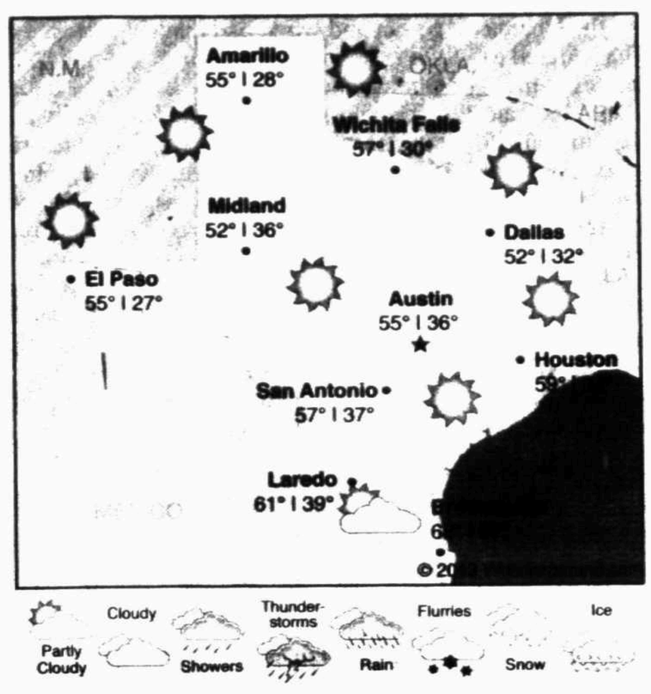
Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 56 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions, with a low around 30 and south winds around 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 60 and a low around 28.

The high on Wednesday reached 54, while the low dropped to 21. The record high for Jan. 16 is 79 set in 1971. The record low is 15 set in 1972.

National forecast

The last of the recent series of storms stretching from the Gulf Coast to the Atlantic Coast will arrive in the Northeast today. Warm air will move east over the southern Atlantic seaboard. Rain will reach Georgia and the Carolinas. In addition, a quick change to heavy snow is forecast.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.45 in.
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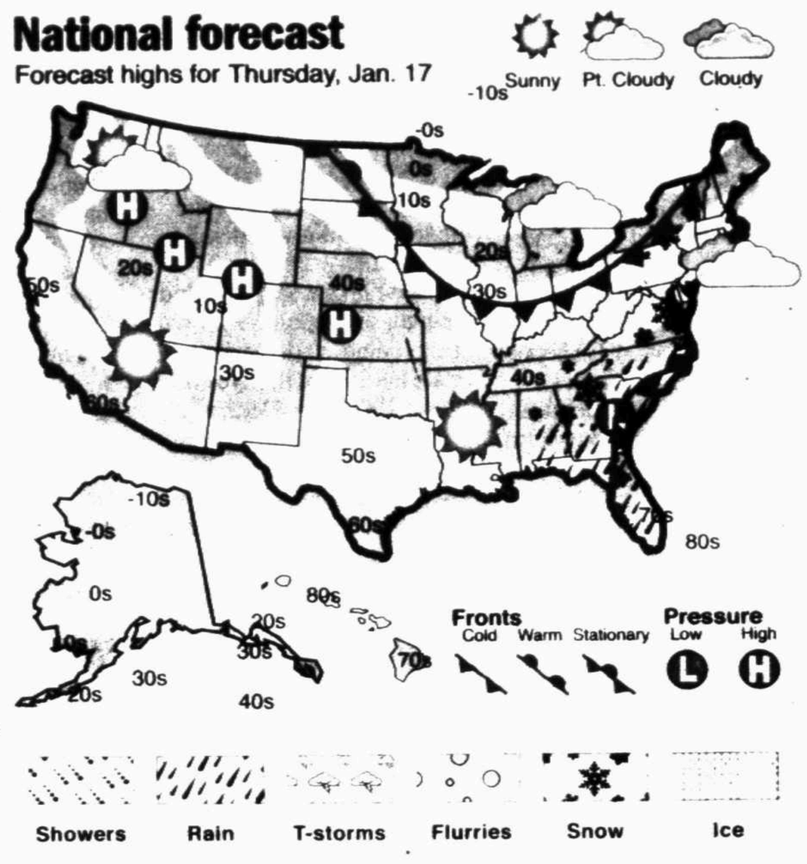
Normal total (year to date)	0.24 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	54
Low	21
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	6:09 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Jan. 17



Grouchy grandma talks her way out of family events

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother is 75 years old and, unfortunately, very unpleasant to be around. She has made many hurtful remarks in the past, which have led some family members to shut her out of their lives.

I live in another state and don't see my grandmother very often. I call her once or twice a month. When I do, she's nothing but pleasant with me, but she's often angry and tearful about other members of the family.

She feels her children and grandchildren should respect her as the matriarch of the family and include her in all family get-togethers. (My family tells me they have stopped inviting her to many functions because she's such a troublemaker.)

I'm concerned about my grandmother and am beginning to think that my parents and siblings should overlook her unpleasant behavior and occasional snide remarks. At the very least they should include her in important family functions. I'd be interested in your opinion so I can share it with my family. — TROUBLED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TROUBLED: Your grandmother appears to be reaping what she has sown. Verbal abuse often leaves scars on those at whom it is aimed, and no one can be blamed for wanting distance from a person who is deliberately hurtful.

Respect is something that has to be earned. Your parents and siblings "respect" your grandmother from a distance because they have learned it's the only safe way to do so.

Does this mean she should automatically be excluded from all family get-togethers? No. However, before she's invited to an important event, she should give assurances that she'll watch her mouth and be on her best behavior. Or else.

If this seems heavy-handed, so be it. It's no crime to protect oneself from someone else's mean-spiritedness.

DEAR ABBY: Please allow me to share a dating technique with your readers that has saved me a lot of relationship headaches. I call it "the 90-day rule."

Whenever I start dating someone, I try to see them at least once a week for 90 days. That way, if there are any character flaws, I find out within the first 90 days.

Among the flaws I've discovered: drug dealing and addiction, alcoholism, driving without a valid license and with illegal license tags, and lying about their occupation.

The idea is to avoid sexual intimacy during those first 90 days to keep your head clear. If you are intimate too soon, you'll find yourself making excuses for your partner. This technique has never failed me — unless I made an exception.

May I suggest your readers try this 90-day rule? If they do, I promise they won't be disappointed because it takes TIME to get to know someone. Before you can love someone, you must learn who that person really is. — CLEARHEADED IN CLEARWATER, FLA.

DEAR CLEARHEADED: Your 90-day rule makes a lot of sense. I have heard from many readers who went too far too fast because they felt they had made an instant emotional connection. I warn them that physical attraction should not be confused with love because what they're really describing is infatuation.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

No way out

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 4
♥ Q 3 2
♦ K Q 9 8 2
♣ 8 5 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 5 3
♥ 10 8 4
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ Q

EAST
♠ J 9
♥ J 9 7 6 5
♦ A J 10
♣ 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 6 2
♥ A K
♦ 4
♣ A K J 10 6 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♣

If you have nothing else to guide you in the play, accept cards the defenders play at their face value. It can help you find the winning line.

South did not like the idea of opening with a strong, artificial two-club bid since the auction might get out of control.

Once North showed a club preference and values, South settled in six clubs after discovering an ace was missing from the combined holdings.

On the auction, a red-suit lead would have been safer, but West led a low spade, won in the closed hand with the king as East put up the jack. Since the contract was laydown if trumps were 2-2 (after forcing out the ace of diamonds), a spade could be ruffed and another discarded on a diamond honor); declarer cashed the king of clubs, fetching the queen from West. If that was an honest card, trumps were breaking 3-1, so declarer found a line that offered an additional chance.

Abandoning trumps, declarer cashed the ace of spades, fetching the nine from East, and ace-king of hearts, then led a diamond to the queen. If West held the ace, declarer would have to hope that East held three spades. However, the ace was with East, so declarer could claim the contract if East had started with three clubs as the fall of the cards had advertised. No matter which suit East led, it would provide declarer with an entry to dummy, permitting him to discard two spades on the queen of hearts and the table's remaining diamond honor.

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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. 17, 2013:

This year you will make an unusually strong effort to keep the peace; however, remember that you are human. You will remain responsive to others' demands only to a certain point. You will be coming from a place of clarity and compassion, even in your professional life. If you are single, a serious yet attractive member of the opposite sex strolls right through your door. This event is far more likely to occur during the second half of your birthday year. If you are attached, the two of you have serious talks and become more accepting of each other. ARIES is likely to trigger a reaction from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Avoid getting into a situation where control is the major issue. Once that behavior is eliminated or toned down, you will be able to see the feelings behind the manipulation. A partner could be uptight about a money matter. Tonight: A friend wants you to join him or her.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Pull back and do some thinking before acting on an evolving situation with a difficult loved one. You might want to stop making judgments. When you walk in this person's shoes, you will gain a very different perspective. Tonight: Get into a favorite hobby.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A meeting energizes you to become more proactive about a long-term goal or desire. It is you who will need to make this happen. Work or a matter you deal with on a daily basis might be bringing you down. Consider accepting an invitation. Tonight: Make plans with a friend or loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Step forward, and be willing to take a stand with someone who makes many demands. This person is not a good fit with your personality. A partner might be unusually controlling. You might need to subtly root out the issue. Tonight: Find your best friend and make plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to experts or people you respect for advice. When you hit a roadblock, you might want a different take on how to bypass it. A matter involving real estate or your personal life could mark a decision. Tonight: Read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Relate to an associate directly. You'll hear what this person is saying, but you might wonder if there is a hidden agenda behind his or her words. Do not be overserious in a conversation, yet be sure to express your bottom line. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to a strong-willed associate or friend. Apparently, this person has a strong vision for what needs to happen. Having your trust makes him or her feel good. Whether this fact is true is another question! Your choices often are made from a realistic perspective. Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, as you could have a lot to do. You might hit a wall in a discussion, or perhaps someone seems to be pulling away. His or her perception of you might be the same. Be more open, and make time in the near future for a long-overdue talk. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Stay focused regarding an important conversation. A disagreement could emerge over a financial issue with a partner or loved one. Look at what exists below that surface. What is he or she really asking for? Tap into your imagination for answers. Tonight: Express your playfulness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You have a lot going on around your home and personal life. You could have a very strong reaction to a discussion. You'll become quite controlling, if you are not careful. In that mindset, you will hit a stalemate. Is that what you want? Tonight: Buy someone a gift on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Do not stand on ceremony. Everyone will be happier once there is resolution, and the answer is in your hands. You need to get past a personal issue. The issue arose long before a key person became involved in the present scenario. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of a problem that evolves. One path might be hard on your ego. A different path involves spending more money than you would like to. Deal with your strong feelings first, and you'll come up with positive responses. Tonight: Treat yourself.

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BORN TODAY

Gangster Al Capone (1899), actor Jim Carrey (1962), U.S. founding father Ben Franklin (1706)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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14 Bearer of bear cubs, in Madrid
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17 Sales pro
18 Double trouble ... for a hydrophobic teetotaler?
20 Pueblo brick
22 Stone unit
23 Dance that tells a story
24 Skyline haze
26 Id controller
29 ... for an arachnophobic hermit?
32 Chest-maker's wood
34 Pharmaceutical oil
35 Arduous
36 ... for an acrophobic wallflower?
39 Make a meal of
40 Apportion
41 Clubs: Abbr.
42 ... for a xenophobic couch potato?
46 Shtick
47 Long to be with
48 This time only
49 Smithy's tool
52 Harp (on)
53 ... for an agoraphobic soldier?
58 AAA freebie
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60 Not just odd
61 Online qualifier
62 Steel plow pioneer
63 Creeps up on
64 Fitting

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12 Gp. for Jets, but not Sharks
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19 Purse
21 It's not a good sign
24 Tom Lehrer song
25 Mice and men
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AUSTIN

Dewhurst, Nelson unveil changes to Medicaid

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and a top lawmaker unveiled legislation Wednesday they say will improve health care for the poor and disabled while fighting fraud, but they ruled out expanding Medicaid under an Obama administration effort to provide health care to 1.5 million uninsured poor people.

Dewhurst and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said her Senate Bill 7 would change how health care providers are paid to encourage quality of treatment over quantity or procedures, while redesigning long-term care for the profoundly disabled. Nelson said the state lost $6 billion in Medicaid fraud between 2004 and 2011 and her Senate Bill 8 would detect fraud earlier and more effectively punish those responsible.

"When you defraud the system, you are stealing from the taxpayers, children, the frail, the poor, the elderly and Texans with disabilities. It is crime against our most vulnerable citizens, and we have to change our approach to stopping it," Nelson said.

Medicaid is a joint state and federal program in which Washington provides roughly $2 for every $1 the state spends. In return, the state must follow federal regulations.

Dewhurst said health and human services have grown from being 20 percent of the state budget to 30 percent since 2003, and Medicaid costs have doubled. During that same period, though, Texas lawmakers have cut spending to other programs and federal lawmakers have expanded the number of services required under Medicaid.

As part of the Affordable Care Act designed to make sure all Americans have health insurance, the Obama administration has offered to pay Texas almost all of the costs of expanding Medicaid coverage to an additional 1.5 million to 2 million poor and uninsured people. Health care advocates almost universally support Medicaid expansion and some economists say it will financially benefit the state.

Gov. Rick Perry, though, has rejected the proposal saying it undermines states' rights, and Dewhurst on Wednesday reiterated his opposition.

"We carefully cover under Medicaid those populations that we feel need the help of the state and cannot care for themselves," Dewhurst said. "In 2003 we made a decision to exclude adults — able-bodied — who can go out and work, and that's the target population for Obamacare."

Dewhurst said he would rather see the federal government exempt Texas from most Medicaid regulations and allow the state to spend the money how it sees fit, something known as a block grant.

"Our care would be better if the state of Texas had the flexibility to focus on where needs are because one size does not fit all in health care," he said. "But we have not been successful under either the Bush or Obama administrations to get a block grant."

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AUSTIN

Study: Many school Bible classes 'problematic'

Some 60 public school districts across Texas offer courses on the Bible, but at least a third aren't meeting state requirements to be unbiased and academically and legally sound, a study released Wednesday concluded.

Written by Mark Chancey, a professor of Religious Studies at Southern Methodist University, the study found that many districts' courses favor conservative Protestant interpretations of the Bible. Many also present "problematic treatment of Judaism" while "promoting pseudo-scholarship, particularly regarding science and American history."

"At a basic level, students are often being taught to experience Judaism only through Christian eyes," said Chancey, who completed the study for the Texas Freedom Network, which monitors the State Board of Education from a progressive perspective.

He said no courses in Texas were found to be favoring Jewish, Roman Catholic or mainstream Protestant views — only those held by conservative Protestants.

Statewide, 57 districts and three charter schools offered elective courses on the Bible during the 2011-12 school year. Chancey listed 11 of them as having the most successful classes, but concluded that 20 had the "most problematic courses."

The total overall number of districts offering Bible classes is more than double the 25 districts that taught them during the 2005-06 school year.

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Armstrong: Watch interview; decide for yourself

Associated Press

Lance Armstrong said Wednesday that viewers can judge for themselves how candid he was in his interview with Oprah Winfrey.

"I left it all on the table with her and when it airs the people can decide," he said in a text message to The Associated Press.

Armstrong responded to a report in the New York Daily News, citing an unidentified source, that he was not contrite when he acknowledged during Monday's taping with Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

He's also held conversations with U.S. anti-doping officials, touching off speculation that the team leader who demanded loyalty from others soon may face some very tough choices himself: whether to cooperate and name those who aided, knew about or helped cover up a sophisticated doping ring that Armstrong ran on his tour-winning U.S. Postal Service squads.

"I have no idea what the future holds other than me holding my kids," he said.

Armstrong's interview with Winfrey won't begin airing until Thursday night, but already some people want to hear more — under oath — before he's allowed to compete again in elite triathlons, a sport he returned to after retiring from cycling in 2011. In addition to stripping him of all seven of his Tour de France titles last year, anti-doping officials banned Armstrong for life from sanctioned events.

"He's got to follow a certain course," David Howman, director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said. "That is not talking to a talk-show host."

Former teammate Frankie Andreu, one of several riders Armstrong cast aside on his ride to the top of the sport, said no one is better-suited to provide anti-doping authorities with a blueprint for cleaning up the sport.

"Lance knows everything that happened," Andreu told the AP. "He's the one who knows who did what because he was the ringleader. It's up to him how much he wants to expose."

World Anti-Doping Agency officials said nothing short of "a full

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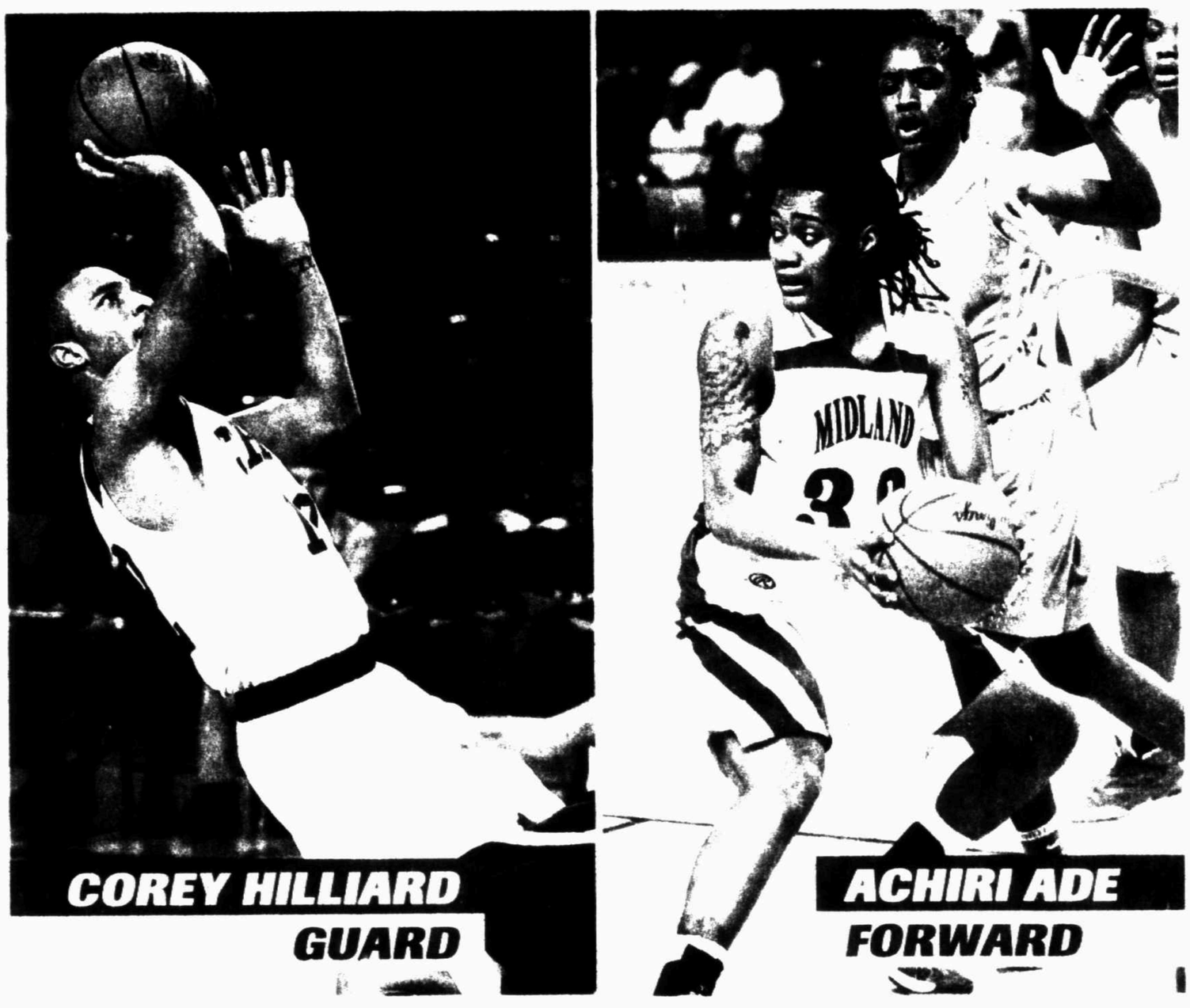
Associated Press

Cyclist Lance Armstrong listens to a question from Oprah Winfrey during taping for the show "Oprah and Lance Armstrong: The Worldwide Exclusive" in Austin on Monday in this photo provided by Harpo Studios Inc. The two-part episode will air nationally today and Friday.

BRING ON FRANK PHILLIPS



Read up on today's Midland College basketball action on Page 2C

Now it counts: Sharapova, Venus into 3rd round

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Maria Sharapova was careful not to show any disrespect to the two women she beat 6-0, 6-0 along the way to a third-round match against Venus Williams at the Australian Open.

As rare as it was, she said, an almost flawless start wasn't entirely what she'd come to Melbourne to achieve.

The No. 2-ranked Sharapova overwhelmed Japan's Misaki Doi in 47 minutes Wednesday, even less time than she'd needed to beat fellow Russian Olga Puchkova two days earlier in her first competitive match of 2013.

No woman had posted back-to-back 6-0, 6-0 wins at a Grand Slam since 1985.

Yet it didn't excite the 25-year-old Sharapova, who wasn't even alive when Wendy Turnbull did it at the Australian Open.

"It's not really the statistic I want to be known for," Sharapova said in her most matter-of-fact way. "I want to be known for winning Grand Slam titles, not that I won two matches 6-0, 6-0."

Tennis is all about Grand Slam titles for Sharapova, who, with her drought-breaking victory at the French Open last year, now has a complete set of four major championships. And she knows it won't be easy against the 32-year-old Williams, who has won seven.

Associated Press

Russia's Maria Sharapova hits a return to Japan's Misaki Doi during their second round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, on Wednesday. Sharapova won 6-0, 6-0 and advanced to the third round.

"Well, you certainly know what she's capable of," Sharapova said. "But when you're out on the court, you're not thinking how many titles she's won or how experienced she is."

To Sharapova, her first two wins have been a matter of "getting the job done." She was recovering from a sore right collarbone that ruled her out of a tuneup event in Brisbane earlier this month. She skipped the Brisbane tournament last year, also due to injury, and went on to reach the Australian Open final.

"Knowing what's ahead of me ... there are certainly no secrets coming into that matchup," she said. "You know, despite the fact that she might not be seeded high or didn't play for a little bit, she's still a very experienced player and a tremendous athlete."

Sharapova leads the head-to-head series 4-3, but Williams has won both of their Grand Slam meetings.

Numbers don't mean much either to Williams, who is making trip No. "Lucky 13" to Melbourne Park.

She's still on the comeback trail from missing seven months after the 2011 U.S. Open to deal with Sjogren's Syndrome. Now seeded 25th, she dropped only one game in her first-round win and then went down a break early to Alize Cornet of France before winning 6-3, 6-3.

Williams hasn't been in a Grand Slam final since 2009 and often jokes about her age, laughing as she told the crowd: "I'm fighting the wrinkles. I'm fighting the battle of the bulge!"

One thing 17 years in Grand Slam tournaments have taught her is the value of knowing who stands in your way.

"Yeah, I look at the draw. I'm not superstitious," she said. "I'm playing against Maria, I know. I'm going to have to be at my best against her.

"I know I'm not the highest seed, so I realize I'm probably going to have to play someone (highly ranked) and someone is going to have to play me — that's pretty much what it is."

Somebody who won't be getting in her way is No. 9 Samantha Stosur, the big upset Wednesday. The 2011 U.S. Open champion led 5-2

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Mavs snag home win in Texas tussle with Houston

Mavericks	**105**
Rockets	100

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 19 points, O.J. Mayo hit two tiebreaking free throws and the Dallas Mavericks held off a Jeremy Lin-led surge to beat the Houston Rockets 105-100 on Wednesday night.

Lin and James Harden combined to score the last 18 points for the Rockets, who erased an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit and got even at 97. After Elton Brand blocked a layup attempt by Harden, Mayo hit both free throws after getting fouled on a layup at the other end.

Lin had a chance to tie the score on free throws, but missed the second of two. The Rockets got one more chance to go in front, but Harden couldn't get a good look at a layup. Nowitzki won a scramble for the ball and hit two free throws for a 101-98 lead.

Dallas won its season-best fourth straight game, and the Rockets lost their fifth in a row, also a season high.

Harden led the Rockets with 20 points but made just 5 of 23 from the field. Lin had 19 with some critical misses among his 6-of-10 shooting on free throws.

Mayo and Shawn Marion had 18 apiece for Dallas. Nowitzki had 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Omer Asik had 12 points and 15 rebounds for Houston.

The Mavericks led 93-82 midway through the fourth when Lin scored on two driving layups and a 3-pointer, and Harden hit four free throws. The Rockets

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Story of Te'o girlfriend death turns out to be elaborate hoax

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A story that Notre Dame football star Manti Te'o's girlfriend had died of leukemia — a loss he said inspired him to help lead the Fighting Irish to the BCS championship game — was dismissed by the university Wednesday as a hoax perpetrated against the linebacker.

Te'o

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said Te'o told coaches on Dec. 26 that he had received a call while at an awards ceremony from the phone number of his late girlfriend, Lennay Kekua.

By Te'o's own account, she was an "online" girlfriend. Swarbrick said they also talked by telephone.

Swarbrick said that, based on a report from an investigative firm hired by the school, he believes Te'o was duped into

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NASCAR PAGE 5C

Hatfield Hiatt Lacina McNeill Reed Theriot Whitewood

Courtesy photo

The Advance Volleyball West Texas 16s National Amped team won the gold bracket at the Next Lext Level Classic in Lubbock this past weekend. The team won its pool and beat the WTX Oilers 17 and Guns Up Volleyball Club 18 Elite to win the title in bracket play. Back row, from left to right, coach Ashley Rojo, Ashley Stroup, Laycie Duncan, Jensen Jeter, Channing Burleson, Jenna Gillean and Erin Robbins; front row, from left to right, Breeana Jeter, Jordan Williams and Kyndal Cowan.

YOUTHSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WINNERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT ANNUAL ROPING EVENT

Eight junior participants won saddles and buckles at this year's Tall City New Year's Calf Roping Blowout at the Horseshoe Arena.

The event drew more than 200 competitors in the junior divisions.

Here is the list of winners:

Boys

9 and under: Lane Reed
13 and under: True Lacina
16 and under: Marcus Theriot
19 and under: Marcus Theriot
Fast Calf Belt Buckle winner: Seth Cook

Girls

9 and under: Cross Hatt
13 and under: Kenna McNeill
16 and under: Whitley Whitewood
19 and under: Destiny Hatfield

WEST TEXAS BMX RESULTS

Friday

12 Cruiser: 1. David Gray, Midland; 2. David Prestridge, Midland; 3. Anthony Prestridge, Midland

10 Inter: 1. Ashlee Moore, Odessa; 2. Diangelo Dodson, Midland; 3. Alexis Dodson, Midland

12 Inter: 1. Devyn Davis, Midland; 2. Jadon Scroggins, Midland; 3. Nathan Sanchez, Midland

15 Inter: 1. Chrystofer Davis, Midland; 2. Trevor Bingham, Coahoma; 3. Corey Sanchez, Midland

Saturday

26-30 Cruiser: 1. Ray Lopez, Midland; 2. David Gray, Midland; 3. David Prestridge

10 Inter: 1. Ashlee Moore, Odessa; 2. Diangelo Dodson, Midland; 3. Alexi Dodson, Midland

12 Inter: 1. Devyn Davis, Midland; 2. Jadon Scroggins, Midland; 3. Nathan Sanchez, Midland

15 Inter: 1. Trevor Bingham, Coahoma; 2. Trey Bingham, Coahoma; 3. Corey Sanchez, Midland

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BY OSCAR LEROY

Women

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

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

Records: Midland College 14-5, 2-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 9-10, 2-1

Last game: Midland College 75, Odessa College 60; Frank Phillips College 60, Western Texas College 50 (Jan. 12)

Notes & quotes: Midland College is coming off one of its most impressive performances of the season on Monday. The Lady Chaparrals not only held a good offensive team in Odessa College to just 25.7 percent shooting, but shot 49.2 percent for the game, which is 11 percentage points higher than they normally shoot. MC shot 61.3 percent in the first half to take a commanding 44-25 lead at the break. "We played with a lot of urgency on Monday, and that's something we want to do every night, and not just once in a while," MC coach Ron Jones said. "I hope we continue to play with that energy." Achiri Ade, who is still recovering from a left foot injury, had a game-high 22 points and 13 rebounds. Catherine Kruschke added 17 points and seven rebounds, and Tia Dixon had all of her 11 points off the bench in the second half. ... Frank Phillips is coming off a victory over Western Texas on Saturday and had a bye on Monday. The Lady Plainsmen's only loss in WJCAC came against Odessa (89-62) on Jan. 10. ... The Lady Plainsmen are led by 5-foot-8 freshman G Natasha Thomas with 15.9 ppg, and Jones said FPC is a tough team to play because of the five-out motion offense it runs, which relies on outside shooting and dribble penetration. "They play a little bit more one-on-one than what we're used to, and it takes a little while to adjust," Jones said. "I think Frank is much improved over last year. They're 2-1 in conference, we're 2-1 in conference and this is a home game for us. We feel like we want to start getting a little momentum moving forward."

Next game: Midland College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; New Mexico JC at Frank Phillips, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Men

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

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

Records: Midland College 10-4, 1-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips 11-7, 1-3

Last game: Odessa College 56, Midland College 54; New Mexico Military Institute 84, Frank Phillips 80

Notes & quotes: Midland College is hoping to break a two-game losing skid in conference play. ... The Chaparrals are coming off a loss against Odessa College in which they shot 32.7 percent from the floor, including 4 of 14 from 3-point range. The Chaps were also just 14 of 23 from the free-throw line. Sophomore G Corey Hilliard led MC with 14 points off the bench, while Tiegbe Bamba added nine points and 10 rebounds. ... Frank Phillips is coming off a loss to NMMI on Monday, but MC coach Chris Craig expects a good test for his team. "It's also going to give us a great opportunity for us, coming off two losses in conference, to get back moving in the right direction," Craig said. "(The Chaps are) responding in the right way. But the thing with this group is that they're good in responding the next day or two, but we'll see if they can respond beyond that and for the next three months." ... Craig added that the Plainsmen can shoot the ball well and have the ability to score from not only the inside, but outside, as well. Four Plainsmen are averaging in double figures: 6-foot-3 sophomore G Taquan McDew leads with 19.7 ppg, 6-0 sophomore G Ronald Scott is averaging 16.3 ppg, and 6-3 sophomore G Greg Nelson and 6-6 sophomore G/F Earl Hill are each averaging a little more than 12 per game.

Next game: Midland College at Western Texas College, 7:45 p.m. Monday; New Mexico JC at Frank Phillips, 7:45 p.m. Monday

New Texas Tech coach coming to Midland for event

From staff reports

Texas Tech announced that Red Raider football fans in Midland will have an opportunity to be introduced to the 2013 football signing class by head coach Kliff Kingsbury as part of a Red Raider Club Recruiting Review next month.

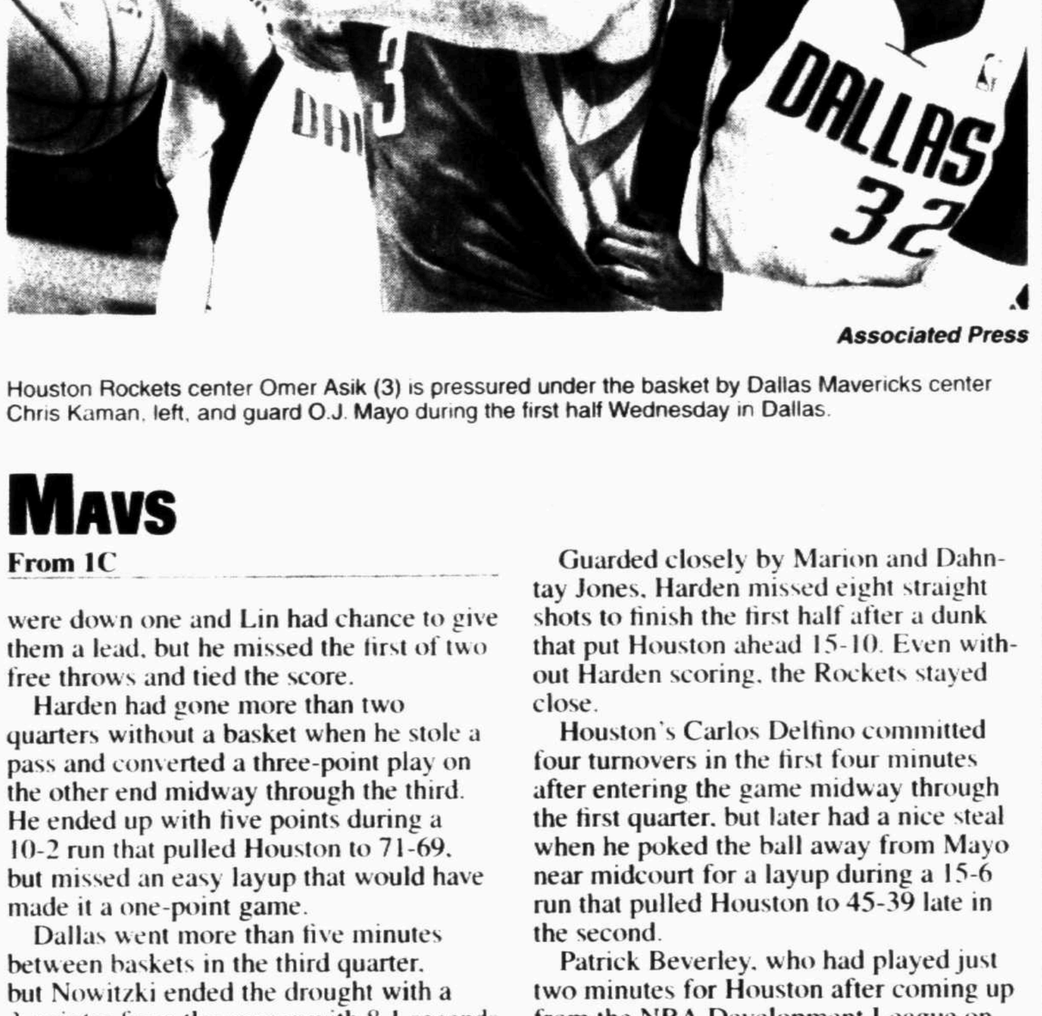
The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at the Midland Center.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to be around Texas Tech fans and introduce them to our new coaching staff and signing class," said Kingsbury, who was hired last month. "These are exciting times on our campus and we are grateful for the support of our fans and for the Red Raider Club Scholarship Fund."

The event will be the last of a four-city tour by the head coach as recruiting reviews will also be held in Lubbock, Dallas and Houston.

Tickets for event are as follows: AD/Head Coach's Table $4,000; Offensive or Defensive Coordinator $2,500; Assistant Coach's Table $1,500; Reserved Table of 10, $500; individual ticket (open seating) $40.

Tickets for all four of the 2013 Texas Tech Football Recruiting Reviews can be purchased through the Red Raider Club by emailing rrc.events@ttu.edu or by phone at (806) 742-1196.



Associated Press

Houston Rockets center Omer Asik (3) is pressured under the basket by Dallas Mavericks center Chris Kaman, left, and guard O.J. Mayo during the first half Wednesday in Dallas.

MAVS

From 1C

were down one and Lin had chance to give them a lead, but he missed the first of two free throws and tied the score.

Harden had gone more than two quarters without a basket when he stole a pass and converted a three-point play on the other end midway through the third. He ended up with five points during a 10-2 run that pulled Houston to 71-69, but missed an easy layup that would have made it a one-point game.

Dallas went more than five minutes between baskets in the third quarter, but Nowitzki ended the drought with a 3-pointer from the corner with 8.1 seconds left to give the Mavericks an 80-73 lead entering the fourth.

The Mavericks went on a 19-0 first-quarter run that included Harden picking up his second foul on a three-point play by Mayo. The Rockets committed nine turnovers and missed six shots before Toney Douglas ended the Dallas spurt with a 3-pointer. Darren Collison had seven points, including a 3, during the run.

Guarded closely by Marion and Dahntay Jones, Harden missed eight straight shots to finish the first half after a dunk that put Houston ahead 15-10. Even without Harden scoring, the Rockets stayed close.

Houston's Carlos Delfino committed four turnovers in the first four minutes after entering the game midway through the first quarter, but later had a nice steal when he poked the ball away from Mayo near midcourt for a layup during a 15-6 run that pulled Houston to 45-39 late in the second.

Patrick Beverley, who had played just two minutes for Houston after coming up from the NBA Development League on Monday, had five points, two assists and a block on Mayo in the lane during the run.

At one point late in the first half, the Rockets had more turnovers (11) than baskets (nine) and were shooting less than 30 percent before hitting five straight shots.

Houston finished the half at 36 percent, but Dallas wasn't much better at 38. Nowitzki was 2 of 8 with four points and just two rebounds before halftime.

Stats and schedules

Midland College Women's Statistics
(14-5, 2-1)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Achiri Ade	15	94	44	74	232	15.5	184	12.3
Catherine Kruschke	19	68	55	95	190	10.0	151	7.9
Meghan Schlauer	19	48	51	62	174	9.2	47	2.5
Tia Dixon	19	53	27	38	166	8.7	56	2.9
Daniechka Canales	19	54	19	333	137	7.2	66	3.5
Darnetta Jackson	19	58	13	27	136	7.2	90	4.7
Damaises Rivera	18	42	30	49	114	6.3	88	4.9
Femke Vaandrager	19	26	30	55	82	4.3	112	5.9
Sabrina Ochoa	17	17	6	14	50	2.9	20	1.2
Curtiesha Woods	15	16	8	30	44	2.9	23	1.5
Chanelle DiCroce	18	16	12	17	49	2.7	35	1.9
Gabriela Martins	19	10	10	10	36	1.9	34	1.8
Total	**19**	**502**	**301**	**482**	**1,410**	**74.2**	**1,017**	**53.5**

3-point goals (99) — Dixon 33, Braeuer 27, Canales 10, Ochoa 10, Woods 7, Jackson 7, Martins 6, DiCroce 5

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	2	0	13	2
Odessa College	3	1	13	4
South Plains	2	1	15	3
Midland College	**2**	**1**	**14**	**5**
Frank Phillips	2	1	9	10
Howard College	1	2	12	6
Western Texas	1	3	8	12
Clarendon	0	4	10	10

Monday's Scores

Midland College 75, Odessa College 60; New Mexico JC 68, South Plains 62; Western Texas College 80, Clarendon College 67

Today's Games

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

Midland College Men's Statistics
(10-4, 1-2)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Justin Coleman	13	80	33	45	209	16.1	77	5.9
Kwo Gardner	13	45	50	67	156	12.0	36	2.7
Tiegbe Bamba	13	55	30	47	150	11.5	101	7.7
Aly Ahmed	14	37	29	45	103	7.4	77	5.5
Gary Akbar	14	35	31	60	101	7.2	70	5.0
Willis Nicholson	13	22	30	40	81	6.2	22	1.7
Colan Weasby	13	25	4	10	74	5.7	37	2.9
Corey Hilliard	10	15	10	15	54	5.4	20	2.0
Ede Egharevba	11	20	7	13	58	5.3	30	2.8
Brandon Lucas	11	16	6	10	40	3.6	22	2.0
Anthony Norris	9	15	6	9	38	4.2	27	3.0
Sheyon Thompson	12	11	4	11	26	2.2	18	1.5
DJ Billingsley	12	5	4	7	12	1.0	10	0.8
Brandon Maclin	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	0.4
Totals	**14**	**385**	**243**	**380**	**1,108**	**79.1**	**607**	**43.4**

3-point goals (95) — Weasby 20, Gardner 16, Coleman 16, Egharevba 12, Bamba 10, Hilliard 8, Nicholson 7, Lucas 4, Norris 2

Men's WJCAC Standings

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

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 56, Midland College 54; NMMI 84, Frank Phillips 80; New Mexico JC 60, South Plains 47; Clarendon College 89, Western Texas College 73

Today's Games

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

Big 12 commish says league feels good at 10 teams

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby says the 10-team league feels good about where it is right now while still keeping an eye on what is happening with other conferences across the country.

"We continue to watch the landscape," Bowlsby said Wednesday at the NCAA convention. "Until we're persuaded that larger is better, we feel pretty good about right where we are."

The league's athletic directors have a regular meeting later this month in Dallas. Bowlsby said part of their discussions will include the advantages of staying with their membership, plus the advantages and disadvantages of possibly adding to that.

"If you get bigger, do you have to get to 16? Do you get all the benefits at 14? Do you get them at 12?" Bowlsby said. "I just think there's a real shortage of empirical evidence that can guide our decisions."

But what if it became evident that the league needed to try to add schools?

"We could be proactive," Bowlsby said. "I think there are some ways we could."

Bowlsby, who became the Big 12 commissioner last May, didn't elaborate on how.

The Big 12 has undergone significant changes to get to its 10-team configuration.

Nebraska and Colorado reduced the league from 12 members when they left after the 2010-11 school year. When Texas A&M and Missouri officially became SEC members last summer, they were replaced by TCU and West Virginia.

In September, the Big 12 announced a new $2.6 billion, 13-year deal with ESPN and Fox Sports.

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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):

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at ATLANTA FALCONS — 49ERS: LIMITED: CB Tarell Brown (shoulder), RB Bruce Miller (shoulder), LB Aldon Smith (shoulder). FULL: G Alex Boone (knee), LB NaVorro Bowman (shoulder), TE Garrett Celek (foot), CB Chris Culliver (knee), S Dashon Goldson (shin), LB Tavares Gooden (knee), RB Frank Gore (knee), LB Clark Haggans (shoulder), G Mike Iupati (shoulder), DT Justin Smith (elbow, triceps), LB Patrick Willis (shoulder). FALCONS: LIMITED: DE John Abraham (ankle), DT Jonathan Babineaux (shoulder), CB Christopher Owens (hamstring). FULL: S William Moore (hand), LB Stephen Nicholas (foot).

BALTIMORE RAVENS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — RAVENS: DNP: CB Asa Jackson (thigh). LIMITED: RB Anthony Allen (head), G Gino Gradkowski (head), RB Bernard Pierce (knee), WR David Reed (thigh). FULL: WR Anquan Boldin (shoulder), CB Chykie Brown (shoulder), NT Terrence Cody (ankle), LB Dannell Ellerbe (ankle, back), DE Arthur Jones (thigh, knee), RB Vonta Leach (knee, ankle), LB Ray Lewis (triceps), LB Albert McClellan (shoulder), DE Pernell McPhee (thigh), DT Haloti Ngata (knee), S Bernard Pollard (chest), S Ed Reed (shoulder), CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen), WR Torrey Smith (back), LB Terrell Suggs (Achilles, biceps), G Marshal Yanda (shoulder). PATRIOTS: DNP: CB Alfonzo Dennard (not injury related), TE Rob Gronkowski (forearm). LIMITED: CB Marquice Cole (finger), DE Chandler Jones (ankle), G Nick McDonald (shoulder), DE Trevor Scott (knee), RB Danny Woodhead (thumb).

NFL Draft Early Entries
Keenan Allen, WR, California
Stedman Bailey, WR, West Virginia
David Bakhtiari, OT, Colorado
Le'Veon Bell, RB, Michigan State
Gio Bernard, RB, North Carolina
Tyler Bray, QB, Tennessee
Terrence Brown, CB, Stanford
Knile Davis, RB, Arkansas
Mike Edwards, DB, Hawaii
Matt Elam, S, Florida
Zach Ertz, TE, Stanford
Chris Faulk, OT, LSU
Sharrif Floyd, DT, Florida
D.J. Fluker, OT, Alabama
Michael Ford, RB, LSU
Travis Frederick, C, Wisconsin
Kwame Geathers, NT, Georgia
William Gholston, DE, Michigan State
Johnathan Hankins, DT, Ohio State
DeAndre Hopkins, WR, Clemson
Justin Hunter, WR, Tennessee
Jawan Jamison, RB, Rutgers
Stefphon Jefferson, RB, Nevada
Tony Jefferson, S, Oklahoma
Jelani Jenkins, LB, Florida
Luke Joeckel, OT, Texas A&M
Jarvis Jones, LB, Georgia
Brandon Kaufman, WR, Eastern Washington
Joe Kruger, DE, Utah
Eddie Lacy, TB, Alabama
Marcus Lattimore, RB, South Carolina
Corey Lemonier, DE, Auburn
Bennie Logan, DT, LSU
Tyrann Mathieu, CB, LSU
Dee Milliner, CB, Alabama
Barkevious Mingo, DE, LSU
Kevin Minter, LB, LSU
Sam Montgomery, DE, LSU
Brandon Moore, DT, Texas
Alec Ogletree, LB, Georgia
Kyle Padron, QB, Eastern Washington
Cordarrelle Patterson, WR, Tennessee
Justin Pugh, OT, Syracuse
Joseph Randle, RB, Oklahoma State
Jordan Reed, TE, Florida
Eric Reid, S, LSU
Xavier Rhodes, CB, Florida State
Da'Rick Rogers, WR, Tennessee Tech
Logan Ryan, CB, Rutgers
Darrington Sentimore, DE, Tennessee
Tharold Simon, CB, LSU
Dion Sims, TE, Michigan State
Akeem Spence, DT, Illinois
Kenny Stills, WR, Oklahoma
Levine Toilolo, TE, Stanford
Spencer Ware, RB, LSU
Bjoern Werner, DE, Florida State
Steve Williams, CB, California
Brad Wing, P, LSU
Cierre Wood, RB, Notre Dame
Tom Wort, LB, Oklahoma

NFL Calendar
Jan. 20 — AFC and NFC championship games.
Jan. 27 — Pro Bowl, Aloha Stadium, Honolulu. An assistant coach whose team is in the Super Bowl and who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with the club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.
Feb. 3 — Super Bowl, Superdome, New Orleans.
March 9-11 — Clubs may enter negotiations with certified agents of players who will be unrestricted free agents at end of league year.

College Football

Saturday
RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Stars vs. Stripes, 2 p.m. (CBSSN)
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Auto Racing

Monte Carlo Rally
At Monaco
Wednesday
After four of 18 stages
1. Sebastien Loeb, France, Citroen, 1 hour, 39 minutes, 49 seconds.
2. Sebastien Ogier, France, Citroen, 1:41:09.03.
3. Mikko Hirvonen, Finland, Ford, 1:41:35.7.
4. Daniel Sordo, Spain, Citroen, 1:41:50.2.
5. Jari-Matti Latvala, Finland, Volkswagen, 1:42:21.2.
6. Evgeny Novikov, Russia, Ford, 1:42:39.6.
7. Mads Ostberg, Norway, Ford, 1:42:44.1.
8. Bryan Bouffier, France, Citroen, 1:42:46.1.
9. Juho Hanninen, Finland, Ford, 1:42:52.5.
10. Martin Prokop, Czech Republic, Ford, 1:46:00.3.

NBA DL

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	11	8	.579	—
Rio Grande Valley	10	8	.556	1/2
Austin	11	9	.550	1/2
Sioux Falls	11	10	.524	1
Tulsa	9	10	.474	2
Iowa	6	13	.316	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	13	7	.650	—
Santa Cruz	12	7	.632	1/2
Reno	8	9	.471	3 1/2
Los Angeles	6	10	.375	5
Idaho	6	15	.286	7 1/2

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Maine	13	8	.619	—
Canton	13	9	.591	1/2
Erie	10	8	.556	1 1/2
Fort Wayne	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Springfield	5	13	.278	6 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Santa Cruz 109, Iowa 106
Idaho 91, Erie 84
Fort Wayne at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games
Reno at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Erie at Idaho, 8 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	24	13	.649	—
Brooklyn	23	16	.590	2
Boston	20	18	.526	4 1/2
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	9
Toronto	14	25	.359	11

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	12	.667	—
Atlanta	22	16	.579	3
Orlando	14	24	.368	11
Charlotte	9	29	.237	16
Washington	7	28	.200	16 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	24	16	.600	—
Chicago	22	15	.595	1/2
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	3 1/2
Detroit	14	24	.368	9
Cleveland	9	31	.225	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	30	11	.732	—
Memphis	24	13	.649	4
Houston	21	19	.525	8 1/2
Dallas	17	23	.425	12 1/2
New Orleans	13	26	.333	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	31	8	.795	—
Denver	24	17	.585	8
Portland	20	18	.526	10 1/2
Utah	21	19	.525	10 1/2
Minnesota	16	19	.457	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	30	9	.769	—
Golden State	23	13	.639	5 1/2
L.A. Lakers	17	21	.447	12 1/2
Sacramento	14	24	.368	15 1/2
Phoenix	13	27	.325	17 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 107, Toronto 105, OT
Orlando 97, Indiana 86
Atlanta 109, Brooklyn 95
Dallas 105, Houston 100
Oklahoma City 117, Denver 97
New Orleans 90, Boston 78
San Antonio 103, Memphis 82
Cleveland at Portland, late
Washington at Sacramento, late
Miami at Golden State, late
Today's Games
New York vs. Detroit at London, England, 2 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 105, ROCKETS 100
HOUSTON (100): Parsons 6-14 2-2 18, Patterson 4-7 0-0 9, Asik 4-8 4-4 12, Lin 6-13 6-10 19, Harden 5-23 9-12 20, Delfino 2-7 0-0 5, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Douglas 1-1 0-0 3, Morris 2-6 2-2 7, Beverley 3-3 0-0 7. Totals 33-84 23-30 100.
DALLAS (105): Marion 8-13 2-6 18, Nowitzki 7-14 4-4 19, Kaman 3-6 0-0 6, Collison 3-9 2-2 10, Mayo 3-14 12-13 18, Carter 1-7 2-2 4, Brand 4-9 3-3 11, M.James 1-8 2-4 4, Crowder 3-4 2-3 10, Da.Jones 0-2 5-6 5. Totals 33-86 34-43 105.
Houston 18 26 29 27 — 100
Dallas 29 23 28 25 — 105
3-Point Goals—Houston 11-27 (Parsons 4-6, Patterson 1-1, Douglas 1-1, Beverley 1-1, Morris 1-3, Lin 1-3, Delfino 1-4, Harden 1-8), Dallas 5-22 (Crowder 2-3, Collison 2-4, Nowitzki 1-4, Da.Jones 0-1, M.James 0-2, Mayo 0-3, Carter 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 62 (Asik 15), Dallas 58 (Brand 10). Assists—Houston 17 (Harden 7), Dallas 22 (Mayo 8). Total Fouls—Houston 29, Dallas 19. A—20,147 (19,200).

SPURS 103, GRIZZLIES 82
MEMPHIS (82): Gay 7-13 3-4 17, Randolph 4-11 3-3 11, Gasol 4-6 4-5 12, Conley 3-7 3-3 10, Allen 4-7 3-3 11, Bayless 2-7 0-0 4, Arthur 1-4 0-0 2, Ellington 0-5 4-4 4, Speights 2-4 1-2 5, Wroten 0-1 1-2 1, Selby 1-2 0-0 2, Haddadi 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 29-69 23-28 82.
SAN ANTONIO (103): Leonard 5-6 0-0 13, Duncan 9-17 1-1 19, Splitter 5-6 0-1 10, Parker 6-11 5-6 17, Green 3-5 0-0 8, Diaw 7-10 0-0 14, Neal 4-9 0-2 9, Jackson 3-8 0-0 8, Mills 1-2 0-0 3, De Colo 1-1 0-0 2, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0, Blair 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-76 6-10 103.
Memphis 25 29 15 13 — 82
San Antonio 19 38 25 21 — 103
3-Point Goals—Memphis 1-9 (Conley 1-3, Bayless 0-1, Selby 0-1, Randolph 0-2, Ellington 0-2), San Antonio 9-18 (Leonard 3-3, Green 2-3, Jackson 2-5, Mills 1-2, Neal 1-3, Diaw 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 41 (Gay 8), San Antonio 40 (Splitter 9). Assists—Memphis 11 (Conley 3), San Antonio 33 (Parker 11). Total Fouls—Memphis 16, San Antonio 22. Technicals—Duncan. A—18,581 (18,797).

MAGIC 97, PACERS 86
INDIANA (86): George 6-14 7-7 20, West 7-15 0-0 14, Hibbert 5-7 1-2 11, Hill 7-16 0-0 15, Stephenson 3-6 0-0 6, Green 4-11 2-2 10, T.Hansbrough 5-8 0-1 10, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0, Augustin 0-3 0-0 0, Johnson 0-4 0-0 0, Pendergraph 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 10-12 86.
ORLANDO (97): Jones 2-3 0-0 4, Davis 5-14 1-1 11, Vucevic 7-13 2-2 16, Nelson 5-12 0-0 14, Afflalo 7-13 0-0 15, Redick 5-8 0-0 14, Nicholson 2-8 0-0 4, Moore 3-6 2-2 9, McRoberts 3-8 0-0 8, O'Quinn 0-0 0-0 0, Harkless 1-1 0-0 2, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 5-5 97.
Indiana 17 18 29 22 — 86
Orlando 22 29 26 20 — 97
3-Point Goals—Indiana 2-17 (George 1-4, Hill 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Stephenson 0-2, Augustin 0-2, Green 0-4), Orlando 12-21 (Nelson 4-6, Redick 4-6, McRoberts 2-4, Moore 1-2, Afflalo 1-3). Fouled Out—Nicholson. Rebounds—Indiana 51 (George 10), Orlando 45 (Vucevic 15). Assists—Indiana 18 (Hill 6), Orlando 29 (Nelson, Redick 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 17, Orlando 20. Technicals—T.Hansbrough, Vucevic. A—17,499 (18,500).

HAWKS 109, NETS 95
BROOKLYN (95): Bogans 0-6 0-0 0, Evans 2-3 4-4 8, Lopez 10-14 2-2 22, D.Williams 5-18 0-0 12, J.Johnson 4-15 7-7 15, Humphries 4-8 2-2 10, Wallace 1-2 2-2 4, Brooks 2-3 0-0 4, Blatche 6-7 0-0 12, Stackhouse 0-1 0-0 0, Watson 1-5 0-0 3, Teletovic 1-4 0-0 3, Taylor 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-87 17-17 95.
ATLANTA (109): Korver 5-10 0-0 11, Horford 7-12 3-4 17, Pachulia 5-8 3-6 13, Teague 12-18 1-2 28, Harris 6-11 4-5 18, L.Williams 5-8 0-0 11, I.Johnson 4-8 0-0 8, Stevenson 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 45-78 11-17 109.
Brooklyn 20 20 29 26 — 95
Atlanta 27 29 32 21 — 109
3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 4-26 (D.Williams 2-9, Teletovic 1-3, Watson 1-3, Stackhouse 0-1, J.Johnson 0-4, Bogans 0-6), Atlanta 8-21 (Teague 3-5, Harris 2-6, Stevenson 1-3, L.Williams 1-3, Korver 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 43 (Lopez 9), Atlanta 46 (Horford 13). Assists—Brooklyn 17 (D.Williams 9), Atlanta 33 (Teague 11). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 19, Atlanta 18. A—15,029 (18,729).

BULLS 107, RAPTORS 105, OT
CHICAGO (107): Deng 6-14 6-6 19, Boozer 16-24 4-4 36, Noah 5-14 6-8 16, Hinrich 1-3 1-2 3, Hamilton 6-9 1-1 15, Belinelli 2-9 6-9 10, Gibson 3-9 2-6 8, Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 0-3 0-0 0, Cook 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 26-36 107.
TORONTO (105): Fields 0-3 1-2 1, Davis 5-12 1-2 11, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Calderon 3-10 3-3 9, DeRozan 6-13 6-6 18, Johnson 2-9 1-4 5, Anderson 10-18 3-4 27, Lowry 8-15 8-11 26, Acy 4-4 0-0 8, Ross 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 23-32 105.
Chicago 29 23 27 21 7 — 107
Toronto 22 22 29 27 5 — 105
3-Point Goals—Chicago 3-11 (Hamilton 2-3, Deng 1-2, Robinson 0-1, Hinrich 0-1, Boozer 0-1, Belinelli 0-3), Toronto 6-16 (Anderson 4-9, Lowry 2-4, Calderon 0-3). Fouled Out—Gibson, Hinrich, Anderson. Rebounds—Chicago 60 (Noah 14), Toronto 53 (Johnson 10). Assists—Chicago 26 (Deng 7), Toronto 20 (Lowry 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 30, Toronto 29. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second, Toronto Coach Casey, Toronto delay of game. A—18,674 (19,800).

THUNDER 117, NUGGETS 97
DENVER (97): Gallinari 3-10 4-5 11, Faried 2-4 1-2 5, Koufos 6-6 4-6 16, Lawson 1-4 0-0 2, Iguodala 4-10 4-4 12, McGee 5-6 5-5 15, A.Miller 3-7 0-0 6, Brewer 1-7 1-2 3, Fournier 2-5 4-5 9, Randolph 1-6 6-8 8, Mozgov 2-4 0-0 4, Hamilton 3-4 0-0 6, Stone 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-73 29-37 97.
OKLAHOMA CITY (117): Durant 7-12 4-5 20, Ibaka 2-5 1-1 5, Perkins 1-6 0-0 2, Westbrook 12-20 8-9 32, Sefolosha 3-7 0-0 9, Martin 8-12 2-3 20, Collison 2-3 0-0 4, Liggins 2-4 0-0 6, Thabeet 1-1 1-4 3, Jackson 2-5 4-8, Jones 3-5 0-0 6, Lamb 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 44-85 20-26 117.
Denver 18 29 23 27 — 97
Oklahoma City 34 33 28 22 — 117
3-Point Goals—Denver 2-15 (Fournier 1-2, Gallinari 1-5, Lawson 0-1, Randolph 0-2, Brewer 0-2, Iguodala 0-3), Oklahoma City 9-19 (Sefolosha 3-5, Liggins 2-2, Martin 2-3, Durant 2-5, Lamb 0-1, Westbrook 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 49 (Koufos 9), Oklahoma City 46 (Ibaka, Jackson 6). Assists—Denver 21 (A.Miller 10), Oklahoma City 24 (Jackson 7). Total Fouls—Denver 23, Oklahoma City 27. Technicals—Faried, Durant. A—18,203 (18,203).

HORNETS 90, CELTICS 78
NEW ORLEANS (90): Aminu 3-9 12-13 18, Davis 4-5 2-2 10, Lopez 7-11 3-4 17, Vasquez 5-16 4-5 15, Mason 1-4 0-0 2, Henry 0-2 0-0 0, Rivers 3-6 2-4 8, Anderson 3-11 3-3 10, Smith 4-4 0-0 8, Roberts 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-71 26-31 90.
BOSTON (78): Pierce 5-16 1-3 12, Bass 4-6 1-2 9, Garnett 7-12 1-2 15, Rondo 3-8 1-3 7, Bradley 2-4 0-2 4, Sullinger 2-5 0-0 4, Terry 5-10 0-0 12, Green 2-4 0-2 4, Lee 1-5 2-2 4, Barbosa 3-4 0-0 7, Collins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-74 6-16 78.
New Orleans 20 24 24 22 — 90
Boston 25 18 20 15 — 78
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 2-17 (Anderson 1-5, Vasquez 1-7, Roberts 0-1, Henry 0-1, Mason 0-3), Boston 4-18 (Terry 2-4, Barbosa 1-1, Pierce 1-7, Green 0-1, Bradley 0-2, Lee 0-3). Fouled Out—Pierce. Rebounds—New Orleans 55 (Vasquez 11), Boston 40 (Pierce 10). Assists—New Orleans 12 (Vasquez 4), Boston 22 (Rondo 11). Total Fouls—New Orleans 21, Boston 21. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second. A—18,624 (18,624).

NBA Calendar
Feb. 15-17 — NBA All-Star weekend, Houston.
Feb. 21 — Trade deadline.
April 20 — Playoffs begin.
June 6 — NBA Finals begin (possible switch to June 4).
June 20 — Last possible date for NBA Finals (possible switch to June 18).
June 27 — NBA draft.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 88, Auburn 80, 2OT
Kansas St. 67, TCU 54
Memphis 77, Rice 51
Oklahoma 81, Texas Tech 63
Southern Miss. 74, SMU 70
Tulsa 45, UTEP 42
MIDWEST
Akron 71, Ball St. 64
Butler 62, Richmond 47
Drake 83, Evansville 69
Ill.-Chicago 61, Loyola of Chicago 59
Indiana St. 68, Missouri St. 60
Miami (Ohio) 63, Bowling Green 60
Missouri 79, Georgia 62
Ohio 81, N. Illinois 63
W. Michigan 79, Toledo 56
Wichita St. 74, Illinois St. 62
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 79, Air Force 40
SOUTH
Alabama 75, Mississippi St. 43
Charleston Southern 74, UNC Asheville 68
Charlotte 74, Fordham 68
East Carolina 89, Houston 78
Gardner-Webb 66, Coastal Carolina 65
Georgia St. 74, William & Mary 58
High Point 77, Liberty 72, 2OT
Maryland 51, NC State 50
Radford 82, Longwood 72
South Carolina 82, LSU 73, OT
UNC Greensboro 71, Wofford 52
UNC Wilmington 65, Old Dominion 60
VMI 76, Campbell 57
Winthrop 62, Presbyterian 51
EAST
Albany (NY) 68, New Hampshire 62
Army 77, Lafayette 54
Bucknell 73, Colgate 59
Georgetown 74, Providence 65
Holy Cross 62, Navy 47
Kent St. 80, Buffalo 68
La Salle 72, Dayton 70
Lehigh 63, American U. 57
Miami 60, Boston College 59
Michigan St. 81, Penn St. 72
Northeastern 65, Hofstra 60
Pittsburgh 58, Villanova 43
Temple 55, George Washington 53
Towson 69, Delaware 66
UMBC 70, Hartford 57
Vermont 61, Binghamton 37
Xavier 66, St. Bonaventure 64

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
No. 16 KANSAS ST. 67, TCU 54
KANSAS ST. (14-2): Gipson 2-3 0-0 4, Southwell 3-8 0-0 7, Rodriguez 1-6 0-0 3, McGruder 9-15 0-2 21, Spradling 2-3 0-0 6, Irving 3-4 0-0 8, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Lawrence 1-3 0-0 2, Diaz 3-5 2-2 8, Henriquez 3-5 2-4 8, Schultz 0-1 0-0 0, Meyer 0-0 0-0 0, Orris 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 27-56 4-10 67.
TCU (9-8): Abron 2-5 5-8 9, Green 2-11 2-2 6, Hill Jr. 2-8 0-0 5, Anderson 4-11 0-0 10, Butler Lind 2-2 0-1 4, Crossland 0-1 2-4 2, Smith III 0-1 0-0 0, Dincer 0-0 0-0 0, Montigel 0-1 0-0 0, McKinney 6-8 6-9 18, Zurcher 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-48 15-24 54.
Halftime—Kansas St. 38-25. 3-Point Goals—Kansas St. 9-17 (McGruder 3-6, Irving 2-2, Spradling 2-3, Southwell 1-2, Rodriguez 1-3, Lawrence 0-1), TCU 3-10 (Anderson 2-4, Hill Jr. 1-2, Montigel 0-1, Smith III 0-1, Green 0-2). Fouled Out—Henriquez. Rebounds—Kansas St. 34 (Henriquez 10), TCU 31 (McKinney 9). Assists—Kansas St. 17 (Irving 5), TCU 9 (Green 4). Total Fouls—Kansas St. 21, TCU 10. A—4,872.

MEMPHIS 77, RICE 51
MEMPHIS (13-3): Thomas 3-6 5-6 12, Goodwin 2-4 6-12 10, Jackson 3-6 6-8 13, Stephens 4-5 0-1 8, Johnson 3-7 0-0 7, Hall 0-0 0-0 0, Barton 3-7 5-6 13, Crawford 0-1 0-0 0, Black 5-5 2-5 12, Wilson 1-2 0-0 2, Cole 0-0 0-0 0, Draper 0-0 0-0 0, Simpson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-43 24-38 77.
RICE (3-13): Gearhart 0-5 0-0 0, Guercy 4-8 3-4 13, Jackson 2-10 3-4 8, DeBose 2-7 4-4 8, Ramljak 5-9 0-0 14, Washington 1-5 1-2 4, Peera 0-0 0-0 0, Wilson 1-4 0-0 2, Franshaw 0-0 0-0 0, Firozgary 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 15-48 13-16 51.
Halftime—Memphis 31-24. 3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-16 (Barton 2-6, Jackson 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Thomas 1-3, Crawford 0-1), Rice 8-18 (Ramljak 4-6, Guercy 2-3, Washington 1-2, Jackson 1-3, DeBose 0-2, Gearhart 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 41 (Jackson 12), Rice 20 (DeBose, Guercy 4). Assists—Memphis 14 (Jackson 4), Rice 6 (Guercy, Jackson 2). Total Fouls—Memphis 20, Rice 22. Technical—Gearhart. A—1,837.

EAST CAROLINA 89, HOUSTON 78
HOUSTON (12-4): Gibson 6-8 2-2 14, House 8-13 5-7 22, Thomas 8-13 2-5 18, Young 3-9 9-10 15, Womack 1-3 0-0 2, Morris 0-1 0-0 0, Thompson 0-3 0-2 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Stiggers 1-5 0-0 3, Richardson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 29-57 18-26 78.
EAST CAROLINA (11-5): Kemp 13-20 3-4 30, Armstrong 4-10 1-1 9, Sampson 3-7 2-3 8, Paul 4-17 6-7 16, Bowden 0-3 4-6 4, Richmond 4-7 2-2 14, Gaines 0-2 0-0 0, Roberts-Campbell 2-3 1-1 6, Zangari 0-0 0-0 0, Guilmette 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-72 19-24 89.
Halftime—Houston 36-30. 3-Point Goals—Houston 2-9 (House 1-2, Stiggers 1-4, Young 0-1, Womack 0-1, Thompson 0-1), East Carolina 8-24 (Richmond 4-6, Paul 2-9, Roberts-Campbell 1-2, Kemp 1-2, Sampson 0-2, Bowden 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 39 (Gibson 9), East Carolina 37 (Armstrong 12). Assists—Houston 21 (Womack 8), East Carolina 21 (Paul 8). Total Fouls—Houston 19, East Carolina 19. A—5,067.

SOUTHERN MISS. 74, SMU 70
SOUTHERN MISS. (14-4): Davis 6-10 1-2 17, Boardingham 3-10 1-1 7, Mills 2-3 1-1 5, Watson 3-4 0-1 8, Brooks 4-12 0-1 10, Jenkins 4-8 0-0 10, McGill 6-8 0-0 14, Carey 0-1 3-4 3, Craig 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-57 6-10 74.
SMU (11-8): Williams 6-11 0-0 17, Cunningham 1-2 0-0 2, Manuel 4-6 6-7 14, Russell 4-11 3-4 11, Jones 6-13 8-10 20, Ofoegbu 0-1 0-0 0, Gries 0-3 0-0 0, Bernardi 2-2 0-0 6, Dickerson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-49 17-21 70.
Halftime—SMU 32-26. 3-Point Goals—Southern Miss. 12-26 (Davis 4-6, Watson 2-3, McGill 2-4, Jenkins 2-6, Brooks 2-7), SMU 7-15 (Williams 5-8, Bernardi 2-2, Gries 0-2, Russell 0-3). Fouled Out—Manuel, Watson. Rebounds—Southern Miss. 27 (Mills 9), SMU 33 (Jones 12). Assists—Southern Miss. 13 (Watson 5), SMU 12 (Jones 5). Total Fouls—Southern Miss. 21, SMU 16. A—3,207.

OKLAHOMA 81, TEXAS TECH 63
TEXAS TECH (8-7): Kravic 8-10 4-7 20, Tolbert 2-4 0-1 4, Hannahs 3-9 0-0 8, Gray 3-10 1-2 7, Williams Jr. 2-5 0-0 6, Nurse 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 0-2 0-0 0, Tapsoba 1-1 2-2 4, Gotcher 1-4 0-0 3, Crockett 5-14 1-1 11, Lammert 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-59 8-13 63.
OKLAHOMA (12-3): M'Baye 3-8 1-1 7, Osby 6-10 5-7 17, Pledger 3-11 3-4 11, Hield 4-9 7-7 16, Hornbeak 0-3 2-2 2, Grooms 0-2 0-0 0, Fitzgerald 5-7 2-3 12, Cousins 2-3 2-2 6, Fraschilla 0-0 0-0 0, Neal 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 5-6 0-0 10, Arent 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-59 22-26 81.
Halftime—Oklahoma 34-29. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 5-22 (Williams Jr. 2-4, Hannahs 2-6, Gotcher 1-1, Robinson 0-2, Crockett 0-4, Gray 0-5), Oklahoma 3-11 (Pledger 2-6, Hield 1-4, Hornbeak 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 32 (Crockett 10), Oklahoma 40 (Hield 7). Assists—Texas Tech 9 (Crockett 3), Oklahoma 13 (Grooms 5). Total Fouls—Texas Tech 23, Oklahoma 13. A—9,178.

TULSA 45, UTEP 42
UTEP (9-7): J. Washburn 3-8 0-0 6, Lang 0-0 0-2 0, Streeter 2-9 0-0 6, Mc. Moore 3-10 1-2 8, Tucker 3-13 0-0 7, Ragland 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper 0-1 0-0 0, Bohannon 3-6 5-7 11, C. Washburn 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 16-51 6-11 42.
TULSA (11-7): Black 4-6 3-4 11, Peete 1-3 0-0 2, Woodard 4-8 1-2 10, Harrison 2-7 1-2 5, Haralson 0-8 0-0 0, Swilling Jr. 1-4 0-0 3, Ray 2-5 0-0 4, King 3-3 1-1 7, Swannegan 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 18-45 7-11 45.
Halftime—Tulsa 21-20. 3-Point Goals—UTEP 4-20 (Streeter 2-7, Mc. Moore 1-3, Tucker 1-7, J. Washburn 0-1, Ragland 0-1, Cooper 0-1), Tulsa 2-7 (Woodard 1-1, Swilling Jr. 1-3, Peete 0-1, Haralson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—UTEP 33 (Bohannon 9), Tulsa 35 (Black, Haralson 5). Assists—UTEP 9 (Streeter 4), Tulsa 8 (Harrison, Ray, Swilling Jr. 2). Total Fouls—UTEP 12, Tulsa 13. A—4,333.

Top 25 Fared
Wednesday
1. Louisville (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Syracuse, Saturday.
2. Indiana (15-2) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Sunday.
3. Duke (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
4. Kansas (15-1) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
5. Michigan (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Minnesota, Thursday.
6. Syracuse (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Louisville, Saturday.
7. Arizona (15-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.
8. Gonzaga (16-1) did not play. Next: at Portland, Thursday.
9. Minnesota (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Michigan, Thursday.
10. Florida (12-2) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Thursday.
11. Ohio State (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Michigan State, Saturday.
12. Creighton (17-1) did not play. Next: at Wichita State, Saturday.
13. Butler (15-2) beat Richmond 62-47. Next: vs. No. 8 Gonzaga, Saturday.
14. N.C. State (14-3) lost to Maryland 51-50. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
15. San Diego State (14-2) vs. UNLV. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.
16. Kansas State (14-2) beat TCU 67-54. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
17. Missouri (13-3) beat Georgia 79-62. Next: at No. 10 Florida, Saturday.
18. Michigan State (15-3) beat Penn State 81-72. Next: vs. No. 11 Ohio State, Saturday.
19. New Mexico (15-2) at Boise State. Next: vs. Colorado State, Wednesday.
20. Notre Dame (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
21. Oregon (14-2) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Thursday.
22. VCU (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Thursday.
23. Illinois (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
24. UCLA (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
25. Marquette (13-3) beat Seton Hall 69-62. Next: at Cincinnati, Saturday.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
Florida at Texas A&M, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Texas-Arlington, 7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at Texas A&M-CC, 7:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Sam Houston St., 7:45 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Stephen F. Austin, 8 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 66, Texas 59
Texas-Pan American 74, Huston-Tillotson 58
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 64, Air Force 44
New Mexico 58, Boise St. 53
Wyoming 78, Fresno St. 71
MIDWEST
Akron 63, N. Illinois 52
Baylor 90, Kansas St. 69
Bowling Green 73, Ball St. 42
Buffalo 69, Kent St. 54
Cent. Michigan 72, W. Michigan 58
Dayton 95, La Salle 47
Detroit 86, Wright St. 76
Loyola of Chicago 52, Valparaiso 44
Toledo 56, E. Michigan 40
UT-Martin 82, SE Missouri 71
EAST
Albany (NY) 78, New Hampshire 43
American U. 62, Lehigh 56
Army 63, Lafayette 43
Boston U. 85, Maine 54
Bucknell 59, Colgate 51
Charlotte 59, Rhode Island 42
Duquesne 68, Saint Louis 41
Fordham 69, UMass 57
Hartford 51, UMBC 44
Navy 6[illegible], Holy Cross 47
Rutgers 87, Providence 6[illegible]
St. John's 61, Pittsburgh 32
VCU 5[illegible], Temple 51
Vermont 61, Binghamton 56
Villanova 48, Penn 44
Yale 78, Bryant 65
SOUTH
Duke 58, Virginia Tech 26
FAU 74, Troy 63
Middle Tennessee 65, UALR 56
Richmond 51, St. Bonaventure 46
South Alabama 61, Louisiana-Monroe 51
W. Kentucky 75, Louisiana-Lafayette 64

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOX
No. 1 BAYLOR 90, KANSAS ST. 69
BAYLOR (15-1): Pope 6-8 0-0 12, Griner 12-19 5-9 29, Sims 2-4 4-5 8, Hayden 4-9 2-2 11, Madden 3-4 2-3 8, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 2-3 4-4 8, Chandler 0-0 0-0 0, Prince 4-8 0-0 9, Fuqua 0-0 0-0 0, Robertson 1-1 0-0 2, Agbuke 0-0 0-0 0, Higgins 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-60 17-23 90.
KANSAS ST. (10-7): Caron 1-8 1-1 3, Chambers 7-16 5-5 23, Craig 2-14 0-0 6, White 3-3 0-1 6, Woods 4-9 0-1 11, Texada 2-8 4-4 9, Brown 2-3 0-0 6, Spresser 0-1 0-0 0, Knoll 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 23-66 10-12 69.
Halftime—Baylor 46-37. 3-Point Goals—Baylor 3-6 (Robertson 1-1, Hayden 1-2, Prince 1-3), Kansas St. 13-44 (Chambers 4-9, Woods 3-7, Brown 2-3, Craig 2-10, Knoll 1-3, Texada 1-5, Spresser 0-1, Caron 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 40 (Griner 7), Kansas St. 32 (Woods 6). Assists—Baylor 23 (Hayden 7), Kansas St. 10 (Chambers 5). Total Fouls—Baylor 15, Kansas St. 18. A—3,591.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts at Texas A&M-CC, 5 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Sam Houston St., 5:30 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.
Georgia at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Tulane at Rice, 7 p.m.
Marshall at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

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NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
(First place votes in parenthesis)

Rank College	Record	Points	Pvs.
1. Hutchinson CC	17-0	394 (13)	2
2. Palm Beach State	20-0	381 (1)	3
3. Iowa Western CC	19-0	358 (1)	5
4. Vincennes University	16-0	358	4
5. Spartanburg Methodist	16-0	330	6
6. Northwest Florida State	17-1	311	7
7. Chipola College	18-1	304	1
8. Howard College	**15-2**	**273**	**8**
9. Coffeyville CC	14-1	268	10
10. Indian Hills CC	17-2	245	13
11. Chattahoochee Tech	17-1	210	17
12. New Mexico JC	**15-2**	**209**	**15**
13. Barton CC	16-2	195	9
14. North Idaho College	17-3	145	18
15. Salt Lake CC	17-2	139	24
16. Hagerstown CC	16-2	134	21
17. Kilgore College	**15-2**	**114**	**23**
18. Connors State	13-3	100	12
19. South Plains College	**13-4**	**86**	**11**
20. Middle Georgia Coll.	11-3	78	14
21. Coll. of Central Florida	18-2	73	RV
22. San Jacinto College	12-3	72	16
23. East Georgia State	15-1	70	RV
24. Central Arizona College	15-3	61	RV
25. Mineral Area College	17-3	44	RV

Others receiving votes: Motlow State Community College (11-2) 33; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (11-3) 28; Marshalltown Community College (14-3) 21; **Odessa College (14-3) 18**; Gulf Coast State College (17-3) 17; Cochise College (15-3) 16; **Midland College (10-4) 16**; Pearl River Community College (11-1) 16; Jones County Junior College (10-2) 15; Snow College (15-4) 12.

NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll
(First place votes in parenthesis)

Rank College	Record	Points	Pvs.
1. Hutchinson CC	17-0	200 (8)	1
2. North Idaho College	19-1	192	2
3. Trinity Valley CC	**16-1**	**184**	**3**
4. Central Arizona	16-1	176	4
5. Gulf Coast State	18-1	168	5
6. Shelton State CC	17-0	160	6
7. Northwest Florida State	17-1	152	7
8. Walters State CC	14-1	144	8
9. Chipola College	16-2	136	11
10. Garden City CC	17-1	128	10
11. Blinn College	**17-1**	**120**	**12**
12. Collin County CC	**15-1**	**112**	**14**
13. Mineral Area College	16-2	104	15
14. Iowa Western CC	17-2	96	16
15. Darton State College	17-2	88	18
16. South Plains College	**15-2**	**80**	**20**
17. Georgia Highlands	15-3	72	9
18. Salt Lake CC	12-6	64	21
19. Tallahassee CC	11-5	56	22
20. Sheridan College	14-4	48	23
21. Gillette College	15-3	40	13
22. Northern Oklahoma	12-5	32	RV
23. Odessa College	**13-4**	**24**	**RV**
24. Gadsden State CC	13-3	16	24
25. Harford CC	15-1	8	25

Others receiving votes: Southwestern Illinois College (7-3); Moberly Area Community College (16-2); Lawson State Community College (11-3); Copiah-Lincoln Community College (10-3); Wallace State Community College-Hanceville (12-5); Wabash Valley College (8-5); Volunteer State Community College (11-1); Williston State College (15-2); Crowder College (14-4); Cochise College (15-3); Florida State College at Jacksonville (14-6); Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (11-4); Monroe Community College (10-4); Western Wyoming Community College (14-3).

MLB

Free Agents
NEW YORK — The 82 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE (1) — Re-signed Nate McLouth, of, to a $2 million, one-year contract.
BOSTON (7) — Re-signed David Ortiz, dh, to a $26 million, two-year contract; signed David Ross, c, Atlanta, to a $6.2 million, two-year contract; signed Jonny Gomes, of, Oakland, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Shane Victorino, of, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $39 million, three-year contract; signed Koji Uehara, rhp, to a $4.25 million, one-year contract; signed Ryan Dempster, rhp, Texas, to a $26.5 million, two-year contract; signed Stephen Drew, ss, Oakland, to a $9.5 million, one-year contract.
CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed Dewayne Wise, of, to a $700,000, one-year contract; signed Jeff Keppinger, 3b, Tampa Bay, to a $12 million, three-year contract.
CLEVELAND (2) — Signed Nick Swisher, of, New York Yankees, to a $56 million, four-year contract; signed Brett Myers, rhp, Chicago White Sox, to a $7 million, one-year contract.
DETROIT (2) — Signed Torii Hunter, of, Los Angeles Angels, to a $26 million, two-year contract; re-signed Anibal Sanchez, rhp, to an $80 million, five-year contract.
HOUSTON (1) — Signed Carlos Pena, 1b, to a $2.9 million, one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY (4) — Re-signed Jeremy Guthrie, rhp, to a $25 million, three-year contract; signed George Sherrill, lhp, Seattle, to a minor league contract ($850,000); signed Xavier Nady, of, San Francisco, to a minor league contract ($750,000); signed Endy Chavez, of, Baltimore, to a minor league contract ($1 million).
LOS ANGELES (4) — Signed Ryan Madson, rhp, Cincinnati, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Blanton, rhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $15 million, two-year contract; signed Sean Burnett, lhp, Washington, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Josh Hamilton, of, Texas, to a $125 million, five-year contract.
MINNESOTA (1) — Signed Kevin Correia, rhp, Pittsburgh, to a $10 million, two-year contract.
NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Hiroki Kuroda, rhp, to a $15 million, one-year contract; re-signed Andy Pettitte, lhp, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Mariano Rivera, rhp, to a $10 million, one-year contract; signed Kevin Youkilis, 3b, Chicago White Sox, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ichiro Suzuki, of, to a $13 million, two-year contract.
OAKLAND (1) — Re-signed Bartolo Colon, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.
SEATTLE (2) — Re-signed Oliver Perez, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Raul Ibanez, of, New York Yankees, to a $2.75 million, one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY (3) — Re-signed Joel Peralta, rhp, to a $6 million, two-year contract; signed James Loney, 1b, Boston, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Roberto Hernandez, rhp, Cleveland, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract.
TEXAS (5) — Re-signed Colby Lewis, rhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Joakim Soria, rhp, Texas, to an $8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Yoshinori Tateyama, rhp, to a minor league contract ($1 million); signed A.J. Pierzynski, c, Chicago White Sox, to a $7.5 million, one-year contract; signed Jason Frasor, rhp, Toronto, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Lance Berkman, 1b, St. Louis, to an $11 million, one-year contract.
TORONTO (3) — Signed Maicer Izturis, inf, Los Angeles Angels, to a $10 million, three-year contract; signed Melky Cabrera, of, San Francisco, to a $16 million, two-year contract; signed Henry Blanco, c, Arizona, to a $750,000, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (4) — Signed Eric Hinske, 1b, Atlanta, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Eric Chavez, 3b, New York Yankees, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Brandon McCarthy, rhp, Oakland, to a $15.5 million, two-year contract; signed Cody Ross, of, Boston, to a $26 million, three-year contract.
ATLANTA (3) — Signed Gerald Laird, c, Detroit, to a $3 million, two-year contract; signed B.J. Upton, of, Tampa Bay, to a $75.25 million, five-year contract; re-signed Reed Johnson, of, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract.
CHICAGO (5) — Signed Scott Baker, rhp, Minnesota, to a $5.5 million, one-year contract; signed Dioner Navarro, c, Cincinnati, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; re-signed Shawn Camp, rhp, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Scott Feldman, rhp, Texas, to a $6 million, one-year contract; signed Edwin Jackson, rhp, Washington, to a $52 million, four-year contract.
CINCINNATI (2) — Re-signed Jonathan Broxton, rhp, to a $21 million, three-year contract; re-signed Ryan Ludwick, of, to a $15 million, two-year contract.
COLORADO (1) — Re-signed Jeff Francis, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES (3) — Re-signed Brandon League, rhp, to a $22.5 million, three-year contract; signed Zack Greinke, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $147 million, six-year contract; signed J.P. Howell, lhp, Tampa Bay, to a $2.85 million, one-year contract.
MIAMI (2) — Signed Juan Pierre, of, Philadelphia, to a $1.6 million, one-year contract; signed Placido Polanco, 3b, Philadelphia, to a $2.75 million, one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE (1) — Signed Mike Gonzalez, lhp, Washington, to a $2.25 million, one-year contract.
NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Tim Byrdak, lhp, to a minor league contract ($1 million).
PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Mike Adams, rhp, Texas, to a $12 million, two-year contract; signed Aaron Cook, rhp, Boston, to a minor league contract ($1.625,000).
PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Russell Martin, c, New York Yankees, to a $17 million, two-year contract; re-signed Jason Grilli, rhp, to a $6.75 million, two-year contract.
ST. LOUIS (2) — Signed Randy Choate, lhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $7.5 million, three-year contract; signed Ty Wigginton, inf, Philadelphia, to a $5 million, two-year contract.
SAN DIEGO (1) — Re-signed Jason Marquis, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO (4) — Re-signed Jeremy Affeldt, lhp, to an $18 million, three-year contract; re-signed Angel Pagan, of, to a $40 million, four-year contract; re-signed Marco Scutaro, inf, to a $20 million, three-year contract; signed Chad Gaudin, rhp, Miami, to a minor league contract ($750,000).
WASHINGTON (3) — Re-signed Zach Duke, lhp, to a $700,000, one-year contract; signed Dan Haren, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $13 million, one-year contract; re-signed Adam LaRoche, 1b, to a $24 million, two-year contract.

JAPAN CENTRAL LEAGUE
YOMIURI (1) — Signed Jose Lopez, ss, Chicago White Sox, to a one-year contract.
JAPAN PACIFIC LEAGUE
RAKUTEN (1) — Signed Andruw Jones, of, New York Yankees, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract.

Remaining Free Agents
NEW YORK — The 83 remaining free agents (x-signing club, if different, would lose draft pick):
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE (5) — Bill Hall, of; Nick Johnson, dh; Joe Saunders, lhp; Jim Thome, dh; Randy Wolf, lhp.
BOSTON (3) — Daisuke Matsuzaka, rhp; Vicente Padilla, rhp; Scott Podsednik, of.
CHICAGO (3) — Brian Bruney, rhp; Orlando Hudson, 2b; Francisco Liriano, lhp.
CLEVELAND (3) — Travis Hafner, dh; Casey Kotchman, 1b; Grady Sizemore, of.
DETROIT (2) — Jose Valverde, rhp; Delmon Young, of-dh.
HOUSTON (1) — Chris Snyder, c.
LOS ANGELES (2) — LaTroy Hawkins, rhp; Jason Isringhausen, rhp.
MINNESOTA (2) — Matt Capps, rhp; Carl Pavano, rhp.
NEW YORK (4) — Pedro Feliciano, lhp; Freddy Garcia, rhp; Derek Lowe, rhp; x-Rafael Soriano, rhp.
OAKLAND (1) — Brandon Inge, 3b.
SEATTLE (2) — Kevin Millwood, rhp; Miguel Olivo, c.
TAMPA BAY (2) — Kyle Farnsworth, rhp; Luke Scott, dh.
TEXAS (3) — Mark Lowe, rhp; Mike Napoli, c; Roy Oswalt, rhp.
TORONTO (4) — Kelly Johnson, 2b; Brandon Lyon, rhp; Carlos Villanueva, rhp; Omar Vizquel, 2b.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (2) — Matt Lindstrom, rhp; Takashi Saito, rhp.
ATLANTA (8) — Jeff Baker, of; Miguel Batista, rhp; x-Michael Bourn, of; Matt Diaz, of; Chad Durbin, rhp; Chipper Jones, 3b; Lyle Overbay, 1b; Ben Sheets, rhp.
CINCINNATI (2) — Miguel Cairo, 1b; Scott Rolen, 3b.
COLORADO (2) — Jason Giambi, 1b; Jonathan Sanchez, lhp.
LOS ANGELES (6) — Bobby Abreu, of; Todd Coffey, rhp; Adam Kennedy, inf; Juan Rivera, of-1b; Matt Treanor, c; Jamey Wright, rhp.
MIAMI (4) — Austin Kearns, of; Carlos Lee, 1b; Juan Oviedo, rhp; Carlos Zambrano, rhp.
MILWAUKEE (3) — Alex Gonzalez, ss; Shaun Marcum, rhp; Francisco Rodriguez, rhp.
NEW YORK (6) — Ronny Cedeno, inf; Scott Hairston, of; Ramon Ramirez, rhp; Jon Rauch, rhp; Kelly Shoppach, c; Chris Young, rhp.
PHILADELPHIA (2) — Jose Contreras, rhp; Brian Schneider, c.
PITTSBURGH (2) — Rod Barajas, c; Chad Qualls, rhp.
ST. LOUIS (2) — Brian Fuentes, lhp; x-Kyle Lohse, rhp.
SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Aubrey Huff, 1b; Guillermo Mota, rhp; Brad Penny, rhp; Freddy Sanchez, 2b; Ryan Theriot, 2b.
WASHINGTON (2) — Mark DeRosa, of; Chien-Ming Wang, rhp.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

AUTO RACING
Dakar Rally, stage 12, Fiambala, Argentina to Copiapo, Chile (delayed tape), 1 a.m., NBCSN
GOLF
PGA Tour, Humana Challenge, first round, 2 p.m., TGC
European PGA Tour, Abu Dhabi Championship, second round, 3 a.m., TGC
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Michigan at Minnesota, 6 p.m., ESPN
Florida at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Georgia Tech at Duke, 8 p.m., ESPN
South Florida at Rutgers, 8 p.m., ESPN2
NBA
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m., TNT
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT
TENNIS
Australian Open, second round (same-day tape), 1 p.m., ESPN2
Australian Open, third round, 10 p.m., ESPN2
Australian Open, third round, 2 a.m, ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women, Arkansas-Fort Smith at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.
Men, Arkansas-Fort Smith at UTPB, 7:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER
MHS at Byron Nelson Tournament
Lee at Raider Invitational, Lubbock
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Toronto RHP Alan Farina (Dunedin-FSL) 50 games for a second violation for a drug of abuse under the minor league drug program.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed executive vice president of baseball operations Dan Duquette and manager Buck Showalter to contract extensions through the 2018 season.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Don Kelly on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerome Williams on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Phil Hughes on a one-year contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Acquired C John Jaso from Seattle and sent RHP A.J. Cole and RHP Blake Treinen and a player to be named to Washington, which sent OF Michael Morse to Seattle. Designated C George Kottaras for assignment.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Wilton Lopez and LHP Josh Outman on one-year contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Cook, RHP Juan Cruz and RHP Rodrigo Lopez on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sold the contract of INF Matt Clark to the Chunichi Dragons of Nippon Professional Baseball.
American Association
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released RHP Jared Simon and RHP James Baker.
Frontier League
JOLIET SLAMMERS—Signed RHP Shawn Kale.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed C Brian Erie and INF Kyle Weldon to contract extensions.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Signed RHP Cody Griebling and RHP Joe Parsons to contract extensions.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed OF Ken Gregory.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Suspended F Josh Smith one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for conduct detrimental to the team.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Promoted Marvin Allen to national scout and Mike Potts and Sae Woon Jo to area scouts.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed TE Joe Sawyer and DB Dominique Ellis to reserve/future contracts.
CHICAGO BEARS—Named Marc Trestman coach.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Sashi Brown executive vice president-general counsel and Brent Stehlik executive vice president-chief revenue officer.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Named Andy Heck offensive line coach and Kevin O'Dea assistant special teams coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Chip Kelly coach.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed WR Phil Bates, WR Bryan Walters, LB Kyle Knox, DB Ron Parker, DB Chandler Fenner, RB Derrick Coleman, TE Cooper Helfet, DT Myles Wade, WR Stephen Williams and LB Korey Toomer to future contracts.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned F Pierre-Luc Letourneau-Leblond to Norfolk (AHL). Recalled G Frederik Andersen from Norfolk. Assigned RW Emerson Etem, LW Patrick Maroon, D Nate Guenin and G Jeff Deslauriers to Norfolk. Assigned G John Gibson to Kitchener (OHL). Signed RW Troy Bodie, D Ryan Parent and LW Jay Rosehill to one-year contracts.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled C Colby Robak from San Antonio (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed C Travis Zajac to an eight-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned F Stefan Noesen to Plymouth (OHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Chris Brown, F Chris Conner, F Rob Klinkhammer, F Brendan Shinnimin, F Justin Szwarz, D Brandon Gormley and D Chris Summers from Portland (AHL). Acquired C Matthew Lombardi from the Toronto Maple Leafs for the Coyotes fourth round draft choice in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed general manager Doug Armstrong to a five-year contract extension.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Acquired F Tommy Grant and a conditional seventh round selection in the 2014 NHL Draft from the New York Rangers for F Brandon Mashinter. Assigned Grant to Worcester (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Tom Wilson to Plymouth (OHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Agreed to terms with F Jason Jaffray. Claimed RW Anthony Peluso off waivers from St. Louis.
American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Houston D Paul Mara three games for his actions in a Jan. 13 game against Charlotte.
ALBANY DEVILS—Announced LW Jean-Sebastien Berube was reassigned to Trenton (ECHL).
NORFOLK ADMIRALS—Released F Brandon Marino, F Jean-Michel Rizk, F Marc-Olivier Vallerand and D Kyle Bushee from professional tryout contracts. Returned D Ryan Hegarty to Fort Wayne (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Recalled F John McFarland and D Brian O'Hanley from Cincinnati (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL—Suspended Wheeling's Kevin Veilleux 10 games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his inappropriate comments made in and around the penalty boxes subsequent to a third period altercation of a Jan. 13 game against South Carolina.
READING ROYALS—Announced F Stanislav Galiev, D Brett Flemming and G Brandon Anderson were assigned to the team from Hershey (AHL). Announced F Alex Berry was loaned to the team by Hershey.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Acquired allocation money, an international slot, and a first-round SuperDraft pick from Chicago for MF Jeff Larentowicz and a second-round SuperDraft pick.
LA GALAXY—Signed MF Juninho to a multiyear contract. Agreed to terms with F Robbie Keane on a multiyear contract extension.
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Acquired a 2013 first-round SuperDraft pick from Toronto FC for their 2013 first-round SuperDraft pick and allocation money.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Acquired allocation money from Real Salt Lake for the rights to F Robbie Findley.
COLLEGE
DOANE—Named Tyson Springer wrestling coach.
DRAKE—Announced freshman basketball G Jordan Daniels is transferring to the school from Boston College.
FAYETTEVILLE STATE—Named Lawrence Kershaw football coach.
FORT LEWIS—Named John L. Smith football coach.
GEORGETOWN—Announced men's basketball F Greg Whittington was declared academically ineligible.
GEORGIA—Announced sophomore TB Ken Malcome will transfer to another school.
GEORGIA TECH—Named Mike Bobinski athletic director.

GLANTZ-CULVER

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NCAA Football
Saturday
East-West Shrine Game
At St. Petersburg, Fla.

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East	2 1/2	2 1/2	(41 1/2)	West

NFL Playoffs
Sunday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
San Francisco	3	4	(49)	at Atlanta
at New England	9	9	(51 1/2)	Baltimore

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Wed 5:56 am packed powder machine groomed 29 - 29 base 62 of 78 trails, 92% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu 9a-4p; Fri 9a-8p; Sat 9a-8p; Sun 9a-4p.
Pajarito — Reopen 01/18 Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p. Open Fri-Sun, Jan 21 9a-4p.
Red River — Wed 6:56 am powder machine groomed 35 - 40 base 54 of 57 trails, 95% open, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Sandia Peak — Wed 11:07 am 4 new powder 19 - 19 base 2 of 35 trails, 6% open, 2 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p. Open Wed-Sun.
Sipapu — Tue 6:49 pm packed powder machine groomed 23 - 31 base 39 of 41 trails, 96% open, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Ski Apache — Tue 1:26 pm packed powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 21 of 55 trails, 38% open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Ski Santa Fe — Tue 1:50 pm packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 53 of 77 trails, 80% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Taos — Wed 5:48 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 37 base 82 of 113 trails, 65% open, 14 of 14 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 8:46 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 36 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun 9a-4:30p.

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Wed 5:36 am 3 new powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 30 of 109 trails, 22% open, 196 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Aspen Highlands — Wed 4:04 am packed powder 25 - 35 base 109 of 124 trails, 93% open, 985 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p.
Aspen Mountain — Wed 4:01 am packed powder 20 - 23 base 72 of 76 trails, 98% open, 659 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p.
Beaver Creek — Wed 7:17 am 1 new powder machine groomed 27 - 28 base 136 of 149 trails, 83% open, 1524 acres, 25 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-3:30p.
Breckenridge — Wed 7:18 am 1 new powder machine groomed 32 - 32 base 117 of 155 trails, 80% open, 1897 acres, 27 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Buttermilk — Wed 4:02 am packed powder 21 - 23 base 37 of 44 trails, 89% open, 417 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p.
Copper Mountain — Wed 5:24 am 2 new powder machine groomed 28 - 28 base 90 of 140 trails, 63% open, 930 acres, 16 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Crested Butte — Wed 6:46 am packed powder 26 - 26 base 79 of 121 trails, 95% open, 548 acres, 11 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Eldora — Wed 7:51 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 30 base 32 of 53 trails, 61% open, 4 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Irwin — Operating, no details Mon-Fri 8a-5p; Sat/Sun 8a-5p.
Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details.
Keystone — Wed 7:19 am 3 new powder machine groomed 23 - 26 base 92 of 135 trails, 62% open, 1951 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Loveland — Wed 4:59 am 1 new packed powder 26 - 26 base 36 of 93 trails, 27% open, 448 acres, 6 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Monarch — Wed 12:28 pm packed powder machine groomed 30 - 30 base 62 of 62 trails, 100% open, 755 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Powderhorn — Wed 9:56 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 34 base 43 of 44 trails, 99% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Purgatory at Durango — Wed 5:01 am powder machine groomed 35 - 39 base 85 of 88 trails, 93% open, 1220 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Silverton Mountain — Wed 7:56 am powder 29 - 56 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open Thu/Fri 9a-3p; Sat/Sun 9a-3p. Open Thu-Sun.
Ski Cooper — Wed 5:24 am powder machine groomed 23 - 24 base 26 of 26 trails, 100% open, 400 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 8a-4p; Sat/Sun 8a-4p.
Ski Granby Ranch — Wed 6:49 am 1 new packed powder 18 - 20 base 28 of 41 trails, 85% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat 9a-4p, 5p-8p; Sun 9a-4p.
Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details.
Snowmass — Wed 4:00 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 27 - 36 base 89 of 91 trails, 81% open, 2725 acres, 16 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri 8a-4p; Sat/Sun 8a-4p.
Steamboat — Wed 2:01 pm 1 new packed powder 36 - 39 base 161 of 165 trails, 98% open, 2917 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Sunlight — Wed 5:28 am packed powder 27 - 30 base 60 of 67 trails, 98% open, 470 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Telluride — Wed 5:21 am packed powder 26 - 26 base 56 of 125 trails, 45% open, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.
Vail — Wed 7:15 am 1 new powder machine groomed 22 - 25 base 190 of 193 trails, 96% open, 5069 acres, 30 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Winter Park — Wed 5:59 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 39 - 42 base 119 of 143 trails, 60% open, 1872 acres, 19 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p.
Wolf Creek — Wed 6:27 am powder machine groomed 45 - 50 base 77 of 77 trails, 100% open, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p.

Kelly ditches Oregon for NFL gig

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — In the end, Chip Kelly chose the NFL, giving the Eagles their guy.

Philadelphia hired Kelly on Wednesday, just 10 days after he decided to stay at Oregon. The 49-year-old Kelly, known as an offensive innovator, becomes the 21st coach in team history and replaces Andy Reid, who was fired on Dec. 31 after a 4-12 season.

He'll be introduced at a news conference today at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagles' practice facility.

Kelly, who was 46-7 in four years at Oregon, interviewed with the Eagles, Cleveland Browns and Buffalo Bills in a two-day span after leading the fast-flying Ducks to a victory over Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl Jan. 3.

Kelly ended a whirlwind day by boarding a plane in Eugene, Ore., headed for Philadelphia, at 2:30 p.m. When he arrived at Philadelphia International Airport, shortly after 7 p.m., he quickly saw a glimpse of what this team means to this city. Not only were general Howie Roseman and president Don Smolenski waiting for him on the runway — they arrived with a police escort — there were fans, decked out in green, on hand, as well.

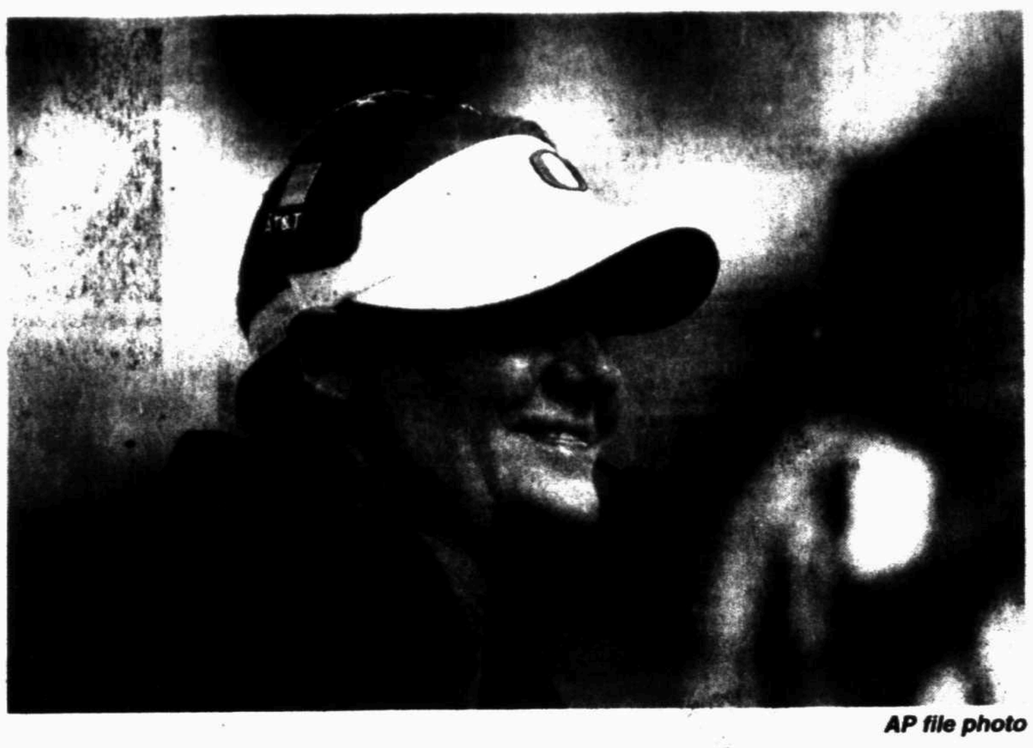
The Eagles are known to have interviewed 11 candidates, including two meetings with Seahawks defensive coordinator Gus Bradley. All along, Kelly was thought to be Philadelphia's first choice in a long, exhaustive process that took many twists.

"Chip Kelly will be an outstanding head coach for the Eagles," owner Jeffrey Lurie said in a statement. "He has a brilliant football mind. He motivates his team with his actions as well as his words. He will be a great leader for us and will bring a fresh energetic approach to our team."

On the day he fired Reid, Lurie appeared to be describing Kelly when he said he wanted to find a "real smart, forward-thinking coach" who is "strategic, a strong leader, very comfortable in his own skin."

The enigmatic Kelly reportedly was close to signing with the Browns after a long interview Jan. 4. He met with the Eagles for nine hours the next day, setting up a soap-opera scenario in which the Eagles were competing with Browns CEO Joe Banner, their former president and longtime friend of Lurie who left the organization after a falling out. But that roller coaster ended when Kelly opted to remain — temporarily — in Eugene.

The Eagles interviewed two other high-profile college coaches — Penn State's Bill O'Brien and Notre Dame's Brian Kelly. Both elected to stay with their schools.



AP file photo

Chip Kelly, seen here coaching Oregon in 2012, has left the Ducks and will head to the NFL to coach the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bears hire coordinators

New Chicago Bears coach Marc Trestman wasted little time assembling his staff after being hired on Wednesday, bringing in two coordinators.

Chicago hired New Orleans Saints line coach Aaron Kromer as its line coach and offensive coordinator and Dallas' Joe DeCamillis as its assistant head coach and special teams coordinator. The Bears announced the moves on Wednesday, hours after Trestman was hired to replace the fired Lovie Smith.

Kromer served as the Saints' head coach for six games this season while interim head coach Joe Vitt was suspended for his role in the bounty scandal. Saints coach Sean Payton had to sit out the season.

Kromer and Trestman worked together on the Oakland Raiders' staff from 2001 to 2003.

DeCamillis has coached or coordinated special teams in the NFL for 25 years — the past four with Dallas — and worked in Atlanta when Bears general manager Phil Emery was the Falcons' college scouting director. He interviewed for Chicago's head coaching job but is joining Trestman's staff, instead. He replaces Dave Toub, who left to take a similar job under Andy Reid in Kansas City.

Associated Press

Armstrong

From 1C

confession under oath" would even cause them to reconsider the ban. Although Armstrong admitted to Winfrey on Monday that he used performance-enhancing drugs, Howman said that is "hardly the same as giving evidence to a relevant authority." The International Cycling Union also urged Armstrong to tell his story to an independent commission it has set up to examine claims that the sport's governing body hid suspicious samples, accepted financial donations, and helped Armstrong avoid detection in doping tests.

Winfrey wouldn't detail what Armstrong said during their interview at a downtown Austin hotel. In an appearance on "CBS This Morning," she said she was "mesmerized and riveted by some of his answers." What had been planned as a 90-minute broadcast will be shown as a two-part special, Thursday and Friday, on Winfrey's OWN network.

The lifetime ban was imposed after a 1,000-page report by USADA last year outlined a complex, long-running doping program led by Armstrong. The cyclist also lost nearly all of his endorsements and was forced to cut ties with the Livestrong cancer charity he founded in 1997.

Te'o

From 1C

an online relationship with a woman whose death was then faked by the perpetrators of the hoax.

"Nothing about what I have learned has shaken my faith in Manti Te'o one iota," Swarbrick said at a news conference Wednesday night after Deadspin.com reported in a lengthy story that it could find no record that Kekua ever existed.

Te'o said in a statement: "This is incredibly embarrassing to talk about, but over an extended period of time, I developed an emotional relationship with a woman I met online. We maintained what I thought to be an authentic relationship by communicating frequently online and on the phone, and I grew to care deeply about her.

"To realize that I was the victim of what was apparently someone's sick joke and constant lies was, and is, painful and humiliating," he said.

"In retrospect, I obviously should have been much more cautious. If anything good comes of this, I hope it is that others will be far more guarded when they engage with people online than I was."

Swarbrick said investigators' report indicated those behind the hoax were in contact with each other, discussing what they were doing.

Open

From 1C

in the third set and twice served for the match, before losing 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 to China's Zheng Jie.

The kicker was a double-fault on match point by the Australian playing in front of the home fans.

"It was a bit of a choke," Stosur conceded. "Obviously it's a hard one to take when you get yourself into a winning position and you lose five games straight."

No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanksa had no such trouble, extending the year's best winning streak to 11 matches with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Romania's Irina-Camelia Begu. Nor did 2011 French Open champion Li Na, No. 5 Angelique Kerber or 17-year-old American wild card Madison Keys, who all advanced in straight sets.

Serena Williams is due to play her second-round match against Garbine Muguruza of Spain in the second match at Rod Laver Arena on Thursday. She twisted her right ankle in her opening 6-0, 6-0 win over Edina Gallotis-Hall, an injury that seems the biggest issue likely to hinder her bid for a third consecutive major title.

She cancelled an outdoor practice session Wednesday, switching to the secluded indoor courts.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $31.608 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, def. Daniel Gimeno Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2
Sam Querrey (20), United States, def. Brian Baker, United States, 6-7 (2), 1-1, retired
Ke Nishikori (16), Japan, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4
Jerzy Janowicz (24), Poland, def. Somdev Devvarman, India, 6-7 (10), 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 7-5
Stanislas Wawrinka (15), Switzerland, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (4), retired
Jurgen Melzer (26), Austria, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-0, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, def. Mikhail Youzhny (23), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
Marcos Baghdatis (28), Cyprus, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5
Radek Stepanek (31), Czech Republic, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4
Julien Benneteau (32), France, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5)
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3
Fernando Verdasco (22), Spain, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2

Women
Second Round

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-3, 6-3
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-1
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Klara Zakopalova (23), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-0
Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 7-6 (6), 6-4
Julia Goerges (18), Germany, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2
Li Na (6), China, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 7-5
Madison Keys, United States, def. Tamira Paszek (30), Austria, 6-2, 6-1
Ekaterina Makarova (19), Russia, def. Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 6-3, 6-3
Marion Bartoli (11), France, def. Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, 7-5, 6-0
Zheng Jie, China, def. Sam Stosur (9), Australia, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2
Jelena Jankovic (22), Serbia, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2
Sorana Cirstea (27), Romania, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-0, 6-0
Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4
Venus Williams (25), United States, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-3, 6-3

Thursday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $31.608 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Flonan Mayer, (25), Germany, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1
Philipp Kohlschreiber (17), Germany, def. Amir Weintraub, Israel, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-4
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (7), France, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-3

Women
Second Round

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 6-1, 6-0
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-2, 6-0
Roberta Vinci (16), Italy, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-2
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Varvara Lepchenko (21), United States, 6-4, 6-2
Maria Kirilenko (14), Russia, def. Peng Shuai, China, 7-5, 6-2
Serena Williams (3), United States, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 6-2, 6-0
Jamie Hampton, United States, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-1, 6-2
Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Hseih Su-wei, 26), Taiwan, 6-2, 6-1

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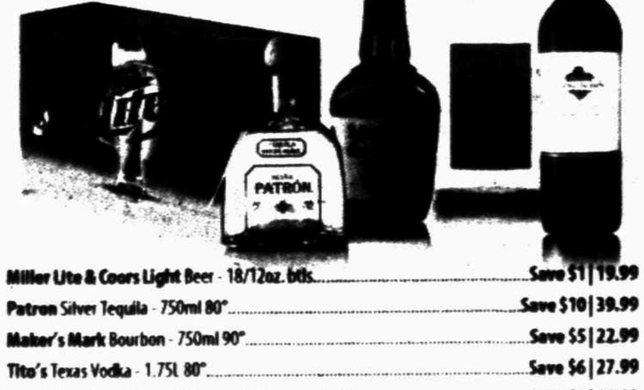

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves

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The thrill of testing overcomes Jeff Gordon.

What did we learn from Daytona testing?

GODSPEAK: While testing is important, it remains an exercise in mental fatigue. By Day 3, those still left in the garage were looking like zombies.

KEN'S CALL: That the tow truck and debris teams are in midseason form. Nothing like a Big One in January to shake the offseason slumber.

Does the 'Gen 6' car signal NASCAR listens?

GODSPEAK: Many drivers complained about the Car of Tomorrow after its debut, and NASCAR started on the 'Gen 6' car. So the answer is yes, sort of.

KEN'S CALL: NASCAR always listens but doesn't always react. But nothing speaks louder than unsold tickets and stagnant TV ratings. In fact, I've heard brass bands that make less noise.

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DAYTONA TEST SPEEDS

THURSDAY

Morning session

Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 192.757
Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 192.736
Danica Patrick, Chevy, 192.583

Afternoon session

Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 195.712
Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 195.385
Kyle Busch, Toyota, 195.329

FRIDAY

Morning session

Jeff Burton, Chevy, 194.805
Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 193.557
Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 193.121

Afternoon session

Trevor Bayne, Ford, 199.650
Joey Logano, Ford, 199.309
Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 199.212

SATURDAY

Morning session

Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194.062
Trevor Bayne, Ford, 193.686
Danica Patrick, Chevy, 193.648

Afternoon session

Greg Biffle, Ford, 194.936
Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194.717
Kyle Busch, Toyota, 194.578

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

News-Journal Photo/DAVID TUCKER

Top to bottom — the new looks of Chevy, Ford and Toyota. Ignore the stick-on headlights — this is an improvement.

GAME CHANGER

Most of the stock cars were in primer, but the new Generation 6 models caused quite a buzz last week during Preseason Thunder at Daytona International Speedway.

The "Gen 6" cars are replacing the bland Car of Tomorrow cookie-cutter machines designed by NASCAR and used from 2008-12. This year, the cars will have brand identity.

"It's changing the whole game," Toyota driver Denny Hamlin said. "It's going to be the aerodynamics that are changing. NASCAR is talking about changing the weight of the car and things like that. We're taking big steps and moving our sport in really a direction that I think is a positive."

Speaking of Hamlin

Hamlin made a hasty exit from Daytona after the first day of testing.

The reason? His girlfriend, Jordan Fish, is nine months pregnant. The team planned to test just one day at Daytona.

Hamlin made this loving comment to sportingnews.com: "I didn't want to leave her home alone at any point during the night. These things can come at any time, and she's due right about now."

Is it over?

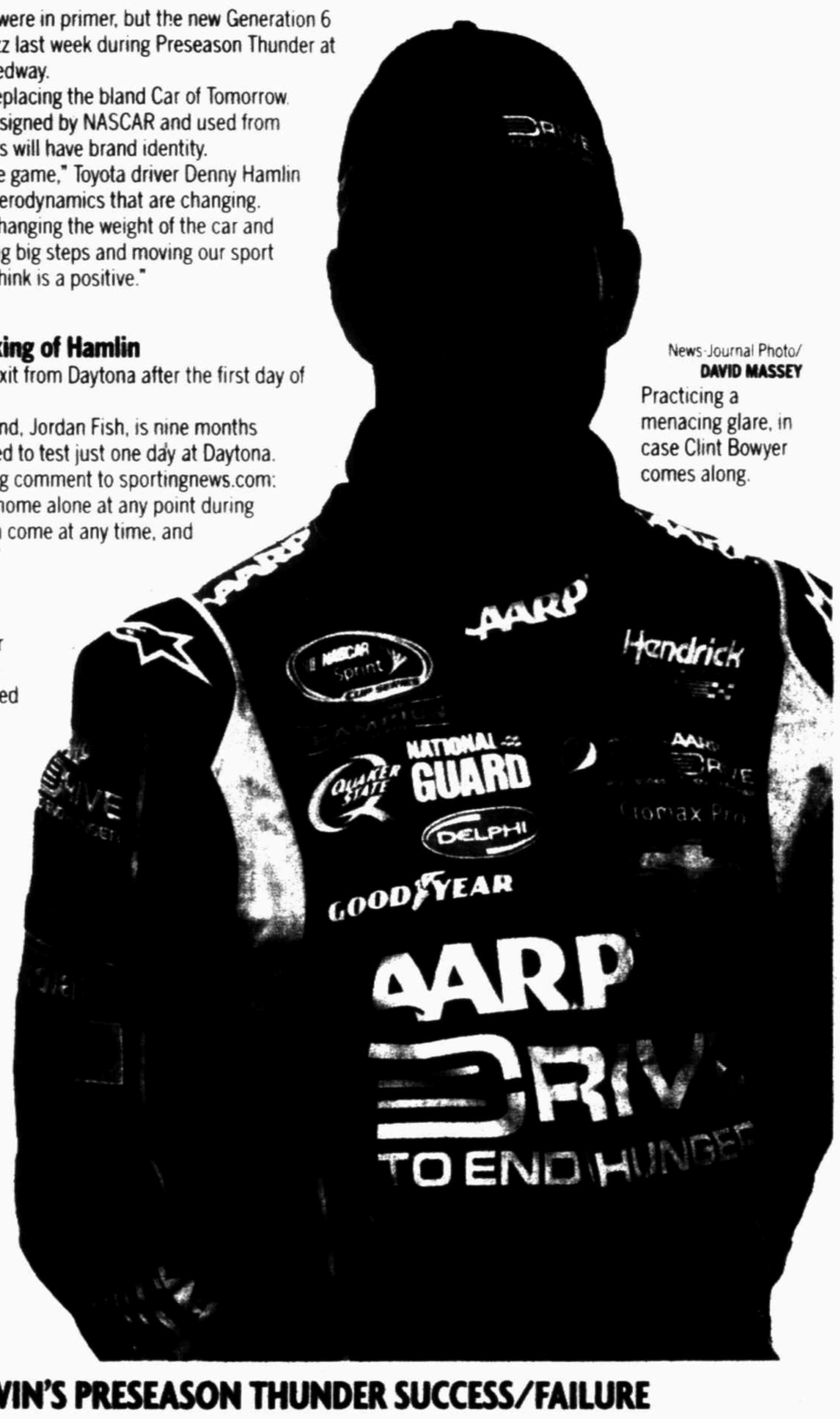
Neither Jeff Gordon nor Clint Bowyer would tell the media whether their strained relations – the "incident at Phoenix" – have been resolved. The drivers were on the same island – St. Barts – right around New Year's.

"We talked," Gordon said.

Said Bowyer: "Who cares? Really, who cares? Apparently, you guys do way more than we do. I can promise you that."

The real story from this continuing drama is that both drivers were invited to and attended a party thrown by singer P. Diddy.

"The party of the year, if you ask me," Gordon said.



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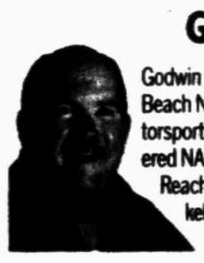
Practicing a menacing glare, in case Clint Bowyer comes along.

GODWIN'S PRESEASON THUNDER SUCCESS/FAILURE



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WINNER: Matt Kenseth
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Greg Biffle, Kyle Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Burton
DARK HORSE: Trevor Bayne
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Marcos Ambrose
FIRST ONE OUT: Denny Hamlin (early exit — expecting baby)
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Any of what happened during Daytona Preseason Thunder translates into Speedweeks' success.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Competing questions — and maybe a few actual answers

Getty Images/TOM PENNINGTON

If you see this nameplate in your mirror, buckle up.

What's your take on the new car?

In a big-picture way, the entire theory behind this so-called Generation 6 stock car is laudable. Anything that hints at brand identity – especially as it may relate to some old-fashioned us-versus-them manufacturer rivalries – is worthy of a pat on the back for NASCAR's boys in competition. When compared with the Car of Tomorrow era, it's hard to find any negatives. But give it time.

And your small-picture take?

If you consider yourself a big fan or interested onlooker, you probably hate to admit this, but you gotta love the driver nameplates at the top of the windshields. Sure, such things help early in the year, when you're getting accustomed to a handful of drivers in new cars, but it'll actually come in handy all year when you consider how often drivers change paint schemes in this age of multiple sponsors.

Any idea yet whether those new cars will provide good racing?

The definition of "good racing" varies widely, depending on the taste and sensibilities of those sharing your converted Bluebird with the "Talladega or Bust" sign hanging in the rear window. Given the 12-car pileup Friday at Daytona, let's assume the cars will be a bit unpredictable on the two biggest tracks. As for the schedule's rank-and-file speedways, we'll know more after this week's test at Charlotte.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK

Danica Patrick

Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

The gloves are officially off as these two battle for Sprint Cup Series Rookie of the Year honors.

Godwin's take: One has two Super Bowl commercials and the other has two Nationwide Series titles. In other words, one is an accomplished stock-car racer and the other is a media darling.

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

WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
BRAD KESELOWSKI	DENNY HAMLIN	MATT KENSETH	JIMMIE JOHNSON	TONY STEWART	JUNIOR EARNHARDT	JEFF GORDON	CLINT BOWYER	CARL EDWARDS	DANICA PATRICK
You don't dethrone the champ in January.	Extra credit for skipping out early on Daytona test	Fast in that new Toyota; Jack Roush probably seething	No, not under the radar, but no longer above it	Will never get sentimental for the Car of Tomorrow	Yet to receive the bill for all that Daytona sheet metal	Holidays didn't soften his stance on Clint Bowyer	Probably owns a hatchet, but won't bury it yet	Anyone in more need of a fresh start?	Yep, it's the gratuitous Danica mention

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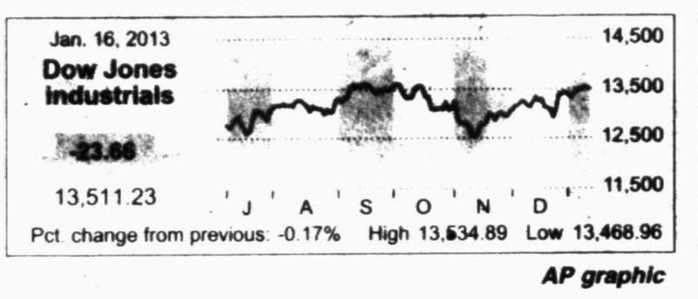
BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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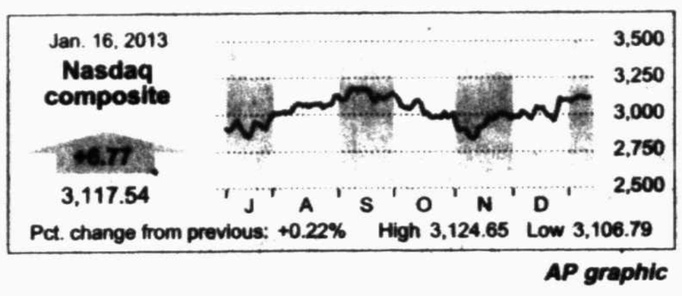

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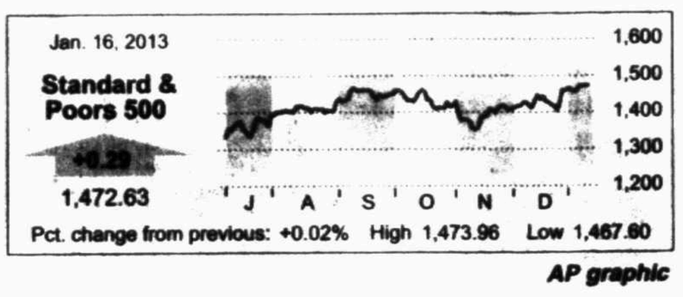

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Associated Press

Passengers ticketed to depart on Polish Airlines flight 004 to Warsaw, a Boeing 787, at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport international are rebooked on another airline after the flight was canceled Wednesday. The FAA grounded all Boeing 787 Dreamliner airplanes pending safety checks of the planes lithium batteries.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1569266	11.78	+.23
S&P500ETF	836886	147.05	-.02
SPDR Fncl	557207	17.14	+.01
SprintNex	553324	5.53	-.09
FordM	506801	14.22	-.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BitP GCrb	7.80	+1.51	+24.0
Edenor	2.54	+.31	+13.9
ChrisBnk	6.41	+.74	+13.1
Dex One	2.13	+.21	+10.9
OxfordRes	5.89	+.48	+8.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ETrSPlat	24.16	-6.44	-21.0
AltsResd n	16.63	-1.61	-8.8
GreenDot	13.20	-1.16	-8.1
Mesab	23.92	-1.97	-7.6
McClatchy	2.93	-.23	-7.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,385
Declined	1,627
Unchanged	139
Total issues	3,151
New Highs	161
New Lows	5
Volume	3,094,486,662

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NA Pall g	31565	1.73	
Rentech	25487	2.92	-.13
Uranerg	21781	3.19	-.09
NwGold g	19223	11.02	+.07
VantageDrl	18784	1.81	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ASpecRlty	3.43	+.44	+14.8
GldFld	2.40	+.22	+10.1
SED Intl	2.50	+.15	+6.4
SoCTBcp	2.48	+.15	+6.3
Barnwell	3.34	+.17	+5.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FAB Univ	3.22	-.39	-10.8
IntTower g	2.31	-.15	-6.1
DocuSec	2.50	.16	-6.0
Bellatrix g	4.10	-.25	-5.7
EmrldO rs	5.38	-.31	-5.4

DIARY

Advanced	197
Declined	224
Unchanged	34
Total issues	455
New Highs	4
New Lows	1
Volume	66,354,709

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	735119	29.85	-.25
Dell Inc	701140	12.61	-.56
RschMotn	672754	14.74	+.26
Microsoft	402000	27.04	-.17
Cisco	396974	21.03	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ClearOne	6.78	+2.35	+53.0
Repros wtA	24.61	+5.46	+28.5
BOS Ltd rs	6.08	+1.02	+20.3
HyperTh rn	14.32	+2.32	+19.3
ADA-ES	21.74	+3.06	+16.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmrsnC pf	10.01	-2.42	-19.5
Celsion	8.10	-1.25	-13.4
ChiMobG n	3.64	-.54	-12.9
TrovaGn wt	3.07	-.43	-12.4
Chanticl rs	3.21	-.43	-11.8

DIARY

Advanced	978
Declined	1,466
Unchanged	114
Total issues	2,558
New Highs	106
New Lows	7
Volume	1,644,143,233

FAA grounds all Boeing Dreamliners

Associated Press

The federal government grounded Boeing's newest and most technologically advanced jetliner Wednesday, declaring that U.S. airlines cannot fly the 787 again until the risk of battery fires is addressed.

The Federal Aviation Administration's emergency order affects only United Airlines, the lone U.S. carrier to operate 787s. United said it would put passengers on other aircraft and work closely with the FAA and Boeing to review its fleet of six Dreamliners.

The FAA action came on the same day that Japan's two biggest airlines — which fly almost half of the world's 50 787s — voluntarily grounded them pending full safety checks.

Boeing said it was working around the clock with investigators.

"We are confident the 787 is safe, and we stand behind its overall integrity," Jim McNerney, company chairman, president and CEO said late Wednesday in a statement.

The FAA decision was another setback for a plane that was supposed to establish a new standard for jet travel but has instead been beset by one mishap after another.

The latest trouble arose when pilots for Japan's All Nippon Airways smelled something burning and received a cockpit warning of battery problems on a flight from Yamaguchi Ube airport in western Japan to Tokyo. They made an emergency landing Wednesday at Takamatsu airport in western Japan, and passengers evacuated using inflatable slides.

An inspection found that a flammable liquid had leaked from the main lithium-ion battery below and slightly behind the cockpit. Investigators found burn marks around the damage.

Japan's Kyodo News agency quoted a transport ministry investigator as saying that the liquid leaked through the electrical room floor to the outside of the aircraft. The transport ministry said the leak could have led to an accident.

That problem followed a Jan. 7 battery fire aboard a Japan Airlines plane parked at Boston's Logan Airport. Both incidents involved the same type of battery, raising worries that the jet's electrical problems could be more dangerous than previously thought.

"Anytime you have a fire on board — whether it's the battery that has caused it or a passenger that caused it or another electrical component — that's a very a serious situation on an aircraft and something not to be taken lightly," said Kevin Hiatt, president of the Flight Safety Foundation.

So far, no one has suggested that the plane's fundamental design can't be fixed. But it's unclear how much will need to be changed.

The remedy could range from relatively quick-and-easy improvements to more extensive changes that could delay deliveries just as Boeing is trying to speed production up from five planes per month to 10.

The 787 is the first plane to make extensive use of lithium-ion batteries, which have been the focus of concerns in the past for their potential to catch fire. The FAA issued a special rule for their use in the 787. The plane has two batteries — the main one near the front and a second one in the rear.

Boeing and the airlines will need to move quickly to determine whether the problem is a flaw in the batteries themselves, in the plane's wiring or in some other area that's fundamental to the plane's electrical system.

Oil jumps above $94

The price of oil jumped above $94 a barrel Wednesday after an unexpected drop in U.S. crude supplies.

Benchmark oil was up 96 cents to close at $94.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil supplies fell by 1 million barrels, or 0.3 percent, to 360.3 million barrels last week. Analysts expected an increase of 2.5 million barrels. The drop was due mainly to a decline in imports. Gasoline supplies grew less than expected as refineries slowed output.

Still, supplies of oil and gasoline remain above average for this time of year, with crude inventories nearly 9 percent higher than a year ago and gasoline levels more than 3 percent higher. Domestic production of crude, at more than 7 million barrels a day, is the highest in 20 years.

Prices at the pump continue to slip lower. The national average for a gallon of gas is now $3.29, down about a penny from a week ago and 9 cents less than at this time last year.

Dollar rises

The euro fell to $1.3286 in late trading Wednesday from $1.3299 late Tuesday. The British pound fell to $1.6003 from $1.6061.

The dollar rose to 88.49 Japanese yen from 88.83 Japanese yen and to 98.60 Canadian cents from 98.43 Canadian cents.

The dollar slipped to 0.9318 Swiss franc from 0.9321 Swiss franc.

Gold for February delivery was little changed, falling 70 cents to $1,683.20 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $40.79 Down 0.95

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $87.01 Down 0.45

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.81 Down 0.29

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $21.28 Down 0.44

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.66 Up 0.17

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.26 Down 0.25

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.19 Down 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	43	33.26	-.50	-1.3
AbtLab s	.56		32.70	-.32	+4.3
AbtVie n	1.60		35.54	+.94	+4.0
Abraxas	...	...	**2.21**	**-.03**	**+.9**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**11.12**	**+.05**	**+5.0**
AMD	...	...	2.72	+.04	+13.3
Alcoa	.12	36	8.88	-.04	+2.3
AlonUSA	.16	31	18.14	...	+.3
AlphaNRs	...		9.20	-.09	-5.5
AmIntlGrp	...	2	35.54	+.70	+.7
Amgen	**1.88f**	**15**	**84.32**	**-.76**	**-2.2**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**77.01**	**-1.09**	**+3.6**
Apache	**.68**	**13**	**80.83**	**+.43**	**+3.0**
Apple Inc	10.60	11	506.09	+20.17	-4.9
ApldMatl	**.36**	**92**	**11.93**	**+.16**	**+4.3**
ArenaPhm	...		10.45	-.36	+15.9
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**15**	**36.12**	**+.05**	**+2.8**
AutoData	1.74f	21	58.83	-.31	+3.3
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**44.08**	**-.36**	**+5.9**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.96	+.59	+11.0
BakrHu	.60	13	42.47	+.28	+4.0
BkofAm	.04	31	11.78	+.23	+1.5
BkNYMel	.52	12	26.04	-.74	+1.3
BanPVix rs	...		25.49	-.55	-19.9
BasicEnSv	...	7	11.68	-.07	+2.4
BerkHa A	...	**1814**	**296**4.00	**-241.00**	**+6.6**
BerryPet	**.32**	...	**34.56**	**-.15**	**+3.0**
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**17**	**38.60**	**-.13**	**+6.2**
Boeing	1.94f	13	74.34	-2.60	-1.4
BostonSci	...		6.45	-.06	+12.6
BrMySq	**1.40f**	**31**	**34.33**	**+.03**	**+6.5**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**25**	**63.83**	**-.38**	**+3.8**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**24**	**63.60**	**-.19**	**+.6**
CVS Care	.90f	18	51.76	-.03	+7.1
Cameron	...	23	59.57	+.47	+5.5
Caterpillar	2.08	10	95.19	-.48	+6.2
Celestic g	...	8	8.38	+.07	+2.8
CntryLink	2.90	36	39.58	-.21	+1.2
ChesEng	.35		17.31	-.06	+4.2
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**113.97**	**+.53**	**+5.4**
Chicos	.21	18	18.23	+.16	-1.2
Cimarex	.48	15	62.75	-.10	+8.7
Cisco	.56	14	21.03	+.05	+7.0
Citigroup	.04	13	42.48	-.09	+7.4
Citigp wtA	...	...	47	+.01	+11.4
ClayEng	**...**	**28**	**40.79**	**-.95**	**+2.0**
CobaltIEn	...		24.84	-1.91	+1.1
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**20**	**37.32**	**...**	**+3.0**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**107.83**	**+.09**	**+3.1**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**20**	**31.17**	**+.10**	**+5.7**
ConchoRes	**...**	**19**	**87.01**	**-.45**	**+8.0**
ConocPhil	**s2.64**	**8**	**58.88**	**-.15**	**+1.5**
CrackerB	2.00	15	63.65	-.98	-.9
CrosTim	**2.39e**	**12**	**30.58**	**+.88**	**+13.6**
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	40.99	-.12	-1.8
DTE	2.48	15	61.01	-.32	+1.6
Dataram h	...	...	.37	-.02	+12.4
Dawson	**...**	**17**	**23.81**	**-.29**	**-9.7**
Dell Inc	.32	9	12.61	-.56	+24.4
DeltaAir	...	6	13.92	+.29	+17.3
Dndreon	...		6.65	+.18	+25.7
DevonE	**.80**	**34**	**53.86**	**+.19**	**+3.5**
Disney	**.75f**	**17**	**51.53**	**+.44**	**+3.5**
DowChm	**1.28**	**26**	**33.66**	**-.43**	**+4.1**
eBay	...	18	52.90	+.40	+3.7
EMC Cp	...	20	24.08	-.24	-4.8
EOG Res	**.68**	**28**	**125.37**	**+.27**	**+3.8**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**20.63**	**-.27**	**+1.2**
Emergsn	.56	14	48.55	-.48	+7.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	46.82	-.06	+9.1
EnPro	...	**21**	**42.40**	**+.02**	**+3.7**
EntPrPt	2.64f	20	54.20	-.15	+8.2
Ericsson	.35e	...	10.24	+.08	+1.4
ExterranH	...	...	**22.48**	**-.54**	**+2.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**11**	**89.47**	**-.06**	**+3.4**
Facebook n	...	...	29.85	-.25	+12.1
FifthThird	.40	10	15.55	+.14	+2.3
FordM	.40f	12	14.22	-.08	+9.8
ForestOil	...	10	6.88	-.02	+2.8
FrozenFd	**h ...**	...	**.84**	**-.01**	**-5.6**
GATX	**1.20**	**18**	**45.95**	**-.50**	**+6.1**
GabMultT	**.80**	...	**8.35**	**-.02**	**+6.4**
GAInv	**2.00e**	...	**29.09**	**+.18**	**+4.6**
GenElec	**.76f**	**16**	**21.12**	**-.08**	**+.6**
GenMotors	...	11	29.31	-1.29	+1.7
Genworth	...	11	8.85	+.72	+17.8
GtPlainEn	**.87f**	**16**	**20.78**	**-.08**	**+2.3**
Groupon	...	...	5.03	-.20	+3.5
HalconR rs	...	...	7.99	-.24	+15.5
Hallibrtn	.36	11	36.26	+.08	+4.5
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**59.22**	**+.01**	**+2.7**
Herbalife	1.20	12	45.06	-1.13	+36.8
HewlettP	.53	...	17.21	+.68	+20.8
HuntBncsh	.16	12	6.72	+.08	+5.2
iSh HK	.50e	...	19.98	+.07	+2.9
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.79	-.12	+.4
iSh EMkts	.74e	...	44.43	-.04	+.2
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	57.74	-.28	+1.5
iShR2K	1.69e	...	87.51	-.26	+3.8
IntegrysE	2.72	17	53.49	-.38	+2.4
Intel	**.90**	**10**	**22.11**	**+.23**	**+7.2**
InterDig	40a	7	44.63	+.07	+8.6
InterMune	...	...	10.38	+.34	+7.1
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	46.82	+.47	+7.2
JohnJn	**2.44**	**24**	**72.58**	**+.21**	**+3.5**
Keycorp	.20	11	9.15	+.18	+8.7
KimbClk	**2.96**	**18**	**85.49**	**-.21**	**+1.3**
KindME	5.16f	...	87.95	+.26	+10.2
KindMM	5.16f	...	81.07	+.35	+7.4
LegacyRes	2.26f	...	25.66	+.17	+7.8
Lubys	**...**	**27**	**7.07**	**-.08**	**+5.7**
McDnlds	3.08f	17	91.10	-.41	+3.3
Merck	1.72f	19	42.54	-.33	+3.9
MeritMed	**...**	**25**	**14.12**	**+.12**	**+1.6**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.26	-.25	-18.3
MicronT	...	...	7.67	+.07	+21.0
Microsoft	.92	15	27.04	-.17	+1.2
MorgStan	.20	...	20.54	+.11	+7.4
Nabors	...	...	14.68	-.12	+1.6
NetGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**55.73**	**-.20**	**-3.0**
NOilVarco	.52f	12	70.42	+.18	+3.0
NokiaCp	.26e	...	4.57	-.07	+15.7
NvMdAd	**.85a**	...	**15.05**	**+.14**	**+2.9**
NvPtM	**.88**	...	**15.40**	**+.08**	**+3.2**
NuvPt	**.86**	...	**15.57**	**+.04**	**+4.0**
NSTFI3	**.66e**	...	**15.05**	**+.06**	**+2.9**
NTXQI	**.73**	...	**16.48**	**+.14**	**+4.0**
OcciPet	**2.16**	**11**	**82.29**	**-.20**	**+7.4**
Oracle	.24	16	34.64	-.06	+4.0
ParTech	...	**14**	**4.85**	**-.04**	**-1.0**
ParkDrl	...	...	**5.19**	**+.11**	**+12.8**
PattUTI	**.20**	**9**	**18.99**	**-.27**	**+1.9**
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**18.17**	**-.22**	**+3.0**
Prmian	1.16e	10	13.27	-.02	+8.2
Pfizer	**.96f**	**16**	**26.61**	**-.01**	**+6.1**
PioNtrl	.08	...	113.00	+2.14	+6.0
PlainsAA s	**2.25f**	**21**	**49.13**	**+.02**	**+8.6**
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	66.90	+.27	+2.7
Praxair	**2.20**	**20**	**112.57**	**-1.24**	**+2.9**
PrmEgy	**...**	**8**	**24.39**	**-1.33**	**+6.0**
ProctGam	**2.25**	**18**	**69.34**	**+.02**	**+2.1**
RangeRs	.16	...	66.89	+.96	+6.5
RegionsFn	.04	...	7.38	+.09	+3.5
RschMotn	...	29	14.74	+.26	+24.2
RiteAid	...	...	1.56	+.05	+14.7
Rowan	...	25	33.63	-.14	+7.5
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	69.12	-.58	+.2
SpdrDJIA	3.36e	...	134.89	-.19	+3.3
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	147.05	-.02	+3.3
SabnR	3.59e	12	44.92	+.30	+12.9
SanderFm	**.68**	**21**	**48.55**	**+.15**	**+2.1**
SandRdge	**...**	**...**	**6.79**	**+.06**	**+6.9**
Sapient	**...**	**23**	**11.78**	**-.05**	**+11.6**
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	73.22	+.63	+5.7
Schwab	.24	22	15.05	-.24	+4.8
SigmaAld	**.80**	**21**	**76.38**	**-.91**	**+3.8**
SiriusXM	.05e	5	3.12	-.02	+8.0
SmithWes	...	10	8.91	+.48	+5.6
Smucker	2.08	21	88.59	+.23	+2.7
SwstAirl	.04	23	11.28	+.20	+10.2
SprintNex	...	...	5.53	-.09	-2.5
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.14	+.01	+4.6
SunocoLog	2.07f	14	55.77	-.04	+12.1
TelefEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.36**	**-.24**	**+6.4**
Tesoro	.60f	10	43.70	+.30	-.8
3M Co	2.36	16	97.60	+.31	+5.1
Torchmark	**.80**	**11**	**53.57**	**+.13**	**+4.0**
TriContl	**.51e**	...	**16.71**	**+.05**	**+4.1**
TylerTech	...	**52**	**51.91**	**+.09**	**+7.2**
UBWV	**1.24**	**17**	**25.60**	**-.01**	**+5.2**
Vale SA	1.15e	...	19.95	-.30	-4.8
ValeroE	.70	10	36.79	+.99	+7.8
VangEmg	.99e	...	44.77	-.08	+.5
VerizonCm	2.06	38	41.51	-.46	-4.1
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**54.12**	**-.25**	**+4.0**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**18**	**39.39**	**+.09**	**+6.4**
WellsFargo	.88	10	35.09	-.02	+2.7
WstnRefin	.48f	21	30.95	+.68	+9.8
WhitngPet	...	12	48.07	+.84	+10.8
WmsCos	1.30f	22	33.44	+.14	+2.1
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**14**	**26.91**	**-.14**	**+.7**
Xerox	**.17**	**8**	**7.58**	**+.16**	**+11.1**
Yahoo	...	6	20.07	+.55	+.9
Zynga	...	...	2.56	-.03	+8.5

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,661.72	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,511.23	-23.66	-.17	+3.11	+7.41
5,645.75	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,643.84	+4.20	+.07	+6.35	+8.16
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	457.41	-1.96	-.43	+.95	+1.25
8,736.98	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,710.56	-22.54	-.26	+3.16	+12.15
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,393.10	-9.82	-.41	+1.59	+4.53
3,196.93	2,721.03	Nasdaq Composite	3,117.54	+6.76	+.22	+3.25	+12.56
1,474.51	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,472.63	+.29	+.02	+3.26	+12.58
15,552.62	13,248.92	Wilshire 5000	15,533.79	-10.01	-.06	+3.59	+12.92
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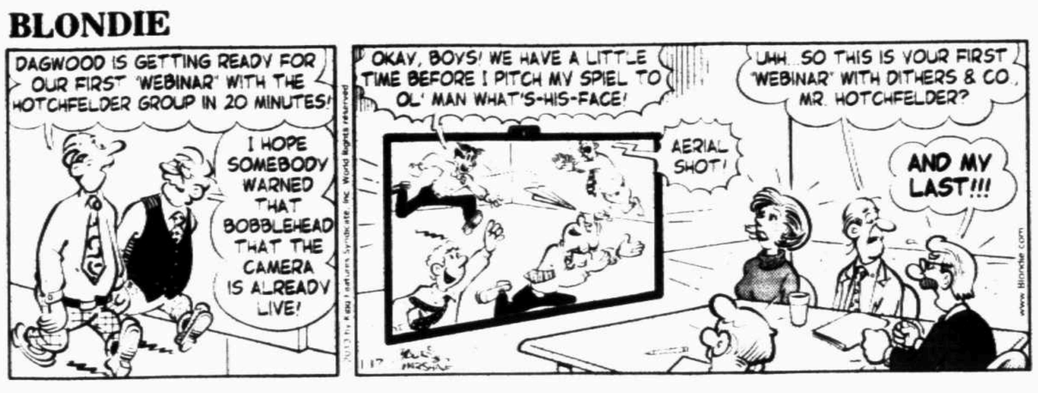

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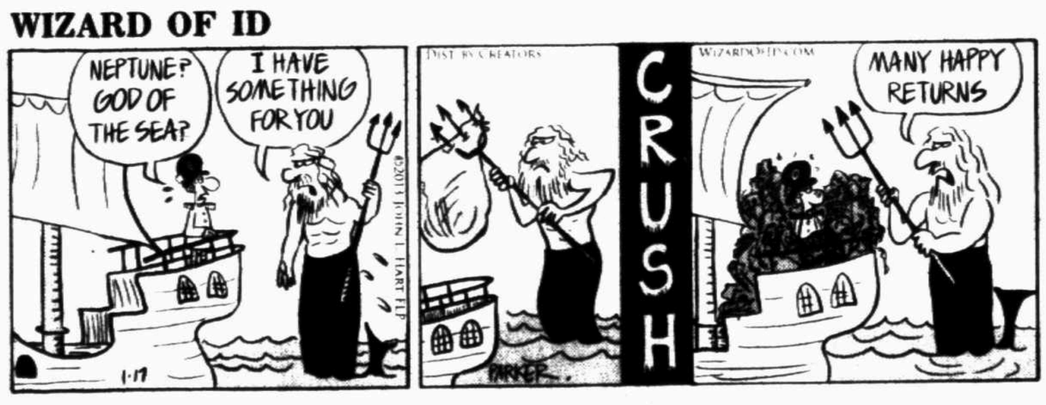

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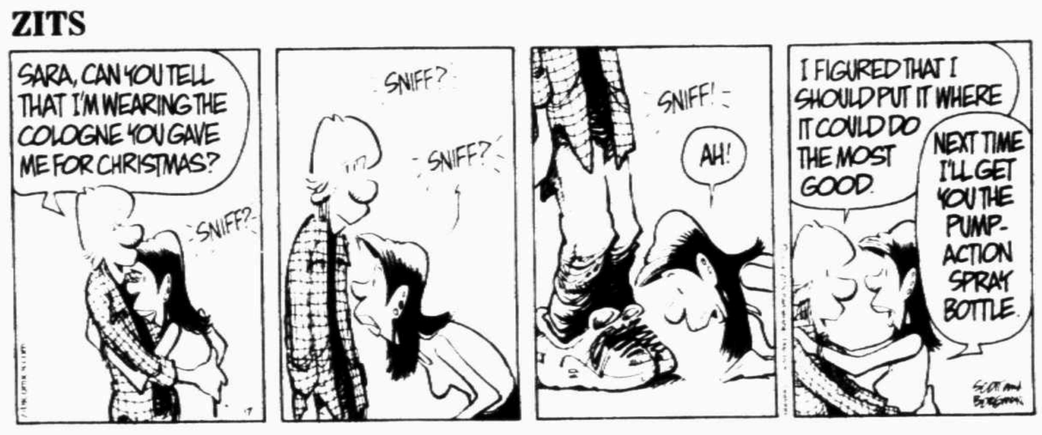

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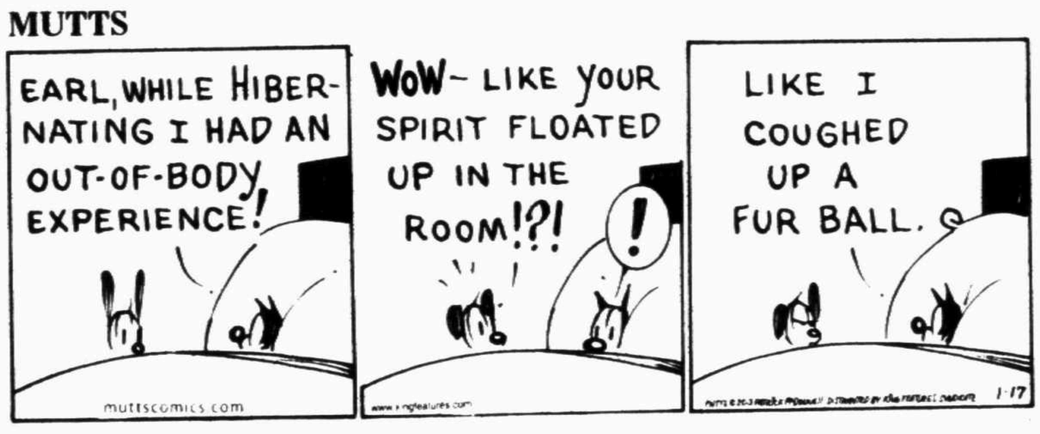

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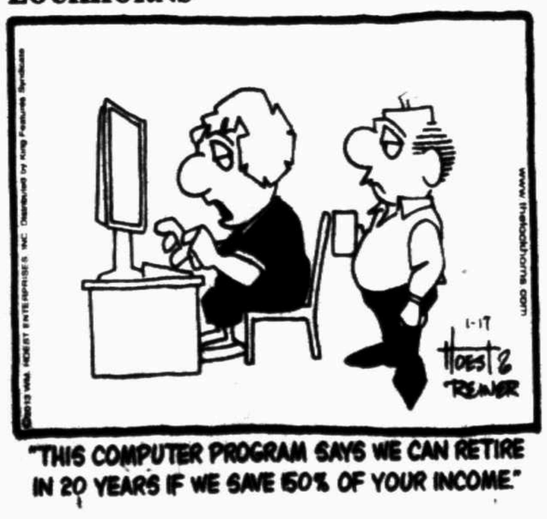

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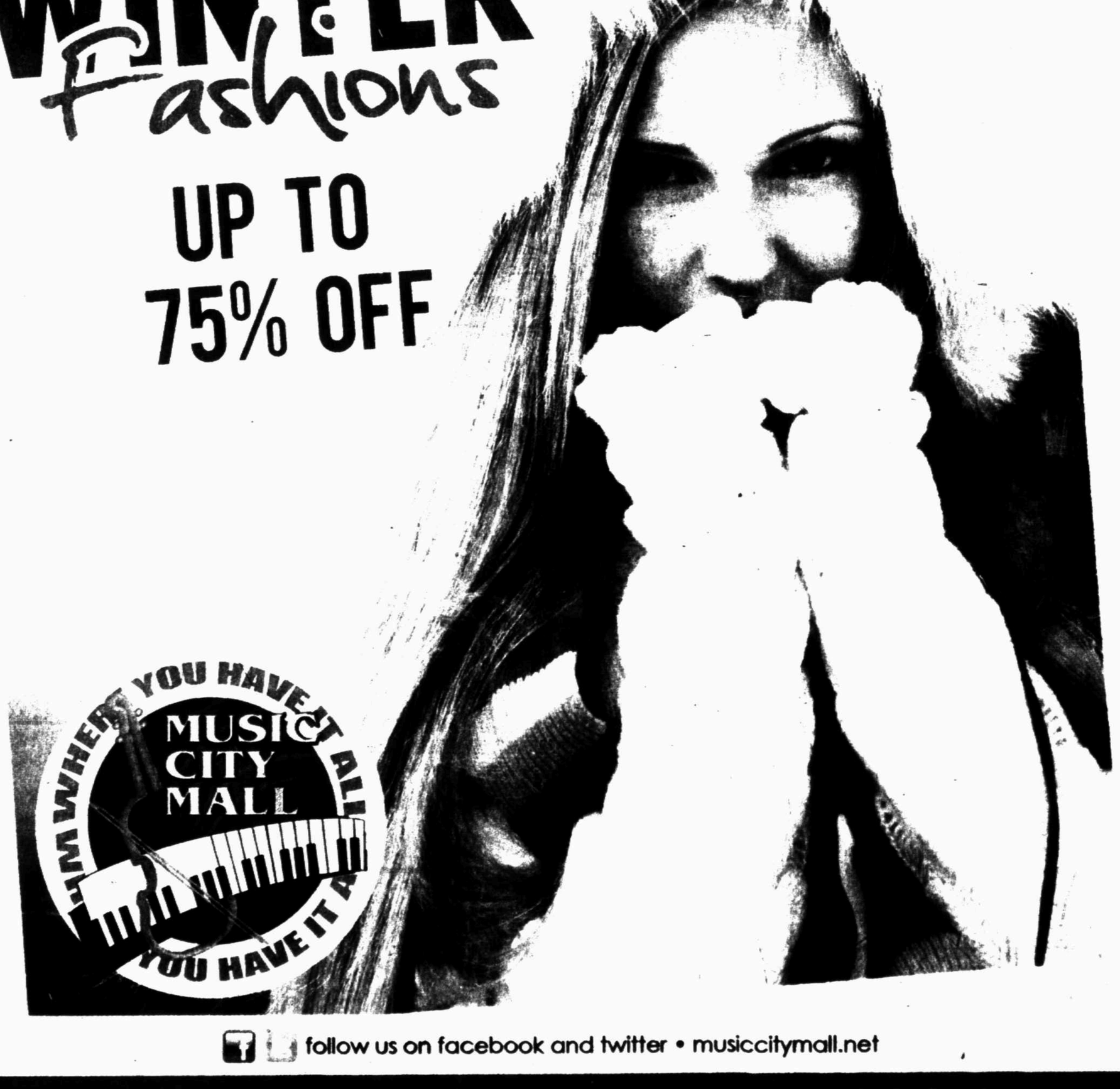

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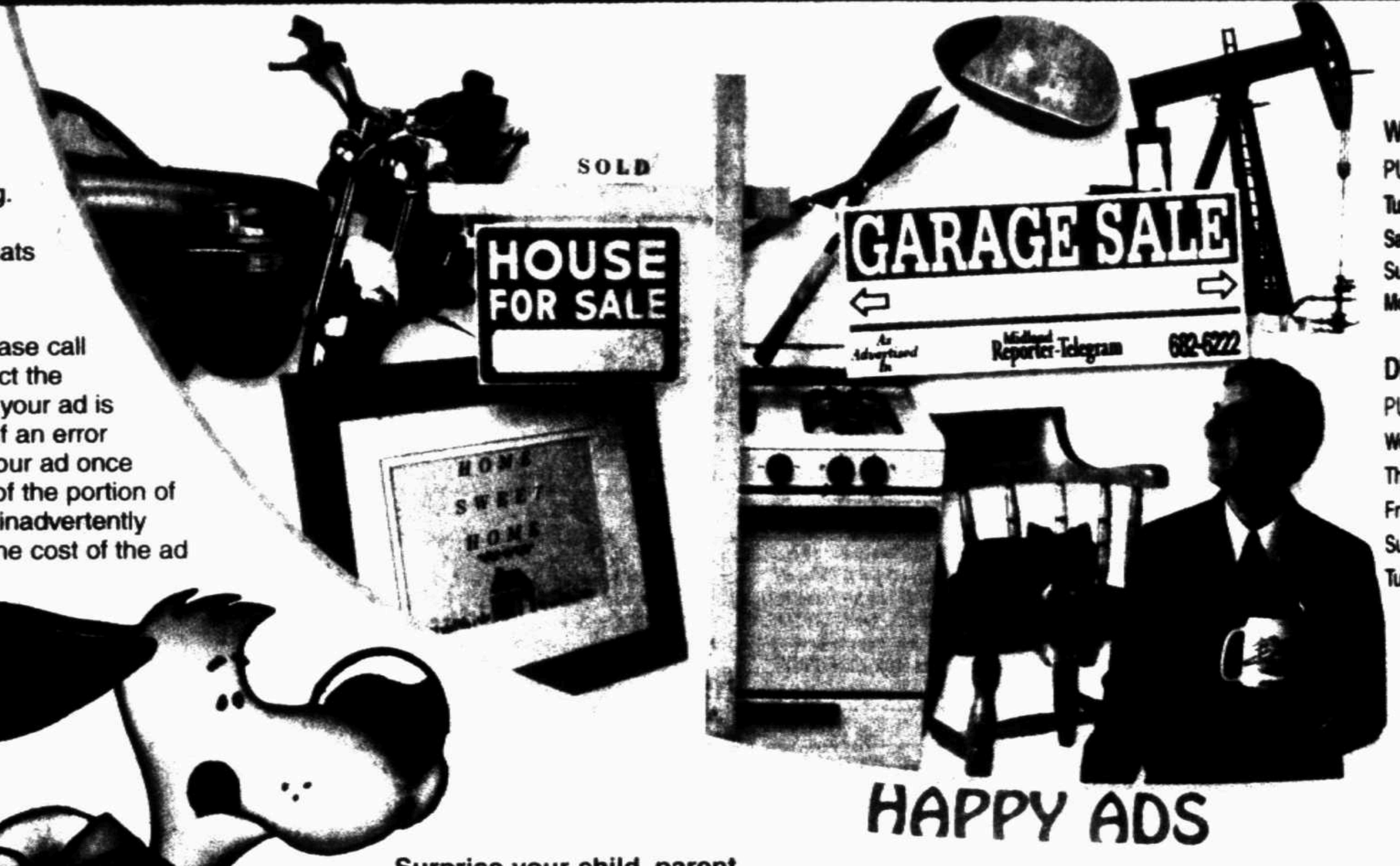

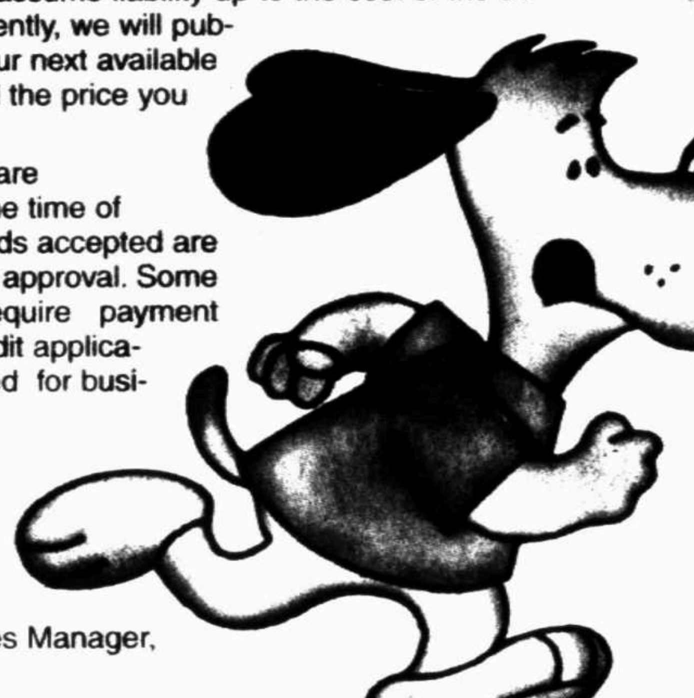

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UnitedHealthcare of Texas, Inc. and UnitedHealthcare Benefits of Texas, Inc. both located at 5800 Granite Parkway, Ste. 900, Plano, Texas 75024 and offer basic health care service Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans and United HealthCare Insurance Company and PacifiCare Life and Health Insurance Company which offer Preferred Provider Options (PPOs) will accept applications for physicians and providers who wish to become contracted physicians and providers during the period of **February 1, 2013 through February 20, 2013.** Applicants must meet practice standards, qualifications and other participatory criteria established by the HMO and/or PPO. To initiate the application process please call 1-877-842-3210.

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Aetna Life Insurance Co., Aetna Health Inc. and Aetna Dental Inc. and their affiliates will accept written applications for participation in their PPO, POS, HMO and DMO networks during the period of December 1, 2013 through December 21, 2013. Physicians and providers including advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, who wish to contract with us, must apply during this period and applications must be received no later than December 21, 2013. Medical network inquiries should be sent to: Aetna Life Insurance Co. and Aetna Health Inc., 2777 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 1450, Dallas, TX 75207, Attention: 2013 Provider Enrollment. Send Dental network inquiries to: Aetna Dental Management, Three Sugar Creek Center, Sugar Land, TX 77478, Attention: 2013 Provider Enrollment.

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CHOCOLATE COLORED chihuaha mixed near Whittle Way & Dent Crest. Call 432-934-1403

Female German Shepherd found in Greenwood. John Deere collar. 432-556-7133

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FOUND FEMALE Husky breed dog, 2 yrs old, vicinity CR 1180. Call 432-559-3598

FOUND YELLOW Lab male & brindle Dachshund male, vicinity 919 Holly. 699-5334

LOST MALE Boxer. North of Midland on County Rd 115, near Patricia. Call 432-694-4477 or 928-245-4266

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BMW 2010 328i, alpine white, red leather, 20k miles, $30K. Call 432-770-2085

CHEVY 2011 Impala LT1, 44k miles w/ warranty. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

CHRYSLER 2007 300C, 5.7 Hemi. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

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HONDA 2005 Pilot EX-L, fully loaded, low miles 90k, clean. $10,900. 432-978-5197

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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 $9200. 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 reglular 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

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NISSAN 2005 Sentra, Red, 4dr, automatic, am/fm cd, power windows, 95k mi, $6,000. 432-557-8204

Passenger Cars

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CHEVY 2009 Silverado Texas Edition, Crew Cab, 2WD, blue, 72K miles, $22,500. Please call 432-631-5164

DODGE 2004 Dually 3500 SLT pickup, 5.9 liter diesel, gooseneck hitch, 160k/mi, $15,500. Located in Abilene. 903-908-3333

DODGE 2004 Ram 2500, quad cab, SLT, diesel, $12,999. We finance. B&B 683-6222

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1999 BMW M3
Dakar Yellow/Black, 5speed, Sunroof, All records, 123k miles

2003 BMW 525i
Alpine White/Tan, Auto, Leather, Htd Seats, Premium Pkg, New Tires, 95k miles

2009 BMW X5 3.0
Alpine White/Tan, CPO Warranty, Xenon, Htd/AC Seats, Pano-Roof, Nav, SAT, 50k miles

2009 Chevy Suburban
Black/Black LT, Bench Seat, Cloth, New Tires, 50k miles

2010 BMW 528i
Titanium/Black, M Pkg, Nav, Premium Pkg., Warranty, 25k miles

2010 Cadillac Escalade ESV
Black/Dark Brown, Platinum, AWD, 4 Screens, 21' wheels, Nav, all options, 37.5k miles

2011 BMW 750i
Alpine White/Oyster, CPO Warranty, Nav, SAT, Luxury Pkg, Prem Sound, 38k miles

2011 BMW Z4 3.0
Orion Silver/Black, Sport Pkg, Leather, Auto, Hard-Top Convertible, 15k miles

2012 BMW 528i
Dark Graphite/Black, Premium Pkg, Comfort Access, Htd Seats, Sunshades, NAV, Camera, SAT, 5k miles

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 17, 2013
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 21, 2013
Rule 38 Case No. 08-0280250
Status/Permit No. 754380
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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):	OIL Special Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres. OIL 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)969-3963.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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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

Diesel Technician/ Mechanic

Position responsible for diagnosing and repairing medium to heavy duty trucks & trailers under minimal supervision. Paid vacation, holidays & health insurance. CDL a plus. Call Farrell at 432-853-4884.

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

Part-Time Assistant

Some Real Esate Experience Preferred. Computer Skills Needed. No Benefits. Please Fax Resume To: 686-9000

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers FT/PT

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00am-5:30pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Now Hiring

TETRA Production Testing Svc, LLC FT
Midland, TX 79706

Frac Water Transfer, Production Testing and Flowback personnel. Hiring Manager, Shop Hands, Water Transfer & Flowback Operators. Competitive pay depending on experience. Great benefits, insurance, dental, vision and 401K. Accepting applications M-F 9am-3pm. Must be 21 years or older. Located at 1114 South FM 1788, Midland, or call 1-432-366-0630.

Technical Clerk

McClure Oil Company, Inc. is seeking a full time **Technical Clerk**. This position will assist the Geology and Operations Departments.

Duties - Required to provide both technical support and administrative services for Technical Managers. Organizing and maintaining a system which contains project records including clerical hardcopy and electronic filing duties. Schedule and produce progress reports related to projects and data searches. Review technical documentation and input of data into software and server systems. Collect, compile and distribute reports. Other duties as requested.

Experience - Use of computer software such as Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Prefer one to three years of experience working for specialized engineering or oil & gas firms, but not required. Petra and PHDWin software user experience is highly favorable.

Education - Formal educational background or technical certificate is recommended. Relevant experience can be substituted equally for education.

Other Skills - Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing. This position requires a high level of accuracy, attention to detail, and the ability to prioritize tasks. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills a must. Knowledge of oil and gas terms helpful.

This is a full time non-exempt position with competitive salary and benefits. Send resume with salary requirements to: **hr@mccloreoil.com**.

Tubing Tester

Confidential FT

Experienced Tubing Tester. CDL with tank endorsement required. Call 432-557-2809 or 432-557-2807.

PRODUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a Production Engineering Technician in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Maintaining Engineering Software and Databases
- Supporting Engineering Group
- Supporting Capital Budget Preparation
- Supporting Management of Production Budget

The qualified applicant will have at least 1 year of experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Must be proficient in the use of Excel and should have a working knowledge of other database applications such as Access. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must. Familiarity with ARIES, Production Access or OFM is a plus.

Energen offers a highly competitive salary, which includes a bonus plan, signing bonus and complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Careers to complete an online application.

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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.

Clerical Position

OBGYN office has opening for full time Clerical Position. Vacation, sick pay, health insurance, and 401K included in benefit package. Please send resume to Attn: Arita Routh P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to (432) 682-2284.
GRO-7002

RN Case Manager

Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. FT

Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a RN Case Manager in our Midland office. Experience in case mgmt. & employee mgmt. in home health required. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with on-call and some weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhcl.com or fax it to 806-762-0905. EOE.

HEALTHCARE

INSURANCE SPECIALIST

Busy OBGYN office has opening for insurance specialist. Duties include insurance verification, patient financial counseling, reception and phone duties. Vacation, sick pay, health insurance, and 401K included in benefit package. Please send resume to Attn: Arita Routh P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to (432) 682-2284.
GRO-7003

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor/Intern

Midland 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.

Medical Assistant

Dr.'s office looking for FT/PT experienced Medical Assistant & Insurance Verification. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

Medical Records

Busy Midland office now staffing. Candidate must present strong computer skills with billing & coding background. Benefits after 3 months. Up to $14 per hour depending on experience. Contact human resource department 855-357-6311.

Providers

Interim Home Health PT

Interim Home Health is searching for Providers in the Midland area to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Please call 432-617-0252 and speak with Hilda. EOE

RN

Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701

Growing home health program is seeking Full-time RN. Experience preferred. GENEROUS SIGN-ON BONUS & excellent benefits. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 200 or fax resume 432-618-0307.

RN

Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701

Growing hospice program is seeking RN Full-time & PRN. Experience preferred. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy. Ste. 200 or fax resume 432-618-0307.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Housekeepers/ Maintenance & Set Up Personnel

Grand Texan Hotel FT

Seeking Experienced Housekeepers, Maintenance & Set Up personnel. Apply in person at 4300 W. Wall St. Grand Texan Hotel.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers

AlliedBarton 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.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Purchasing Manager

Looking for detail oriented professional for our team! **Compensation & Benefits**: Competitive/DOE. **Education**: Bachelor's degree or higher. **Experience**: Minimum of 3 years experience in inventory management or purchasing manager position. Please send resume to: **jobs@tanklogix.com**

Sales Person

Must have professional background in Marketing, Banking or Finance. Experience helpful. Apply in person or send resume to BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd St. Odessa, Texas 79761

OTHER JOBS

Caregiver

For weekend night shifts 3pm-11pm also 11pm-7am and for various other shifts when needed. Must be dependable and very caring for the elderly. There will be a background check. Will train. $10 hourly. Call 432-213-1448 or 432-213-2470.

Customer Service Rep & Accounting Assistant

Customer Service Representative Requirements: Experience with QuickBooks preferred but not required & general customer service. Very high energy, detail oriented position. **Accounting Assistant** Position: QuickBooks experience preferred but not required. Requirements: Entering invoices, paying weekly bills, receiving & posting payments from customers. Call **800-876-7446** Speak with JR Tomlin, Martin Baeza, or Penny Sullivan.

Electrician

A&A Instrumentation & Electrical is needing licensed electricians w/experience in industrial work for local projects. Please email resumes to casasirma@aol.com

FT/PT Resident Monitors

Dismas Charities FT/PT

Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time resident monitors all shifts and part-time resident monitors weekends. Please Apply at: www.dismas.com

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Medley Material Handling has immediate openings in the Odessa location. We are currently hiring for an **Equipment Salesperson**, **Parts**, **Service** and **Rental Salesperson**, and **Equipment Technicians**. **Medley** is a well established material handling company that has been in business since 1941. Please send resume to: **cburkham@medleyco.com** or come by **3400 N. CRW Odessa Tx**.

Kennel Assistant

Shannon Animal Hospital FT

Full-Time Kennel position open at Shannon Animal Hospital. Rotational weekend work required. Apply at: 3400 North Big Spring between the hours of 9am-12pm or 2pm-6pm.

Maids and Janitors

Confidential PT

Part-time Janitorial positions available. Work M-F 5:30pm-8:30pm, no weekends. Good way to make extra money. Apply at: 1307 North Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Merchandiser

The Kent Companies FT/PT

Must be able to lift 25 lbs or more, Stocking merchandise. Position requires standing and walking. Great Benefits including 401K, Health, Dental and Vision. Weekly Pay. Please apply at 2408 N Big Spring St.

OTHER JOBS

Multiple Positions

Natural Gas Services Group FT

NGSG, a leader in natural gas compression, due to growth is seeking ALL POSITIONS to include: Design Drafters, Compressor Mechanics, Assembly Leads, Assembly Supervisors, Assembly Hands & more. Working knowledge of the compression industry preferred. Excellent Salary & Benefit Package. Submit Resumes & Salary Requirements to: employment@ngsgi.com or NGSG-Human Resources, 508 W. Wall St., Suite 550, Midland, TX 79701. For more information contact (432) 262-2700. EOE www.ngsgi.com.

O-Tex Pumping

O Tex pumping is hiring Service Supervisors, mechanics, & pump operators. We offer 401k, health, Aflac, dental, vision & life insurance. We are willing to train the right individual. Fill out application online or walk-in 2611 E Interstate 20, Midland, TX79701. Please no phone calls.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

Press Operator

House of Printing FT

Printing Production & Bindery Operator M/F 8-5. Benefits/DOE. Call 683-1740.

PRIVATE FAMILY HOUSEKEEPER

Mon., Wed, Fri. from 9:30am-4:30pm. Must have good references and clean background check. Call **432-352-5845** to apply.

Salesperson/Parts Lead

Tracker Boat Center FT
Midland, TX 79707

Salesperson, will train. Parts Lead, will train. drug screening and background check. 1920 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Tx 79707. Call 432-697-3261 or email rdjones@basspro.com

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

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RNO FINANCE CO. FT
2209 N BIG SPRING ST **MIDLAND, TX 79705**

WE ARE SEEKING A FULL TIME ,SELF-MOTIVATED PERSON FOR A FULL TIME MANAGER.

- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
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- BILINGUAL A PLUS

Call for appointment 432-570-7682 or come by 2209 N Big Spring St.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Bartender

Cancun Grill FT
Midland, TX 79701

Cancun Grill is looking for Bartender with experience for evening shift. Top pay for the right individual. No phone calls please. Apply at 223 West Wall, after 5pm.

OTHER JOBS

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 able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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Want to pay down your credit cards??
Do you have a reliable Car with insurance and a phone??
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Contact:
Tony 687-9002

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Day Cook/Grill Cook/Snackbar
Great Western Dining Midland College FT
Midland, TX 79701
Day Cook, Grill Cook and Snackbar, full time, apply in person 3600 N Garfield at Jack E Brown Dining Hall, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm.

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: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE.

Golf Course Member Service
Midland's Premier County Club FT/PT
Is looking for outside golf course member service staff. We hire attitude and personality over experience. All positions available Full or Part time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at Midland Country Club 6101 N Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Outside Cleanup Crew
Big Sky Theatre FT
Outside cleaning person needed/trash pick-up at Big Sky Drive-In Theatre. Call 432-617-4041 and leave message.

Swensen's now hiring day & night Servers & Kitchen help!
Business is great! Now hiring for **Day & Night Servers and Kitchen Help**. Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at **Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.**

RETAIL JOBS

Retail Sales
Wood's Boots FT
Midland, TX 79701
Retail Sales position available. Wood's Boots, 4803 Andrews Hwy. FT. Great customers and the best hours in retail. Benefits provided.

SALES JOBS

Oil Field Sales
Lighthouse Energy Solutions is a rapidly growing oil field service company seeking **Outside Sales people.** Qualified candidates must be self motivated & have ability to make cold calls in the field. Salary depending on experience. **Must have good driving record** and pass drug screening. Please call **432-699-7744** to make and appt. for interview.

Sales Rep
Sales Representative for BHA. Apply in person: 2915 South County Rd 1255, Midland or Call Gary 432-563-1784.

SKILLED LABOR

EXPERIENCED TONG MECHANIC
Christian company looking for **experienced tong mechanic**. Apply in person at **3820 Kermit Hwy, Odessa.**

Field Technician/Electrician
Compensation: Competitive/DOE. **Education**: High School Diploma. **Experience**: Minimum of 3 years experience working in electrical field. Journeyman's license is a plus. Please send resume to: **jobs@tanklogix.com**

MECHANICS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!
Mid-level mechanics needed for very busy shop with growing company. Candidate should have basic tools and dependable transportation. Candidate should have basic knowledge of tractors, diesel engines, hydraulics, pneumatics, triplex pumps, centrifugal pumps, air brakes, basic electrical and DOT. Welding and fabrication skills are a plus. Pay and benefits are competitive. Email resumes to Chris Dedmon at **chris@acidspecialistsllc.com**, or in person at **4004 N. Co. Rd. 1150** Midland, Texas.

Multiple Positions
Drill Baby Drill Staffing FT
PIPELINE OPPORTUNITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA **(NOW)**
Pipeline Foreman/Superintendents, Pipeline Bending Engineers. Experienced O & G HSE Coordinator. Drillbabyjobs.com .814-224-2866

Plumber Helpers
Apply in person at **1101 W. Florida**. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k. Must have HS Diploma or GED and clean driving record.

Retail Petroleum Pump Technician
Goodson Service Co. FT
GOODSON SERVICE CO. is looking for a Retail Petroleum Pump Technician. Salary DOE, vacation paid, health insurance paid, 401k plan. Please fax resume or work history to 432-520-2814.

TRIM CARPENTERS
Wanted: **Trim Carpenters**. Up to $35/hr, depending on ability. James Morris **432-967-2314**

Welderss
TCO Welding FT
Experienced Welders. Driver license required. Apply at 2206 Garden City Hwy in Midland. Call 432-684-9240

Wireline Engineers and Operators
Pioneer Energy Services - Wireline Division is seeking experienced Wireline Engineers and Operators. Applicant must have a CDL and Hazmat Endorsement is a plus. Please apply in person at 13010 Hwy 191, Midland TX 79707. Please call 432-563-2251 for directions if needed.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL DRIVERS
Are You Tired of the Oilfield? Not What You Expected? **ABC Supply** is currently interviewing **CDL Drivers** for our Midland branch. We have been in Midland for 25 years and we offer GREAT pay! If you are looking for a great career opportunity with benefits stop by and talk to us! **ABC Supply Co. Inc. 3000 W. Kentucky Midland, TX 79701** EOE/Drug Free.

CDL Drivers & Non-CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers** and **Non-CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**

CDL Drivers/Swampers
Midland, TX 79701
Local rig moving company hiring CDL Drivers & Swampers. Call Chris at 432-288-7385.

Class A CDL Drivers
Manufacturing firm hiring Class A CDL drivers with experience operating knuckle boom crane to deliver tanks and oil field equipment. $23-$26 per hour DOE. Call **432-758-2757** or fax resume to **432-758-2787**

Class A CDL Driver & Swamper
Sure Shot Hot Shot FT
Class A CDL Driver & Swamper needed. Great pay. Great benefits & great working environment. Must be at least 18 yrs old. Tommy 432-528-3695.

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**

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**

SPOOLERS/BANDERS with Class A CDL
JW Enterprise is looking for **spoolers/banders** with a Class A CDL and a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training available. Contact Wayne McClure at **432-664-5019** for more information. Serious applicants only.

Treater Truck Driver
X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties, as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat 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 an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com.

Vendor or Sales Person
Arcil Equipment is looking for Vendor or Sales Person - dirt construction worker to work loader, backhoe, blade, dozer, etc. Good pay w/experience. Call 620-482-2530

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WHIRLPOOL GOLD double oven gas range, self cleaning, like new, $300. Call 432-699-0781

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BICHON FRISE mix Free to good home. Neutered Male. Call 432-210-1772.

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If You Have Items You Are Giving Away For FREE, Your Ad Is On Us! CALL 432-682-6222 TODAY!

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Furniture

2 white wicker twin beds complete and night stand 2 twin quilts asking $ 400. 694-3601 or 230-1237

4 CHAIRS, 2 are Lazy boys, 1 green & 1 burgundy $100 each, 2 upholstered chairs with ottoman $50, 432-683-7863.

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Furniture

NEW TODAY!

DINING TABLE with 8 chairs, $500. Sofa and Loveseat, $300. Two green fabric armchairs with footstool, $200. 432-638-2511

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KENSRVSALES.COM

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2 INDIVIDUAL spaces located at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Located in Garden of Meditation. $1, 250 each. Call 816-7095.

NEW TODAY!

4 SPACES together at Resthaven - Garden of Hope. Lot 118 - Sp. 1 & 2, Lot 119 - Sp. 1 & 2. Valued at $2395 ea. Make reasonable offer. 432-528-2169

Lift chair-excellent condition $500. Dorm like twin bed w/overhead shelving $150. Dryer $25. Small freezer $50. New wheel chair $125 and miscellaneous senior needs. Call after 5 pm or leave a message: 432-553-7588.

USED GAS logs, crates, new wood stoves, inserts, used chain link gates 10x6, 8ft. fencing+pipes, 6ft. x 20ft. gates, 3x4 HB's 40ft. long, 1/2 inch up to 1 1/2 inch pipes, 1 1/2 X 3/4, 20ft. long angle irons. 682-5157.

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Industrial Products & Supplies

Heavy Equipment

1994 FRUEHAUF, steel 48ft. flat bed, spring ride, good condition $6500. Also for sale, 8 wheels 22.5, 4 steel, 4 alum, $800 all. 432-413-2233. Leave message if no answer

Animals & Pets

Pets

2 MALE CHIWEENIES, all shots, small, sweet, smart, $150, also full blooded Chihuahua's, Champion Bloodline, adorable, shots, smart, $300. Call 432-634-4458.

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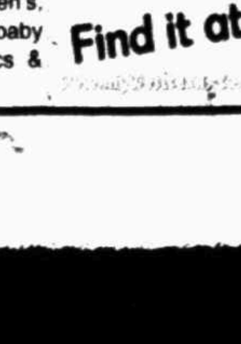

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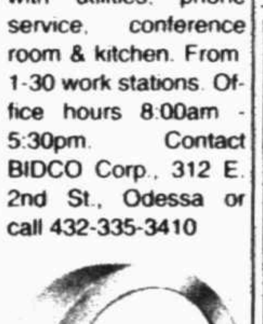

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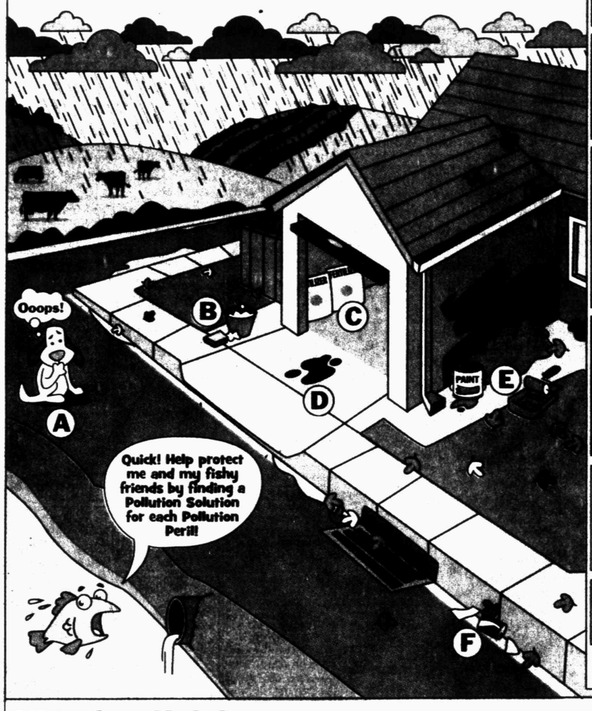
Storm Water Starts Clean But Can End Up Polluted

When it rains or snows, most of that water seeps into the ground. But what if the ground is covered with a paved surface like a sidewalk or parking lot? In that case, the water flows into gutters or storm drains.

Water picks up **pollutants** as it runs through city streets, gutters and storm drains. These pollutants can make water in our creeks unsafe for humans, plants and animals. This pollution is called *non-point source pollution*.



Draw a line to match a solution with each problem.

POLLUTION PERIL	
A. Pet waste on streets and sidewalks can end up in storm drains. Gross!	1. Purchase household detergents low in phosphorous. Reduce run-off by washing your car on a lawn or other *permeable* (able to absorb liquids) surface.
B. Soapy water from car washing travels to storm drains.	2. Clean up after pets. Dispose of waste in the trash.
C. Fertilizer, pesticides and other garden chemicals can wash into storm water.	3. Keep litter, leaves and debris out of the street gutters and storm drains. These drain directly to lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.
D. When it rains, oil and gas that has dripped from cars washes into storm drains.	4. Keep a drip pan under parked cars and dispose of used motor oil at an official recycling center.
E. Paint enters drains when brushes are cleaned outside.	5. Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
F. Trash in gutters and sidewalks.	6. Brushes and painting equipment soiled with water-based paint may be rinsed in a sink.

ANSWERS: A-2, B-1, C-5, D-4, E-6, F-3

Kids Can Help!

Here are three simple ways to help keep pollution out of our waterways and eliminate waste. Create a fourth tip. Post these in your classroom.

Use reusable cups instead of disposable ones. Cans and plastic bottles are major sources of pollution.

Use reusable bags when you go to the grocery store. Plastic grocery bags can blow away and end up in creeks.

Always pack your lunch in a reusable container. Bring it home, wash it and use it again to help prevent lunchbag litter.

Standards Link: Environmental Science: Know how people affect the environment in negative and positive ways.

Extra! Extra! Weather Report

Most newspapers and newspaper websites contain some form of weather report. Design your own symbols for different kinds of weather conditions including frost, snow, wind, clouds, fog, thunder and lightning.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to convey meaning.

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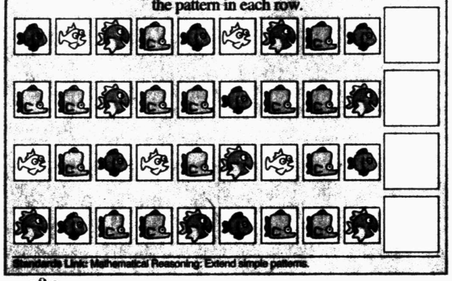
Draw the fish that should come next to continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Extend simple patterns.

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Try these online games that teach you how to take care of the environment. Go to: **www.kidscoop.com/kids/**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

POLLUTION
RECYCLING
SOLUTION
WETLANDS
GUTTERS
DISPOSE
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DRAINS
STORM
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PAINT
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Water Journal

Clip and collect articles about creeks, rivers, lakes and all kinds of water. Make lists of people, agencies and places that appear in the articles. What are the main topics of discussion or issues about water in your newspaper?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understand environmental issues in your local community.

Weekly Writing Corner

Clean Water Team

Rain brings lots of debris into storm drains. Students explain how they will keep rivers and creeks clean.

I can do many things to help keep the rivers and creeks clean. First of all, I will put garbage in the garbage can and not in the river. Next, I will not put old toys in the river. Then I will recycle old bags and other things. Lastly, I will help clean the rivers and creeks.

Jesus, 5th grade

Here is something you could do to help. First, don't litter because the wind can put trash in the rivers and creeks. Next, don't throw your old tires or broken furniture into rivers. Don't throw plastic or glass or cans. All those items can hurt people and creatures that swim in the rivers and creeks. Lastly, I will help keep rivers and creeks clean but if I see somebody throwing any items that are bad, I will say, "Give it to me.I will throw it away properly if you don't want to."

Izabella, 3rd grade

I would start by not throwing trash, old toys and any kind of oil in the river.

Jenny, 4th grade

I would tell people that the creek is where a lot of animals are and they depend on the water. They might think the trash is food and eat it. If an animal eats plastic or other trash, they would die. So, if someone is leaving trash on the ground, tell them to pick it up because we don't want any animals to die.

Tania, 3rd grade

We can do many things to help keep rivers and creeks clean. First, you could recycle and not litter. Next, do not use rivers and creeks as an oil-spill zone. In addition, don't throw beer cans or any kinds of bottles or anything except rocks in our rivers. Never, ever, throw anything in our rivers and creeks. That's why we have trash cans!

Brian, 4th grade

I would put up a poster in my school asking for kids to volunteer to help clean up the creeks. We would pick one day and wear old clothes and gloves and boots. With help from our parents, we could drag old trash out of the creeks and then get our parents to take it to the dump or get rid of it the proper way.I want to help keep our rivers and creeks clean.

Jocelyn, 5th grade

What would you do if the storm drains were clogged? I would start by making sure no leaves are close to it. Also that no car oil gets in it. I would try to make the other people in the neighborhood try to keep things out of the storm drain by trying to enforce littering fines and setting up cameras. When you get people to help it might seem like nothing but it could change the fate for some lakes.

Julius, 5th grade

To keep our rivers and creeks clear of summer debris, we need to invent a strainer device that will hold back any debris from getting into our drains and water. As the leaves fall or get blown down, the strainer-type wire placed over the drains will prevent blockages from happening. Also, putting rocks over the drains and around the edges of creeks and rivers will also reduce debris from getting into the water. Keeping storm drains, rivers and creeks clean from debris helps prevent blockage from happening.

Donny, 4th grade

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- The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale offers its Masterworks III: "Ode to Joy" concert
- The Oak Ridge Boys bring their hits to the Wagner Noel.
- Stonely LaRue and William Clark Green play the Midland-Odessa area.

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12th Annual O'Reilly West Texas Arenacross and Extreme Freestyle Championships this weekend at Ector County Coliseum.

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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.

Friday

LOUIE ANDERSON
When: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Where: MCM Elegante Ballroom, 5200 East University Blvd, Odessa
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When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Ector County Coliseum

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Info: Adult themed, rated R. For more information, call 432-853-5249.

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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

MOSC MASTERWORKS III
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BOOK SIGNING
When: 2-4 p.m.
Where: Hastings
Info: Pamela Fagan Hutchins will be signing her novel "Saving Grace," a romantic murder mystery.

CBR BULL RIDING
Where: Horseshoe

Sunday

THE MUSIC OF ABBA
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

Monday

OAK RIDGE BOYS
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
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Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: 352-8297

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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Tim Burton's cuddly tale of dead canine tops this week's releases

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"Frankenweenie" (PG) Tim Burton's stop animation tail, err, tale of a beloved family dog killed after darting in front of a moving car and brought back to life is nothing short of spectacular. Inspired by Burton's own upbringing in Burbank, Calif., the story draws on a host of movie references from Universal's "Frankenstein" series to Burton's own "Edward Scissorhands" and his 1994 live action short of the story, which is included on the Blu-ray and badly shows its age. The title character also bears a resemblance to another animated pooch Burton lent an executive producer hand to in 1987 called "Family Dog," which was featured in the series "Amazing Stories" and had its own short-lived series. The culmination is a joyous salute to canines and the humans who love them. This recently announced Oscar nomination for the best animated feature was richly deserved, though it's up against equally worthy films, including "Brave," which just won the Golden Globe on Sunday in that category and "The Pirates: Land of Misfits." First ever three-way tie? A-

"Compliance" (R) A phone call to a fast food restaurant by a man identifying himself as a cop sets off a series of unfortunate events that forever change the life of a teenage worker accused of stealing money from a customer's purse. The story seems so patently ridiculous that it can only be true. Some of the scenes could have been handled better to convey the reasoning behind following the cop's orders, but Dreama Walker's portrayal of the waitress is spot-on and will send shudders down your spine. B-

"Dredd" (R) This futuristic cop story of law enforcement officers who act as judge, jury and sometimes executioner has a well-respected judge testing a rookie candidate in a residential tower controlled by thugs. This great big, boiling ball of testosterone-laden rage is not only one of the best action films of last year but it — finally! — gives the popular comic a proper screen presence after 1995's abysmal "Judge Dredd," one of the worst action films of all time. To top it all off, two of the film's main characters — one good, one very, very bad — are women. Girl power! Kudos to Karl Urban for taking on the role of Dredd and for putting his ego aside and donning his helmet and shades for the entire film. Kudos also to Paul Leonartd-Morgan for his musical score, the best used of electronica since John Carpenter's score for his 1975 "Assault on Precinct 13." In both cases, the music is integral to the forward progress of the film without being intrusive. A-

"Guns, Girls and Gambling" (R) How can any movie featuring a plethora of Elvis impersonators possibly be bad? I submit "Honeymoon in Vegas" as proof. Oh, wait, I forgot "3000 Miles to Graceland." Nevermind. Anyway, let me first say the title of this film seems hastened and poorly conceived. There are really only two girls in the cast and they are low in the billing at that. Overall, although it's never as funny or as good as it could be, it is quite entertaining. B

"Hit & Run" (R) A man in the witness protection program risks his life to drive his girlfriend to Los Angeles for a job interview. "Hit and Miss" might have been a more appropriate title but this comedy written by and starring Dax Shepard hits often enough to forgive the misses. Shepard does his best to emulate the Quentin Tarantino style of filmmaking with daring, unforgettable dialogue-driven scenes punctuated with exhilarating action sequences. Shepard doesn't have the formula perfected but he's closer than he's ever been. B

"House at the End of the Street" (PG-13) Jennifer Lawrence gives one of her not-so-great performances in this lame thriller. But because she has so little to work with, I can't really fault her too much. Film has a decent enough theme about a mother and her teen daughter who move into a remote house located a short distance from a home where a young girl killed her parents. Attempts by filmmakers to be clever may succeed in the attempt to fool viewers but the result is lame. C+

"Little Birds" (R) Meandering story of two teenage girls mired in uneventful lives in a remote California town whose lives are changed forever when they meet a trio of aimless boys and follow them to Los Angeles. As much as I didn't want to like a film exploring the psyches of two girls that was written, directed by a man who also contributed a bunch of emo drenched songs to the soundtrack, I was won over. As the story escalates and the girls get in over their heads, it was impossible to not get drawn in. B-

"Now is Good" (PG-13) Dakota Fanning plays a British teenager with a rare form of cancer who decides to forego treatment so she can fully experience her final days. Fanning's amazing British accent aside, there's not a lot this movie has to say that "A Walk to Remember" didn't already touch on. On the other hand, fans of that film should see this. It dances with sentimentality but never totally immerses itself in it, to its great credit. A heartbreaking performance by Paddy Considine as the teen's father will not soon be forgotten. B

"Touchback" (PG-13) Former Midlander Brian Presley stars in this story of a man broken both physically and emotionally who gets a second chance to relive the exact moment in his life that led him down the path he now finds himself on. The premise of "Touchback" may not be new, but the direction of the film brings an originality that separates it from the pack. Presley carries the film beautifully. It doesn't hurt that a seasoned group of veteran actors — including Kurt Russell and Christine Lahti — are there to help the young actor. Watching Presley's character grapple with his destiny for a second time is what makes this film special, but it doesn't hurt to have an Academy Award winning make-up artist in Barney Burman — for 2009's "Star Trek" — helping bridge the gap as the actors cross the 20-year age gap with believability. "Touchback" is a film that probably won't win any major awards but it won't be a film you regret seeing. B

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"GANGSTER SQUAD" — This pulpy, violent tale of cops and mobsters in 1949 Los Angeles rides an uncomfortable line between outlandishness and outright parody, and it's difficult to tell which is director Ruben Fleischer's intention, which is a problem. While the film wallows in period detail and has some sporadic moments of amusing banter, it's mostly flashy, empty and cacophonous, and it woefully wastes a strong cast led by Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone in barely developed, one-note roles. At its center is a performance from Sean Penn as mob king Mickey Cohen in which he doesn't just chew up the scenery, he rolls it around in his mouth like a handful of marbles, then spits it back out again and blows it to bits with a Tommy gun for good measure. With his mashed-up boxer's mug, thick Brooklyn accent and volatile bursts of anger, he's as cartoony as a Dick Tracy villain. While "Gangster Squad" certainly has its intended moments of humor, the laughs Penn's performance prompts might not have been part of the plan. Brolin stars as a police sergeant and heroic war veteran tasked with putting together a secret team to take down Cohen's empire by his rules — that is, no rules at all. R for strong violence and language. 113 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"Gangster Squad"

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"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

"THE GUILT TRIP" — Seth Rogen is the insecure science geek inventor son and Barbra Streisand the overbearing and suffocating mom, trapped together on a getting to know you/getting on your nerves road trip from North Jersey to Northern California in this not-terribly-funny road comedy. Are we there yet? 1 hr. 35 PG-13 (profanity, adult themes) 2 stars

"THE HOBBIT: THE JOURNEY BEGINS" — Bloated and blustery, the first installment of the promised film trilogy based on Tolkien's slim fairy tale finds furry-footed Bilbo Baggins reluctantly trekking across Middle-earth in the company of 13 grumpy dwarves and a worried wizard. Orcs and wargs, elves and goblins, Great Eagles and Great Spiders, furry little ponies and giants made of stone get in their way — but not nearly as much as director Peter Jackson's obsession with new-fangled movie technology. The 3-D, 48 frames-per-second business makes the whole thing look like hi-def "Dr. Who." 2 hrs. 46 PG-13 (violence, adult themes). 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

"LES MISÉRABLES" — "The King's Speech's" Tom Hooper martials a big cast and big digital effects to bring the big Broadway musical based on Victor Hugo's big book to the big screen. It's rousing, it's roiling, it's revolutionary (as in post-French Revolution), with Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway leading a pack of mighty-tonsiled stars. 2 hrs. 35 PG-13 (violence, sexual violence, adult themes) 3 stars.

"LINCOLN" — Daniel Day-Lewis in an act of human alchemy, delivering an absolutely extraordinary performance as the 16th president of the United States, campaigning to end the Civil War and abolish slavery. A film about America's unqiue political process, and the leader trying to bend it to his will. 2 hrs. 29 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 3 1/2 stars.

"MONSTERS, INC. 3D" — This enchanting 2001 animated comedy that explains why beasties haunt the sleep of children returns to the big screen in 3-D. 1 hr. 24 G (some sequences a little intense for the under-5 set) 4 stars.

"PARENTAL GUIDANCE" — Billy Crystal and Bette Midler anchor this engaging comedy that bridges multiple generation gaps. Made with more heart than art by director Andy Fickman, the film also features Marisa Tomei. 1 hr. 44 PG (one instance of below-the-belt humor) 3 stars.

"THIS IS 40" — Judd Apatow pays a return visit to the marrieds played by Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann in "Knocked Up," in this funny, messy, characteristically Apatowian mix of weighty issues about intimacy and cohabitation, smart-alecky pop-cult references, crude bathroom jokes, stoner riffs, boob ogling and existential angst. With Jason Segel, Megan Fox, Albert Brooks and John Lithgow. 2 hrs. 14 R (profanity, nudity, sex, drugs, adult themes) 3 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.

Also

"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.

"TEXAS CHAINSAW 3D" — A young woman travels to Texas after learning she's inherited an estate from a grandmother she never knew she had, but horrifying secrets await her there. With Alexandra Daddario, Dan Yeager, Tania Raymonde and Tremaine "Trey Songz" Neverson. Written by Adam Marcus, Debra Sullivan and Kirsten Elms. Directed by John Luessenhop. (1:32) R.

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Arrival from Sweden brings ABBA hits to Wagner Noel

Arrival from Sweden fills the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center Sunday with the music of ABBA.

Ed Farolan, in a review in the Vancouver News in September said of the show, "You could have sworn you were hearing the original songs being sung by the original group. This sell-out show featuring one hit after another got the die-hard ABBA fans applauding and dancing."

In January of 2011 the Bermuda Sun had the following to say of the show: "This was a sellout show featuring one catchy, hummable hit after another and the venue was packed with die-hard ABBA fans. There was no interval, the group simply gave us an hour-and-a-half of non-stop ABBA hits.

"The white and gold clingy creation earned plenty of wolf-whistles from the crowd as they left little to the imagination. In fact one of the biggest cheers of the night came as Vicky Zetterberg, aka Anna-Frid, bent over in her bottom-revealing hot-pants. it was a real night of nostalgia where the appreciative crowd proved they could dance, they could jive, they could have the time of their lives."

ALL THE DETAILS:

ARRIVAL FROM SWEDEN PERFORMS THE MUSIC OF ABBA

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market 1788

Tickets: $30-$60 plus handling charges. Online Etix. Call 552-4430 for more information.

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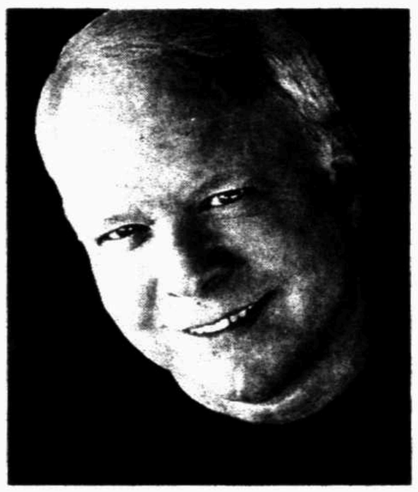

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MOSC'S MASTERWORKS III: 'ODE TO JOY'
When: 8 p.m. Saturday
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MOSC to present Masterworks III: 'Ode to Joy'

By Georgia Temple
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The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale will present Masterworks III: "Ode to Joy" Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Conducting will be Gary Lewis, the organization's music director. In his program notes, Lewis writes:

"The motto of poet Friedrich Schiller, the writer of 'Ode to Joy,' might have also been shared by Beethoven: 'To arrive at a solution even in political problems, the road of aesthetics must be pursued, because it is through beauty that we arrive at freedom.'

"The humanity of art was something in which Beethoven strongly believed. Much of his late music was infused with this ideal.

"Musicologist Joseph Kerman writes of Beethoven's 'determination to touch common mankind as nakedly as possible. Never in the past had Beethoven reached so urgently for immediacy. There is something very moving about the spectacle of this composer, having reached heights of subtlety in the pure manipulation of tonal materials, battering at the communications barrier with every weapon of his knowledge. The great exemplar of this drive is the Ninth Symphony.'

"Almost a dozen years separate the Eighth and Ninth Symphonies of Beethoven. As early as 1793 Beethoven had expressed interest in setting Schiller's 'Ode to Joy' to music. The 'Choral Fantasy' of 1808 turned out to be both a fulfillment of this idea and also a study piece for the future Ninth Symphony.

"Up until the last minute, Beethoven intended for the finale of the Ninth to be purely instrumental. His friend, Anton Schindler, describes how Beethoven arrived at a solution to the problem of bringing the choral forces into play: 'When he reached the development of the fourth movement, there began a struggle such as is seldom seen. The object was to find a proper manner of introducing Schiller's 'Ode.' Entering the room one day, he exclaimed, 'I have it! I have it!' He showed me the sketchbook bearing the words, 'Let us sing the song of the immortal Schiller,' after which a solo voice began directly the hymn to joy.'"

Guest artists for the performance include soprano Jennifer Bird-Arvidsson, alto Virginia Dupuy, tenor Karl Dent and bass David Grogan.

As the recipient of a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship, Bird-Arvidsson studied in Germany in the Opernklasse of the Hamburg Musikhochschule, where she joined the vocal studio of renowned soprano Judith Beckmann. Bird-Arvidsson has been a prizewinner in several international competitions, including first prizes in both the Sylvia Geszty Competition and the Robert Stolz Competition and third prize in the Alexander Girardi Competition, where she also received a special award for exceptional dramatic ability.

Dupuy made her Lincoln Center debut with the American Symphony Orchestra at Avery Fisher Hall and has appeared with the orchestras of Pittsburgh, Phoenix, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Eugene and Honolulu. A professor of music at SMU Meadows School of the Arts, Dupuy is the leading scholar and well-known interpreter of music set to Emily Dickinson's texts.

Dent made his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1993 as soloist in the Berlioz Requiem, and returned there in 1994 to sing the tenor arias in Bach's St. John Passion with the Orchestra of St. Luke's. As professor of voice and choral studies at Texas Tech University, Dent has served on the School of Music faculty for 19 years.

Grogan is an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. He has performed extensively throughout the Southwest, getting positive reviews from critics. The Dallas Morning News hailed Grogan as the "perfect Christus" after a performance of the St. Matthew Passion with the Dallas Bach Society.

ALL THE DETAILS:

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS
When: 7:30 p.m. Monday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market 1788
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Oak Ridge Boys bring feel-good four-part harmonies to Wagner Noël

"Since hitting the top 10 for the first time in 1977 with 'Y'all Come Back Saloon,' the Oak Ridge Boys have carved out one of the most successful careers of all time."
Chuck Dauphin, Billboard.

The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of The Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of country hits and a No. 1 pop smash, earned the Oaks Grammy, Dove, CMA and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades.

"When I go on stage, I get the same feeling I had the first time I sang with The Oak Ridge Boys," said lead singer Duane Allen. "This is the only job I've ever wanted to have."

"Like everyone else in the group, I was a fan of the Oaks before I became a member," said bass singer Richard Sterban. I'm still a fan of the group today. Being in The Oak Ridge Boys is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

The two, along with tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden, comprise one of country's best-known acts with hits that include, among others, the country-pop chart-topper "Elvira," as well as "Bobbie Sue," "Dream On," "Thank God For Kids," "American Made," "I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes," "Fancy Free" and "Gonna Take A Lot Of River."

The group has scored 12 gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album — plus one double platinum single — and has more than a dozen national No. 1 singles and more than 30 Top 10 hits.

The Oaks represent a tradition that extends back to World War II. The original group, based in Knoxville, Tenn., began performing country and gospel music in nearby Oak Ridge where the atomic bomb was being developed. They called themselves the Oak Ridge Quartet, and they began regular Grand Ole Opry appearances in the fall of 1945. In the mid-50s, they were featured in Time magazine as one of the top drawing gospel groups in the nation.

By the late 1960s, with more than 30 members having come and gone, they had a lineup that included Duane Allen, William Lee Golden, Noel Fox and Willie Wynn. Among the Oaks' many acquaintances in the gospel field were Bonsall, a streetwise Philadelphia kid who embraced gospel music; and Sterban, who was singing in quartets and holding down a job as a men's clothing salesman. Both admired the distinctive, highly popular Oaks.

"They were the most innovative quartet in Gospel music," said Bonsall. "They performed gospel with a rock approach, had a full band, wore bell-bottom pants and grew their hair long — things unheard of at the time."

The four became friends, and when the Oaks needed a bass and tenor in 1972 and 1973, respectively, Sterban and Bonsall got the calls. For a while, the group remained at the pinnacle of the gospel music circuit. It was there they refined the strengths that would soon make them an across-the-board attraction.

"We did a lot of package shows," said Bonsall. "There was an incredible amount of competition. You had to blow people away to sell records and get invited back."

Their gospel sound had a distinct pop edge to it and, although it made for excitement and crowd appeal, it also ruffled purist feathers and left promoters unsure about the Oaks' direction. Then in 1975, the Oaks were asked to open a number of dates for Roy Clark. Clark's manager, Jim Halsey, was impressed by their abilities.

"He came backstage and told us we were three-and-a-half minutes (meaning one hit record) away from being a major act," said Bonsall. "He said we had one of the most dynamic stage shows he'd ever seen but that we had to start singing country songs."

They took his advice and the result was a breakthrough.

"Those who came to country music with or after the New Traditionalists of the mid-80s cannot possibly imagine the impact the Oaks had in 1977, when they lit up the sky from horizon to horizon with 'Y'All Come Back Saloon,'" wrote Billboard's Ed Morris. He added, "...the vocal intensity the group brought to it instantly enriched and enlivened the perilously staid country format. These guys were exciting."

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STONEY LARUE FRIDAY @ GRAHAM'S, ODESSA

Stoney LaRue could be found at the age of 3 singing "Swinging" by John Anderson on his Mr. Microphone radio. Saturday he brings that talent to Graham's in Odessa. "LaRue plays music that combines the rootsy, emotionally honest sound of country with the beer-drinking swagger of heartland rock and a dash of the moody undercurrents of the blues," stated CMT.com. After moving to Oklahoma, LaRue would become part of the Stillwater "Red Dirt" musical community, along with likeminded acts such as Cross Canadian Ragweed, Jason Boland and Mike McClure.

WILLIAM CLARK GREEN TODAY @ ROCKIN RODEO

Texas country artist William Clark Green's third album, "Rose Queen," is the second that focuses on a place of inspiration for the singer/songwriter. "The title track it revolves around where I'm from," Green told the Reporter-Telegram in 2012. His 2011 independent release, "Misunderstood," was inspired in part by his time in Lubbock where he went to Texas Tech University and got his start as a performer. Green cut his first independent 2008 release "Dangerous Man," after becoming a regular at the iconic club, the Blue Light, which is located in Lubbock's Depot district. Both Texas country artists Josh Abbott and Wade Bowen got their starts there as well.

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The Continuums, Sam From Amsterdam @ Lone Star Bar

Saturday, Jan. 19, and Sunday, Jan. 20
Diamond Dust @ Riley's

Sunday, Jan. 20
The Music of ABBA (Arrival From Sweden) @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Monday, Jan. 21
The Oak Ridge Boys @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, Jan. 22
Broadway Calls, Silver Snakes @ Pine Box

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When: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 24
Where: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame, 1500 I-20 West
Info: Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series. Speaker Bill Bynum, underwater photographer. Call 683-4403.
Admission: Free. Bring lunch. Drinks and cookies provided.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
When: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Jan. 25
Info: Call CASA of the Permian Basin Area for more Information, 498-4174. Chili Cook Off, exotic beers, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to Jerry Dugan and Westwind.

CINDY WARD & FRIENDS SHOW
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 25 and 26 and 2 p.m. Jan. 27
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa
Tickets: Call the Playhouse, 550-5456 or 432-362-2329 Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

MONSTER TRUCK SHOW
When: Jan. 26
Where: Horseshoe

TOOL BOX BASH
When: 6:30-10 p.m. Feb. 2
Where: CAF
Call: 686-8877

STONE SOUR, PAPA ROACH WITH OTHERWISE
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Endless Horizons, Vision Audio, Horseshoe Box Office, www.midlandhorseshoe.com

ITZHAK PEARLMAN
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"SHRECK: 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.

MASTERS OF MOTOWN
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT
When: 2 p.m. Feb. 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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 benefit Camp Fire West Texas Council programs in Midland and Odessa.

REO SPEEDWAGON
When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

LOS LONELY BOYS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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
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: Call 552-4430 or visit wagnernoel.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: $30.
Info: Live on Stage series.

CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 28
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

MOSC POPS III: SHOWER THE PEOPLE
When: 8 p.m. March 2
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"BOEING-BOEING"
When: March 8-23
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production. Recommended for those age 12 and up due to subject matter and language. Call 570-4111 or go to mctmidland.org.

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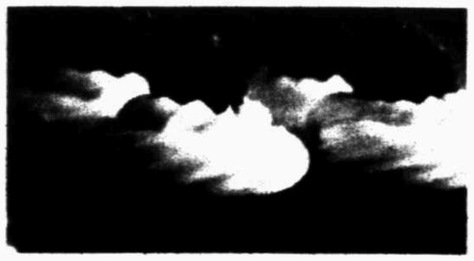
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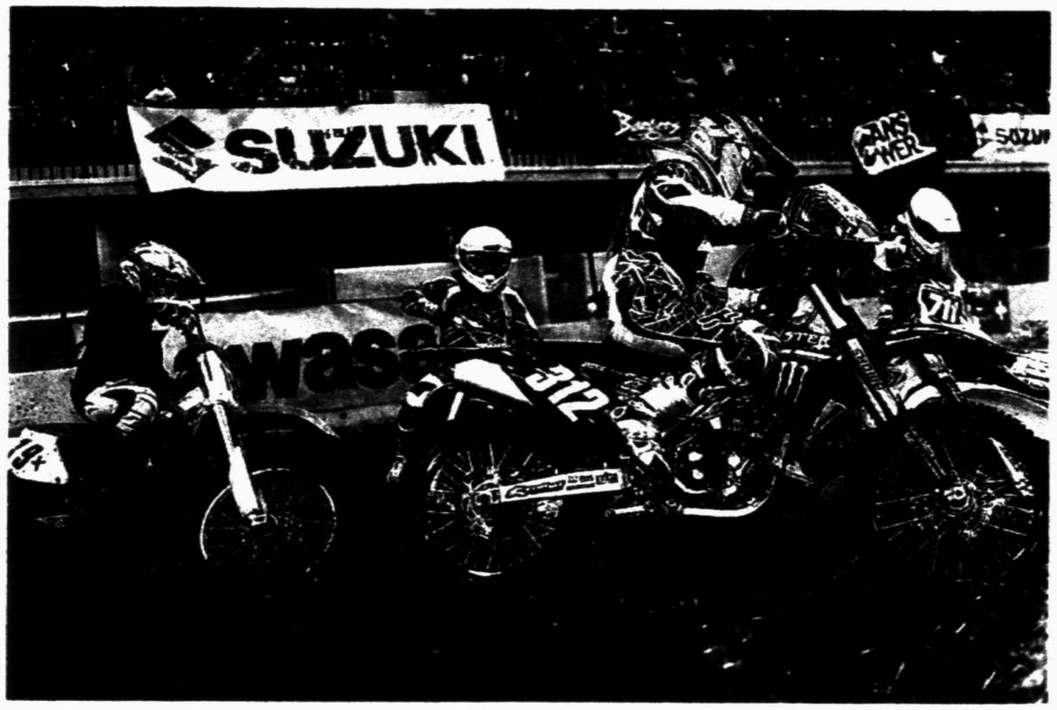

Arenacross at Ector County Coliseum

Riders will take to the track this weekend at the Ector County Coliseum for the12th annual O'Reilly West Texas Arenacross and Extreme Freestyle Championships.

The two-day event for motocross motorcycles will feature Arenacross racing in three different professional divisions as the riders will be vying for a purse in excess of $12,400.

The event will also feature pit bike racing, the professional riders competing in a freestyle jump-off contest and quad racing. The gates open at 6 p.m. each day with racing slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children ages 3-11. Advance tickets can be purchased at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

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Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

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Quad Racing: ATV racing with the nation's top pros battling it out for the championship. See both two strokes and four strokes doing battle for their share of the cash purse.

Rider Information: Call Golden Suzuki Honda Kawasaki Yamaha in Odessa (432-332-1288) or MAP Motorsports at 417-887-9400. Registration starts at 9 a.m., practice starts at noon each day.

Tickets: Adult (ages 12 and up) $20 advance, $22 day of show. Children (ages 3-11) $10 advance, $12 day of show. Age 2 and younger free. O'Reilly Auto Parts Stores and online at etix.com. Advance discount tickets Friday and Saturday. All tickets purchased on the day of the event must be purchased at the coliseum.

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In the limelight

'Sexual Perversity in Chicago' and 'All Men are Whores: An Inquiry'

By Graham Dixon

Theater can act as a soporific support for preconceptions, or it can challenge them, bringing a new sensibility to audience and actors alike. The latter occurs in the production of "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" and "All Men are Whores: An Inquiry" currently onstage in the black box space at the Globe Theatre in Odessa.

When David Mamet wrote the first, and most famous, of these plays, he was an unknown young playwright looking to make his mark. The play has all the qualities and weaknesses associated with this stage in a writer's career. It is brilliant, brash and imaginative, yet occasionally falls into the trap of trying too hard to impress. The irony is that these bedroom scenes, explicit language and overall subject of the play are really rather tame by 21st century standards.

Any unexpurgated DVD version of "Family Guy" offers more raunchy material.

But with the shock value taken away, "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" is a tragicomic story of the emptiness of lives in which people regard one another as objects to be used rather than as human beings to experience life with as equals. Christopher Gutierrez as the boasting Bernie best shows the loneliness that pervades the singles-bar lifestyle. His wincingly incompetent attempt at picking up a woman at the beginning of the play shows his reality, while the increasingly exaggerated stories of his conquests lie firmly in the realms of fantasy.

Gutierrez is very funny and yet uses poignant pauses to show how bereft his character actually is. One lovely directing choice has him sitting on a stool as he talks with his friend, Danny, and Danny's new girlfriend, Deborah. His half-hearted attempt at banter is reduced to talking about astrological signs and the remarkable fact that all three of them are Scorpios. Bernie will spend the rest of his life sitting on lonely bar stools rather than at convivial tables.

As Danny, Chase Cochran portrays a more genuine person whose lack of confidence causes him to latch on to Bernie. Danny is sweetly incompetent at approaching women, as opposed to his friend's leering failures. Apparently Danny's approach is more successful, or at least inspires more female sympathy. Yet Cochran is also believable as he reveals a darker and more vicious side in the breakup scene.

His girlfriend, Deborah, is played by Amber McDonald. Deborah possesses a vivacity and toughness born of the machinations necessitated by Chicago social life, but also a tenderness, especially as the two lovers agree to have dinner the night after their first encounter. Here director Jonathan Horne highlights the variety present within Mamet's writing — at one moment obscenity-laden abuse, at the next gentle and playful banter.

Joan, the roommate-who-is-left, is played by Maija Johnson-Horne. Her despairing attempts at being a good teacher are some of the funniest moments in the play, while her barely concealed pain at losing her best friend to a man is real.

In the final scene of the play, Bernie and the newly single Danny go to the beach and comment upon the physical attributes of the women in bikinis. Their puerile talk reveals how lost they are. Their brutal commentary says more about them than the women.

After the break, "All Men Are Whores: An Inquiry" is less successful. The actors sit on four chairs, dressed all in black, and present a series of monologues and briefer passages that are essentially a philosophical discussion of human relationships. As in the first play, Gutierrez is most comfortable in Mamet's world. He moves from simple descriptions of encounters to Mamet's often dazzling intellectual explorations and back again with ease. At times the other actors seem to struggle with the full meaning of what they are saying.

A potential audience should not be dissuaded by the controversial titles of these plays. In reality they are fascinating early works from one of the best American playwrights of the late 20th century. The Mark 10 Theatricals production of them offers theater of a raw, challenging type that frankly cannot be found anywhere else in this area.

The show runs this Friday and Saturday. For tickets call 853-5249.

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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.

American/Grill

Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, pork barbecue, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Midland Donuts (OAC)
2100 W. Wall St.
and 307 N. Midland Drive
686-7766

Large assortment of doughnuts and breakfast pastries as well as breakfast burritos and biscuits. Menu also includes croissant rolls and croissant sandwiches. More than 100 drink options including blended coffees, smoothies, chai teas, shaken iced teas, tapiocas and sno-cones. Dining room and drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 3 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
2 spoons

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Le Bistro inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hotdogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Nueva Vista Grill (OAC)
6101 West Wadley Ave.
(Neuva Vista Golf Course)
522-7455

An "oasis" found in Midland offering a relaxing and casual lunch or dinner atmosphere. Salads include grilled chicken, crispy chicken or chef salad, delicious grilled sandwiches, barbecue and a wide variety of burgers. Daily lunch specials at great prices. Variety of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled soft drinks and can and tap beer. Breakfast available.
Payment types accepted: credit cards and cash.
Price range: $
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (during cold weather); 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. (Summer hours). In summer, offer breakfast items.
3 spoons

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Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Stanton Drug and Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (SD)
201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
432-756-3731

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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (or until they run out of meat) Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large portions. Family packs.
Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Café Unique (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Road
(San Miguel Shopping Center)
262-5993
www.MidlandsUniqueCatering.com

Meals to go, catering and a café all under one roof. Salads such as a Palm Desert Salad consisting of mixed greens, chili peanuts, apples, Blue cheese crumbles, avocado and barbecue Ranch dressing with grilled chicken. Sandwiches include chicken salad on a toasted croissant with chips; turkey, bacon and tomato melt on sourdough with chips; or pulled pork sandwiches with saucy pinto beans. Variety of quiches.
Entrée price range: $
Café hours: 11 a.m.-3: p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Drop in for dinners to go 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
2 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

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Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Cotton Patch Cafe (SD)
2320 W. Loop 250 N.
618-0070

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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

◗ Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

◗ Yana 615 (SD)
615 North Sam Houston
Odessa
432-332-4305

Located in the downtown Odessa area near the hospital in a house that has been remodeled into a restaurant. Quaint and charming. A relaxing and out of the ordinary spot to meet friends for lunch. Specialties of the house include orange roughy, a vegetable plate, lemon pepper pasta, spinach lasagna and chicken tarragon. Chicken palatchinka (two homemade crepes filled with chicken breast in a creamy sauce and served with dried fruit baked rice and a house salad) is a favorite. Dessert is a must!
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday
5 spoons

◗ The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Barbecue/Burgers

◗ Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Drive
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Entree price range:$
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday
4 spoons

◗ Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
689-4500, catering 212-3351
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service and traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
4 spoons

◗ Johnny's Bar B-Q & Diner (cafeteria)
316 N. Big Spring
683-4581

Bar B-Q and all the fixings. Look for the neon pig sign. Sandwich specials include side and a drink for $6.49. Barbecue offerings include brisket, ribs, sausage, jalapeno sausage, turkey, ham and chopped barbecue. Plate meals with one, two or three meats and two sides and Texas toast. Half portion children's plates are available or try one of the value packs to feed the whole family. Park on side of building.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday –Thursday; 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030 and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates the large dining room. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Burgers Fries and Cherry Pies (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
617-2327

More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings. Choose ground beef or a grilled chicken breast. Sizes are 1/3 or 1/2 pound burgers on white, wheat or jalapeno cheddar homemade sourdough buns. All types of fries are on the menu including border fries (picante, guacamole, jalapenos and cheese), chili cheese fries, cheese fries, feta fries and frontier fries (hickory, barbecue sauce, picante sauce and cheese).
Average Price: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday
2 spoons

◗ Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

Known for "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday
4 spoons

◗ Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Carry out restaurant, offering barbecue ribs,