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Investigation into home invasion continues

MPD: 1 of the 4 alleged invaders died of groin, chest stab wounds

By James Cannon
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The 22-year-old alleged home invasion suspect who died early Tuesday morning bled out from knife wounds to his groin and chest, according to new information obtained by the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday.

Nicholas Johnson, Michael Andrew Sawyer, 23, Marcus Hyson, 22 and Meagan Nicole Sparks, 23, allegedly went to a residence in the 700 block of Boyd Avenue to assault 22-year-old Cody Booth.

Sawyer, Hyson and Sparks were transported to the Midland Police Department on first-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault, according to newly released arrest affidavits from Precinct 2 Judge David Cobos' office.

Johnson later died of his wounds at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Midland police officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Boyd Avenue about 1:09 a.m. Tuesday in reference to a disturbance with weapons. While en route, officers were notified of at least one wounded person present and the alleged aggressor was still inside the residence swinging a knife, according to the reports.

Upon arrival, officers found four people sitting in a car outside the residence and Johnson was lying face down, unresponsive yet

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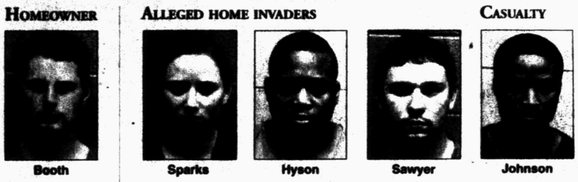
A look at who was involved in Tuesday's deadly home invasion



Booth was released on a $500 bond for an unrelated misdemeanor theft warrant Wednesday. Sparks, Hyson and Sawyer remained in custody Wednesday on $250,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

Johnson succumbed to his knife wounds early Tuesday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital. Johnson's picture is a file mugshot from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

PARTNERS IN LOVE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Allen and Marisa Payne pose for a portrait Wednesday outside the Midland Police Department. The Paynes met in 2001 while Allen was a rookie cop in the Ducanville Police Department and Marisa was on a ride-along. They now serve together at the Midland Police Department.

Local officers find lasting love at work

By Audrie Palmer
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Midland police officer Justin Bunch occasionally would invite Rachel, one of the dispatchers, to go out on a ride-along with him. He told her she had to bring him candy.

Rachel decided to take him up on his offer. She knew he liked gummy worms and Reese's. When he picked her up at the South Side Wal-Mart, she presented him with a large bag of sweets — a little bit of everything, she would later say — and it was that act that won his heart. The couple started dating soon after.

The Bunches have been married four years. They have a 3-year-old son and three children from Rachel's previous marriage, Justin said.

Love wasn't on Rachel's radar when she applied for the job as a dispatcher almost six years ago. She was working at a business across the street from the police station when a co-worker printed out the job application and put it on her desk. The friend thought Rachel would be good for the position.

The then-single mother submitted an application. When she left her old job to go work for the city, her friends joked that her next step was to get married again and have a child.

"I was not looking for it at all," she said.

The Bunches are one of several couples who either met on the job with the Midland Police Department or transferred in from other departments where they met.

In a career such as criminal justice, sharing a common interest in the law is what helps many couples when the workday ends and they need to unwind.

For Marisa Payne and her husband, Allen, it was that interest that brought them together.

Allen Payne was a rookie cop at the Duncanville Police Department in the Metroplex. He'd always wanted to work in the public service field after his first job one summer as a lifeguard. He obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2000 and within a month was hired as a police officer.

Marisa was a student at Sam Houston State University studying victim studies and toying with the idea of becoming a police officer.

She went out one night on a

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Long-married couples share their secrets

NEW YORK — Couples who've been married longer than 50 years and organizers of a Valentine's Day champagne party for them in Brooklyn share tips for staying together.

Compromise
Murray and Esther Redlitz, married 66 years: *"You've got to know each other for a while and then compromise," said Murray. "Think what the other thinks. Don't be selfish."*

Share interests
David and Faina Shamrakov, married 58 years: *"We have the same interests — we worked together, we both like to read books, we go to the library, the cinema, the theater," said Faina. "We do everything together."*

Resolve disputes
Fortuno and Maddalena Corso, married 72 years: *"You don't go to bed mad," said the couple's daughter, Madeline Corso, recalling her father's advice. "That's what he believes in."*

Spread happiness
Marty and Jamie Markowitz, organizers of the party, married 13 years *"Here's the secret: Happy wife, happy life. It's as simple as that. That's it," said Marty. "There's nothing more. ... It's as simple as that. It makes your life so much better if they're happy."*

Associated Press

Munisteri: Hispanics do not have positive views of GOP

■ The state Republican Party chairman says perception of the party is the No. 1 reason.

By Joseph Basco
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Perception that the GOP was the "party of the rich" — and not the party's views on immigration — was the reason Mitt Romney did not win the Hispanic vote in November's presidential election.

That's what Republican Party of Texas leaders told the Midland County Republican Women on Wednesday.

Steve Munisteri, RPT chairman, said focus group results indicated immigration is the not the foremost reason why Hispanics in Texas have an unfavorable view of the party.

"Is anybody ever going to vote for you or listen to you if they think that you don't like them?" Munisteri asked. "So the very first thing is, we have to get over a perception that Republicans dislike Hispanics or African- Americans."

Munisteri's speech was followed by a presentation by David Zapata, RPT outreach director, who presented data about the increasing presence of minorities, not just in the general population, but also at the voting booth.

In 1976, minorities comprised 10

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MC halts dining hall renovation

By Meredith Moriak
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The renovation and expansion of Midland College's Jack E. Brown Dining Hall has been put on hold after bids from sub-contractors came in about $1.5 million over budget.

The project was initially estimated by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper to cost between $1.88 million and $2.94 million, based on the scope of work completed.

However, once bids were solicited from sub-contractors by Cooper Construction, the project construction-manager at-risk, the project cost had escalated to about $4.4 million.

"It's no surprise to you all that subcontractors are really busy and we tried

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Small business State of the Union scorecard

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday covered a lot of issues that are important to small business including the tax code, minimum wage, immigration and the difficulty some owners have finding workers with the right skills.

Here is a look at some of Obama's proposals, and how they could affect small business:

Immigration reform

Impact: Mixed. Obama called for changes in immigration laws that would attract entrepreneurs and engineers to the U.S. Under current laws, not only can it be difficult for someone to come to the U.S. to start a business, but many foreign students at U.S. universities are forced to leave the country when they graduate — and take the skills and knowledge they've amassed back home with them.

Small business groups support immigration reform that would make it easier for highly skilled immigrant entrepreneurs to obtain citizenship for several reasons. It would help with a shortage of skilled workers. New entrepreneurs can create sales opportunities for existing businesses through buying products and services needed to run their companies. And new immigrant entrepreneurs would also create jobs and that would aid the economy.

"If we can find highly skilled, highly trained people to come here, that could be a linchpin to future economic growth in this country," said the NSBA's McCracken.

Immigration reform would relieve small businesses of the administrative burden that goes along with hiring a foreign worker, said David Link, chairman of ScienceLogic, a company that makes software for what's known as "cloud computing," which allows companies to use applications on the Internet instead of their own computers.

"They don't make it easy on me as a company trying to get someone though the process of a work permit," said Link, whose company is based in Reston, Va. "The costs of getting someone through a work permit are significant."

Obama also called for stronger borders to cut down on the number of people who enter the U.S. illegally. That could be a negative for companies that rely on workers living in the U.S. without legal permission, for cheap labor. But it could be a positive for companies that avoid using illegal immigrants to save on wages, but have competitors who do hire them. If all workers can demand the minimum wage without worrying about immigration issues, it could help level the playing field because labor expenses would be more uniform.

Another issue: The National Small Business Administration noted that changes in immigration laws could create an administrative burden on employers by requiring them to verify with the government that their workers are eligible to be employed in the U.S.

Simplified tax code for small businesses

Impact: Positive. Obama talked about creating a tax code that helps small businesses spend less time filling out complicated forms. It's really not the forms but the code itself that's the problem — small business owners have long complained about the complexity of federal tax laws and the time and money they have to spend to keep up with changes.

A survey last year by the National Small Business Association found that more than half of small business owners — 56 percent — said the administrative side of taxes was a bigger burden than actually paying taxes.

"The overhead on our ability to keep up with the tax code is super-challenging," said Ryan Howard, CEO of Practice Fusion, an electronic medical records company in San Francisco. He estimates that 5 percent of his expenses go toward dealing with taxes.

Create network of manufacturing hubs

Impact: Positive. Obama said the government is expanding its program to create manufacturing hubs to bring jobs to parts of the country that have lost businesses to global competition. The first hub, in Youngstown, Ohio, opened in September and was backed by a $30 million government grant and money from companies and nonprofit organizations. It is training workers in a high-tech manufacturing process known as 3D printing. Obama said there will be three more, with businesses partnering with the Pentagon and the Department of Energy. He also said he would ask Congress to create a network of 15 of these hubs.

Obama's comments about more manufacturing hubs answered calls from small business for government help in bringing manufacturing jobs back to the U.S. and in finding workers who have the skills required for changing technologies.

"We're very happy that he emphasized manufacturing," said John Arensmeyer, CEO of Small Business Majority, a lobbying group. "All of our polling shows small businesses support government help for that."

Manufacturers were intrigued.

"I'd love to know the details about what that includes — it may be a very good idea for the country," said Mike Pearson, owner of Union Packaging, a Yeadon, Pa., manufacturer of paper packaging for the food industry.

President Obama on jobs, minimum wage

Obama's jobs proposals at a glance

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's emphasis on job creation recycles some old ideas and introduces some new ones, many of which face long odds in a divided Congress where Republicans have little appetite for more spending, raised taxes or new burdens on business.

Using his State of the Union address as a policy springboard, Obama launched or re-launched initiatives that aim to increase manufacturing, help communities hard hit by the recession, lower corporate taxes while eliminating corporate tax subsidies, and raise wages for low-income workers.

The ambitious plans bear a liberal imprint, but the increased spending would not add to the deficit if Congress were to also approve Obama's long-term budget blueprint to stabilize the debt with higher taxes and reductions in some government programs.

A look at the key job and wage proposals in his plan. Most of the dollar figures cover spending over 10 years, but many of the proposals would spend most of the money in the early years:

■ **$50 billion for infrastructure.**

Including a new "Fix it First" program that would identify $40 billion in projects needing the most urgent upgrades. The heavy construction industry and the chamber of commerce support infrastructure spending.

Obama has proposed this in past budget deals but has not won Republican support. Several economists praised this proposal, while also pointing out that the nation needs more than $50 billion in repairs. Obama has called for this in previous budgets.

■ **$15 billion to put people to work repairing or tearing down homes in neighborhoods suffering from neglect.**

Obama first made this proposal in 2011.

■ **A $6 billion tax credit to help communities that are losing a major plant.**

Communities could apply for the tax credit to help attract new investment. In addition, Obama would create a $113 million fund that would be divided competitively among five or six communities to help them assemble a strategy for attracting jobs.

■ **An Energy Security Trust financed by revenue from oil and gas development on federal lands and offshore.**

The trust would be used to help wean cars and trucks from gasoline by paying for research into vehicles powered by electricity, biofuels or natural gas. The White House has not put a dollar figure on this, but the main advocacy group behind the plan has proposed a $3 billion annual investment.

■ **$1 billion for manufacturing innovation institutes.**

Obama is proposing that communities and academic institutions would compete for one of 15 institutes across the country that would work with the departments of defense and energy and with business interests to develop manufacturing technologies. The administration started one pilot program in Youngstown, Ohio, last year that is focused on 3-D copying. The institute has attracted assistance from Honeywell, Boeing and Carnegie Mellon University.

■ **Corporate taxes.**

Obama wants to reduce corporate taxes to 28 percent, but make them even lower, 25 percent, for manufacturers. He would achieve that by closing a series of corporate tax breaks and loopholes and by putting in place a minimum tax on offshore earning by American companies. Corporations have been asking for a system that would only tax foreign profits in the countries where the profits were earned. Obama also wants to extend and increase a tax credit for research and experimentation by 20 percent. White House officials say an overhaul of corporate taxes would not be designed to generate tax revenue and would be, in budget language, "revenue neutral." But officials nevertheless say that some corporate tax breaks, such as subsidies for oil and gas companies, could be closed and the resulting revenue used to avoid automatic spending cuts scheduled to kick in March 1.

■ **Help more Americans refinance their mortgages at lower interest rates.**

With mortgage rates at historically low levels of about 3.5 percent, economists have urged the government to help people take advantage by refinancing or qualifying for a new mortgage. Obama has previously taken steps to help those with mortgage loans insured by government-sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The newest proposal would apply to those without Fannie or Freddie-backed mortgages. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the additional steps would help, but are "not a game changer for the housing market or economy."

Obama minimum wage plan reserve economic debate

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's call to raise the minimum wage to $9 an hour and boost it annually to keep pace with inflation is already getting a trial run. Ten states make similar cost-of-living adjustments, including Washington state, where workers earn at least $9.19 an hour, the highest minimum in the country.

In all, 19 states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages set above the federal rate of $7.25, a disparity Obama highlighted in his State of the Union address as he seeks to help the nation's lowest paid workers.

Obama's proposal is renewing the age-old debate between advocates who claim boosting the minimum wage pumps more money into the economy, helping to create new jobs, and business groups that complain it would unfairly burden employers and curb demand for new workers.

And it faces certain hurdles in Congress, as top Republicans including House Speaker John Boehner wasted little time dismissing the proposal.

More than 15 million workers earn the national minimum wage, making about $15,080 a year. That's just below the federal poverty threshold of $15,130 for a family of two.

Selling his plan to a crowd in Asheville, N.C., on Wednesday, Obama said it's time to increase the minimum wage "because if you work fulltime, you shouldn't be in poverty."

Advocates say a minimum wage increase can lead to even broader economic benefits.

"These are workers who are most likely to spend virtually everything they earn, so it just pumps money back into local economies," said Christine Owens, executive director of the National Employment Law Project, a worker advocacy group.

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WASHINGTON

Boehner voices skepticism on budget prospects

House Speaker John Boehner expressed doubts Wednesday that the Republican-led House and Democratic-controlled Senate could reach agreement on a budget and avoid automatic spending cuts that could jeopardize economic growth.

In a post-State of the Union interview with The Associated Press, Boehner was also skeptical about President Barack Obama's new proposal for federally supported universal pre-school. And he showed little support for Obama's core proposals on immigration reform and gun control, including universal background checks.

But it's the economy and deficit at the top of the congressional priority list as Obama and lawmakers face looming fiscal crises confronting the nation: the deep automatic spending cuts, called a "sequester," to take effect March 1, followed by the government running out of money to fund federal agencies March 27.

WASHINGTON

Pentagon creates new medal for cyber, drone wars

They fight the war from computer consoles and video screens.

But the troops that launch the drone strikes and direct the cyberattacks that can kill or disable an enemy may never set foot in the combat zone. Now their battlefield contributions may be recognized.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced Wednesday that for the first time the Pentagon is creating a medal that can be awarded to troops who have a direct impact on combat operations, but do it from afar.

The new blue, red and white-ribboned Distinguished Warfare Medal will be awarded to individuals for "extraordinary achievement" related to a military operation that occurred after Sept. 11, 2001.

Immigration hearing reveals deep divide

By Gary Martin
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Divisions between Democrats and Republicans over citizenship for undocumented immigrants were exposed Wednesday when the Senate opened its first hearing on the emotional issue of immigration reform.

Pro-immigration protesters shouting "Stop the Deportations" interrupted the hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is expected to write an immigration reform bill that could be brought to vote within months.

And despite a bipartisan framework on comprehensive immigration reform that enjoys support from Democrats and Republicans, the hearing showed that differences remain over how to best rewrite broken U.S. immigration laws.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the committee chairman, said immigration reform legislation must include a pathway for citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country.

And he said he was troubled by Republican arguments that the Southwest border must first be secured before a citizenship program can be implemented.

"I am troubled by any proposal that contains false promises in which citizenship is always over the next mountain," Leahy said. "I want the pathway to be clear and the goal of citizenship attainable."

But Leahy was immediately rebuffed by Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who accused Democrats of seeking an "amnesty only" approach to immigration reform through citizenship proposals.

"There is a lot of overconfidence about this bill," Sessions warned. "If it's not going to work, it's not going to pass."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the ranking Republican on the committee, said "an overnight legalization program for millions of lawbreakers is a short-term Band-Aid, not a long-term solution."

Associated Press

People make their way to a naturalization ceremony at a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office on Jan. 28 in Irving. Key Democratic and Republican senators are pledging to get a wide-ranging immigration bill through the Senate by summer even as they point to numerous pitfalls ahead.

Although a bipartisan framework with Democrat and Republican support has been laid out, lawmakers are still working out the nuts and bolts of how and when to provide citizenship to undocumented workers.

The plan calls for an earned citizenship that requires penalties, a background check, English language skills and standing at the back of the line behind immigrants seeking citizenship through legal channels.

Also at issue is border security goals that must be met to trigger mechanisms to provide a path to citizenship, something many GOP lawmakers insist must be part of any legislation.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told the committee that U.S. borders were more secure than at any time in history.

"Our borders, in fact, have never been stronger," Napolitano said.

Under questioning, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, cited a 2010 study by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, which showed that only an estimated 61 percent of illegal crossers are apprehended along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"I believe we have a long, long way to go," Cornyn said.

Other criticism focused on the low morale at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Napolitano acknowledged the low morale, but noted that ICE agents face criticism for deporting more undocumented immigrants than at any time in history, and also failing to deport all people here illegally.

In one of the lighter moments of the hearing, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who as a tea party candidate opposed citizenship, softly said he was unable to ask questions because he had lost his voice.

"Perhaps from cheering at last night's State of the Union," Cruz said facetiously, to howls of laughter from both Republicans and Democrats on the committee.

President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to praise lawmakers for working together on immigration reform and to prod them into passing a bill in the House and Senate.

"Send me a comprehensive immigration reform bill in the next few months, and I will sign it right away," Obama said.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., one of the co-authors of the bipartisan plan, stopped short of endorsing citizenship in his GOP rebuttal, saying instead that "we need a responsible, permanent solution to the problem of those who are here illegally."

The last major immigration reform legislation was signed into law in 1986, by President Ronald Reagan.

Republicans have pointed to that legislation, which offered citizenship, as a blueprint for mistakes that have led to even larger number of undocumented immigrants seeking citizenship decades later.

"I voted for the 1986 amnesty because I was led to believe it was a one-time solution to our problem. I was wrong," Grassley said.

Citizenship became a stumbling block for an immigration reform bill in 2007, despite presidential support from George W. Bush.

But Republican leaders have softened their stance on immigration following the last presidential election that saw Obama receive 71 percent of the Latino vote.

And some GOP lawmakers, in the Senate and House, say they are open to a compromise on the citizenship issue.

San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro told a House hearing earlier this month that a compromise would be granting eventual citizenship to immigrants who earn the right by paying taxes, fines and learning English.

The Senate hearing included testimony from Steve Case, the former head of America Online, who urged lawmakers to look at the issue as one of global competitiveness. He said reform is needed to provide highly skilled engineers and scientists.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on Feb. 14. It is a festival of romantic love and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

■ Enchanted Valentines Evening, 7 p.m., Gloria Denman Ballroom. Call: 682-4966

■ Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance, 6:30 to 11:55 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Odessa. Tickets: $40, can be purchased at the Hilton Garden Inn, Odessa, or charge by calling 235-0096.

Meetings schedule

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA today
Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Community calendar

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at 1709 W. Wall St.

For more information or to RSVP, call Pato Lewis or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

■ The Llano Estacado Master Naturalist Chapter is taking applications for training for Texas Master Naturalist, a certification sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension. The nine-month course will begin Feb. 28 with an orientation and continue until November. Topics include geology and soils, herpetology, mammology, ornithology, the ecological regions of Texas and climate and there will be field trips to Lubbock Lake Landmark, Tahoka Lake and the I-20 Preserve. The cost of the course is $100, which includes the training manual.

Participants should expect to devote one Saturday a month for the training, as well as performing 40 hours of volunteer service. For more information, call Sibley Nature Center at 684-6827.

■ ODESSA — Shrimpfest, the annual fundraiser for the Ellen Noel Art Museum, is 7 p.m. Feb. 25 at Ector County Coliseum Building G.

The event includes all-you-can-eat shrimp dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment by the Main Stream Jazz Quartet.

Tickets are $40 and are available at the museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., or online at www.noelartmuseum.org. For more information, call 550-9696.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

■ **Tall City 14**
Closing today: "Gangster Squad," "A Haunted House," "Django Unchained" and "Broken City"
Opening today: "A Good Day to Die Hard," "Safe Haven" and "Beautiful Creatures"
Opening Friday: "Escape from Planet Earth" in 2D and 3D
Saturday: 11:55 a.m. "Rigoletto" Metropolitan Opera. Tickets: $24 general admission, $22 seniors and $16 children.

■ **Big Sky Drive-in**
Closing today: "Silver Linings Playbook" and "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters"
Opening Friday: "Escape from Planet Earth" and "A Good Day to Die Hard"
Special showing: 10 p.m. today "A Good Day to Die Hard"

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

Children's Miracle Network radiothon

KICKS 99.1 FM will partner with Children's Miracle Network from today through Sunday for the "KICKS Cares for Kids" Celebration 2013.

The event, which is set to take place in the Dillard's Courtyard at Music City Mall in Odessa, helps raise money for funding medical care, research and education.

All of the donations received locally stay in the area to purchase medical equipment, educate staff and promote awareness of programs that benefit the children of the Permian Basin. Medical Center Hospital became the CMN-designated hospital in 1987; since then, more than $7 million has been raised to help local children. The telethon is set for 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Correction

The phone number to reach Opera Downtown, which is set for Sunday at Midland Center, is 269-0398. A caption that accompanies a photo in today's Pulse has the wrong number. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

The Reporter–Telegram on radio

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

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 0-4-8
Daily 4 day: 4-2-8-2
Daily 4 night: 4-6-8-5
Cash Five: 8-10-14-17-32
LottoTexas: 3-9-20-25-48-52
Powerball: 12-23-25-27-43 PB: 29
All or Nothing (morning): 1-4-5-9-10-11-12-15-16-18-21-22
All or Nothing (day): 1-4-6-7-10-11-13-14-18-20-22-23
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Traffic officer Justin Welch and his wife, Detective Wendy Welch, above, were working patrol when they met. The couple changed the date of their wedding when they discovered another officer was getting married the same weekend so people in the department could come to both ceremonies.

LOVE

From 1A

ride-along with a friend's husband and met Payne during that shift.

The couple were married by the time she graduated from college. Marisa took a job as a dispatcher in nearby Hurst. Because of nepotism laws in the Metroplex, she and Allen couldn't work for the same department or city.

The two would commute 25 minutes a day in opposite directions to work and sometimes worked opposite shifts. When they looked into moving to a smaller community, they picked Midland because Allen grew up in Odessa.

Allen, who joined MPD in February 2011, serves on the Directed Patrol Team. Marisa was a stay-at-home mom raising their children, now 3 1/2 and 1, when the position of crime victim liaison opened up in August.

The couple said it's a blessing that the city doesn't prohibit nepotism in the departments. Sometimes Allen will come across victims and others needing help, and he's able to point them toward Marisa.

Traffic officer Justin Welch and his wife, Det. Wendy Welch, were working patrol when they met.

But because they were on the same squad at the time and reported to the same sergeant, they couldn't date. Wendy joined the department in 2009 and was a rookie assigned to Justin's squad.

They took the opportunity to switch shifts, had their first date in November 2009 and were married by August 2010.

"No one knew (we were dating) for a long time," Wendy said. "I think some were shocked to find out."

The couple changed the date of their wedding when they discovered another officer was getting married the same weekend so people in the department could come to both ceremonies.

"This is like another family in itself," Wendy said.

Wendy was working at the Ector County Sheriff's Office as a jailer when she heard the MPD was hiring and submitted an application. She never thought she'd meet her future husband by coming to Midland.

Justin always had an interest in law enforcement. In 2001, his twin brother, Taylor, started working for the department and he figured he would give it a shot, as well.

For awhile after they were married, the two worked opposite shifts but with Wendy's move to property detective and Justin in traffic, they're both off on weekends and nights.

Having someone to talk to about cases or being able to unwind from the day with someone who understands what they went through or saw in the field is something the Welches say works for them.

It also helps the Bunches, Rachel said.

On the night of the crash between the train and Show of Support parade float, Rachel was working dispatch. She took the calls and sent officers and ambulances to the scene. Her husband also was on duty escorting the floats through downtown on the way to a banquet at the Horseshoe.

The couple said it helped having the other one to talk to about the circumstances. While there are some days that their schedules are conflicting and they see each other only in passing, they both enjoy their work. And Rachel has fun with it.

"I make a joke of it that I tell him what to do at home and what to do at work," she said.

GOP

From 1A

percent of the U.S. presidential election voting population. In 2012, the minority vote increased to 28 percent, according to the data Zapata presented.

But, regarding Texas Hispanic vote from the past few presidential elections, Zapata's data showed that it was a near split with 50 percent Democrat and 49 percent Republican in 2004. It shifted to 59 percent Democrat and 36 percent Republican in 2012.

"(Hispanic Republican voters) have done poorly except in the years that George W. Bush ran," Zapata said. "We have improved when our candidates have actually tried to reach out to the communities."

Rhonda Lacy, president of MCRW, said Bush spent $10 million on the Hispanic vote for each of his presidential campaigns in 2000 and 2004, in contrast with less than $1 million that Romney spent in 2012, according to conversations she had with Lionel Sosa, who served as the Hispanic media advisor in seven Republican presidential campaigns since 1980.

"Bush outspent Democrats by 10-1," Lacy said. "But then (President Barack) Obama spent $25 million in 2012."

Zapata, a young, Republican Hispanic, said it is his responsibility to go to Hispanic communities and talk with them so that their perception of Republicans as the "party of the rich" goes away.

"I've had conversations with Hispanics that said if there are more Republicans such as myself, they will vote Republican," Zapata said. "We have to encourage and engage."

"Is anybody ever going to vote for you or listen to you if they think that you don't like them? So the very first thing is, we have to get over a perception that Republicans dislike Hispanics or African-Americans."

Steve Munisteri, Republican Party of Texas chairman

Munisteri also offered a solution to win back the Hispanic vote: An "articulate, passionate and principled" presidential candidate that can connect with the "average" person.

"You can't lose 80 percent of the minority vote, and you can't let the other side out-organize you, and you can't lose three out of every four young people," Munisteri said.

After Obama defeated Romney in November, multiple news sources, including The New York Times' The Caucus blog, reported that Romney spoke to campaign donors in a conference call on Nov. 14 and said he lost because Obama offered "gifts" to minorities and young people such as amnesty for children of illegal immigrants.

Sen. Marco Rubio, the Hispanic senator who presented the Republican response to Obama's State of the Union speech Monday night, is a person who is capable of breaking the "rich people" perception Hispanics may have, Zapata said. He said Rubio showed he is not a wealthy person when he talked about recently paying off his student loans.

"He'll be a serious candidate," Zapata said. "He engages the community, he is a role model."

Immigration, an issue that Munisteri said was listed as the seventh-greatest concern for Hispanics, was one topic of discussion during President Obama's State of the Union address Monday night. Obama said that he wanted to create a "reasonable pathway to earned citizenship" for illegal immigrants that includes background checks and conceding priority to legal immigrants first.

Munisteri said RPT has a similar plan for immigration reform, but the difference is to prioritize on more border security before looking at citizenship for the 11 million or so illegal immigrants.

Another component the RPT is looking at, Zapata said, is a guest worker program that brings workers into the country for a period of time. Some of the requirements of the guest worker program include background checks and proficiency in the English language, according to the RPT's 2012 platform committee report.

Last Thursday, Midland Congressman Mike Conaway told the Reporter-Telegram editorial board that birthright citizenship should cease.

Munisteri said he agreed but it would require a constitutional amendment, which is something he does not see happening.

"I don't think we should have it," Munisteri said, "but I don't see it changing."

Sheriff: Cabin not purposely burned in firefight

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There was no question. The man standing before Rick Heltebrake on a rural mountain road was Christopher Dorner.

Clad in camouflage from head to toe and wearing a bulletproof vest packed with ammunition, the most wanted man in America was just a few feet away, having emerged from a grove of trees holding a large assault-style rifle.

As teams of officers who had sought the fugitive ex-Los Angeles police officer for a week were closing in, Dorner pointed the gun at Heltebrake and ordered him out of his truck.

"I don't want to hurt you. Start walking and take your dog," Heltebrake recalled Dorner saying during the carjacking Tuesday.

The man, who wasn't lugging any gear, got into the truck and drove away. Heltebrake, with his 3-year-old Dalmatian Suni in tow, called police when he heard a volley of gunfire erupt soon after, and then hid behind a tree.

A short time later, police caught up with the man they believe was Dorner, surrounding a cabin where he'd taken refuge after crashing Heltebrake's truck in the San Bernardino Mountains 80 miles east of Los Angeles.

A gunfight ensued in which one sheriff's deputy was killed and another wounded. After the firefight ended, a SWAT team using an armored vehicle broke out the cabin's windows and began knocking down walls. A fire started, and later, charred remains believed to be Dorner's were found.

San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon said Wednesday the fire was not set on purpose.

"We did not intentionally burn down that cabin to get Mr. Dorner out," he said.

His deputies lobbed pyrotechnic tear gas into the cabin, and it erupted in flames, he said. McMahon did not say directly that the tear gas started the blaze, and the cause of the fire was under investigation.

The sheriff said authorities have not positively identified the remains. However, all evidence points to it being Dorner, he said, and the manhunt is considered over.

A wallet and personal items, including a California driver's license with the name Christopher Dorner were found in the cabin debris, an official briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing probe.

INVASION

From 1A

breathing. Responding officers also noticed Sawyer, Hyson and Sparks were covered in blood.

The trio told officers that Booth stabbed Johnson after the group was allegedly invited over to the residence.

Officers found Booth's residence in disarray and discovered large pools of blood, mostly in the living room leading to the front door. Booth told officers he was protecting himself when Sawyer and Johnson attacked him. The group had come over to his residence at his request, officers wrote in the trio's arrest reports.

Booth said "he had used the knife to protect himself and had stabbed everyone," according to court documents.

Booth then told officers that he hid the knife inside the broken sheet rock behind the front door.

The trio were transported to MPD headquarters for questioning after their clothes and personal property were collected for evidence. Booth also was transported to the police station for unrelated misdemeanor warrants for theft.

After interviewing the witnesses and suspects, investigators discovered Sawyer, Johnson, Sparks and Hyson had gone to Booth's residence to commit assault, according to the investigating officers' reports.

Johnson died of his wounds at the hospital while the trio were being interrogated.

Sawyer, Sparks and Hyson remained in custody on a $250,000 bond Wednesday afternoon on first-degree felony charges of burglary with intent to commit assault.

Booth was released from the Midland County Central Detention Center on a $500 bond Wednesday.

The District Attorney's Office will handle the investigation into the stabbing and a grand jury will review the evidence in order to determine if Booth's use of self-defense was justified, said Sara Higgins, MPD's public information officer.

If convicted, Sawyer, Sparks and Hyson could receive between five and 99 years in prison.

Editors Note: Johnson was a former employee of the Reporter-Telegram for five weeks. His employment ended in July 2012.

RENOVATION

From 1A

to account for this while doing our planning, but the final cost far exceeded our expectations," said PSC Principal Dan Hart, who is working with MC on the project.

Without funds in the budget to cover the unbudgeted copstruction costs, Midland College President Steve Thomas said the project will be put on hold.

"We are obviously disappointed because we wanted to get the project done in this cycle, but we can make the food service work in the mean time while we look at other options," Thomas said.

The need for a kitchen and dining hall expansion has become a main priority for MC during recent years as the addition of Early College High School students has increased the number of students eating on campus.

When coming up with the initial project numbers that were presented to trustees in January, Hart said PSC allotted additional contingency based on the Permian Basin's worker shortage.

"It floored us how much higher the costs came back than what we estimated," said Rick Bender, MC's vice president of Administrative Services. "It was way more than we ever would have anticipated and we've anticipated a lot over the years."

In addition to a labor shortage, Hart told trustees the strict timeline for completing work during the summer may have driven up the sub-contracting costs.

In an effort to find less expensive ways to complete the dining hall project, Hart said PSC is going to look at changing the project timeline to be less restrictive.

"This is not a good value for the college so we cannot proceed in this manner," Hart said, noting he would like to see the cost reduced by at least $1 million. "We are intent on making this happen, but we need to adjust some things, possibly relax the construction schedule."

It is possible the dining hall renovation may not occur until summer 2014, Hart said.

Thomas said the college will have to explore two or three different options for the renovation but is committed to getting it done in the most efficient and economical manner.

Widening horsemeat scandal exposes complex food chain

Associated Press

LONDON — First, there was "pink slime." Then horsemeat. Most recently? "Desinewed meat."

Recent revelations that such products have reached dinner tables, including horsemeat falsely labeled as beef in Europe, have cast an unappetizing light on the global food industry.

Critics say the widening horsemeat scandal in particular is a result of a food supply chain that has become too complex to be safe. Others say we are stuck with the system: In today's world, foodstuffs are highly mobile commodities, while consumers have come to expect — and increasingly need — plentiful, cheap meat.

Genevieve Cazes-Valette, a French anthropologist who studies food, said that throughout history, people around the world have had a special and intense relationship with meat.

"When we fast, we don't give up bread. We give up meat," she said.

A century ago, meat was a dish primarily for special occasions or the rich. That's still the case in much of the world, but today consumers in wealthy countries expect meat to be their primary source of protein, and they want it inexpensive and convenient. They'd also prefer not to think too hard about where it came from.

"They want cheap and they want good," Cazes-Valette said.

Europe's horsemeat scandal has exposed a food supply chain set up to fulfill that demand — one in which meat from a Romanian abattoir can end up in British lasagna by way of companies in Luxembourg and France.

Since horse DNA was found in burgers from an Irish plant last month, the scandal has snaked its way across the continent, exposing a haphazard system with seemingly little rhyme or reason.

Horsemeat is not generally considered unsafe to eat, but the scandal has triggered disgust in places such as Britain where it traditionally is not eaten and anger over the mislabeling of food products.

Three of the British firms whose products were found to contain horsemeat say they got the products from a French food processing firm, Comigel.

Comigel instructed Tavola, its subsidiary in Luxembourg, to make the products. Tavola placed an order for the meat with supplier Spanghero, based in the south of France, which contacted a Cypriot trader, who subcontracted a Dutch trader.

The Dutch trader placed an order with abattoirs in Romania, which sent the meat to Spanghero. The Romanians deny mislabeling horsemeat as beef.

Spanghero sent it on to Comigel's factory in Luxembourg, and it went into food products sent to stores across Europe.

Apart from the use of horsemeat — whose origins remain disputed — there is nothing unusual about the process. But the thought of anything making an unannounced appearance in prepared foods disturbs consumers.

"In France as elsewhere, people have this idea that we don't know quite what we're eating. We don't know where it comes from. We don't know who has touched it," Cazes-Valette said.

That unease stems partly from the fact that people in developed countries have become detached from the origins of the food they eat.

British Conservative lawmaker Mark Spencer argued in the House of Commons this week that the horsemeat crisis arose partly because "we have lost context of how valuable food is."

US might back NKorea human rights probe

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. will support an international push at next month's U.N. Human Rights Council to initiate an inquiry into conditions in North Korea, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The world body's top human rights official, Navi Pillay, called last month for the creation of an international inquiry into "serious crimes" in North Korea that would be authorized by the U.N. but performed by independent experts. She called it one of the worst but least reported human rights situations in the world. Japan has signaled support for some kind of inquiry for consideration by the Geneva-based council, and EU diplomats have been discussing such a move.

U.S. officials, speaking anonymously because the American position has not been announced, said Washington was favorably disposed toward some kind of inquiry but is waiting for nations to reach a consensus on details before formally declaring its support.

Activists complain that the authoritarian state's human rights record receives much less international attention than its nuclear and missile programs that are causing growing concern, particularly in the Asia-Pacific and the U.S.

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OPINION

Obama could learn from 'Cal' — less is more

■ Former president Coolidge believed there are things a person, government couldn't do.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Before Ronald Reagan traveled the 16 blocks to the White House after his first inaugural address, the White House curator had, at the new president's instruction, hung in the Cabinet room a portrait of Calvin Coolidge. The Great Communicator knew that "Silent Cal" could use words powerfully — 15 of them made him a national figure — because he was economical in their use, as in all things.

Were Barack Obama, America's most loquacious president (699 first-term teleprompter speeches), capable of learning from someone with whom he disagrees, he would profit from Amity Shlaes' new biography of Coolidge, who she calls "our great refrainer" with an "aptitude for brevity," as when he said, "Inflation is repudiation." She says that under his "minimalist" presidency, he "made a virtue of inaction." As he said, "It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones." During the 67 months of his presidency, the national debt, the national government, the federal budget, unemployment (3.6 percent) and even consumer prices shrank. The GDP expanded 13.4 percent.

In 1898, at 26, he won his first of 10 public offices, a seat on the City Council of Northampton, Mass. Like Reagan, Coolidge benefited from being underestimated: The letter of reference he carried to Boston when elected to Massachusetts' General Assembly said, "Like the singed cat, he is better than he looks." Tougher, too. During the chaos of the 1919 Boston police strike, Gov. Coolidge electrified the nation with these 15 words: "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time."

Nine months later, Republican leaders in the famous "smoke-filled room" in Chicago's Blackstone Hotel decided to nominate for president Ohio Sen. Warren Harding, whose dreadful rhetoric ("not nostrums, but normalcy ... not surgery, but serenity") drove H.L. Mencken to rhapsodies of disgust: "It reminds me of a string of wet sponges; it reminds me of tattered washing on the line; it reminds me of stale bean soup, of college yells, of dogs barking idiotically through endless nights." The convention produced a rhetorically balanced ticket by stampeding for Coolidge as vice president. He wrote to his father: "I hope you will not mind."

Harding was a reprobate with bad judgment about friends but good instincts about policy. The former produced unpleasantness about Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 3, aka Wyoming's Teapot Dome. The latter produced prosperity.

When Harding died in August 1923, Coolidge had not seen him since March, but the new president, assisted by a splendidly named former congressman, C. Bascom Slemp, continued Harding's program of cutting taxes, tariffs and expenditures. "I am for economy. After that I am for more economy," said the 30th president, whose administration's pencil policy was to issue one at a time to each bureaucrat, who if he or she did not entirely use it up had to return the stub. Coolidge and Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon advocated "scientific taxation," an early iteration of the supply-side economics theory that often lowering rates will stimulate the economy so that the government's revenue loss will be much less than the taxpayers' gain. Soon Coolidge was alarmed that economic growth was producing excessive revenues that might make government larger.

He met his wife, the vivacious Grace, after hearing her laughter when she saw through a window him shaving while wearing a hat. Shlaes' biography would be even more engaging had she included this oft-repeated anecdote:

When President and Mrs. Coolidge were being given simultaneous but separate tours of a chicken farm, Grace asked her guide whether the rooster copulated more than once a day. "Dozens of times," she was told. "Tell that to the president," she said. When told, Coolidge asked, "Same hen every time?" When the guide said, "A different one each time," the president said: "Tell that to Mrs. Coolidge."

In 1924, after the lingering illness and death of his 16-year-old son from blood poisoning, Coolidge demonstrated — if only our confessional culture could comprehend this — the eloquence of reticence: "When he was suffering he begged me to help him. I could not."

Coolidge, says Shlaes, thought his office "really was one of 'president,' literally one who presided." And "the best monument to his kind of presidency was no monument at all." This absence, however, is a kind of admonitory presence for him who said, "It is a great advantage to a president, and a major source of safety to the country, for him to know he is not a great man." The 1933 funeral service for this man of brevity lasted 22 minutes.

OUR VIEW

Need something to give up for Lent: Try cable news pundits

For those who have struggled to find something to give up for Lent — and yes, it started Wednesday — we have a suggestion Turn off the cable news punditry for 40 days.

Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, whatever your favorite flavor on the left or right, give it up for a little more than a month and see what happens.

We know how popular cable news has become. The nighttime personalities can reach tens of millions of viewers a week.

But for the time our readers invest in watching Sean Hannity, Rachel Maddow or Pierce Morgan, we ask one question: What did you learn today?

Did the pundits make you actually think about an issue and why it makes sense (or doesn't make sense) or did they preach to the choir and make you feel better about the position you already have?

We understand why people are drawn to the Bill O'Reillys of the world. He is the undisputed king of the punditry circuit, reaching between 2.6 million and 3.1 million over the past week, according to Nielsen numbers published on the TV by the Numbers. Our politics has become a frustrating place, and pundits provide viewers with the reasons for the dysfunction in our political system.

Still, the shows delivered are about ratings, not what you should know or what is best about the country. If the ratings go down, any commentator will be booted to a mid-afternoon slot or sent packing. The kings and queens of punditry aren't there to raise the level of discussion or even be open-minded. If that were the case when would be the last time a personality admitted a change in their perspective on an issue.

They are there to entertain, to preach to their choir (left or right), to get ratings and earn almighty advertising dollars. All of that is fine and good but none promises a smarter electorate and none requires the potential voter to actually think and ask questions, something we believe the process needs more than ever.

We have gotten lazy about our politics — from the local level to the things happening in Washington. We are busy, don't necessarily trust sources of news on TV, on the radio, in the newspaper or online. Still, that can't be an excuse not to be informed or go to a source that requires you to think about an issue.

So, we do challenge you to go 40 days without the nighttime television punditry. Go find alternatives sources of news and opinion that do force you to ask that extra question about your stance on an issue or issues.

If at the end of those 40 days, if you feel it is necessary to return to your favorite commentator, he or she probably will be with the same message they delivered when you left.

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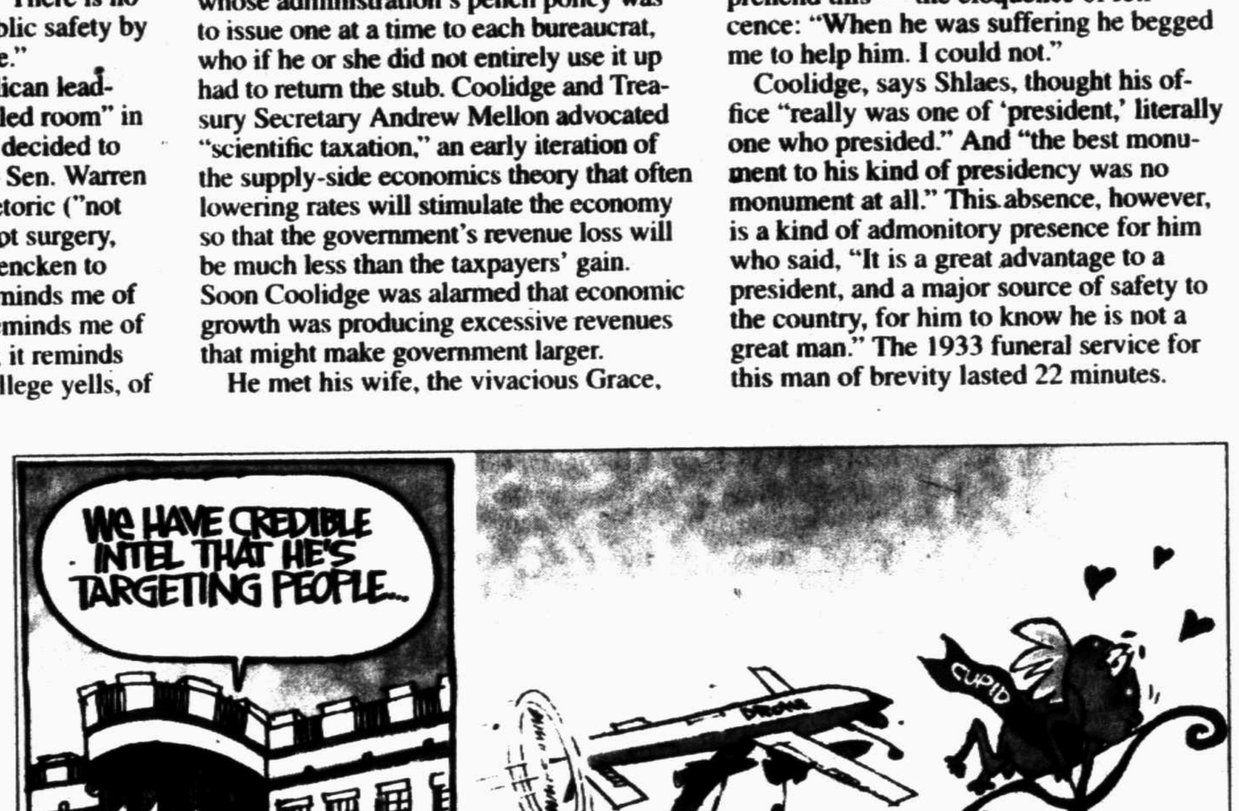

After SOTU, let the bleak times roll

■ All that was missing from the State of the Union festivities was the beads.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

There is something entirely appropriate about holding the State of the Union address on the same day as Mardi Gras.

One is a display of wretched excess, when giddy and rowdy participants give in to reckless and irresponsible behavior.

The other is a street festival in New Orleans.

There is, thankfully, less nudity in the House chamber for the president's annual address, and (slightly) less inebriation. But what occurs beneath the Capitol Dome is as debauched as anything on Bourbon Street.

The State of the Union ritual is by now familiar to most Americans. President Obama leads the Democratic side of the chamber to a series of standing ovations for proposals that everybody knows won't become law. Republicans show their seriousness of purpose by smirking or making stony faces — and by inviting as guests to the speech people such as rocker Ted Nugent, who has called the president a "piece of (excrement)" who should "suck on my machine gun."

But this spectacle, unlike the one in Louisiana, is not all harmless fun. Obama made clear that he is not entertaining serious spending cuts or major entitlement reforms. Republicans, in their responses, repeated that they are not budging on taxes. The hard choices will have to wait for another day.

The standoff gives new meaning to Fat Tuesday: The nation's finances are a mess, but — what the heck? — let's have another round. No wonder a new Washington Post poll found that 56 percent of Americans have a dim view of the country's political system.

Early in his address, Obama pronounced himself "more than halfway towards the goal of $4 trillion in deficit reduction that economists say we need to stabilize our finances." He blithely proclaimed that the rest of the job could be done by making "modest reforms" to Medicare and "getting rid of tax loopholes and deductions for the well-off."

He didn't mention that this would leave the country with a historically high debt level — and would be but a temporary fix before health care costs explode in a decade. Departing from his prepared text, Obama challenged the idea that "deficit reduction is a big emergency, justifying making cuts in Social Security."

The opposition, by contrast, was up to the usual antics for such evenings. Democrats across the chamber wore green ribbons to honor the victims of the Newtown, Conn., shootings, as did many Senate Republicans, but no member of the House Republican majority appeared to have joined in the remembrance.

Republicans glowered as Democrats applauded Obama for criticizing their efforts to protect military spending at the expense of other programs. They glared as Democrats applauded his call for equal treatment for all military personnel, "gay and straight." Former vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan smiled dismissively and whispered to a neighbor as Obama spoke of the budget.

They declined to join a standing ovation even when Obama said that "the state of our union is stronger." Up in the public gallery, Nugent, in jeans and cowboy boots, didn't even rise with the rest of the chamber when House Speaker John Boehner said he had "the high privilege and distinct honor of presenting to you the president of the United States."

Adding to the carnival atmosphere, spectators in the gallery offered shouts of encouragement; one woman was removed from the hall. The raucousness on the floor reached its peak when Obama called for a vote on gun-control measures in honor of the victims. Republican leaders squirmed, then stood awkwardly, as Democrats chanted, "They deserve a vote!"

Washington's version of Mardi Gras had begun early in the day, at the Capitol South Metro station, where members of a nonpartisan balanced-budget group, Bankrupting America, offered beads to passers-by willing to "show us your cuts."

By that standard, few necklaces would be distributed. Democrats and Republicans alike would sooner bare their private parts than come clean about what government programs they would cut. Even Ryan, who is drafting a budget that could slash domestic discretionary spending by 40 percent over a decade, doesn't like to be specific. And House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi says, "It is almost a false argument to say we have a spending problem."

Pelosi's formulation is just as reckless as the Republicans' mantra: "We don't have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem."

In reality, we eventually need both spending cuts and tax increases — and lots of them. But sacrifice will have to wait. In Washington, they're still partying like there's no tomorrow.

From the Left | Doonesbury

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NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Report: Tracking system needed to fight fake drugs

Fighting the problem of fake drugs will require creating a national drug-tracking system, the Institute of Medicine said Wednesday.

The call for putting medications through a chain of custody like U.S. courts require for evidence in a trial comes a week after the Food and Drug Administration warned doctors, for the third time in about a year, that it discovered a counterfeit batch of the cancer drug Avastin that lacked the real tumor-killing ingredient.

Fake and substandard drugs have become an increasing concern as U.S. pharmaceutical companies move more of their manufacturing overseas. The risk made headlines in 2008 when U.S. patients died from a contaminated blood thinner imported from China.

The Institute of Medicine report made clear that this is a global problem that requires an international response, with developing countries especially at risk from phony medications. Drug-resistant tuberculosis, for example, is fueled in part by watered-down medications sold in many poor countries.

"There can be nothing worse than for a patient to take a medication that either doesn't work or poisons the patient," said Lawrence O. Gostin, a professor of health law at Georgetown University who led the IOM committee that studied how to combat the growing problem.

A mandatory drug-tracking system could use some form of barcodes or electronic tags to verify that a medication and the ingredients used to make it are authentic at every step, from the manufacturing of the active ingredient all the way to the pharmacy, he said.

His committee examined fakes so sophisticated that health experts couldn't tell the difference between the packaging of the FDA-approved product and the look-alike.

NEW YORK

Monster changes label to qualify as 'drink'

Monster Beverage Corp. is changing the labeling on its cans so that its energy drinks will no longer be considered dietary supplements, a move that changes the federal guidelines the drinks must follow.

Monster's CEO told the industry tracker Beverage Digest that the cans will now list "Nutrition Facts" rather than "Supplement Facts," as well as disclosing caffeine content.

The change reflects the intensifying scrutiny energy drinks have come under over the past year, with lawmakers calling on the Food and Drug Administration to look into the safety of the caffeine levels and other ingredients used in the drinks. It also highlights the confusion consumers may encounter when it comes to the labeling of energy drinks, with companies having the discretion to categorize them as either dietary supplements or traditional drinks.

While Monster is currently categorized as a dietary supplement, for example, the No. 2 energy drink Red Bull is categorized as a traditional beverage.

Generally speaking, companies have more leeway in the ingredients they can add to dietary supplements. With products considered to be food or drinks, companies can only use ingredients that are approved food additives or that are "generally recognized as safe," said Elizabeth Campbell, a senior adviser at EAS Consulting Group, which specializes in FDA regulatory matters.

MAINE

Maine court revists Zumba prostitution case

Working on an expedited schedule, the state Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday on whether prostitution clients who are videotaped without their knowledge during sex acts have a right to privacy under state law.

A prosecutor urged the Supreme Judicial Court to reinstate 46 invasion-of-privacy counts against Mark Strong Sr., who's accused of helping a Zumba instructor run a prostitution business in the seaside town of Kennebunk.

Defense lawyer Dan Lilley said lawmakers never intended to protect prostitution clients or other criminals from surveillance.

The seven-member panel was asked to rule swiftly because jury selection in Strong's trial has been put on hold in York County.

York County Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gordon argued that the state privacy law that protects innocent people in bathrooms and locker rooms also protects people engaging in sex in a private setting.

"No one would argue for a minute that that person didn't expect privacy there. So why would it be any different if money changed hands?" he said.

Hackers use alert system for zombie warnings in many states

Associated Press

DETROIT — Warnings about the zombie apocalypse may seem pretty amusing, but officials say they're dead serious about figuring out who hacked into the nation's public warning system to broadcast such messages in a handful of states.

So far, people in California, Michigan, Montana and New Mexico have heard the warnings about attacking zombies that have been sent over the Emergency Alert System.

"Local authorities in your area have reported the bodies of the dead are rising from their graves and attacking the living," the message warned. "Do not attempt to approach or apprehend these bodies as they are considered extremely dangerous."

The subject matter may be humorous, but Greg MacDonald with the Montana Broadcasters Association said the consequences of such attacks on the alert system could be severe.

"This looks like somebody being a prankster, but maybe it's somebody testing just to see if they could do this, to do some real damage," MacDonald said. "Suddenly you create a panic and people are fleeing somewhere and you end up with traffic jams and accidents and who knows what."

The U.S. recently replaced its old telephone-based alert system with a web-based one. The Federal Communications Commission sent an urgent advisory Tuesday urging stations to reset their alert system passwords, disconnect their Internet connections and take other steps to make sure the equipment is protected from outside attack.

In Michigan, hackers broke into the system with audio or text messages at two stations on Monday. Michigan Association of Broadcasters President Karole White said the breach appeared to be related to default passwords that the stations hadn't changed. In Los Angeles, a radio station that had its alert system breached sent out a zombie message, according to Richard Rudman, a broadcast engineer and vice chairman of the California State Emergency Communications Committee. He declined to name the station but said any that were hacked were using default passwords for their alert systems or lacked adequate computer security.

The FCC on Tuesday also asked stations to check their equipment to make sure no further unauthorized alerts were queued up for future transmission, according to a copy of the advisory provided by the Montana Broadcasters Association.

No one has been arrested in connection with the hacking incidents. All U.S. broadcasters are required to be part of the Emergency Alert System, which evolved from Cold War-era systems. The system was created so the president could address the public in a national emergency.

AMC hit 'Walking Dead' sets ratings record for television series

NEW YORK — The zombies keep getting stronger.

AMC's hit "The Walking Dead" set a series record Sunday night with 12.3 million viewers. The show was returning from a hiatus, and the Nielsen Co. said it beats the series' previous record of 10.9 million for its third season debut last October.

More than half of Sunday's viewers, or 7.7 million, were in the youthful demographic of people ages 18 to 49. Nielsen says a cable series has never reached that big an audience in that age group. That's impressive by broadcast standards, too. While "NCIS" on CBS was the most popular drama on the air with 22 million viewers the previous week, fewer than 5 million of those viewers were under 50. — *Associated Press*

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■ Get a closer look at how a New Mexico station reacted to the hackings. PAGE 3B

Study: Tobacco control lowers Calif. health costs

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California's tobacco prevention program saved $134 billion in health care costs over the past two decades, according to a new study published Wednesday about the smoking control program's impacts in the most populous state.

California spent about $2.4 billion from 1989 through 2008 on one of the nation's most aggressive tobacco control programs, buying up billboards and TV time to run ads against smoking, as well as promoting smoke-free bars and restaurants and tobacco-cessation programs.

The study by University of California, San Francisco researchers found that for every dollar spent on the state's anti-smoking program, health care costs dropped by about $56. Researchers attribute those savings to lower spending on health care due to people quitting or not starting, and those who do light up consuming fewer cigarettes each day.

"The California program has shifted people to being much, much lighter smokers," said Stanton Glantz, co-author of the study published Wednesday in the science journal PLOS ONE, and the director of the university's the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education. "Reducing smoking reduces cancer, heart attacks, asthma attacks and a whole range of diseases, and what we found is those changes are reflected quickly in terms of health care costs."

Cigarette smoking continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States and throughout the world, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But smoking is not as common in California as it is in other pockets of the country. Smoking rates are among the nation's lowest in California, at 12.1 percent, and highest in Kentucky, at 24.8 percent, the CDC found in 2010. The rate in 1988 in California was between 22 and 23 percent, according to the study.

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New EZ Rider GM ready to face challenges

Rob Stephens wants to reconnect with former users and improve reliability

By Stewart Doreen
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Rob Stephens wants to change people's attitude about public transportation in Midland.

He doesn't have to see recent numbers about Midland riders to know it will be a challenge. Public transportation can be added to the list of "painful challenges" created by low unemployment rates and the competition for skilled labor.

Referencing $15-an-hour jobs Wal-Mart is advertising, he said not many places have been affected like Midland.

"Retailers and fast-food restaurants are paying people more than I can pay drivers," Stephens said. "It has been tough to compete for good people."

Still, he is optimistic about public transportation. He said there is a history of Midland embracing the EZ Rider system, and he has spent his first three months as the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District's general manager focusing on outreach to identify core potential users and reach previous users.

He said EZ Rider is working with groups such as Community and Senior Services to introduce to the city's seniors to the public transit system that has been foreign to them. He said the introduction will include rider training and connecting with those potential customers and there are examples in Midland of older riders who have used EZ Rider to remain independent.

"This can be a healthier, more livable community for everyone," Stephens said.

CSS Development Director Jody Sneed said finding transportation alternatives for the agency's clients is important, especially as Midland grows and the streets become more difficult for drivers to navigate.

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BUCKNER BASKS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Retired MLB first baseman Bill Buckner talks to the media before the start of the West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorablila Auction ion Wednesday at Midland Country Club. See page 1C for coverage of the banquet.

Greenwood committee recommends $51 million bond deal

By Meredith Moriak
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GREENWOOD — After more than a month of meetings and deciding on Greenwood ISD's true needs, the Citizen's Bond Committee on Wednesday night delivered to Greenwood trustees a recommendation for bond projects totaling $51.32 million.

The most notable line item included in the recommendation is $37.4 million for the construction of new intermediate and middle schools on land at the southeast corner of Farm-to-Market Road 1379 and Farm-to-Market 307. Trustees purchased the land in December for $1.6 million and would like to build a 1,200-student complex for intermediate and middle schools that would serve grades three through eight.

The schools would share a kitchen and library media center but have separate entrances, classroom wings, cafeterias, administration offices, parent drop-off locations, bus lanes and gymnasiums.

A $2.79 million districtwide upgrade of data, technology, fire alarm and communications system is also included in the plan, as well as a new office suite and secure vestibule at the high school for $669,000. The bond package includes $2.9 million in contingency funds.

Though an $800,000 turf football field and $305,000 worth of tennis court work is included in the bond recommendation, the committee did not recommend including other sports line items such as a $2.5 million indoor practice facility and $1.25 million high school gymnasium seating addition that had been discussed in the past.

"Though we did not all agree on planning, we did agree on providing what's best for our kids and our community's future," said committee member Laci Box while presenting to trustees during Wednesday's special meeting.

The committee consisted of 23 Greenwood residents who feel it is the community's responsibility to provide the best possible education environment for current and future Rangers, Box said.

The committee cut nearly $10 million from the district's initial $61 million "wants" list, Box said. It was tough to do but something that needed to be done, she said.

"We feel we made the right choices for our community," Box said.

In addition to eliminating the indoor practice facility and gymnasium seating, committee members also omitted from the bond recommendation construction of a $4.5 million high school kitchen and dining hall, $250,000 worth of sewer liner repairs

Please see **GREENWOOD/2B**

Texas-based cardinal says US pope not likely

By Jayme Fraser
Houston Chronicle

Betting sites don't list his odds as long as Bono, but Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, favored at 100-to-1, said Tuesday that he doubts he, or any American, would be elected pope.

"I'm impressed that my name would be mentioned on any list," DiNardo said, noting he's only been cardinal for the archdiocese of Galveston-Houston since 2007 and that Americans are unlikely candidates because of the character of our country.

"Remember," he said, "we're not electing the CFO of the church. We're electing the successor of St. Peter. It's a spiritual thing."

DiNardo, back at the chancery in downtown Houston after a trip to Rome to discuss world youth culture, spoke about his upcoming role in electing the new leader of the Catholic Church and outlined his vision for the ideal pope.

Pope Benedict XVI shocked the world with his announcement Monday that he would resign Feb. 28.

Honduran cardinal

DiNardo said he did not have an idea of who he would like to see as pope next, but did note that the next pontiff could have a close connection to home.

Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, the 70-year-old Honduran cardinal whom betting site paddypower.com gives a seventh-place ranking with 12-to-1 odds, has relatives in Houston and close ties to local scholars.

Maradiaga also serves on the board for the Center of International Studies at the University of St. Thomas. He's led seminars about issues of faith and immigration at the Houston college. In a 2004 commencement speech, Maradiaga talked about the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, just a day after his country's government petitioned Gov. Rick Perry to spare the lives of two Hondurans and dozens of Mexicans on death row.

Internationally, Maradiaga is known as a champion of human rights and warrior against poverty, as well as for his opposition to the authoritarian reign of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. He leads an international coalition of Catholic humanitarian groups, is a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education and was the Vatican's point man on Third World debt in talks with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Third World thoughts

At the 2005 conclave that elected Benedict, some considered Maradiaga a worthy option, but church scholars today suggest he is likely too young and too moderate to be elected by what they call a conservative College of Cardinals.

DiNardo said he was fascinated by the growing speculation about whether a cardinal from the developing world, like Africa or South America, could become the next pope. "It says something about the growing importance of that world in the Catholic faith," DiNardo said. "There are some cardinals from what we like to call the Third World who are very well known and are very fine gentlemen."

He referred to Maradiaga as "Cardinal Oscar" and described Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana as impressive.

DiNardo admitted he has never attended a conclave before, but said the selection process will likely involve less national politicking than many might suspect.

"We're going to select someone who's a spiritual leader," he said.

DiNardo said he will look for a faithful man who can stand for the unity of the Catholic Church, communicate its beliefs well in the modern world, effectively motivate the bureaucracy in Vatican City to fulfill his vision, work for world peace and have the stamina to travel frequently.

Health plays role

The importance of health and age have been hot topics among Catholics and

Please see **POPE/2B**

PDAP reports 'big jump' in leftover medication drop-offs

By Tyler White
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Midlanders turned in more than twice the leftover medications in 2012 than the previous two years combined.

According to statistics released by the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the group collected a total of 636,863 pills in 2012 through take-back events and pill drop boxes in the area. The statistics show an increase of about 248 percent in comparison to 2011.

Kim Henderson, PDAP program coordinator, attributes increased media coverage, which led to a greater knowledge of prescription drug effects.

"Our community is becoming more and more educated. I think they take that step and they bring them to us," Henderson said.

One person, Henderson said, even brought an entire garbage bag of medications to the PDAP office because the person did not want to put all of the pills in the drop box.

PDAP works with the Drug Enforcement Administration's Midland office to properly dispose of the pills, Henderson said. Donated medication is given to law enforcement agencies that then incinerate the pills, a disposal method that does not negatively affect the environment, Henderson said.

Dante Sorianello, DEA's resident agent-in-charge, said the DEA sponsors take-back initiatives nationwide but the Midland Coalition's efforts have been more aggressive than most groups. The group called for more take-back events last year, which positively impacted the numbers, he said.

"They are very proactive," said Sorianello, who also believes word-of-mouth among Midlanders has played a key role in seeing increased pill disposals.

PDAP previously had drop boxes across Midland, including one at Graham Pharmacy on Wall Street. Customers' response to the drop box was overwhelming, said Julio Castillo, pharmacy manager.

"The box filled up within a few days," he said.

PDAP numbers also indicate 6,662 donations of recycled medicine containers last year, an increase of more than 54 percent compared to 2011. When PDAP employees receive medicine containers, they remove all identifying information to preserve donors' privacy and Keep Midland Beautiful recycles them, Henderson said.

It's important to know the proper method of disposing prescription drugs. If people throw their unused or expired pills into the garbage, drug abusers can retrieve unused pills, she said.

"If (drug abusers) are desperate enough, they might not care what it is," she said.

Excessive use of perscription drugs can lead to health issues, such as seizures and heart problems, Castillo said. Henderson added that pills should not be flushed down the toilet because trace amounts of medication can re-emerge in tap water.

PDAP's lone drop box is located at the Midland County Sheriff's Office at 400 South Main St. Another box, Henderson said, could be placed at another location later this week.

Obituaries

Cecil B. Hail

Cecil B. Hail, 94, of Abilene, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, departed this earthly life to join his Heavenly Father on February 7, 2013 in Allen, Texas. Graveside services will be 1:00p.m., Saturday, February 16, 2013 in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery, 5701 Hwy 277 South, Abilene, TX with Gerald A. Gieger officiating under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277 South. Viewing will be Friday, February 15, 2013 from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. and a visitation being held on Saturday from 11:00a.m. to 12:30p.m., at the funeral home, prior to the service.

Cecil was born in Hico, Texas to Dudley and Allie Hail on August 10, 1918. He was self-educated and was raised on a farm along with his 8 brothers and sisters. He married Nadine Davis on October 22, 1938 in Plainview, Texas.

Cecil enlisted in the U.S. Naval Service on May 2, 1944 and served during World War II on the USS Mecklenburg stationed in Morro Bay, California. While enlisted in the US Navy he participated in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan and received an Honorable Discharge on February 2, 1946.

Cecil and his wife moved to Midland, Texas where he was a carpenter and homebuilder. He was a member and active in the Four Square Church in Midland. He and his wife also lived a number of years in Fort Worth before moving to Abilene.

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife of 70 years, Nadine Hail.

Survivors include his three sons, Neal Hail, Don Hail and David Hail; fourteen grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

You may view and sign guestbook at www.elliotthamil.com

Gene (Shorty) Carlton

Gene (Shorty) Carlton, 76, passed away February 12, 2013 suddenly while at work doing what he loved. He was a self-employed tile/ marble contractor for 54 years in Midland. He not only loved his work but took pride in the quality of his workmanship. He was a perfectionist who left his mark with beautiful work in several buildings such as the Claydesta Building along with other buildings in the Claydesta Complex, the Summit Building, among others throughout Midland and Odessa. He also tiled countless homes in the Permian Basin. He was born on April 15, 1936 in Snyder, Texas to Minnie Brown of Weatherford who preceded him in death. He was an active member of Fist Assembly of God Church in Midland.

He was also preceded in death by his oldest son, Michael Vann Carlton in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Sue Carlton of Midland, a son, Mark Wayne Carlton and a daughter, Valorie Huston both of Midland, A stepdaughter, Tandy Arp of Odessa and step-sons, Tony Fillman of Odessa and Tommy Fillman of Springfield Missouri; two brothers, Kenneth Carlton and wife Elizabeth of Austin and John Brown and wife Vickie of Weatherford along with numerous grandchildren.

Family will receive friends tonight at the funeral home between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm. A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm, Friday February 15, 2013 at First Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.elliserunerals.com.

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John Northern

John Perry Northern, 65, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, in Fort Werth.

Memorial service: 2:30 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn Street, followed by a celebration of his life in the Great Hall at the church.

Memorials: If you prefer, in lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the TCU Endowment Fund in Fort Worth, the Community Foundation of San Saba - Catkins Fund, or the Permian Basin Area Foundation - Ann and Roy Northern Scholarship Fund in Midland.

John graduated from Texas Christian University in 1970 and was a lifelong TCU supporter and TCU football enthusiast. He worked at Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor for over 30 years, and prior to that he had owned and sold two broker/dealer firms in Fort Worth and Salado. John was actively involved with the community of San Saba and loved spending time there at his river house. John's family and friends remember him as an avid golfer, a determined poker player, and a man who loved long car trips with his wife and dog, Moon, his brother and sisters, his dear friends, and anyone else he could talk into going. He was the personification of a true friend. Most of all he was so proud of his kids and the adults they grew to be. He was always accompanied by his constant companion - his cell phone - with which he maintained continuous communication with those beloved friends.

Survivors: John is survived by his wife, Linda Skillern Northern; daughter, Elizabeth Ann Northern; son, William Davis Northern; stepson, Chris Skillern; stepdaughter, Wendy Skillern; stepson, Tim Skillern; sister, Melissa Fuller and husband, Scott Fuller; sister, Patricia McElwrath; brother, Scot Northern and wife, Tanya; nephews, Chris Fuller, Nick Fuller, Mac McElwrath and Sean McElwrath; and numerous extended family and friends.

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Carson McKinney

Carson McKinney was born and granted his angel wings on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Misty Tindol Davis.

Left to cherish Carson's memory are his parents Tyler McKinney, Ashley Hall and sister, Addisynn Hall all of Midland; paternal grand parents, Clinton McKinney of Odessa; maternal grand parents, Dean Hall and Leah Crowder of Dallas.

Memorial Service is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel with Ben Wall officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park in Midland.

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Bobby E. Johnson

Bobby E. Johnson, 55, passed away February 4, 2013. He is survived by 4 brothers, Clyde Miller (Sharon), Glen Johnson (Ada), Larry Brackens and Michael Brackens. 4 sisters, Shirley Howard (Stewart), Christi Thomas (fiancée Clifton), Cynthia Brackens Jones and Janet Brackens Hamme, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and step mother, Lucy Mae Brackens. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Johnson, father, C.D. Brackens, mother, Mattie Mae Thomas, step-father, J.B. Thomas, brothers, Richard L. Johnson, Claude L. Johnson, Carl Brackens and Rev. Donnie Brackens, sisters, Phyillish K. Johnson and Ann Marie Johnson.

Wake: Friday, February 15, from 8-9 p.m. Funeral: Saturday, February 16, at 11 a.m. Both services will be held at Faith Temple COGIC, 1605 N. Terrell, Midland, Texas. Services Entrusted To Golden Gate Funeral Home 4155 S. R.L. Thornton Frwy Dallas, Texas 75224 214-941-7332 www.goldengatefuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Daniel Madrid

Daniel Madrid, 58, of Brownwood, Texas passed away Monday, February 11, 2013.

Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews. Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. Friday at Mitchell County Cemetery in Colorado City, Texas.

He is survived by his son, Phillip Madrid and his wife Monica; daughter Andrea Mylchreest and husband Samuel; brother, Jesse Madrid, Jr; Johnny Madrid; sisters, Irene Monroy; Amelia Bustamante and Ida Rodriguez; and his mother, Eulalia Ruth Madrid.

Edward Young, Jr.

Funeral services are pending for Judge Edward Young, Jr. 57, of Midland.

He passed away February 13, 2013, in Midland, Texas. Services will be under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Joseph Gaskins III

Joseph Arbin Gaskins III, 29, of Midland, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2013. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013, at the Living Way Foursquare Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survivors include his mother, Lezlie Printz and husband David; two sisters, Marcella Cato and Sarah Vargas; his uncle, Charles Detrick, an aunt, Kimberli Detrick; two nephews, Christopher Vargas, Jr. and Jayson Vargas; as well as many cousins.

R.C. "Bob" Bennett

R.C. "Bob" Bennett, 83, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Virginia Farris

Virginia Edwardene "Dean" Farris, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

She is survived by her children, Mike Hamby, Bobby Riggs, Billy Lamb and wife Misty, Troy Farris and wife Dorothy, Roy Dean Farris and wife Penny, and Mary Ann Miliken and husband Joe; 20 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren and her dog, Sugar Baby.

Memorial Services will be held at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Cowboy Cemetery in Brady, Texas. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Greenwood

From 1B

at the intermediate school and $240,000 for paving at the existing softball field.

GISD Superintendent Doug Young said he supports the committee's recommendation.

"We have come up with a package we feel the community can support without putting an undue burden on people," Young said. "This is as conservative of a package Greenwood can do right now."

Trustees also heard from Phil Furqueron, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper project manager, who presented schematic drawings of the intermediate and middle schools to give them a basic idea of the building's design.

"This building will evolve and change more than a hundred times while we're designing and going through this process," Furqueron said, as he explained how the building will have six wings, three on each side of the campus for the respective grade levels.

Trustees also discussed how the building design allows for future classroom additions on the end of wings. With campus common areas like the cafeteria, gym and library designed for up to 1,500 students, classroom additions for up to 300 students could be added on, Furqueron said.

For inclusion on the May 11 ballot, trustees must call a bond election by March 1. A special meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25 when trustees will decide whether to call the election.

There are 4,117 individuals eligible to vote on a GISD bond election, said Ruth Sloan, Midland County elections administrator.

What's included

40-acre land acquisition: $1.6 million
Construct new 1,200 student campus complex for grades 3-8: $37.4 million
Construct bus drop and service drive south of elementary: $460,000
Construct new high school office suite and secure vestibule: $669,000
Renovate former high school office to life skills: $300,000
Replace high school carpet: $500,000
Vocational building/shop: $750,000
New bus canopy and wash station: $100,000
Turf football field: $800,000
Rework track: $500,000
Two tennis courts: $140,000
Paving at tennis courts: $165,000
Renovate elementary wall paneling and carpet: $900,000
Replace carpet and paint at Brooks: $250,000
Upgrade data, fire alarm and VoIP communications districtwide: $2.79 million
Construct concession stand and restrooms at stadium: $700,000
Install new lights at football field: $400,000
Contingency: $2.9 million
Total project cost: $51.32 million

Pope

From 1B

scholars in light of Benedict's resignation, which he contributed, in part, to his declining vigor and the fact he made the announcement on a church feast day that encourages Catholics to pray for the sick.

DiNardo said he would not automatically discount someone because of his age but admitted health could play a role "in how the cardinals do their hunting and in their final considerations."

His participation in conclave sometime in the next month makes DiNardo both anxious and excited. He asked Catholics to pray for God to guide cardinals as they reflect on who should next lead the world church.

"I'm aware of my responsibility in this," DiNardo said. "I'd even ask for the prayers of all people of good will, whoever they may be, in whatever faith, that I discern wisely."

Austin attorney on trial could get out of jail

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — A federal judge has given an Austin attorney another chance to stay free during his trial in South Texas on racketeering charges.

Attorney Marc Rosenthal still had not bonded out of federal custody Wednesday in Corpus Christi, a day after U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen reconsidered a previous decision to jail the defendant for violating the terms of his release. Court records show that under the new terms, Rosenthal would have to post a $500,000 bond with $300,000 down and be subject to house arrest and electronic monitoring.

Before being jailed Friday, Rosenthal had been free on $100,000 bond since his 2011 indictment.

The case is part of a years-long investigation into former state District Judge Abel Limas, who has already pleaded guilty to racketeering and is awaiting sentencing.

Bus

From 1B

Sneed said CSS expects 150 clients a day for lunch or activities at its centers. CSS also provides meals for the lunch program at Casa de Amigos.

We have to present (any program) in a way they can see the value," Sneed said. "We have to let them know they have an opportunity."

Stephens said outreach may have as much to do with reconnecting with people who have stopped using the service. The Midland-Odessa transit district reported fixed-route passenger decreases of 10.09 percent in October, 15.48 percent in November and 20.43 percent in December.

Paratransit numbers also took a hit in November and December with drops of 23.49 and 38.13, respectively.

Stephens said there have been multiple issues, including vehicle failure, down routes and failed paratransit bus systems. Those problems are being addressed and Midlanders should expect to see positive results, or at least a leveling off, in the next three to six months, he said.

"There will be groups of folks who (public transportation) doesn't work for. We will make adjustments (moving forward) based on the feedback we receive," Stephens said. "I will focus on connecting with people."

EZ Rider numbers

Fixed Route

	2012	2011
December	29,764	35,172
November	33,098	37,798
October	38,768	40,419

Year-to-date: 141,005 (a decrease of 8.40 percent compared to last year)

In Midland

	2012	2011
December	15,805	19,864
November	18,211	21,547
October	20,258	22,532

Year-to-date in Midland: 74,532 (a decrease of 13.81 percent compared to last year)

December ridership in Midland was 19,864 in 2011, 19,774 in 2010 and 16,544 in 2009, 16,444 in 2008

Paratransit riders in Midland-Odessa

Year-to-date: 9,375 (a decrease of 6.41 percent compared to last year)

Total revenue in December

	2012	2011
Total	$25,267	$27,860
Midland	$13,418	$17,004

Year to date: $116,978 (a decrease of 4.23 percent compared to the previous year.

Year-to-date in Midland: $62,795 (a decrease of 13.98 percent compared to last year)

Odessa man found guilty in Midland court on aggravated assault with a weapon

From staff reports

An Odessa man was found guilty Wednesday morning for shooting a man and biting an Odessa police officer in June.

A Midland jury in the 238th District Court found 24-year-old James Chancellor Creech guilty of felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a public servant.

Creech was charged with using a firearm to shoot a man during a June 26 assault, according to the grand jury indictment. He had shot a man once in the head and once in the neck, according to a previous Odessa American report. Creech also bit Patrick Chadwick, of the Odessa Police Department, according to the indictment.

Creech's trial is taking place in Midland because the assaults took place within Midland County. The trial's punishment phase is expected to continue this morning.

Terrell hospital closes amid government scrutiny

Associated Press

TERRELL — A North Texas hospital has closed amid regulatory questions over care after two patients died and failure to pay more than $425,000 in property taxes.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Tuesday halted federal funding for Renaissance Hospital in Terrell, a city of nearly 16,000 located 30 miles east of Dallas.

The hospital owner, Dr. Tariq Mahmood, could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gary M. Ballard, 53, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Marcus Hyason, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

Landon L. Lewis, 80, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault.

Christopher M. McPherson Sr., 51, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Margarita M. Navarrette, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Samuel J. Ornelas, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than 28 grams but less than 200 grams.

Michael J. Ortega, 20, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury and failure to stop and render aid.

Michael A. Sawyer, 23, of Freeport, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

Meagan R. Sparks, 23, of Freeport, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

David U. Suchil, 37, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Kasey L. Varnadore, 24, of Gardendale, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Degoberto Vasquez-Espinoza, 37, of Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hold for INS.

Alfredo Zubiate-Marquez, 44, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of hold for INS.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

MPD seeks alleged construction fraud victims

From staff reports

Midland police are looking for alleged fraud victims of a second person who is claiming to work in house construction.

Pascual Hernandez Jr. has been advertising his business, "Hernandez Home Improvements," through the Thrifty Nickel, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Hernandez claims to have the following construction skills: add-ons, fences, remodeling, roofing, painting, repairs and house leveling-concrete.

He was contacted by someone to move a house to a different lot and remodel it. The person paid Hernandez a $5,000 down payment, but Hernandez failed to start the job or show he was in the process of doing the construction, according to the press release.

Hernandez was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Police also are looking for alleged victims of Raul Torres Urias, 55.

Urias convinces his alleged victims that he will build their homes or do their remodeling at a low cost and makes it appear that he can have the construction complete in a matter of days, according to the press release.

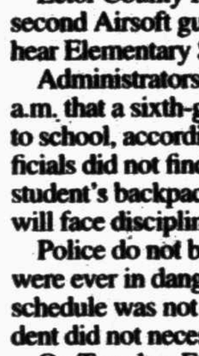
He was arrested on a charge of theft between $20,000 and $100,000, according to Reporter-Telegram reports.

Anyone who may be an alleged victim of Hernandez or Urias should call the Midland Police Department 685-7108.

MPD: Man arrested for alleged DWI with child in vehicle

From staff reports

A Midland remained in custody Wednesday after allegedly driving while intoxicated with his 2-year-old son in the vehicle, according to his arrest affidavit.



Varnadore

Kasey Layne Varnadore, 24, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a state felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Midland police officers responded to a check vehicle call Tuesday at about 7:30 p.m. in the 3900 block of Conroe Court.

The officers found Varnadore passed out in his vehicle with a child in the back seat. Varnadore was startled by the officers' patrol vehicle and he stomped on the accelerator while his vehicle was in park. Varnadore then blew a 0.00 percent on a breathalyzer test, but he was visibly intoxicated based on his performance on a field sobriety test, according to the arrest report.

The officers who arrested Varnadore said they believed he was under the influence of a drug. Varnadore said he would provide a blood specimen to test for traces of drugs, according to the report.

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

ECISD officials confiscate another Airsoft gun

From staff reports

Ector County ISD reported Wednesday confiscating its second Airsoft gun in as many days, this time from Blackshear Elementary School.

Administrators at the school received a report at about 8 a.m. that a sixth-grade student had brought a pocket knife to school, according to an ECISD press release. The officials did not find a knife but did find the Airsoft gun in the student's backpack. The gun was confiscated and the student will face disciplinary action, according to the school district.

Police do not believe the students and staff at the school were ever in danger, ECISD reported. The school's regular schedule was not interrupted; the circumstances of the incident did not necessitate a shelter in place or a lockdown.

On Tuesday, ECISD reported finding a 16-year-old Permian High School student in possession of two Airsoft guns and pellets for those guns.

NM station issues zombie alert

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A New Mexico television station sent out an official emergency alert this week warning people that dangerous zombies were attacking.

KRQE-TV reported that the KENW in Portales was among several around the country whose emergency alert systems were hacked.

As a result, it put out an alert on Monday saying, "Local authorities in your area have reported the bodies of the dead are rising from their graves and attacking the living. Do not attempt to approach or apprehend these bodies as they are considered extremely dangerous."

The station says it appears the stations had not updated the passwords on their EAS systems, making them easy targets.

KRQE also reminds viewers that while the alert was fake, if there is a real zombie attack, the only way to kill a zombie is to sever its head.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Zero Hour "Strike" (P) (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Hard Bargin" (N)		Scandal "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" (N)	KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Rachel Weisz, Josh Groban (N)	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Two and Half (N)	Person of Interest "Booked Solid" (N)		Elementary "Details" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules "They Do?"	Vampire D. "Down the Rabbit Hole" (N)		Beauty and Beast "Trust No One" (N)		Cops	Sein. "The Junk Mail"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Am. Idol "Hollywood Week #4" (N)		Glee "I Do" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	41	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	Commu-nity	Parks and Rec (N)	The Office (N)	1600 Penn (N)	Do No Harm "Me Liley" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Show	Tonight With Jay Leno	(:35) LateNight
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytrip-pers	Parks and Wildlife	Frontline "Cliffhanger"		Antiques Roadshow "Boston (Hour Three)"		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		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX		340	65			165	(5:10) A Guy Thing		★★ Mansfield Park Frances O'Connor.				★★ The Prince and Me Julia Stiles.				★ Farewell My C...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(:15) Paris	(:45) ★★★ The Five-Year Engagement Jason Segel.					Girls	Enlight	Real Sex		(:05) ★ Big Momma...	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(3:25) ★ Harry Potter & the Philosopher's S...				★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.				1stLook		★ Win Win Paul Giamatti.	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★ Joyful Noise	The Sopranos			Making	Bill Maher		★★★ Dream House			(:05) ★ Garden State	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:45) ★ The Bluns ...	(:20) ★ Anchorman: The Legend of Ron ...					★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse		LifeTop	LifeTop	Movie	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★★★ Alien Sigourney Weaver.				★★★ Aliens Sigourney Weaver.				(:20) ★★ Alien III Sigourney Weaver.			
PLEX				96			(:20) ★★ Hard to Hold Rick Springfield.				★★★ Flash Gordon Sam J. Jones.				(:55) ★★ The Real McCoy		Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★★★ The Rock ('96, Act) Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery.					Comercho "Hello!"		Gigolos	Gigolos	★ Trainspotting	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ Only the B...	★ The Mechanic Jason Statham.							(:35) ★★★ Real Steel Hugh Jackman.		(:45) ★★ Paper Soldiers	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Night Shift/ Mobbed"	The First 48 "Blood Red/ Deadly Moves"		The First 48 "Blood on the Streets"		The First 48			The First 48 "Killg, Debt/ House of Rage"		The First 48 "Blood Red/ Deadly Moves"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:30) Walking Dead	Dead "Guts" (N)		Comic Bo	Freaksho	In:mortal	Comic Bo	Freaksho	Immortal		Comic Bo	Freaksho
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park	Husbands	Wayans	BET Hollywood		★★ Getting Played Carmen Electra.					Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Millionaire	Millionaire		Millionaire		Kathy (N)		Watch (N)	Millionaire			Atlanta
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report	Love at First Byte		Facebook Obsession		American Greed		Mad Money			Facebook Obsession	
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		Moonshiners (N)		Property Wars		Moonshiners			To Be Announced	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Jessie	★★★★ WALL-E Ben Burtt.			(:45) Ferb	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Jessie	A.N.T.	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)					NCAA Basketball Gonzaga vs. St. Mary's (L)			
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ How to Lose a Guy In...		★★ The Wedding Planner ('01, Rom) Jennifer Lopez.						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		69	59	27	68	54	Sweet Genius		Chopped		Chopped		Chef Wanted (N)		Rachael vs. Guy		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	IDOHOuCow	SportsDay OnAir	NCAA Basketball Iowa State vs. Oklahoma Women's (L)				H.S. Football Classics 2012 UIL State Championship 5A Division II Cedar Hill vs. Katy					
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★★★ The Other Guys Will Ferrell.			Anger M.	Anger M.	Archer (N)	Legit (N)	Biased	BrandX W/ Russell		Archer	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Brady8.	Brady8.	★ Be My Valentine William Baldwin.			Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Salvage	Salvage	Rehab	Rehab	HouseH	House	Hawaii	Hawaii	Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Endgame"	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Swamp People		Big Rig "Tracked"		Only in America		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	To Be Announced	Project Runway "Surprise Me" (N)		Project Runway "The Hard and Soft" (N)		The Ultimate	Double Divas (N)		To Be Announced		Project Runway "Surprise Me"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball	The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show			Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39			34	Ski Team	Star Spangled	Star Spangled		Star Spangled		Crossover	FB Talk	Overtime	Poker After Dark		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	House of Anubis (N)	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Impact Wrestling			Mixed Martial Arts Bellator Fight Night				Bellator MMA		
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Sin City	Mickey Rourke.		★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans				★★ My Bloody Valentine Jensen Ackles.				
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Checks"	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	King of the Nerds "High IQ's" (N)		Conan		King of the Nerds "High IQ's"	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ The Prisone...	★★★★ Gone With the Wind (1939, Epic) Clark Gable, Olivia De Havilland, Vivien Leigh.									★★★★ Rebecca	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado	Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones		
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	DC Cupcakes "County Fair" (N)	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	What Not to Wear "Casey D."		Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	What Not to Wear "Casey D."		
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Red Menace"	NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena -- Oklahoma City, Okla. (L)					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers vs. Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)					
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Stalked"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Closure" 1/2		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Closure, Part II" 2/2		Suits "Normandy" (N)		Necessary Rough "Regret Me Not"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Valentine's Day"		
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News	Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	

Perry empty-handed in California — so far

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry wrapped up his high-profile recruiting trip to California on Wednesday without having persuaded any businesses to relocate to his state — at least not yet.

On a conference call with reporters from Laguna Beach, the Republican said he spent his four days meeting with entrepreneurs and business leaders and held a reception for more than 200 California companies that have expressed interest in moving to Texas. His office later clarified, though, that the reception was actually with only 20 businesses.

Such relocations can take time, but Perry also offered no details on prospects, much less concrete announcements.

In a small but heavily publicized media campaign last week, a privately funded marketing firm produced radio ads in California featuring Perry and denigrating that state's taxes and regulation while touting the Texas business climate. A progressive Texas political action committee responded Tuesday with radio ads in California taunting Perry.

Perry said on the call that "this isn't about bashing California; it's about promoting Texas." But he went on to offer a few digs. When asked if Texas' light regulatory rules have contributed to a high number of worksite deaths, the governor said he thought it had more to do with high-risk oil and gas industry jobs prevalent in his state.

"Y'all in California are not very knowledgeable about the energy industry and that is a fairly dangerous workplace," Perry said.

In fact, California is one of the nation's top oil-producing states, with an industry dating to 1860. The state has ranked in the top five in production for 100 years and typically is third or fourth, said Don Drysdale, a spokesman for the California Division of Oil, Gas and Theothermal Resources.

In 2011, the last year for which figures are available, California produced 196.8 million barrels of oil and 244 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Unlike Texas and the other oil-producing states, California does not levy a state tax on the companies that extract the oil.

Meanwhile, even though Perry himself has called for increasing state spending to improve roads and highways, he said a lack of Texas infrastructure hasn't been a concern for California business leaders used to mind-boggling traffic.

"When you drive through LA and you see the congestion on the highways here, they even probably think I-35 is flowing pretty well at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon," Perry said, referring to the heavily congested interstate that runs north-south through Texas, linking San Antonio, Austin and Dallas.

Perry, the longest-serving governor in the country, noted that he's made similar business recruitment trips to California in the past, though often with far less fanfare. California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, last week dismissed the radio ads featuring Perry as a cheap gimmick.

"Gov. Brown may call it poaching. I just call it giving people an option of where they can locate their business and be able to keep more of their money," Perry said.

He said competition between the states is healthy, even if it can ruffle some feathers — and he's out to win.

"It's uncomfortable. Any race is," Perry said. "I would always rather be at the head of the race, letting someone look at my backside as I either pass them or am pulling away."

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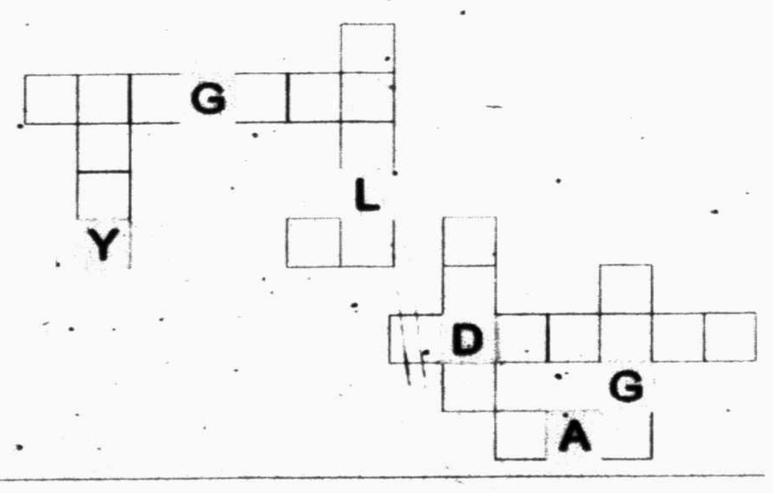

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Carlsbad zoo grows in time of transition

By Natalie Gross
Carlsbad Current-Argus

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park has suffered its share of budget cuts with the rest of the nation, but according to New Mexico State Park Division officials, things are beginning to look up.

On Friday, LuAnn Kilday began her new role as an animal keeper at Living Desert, making her position the first of four that New Mexico State Park Division Regional Manager Alan Fiala has been working to fill.

Fiala said it's just not as easy to hire people as it used to be. Because it is a government agency, the park's hiring process is a long one. And since Ken Britt retired from his superintendent position last December, there is no doubt that the park has been a little shorthanded. Former park superintendent Dean Ricer, who retired in 1999, said he is disappointed that the park has not yet found someone to replace Britt. His concern about the job situation at Living Desert is not only because of his former position, he said, but because the park is the only institution in the southwestern U.S. that focuses its attention on the Chihuahuan Desert.

"It's never been given its due," Ricer said. "We finally got the (Motor Vehicle Division) up to staff. We need the same action at the Living Desert." But Fiala and New Mexico State Park Deputy Director Jerome Madrid said they're in the process of looking for the next superintendent and people to fill the other vacancies at Living Desert. These things just take time, he said.

"All our vacancies statewide are very important, but things are all in motion to get all those positions (at Living Desert) filled," Madrid said. "Everything right now is in process."

Madrid said there are 78 vacant positions in the NM state park system, and each one is critical. "We're doing the best we can," he said. "With state government, it's a whole long process to get a job advertised. There's a screening process that has to happen to come up with eligible people, scheduling interviews and selecting someone. Then there's the

As part of her first day on the job, LuAnn Kilday had to get to know all of the animals.

Kilday's hiring process took a long time, even though she was already a federal employee who transferred from Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Though she said her experience may not have been typical, she said she applied for the animal keeper position at Living Desert in July and didn't start until Feb. 8.

This is a far cry from the hiring process that most public companies go through, Madrid said. If an employee quits one day, the company is legally able to hire a replacement the very next.

Ricer also stated his concern that the Living Desert could lose its accreditation because of the multiple vacancies - especially the clerk's position, which he said has been vacant for more than two years. But Fiali assured that is not the case.

The park received its last certificate of accreditation last March and it is good for five years, Fiala said. According to Madrid, a full staff is one of the criteria that the park must meet to uphold its accreditation, but because the state park division can prove that it is actively working to fill the vacancies, Living Desert is not in immediate jeopardy of losing its credentials.

Eric Gay/AP

Archivist Claudia Anderson handles some of the love letters exchanged between Lyndon Johnson, then a 26-year-old congressional aide, and Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor, then 21, at the LBJ Presidential Library at the University of Texas on Wednesday in Austin. For the first time, the entire collection of nearly 100 love letters written between Lyndon Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson during their 21/2-month courtship in 1934 is being made available to the public, beginning on Valentine's Day.

LBJ and Lady Bird love letters released

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Days after the congressional aide met the University of Texas history-and journalism graduate in Austin, he boldly proposed marriage.

Claudia Alta Taylor, the 21-year-old rancher's daughter known to her friends as "Bird," was intrigued but thought Lyndon Johnson's proposal was much too impulsive. Her clearly smitten suitor, however, was persistent.

"It is an important decision," he wrote to her in one of the nearly 90 love letters the pair exchanged during their 10-week courtship in 1934. "It isn't being made in one night ... but your lack of decision hasn't tempered either my affection, devotion or ability to know what I want."

She replied that his proposal and repeated insistence "sort of put me on the spot, didn't it, dear? All I can say, in absolutely honesty, is — I love you, I don't know how everlastingly I love you — so I can't answer you yet."

The correspondence between the 26-year-old future president and the woman the world would come to know as Lady Bird are available for public review for the first time starting today — Valentine's Day — at the LBJ Presidential Library at the University of Texas at Austin.

A few of the letters were previously released but not the entire collection, which also will be posted online.

"We've had several requests from researchers to release these," Claudia Anderson, the library's supervisory archivist, said Wednesday. "It just seemed like a good time to do it."

Unlike brief and instantaneous Twitter or Facebook posts or cryptic phone texts, the letters — most multiple pages — reflect a time when the handwritten note was the chief form of communication.

"Dearly Beloved," Taylor begins one, before reconsidering her salutation. "This sounds like a sermon — it isn't."

He signs them, "Lyndon," or "Lyndon Baines." She signs, "Bird." One closes, "Do you still love me? Devotedly, Bird."

Her stationery carries that name, given to her by a caretaker nurse who described her as "pretty as a lady bird." Her handwriting is very neat in thin black script.

His, also in script with thick dark black ink, is on letterhead from Washington's Dodge Hotel, where he lived while working as an aide to U.S. Rep. Richard Kleberg, of Texas. Other letters are on Kleberg's office stationery, sent simply to "Miss Bird Taylor, Karnack, Texas," where her home didn't have a telephone. The envelope carries 6 cents postage, but some he sent by air mail or special delivery.

None of the letters is dated, but merely provides a day of the week. Fortunately for archivists, Taylor saved the envelopes — Johnson didn't — as well as the letters, allowing researchers to assemble what they believe is a chronological order.

In one letter, Taylor defends her indecision on marriage, saying "everybody is so constantly urging" her to wait, that two months isn't long enough to know him. "My head aches," she writes.

Anderson said Johnson is "certainly romantic in these letters in that he is wooing her, he's trying to impress her and he makes various arguments why they should get married."

"I would not really call these letters sentimental. He wants a commitment from her. ... His letters express that," Anderson said. "They are fascinating."

She said the letters reflect characteristics that would come to be synonymous with the couple: "His impatience, his passion for helping people; her interest in conservation and nature."

He talks about getting jobs for people, his own job in Washington and complains how she doesn't write every day. Hers progress from, "I'm not so sure about this," to, "I adore you."

Ten weeks after they met, Johnson showed up in November 1934 at Lady Bird's widowed father's home in Karnack to press for an answer. Even as they made the 350-mile drive to San Antonio, she wasn't sure she would "commit matrimony," as Mrs. Johnson described it later.

But the couple married Nov. 17, 1934, four days after the last letter in the collection, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio.

Johnson dispatched a friend, Dan Quill, who was postmaster in the Alamo city, to get a ring for the ceremony. It came from a Sears store and cost $2.50.

Lady Bird Johnson spent 34 years in Washington as her husband's political career took him to the chief executive's office after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. Lyndon Johnson was elected the following year to a four-year term, but declined to seek re-election in 1968 amid growing civil unrest and challenges from his Democratic Party over his Vietnam War policies.

He and Lady Bird retired to their ranch and Austin, and Lyndon Johnson died in 1973. Mrs. Johnson died in 2007 at age 94.

Online:
LBJ Presidential Library, www.lbjlibrary.org

TEXASBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Special prosecutors appointed in teen beating case

A judge has granted a request by prosecutors to recuse themselves from the cases of three former Houston police officers accused of beating a teenage burglary suspect.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office said it asked to be removed to avoid a potential conflict of interest. The wife of recently elected District Attorney Mike Anderson previously represented another officer who was investigated in the case.

During a court hearing Wednesday in Houston, state District Judge Ruben Guerrero appointed two Houston defense attorneys as special prosecutors.

Former Houston police officers Phillip Bryan, Raad Hassan and Drew Ryser face misdemeanor charges for their roles in the alleged March 2010 beating of the teen, which was caught on video surveillance. A fourth ex-officer who had been indicted was acquitted in May.

FORT WORTH

Coroner: Attacker was on drugs when he killed pastor

A coroner says an attacker who crashed his car into a North Texas church and beat a minister to death before dying in custody had been using drugs.

The Tarrant County medical examiner on Tuesday ruled the death of Derrick Birdow was associated with PCP ingestion.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Forest Hill police Chief Dan Dennis said investigators suspected Birdow was on the hallucinogenic drug because of his behavior.

Birdow on Oct. 29 drove into the Greater Sweethome Missionary Baptist Church, picked up a guitar and fatally beat the Rev. Danny Kirk Sr.

An officer used a Taser to subdue Birdow. He stopped breathing in a patrol car and was pronounced dead at a hospital.

PLANO

Dr Pepper Snapple 4Q profit up, stock down

Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. said Wednesday that its fourth-quarter net income edged up 2 percent, bolstered by higher prices. But its performance missed Wall Street's expectations, and its 2013 earnings forecast fell short of analysts' estimates.

The soft drink company's stock dropped more than 5 percent in morning trading.

The company, which makes 7Up, Sunkist, Mott's and other drinks, earned $170 million, or 81 cents per share, for the three months ended Dec. 31. That's up from $166 million, or 77 cents per share, in the prior-year period.

Excluding an accounting measure, earnings were 82 cents per share.

Analysts polled by FactSet expected 85 cents per share.

Shares of Dr Pepper Snapple dropped $2.31, or 5.1 percent, to $43.02 in morning trading. Its shares have traded in a 52-week range of $37.36 to $46.37.

Escaped prisoner described as 'schizophrenic'

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE — The Florida prisoner who stabbed a detective and escaped near Dallas while being transported to Nevada is "a schizophrenic" who vowed not to return to prison, according to authorities and a 911 call released Wednesday.

Alberto Morales, 42, escaped Monday after using a piece from his eyeglasses to stab Miami-Dade Detective Jaime Pardinas, one of two officers transferring the prisoner by car to Nevada. The escape happened while they were stopped in a Wal-Mart store parking lot in Grapevine, a community near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Grapevine police spokesman Robert Eberling said authorities continue to search near the airport and will do so until they believe they should look elsewhere. He said the search covers "any place anybody can hide," including yards and drainage ditches.

Eberling said inmates who knew Morales in prison have told investigators that he had vowed not to return.

"He's made it pretty clear that he's not going back to prison," Eberling said.

On a recording of a 911 call released Wednesday, Pardinas can be heard breathing heavily as he tells the operator that he's been stabbed. He described Morales' height, weight and appearance and then added, "He's a schizophrenic."

On another 911 call, a bystander told the operator: "There's a guy with a gun and somebody on the floor bleeding." The caller than clarified that "the guy with the gun is helping the guy that's bleeding."

Pardinas was accompanied by Miami-Dade Detective David Carrero during the transfer. They flew to Houston with Morales and then decided to drive the rest of the way after he became disruptive on the flight.

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FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 50 Low: 27

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 55 Low: 32

Local forecast

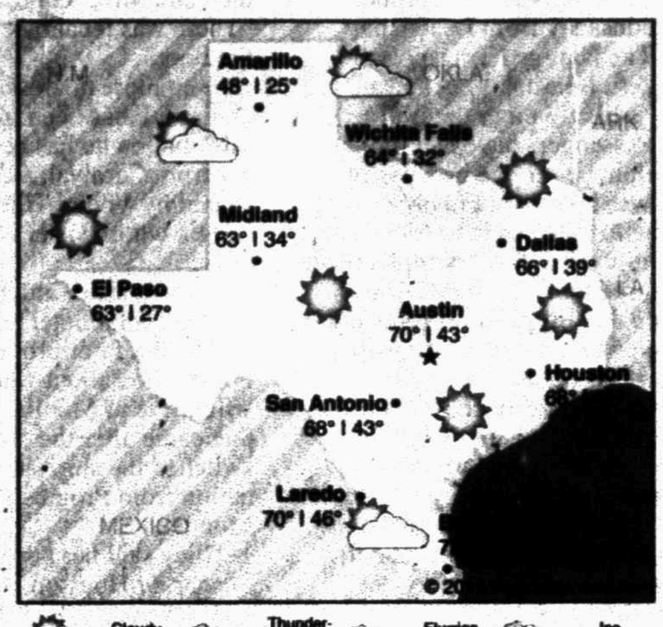
Expect sunny skies today with a high around 65 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 35. Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 50 and a low in the upper 20s.

The high on Wednesday reached 58, while the low dropped to 26. The record high for Feb. 13 is 83 set in 1962. The record low is 14 set in 1963.

Weather whys

Q: What are other types of freezes?

A: A light freeze occurs when the temperature gets between 29 to 32 degrees, and this kind of freeze can kill tender plants but not harm others, Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University said. "A moderate freeze occurs at 25 to 28 degrees and this can destroy most types of vegetation, especially fruit plants. All freezes are tough on plants, but a hard freeze (26 degrees or lower for at least four hours) is the worst. It is often called a 'killing freeze' because it kills most of the plants affected. Hard freezes are common in northern states and higher altitudes, but usually only several will occur each winter in most parts of Texas."

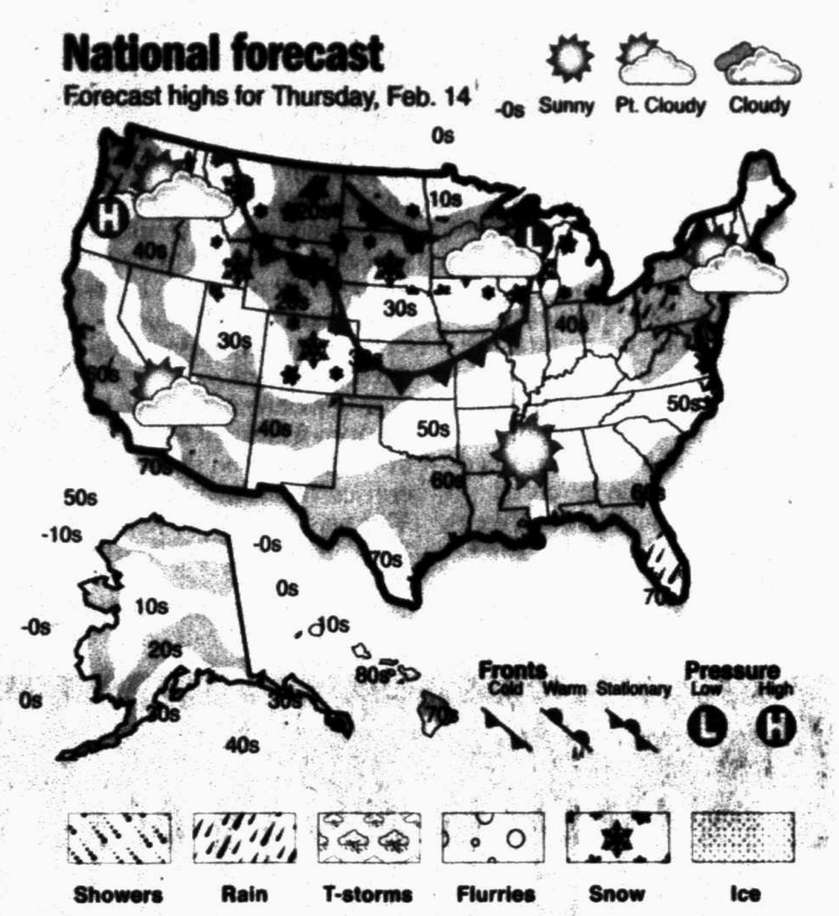


Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.03 in.
Year total	1.48 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.88 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	58
Low	26
Normal high	62
Normal low	34
Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	6:35 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Feb. 14



Grandma pays good money to keep kids from smoking

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: It bothers me greatly to know that so many children continue to start smoking at an early age. My husband and I did that, and now we're paying an awful price. We have had emphysema for years. Four of our children also took up the habit. I finally started paying them to quit ($100 every two weeks they didn't smoke — up to five payments).

I decided to head off the temptation our grandchildren would face. We told them if they didn't start smoking by the age of 18, we'd pay them $2,000. So far, seven of the 10 have collected a nice check on their 18th birthday, and we expect the remaining three to collect in turn. They have grown up understanding that cigarettes are "gross" and, if they start smoking, it will cost them a lot of money!

Abby, you're the best way to spread ideas. I hope you will think it worthwhile to pass this one along. — DO AS I SAY, GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR DO AS I SAY: I'm passing it along, but frankly, I'm not crazy about bribery. One would think that, having witnessed firsthand the serious health issues you and your husband are experiencing, your grandchildren would have understood what awaited them if they took up the habit.

The tobacco industry has done a huge disservice to young people by marketing their products to them — and not just in the form of cigarettes, but also with flavored chewing tobacco, which is equally addictive. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, nearly 90 percent of smokers start by age 18.

In 2006, U.S. District Judge Gladys E. Kessler of Washington, D.C., ruled the major cigarette manufacturers were guilty of fraud and racketeering under the federal RICO Act. (When the tobacco companies appealed, the Supreme Court rejected it without comment.)

She wrote that for more than 50 years the tobacco industry "lied, misrepresented and deceived the American public, including smokers and the young people they avidly sought as 'replacement smokers,' about the devastating effects of smoking....

"They suppressed research, they destroyed documents, they manipulated the use of nicotine so as to increase and perpetuate addiction, they distorted the truth ... so as to discourage smokers from quitting."

It is extremely important that young people be educated about — and prevented from — using tobacco. Smokers who start as teenagers increase their chances of becoming addicted. Think about it: reduced lung function, early heart disease, cancer, asthma, disfigurement. Yes — it could happen to YOU.

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband and adorable grandchildren, but I have developed deep feelings for a man I met at the gym where I go with a friend.

I find myself thinking of this man during the day and night. I don't want to have an affair nor do I want him to know what I feel. When the thoughts of him come, they overwhelm me so I try to pray. I have no plans to cheat on my husband. What else can I do? — CONFIDENTIAL IN GREENVILLE, N.C.

DEAR CONFIDENTIAL: Because you have a wonderful husband and a life you do not want to be disrupted, I recommend that when you finish exercising at the gym you take a COLD shower. And if that doesn't work, go to an all-female gym.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY READERS: Thanks to you, writing this column is a love-in every day of the year.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Read the cards

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ 9 4 3 2
◇ 9 8 4 3
♣ A 6

WEST
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♡ 8 6
◇ K
♣ K 9 5

EAST
♠ J 5
♡ 10
◇ Q J 7 6 2
♣ J 10 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ A K Q J 7 5
◇ A 10 5
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	4	4 ♠
5	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of

In the good book of bridge, it is written: "For every play there is a reason." Find the reason, and the way to make — or break — the contract will become clear.

South's decision to open with four hearts in third seat was based in part on a desire to shut out an opposing spade contract — an impossible feat given West's holding and the vulnerability. With four-card support for opener's suit, North never contemplated doubling.

West led the king of diamonds, declarer winning. Trumps were drawn in two rounds and a low spade was led. West rose with the ace and exited with a low spade. Declarer put up dummy's king, discarding a diamond from hand, then led the 10 of spades, discarding the last diamond from hand.

In with the queen of spades, West had a choice of losing options — either leading a club away from the king, or conceding a ruff-sluff. In either case the contract was home.

What made declarer opt for this line rather than something more exotic? If West held another diamond, the defender would certainly have continued that suit when in with the ace of spades. Similarly, if West did not hold the king of clubs, a club shift would have been automatic. Those clues were all that a good technician needed to bring home a difficult contract.

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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, Feb. 14, 2013:

This year your words carry a lot of weight. You don't need to fight for an audience; others make it their pleasure to listen to your ideas. Your resourcefulness impresses them. Give 150 percent to whatever you choose to focus on. The results might not be any different, but you will feel better. If you are single, you don't need to go far — your magnetic personality attracts many potential suitors. If you are attached, your interactions are full of intensity and understanding. You will enjoy your time together more, especially as you learn new ways of expressing yourself. You are never shy with ARIES.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ What you want done can be accomplished easily right now. Your perspective transforms as well. Focus on your long-term objectives. A meeting provides direction quickly and effectively. Touch base with a close friend or family member. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be moping around, overthinking a certain situation. You certainly are not in a gregarious mood right now. Take off and do something just for you. Often, you give too much of yourself. It's OK to be a little me-oriented sometimes. Tonight: Suddenly on center stage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ A meeting points you in a certain direction. Follow through on what seems like the obvious choice. You can't sit back and do nothing. Friends and loved ones surround you. Valentine's Day seems to put a smile on many faces. Tonight: Have fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You have a lot of responsibility that's been tossed on you. Take your time, and check out the details when executing plans. Focus on your long-term goals. Others might take advantage of the moment and your caring spirit. Tonight: Finish what others have left undone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ A little mystery goes a long way, and it has the potential to increase the level of excitement between you and someone else. Unexpected news comes in from a distance. Read between the lines when dealing with this person. Tonight: Somewhere very different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Dealing with one special person occupies your day. Fortunately, he or she is in a good mood, which makes it easier to relate on a one-on-one level. A friendly gesture in the morning could warm up the office atmosphere. Tonight: Make plans to be with a special person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A key person is controlling. Your creativity gives you an idea that breaks through his or her power play. You need to be careful, as this individual could feel very vulnerable as a result. You are likely to see a new side of an old friend. Tonight: Say "yes" to an imaginative idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Listen to a friend's creative idea for Valentine's Day plans. Make the most of the moment. Someone who wants to be your Valentine lets you know his or her feelings. Be sensitive yet open. Your fiery side will emerge if you feel cornered. Tonight: Make it relaxing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Reach out to others in a discussion; they will be pleased to share their ideas and collaborate with you. Return calls. Much might be happening that you'd prefer not to talk about. Your words have impact, so remain sensitive to others' thoughts. Tonight: Talk is cheap.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Let ideas circulate about a personal choice you've made. Honor a suggestion from your inner circle. You know what works for you; don't assume that it works for others. Listen carefully, and juggle the pros and cons of what is being offered. Tonight: Work close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your unique style often seems irresistible to others. Your smile and attitude tells them that you believe you are on the winning team. Speak your mind, and share more of what you think. Situations emerge that allow greater give-and-take. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

PISCES (Feb.19-March 20) ★★★ You clearly have gone through a change, and you might be digesting the ramifications of this transformation. Your instincts are working overtime. Focus on what feels right and what offers the most opportunities. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner and a movie.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Gregory Hines (1946), singer/songwriter Rob Thomas (1972), journalist Carl Bernstein (1944)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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14 Cowboy, at times
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18 Agile deer
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23 Seaside raptor
24 Have to thank for, with "to"
25 Horn sound
26 Belgrade native
28 Lawn option
29 Nova Scotia hrs.
32 Relative via remarriage
36 Shell out
37 Stout
40 Gremlin and Pacer
41 Able to come back
42 Cole Porter's "__ Clown"
43 Bond, for one
45 "Heavens to Betsy!"
46 Place to tie up
48 "__ we having fun yet?"
49 Intractable beast
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62 Blue hue
63 Reaction to being cut off
64 Not a good mark
65 Hem again

DOWN

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2 Casanova
3 For the bees
4 Tide type
5 Cubemaster Rubik
6 Milkshake choice
7 Gradually vanish
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9 Not get the better of
10 Flickr image
11 Ring insert
12 Knife in "West Side Story"
13 Shape (up)
21 Tire-shaped
22 New England catch
26 Nos. for beachgoers
27 Chemical suffix
28 Cryptozoologist's quarry
30 Name meaning "young warrior" in Old Norse
31 Short communication
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33 Large volume
34 Yosemite attraction
35 Not a good mark
36 Crossword component
38 Rival of Rory
39 Greeting in Rio
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49 Like many a prime rib serving
50 One in a Lincoln quartet?
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53 "Do __ ..."
54 Late-inning achievement
55 Barbra's "Funny Girl" co-star
56 Flabbergast

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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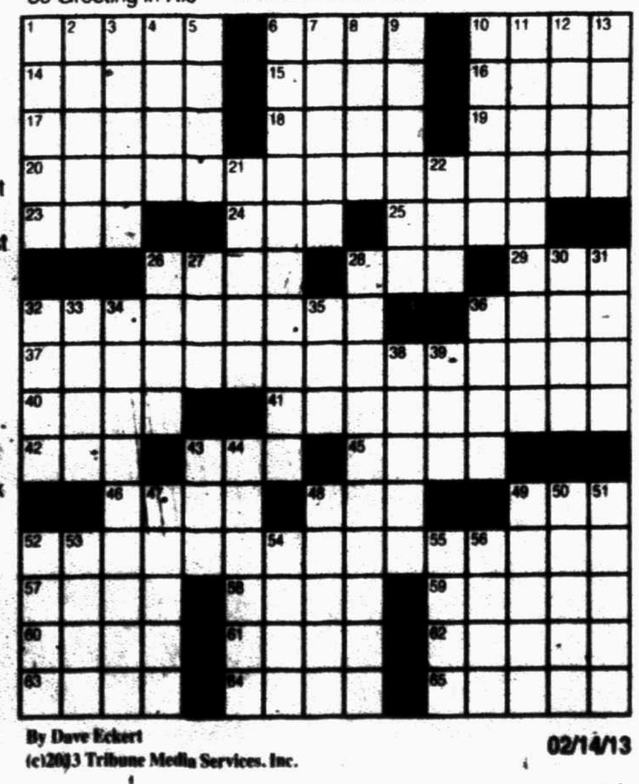

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Carnival cancels 12 more cruises on troubled ship

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Carnival Cruise Lines has canceled a dozen more planned voyages aboard the Triumph and acknowledged that the crippled ship had been plagued by other mechanical problems in the weeks before an engine-room fire left it powerless in the Gulf of Mexico.

The company's announcement on Wednesday came as the Triumph was being towed to a port in Mobile, Ala., with more than 4,000 people on board, some of whom have complained to relatives that conditions on the ship are dismal and that they have limited access to food and bathrooms.

The ship will be idle through April. Two other cruises were called off shortly after Sunday's fire.

Debbi Smedley, a passenger on a recent Triumph cruise, said the ship had trouble on Jan. 28 as it was preparing to leave Galveston. Hours before the scheduled departure time, she received an email from Carnival stating the vessel would leave late because of a propulsion problem. Passengers were asked to arrive at the port at 2 p.m., two hours later than originally scheduled.

The ship did not sail until after 8 p.m., she said.

"My mother is a cruise travel agent so this is not my first rodeo. I have sailed many, many cruises, many, many cruise lines. This was, by far, I have to say, the worst," said Smedley, of Plano.

After losing power on its most recent journey, the ship drifted until Tuesday, when two tugboats began moving it toward shore. A third tugboat was enroute Wednesday from Louisiana.

The National Transportation Safety Board has opened an investigation into the fire.

Passengers have had limited cellphone service because of the power failure, but many were able to make calls to friends and family when the Triumph rendezvoused with another Carnival ship that dropped off food and supplies. The other ship had a working cellular antenna.

Robert Giordano, of the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond, said he last spoke to his wife, Shannon, on Monday. She told him she waited in line for three hours to get a hot dog, and that conditions on the ship were terrible.

"They're having to urinate in the shower. They've been passed out plastic bags to go to the bathroom," Giordano said. "There was fecal matter all over the floor."

Even more distressing, Giordano said, has been the lack of information he has been able to get from Carnival, a complaint shared by Vivian Tilley, of San Diego, whose sister is also on the vessel.

Carnival, she said, has not told families what hotel passengers will be put in or provided precise information about when they will arrive in Mobile, Ala. And that came after the cruise line switched the ship's towing destination from Progreso, Mexico, to Mobile.

Tilley said her sister, Renee Shanar, of Houston, told her the cabins were hot and smelled like smoke from the engine fire, forcing passengers to stay on the deck. She also said people were getting sick.

"It's a nightmare," Tilley said, noting Shanar and her husband chose a four-day cruise so they wouldn't be away from their two daughters for too long.

Meanwhile, officials in Mobile are preparing a cruise terminal that has not been used for a year to help passengers go through customs after their ordeal.

The Triumph is expected to arrive today.

The cruise ship company has chartered 15 buses to haul passengers to hotels in New Orleans and downtown Mobile, said Barbara Drummond, a spokeswoman for the city of Mobile.

Carnival said passengers would also be able to fly home on chartered flights.

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Garrett: Offseason moves are collaborative

Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett talked about his new assistants for nearly 30 minutes before taking a question in his first offseason news conference Wednesday.

He emphasized his ties to the six newcomers, seemingly in anticipation of what he would hear when he finally turned things over to reporters.

Was he behind all these changes after a second straight 8-8 season and a third year in a row without a trip to the playoffs? Or was someone, else? Dallas owner Jerry Jones' name didn't come up in the question, but it did in Garrett's answer.

"We've had a lot of discussions about coaches and players through the years, and the lines of communication have always been open," Garrett said. "My opinions are well-known, Jerry Jones' opinions, (executive vice president) Stephen Jones' opinions, our coaches' opinions."

Jones' opinion after the season was that he was going to make things "uncomfortable" at team headquarters. A revamping of the coaching staff followed, along with talk that Garrett would surrender play-calling duties.

All the chatter led to speculation — including from former Super Bowl-winning Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman — that Jones was calling all the shots and Garrett was just following orders, happy to still be the head coach even though he'll be one of the hottest seats in the NFL when the season starts. The speculation was strong enough for Jones and Garrett to try to knock it down in interviews on the team's website, and there was an overflow crowd for Garrett's nearly hourlong appearance Wednesday.

"Since I've been here as the head coach, he and I have had a really good relationship," Garrett said. "We've had very candid conversations, and this offseason has been no different."

If the decision on play-calling duties for 2013 has been made, Garrett's not saying, although he did say it would be his move to make. He has been the offensive play-caller since joining the staff under Wade Phillips in 2007, and he kept that role when he replaced Phillips in the middle of the 2010 season.

Garrett said he has re-evaluated whether he should call plays each offseason and said the same process was ongoing. Offensive line coach Bill Callahan, who called plays for the Oakland Raiders and in college at

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Jason Garrett: Cowboys head coach says his relationship with owner Jerry Jones is "real good."

EXPERT ON ADVERSITY

Buckner speaks at sports banquet

By Oscar LeRoy
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Bill Buckner is well aware that the majority of baseball fans young and old will know who he is, even though they might not remember all of his accomplishments in his 22-year Major League Baseball career.

During his prestigious career, Bucker amassed 2,721 hits, had a career .991 fielding percentage playing mostly first base, was the National League batting champion while playing for the Cubs and played in two World Series.

For most big league ballplayers, that's a pretty good résumé, and his career would have been suffice to talk about during Wednesday's West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction at Midland Country Club.

But then there's Game 6 of the 1986 World Series when his Boston Red Sox were playing the New York Mets.

Buckner was a late defensive replacement at first, and the Red Sox were an out away from winning their first world title since 1918. But Buckner is well aware that anything can happen — and it did. After the Mets came back to tie it in the top of the ninth inning, Mookie Wilson hit a

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Retired major leaguer Bill Buckner speaks during the RockHounds West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction on Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

Houston Astros starting fresh in more ways than one

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Bo Porter is taking over a team that lost 213 games the past two years.

The payroll has been slashed, and expectations are low for the Houston Astros. But don't expect their new manager to rule with an iron fist. Porter wants his players to be themselves.

"We have standards of what it is to be a Houston Astro," Porter said. "At the same time, this is a major league clubhouse. It's a bunch of different guys. You want it to be loose. You want it to be fun. You want them to be able to be who they are."

Porter

The Astros are starting fresh, and this season will certainly be unique for them. Houston is moving from the National League Central to the American League West, and although the short term includes some daunting challenges, this franchise is eager to face them.

"I think as part of this whole kind of rebranding and rebuilding process that we're going through right now, we're able to kind of wipe the slate clean and really just kind of forget the past," catcher Jason Castro said.

The past may be easier to forget now that there are so few links to it left. Houston's payroll cuts have been ongoing — the Astros traded shortstop Jed Lowrie to Oakland earlier this month. Porter was hired after serving as Washington's third base coach.

The last team to lose 106 games for at least three straight seasons was the New York Mets from 1962-65. The Astros lost 107 last year and 106 in 2011. Now they'll have to contend with a division that includes three teams — Oakland, Texas and the Los Angeles Angels — that won at least 89 games last season.

Houston's move balanced out baseball's divisions. Each now has five teams, and all things being equal, it should be easier to win a five-team division than one with six teams. But the Astros aren't in much of a position to expect that at this point. Last year was spent trying to restock the farm system. Houston took shortstop Carlos Correa with the top pick

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Permian coach Gaines surprised with award

By Jordan Mason
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As speaker after speaker wandered up to the podium at Midland Country Club on Wednesday evening, Gary Gaines admitted he wasn't paying attention.

Approximately three hours earlier, Gaines learned he'd been the victim of a setup, a secret plan that caught him off guard in a way teams rarely did in his eight years as head football coach at Odessa Permian.

"My wife didn't tell me anything about this," Gaines said shortly after arriving at the West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction where he learned he'd be receiving the Scott Seator Community Achievement Award: "She knew."

But Gaines took it all in stride Wednesday, calling it "a great honor" to receive the award and speaking later on his service to the community, which he called the best part of his job as a high school football coach.

"If I've helped one kid, I'll be thankful," Gaines said during his speech. "And I've worked with a bunch of them for 42 years, and that's what it's all about."

Gaines announced Dec. 18, 2012, that he had coached his last game at Permian, and on Wednesday said the retirement life, though different, has been treating him well.

Of course, as he implied the day he announced his resignation, Gaines won't be unemployed for long, saying he'd be starting a part-time sales position with Daktronics — makers of scoreboards, video displays and sound systems — on Monday Feb. 24.

"I'll still have time to do my manly work around the house, so it'll be fun," Gaines said with a smile.

Gaines also said the part-time position will allow him to continue to spend time around the program that won a state title under his watch in 1989, a luxury that he said he believes will help whenever he needs to scratch the itch to be involved with high school football again.

He said he's already visited Permian on National Signing Day this year, watching three players of his sign letters of intent and meeting his replacement, Blake Feldt, for the first time.

Having seen nearly everything in his time at Permian, Gaines said seeing a former offensive lineman for Midland High take over the

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Bob Hards, left, radio voice of the RockHounds, introduces former Permian football head coach Gary Gaines during the West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction on Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

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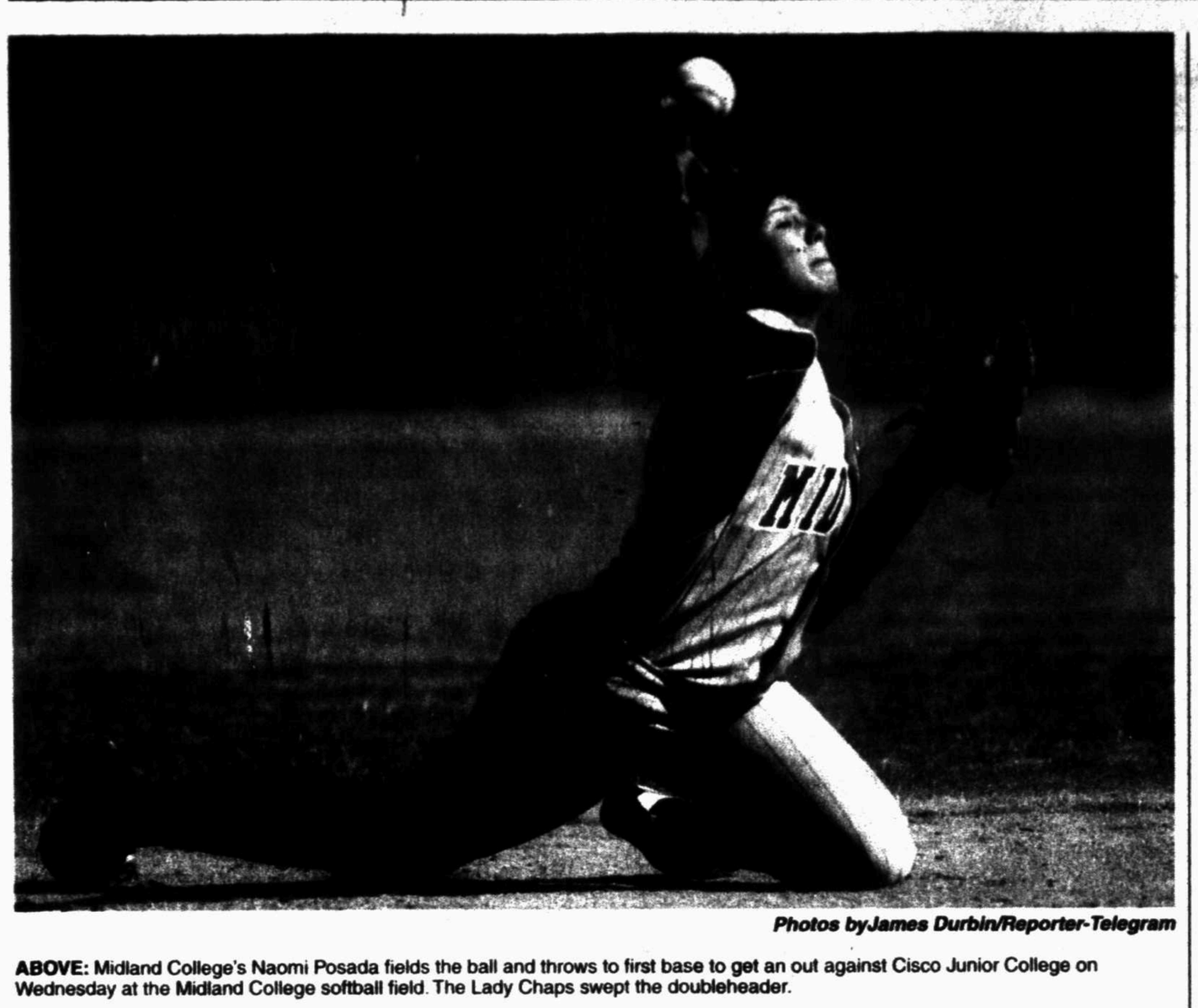

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ABOVE: Midland College's Naomi Posada fields the ball and throws to first base to get an out against Cisco Junior College on Wednesday at the Midland College softball field. The Lady Chaps swept the doubleheader.

BELOW: Midland College's Taylor Daniels fields the ball and throws to first base to get an out against Cisco.

Lady Chaps sweep home doubleheader

Lady Chaparrals 7-12
Wranglers 0-11

From staff reports

The Midland College softball team swept a pair of non-conference games from Cisco Junior College on Wednesday at the Midland College softball field.

Midland College won the first game 7-1 thanks to a five-run first winning and then won the second game in wild fashion, 12-11.

In the first game, the Lady Chaps (6-4) scored five runs in the first inning and added two more in the seventh to complete the victory. Pililani Smith-Keopuhiwa was 2 for 2 on the day and had two RBI, and Taylor Daniels was 2 for 4. Noami Posada also had two RBI.

Shelby Weisenbach picked up the first of two pitching victories on Wednesday in the opening game as she pitched seven innings, giving up one run on six hits, with one walk and three strikeouts.

The second game was a little more eventful for the Lady Chaps.

Midland College jumped to a 6-3 lead in the second inning, but Cisco came back to score a combined seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 10-7 lead. MC came back to score two in the bottom of the sixth, but Cisco added a run in the top of the seventh and held an 11-9 lead entering the final inning.

But Smith-Keopuhiwa tied the game with a two-run double in the bottom of the seventh, and then Earnysha Scroggins bought home the winning run.

Weisenbach was the winning pitcher as she came on in relief of starter Holly Herrington in the seventh.

Daniels was 4 for 5 with two RBI on the day, and Ka'iulani Kamai was 3 for 5 with two RBI. Smith-Keopuhiwa was 2 for 4 and also had two RBI, and Weisenbach was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Scroggins was 2 for 5 with two RBI.

Midland College will continue its busy week with a 1 p.m. doubleheader today against Trinidad Junior College.

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Shaye Shonebarger and Chrystal Reese.

Shelby Weisenbach and Amy Henderson. W — Weisenbach. L — Shonebarger. 2B — MC: Taylor Daniels, Naomi Posada. HR — MC: Pililani Smith-Keopuhiwa.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, CISCO JC 11

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2 outs when winning run scored

Brooke Jones, Shaye Shonebarger and Chrystal Reese. Holly Herrington, Shelby Weisenbach (7) and Amy Anderson. W — Weisenbach. L — Shoenberger. 2B — CJC: Sara Ward, Chrystal Reese. MC: Amy Anderson, Smith-Keopuhiwa, Taylor Daniels. HR — CJC: Mackinzee Mayfield 2. MC: Ka'ulani Kamai.

Record: Midland College 6-4

Next: Trinidad JC at Midland College, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)

MHS jumps on Tascosa early to get district win

Bulldogs 4
Rebels 1

From staff reports

AMARILLO — Midland High jumped on Amarillo Tascosa on the road Wednesday, scoring three first-half goals to take a 4-1 victory at Dick Bivins Stadium in a game that was postponed Tuesday.

"I'm proud of the boys to make this trip," Bulldog coach Warren Cottle said. "I'm proud of the way they came out and got after it."

Nico Francino led the charge early, putting his team up 2-0 in the first 15 minutes on a Will Downing assisted-goal in the fifth minute and a Marcus Davis-assisted goal in the 15th minute.

Alex Von Holle put Midland High (7-3-2, 4-2-0 in District 2-5A) up 3-0 in the 36th minute when he finished an assist from Homero Vasquez.

Tascosa (5-9-1, 0-6-1) scored in the 39th minute to make it 3-1 heading to halftime, but it was hardly enough to mount a rally as Midland High sealed the win on a Reese Barden goal in the 70th minute.

Midland High now turns its attention to crosstown rival Lee, who it will face at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

District 2-5A boys soccer standings

Team	District W	District L	District T	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Odessa Permian	6	0	0	18	7	4	1
Lee	5	0	1	16	8	3	3
Midland High	4	2	0	12	7	3	2
Abilene Cooper	4	2	0	12	5	4	2
San Angelo Central	3	3	0	9	7	4	1
Odessa High	2	4	1	7	7	5	2
Abilene High	1	4	1	4	6	6	4
Lubbock Coronado	1	5	0	3	4	11	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	6	1	1	5	9	1

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

Wednesday's Scores

Midland High 4, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Saturday's Games

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

Harrell leads way in MHS victory

Lady Bulldogs 3
Lady Rebels.....0

From staff reports

AMARILLO — Channing Harrell scored a goal and added an assist as the Midland High girls soccer team took a 3-0 victory against Amarillo Tascosa on Wednesday.

Harrell's assist came on the game's first goal when she helped Madison Scribner score in the first half.

Harrell then increased Midland High's lead to 2-0 around the 50th minute when she finished an assist from Madison Morrow.

Adrienne Almadova tallied the game's final goal about 15 minutes later when she took a pass from Anne Bergman and finished it with a goal.

"We played very well," Midland High coach Ryan Dunlevy said. "We maintained possession pretty well through the middle, and we created quite a few scoring opportunities. We implemented some of the new things this week and the girls really did well in reacting to that, and pulling off everything that we worked on."

Midland High improved to 4-5-4 overall and 4-1-1 with 13 points in District 2-5A.

MHS will take on rival Lee at noon Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Amarillo Tascosa fell to 2-10-0 and 0-5-2 with two points.

District 2-5A girls soccer standings

Team	District W	District L	District T	District Pts.	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
San Angelo Central	6	0	0	18	10	5	0
Odessa High	4	1	2	14	8	2	3
Midland High	4	1	1	13	4	5	4
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	10	9	4	1
Abilene High	3	3	0	9	9	5	1
Lee	3	3	0	9	4	8	0
Lubbock Coronado	1	4	1	4	3	9	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	5	2	2	2	10	2
Abilene Cooper	0	5	1	1	5	5	2

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

Wednesday's Scores

Midland High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Saturday's Games

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MCTODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

WOMEN

NO. 18 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 20-6, 8-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips 9-16, 2-7

Last game: Odessa College 66, Midland College 61; Western Texas 58, Frank Phillips 49 (Saturday)

Notes & quotes: The Lady Chaparrals are looking to bounce back from their first loss in eight games. Against OC, Midland College had 17 turnovers but were also outrebounded 50-45, including 26-19 on the offensive end. MC coach Ron Jones said those second chances were a determining factor in his team's loss. "We understand there's several opportunities to win a game, and if you don't take advantage of those opportunities, you could easily lose," Jones said. "We'll just continue to work on improving because we want to be playing our best basketball in three weeks (at the regional tournament). We'll just use each game as a learning experience, win or lose." ... Against OC, Achiri Ade recorded her 16th double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Daneichka Canales added 12. ... Frank Phillips is in a slump as the Lady Plainsmen have lost eight consecutive games, including a loss to Western Texas College on Saturday. ... The Lady Plainsmen don't have much size, so they compensate by running a five-out motion offense and take a lot of shots from the perimeter. Natasha Thomas, a 5-foot-8 freshman guard, leads FPC with 14.4 points per game. ... MC won the first meeting against the Lady Plainsmen, 95-39, on Jan. 17. Jones said his two biggest concerns going in are the travel and guarding against overlooking a team the Lady Chaps beat rather handily the last time. "We're trying to guard against that and trying to play the right way," Jones said.

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips at New Mexico JC, 6:45 p.m. (CST) Monday

MEN

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m., Borger Community Activity Center, Borger

Records: Midland College 15-7, 6-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips 14-12, 4-8

Last game: Odessa College 71, Midland College 58; Frank Phillips 83, NMMI 69

Notes & quotes: Midland College is looking to end a two-game slide after dropping a decision to rival Odessa College, which swept the season series from the Chaparrals for the first time since 2003. The Chaps again were plagued with turnovers and missed free throws. MC turned the ball over 18 times and was just 13 of 27 from the line. Justin Coleman poured in a team-high 20 points, and Gary Akbar added 11 in a losing effort. ... "We've been shooting ourselves in the foot," MC coach Chris Craig said. "We'll continue to work on getting better at those things, and hopefully the measures we've taken show up in the end result." ... With the loss, the Chaps are now 1 1/2 games back of fourth-place South Plains in the WJCAC standings with five games remaining on the schedule. MC essentially needs to win out and get some help on the way to avoid missing the Region V Tournament for the second straight season. "It's a big game for us," Craig said. "We've had a lot of ups and down this season and we've lost two games in a row. Now we have to play a talented Frank Phillips team that beat us here a month ago. Our transition defense is going to be huge for us. They play fast, they can score in transition and shoot it from the perimeter." ... In a 73-71 victory by the Plainsmen on Jan. 17, Ronald Scott drove the length of the court and hit a floater in the last second to beat the Chaps. Scott (16.4 ppg), a 6-foot sophomore G, is one of four Plainsmen averaging in double figures, along with 6-3 sophomore G Taquan McDew (18 ppg), 6-3 sophomore G Greg Nelson (13.6 ppg) and 6-6 sophomore F Earl Hill (12.1 ppg).

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Monday; Frank Phillips at New Mexico JC, 8:45 p.m. (CST) Monday

Standings

Women's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	9	2	19	5
Midland College	8	2	20	6
South Plains	7	3	20	5
New Mexico JC	6	3	17	5
Howard College	5	5	17	9
Frank Phillips	2	7	9	16
Western Texas	2	9	9	18
Clarendon	2	9	12	15

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 66, Midland College 61; South Plains 76, New Mexico JC 61; Clarendon 77, Western Texas 70; Frank Phillips College and Howard College were open

Today's Games

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

Men's WJCAC Standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	10	2	20	5
New Mexico JC	9	2	21	4
Howard College	8	3	21	4
South Plains	8	4	19	6
Midland College	6	5	15	7
Frank Phillips	4	8	14	12
Clarendon	3	9	14	12
New Mexico Military	2	9	6	18
Western Texas	2	10	12	14

Monday's Scores

Odessa College 66, Midland College 61; South Plains 76, New Mexico JC 61; Clarendon 77, Western Texas 70; Frank Phillips College and Howard College were open

Today's Games

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

Masch retires as Odessa High basketball coach

From staff reports

ODESSA — Longtime Odessa High girls basketball coach Harry Masch announced his retirement from coaching after 47 years as a basketball coach, and the last 23 at Odessa High, the Odessa American reported on its website Wednesday night.

Masch began his career as a boys basketball coach at Austin Lanier High School, and also had a stint at Tyler Lee as a boys coach. He also coached in college at Oklahoma City College.

Masch began his coaching stint at Odessa High in 1990.

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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	13	8	2	3	19	35	28
Pittsburgh	14	9	5	0	18	45	34
N.Y.Rangers	14	9	5	0	18	33	30
Philadelphia	14	6	7	1	13	34	40
N.Y.Islanders	12	4	7	1	9	36	43

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	11	8	1	2	18	32	25
Ottawa	14	7	5	2	16	38	37
Toronto	13	8	5	0	16	39	33
Montreal	12	7	4	1	15	35	33
Buffalo	14	5	8	1	11	39	48

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	12	7	4	1	15	38	36
Tampa Bay	12	6	5	1	13	46	36
Winnipeg	12	5	6	1	11	32	40
Florida	12	4	6	2	10	30	46
Washington	13	4	8	1	9	36	46

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	13	10	3	0	23	44	28
Detroit	13	7	4	2	16	36	36
Nashville	13	6	3	4	16	25	26
St. Louis	13	7	5	1	15	43	43
Columbus	13	4	7	2	10	30	41

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12	8	2	2	18	35	25
Edmonton	13	5	5	3	13	29	34
Minnesota	13	6	6	1	13	27	32
Calgary	14	4	9	1	9	31	39
Colorado	11	4	6	1	9	23	29

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	12	9	2	1	19	42	33
San Jose	13	7	3	3	17	36	29
Dallas	14	7	6	1	15	34	36
Phoenix	13	6	5	2	14	35	35
Los Angeles	11	4	5	2	10	26	32

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

Wednesday's Scores
Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 4, Detroit 3, OT
Calgary 7, Dallas 4
Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES

FLAMES 7, STARS 4

Dallas	1	2	1	— 4
Calgary	4	2	1	— 7

First Period—1, Calgary, Bouwmeester 3 (Cammalleri, Stempniak), 3:11. 2, Calgary, Hudler 4 (Tanguay, Wideman), 6:44 (pp). 3, Calgary, Cammalleri 1 (Iginla, Cervenka), 9:55 (pp). 4, Dallas, Nystrom 2 (Fiddler, Garbutt), 12:42. 5, Calgary, Cervenka 2 (Tanguay, Brodie), 17:18.

Second Period—5, Dallas, Morrow (Jaeger, Jo Benn), :45 (pp). 6, Calgary, Cammalleri 2 (Stempniak, Giordano), 3:23. 8, Dallas, Morrow 3 (Olekseik, Jagr), 3:47. 9, Calgary, Glencross 5 (Iginla, Jones), 12:01.

Third Period—10, Dallas, Eakin 1 (Ryder, Goligoski), 1:05 (pp). 11, Dallas, Cammalleri 3, 18:34 (en).

Shots on Goal—Dallas 7-13-14—34. Calgary 10-7-6—23.

Goalies—Dallas, Bachman. Calgary, Irving. A—19,289 (19,289). T—2:37.

BLUES 4, RED WINGS 3, OT

St. Louis	1	2	0	1	— 4
Detroit	2	1	0	0	— 3

First Period—1, Detroit, Tatar 1 (Eaves), 2:17. 2, Detroit, Miller 1 (Bodino, Kindl), 7:54. 3, St. Louis, Berglund 6 (Schlo), 15:18 (sh).

Second Period—4, St. Louis, Tarasenko 6 (Steeves, McDonald), 7:52. 5, St. Louis, Stewart 6 (Pietrangelo), 8:57. 6, Detroit, Datsyuk 6 (Filppula, Ericsson), 12:39.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—7, St. Louis, Steen 3 (Jackman, Backes), :52.

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 3-14-6-2—25. Detroit 11-5-11—18.

Goalies—St. Louis, Allen. Detroit, Howard. A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:27.

PENGUINS 4, SENATORS 2

Ottawa	1	0	1	— 2	
Pittsburgh	1	1	2	— 4	

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Pa Dupuis 5 (Crosby, Kuntz), 16:23.

Second Period—2, Ottawa, Da Costa 1 (Alfredsson, Gonchar), 10:31. 3, Ottawa, O'Brien 4 (Condra), 10:55. 4, Pittsburgh, Neal 9 (Crosby, Martin), 13:47 (pp).

Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Neal 10 (Cooke, Engelland), 1:52. 6, Pittsburgh, Crosby 6 (Martin, Neal), 11:42.

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 11-12-6—29. Pittsburgh 15-5-10—30.

Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—18,637 (18,387). T—2:27.

Tennis

ATP World Tour Brasil Open Results
Wednesday
At Ginásio do Ibirapuera
Sao Paulo
Purse: $519,775 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Albert Montanes, Spain, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

Joao Souza, Brazil, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 7-6 (6), retired.

David Nalbandian, Argentina, def. Jorge Aguilar, Chile, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

Paul Capdevila, Chile, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-7 (9), 6-0, 3-0, retired.

Second Round

Martin Alund, Argentina, def. Jeremy Chardy (4), France, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

ATP World Tour SAP Open Results
Wednesday
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Purse: $623,730 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 7-6 (11), 7-6 (4).

Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, 6-2, 7-5.

Michael Russell, United States, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-3, 7-5.

ATP World Tour ABN AMRO
World Tournament Results
Thursday
At Ahoy' Stadium
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Purse: $1.34 million (WT500)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Matthias Bachinger, Germany, def. Andreas Seppi (6), Italy, 6-3, 6-4.

Richard Gasquet (4), France, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-0, 6-7 (3), 4-0, retired.

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-1.

Second Round

Gilles Simon (5), France, def. Matteo Viola, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.

Julien Benneteau, France, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.

Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.

WTA Qatar Total Open Results
Wednesday
At The Khalifa Tennis Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $2,369 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round

Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.

Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Hungary, 6-4, 6-0.

Nadia Petrova (11), Russia, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Christina McHale, United States, def. Lucie Safarova (17), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.

Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Sloane Stephens (16), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-3.

Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-3, retired.

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Ekaterina Bychkova, Russia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Roberta Vinci (15), Italy, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0.

Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 7-6 (7), 6-4.

Petra Kvitova (7), Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-4, retired.

Sam Stosur (9), Australia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 6-4, 6-4.

Baseball

CALENDAR

Through Feb. 19 — Salary arbitration hearings. Phoenix.

Feb. 12 — Mandatory reporting date for players participating in the World Baseball Classic in Asia. Mandatory reporting date for all other pitchers and catchers participating in the WBC. Voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers not participating in the WBC.

Feb. 15 — Mandatory reporting date for WBC players not participating in Asia. Voluntary reporting date for position players not participating in the WBC.

Feb. 20 — Mandatory reporting date for players not participating in the WBC.

March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	16	.667	—
Brooklyn	31	22	.585	2 1/2
Boston	28	24	.538	5
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	10 1/2
Toronto	21	32	.396	12 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	14	.714	—
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7
Washington	15	36	.294	21
Orlando	15	37	.288	21 1/2
Charlotte	12	40	.231	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	32	21	.604	—
Chicago	30	22	.577	1 1/2
Milwaukee	26	25	.510	5
Detroit	21	33	.389	11 1/2
Cleveland	16	37	.302	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Memphis	33	18	.647	7 1/2
Houston	29	25	.537	13
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
New Orleans	19	34	.358	22 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	13	.750	—
Denver	33	21	.611	7
Utah	30	24	.556	10
Portland	25	28	.472	14 1/2
Minnesota	19	31	.380	19

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	—
Golden State	30	22	.577	6
L.A. Lakers	25	28	.472	11 1/2
Sacramento	19	35	.352	18
Phoenix	17	36	.321	19 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
San Antonio 86, Cleveland 95
Indiana 101, Charlotte 77
Atlanta 108, Orlando 76
Boston 71, Chicago 69
Toronto 92, New York 88
Brooklyn 119, Denver 108
Detroit 96, Washington 85
Utah 97, Minnesota 93
New Orleans 99, Portland 63
Milwaukee 94, Philadelphia 92
Dallas 123, Sacramento 100
Houston at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 86, CAVALIERS 95

SAN ANTONIO (86):	Leonard	5-10	2-2	13. Duncan 6-15 1-2 13. Splitter 2-6 2-2 6. Parker 8-14 8-8 24. Green 1-6 2-3 4. Diaw 0-3 0-0 0. Blair 6-7 0-1 12. Cromwell 2-4 0-0 5. Neal 6-12 0-0 15. De Colo 1-3 0-0 2. Bonner 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-84 15-18 96

CLEVELAND (95): Gee 2-5 1-2 7. Thompson 5-13 0-0 10. Zeller 7-10 2-2 16. Irving 2-15 2-2 6. Walters 8-15 4-4 20. Livingston 4-8 0-0 8. Dyson 1-2 0-0 2. Harris 1-2 0-0 2. Varejao 1-5. Miles 4-11 0-0 10. Walton 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 40-97 13-15 95

San Antonio	21	25	28	22 — 96
Cleveland	22	32	19	22 — 95

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 5-19 (Neal 3-7, Gerald 1-1, Leonard 1-2, Parker 0-1, Bonner 0-1, Diaw 0-2, Green 0-5), Cleveland 2-11 (Miles 2-5, Gee 0-1, Walters 0-1, Speights 0-1, Irving 0-1, Ellington 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 48 (Leonard 10), Cleveland 60 (Speights, Zeller 9). Assists—San Antonio 25 (Parker 7), Cleveland 24 (Irving 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 15, Cleveland 15. A—12,162 (20,562)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 80, West Virginia 60
Houston 79, UTEP 61
Oklahoma St. 91, Texas Tech 67
Texas 89, Iowa St. 86, 2OT
Texas A&M 69, Mississippi 67

EAST

Army 85, Lafayette 68
Boston College 66, Wake Forest 63
Bucknell 69, Colgate 61
Buffalo 75, Bemidji 60
Delaware 76, Northeastern 74, OT
La Salle 89, St. Bonaventure 66, OT
Lehigh 69, Lafayette 47
Maine 66, Hartford 64
New Hampshire 92, UMBC 86, OT
Rhode Island 73, Dayton 72
Saint Joseph's 61, Richmond 55
UConn 66, Syracuse 58

SOUTH

Arkansas 83, Auburn 75
Coastal Carolina 60, Presbyterian 53
Duke 73, North Carolina 68
East Carolina 74, UAB 61
Gardner-Webb 67, UNC Asheville 65
Georgia St. 61, Hofstra 43
High Point 82, Longwood 53
Liberty 82, Campbell 80
Marshall 71, Rice 70
Memphis 93, UCF 71
Miami 74, Florida St. 68
Missouri 78, Mississippi St. 36
Providence 76, South Florida 66
Radford 82, VMI 79
Southern Miss. 71, Tulane 60
Tennessee 58, Vanderbilt 46
William & Mary 92, UNC Wilmington 86
Winthrop 70, Charleston Southern 65

MIDWEST

Akron 70, E. Michigan 62
Ball St. 56, N. Illinois 52
Bowling Green 70, W. Michigan 60
Charlotte 71, Butler 67
Illinois 79, Purdue 58
Illinois St. 79, Bradley 59
Indiana 76, Nebraska 47
Kent St. 87, Miami (Ohio) 70
N. Iowa 61, Creighton 54
Notre Dame 82, DePaul 78, OT
Ohio St. 72, Cent. Michigan 61
S. Illinois 65, Evansville 56
Wichita St. 71, Drake 56
Xavier 79, Fordham 56

FAR WEST

Air Force 71, UNLV 56
New Mexico St., Fresno St. 48
Oregon St. 67, Washington St. 66
UC Irvine 52, UC Riverside 48
Utah 60, Arizona St. 55
Wyoming 68, Nevada 48

TOP 25 FARED
Wednesday

1. Indiana (23) at Iowa State 74-68. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
2. Duke (22-2) beat North Carolina 73-68. Next: at Maryland, Saturday.
3. Miami (20-3) beat Florida State 74-68. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
4. Michigan (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Sunday.
5. Gonzaga (23-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Mary's (Cal), Thursday.
6. Syracuse (20-4) lost to UConn 66-58. Next: at Seton Hall, Saturday.
7. Florida (20-3) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Saturday.
8. Michigan State (21-4) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.
9. Arizona (20-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Thursday.
10. Kansas State (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
11. Butler (20-5) lost to Charlotte 71-67. Next: at Fordham, Saturday.
12. Louisville (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Thursday.
13. Ohio State (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
14. Kansas (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
15. Georgetown (18-4) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Friday.
16. Pittsburgh (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Marquette, Saturday.
17. Oklahoma State (18-5) beat Texas Tech 91-67. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
18. Marquette (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Pittsburgh, Saturday.
19. New Mexico (21-4) beat Fresno State 54-48. Next: vs. Boise State, Saturday.
20. Wisconsin (17-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
21. Notre Dame (20-5) beat DePaul 82-78. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
22. Memphis (21-3) beat UCF 93-71. Next: at Marshall, Saturday.
23. Oregon (19-5) at Washington. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
24. Colorado State (19-4) vs. San Diego State. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.
25. Kentucky (17-7) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

TEXAS A&M 69, MISSISSIPPI 67

MISSISSIPPI (67): Wright 4-6 2-2 12. Henderson 4-11 0-0 10. Buckner 8-9 7-11 13. Holloway 5-10 0-2 10. Summers 1-6 0-0 2. Millinghaus 4-6 1-6 13. Pierre 0-1 0-0 0. Williams 3-8 0-0 7. Bachelor 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-53 14-21 67

TEXAS A&M (15-9): Harris 5-15 2-2 13. Caruso 2-5 0-2 4. F. Turner 13-20 4-6 37. Roberson 2-3 1-2 5. R. Turner 4-9 0-0 8. Young 0-2 0-0 0. Reese 1-4 0-0 2. Green 0-1 0-1 0. Jahns 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 7-13 69

Halftime—Mississippi 38-35. 3-Point Goals—Mississippi 5-19 (White 2-3, Henderson 2-8, Williams 1-5, Millinghaus 0-1, Pierre 0-1, Summers 0-1), Texas A&M 8-16 (E. Turner 7-10, Harris 1-4, Reese 0-1, Caruso 0-1). Fouled Out—Henderson, Roberson. Rebounds—Mississippi 33 (Buckner 15), Texas A&M 38 (R. Turner 13). Assists—Mississippi 9 (Summers 3), Texas A&M 12 (Caruso 6). Total Fouls—Mississippi 14, Texas A&M 17. A—5,377

No. 17 OKLAHOMA ST. 91, TEXAS TECH 67

OKLAHOMA ST. (18-5): Nash 2-5 2-4 6. Cobbins 5-8 3-3 13. Brown 8-11 2-2 25. Marshall 4-6 1-1 10. Junck 2-2 0-0 4. Gardner 1-2 0-0 2. Williams 1-5 0-0 3. Stuem 0-0 0-0 0. Forte 3-8 5-5 12. Brown 8-11 2-2 25. Sager 2-3 0-0 4. Murphy 2-4 0-0 4. Burke 0-0 0-0 0. Coop 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-57 15-21 91

TEXAS TECH (9-13): Gray 3-9 2-2 10. Kravic 3-10 1-3 7. Williams, Jr. 1-6 4-6 6. Crockett 4-7 0-0 8. Tolbert 2-5 1-2 5. Hannahs 5-8 1-2 14. Nurse 0-0 0-0 0. Robinson 0-2 5-6 5. Tapotoa 0-0 5-6 5. Adams 1-2 0-0 3. Golcher 0-3 0-0 0. Lammert 1-2 1-2 4. Totals 20-54 20-29 67

Halftime—Oklahoma St. 55-34. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma St. 12-20 (Brown 7-8, Forte 3-7, Williams 1-2, Smart 1-2, Soucek 0-1). Texas Tech 7-18 (Hannahs 3-5, Gray 2-5, Lammert 1-2, Adams 1-2, Crockett 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Williams, Jr. 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 35 (Cobbins 12), Texas Tech 31 (Kravic 8). Assists—Oklahoma St. 19 (Brown, Gardner 4). Texas Tech 10 (Lammert, Williams, Jr. 2). Total Fouls—Oklahoma St. 21, Texas Tech 17.

MARSHALL 71, RICE 70

RICE (8-17): Stoudamire 2-6 0-0 4. Guercy 4-11 2-2 12. Jackson 6-13 2-3 16. DeBose 4-10 0-0 10. Ramijak 6-11 0-0 15. Washington 4-7 2-2 10. Peters 0-0 0-0 0. Franshaw 0-0 0-0 0. Finogayev 1-1 0-2 3. Totals 27-56 7-9 70

MARSHALL (11-14): Tinnon 5-10 1-4 11. Pittman 7-10 5-8 22. Spikes 2-4 6 10. Ramijak 6-13 1-1 17. Kent 1-3 3-3 5. Goff 1-3 0-2 2. Boykins 0-0 0-0 0. Manning J 2-2 2-4 7. Totals 23-45 18-28 71

Halftime—Tied 33-33. 3-Point Goals—Rice 9-27 (Ramijak 3-7, Guercy 2-4, Jackson 2-6, DeBose 2-7, Washington 0-3, Marshall 7-10, Pittman 4-10, Pittman 3-6, Manning 0-1, Kane 0-2, Tinnon 0-2). Fouled Out—Wilson. Rebounds—Rice 25 (Ramijak 7). Marshall 31 (Pittman 6). Assists—Rice 16 (Jackson, Washington 5). Marshall 14 (Kane 10). Total Fouls—Rice 20. Marshall 11. A—5,308

TEXAS 89, IOWA ST. 86, 2OT

IOWA ST. (16-8): Eyn 7-17 5-7 20. Nang 2-7 2-4 7. Basile 4-10 0-0 12. Lucious 1-9 2-2 4. Clyburn 6-16 8-9 20. Palo 0-0 2-2 2. Gibson 0-5 0-0 0. McGee 8-18 0-0 17. Totals 28-80 19-24 86

TEXAS (11-13): Holmes 2-2 0-0 4. Lammert 6-8 1-1 14. Holland 0-4 2-2 2. Kabongo 5-10 2-3 13. Papapetrou 5-9 3-5 14. McClellan 5-10 8-8 18. Fehr 4-11 2-2 12. Lewis 2-5 0-0 6. Iseh 1-1 1-2 3. Ridley 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 31-61 20-25 86

Halftime—Iowa St. 37-33. End Of Regulation—Tied 71. End Of 1st Overtime—Tied 79. 3-Point Goals—Iowa St. 11-33 (McGee 5-12, Basile 4-7, Nang 1-2, Eyn 1-3, Clyburn 0-4, Lucious 0-5). Texas 7-25 (Lewis 2-4, Fehr 2-4, Lammert 1-2, Papapetrou 1-4, Kabongo 1-5, Holland 0-3, McClellan 0-3). Fouled Out—Holmes, Kabongo. Rebounds—Iowa St. 41 (Eyn 16), Texas 43 (McClellan, Papapetrou 8). Assists—Iowa St. 17 (Lucious 11). Texas 17 (Kabongo 7). Total Fouls—Iowa St. 20, Texas 20. A—9,729.

BAYLOR 80, WEST VIRGINIA 60

WEST VIRGINIA (12-12): Kilici 5-10 3-6 13. Noreen 0-0 0-0 0. Thomas 4-10 0-0 8. Harris 6-9 4-7 19. Browne 0-1 0-0 0. Rutledge 1-3 3-3 5. Staten 1-5 3-4 5. Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Henderson 1-2 1-2 4. Humphrey 0-1 0-0 0. Murray 2-5 0-0 4. Gerun 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 20-46 16-24 60.

BAYLOR (18-6): Jefferson 2-4 1-3 5. Austin 2-8 0-0 4. Pinkins 7-11 1-1 16. Walton 2-4 0-0 4. Jackson 4-12 6-9 15. Rose 0-1 0-0 0. Gathers 7-8 8-10 22. Franklin 1-3 0-0 3. Bello 0-0 0-0 0. Lowery 0-0 0-0 0. Neubert 0-0 0-0 0. Prince 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 27-53 17-24 80

Halftime—Baylor 31-27. 3-Point Goals—West Virginia 4-12 (Harris 3-5, Henderson 1-2, Humphrey 0-1, Thomas 0-1, Rutledge 0-3). Baylor 9-22 (Heslip 6-9, Franklin 1-3, Austin 1-4, Jackson 1-5, Walton 0-1). Fouled Out—Browne. Rebounds—West Virginia 34 (Rutledge 6). Baylor 23 (Gathers 9). Assists—West Virginia 15 (Staten 7). Baylor 23 (Jackson 9). Total Fouls—West Virginia 19, Baylor 22. Technical—Kilici. A—6,573

HOUSTON 79, UTEP 61

UTEP (13-10): J. Washburn 6-11 3-4 17. Lang 4-4 0-3 8. Richardson 3-8 5-6 11. Streeter 1-6 2-2 4. Tucker 3-6 2-2 10. Ragland 1-2 0-0 2. Cooper 0-2 2-2 2. Mc. Moore 3-7 0-1 6. C. Washburn 0-0 0-0 0. Howard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 14-20 61

HOUSTON (15-8): McLean 2-2 0-1 4. House 5-6 6-8 19. Thomas 10-19 4-6 24. Young 3-6 4-6 12. Washburn 1-3 0-0 3. Morris 0-2 0-0 0. Thompson 0-0 0-0 0. Ogbonna 0-1 0-0 0. Gibson 1-1 0-0 2. Staggers 4-7 2-3 13. Iurundi 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 27-49 16-25 79

Halftime—Houston 43-29. 3-Point Goals—UTEP 5-17 (J. Washburn 2-3, Tucker 2-4, Ragland 1-2, Bohannon 0-1, Streeter 0-2, Cooper 0-2, Mc. Moore 0-3). Houston 9-13 (House 3-3, Staggers 3-6, Young 2-3, Womack 1-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—UTEP 22 (J. Washburn 8). Houston 36 (Thomas 11). Assists—UTEP 13 (Streeter 5). Houston 19 (Thomas 7). Total Fouls—UTEP 18. Houston 16. A—3,159.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST

CS Bakersfield at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.

UALR at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.

Texas A&M-CC at Cent. Arkansas, 7:30 p.m.

Sam Houston St. at Oral Roberts, 7:30 p.m.

EAST

George Mason at Drexel, 6 p.m.

St. Francis (NY) at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.

LIU Brooklyn at Monmouth (NJ), 6 p.m.

Bryant at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Robert Morris at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.

St. Peter's at Rider, 6 p.m.

St. Francis (Pa.) at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.

Duquesne at Temple, 6 p.m.

CCSU at Wagner, 6 p.m.

Canisius at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.

Siena at Fairfield, 7:30 p.m.

Iowa at Penn St., 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Furman at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.

Kennesaw St. at ETSU, 6 p.m.

Appalachian St. at Elon, 6 p.m.

W. Kentucky at S. Carolina, 6 p.m.

Clemson at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m.

Jacksonville St. at Morehead St., 6 p.m.

Florida Gulf Coast at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.

LSU at South Carolina, 6 p.m.

Belmont at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.

W. Carolina at Wofford, 6:30 p.m.

Georgia Southern at The Citadel, 6:05 p.m.

Davidson at Coll. of Charleston, 6:30 p.m.

Stetson at Mercer, 6:30 p.m.

Wofford at Samford, 7 p.m.

Louisiana-Lafayette at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.

Northwestern St. at SE Louisiana, 7:15 p.m.

North Texas at Louisiana-Monroe, 7:30 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin at Nicholls St., 7:30 p.m.

FIU at Troy, 7:30 p.m.

St. John's at Louisville, 8 p.m.

Mercer at SC-Upstate, 8 p.m.

UMass at VCU, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Wisconsin at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

Northwestern at Ohio St., 6 p.m.

Austin Peay at E. Illinois, 7 p.m.

W. Illinois at N. Dakota St., 7 p.m.

Murray St. at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.

Oakland at South Dakota, 7 p.m.

Sacramento St at North Dakota, 7:05 p.m.

IUPUI at S. Dakota St., 7:05 p.m.

IPFW at UMKC, 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

UCLA at California, 8 p.m.

Montana at Weber St., 8 p.m.

Montana St. at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.

N. Arizona at N. Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

Denver at Utah St., 8:05 p.m.

Arizona at Colorado, 9 p.m.

CS Northridge at Pacific, 9 p.m.

Loyola Marymount at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.

Portland at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

New Mexico St. at San Jose St., 9 p.m.

San Diego at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.

Louisiana Tech at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Hawaii at UC Davis, 9 p.m.

Texas-Arlington at Idaho, 9:05 p.m.

AUTO RACING

This Week

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
THE SPRINT UNLIMITED

Site: Daytona Beach, Fla.

Schedule: Practice, practice (Speed, 4:30 p.m.). Saturday, race 7:10 p.m. (FOX, 7:9 p.m.).

Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).

Race distance: 187.5 miles, 75 laps.

Last year: Kyle Busch won the non-points race, passing Tony Stewart on the finish. Busch won by 0.013 seconds in the closest finish in the history of the event.

Hot tracks: The exhibition race for 2012 pole winners and past event winners marks the Daytona 500 preparation. Jeff Gordon, who has won in three segments, with the top breakdowns determined by fan voting. ...Daytona 500 practice is Saturday (Speed, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and features qualifying Sunday (FOX, Noon-3 p.m.).

Next races: Budweiser Duels, Thursday, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

NHRA MELLON YELLO DRAG RACING
NHRA WINTERNATIONALS

Site: Pomona, Calif.

Schedule: Thursday-Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 9 p.m.-11 p.m.). Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 7-10 p.m.).

Track: Auto Club Raceway at Pomona.

Last year: John Force raced to his 134th Funny Car victory, beating Mike Neff in the season-opening event. Spencer Massey won in Top Fuel. Antron Brown and Greg Anderson topped the Pro Stock field.

Fast facts: Del Worsham, the 2011 Top Fuel season champion, is returning to racing after a year off, driving the Connie Kalitta-owned Toyota in the Funny Car division. ...In Pro Stock, Jeg Coughlin Jr. is the season-ending NHRA Finals, Antron Brown became the first black champion in any NHRA pro series when he won the Top Fuel season title. ...The track is about 25 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

Next event: NHRA Arizona Nationals, Feb. 22-24, Firebird International Raceway, Chandler, Ariz.

OTHER RACES

ARCA RACING: Lucas Oil 200, Saturday (Speed, 3:30-5:30 p.m.), Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car: UNION DIRTCar Nationals, Friday-Sunday, Volusia Speedway Park, Barberville, Fla. Late Model: Late Model Winter Nationals, Friday-Sunday, Bubba Raceway Park, Ocala, Fla. Online: http://www.worldofoutlaws.com

Schedules

2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule

Feb. 16 — The Sprint Unlimited, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21 — Duel 1, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21 — Duel 2, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 24 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
March 3 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz.
March 10 — KOBALT Tools 400, Las Vegas
March 17 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
March 24 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif.
April 7 — Virginia 500, Martinsville, Va.
April 13 — Toyota 500, Fort Worth, Texas
April 21 — STP 400, Kansas City, Kan.
April 27 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
May 5 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 11 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
May 18 — NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.
May 18 — Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C.
May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 2 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
June 9 — Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.
June 16 — Quicken Loans 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 23 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
June 29 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.
July 6 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 14 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 28 — Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 4 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

New RockHounds manager Aaron Nieckula, left, talks with retired major leaguer Bill Buckner before the start of the West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction on Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

BUCKNER

From 1C

slow roller toward Buckner, who was playing deep in the infield because he was aware of Wilson's speed. He said it was a play he made about five millions times in his career, but when he put his old glove down to the dirt, it folded and the ball squirted through between his legs, allowing Ray Knight to score the game-winning run from second base.

After the game, Buckner said when he was asked about the play that night by reporters, the magnitude of the error didn't really register to him at the time, he told the crowd of about 375 people.

"The first thing that went through my mind is that I get to play in the seventh game of the World Series. How cool is that!?" Buckner said.

The Red Sox eventually lost that series in seven games, and Buckner unfairly took the brunt of the criticism, especially from Red Sox fans and media.

"It was a tough situation I had to go through," Buckner said. "It was tough on me and tough on my family. Even today I had to deal with it when I was asked by the media. It doesn't bother me now. After a while, I assumed that was the way it was going to be."

"As in life, everybody goes through tough situations," Buckner added. "We're talking baseball here. Everybody here has dealt with issues a lot more important than baseball. Everybody is going to have those situations come up in life. It's how you deal with them. You learn from those experiences, you accept them. You don't know why God puts you in those situations, but there was a reason why he put me through that, and I understand that."

Because of that one infamous play in '86, Buckner is as more well-known today than most borderline Hall of Famers during his time in the big leagues and is asked to speak at several banquets and auctions throughout the year. On Wednesday, he came at the request of RockHounds co-owner Bob Richmond, who like Buckner, makes his home in Boise, Idaho.

And in Boise, he is still involved with baseball. He is in his second year of being a hitting instructor of the Boise Hawks, the Single-A short season affiliate of the Chicago Cubs.

"I enjoy working with kids," Buckner said.

Buckner, who also was a one-time manager of the independent team Brockton Rox, not only knows a thing or two about hitting, but he can also give young players advice on how to deal with the highs and lows of the game.

"I just try to keep it positive," he said. "Hitting a baseball is a tough grind. You go through a lot of failure. You've got to be able to deal with it. I've been here. I've experienced the good feelings and the bad. It helps when you have a 20-plus career in the big leagues. It gets you in the door, any ways (with young players). You've got to know what you're talking about."

And not many big league players in their career had to experience the ultimate highs and the ultimate lows like Buckner.

"I wouldn't want my son to go through it or somebody else what I went through, but it's life," he said. "When you get through it, you're better for it. But at the time it's tough. In sports, one team wins, one team loses. Some things you can control and some things you can't. But you know that going in."

And because of that one play on a chilly night at Boston's Fenway Park — fairly or unfairly — his name is about as well known as many of the other greats in the game.

"If I hadn't gone through all that with the Red Sox, (people) probably wouldn't know who I was," Buckner said.

BANQUET NOTES: The RockHounds Fan(s) of the Year Award went to Bob and Stephanie Forgey of the RockHounds Booster Club. The Forgeys helped to organize host families to open up their homes to RockHound players, who have trouble finding a place to stay during the season. ... The RockHounds dedicated the banquet to the late Bill Williams, a friend to baseball and softball in Midland and for his contributions to the community. ... Aaron Nieckula made his first appearance in Midland as the RockHounds' new manager.

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GAINES

From 1C

Permian program was no surprise to him.

"That doesn't bother me a bit," Gaines said. "As long as he's a good coach, I think everybody will be really happy."

And when asked to reflect on his own time as a Panther, Gaines said that despite the gargantuan expectations that came with following legendary coach John Wilkins in his first stint at Permian, the chance to touch the lives of kids like the ones he watched sign to colleges last week made it all worth it in the end.

"My ego was left at the door a long, long time ago, and I've been kicked around and talked about and all that stuff, and I've grown to have some thick hide," Gaines said. "But really the thing that brings joy to me now, as it does my wife is when we see our former players and see their families and have little reunions here and there all over the state periodically.

"It means a lot because if one of them says just, 'Coach how much we enjoyed playing for you,' it really means a lot."

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Swedish golfer treats herself for spider bite

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Swedish golfer Daniela Holmqvist says she was bitten by a spider and used a tee to extract what she thought was potentially fatal venom before finishing her round during qualifying for the LPGA Tour's season-opening Women's Australian Open.

The Swedish Golf Federation reported on its website that Holmqvist was hitting out of the rough on the fourth hole at Royal Canberra Golf Club when she felt a sharp pain on her ankle.

Holmqvist swatted the spider away and was told by people nearby that it could have been a black widow, so she used a golf tee to pierce the swelling and squeeze out the venom.

"A clear fluid came out," she told Svensk Golf magazine. "It wasn't the prettiest thing I've ever done, but I had to get as much of it out of me as possible."

Holmqvist continued her round, under the supervision of medical staff, but finished with a 74 on Tuesday and missed out on qualifying for the tournament.

Australia isn't home to the black widow spider, which is native to North America. A tournament official said Thursday that Holmqvist was more than likely bitten by a redback, another species of widow spider known as the Latrodectus Hasselti. The Australian Museum said on its website that redback bites occur frequently in the summer months and 250 cases receive antivenom each year, with many others going unreported.

Common early symptoms are pain in the area of the bite and throughout the abdomen, chest and neck, sweating, muscular weakness, nausea and vomiting. No deaths have been reported from redback bites since the discovery of an antidote in 1955.

Carter passes Bird as Mavs rout Kings

Associated Press

Mavericks	123
Kings	100

DALLAS — Vince Carter scored 26 points to pass Larry Bird on the NBA's career scoring list, and the Dallas Mavericks headed into the All-Star break with a 123-100 victory against the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

Carter scored 17 of Dallas' last 21 points in the third quarter to help turn aside a Sacramento rally. He made five of seven 3-pointers in the quarter and ended the night with 21,796 career points for 29th on the all-time list. Bird had 21,791.

Dirk Nowitzki finished with 17 points, including a 3-pointer to put Dallas ahead 100-79 early in the fourth quarter.

Tyreke Evans scored 23 for the Kings, who lost their 18th straight regular season game in Dallas dating back almost 10 years.

Carter was 6 of 9 from beyond the arc, and the Mavericks made six straight from long range spanning the third and fourth quarters. Dallas finished 13 of 34 from 3-point range.

The Mavericks were up 18 early in the third quarter before Sacramento went on a 17-6 run to get within seven. Nine of the points came on free throws, and DeMarcus Cousins had a pair of baskets early in the run.

The Mavericks, who rallied from 17 down for an overtime win in Sacramento last month, didn't let the Kings do the same thing on their home court, thanks to Carter.

The 14-year veteran, who still flashes signs of his "Vinsanity" days, hit consecutive 3-pointers to end Sacramento's surge and start the Mavericks on a 19-11 run over the final five minutes of the third quarter for a 92-77 lead.

The Kings, playing their fourth game in five nights before the All-Star break, didn't get closer than 17 in the fourth quarter.

Cousins, who had 17 points and a game-high 13 rebounds, stayed out of trouble for Sacramento after his previous two meetings with Dallas were marred by incidents. He was suspended for a game in December for hitting O.J. Mayo in the groin area during a game in Dallas, and was ejected for a flagrant foul after elbowing Carter last month in Sacramento. The foul helped the Mavericks clinch the overtime win.

Cousins, who insisted the contact was incidental both times, exchanged handshakes and hugs with Mayo and Carter after the game.

Neither team led by more than six before the Mavericks went on an 18-4 run for a 57-40 lead late in the first half. Darren Collison, who finished with 18 points, had eight, including a three-point play when he took a feed from Shawn Marion for a layup after Marion jumped over diminutive Sacramento guard Isaiah Thomas to catch an entry pass from Nowitzki.

The Dallas spurt included the first points from Mayo, whose dunk on an assist from Collison ended an 0-for-4 shooting start for the Mavericks' leading scorer.

It was an efficient first half for the Mavericks, who had 15 assists and just two turnovers while shooting 49 percent and taking a 59-44 lead.

The Kings, who were playing their fourth game in five nights before the All-Star break, shot 38 percent in the first half and were 1 of 7 from the field with three turnovers during the run that gave Dallas a comfortable lead.

Leonard's late 3-pointer gives Spurs win over Cavs

Associated Press

Spurs	96
Cavaliers	95

CLEVELAND — Kawhi Leonard made a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds remaining to give the San Antonio Spurs a 96-95 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Leonard's clutch basket came after Dion Waiters' jump shot with 9.5 seconds remaining put Cleveland ahead 95-93.

The Spurs, who have won 14 of 15, had stars Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili on the floor together for the first time since Jan. 13.

Kyrie Irving, who was held to a season-low six points, missed a desperation runner from the top of the key as time expired.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 24 points while Gary Neal scored 15.

Waiters scored 20 points to lead Cleveland, which has dropped three straight after winning a season-high three in a row.

San Antonio called timeout after Waiters' shot put Cleveland ahead. The Cavaliers had a foul to give and grabbed Duncan with 8.8 seconds remaining. The ensuing inbounds pass went to Parker, who missed San Antonio's win in Chicago with a sore ankle. The Spurs' All-Star guard drove into the lane and found a wide-open Leonard in the right corner. Leonard drilled the clutch shot, giving the Spurs a two-point lead.

Cleveland called timeout and inbounded the ball to Irving, who drove past the 3-point line. Parker's tight defense forced the Cavaliers' All-Star guard to put up a tough shot, which hit the off the rim and fell off.

Irving, who rolled his left ankle Monday against Minnesota, was 2 of 15 from the field with seven assists.

Tyler Zeller, who was scoreless in 25 minutes Monday, had 16 points, including 12 in the first half, for Cleveland.

IOC chief Rogge to meet with wrestling leader

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Facing a wave of criticism from around the world, IOC President Jacques Rogge will meet with the head of wrestling's governing body to discuss ways the sport can fight to save its place in the Olympics.

The IOC executive board dropped wrestling from the program of the 2020 Games on Tuesday, a decision which brought a sharp backlash from wrestling organizations and national Olympic bodies around the world — including the United States, Russia and Iran.

The move must still be ratified by the full International Olympic Committee in September, giving wrestling time to try to overturn a decision against a sport which dates back to the ancient Olympics and has been featured since the inaugural modern games in 1896.

Rogge said Wednesday he has been contacted by Raphael Martinetti, the Swiss president of international wrestling federation FILA, and was encouraged by the sport's resolve to make changes and fight for its place.

"We agreed we would meet at the first opportunity to have discussions," Rogge said at a news conference at the close of a two-day board meeting. "I should say FILA reacted well to this disheartening news for them.

"They vowed to adapt the sport and vowed to fight to be eventually included in the 2020 slot."

Wrestling, which remains on the program for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, still has a chance to stay on the list for 2020 — if it manages to respond decisively to the wakeup call and convince the IOC to reverse course.

"This is not the end of the day. The door is not closed," IOC Vice President Thomas Bach of Germany said. "It's good to see the reaction of FILA to say, 'OK we have understood, we have to do something and we will present a plan for the future of wrestling.' That is the right attitude."

Wrestling now joins seven other sports vying for one opening on the 2020 program: a combined bid from baseball and softball, karate, squash, roller sports, sport climbing, wakeboarding and the martial art of wushu.

The IOC executive board will meet in May in St. Petersburg, Russia, to decide which sport or sports to propose for 2020 inclusion. The final vote will be made at the IOC general assembly in September in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Jacques Rogge: IOC president agreed to meet with FILA to discuss wrestling's fate in the Olympic Games.

GARRETT

From 1C

Nebraska, was mentioned by Garrett several times, but without the head coach saying Callahan would take over.

"The way that we had done things around here, candidly, is there has been a primary play-caller, which has been me, but these have always been collective exercises," Garrett said. "Bill was very involved in our play calling, particularly with the run game this year. So what we're trying to do is work through the mechanics of that and as we get closer to playing a game, we can fill you in more specifically."

Garrett, a former Cowboys quarterback, talked at length about his final season as a player with Tampa Bay in 2004 because that was his first exposure to three new coaches on his staff: defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, defensive line coach Rod Marinelli and special teams coach Rich Bisaccia.

Kiffin replaced Rob Ryan, who was fired after two seasons as the Cowboys decided to switch back to the 4-3 defense they played when Garrett was on the roster and they were winning Super Bowls in the 1990s. Dallas had switched to the 3-4 under Bill Parcells nearly a decade ago.

Garrett said the club first decided it had suitable personnel for the 4-3, and he said he picked Kiffin because his defenses in Tampa Bay were known for causing turnovers, and Marinelli's was in charge of a Chicago defense that forced 44 takeaways last season. Garrett also wanted a simpler scheme in case injuries piled up as they did in 2012 and Dallas had to sign players off the waiver wire.

"One of the conclusions we came to is that in this day and age in the NFL, with shortened offseasons, shortened training camps, injuries, all those kinds of things, it's important to try and put offensive and defensive systems in place that allow you to deal with the schedule and absorb the injuries that very well could happen," Garrett said.

The other newcomers are former Tennessee coach Derek Dooley as receivers coach, Gary Brown with the running backs and Frank Pollack as Callahan's offensive line assistant.

Rangers revamping bullpen around closer Joe Nathan

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Closer Joe Nathan will be surrounded by some different faces in the bullpen for his second season with the Texas Rangers.

Rangers pitchers and catchers held their first official workout of spring training Wednesday. There are 36 pitchers in camp, many of them relievers looking for work.

Texas relievers Koji Uehara, Mike Adams, Mark Lowe and Scott Feldman all left in free agency this offseason. And left-hander Robbie Ross, who was 6-0 with a 2.22 ERA in 58 relief appearances as a rookie last season, is getting a chance to compete for the No. 5 spot in the starting rotation.

"Joe Nathan is certainly guaranteed," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Everything else is wide open. We've got Robbie getting an opportunity to start. We have to wait and see where that goes. If for some reason that doesn't work out, he has a spot in the bullpen."

Instead of a bullpen session as he expected, Japanese starting ace Yu Darvish (16-9 with a 3.90 ERA as a major league rookie last season) was one of 14 pitchers who threw five minutes of batting practice on the first day of workouts. Darvish threw to three hitters and worked with A.J. Pierzynski, the catcher who signed a one-year deal with Texas this offseason.

The Rangers signed setup reliever Jason Frasor in free agency. The right-hander spent most of his career with Toronto, setting a Blue Jays franchise record with 505 appearances since his major league debut in 2004. He was 1-1 with a 4.12 ERA in 50 games last season.

Another potential late-inning pitcher is Josh Lindblom, a right-hander acquired from Philadelphia in the deal that sent Michael Young to the Phillies. Lindblom was 3-5 with a 3.55 ERA in 74 games last season for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia.

"I like the collection of arms we have competing for jobs. How exactly it settles in and who gets what role, there's still quite a bit of competition ahead of us," general manager Jon Daniels said. "I feel that we're going to put together a good bullpen based on the options we have. The bullpen in general is going to be key."

Evan Meek and Kyle McClellan, who also threw live BP on Wednesday, are signed to minor league contracts, but have had success in the majors and could fill setup roles.

Meek was a 2010 All-Star selection with a 2.14 ERA in 70 relief appearances with Pittsburgh, but was setback by shoulder inflammation in 2011. McClellan, who is also a candidate for the fifth rotation slot, won 12 games in 2011 with St. Louis. He was limited to 18 2/3 innings last season before needing shoulder surgery and was released by the Cardinals after the season.

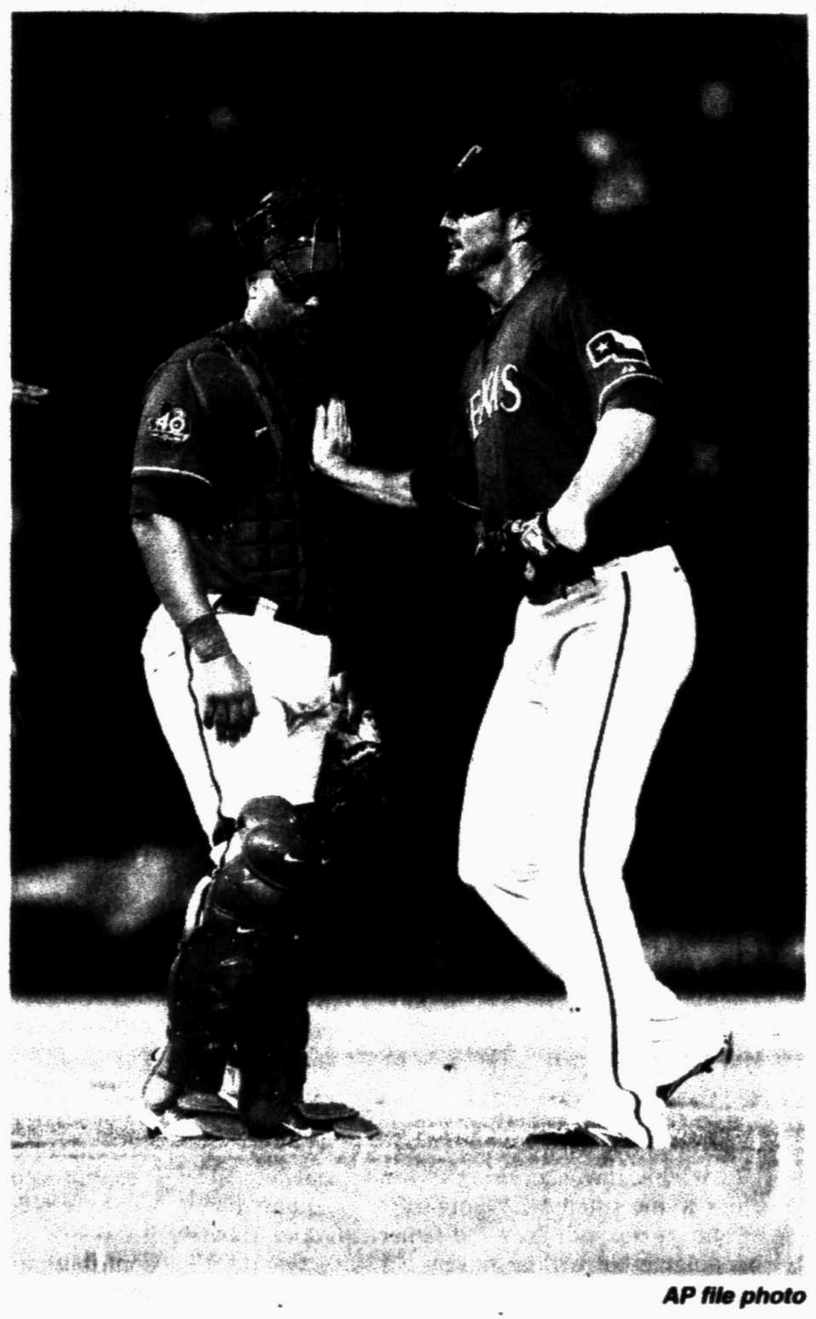
If Ross claims a rotation slot, that could enhance the chances of left-hander Jeff Beliveau to earn a bullpen spot. Beliveau, who was claimed off waivers from the Cubs, went 1-0 with a 4.58 ERA in 22 relief appearances last season.

Two returnees are right-hander Tanner Scheppers, who went 1-1 with a 4.45 ERA in 39 relief appearances as a rookie, and lefty Michael Kirkman (1-2, 3.82 in 28 games).

"Kirkman showed some improvement last year," Washington said. "Hopefully, he can continue on. We've got Scheppers, who showed some flashes. Now we've just got to get some consistency out of him. But it's open. ... We're not anointing anyone right now. We've got some pieces we can do some things with."

Texas also has two former closers recovering from elbow surgery. Joakim Soria and Neftali Feliz won't be available until later in the season.

A two-time All-Star with Kansas City before signing a two-year deal with Texas in free agency, Soria is recovering from elbow ligament-replacement surgery on April 3.



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Texas Rangers pitcher Joe Nathan and catcher Yorvit Torrealba react following a game against the Oakland Athletics in June 2012 in Arlington. Nathan will be surrounded by several fresh faces in the bullpen this season after several relievers left in free agency during the offseason.

TEXAS COLLEGE ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 17 OKLAHOMA STATE 91
TEXAS TECH 67

LUBBOCK — Markel Brown scored 25 points and matched a career high with seven 3-pointers — all in the first half — to lead No. 17 Oklahoma State over Texas Tech 91-67 on Wednesday night.

Phil Forte added 14 points for the Cowboys (18-5, 8-3 Big 12), who have won six straight.

Brown was 8 for 11 from the field, including 7 of 8 from beyond the arc. He was held scoreless in 7 minutes of playing time after halftime.

Brown's first five shots were from beyond the arc and he hit each one, matching the number of 3s he had in the first half of the Cowboys' win at Kansas this month.

Oklahoma State jumped out to a 24-6 lead and never trailed, though Texas Tech pulled to 26-18 midway through the first half thanks to a 10-0 run.

Dusty Hannahs scored 14 points and Josh Gray added nine for Texas Tech (9-13, 2-9).

TEXAS 89
IOWA STATE 86, 2OT

AUSTIN — Sheldon McClellan scored all 10 of Texas' points in the second overtime and the Longhorns welcomed back point guard Myck Kabongo from a 23-game suspension with an 89-86 win over Iowa State on Wednesday night.

McClellan also had a key steal which led to his two free throws in the final seconds for Texas (11-13, 3-8 Big 12). Iowa State had a chance to tie but Chris Babb's 3-pointer with 5 seconds left missed and Texas' Connor Lammert took the ball from Babb in a scramble for the long rebound.

McClellan scored 18 points. Kabongo had 13 points, five assists and seven rebounds in his first game of the season, but fouled out in the first overtime.

Melvin Ejim had 20 points and 16 rebounds for Iowa State (16-8, 6-5).

TEXAS A&M 69
MISSISSIPPI 67

COLLEGE STATION — Elston Turner had 37 points, including a career-high seven 3-pointers, to give Texas A&M a 69-67 win over Mississippi on Wednesday night.

Derrick Millinghaus made a free throw before the Rebels got the ball back after a shot-clock violation. Millinghaus hit a layup with 44 seconds left to cut A&M's lead to 67-65.

Turner then hit a jump shot from the corner with 16 seconds left to extend the lead.

Millinghaus made two more free throws with 10 seconds remaining, and the Rebels had to foul three consecutive times to get into the bonus. Star Marshall Henderson fouled out on the last foul in that span.

Turner missed his free throw with 5 seconds left, but Millinghaus, a freshman, missed a shot at the buzzer to give A&M (15-9, 5-6 SEC) the win.

Mississippi (18-6, 7-4) has dropped four of its last five games after opening SEC play 6-0.

BAYLOR 80
WEST VIRGINIA 60

WACO — Brady Heslip scored 20 points with six 3-pointers while freshman Rico Gathers had a season-high 22 points and Baylor beat West Virginia 80-60 on Wednesday night, ending the Mountaineers' three-game winning streak.

Heslip had two 3-pointers in a half-minute stretch in the second half when the Bears (16-8, 7-4 Big 12) had a quick eight-point spurt aided by two West Virginia turnovers for a 46-34 lead. Pierre Jackson had a steal for a breakaway lay-up between Heslip's long-range shots, the second after a turnover.

Jackson finished with 15 points and nine assists.

Eron Harris had 19 points to lead West Virginia (12-12, 5-6) while Deniz Kilicli had 13 points.

Baylor never trailed after scoring the game's first seven points while West Virginia had three turnovers in the first 2 minutes.

The Mountaineers finished with 18 turnovers, leading to 23 Baylor points.

ASTROS

From 1C

in the draft and traded Carlos Lee, J.A. Happ, Brett Myers and Wandy Rodriguez, among others.

The Astros' payroll was at a paltry $21.3 million by early August.

Switching leagues will create some logistical issues. When a team plays an interleague series against an unfamiliar opponent, it's often a challenge to prepare. Now the Astros will play a season's worth of teams they don't know much about.

"Dealing with interleague stuff last year was basically starting from scratch," Castro said. "We had to put that work in and try to build on what little we had as quickly as possible. From the time the series started to the end of the series, hopefully we had a lot better idea from when we started."

Players will need to become familiar with different ballparks, too.

"Oakland is known for its foul ground, so it's something that we'll have to take into account," Castro said. "There are adjustments to be made in all facets of the game."

Needing a designated hitter, the Astros signed Carlos Pena, who can also play first base. Porter's lineup remains uncertain in many respects — no surprise for a team evaluating young players. He'd like second baseman Jose Altuve to hit second, meaning somebody else would have to handle the leadoff spot.

Even that role is a bit different because of the league switch. In the AL, the leadoff man doesn't have to bat after the pitcher.

"It's definitely a chance for him to come up more often with men on base," Porter said. "If you have that guy in the one hole that can hit extra-base hits, that can do some damage, it changes the dynamic of your ball-club."

Eventually, the Astros will be used to the differences between the AL and NL. Starting pitchers won't have to worry about being pinch-hit for, for example.

For fans, the benefits and drawbacks of the switch are obvious. Houston will play more games against the Rangers, creating the potential for a spirited in-state rivalry. But there will also be plenty of West Coast games, with later start times on TV.

Before beginning their new schedule, the Astros will have a few weeks during spring training to size up the competition. And yes, they'll want to focus a little more than usual on the AL teams.

"In spring training, you'd pay attention a lot more to the National League games," right-hander Bud Norris said. "It's going to be a different mindset. We're going to have to make some adjustments."

Kentucky's Noel out for season with torn ACL

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky received the news it dreaded Wednesday when freshman forward Nerlens Noel was declared out for the season with a torn ligament in his left knee.

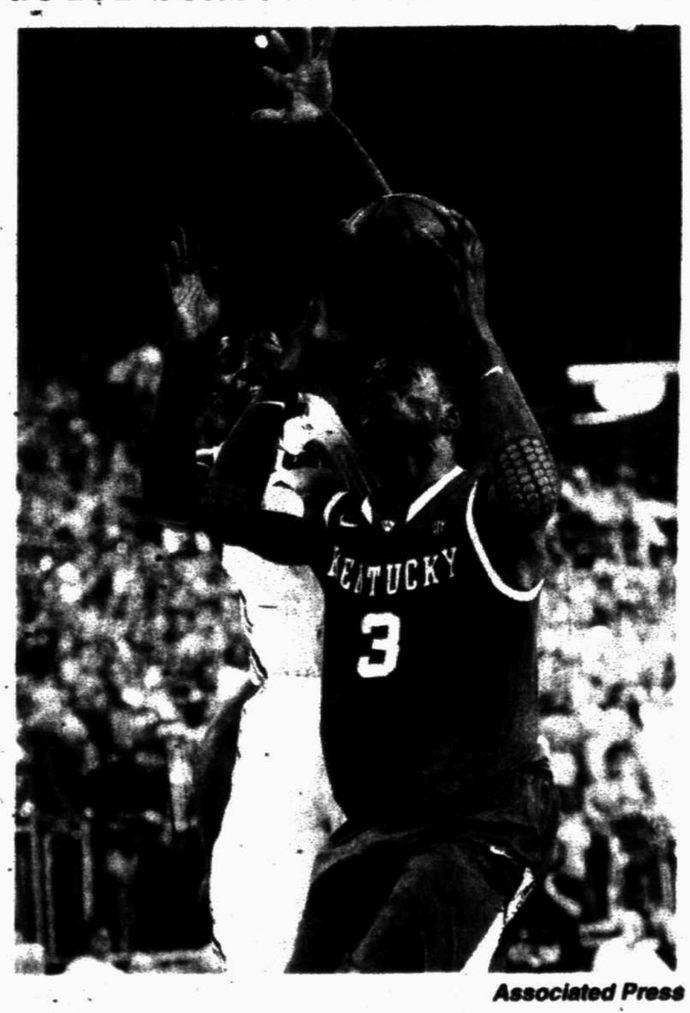
Noel tore his ACL on Tuesday night when No. 25 Kentucky lost at Florida. An MRI revealed the injury, and the 6-foot-10 forward will have surgery in the next two or three weeks.

The projected recovery period is six to eight months.

Noel's injury deals a serious post-season blow for the defending national champions, who had appeared to be gaining some footing after struggling earlier this season while trying to blend in four freshmen. Leading the way defensively for the Wildcats was Noel, who began Tuesday first in the nation with 4.5 blocks per game.

The rookie took a positive approach to the diagnosis, posting on Twitter, "Minor setback for a MAJOR comeback! I love you all and can't thank y'all enough for the prayers."

Noel was hurt with 8 minutes left in the Wildcats' 69-52 loss to the seventh-ranked Gators. He ran into the basket support after blocking a layup from behind. Noel landed awkwardly, dropped to the floor and started screaming while clutching his knee.



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Kentucky star Nerlens Noel, seen here Tuesday in a game against Florida, is out of the season with a torn ACL.

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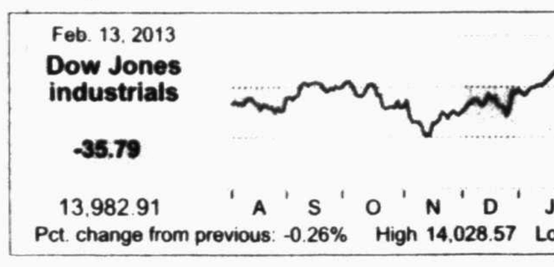

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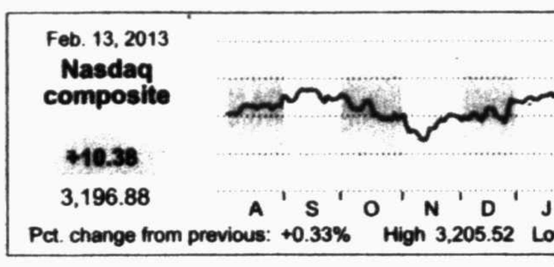

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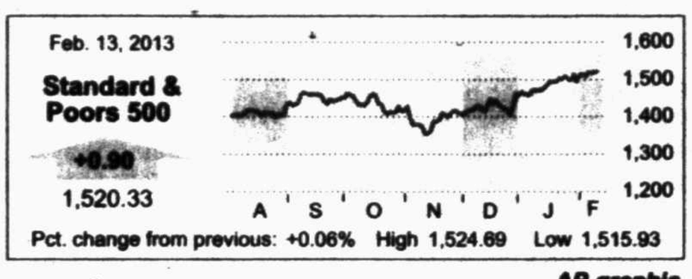

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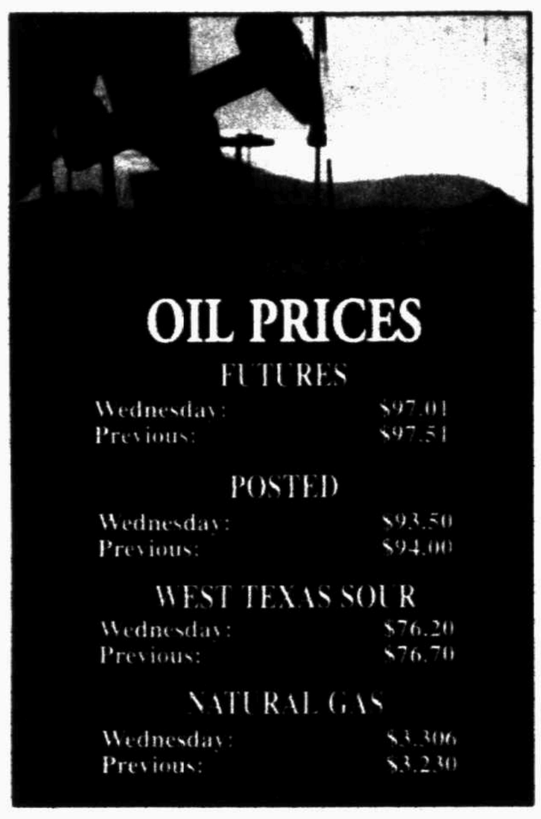

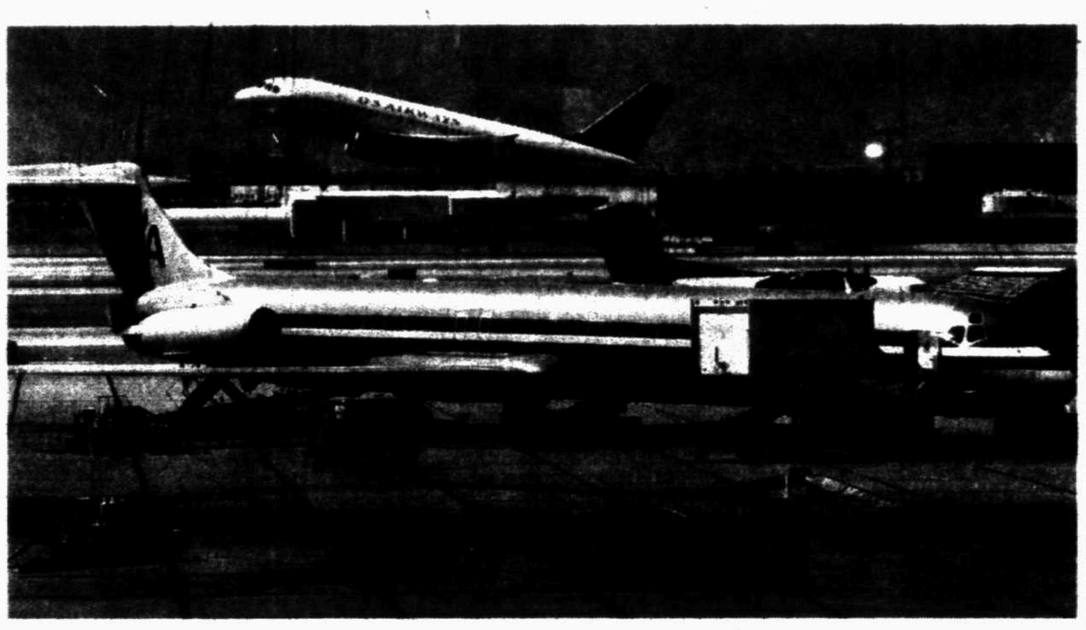

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A US Airways jet takes off as an American Airlines jet is prepped for takeoff at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix in 2008. The merger of US Airways and American Airlines, which will be announced today, will give birth to a mega airline with more passengers than any other in the world.

Sources say American Airlines, US Airways will announce merger

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — American Airlines and US Airways agreed Wednesday to a merger that will create the world's biggest airline. The deal caps a turbulent period of bankruptcies and consolidation that leaves the U.S. airline industry dominated by four big carriers.

The boards of American parent AMR Corp. and US Airways approved the deal late Wednesday, according to four people close to the situation.

The carrier will keep the American Airlines name but will be run by US Airways CEO Doug Parker. American's CEO, Tom Horton, will serve as chairman of the new company until mid-2014, sources said. They requested anonymity because the merger negotiations were private.

The deal has been in the works since August, when creditors pushed for merger talks so they could decide which earned them a better return: a merger or Horton's plan for an independent airline. American has been restructuring under bankruptcy protection since late 2011. AMR creditors and possibly its shareholders will own 72 percent of the stock, and US Airways Group Inc. shareholders will get the rest, sources said.

A formal announcement is expected today.

If the deal is approved by AMR's bankruptcy judge and antitrust regulators, the new American will have more than 900 planes, 3,200 daily flights and about 95,000 employees, not counting regional affiliates. It will be slightly bigger than United Airlines by passenger traffic.

Since 2008, Delta gobbled up Northwest, United absorbed Continental and Southwest bought AirTran Airways. If this latest merger goes through, American, United, Delta and Southwest will control about three-quarters of U.S. airline traffic.

The rapid consolidation has allowed the surviving airlines to offer bigger route networks that appeal to high-paying business travelers. And it has allowed them to limit the supply of seats, which helps prop up fares and airline profits.

Word of an American-US Airways merger raised new concern among passenger advocates. Charles Leocha of the Consumer Travel Alliance said that with just four big airlines instead of five, it will be easier to raise fares. "The benefits of this deal will go only to the corporations, not to consumers," he said.

But industry officials say there will still be plenty of competition. A recent study by PricewaterhouseCoopers found that adjusting for inflation, domestic U.S. airfares fell 1 percent between 2004 and 2011, a period that included several airline mergers.

Travelers on American and US Airways won't notice immediate changes. It likely will be months before the frequent-flier programs are combined and years before the two airlines are fully integrated.

When that happens, American's presence will grow in key East Coast markets including New York's LaGuardia Airport and Washington's Reagan National Airport. The merger will add US Airways hubs in Charlotte, Philadelphia and Phoenix to American's in Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago, Miami, New York and Los Angeles.

US Airways will boost American's service to Europe and the Latin America-Caribbean market but wouldn't fix American's weakness on routes to Asia.

Oil prices fall

The price of oil fell near $97 a barrel Wednesday after a government report showed an increase in U.S. crude supplies.

Benchmark oil for March delivery dropped 50 cents to finish at $97.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Crude supplies increased by 600,000 barrels, or 0.2 percent, to 696 million barrels, which is 9.8 percent above year-ago levels, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said in its weekly report.

Analysts expected an increase of 2.5 million barrels for the week ended Feb. 8, according to Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos.

Pound hits low

The British pound reached a six-month low against the U.S. dollar Wednesday after the Bank of England said it wouldn't fight rising prices anytime soon.

The pound dropped to $1.5537 in late trading, versus $1.5652 late Tuesday.

In other currency trading, the dollar inched lower against the Japanese yen, trading at 93.48 yen down from 93.52 yen late Tuesday. It also slipped against the Canadian dollar, sinking to CA$1.0019 versus CA$1.0030 late Tuesday.

The dollar was little changed compared with the Swiss franc, trading at 0.9173 of a Swiss franc versus 0.9176 franc late Tuesday.

And the euro was little changed versus the dollar, trading at $1.34477, up from $1.3444 late Tuesday.

April gold fell $4.50 to $1,645.10 per ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1872255	12.17	-.08
GenElec	819936	23.39	+.81
S&P500ETF	757302	152.15	+.13
SPDR Fncl	397815	17.78	-.04
NokiaCp	367360	3.98	-.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ProtoLab n	52.82	+10.82	+25.8
Trulia n	29.00	+5.21	+21.9
ProshHdg	26.25	+4.05	+18.2
BiP GCrb	6.59	+.89	+15.6
PionEnSvc	8.50	+1.00	+13.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CliffsNRs	29.29	-7.32	-20.0
Rackspace	60.30	-14.68	-19.6
MPG OffTr	2.64	-.58	-18.0
Blount	14.30	-3.11	-17.9
Bankrate	10.45	-1.93	-15.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,780
Declined	1,285
Unchanged	141
Total issues	3,186
New Highs	339
New Lows	7
Volume	3,274,999,315

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	24793	21.67	-.01
GldFld	18338	3.90	+.39
NwGold g	17985	9.90	-.19
NA Pall g	17513	1.87	-.07
Vringo	17426	3.19	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MeetMe	3.05	+.37	+13.8
GldFld	3.90	+.39	+11.1
UnvSecInst	4.60	+.27	+6.2
CoastID	2.19	+.12	+5.8
IncOpR	3.84	+.21	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TanzRy g	3.25	-.25	-7.1
VistaGold	2.15	-.15	-6.5
Crexendo	2.44	-.16	-6.2
Richmnt g	2.91	-.18	-5.8
Servotr	8.56	-.52	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	181
Declined	231
Unchanged	43
Total issues	455
New Highs	16
New Lows	6
Volume	61,304,281

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RschMotn	767142	13.99	-1.21
Zynga	553718	3.17	-.07
Facebook n	487896	27.91	+.54
Cisco	484166	21.14	+.17
Comcast	438687	40.13	+1.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RGSolar h	2.49	+.98	+64.9
PrimaBio n	3.68	+.68	+22.7
RPX Corp	13.05	+2.36	+22.1
CountrPth	2.30	+.38	+19.8
MEI Ph rs	5.56	+.86	+18.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EZchip	25.56	-6.68	-20.7
LearnTree	4.17	-1.02	-19.7
BFC Cp pf	28.07	-6.00	-17.6
Dynatrn rs	3.23	-.47	-12.7
AlossaG n	7.00	-.95	-11.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,341
Declined	1,090
Unchanged	135
Total issues	2,566
New Highs	198
New Lows	21
Volume	1,753,250,321

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $39.08 Down 0.09

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $93.96 Down 2.20

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.74 Down 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $21.56 Down 0.01

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.14 Up 0.63

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.20 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.50 Down 0.33

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $7.00 Down 0.30

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	29	35.42	-.18	+5.1
Abraxas	...	...	2.08	-.01	-5.0
ActivsBliz	.19f	14	13.73	+.22	+29.3
AdamsEx	.67e	...	11.48	-.03	+8.4
Alcoa	.12	36	9.10	+.07	+4.8
AlonUSA	.16	34	20.25	+.21	+11.9
AMovilL	.30e	22	22.35	-2.50	-3.4
AmIntlGrp	...	3	38.87	+.24	+10.1
Amgen	**1.88f**	**15**	**84.94**	**+.40**	**-1.5**
Anadarko	**.36**	**...**	**84.13**	**+.68**	**+13.2**
Apache	**.80f**	**13**	**84.33**	**+.15**	**+7.4**
Apple Inc	10.60	11	467.01	-.89	-12.2
ApldMatl	**.36**	**...**	**13.77**	**+.11**	**+20.4**
ArchCoal	.12	...	5.88	-.04	-19.7
ATMOS	**1.40**	**15**	**38.10**	**+.09**	**+8.5**
AutoData	1.74	21	60.45	+.09	+6.2
Avon	.24	...	20.83	+.04	+45.1
BP PLC	**2.16f**	**6**	**42.45**	**-.35**	**+1.9**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.64	-.26	+8.9
BakrHu	.60	15	46.13	+.31	+12.9
BkofAm	.04	47	12.17	-.08	+4.8
BariPVix rs	...	...	22.49	+.12	-29.3
BarrickG	.80	9	31.59	-.90	-9.8
BasicEnSv	...	9	14.34	+.34	+25.7
BérkHa A	**...**	**1914775**	**0.00**	**+825.00**	**+10.2**
BerryPet	**.32**	**...**	**39.60**	**+.81**	**+18.0**
BestBuy	.68	...	15.12	-.31	+27.6
BlkHillsCp	**1.52f**	**16**	**41.05**	**+.15**	**+13.0**
BostonSci	...	...	7.45	-.14	+30.0
BritySq	**1.40f**	**31**	**36.12**	**-.40**	**+12.0**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**25**	**65.79**	**-.06**	**+7.0**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**25**	**64.11**	**-.09**	**+1.4**
CVS Care	.90f	16	51.06	-.11	+5.6
Cameron	...	21	64.16	+.05	+13.6
Caterpillar	2.08	11	96.38	-.84	+7.6
Celestic g	...	14	8.11	-.04	-.5
CntryLink	2.16m	38	41.69	-.07	+6.6
ChesEng	.35	...	20.57	+.56	+23.8
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**115.53**	**-.07**	**+6.8**
Chicos	.21	17	17.48	-.16	-5.3
Cimarex	.48	16	67.75	+.87	+17.4
Cisco	.56	14	21.14	+.17	+7.6
Citigroup	.04	14	44.00	-.35	+11.2
ClayEng	**...**	**26**	**39.08**	**-.09**	**-2.3**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CliffsNRs	.60m	...	29.29	-7.32	-24.1
CocaColaS	**1.02**	**19**	**37.21**	**-.35**	**+2.6**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**107.90**	**-.15**	**+3.2**
Comcast	.76f	21	40.13	+1.16	+7.4
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**33.48**	**+.18**	**+13.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**21**	**93.96**	**-2.20**	**+16.6**
ConocPhil	**s2.64**	**9**	**58.61**	**+.36**	**+1.1**
Corning	.36	11	12.78	+.21	+1.3
CrackerB	2.00	15	65.35	-.02	+1.7
CrosTim	**2.20e**	**12**	**29.85**	**+.30**	**+10.9**
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	45.86	+.60	+9.4
DTE	2.48	16	64.40	-.11	+7.2
Dataram h	...	...	.31	-.00	-6.7
Dawson	**...**	**24**	**31.74**	**-.01**	**+20.3**
DeanFds	...	24	16.70	-1.69	+1.2
Dell Inc	.32	9	13.77	-.02	+35.8
DevonE	**.80**	**38**	**61.48**	**+1.96**	**+18.1**
Disney	**.75f**	**18**	**54.96**	**+.81**	**+10.4**
DowChm	**1.20**	**46**	**33.00**	**+.24**	**+2.1**
EMC Cp	...	20	24.22	-.32	-4.3
EOG Res	**.88**	**30**	**133.60**	**-.50**	**+10.6**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**17**	**21.67**	**+.01**	**+8.3**
Energen	.58f	15	47.63	+.39	+5.6
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	46.82	+.16	+9.1
EnPro	**...**	**21**	**45.97**	**+.51**	**+12.4**
EntPrPt	2.64f	22	56.59	+.57	+13.0
Ericsson	.35e	...	12.44	+.13	+23.2
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**24.44**	**+.16**	**+11.5**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**11**	**88.67**	**+.21**	**+2.4**
Facebook n	...	...	27.91	+.54	+4.8
FifthThird	.40	10	16.11	-.45	+6.0
FordM	.40f	10	13.04	-.04	+.7
ForestOil	...	10	6.84	-.03	+2.2
FrontierCm	.40	21	4.50	-.15	+5.1
FrozenFd h	**...**	**...**	**1.27**	**+.07**	**+42.7**
GATX	**1.24f**	**20**	**49.98**	**+.51**	**+15.4**
GeblkMkT	**.80**	**...**	**6.96**	**...**	**+14.4**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**30.31**	**-.09**	**+8.9**
GenElec	**.76f**	**17**	**23.39**	**+.81**	**+11.4**
GlPtnEn	**.67**	**17**	**22.07**	**+.08**	**+4.7**
Groupon	...	...	5.58	+.29	+14.7
HalconRes	...	...	7.46	+.06	+8.1
Halbrtn	.36	14	40.84	+.13	+17.7
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**60.48**	**-.40**	**+4.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Hospira	...	...	32.65	-2.30	+4.5
iShBraz	1.57e	...	56.41	+.51	+.8
iShJapn	.19e	...	10.04	-.04	+3.0
iShEMkts	.74e	...	44.17	+.22	-.4
iShR2K	1.69e	...	91.48	+.38	+8.5
IntegrysE	2.72	18	56.00	-.21	+7.2
Intel	**.90**	**10**	**21.25**	**+.06**	**+3.1**
InterDig	.40a	7	43.90	+1.16	+6.8
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	48.68	-.46	+11.5
JohnJn	**2.44**	**20**	**75.86**	**-.14**	**+7.9**
KimbClk	**2.96**	**20**	**89.89**	**-.01**	**+8.5**
KindME	5.16f	...	88.16	+.38	+10.5
KindMM	5.16f	...	82.48	+.38	+9.3
LegacyRes	2.28f	...	26.14	+.63	+9.8
Lubys	**...**	**30**	**7.80**	**-.07**	**+16.6**
MdVGold	.46e	...	41.20	-.72	-11.2
McDnlds	3.08	18	94.00	-1.10	+6.6
Merck	1.72f	19	41.15	-.30	+.5
MeritMed	**...**	**24**	**13.85**	**+.01**	**-.4**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.20	+.10	-3.7
MicronT	...	...	7.95	+.03	+25.4
Microsoft	.92	15	28.03	+.15	+4.9
Mondelez	.52	...	27.75	+.07	+9.0
MorgStan	.20	...	23.63	...	+23.6
Nabors	...	...	17.16	+.31	+18.8
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**54.34**	**+.10**	**-5.4**
NOilVarco	.52f	12	68.96	+.04	+.9
NewsCpA	.17	17	28.32	-.02	+11.0
NokiaCp	...	...	3.98	-.13	+.8
NuanceCm	...	14	18.51	-.40	-17.1
NvdiaAd	**.85e**	**...**	**15.11**	**-.16**	**-.7**
NvPhil	**.88**	**...**	**15.22**	**-.04**	**+2.0**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**15.21**	**-.17**	**+1.6**
NSTFI3	**.96e**	**...**	**15.13**	**-.01**	**+3.5**
NTRQI	**.73**	**...**	**16.24**	**-.07**	**+2.5**
Nvidia	.30	15	12.37	-.06	+.9
OcciPet	**2.16**	**12**	**86.84**	**+.01**	**+13.5**
Oracle	.24	17	34.99	-.12	+5.0
ParTech	**...**	**13**	**4.32**	**...**	**-11.8**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**5.83**	**+.06**	**+36.7**
PattUTI	**.20**	**12**	**24.06**	**+.32**	**+29.1**
PennaRE	**.64**	**...**	**19.25**	**+.12**	**+9.1**
PepsiCo	2.15	19	71.50	-.87	+4.5
PeregrinP	...	...	1.69	-.42	+28.0
Prmian	1.08e	11	14.16	+.27	+15.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Petrobras	.46e	...	16.15	+.09	-17.1
Pfizer	**.96f**	**14**	**27.00**	**+.01**	**+7.7**
PioNtrl	.08	...	126.76	-1.74	+18.9
PlainsAA s	**2.25f**	**23**	**54.32**	**+.23**	**+20.1**
Polycom	...	...	10.12	-1.31	-3.3
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	67.97	+.24	+4.4
Praxair	**2.40f**	**20**	**111.77**	**+.79**	**+2.1**
PrmEgy	**...**	**8**	**24.97**	**+.08**	**+8.6**
PrUVxST rs	...	...	10.07	+.15	-51.8
ProctGam	**2.25**	**19**	**76.56**	**+.58**	**+12.8**
Rackspace	...	80	60.30	-14.68	-18.8
RangeRs	.16	...	71.31	+.28	+13.5
RegionsFn	.04	11	7.85	-.08	+10.1
RschMotn	...	27	13.99	-1.21	+17.9
Rowan	...	26	35.58	+.43	+13.8
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	66.96	+.06	-2.9
SpdrDJIA	3.34e	...	139.87	-.16	+7.1
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	152.15	+.13	+6.8
SabnR	3.62e	13	47.81	...	+20.2
SanderFm	**.80**	**22**	**52.54**	**+.52**	**+10.5**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**5.90**	**+.27**	**-7.1**
Saplent	**...**	**22**	**11.20**	**-.99**	**+6.1**
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	78.63	+.10	+13.5
SigmaAld	**.96f**	**20**	**76.85**	**+.54**	**+4.4**
SiriusXM	.05e	6	3.20	+.01	+10.7
Smucker	2.08	21	90.33	-.07	+4.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SprintNex	...	...	5.86	-.05	+3.4
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.78	-.04	+8.5
SunocoLog	2.18f	15	61.14	+.38	+22.9
TalismE g	.27	...	12.82	+.31	+13.2
TeleNav	**...**	**...**	**13.48**	**+.13**	**-.1**
Tesoro	**.80f**	**10**	**54.07**	**+.58**	**+22.7**
3M Co	2.54f	16	102.86	+.04	+10.8
Torchmark	**.60**	**11**	**56.13**	**+.13**	**+8.9**
TrtConti	**.61e**	**...**	**17.23**	**+.03**	**+7.4**
TylerTech	**...**	**55**	**55.23**	**+.91**	**+14.0**
USBWV	**1.24**	**17**	**26.12**	**+.14**	**+7.3**
ValeroE	.80f	12	46.24	+.59	+35.5
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Vodafone	1.53e	...	26.65	-.56	+5.8
Vulcanlll	**.04**	**...**	**55.86**	**-.26**	**+7.3**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**19**	**41.48**	**-.19**	**+12.1**
WellsFargo	1.00f	10	35.13	-.38	+2.8
WstnRefin	.48f	24	35.80	-.08	+27.0
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WmsCos	1.36f	23	35.64	-.20	+8.9
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**15**	**27.92**	**-.08**	**+4.5**
Xerox	**.17**	**9**	**8.00**	**+.04**	**+17.3**
Yahoo	...	6	21.15	-.06	+6.3
Zynga	...	...	3.17	-.07	+34.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
14,038.97	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,982.91	-35.79	-.26	+6.71	+9.40
5,927.15	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,929.22	+22.36	+.38	+11.73	+14.50
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	475.61	-1.08	-.22	+4.97	+6.18
8,970.90	7,222.86	NYSE Composite	8,955.60	-2.00	-.02	+8.06	+11.86
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,403.47	+3.57	+.15	+2.03	-.98
3,196.93	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,196.88	+10.39	+.33	+5.87	+9.64
1,622.29	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,520.33	+.90	+.06	+6.60	+13.18
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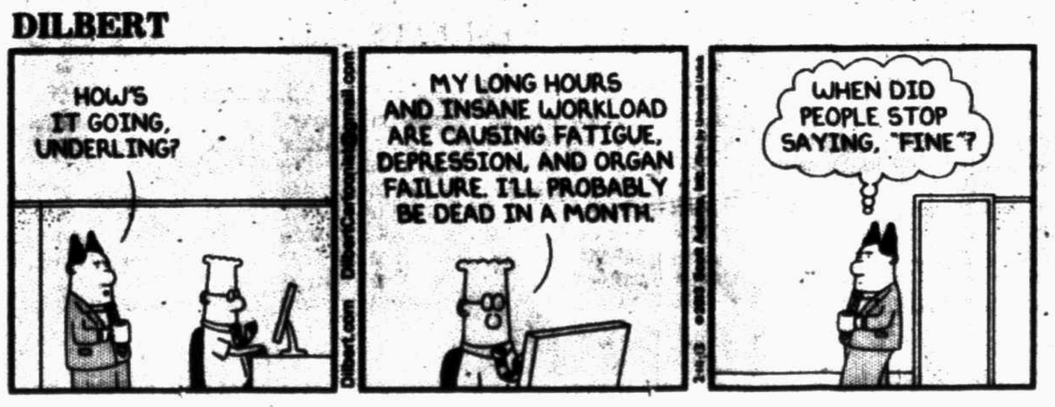

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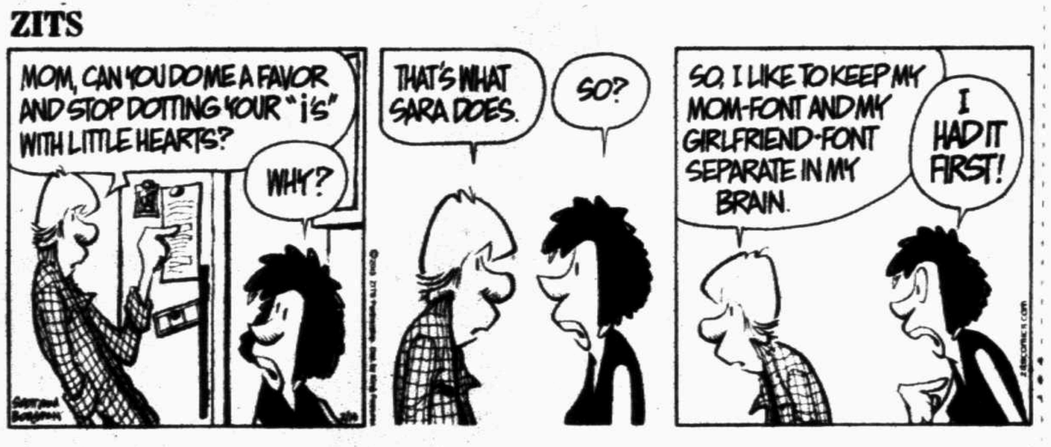

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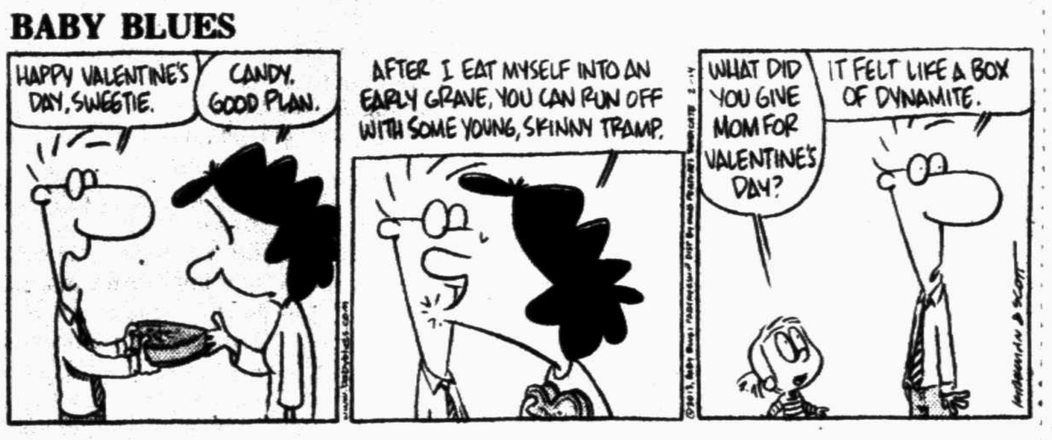

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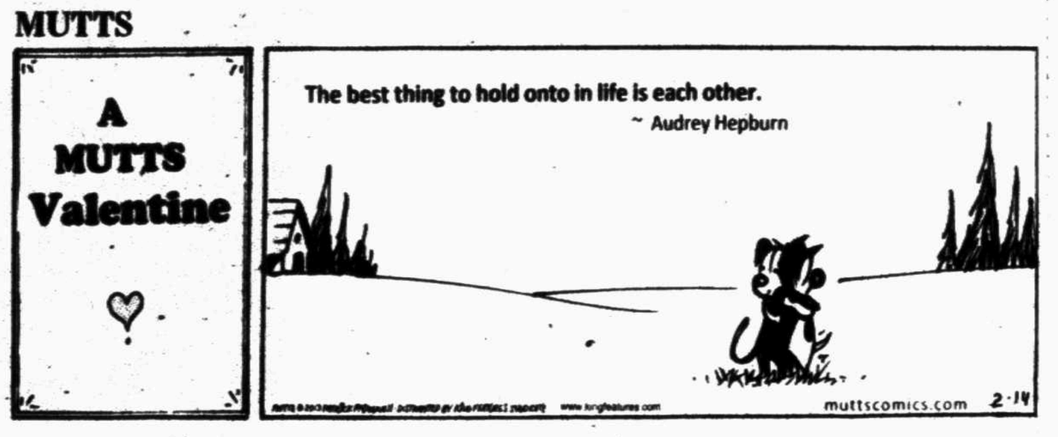

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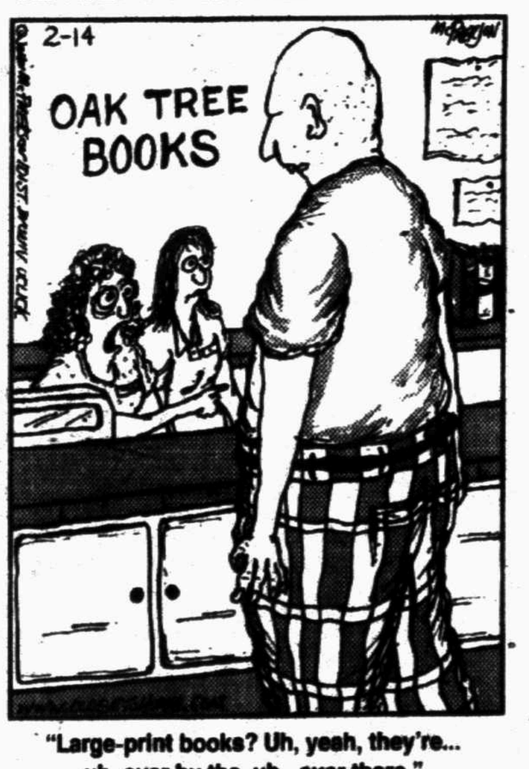

"Large-print books? Uh, yeah, they're... uh, over by the, uh...over there."

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"I love you just as much as Daddy, but that'll be our secret."

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves

Daytona Beach News-Journal file photo

Milka and ARCA go together like Danica and NASCAR. Kinda-sorta.

What is the best gift for a race fan on Valentine's Day?

GODSPEAK: I know Dale Earnhardt Jr. has a line of potato chips, but does he do chocolates? He should.
KEN'S CALL: I would suggest "his and hers" restrictor plates — in the shape of hearts, of course.

The Daytona schedule begins with an ARCA practice Thursday. Why does this excite me?

GODSPEAK: It's either the roar of power-restricted V-8 engines or, seeing Milka Duno walking around in her fire suit.
KEN'S CALL: You're a closet Frank Kimmel fan, or you're aware that the first NASCAR practice is just a day away.

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Do you have questions or comments about NASCAR This Week? Contact Godwin Kelly at godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com or Ken Willis at ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

A look at the first 10 races of the season
(All Times Eastern)

FEB. 24: Daytona International Speedway — Daytona 500, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 3: Phoenix International Raceway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 10: Las Vegas Motor Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

MARCH 17: Bristol Motor Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

MARCH 24: Auto Club Speedway, FOX, 3 p.m.

APRIL 7: Martinsville Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 13: Texas Motor Speedway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 21: Kansas Speedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

APRIL 27: Richmond International Raceway, FOX, 7:30 p.m.

MAY 5: Talladega Superspeedway, FOX, 1 p.m.

'Hot-tempered and arrogant'

According to Forbes magazine, which annually ranks America's 10 most disliked athletes, Kurt Busch has again held serve in the bad-boy poll.

Topping the list of athletes who people love to hate are Notre Dame football player Manti Te'o and cyclist Lance Armstrong. But holding steady down there at No. 8 is Busch, who had a fan approval rating of just 27 percent.

The feedback from sports fans? Busch was "hot-tempered and arrogant" and "feuded with teammates and reporters alike."

Sliding down the beach

Glen Wood made the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2012 and was joined by his brother, Leonard, last week. Together, they formed Wood Brothers Racing, an organization that has been around since 1953.

The team, historically a single-car operation, has struggled since the onslaught of multicar, corporate-driven behemoths. But the Wood Brothers got a huge measure of satisfaction after winning the 2011 Daytona 500.

Leonard Wood's favorite story from the early days of the team — Glen was the driver and Leonard the mechanic — was during a private test session on the Daytona Beach & Road Course in 1956.

Leonard wanted to check engine function at speed and rode shotgun with Glen at the wheel. During the run on the beach, Glen drifted into the water, and the No. 21 Ford went into a power slide.

"This wave flowed in and we had to hit it because Glen couldn't stop," Leonard said. "He goes right through this water, and it just picked up the car and set it sideways.

"I'm looking out the side glass and thinking, 'We're gonna wreck for sure.' But the car turned back the other way, and Glen hit the throttle and just pulled that thing out as straight as an arrow, and I've never been so happy in all my life."

Elliott gets the message

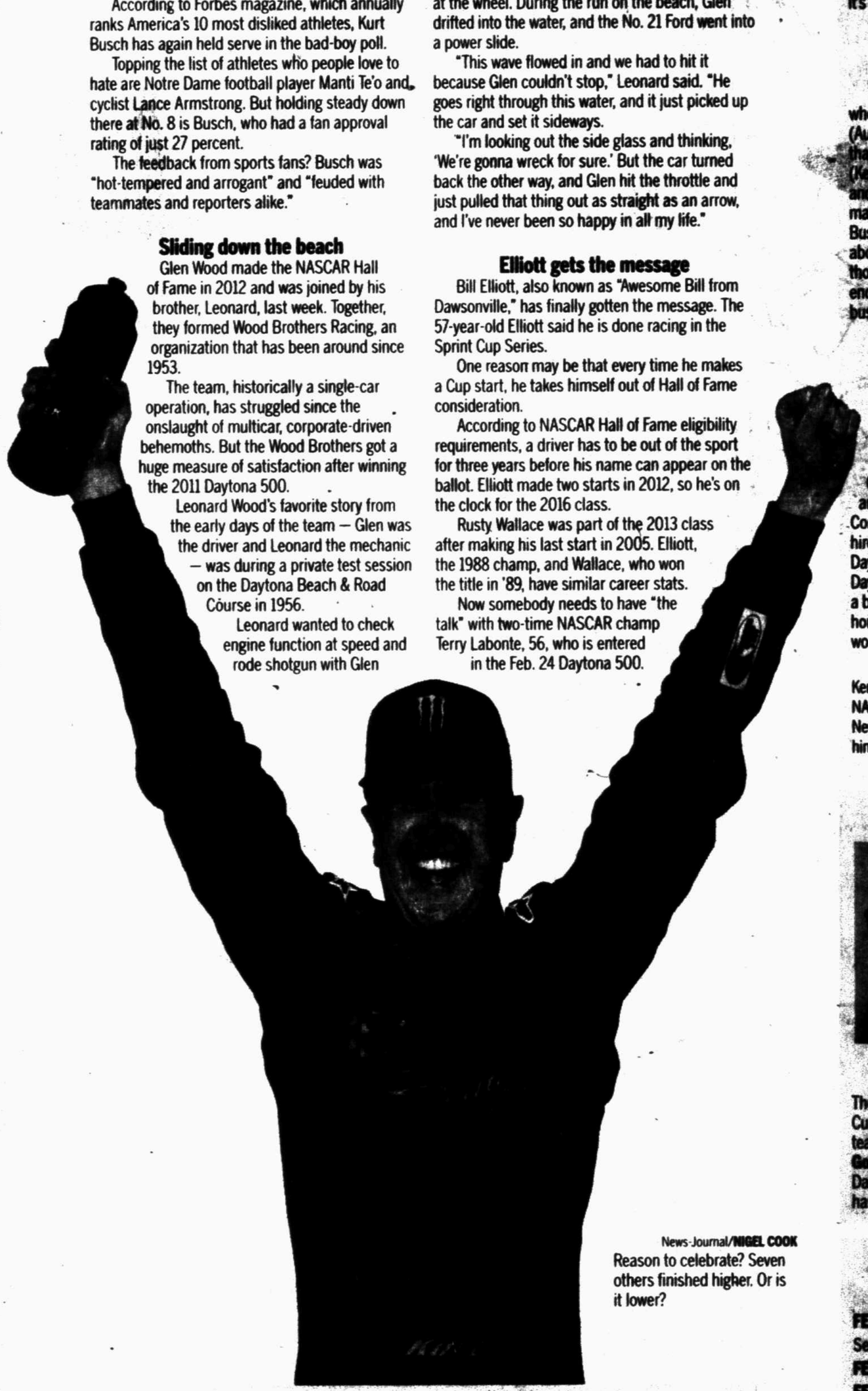
Bill Elliott, also known as "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville," has finally gotten the message. The 57-year-old Elliott said he is done racing in the Sprint Cup Series.

One reason may be that every time he makes a Cup start, he takes himself out of Hall of Fame consideration.

According to NASCAR Hall of Fame eligibility requirements, a driver has to be out of the sport for three years before his name can appear on the ballot. Elliott made two starts in 2012, so he's on the clock for the 2016 class.

Rusty Wallace was part of the 2013 class after making his last start in 2005. Elliott, the 1988 champ, and Wallace, who won the title in '89, have similar career stats.

Now somebody needs to have "the talk" with two-time NASCAR champ Terry Labonte, 56, who is entered in the Feb. 24 Daytona 500.



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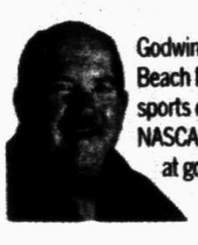
Reason to celebrate? Seven others finished higher. Or is it lower?

GODWIN'S NASCAR HALL OF FAME



Godwin Kelly is the Daytona Beach News-Journal's motorsports editor and has covered NASCAR for 30 years. Reach him at godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

WINNER: Denny Hamlin
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Carl Edwards, Kasey Kahne
DARK HORSE: Kurt Busch
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Juan Pablo Montoya
FIRST ONE OUT: Joey Logano
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Earnhardt is a bit timid at the finish because of the wreck he caused during January's Preseason Thunder test.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Thomas Bolch/Daytona Beach News-Journal file photo

How would it look in Budweiser colors? You might find out.

OK, what's the deal with the No. 3 car?

When Dale Earnhardt died 12 years ago (Wow, 12 years ago?), in the aftermath, it appeared it might be a long time before we saw a 3 on the side of a Cup car again. And when we did, it'd likely be a special circumstance. Well, it's been a long time.

And do we have a special circumstance?

Yep, money is our guess. Richard Childress, who still "owns" the number, has a grandson (Austin Dillon) who will be a Cup driver sooner than later. Richard also has a current driver (Kevin Harvick) who's leaving after this season, and Richard has a sponsor (Budweiser), who may or may not leave with Kevin. If Anheuser-Busch's Boys in Marketing are on the fence about going with Childress or Harvick, the thought of adorning the new No. 3 might be enough to keep them with RCR. Business is business.

Is it time to buy Terry Labonte some golf clubs?

Or a fishing pole. Metal detector. Knitting needles. ANYTHING! The man needs a hobby. The two-time champ, who outlasted two generations of Marlins (Coo Coo and Sterling), Pettys (Richard and Kyle) and even raced against Buddy Arrington, Connie Saylor and Janet Guthrie, has been hired again by FAS Lane Racing to enter the Daytona 500. It would be Terry's 61st start at Daytona. You probably can't find anyone with a bad word to say about Terry Labonte, but honestly, we can't miss you if you won't stay away.

Ken Willis has been covering NASCAR for The Daytona Beach News-Journal for 27 years. Reach him at ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Dustin Smith vs. Tommy Baldwin Jr.: The veteran track owner said start-and-park Cup teams were a joke. Baldwin, who owns two teams, took offense at the comments.
Godwin Kelly gives his take: "This is a classic David and Goliath tale, only the term slingshot has a different meaning."

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

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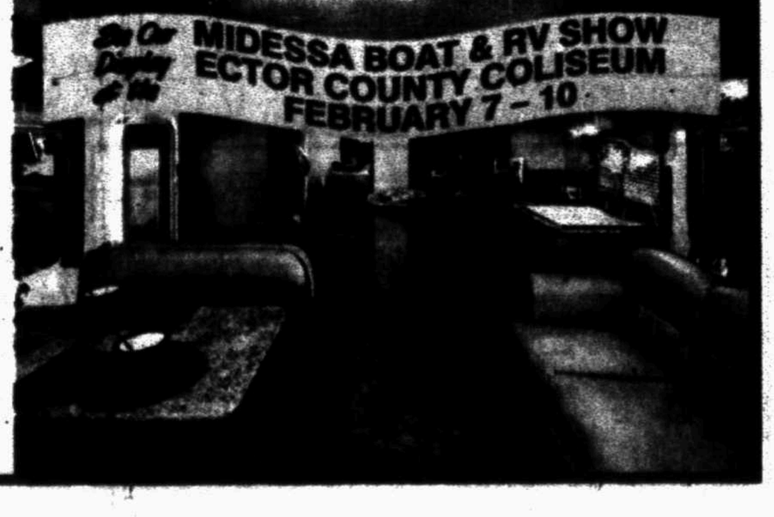

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The property to be leased is a parking lot located at the northwest corner of Michigan and Colorado Streets, Midland, Midland County, Texas, that contains ninety-six-(96) spaces. Use of the property by the lessee will be limited to use as a parking lot. The term of the lease will be a period of twelve (12) months, with renewal options upon agreement of both parties.

The lease is "As-Is". Each bidder acknowledges that it is not relying upon any representation, statement or other assertion by any member of the Commissioners Court of Midland County, Texas or any official, agent, representative or employee of Midland County, Texas, with respect to the condition of the property, but instead, is relying upon the bidder's own examination and investigation of the property.

The Auction will be held on February 27, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock, a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Midland County Courthouse located at 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701. For information on the property or on the auction, contact Commissioner Jimmy Smith, at (432) 684-8822.

The minimum bid for the property will be $3,360 per month ($35 per parking space). Midland County reserves the right to revise the minimum bid prior to the start of the auction. Lease of the property is subject to acceptance by the Midland County Commissioners Court, which reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time, including after completion of the auction and up to the time that a lease is signed by both parties. Midland County reserves the right to withdraw the property from auction at any time. The highest and best bid that meets the requirements set by Midland County may be selected. Midland County reserves the right to request additional information from the selected bidder prior to acceptance.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Douglas Crow, deceased, were issued on February 6, 2013, in Cause No. P17325, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Allison Crow.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Allison Crow
c/o: David W. Lindemood
Attorney at Law
TGAAR Tower
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705

DATED the 12th day of February, 2013.

/s/ David W. Lindemood
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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. 325, Blk. , LA SALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 25 Survey, A-424, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 18.6 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.**

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TRÉND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	SCHARBAUER RANCH 'B'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	1H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	536.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	53.0	
Lease Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	688.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	688.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 683.0 F SOUTH L
688.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County : MARTIN
Section : Block: Abstract:
Survey : LASALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 15
Lease Lines : 100.00 F NORTH L
830.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines : 100.0 F NORTH L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0280655
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 6, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 755850
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 13, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. <N/A>, Blk. , LA SALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 26 Survey, A-424, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 18.6 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 Mar. 13, 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 :	SCHARBAUER RANCH 'B'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	536.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	53.0	
Lease Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	723.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	683.0 F SOUTH L.	723.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 683.0 F SOUTH L
723.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County : MARTIN
Section : Block: Abstract: 424
Survey : LASALLE CSL LGE 325 LAB 15
Lease Lines : 100.00 F NORTH L
467.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines : 100.0 F NORTH L
467.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10430 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

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Passenger Cars

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432-327-3949

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Silver/Black
5 speed Convertible
65k miles

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Black/Saddle
CPO Warr.Sport,Nav, Htd Seats,Sunroof,
53k miles

2008 BMW 528i
Space Gray/Gray
Heated Seats,Xenon, Sunroof CPO Warr
45k miles

2009 BMW 750i
Platinum Bronze/Beige
Night Vision,NAV,Lux Seats
24k miles

2009 Chevy Suburban
Black/Black
LT Bench Seat,Cloth
New Tires
50k miles

2009 BMW M3
Jerez Black/Black
Carbon Fiber Roof,
Nav,Htd Seats,19" Wheels
50k miles

2011 Mercedes GL550
White/Dark Brown
4 Matic,AMG Pkg,V8,
SunRoof,Nav,Htd Seats
58k miles

2012 BMW 528xi
White/Black
X-Drive,Heated Seats,
Nav,SAT,Prem Pkg
6k miles

2012 BMW X3 2.0
White/Beige
AWD,SAT,Nav,Panoroof,
Xenon,Tech Pkg,Cold Pkg
6k miles

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Convertible
Red/Beige
Xenon,NAV,Heated Seats,
Warranty, Premium
25k miles

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Black Saphire/Black
Sport,NAV,SAT,
Heads-Up,Sunroof
17k miles

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Are you upbeat, energetic and ready to make a difference in a bustling community that drinks up local news like a glass of ice-cold sweet tea on a hot summer day? Then apply for our available copy editor position at the Reporter-Telegram.

We're looking for smart, creative people to work with us at our newspaper who want to flex their creative muscles and join our team to make the best daily possible. The position requires copy editing and page design experience, a strong knowledge of Associated Press style, attention to detail and the ability to not buckle under pressure.

A degree in journalism, English, communications or a related field is preferred. Sports knowledge is a plus because Midland loves its high school and college sports. Recent and soon-to-be college graduates are encouraged to apply.

If you think you've got what it takes, then email your résumé, design samples and references to News Editor Trevor Hawes at thawes@mrt.com. Hard copy submissions can be mailed 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

Lot Attendant (Wash Bay attendant)
The Car Store is looking for a lot attendant for our Dealership. This position requires a valid license and drug screen. Please apply in person at 4030 W Wall St.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

TELLER / MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE
MTCU is looking for individuals that are enthusiastic, and would like to build a career in Financial Services. We currently have **Teller / Membership positions** available. For more information send your resume to **PO Box 4307, Midland, TX 79704** or contact Cynthia at **432-688-7300**. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

SECRETARY
Secretary position available in Midland office. Qualified candidate will possess a high degree of skills in all aspects of secretarial work. Verifiable secretarial experience required. Position requires successful applicant to become a notary public. Please send resume to P-118 Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701. References are required to be submitted.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Contractor Refinery Field Superintendent
Universal Construction FT
Full Time Contractor Refinery Field Superintendent in Big Spring. Mechanical, Civil, Stuctural, Maintenance. Supervise and direct 20-25 employees. No travel required. Contractor been in plant for 33 years. Minimal employee turnover rate, excellent safety record. Send resumes to kenny.clanton@gmail.com.

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Project Manager
Local construction company looking for a Project Manager. Must have 5+ yrs experience, able to read blue prints, handle multiple projects while running several crews. Compensation will be based on experience level. Email resume to mtconstruction28@yahoo.com

Superintendent
Campbell Construction Co. FT
Campbell Construction Company seeking **Superintendent**
Pre-employment drug test required
Good Benefits Salary DOE
Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland or send resume to PO Box 11293, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to (432) 683-5943

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Child Care Teachers needed. Above average wages for Full and Part-time positions. Call **432-520-8888.**

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD
Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Midland-Odessa Area.

Operations Supervisor – Supervise Maintenance employees to assure smooth operation of District facilities while following direction of the Operations Superintendent. The successful candidate will have the experience necessary to successfully plan, direct, organize, and, oversee the daily activities of a crew maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pumps, and pump stations.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

Plant Operator
West Texas Gas FT
Help Wanted - PLANT OPERATOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experience preferred but not needed. Location: near McCamey, TX. Fax resume to (432)693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755.

Senior Environmental Project Manager
Nova Safety & Environmental is seeking a **Senior Environmental Project Manager**. Candidate must have at a minimum a Bachelors of Science Degree in one of the following areas: Geology, Environmental Science, Biology or Chemistry, and a minimum of five years in the environmental industry. Job duties include but are not limited to ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, preparing technical reports, preparing ground water maps and other site diagrams and overseeing various projects from start to finish. The candidate will need to be able to travel from site to site in the Permian Basin area with limited overnight stays. The job comes with an excellent salary and benefits package, including 401 K, health insurance, paid vacation, & bonuses. Call **432-520-7720** or email **rheskell@novatesting.cc**

HEALTHCARE

Caregiver's
Visiting Angels FT/PT
24 HR LIVE-IN CAREGIVER NEEDED TO START IMMEDIATLY. Please contact Visiting Angels at 432-897-4094.

Full time RN Case Managers
HomeCare Plus FT
Full time/Part-Time RN Case managers needed for home care visits in Midland and Odessa. Competitive pay. Home health experiences a plus. Call Michael @ 570-7587 or fax resume to 620-6675

Housekeepers Needed
1 full time Housekeeper and 1 part time Housekeeper. Will discuss hours and pay at interview. Hospital Housekeeping a plus. Apply @ Martin County Hospital, Or call Paula Dority @ 432-607-3227 or email pdority@martinch.org.

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor
Midland/Odessa Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 8:00am-10:00am
Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

LVN
Midland Family Physicians. Full-time LVN needed for family practice. Salary based on experience includes full benefits. Fax resume to 432-682-2427.

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Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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HEALTHCARE

Receptionist/Sleep Technicians
Advanced Neuroscience Clinic & Somno Systmes FT
Hiring front office receptionist and sleep technicians with experience preferred, but will train the right person. Please email your resume at info@somnosystems.com or Call Irma 432-570-9991

Registered Dental Hygienist
Confidential PT
Midland, TX 79707
Part-time Dental Hygientist needed. Bring resume by: 3200 Sunburst Dr.

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All Positions
New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes for the following positions: Front desk, bar tenders, maintenance, and housekeeping. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insignianmgmt.com or fax resume to 432-699-0979 or apply in person to 4410 N Midkiff Rd. Suite D 212, Midland, TX. 79705

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Housekeeping & Laundry & Breakfast Attendant
LaQuinta Inn & Suites FT
Now Hiring
- Housekeepers
- Laundry & Breakfast Attendant

Flexible Hours; Great Pay!
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Immediate Openings
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Please apply to Human Resources, 117 W. Wall.

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Midtown Hotel: GM/ Front Office Manager, Food & Beverage Director, Front desk, Housekeeping, Laundry & Breakfast Attendents. Full/ Part time will train the right person. Pay based upon experience. Email resume to gpcmentur@yihotels.com or bring resume to 3100 W. Wall Street

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Part-time for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies. Please call **432-687-1650.**

Janitorial Help & Floor Tech
Part-time Janitorial help needed in the evening. Also, Part-time & Full- time Janitorial Floor Tech needed. Call 570-9903 or apply at 2311 Elizabeth.

LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK??
National Greeting Card Company now hiring for Midland / Odessa Area. Need something to do while the kids are in school? Retired from a full time job and not ready to stay home? This is the job for you!!! Send reply to agmerchandisers@yahoo.com.

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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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Commercial CSR
Seeking full time position with an insurance agency in Midland, TX. Must have experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. License preferred but not required. 432.683.4619

Foster Care Administrator
Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, and the ability to develop a team focused on improving the lives of children and meeting their developmental needs. Must be able to monitor a high volume of documentation requirements. position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a QRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org Position closes 2/20/13. No phone calls please.

Information Technology Specialist
Must have good organizational and communication skills. Experience with Active Directory, Ipad, and Iphone a plus. Please submit resume to lesleymoreno@bigdco.com.

General

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Bacij in The Day Cafe is now accepting applications. Apply in person: 4317 West Illinois Ave, Midland, Tx. 79703.

All Positions
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Accepting applications between 2pm & 4pm Monday - Friday. No phone calls please. With competitive pay. Apply at: 418 West Wadley, Midland, Tx 79705.

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Hiring all positions, Kitchen staff, starting at $12, wait staff, starting at $4.50 plus tips, bussers & dishwashers. Incentives & bonuses. Apply at Basin Burger House, 607 N Colorado.

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Midland Country Club FT
Is looking for a Line Cook. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

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Fast Freddy's
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Food & Beverage Manager
Midland Country Club FT
Is looking for a Food and Beverage Manager. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

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Lori's Cafe is looking for the following: • Dishwashers $10.00/ hr., • Servers, • Restaurant General Manager - Experience required in breakfast, pay commensurate with experience. Please email resume to loricafe@att.net or bring resume or application in between 9-11 or 1-2. Hours of operation are 6AM-2PM.

Swensen's Now Hiring Day & Night Servers!
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Outside Salesman
Confidential FT
Must have 3 to 5 years of petroleum or industrial sales experience in the Permian Basin. Please send resumes to: M-17, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

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Now hiring Experienced Diesel Technician, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and drug test. Please call 432-699-4468.

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BASIN Electric Co.

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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.

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 **432-682-6017** or visit our office at **5800 E. I-20.**

Rod Pump Specialist

Murphy Exploration & Production Company FT
Looking for a self motivated, energetic individual to support our growing Eagle Ford operations. Key qualifications include:
- Minimum 5 years experience operating and optimizing rod pump equipment
- Experience with Lufkin automation equipment and setup (preferred)
- Familiar with instrumentation and electrical work required to enable communication with SCADA system (preferred)

To view the additional qualifications and responsibilities, please visit the link below: http://mochome/employment/JobDescription.aspx?ID=715

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Microsoft office skills a must. Email resume to pwatson@wpg-us.com Mail to P.O. Drawer 11186, Midland, TX 79702.

Shop Tech

Air Drilling Solutions Shop Technician/Midland, TX Position involves various testing, repair, fabrication, assembly and maintenance activity. Welding experience preferred. Driver's license in good standing. Ability to work an on-call schedule. 432-218-4700

SKILLED LABOR

Shop/Field Mechanics

Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools and Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland, TX.

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Confidential FT
Fast growing Canadian oil field services company is expanding operations and is looking for Tool Hands with 3 plus years of experience, with completion tools-packers, anchors, plugs, liner hanger, sleeves. Competitive compensation package. Multiple locations, San Antonio (South TX) Midland/Odessa, OK City/Tulsa, Michigan/Ohio/Pennsylvania.
Reply with resume to: jluk@egyptianenergy.ca

Tower Claimer

Midland Tower Construction FT
Midland, TX 79701
Experienced Tower Claimer needed in West Tx. Region. Must have experience in maintenance & repairs to cell phone towers. A valid Drivers License, pre-employment & random drug screening will be required. Please call 432-238-9630. Email resumes to: randyrandolph@midlandtower.com

Welders

M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus. Salary DOE. Please call for application at 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8286.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver

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CDL Drivers & Daytime Dispatcher

B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers** and **Daytime Dispatcher** with exp. a plus. Must be21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Stop by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy.**

Class A CDL Driver

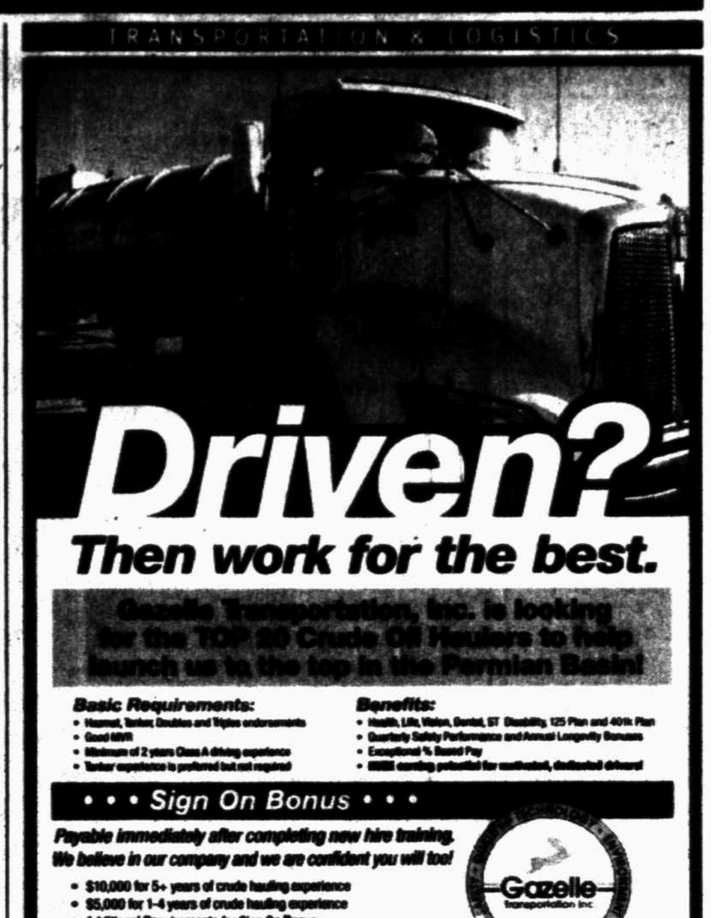
Oil Center Research, LLC FT
$5,000.00 Sign On Bonus - Stable company with a competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits located in Midland, TX is looking for a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Position requires a minimum 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, trustworthy, and be willing to work in the warehouse when not driving. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Tammy at 337-232-2496.

Class A CDL Driver

Sure Shot Hot Shot FT
Must have 1 year experience and clean driving record. Great work environment and competitive pay. Must live within 30 minutes of Midland, Tx. Apply at: 909 South Goode St., Midland, Tx 79702 or call 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**



Drivers and Blenders

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Passenger Cars

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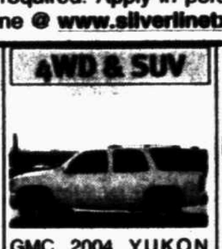

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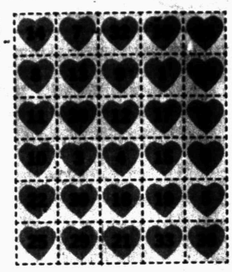

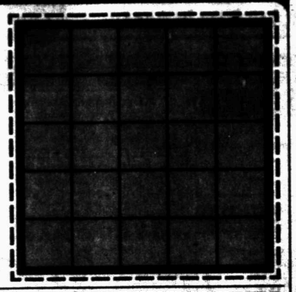

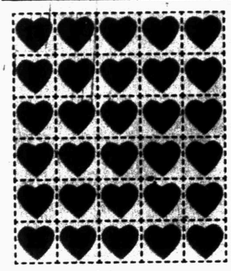

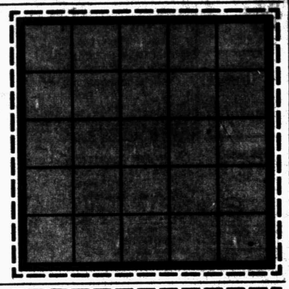

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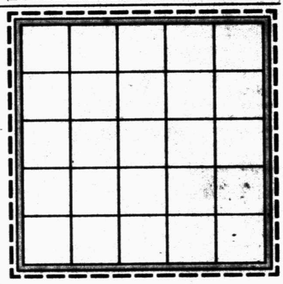

MATH PROBLEMS

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Standards Link: Math: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Extra! Extra! News Hunt

Look for the following in your newspaper or news site:

- ❑ A headline with two adjectives
- ❑ A number larger than 1,000
- ❑ A picture with an animal
- ❑ Something that makes you happy
- ❑ Something healthy

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you make your way through this maze moving only in an odd number, even number, odd number pattern?

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Headline Valentine

Cut out five or more words from the headlines in today's newspaper. Use these to write a nice Valentine message to a friend, teacher or parent.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository text.

Weekly Writing Corner

Heart Thumping Idea

You need your heart thumping to live. Some people might jump rope, I like to play volleyball. Volleyball is a nice workout that gets my heart thumping. I like to play volleyball with my sisters, mom, and my dad. I like volleyball because it keeps my heart thumping.

Natali Sanchez,
4th grade, St. Ann's

What can you do to exercise your heart? Exercise is important for your whole body but especially for your heart. You can swim or run to exercise your heart. When you swim, you go back and forth in the pool. When you run, you can run around the block. These are just a few things you can do to get your heart thumping.

Zachary Thomas,
6th grade, Hillander

What I love to do is exercise my heart. I exercise my heart by jumping rope. I also just take big breaths. I jump rope, and I take big breaths. I do all these things for thirty minutes a day. I also run. The heart is a very, very special part of your body. That is why you should keep your heart healthy.

Makayla Madrid,
4th grade, St. Ann's

Exercising is important for your whole body, especially your heart. To exercise, normally I'd go to swim practice. Don't let the name fool you. We not only swim, but we do push-ups, sit-ups, crunches, chin-ups, running, pretty much everything imaginable. Then my team has real swimming for an hour, which really gets your heart thumping. So when I exercise, I do all of the above.

Claire Keck,
6th grade, Hillander

How do I exercise? Well, I jump rope and swim. I swim in a twenty-five meter pool. I swim countless laps. Sometimes I jump rope. I jump for twenty-five minutes a day. These exercises keep me in shape.

Wilana Gamero,
4th grade, St. Ann's

Do you participate or like a sport that is good for your heart? I like to swim; it takes a lot of energy to do. You feel refreshed when you are in the water. It will help your heart rate. It is also a lot of fun. I know most of how swimming is good for you because I am on level three swim team at COM Aquatics.

Sara Garcia,
4th grade, St. Ann's

Exercising your heart is a great way to be healthy. Some ways to exercise your heart are to do jumping jacks and go jogging. Sports of any kind will also help exercise your heart. Everyone wants a healthy heart so exercise!

Evan Witt,
6th grade, Hillander

Write On!

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■ Graham Dixon writes of Itzhak Perlman's performance calling the world-class violinist "an iconic figure embodying survival and a vivacious joy for life."

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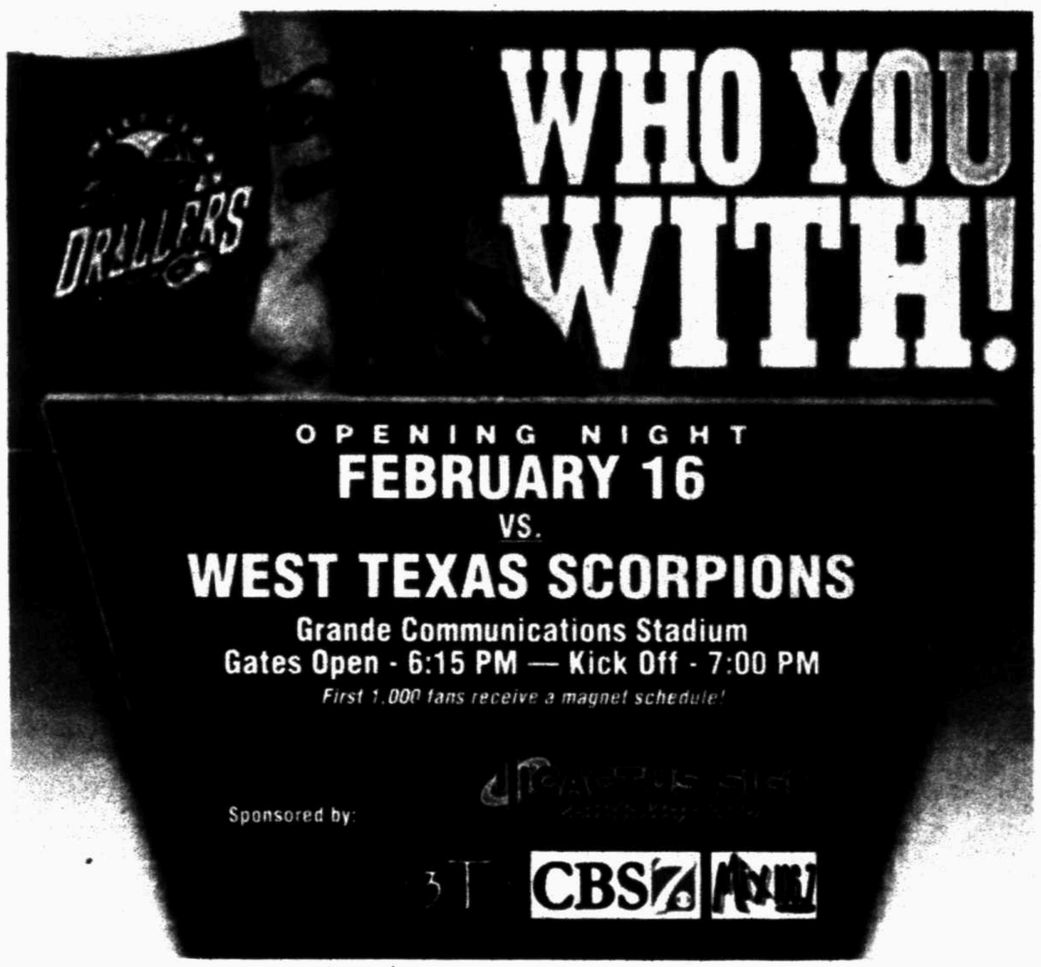

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ENCHANTED VALENTINES EVENING
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Where: Gloria Denman Ballroom
Info: Features dinner by the Barn Door Steakhouse and music by Corner Pocket jazz band.
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When: 6:30 to 11:55 p.m.
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Odessa
Info: Dance to music from the 1970s and 1980s, including disco, funk, R&B, classic country and Tejano. Dinner buffet featuring brisket, roasted chicken, homemade mashed potatoes, steamed veggies, homemade desserts and tea are included in ticket price of $40.
Tickets: Purchase at the Hilton Garden Inn, Odessa, or charge by calling 235-0096.

SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams St., Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910.

Friday

STAR PARTY
When: dusk
Where: Haley Park, behind the Blakemore Planetarium
Info: Presented by the West Texas Astronomers

"SHREK: THE MUSICAL"
When: Friday through March 9
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Opening production of Midland Community Theatre's 2013 season. Call 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org.

"OUT OF BOUNDS" EXHIBITION
When: through March 29
Where: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College main campus
Info: Features works by David Herbold, Hector Hernandez, Jieun Beth Kim and Molly Wicks in collaboration with MC students.

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: Games every day but Mondays and Thursdays
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.

OPERA DOWNTOWN SUNDAY @ MIDLAND CENTER
Midland Opera Theater has rounded up some of the top talent in Midland and Odessa for an evening of Italian food, music and dance Sunday. Performers featured on the Opera Downtown program include Cory Alexander, Chad Ansen, Bert Bostic and his Children's Choir, Joe Campos, the Gene Collins Singers, Kaitlin Hatchet, Michael Jordan, Cynthia Juarez and Gabriel Enriquez, the Orta family, Trinity Salcedo, Chris Vaught, Sara Yang and Midland Festival Ballet performing a dance from "The Three-Cornered Hat," by Manuel de Falla. The program includes selections from well-known operas, such as "Porgy and Bess" by George Gershwin, "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini, "Hansel and Gretel" by Englebert Humperdinck and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo. Tickets are $10 to $25. The evening begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 269-0389.

O'REILLY OUTLAW NATIONALS
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: MAP Motorsports

Saturday

BOOK SIGNING
When: 1 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N
Info: "Footloose Scot: Travels in a Time of Change," by Jim Glendinning. Scots-born, Oxford educated, Glendinning visited 136 countries in 50 years of travel. He tells of his adventures by car, truck, raft, horse and on foot around the world, from Everest base camp to Panama's Darien Gap.

NO REMORSE MMA FIGHT NIGHT
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: $20 advance, $25 at the door, $250 tables (group of 6). Doors open 6 p.m.

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: ACE Arena, Andrews
Tickets: $25 per person, $40 couple, $150 table of eight. Call 523-2695
Info: Dinner and dance. 60th annual Andrews Chamber of Commerce banquet

JIMMY GONZALEZ Y MAZZ VALENTINE DANCE
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Salon 2020, 1023 S. Grant Ave. Odessa
Info: Call 432.631.3190

Sunday

OPERA DOWNTOWN
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Midland Center
Tickets; $10-$25. Call 269-0389
Info: Italian dinner and music. Features famous arias, duets, ballet and a children's choir performance.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

Kids Zone

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Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
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DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Great performances, well-crafted script lift 'Flight' to this week's best

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva Columnist

Pick of the week:

"Flight" (R) A well-crafted script and another fantastic performance by Denzel Washington lift this story about a functioning drunk whose quick thinking saves most of the people aboard a commercial airline when it crashes. It is no coincidence the script and Washington are both up for Oscars in a couple of weeks. While it's not likely either will win, it is because the competition is so powerful and has too much momentum for this to overcome. A

"Alex Cross" (PG-13) Ho-hum detective yarn that — initially — does nothing different from, say, your average TV episode of the genre. There's not enough character development to satisfy fans of the James Patterson novel it was adapted from. Things do pick up in the third act but it's a case of too little, too late. While it's nice to see Tyler Perry take a break from his own agenda to take a role so different from his usual fare, the movie probably tanked not only because of its story but because of Perry. His legions of fans don't want to see him out of his Madea garb and Alex Cross fans don't know or care who he is. C+

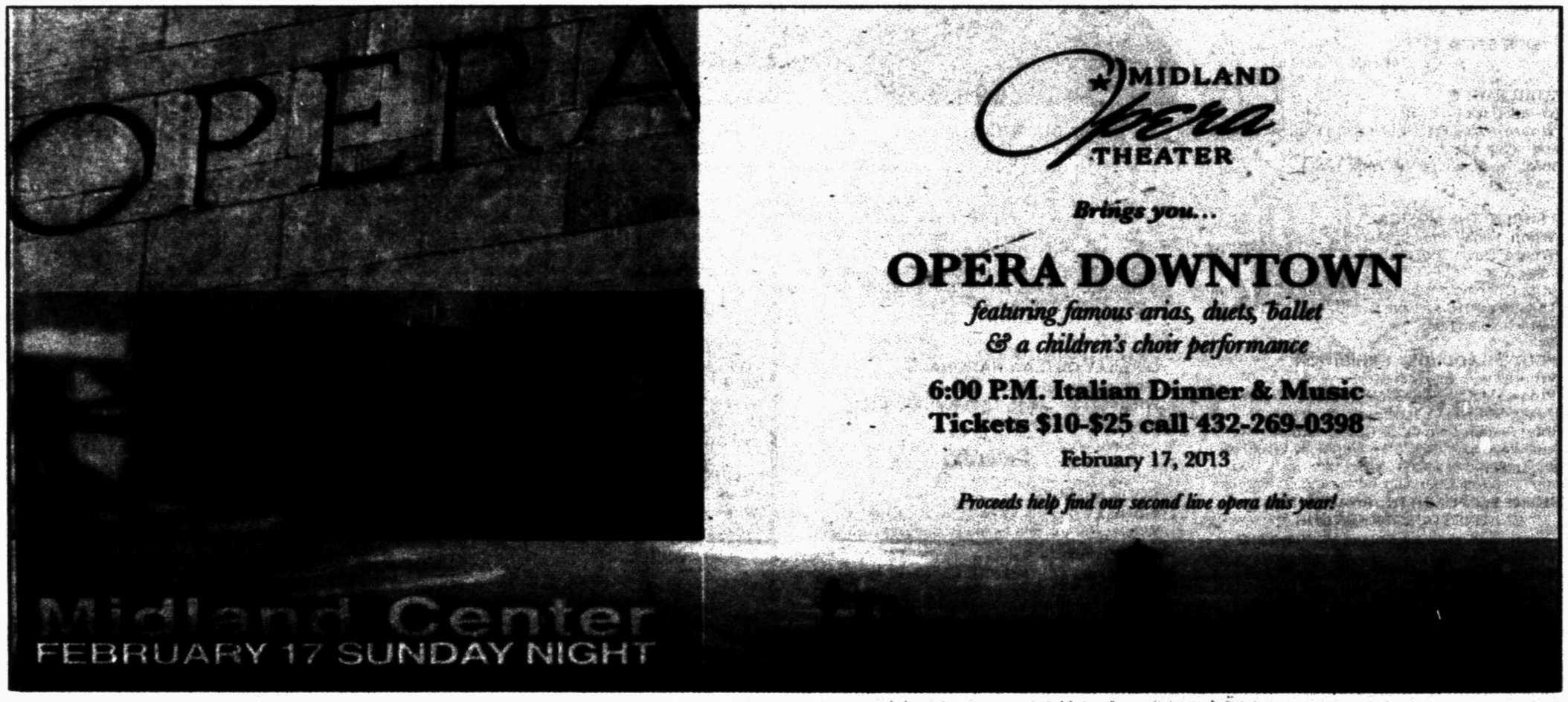
"Celeste & Jesse Forever" (R) A couple in the middle of a divorce are having trouble keeping their distance to pursue new relationships. Sweet but sometimes pretentious comedy was co-written by its female lead, Rashida Jones, and also stars Andy Samberg in a departure from his usual sophomoric characters to play a man with a little depth. Nice indie comedy would be a welcome break from the carnage, mayhem and general depression in this week's other titles. B

"Deadfall" (R) Riveting story about two siblings on the run in a blizzard after a robbery absolutely falls apart in the second act but is still worth a look for the two bookend sequences. Its box office returns — which are abysses considering the cast — suggest a rotten product. It does have some ridiculous premises but overall, it deserves a bigger audience. B

"Here Comes the Boom" (PG) While the story of a high school biology teacher pushing 40 who starts MMA fighting to raise money for his school is way out of the realm of believability, it is cute and actually kind of touching. The film also got a big pass from the MPAA for the PG rating. True, there's not a lot of blood, but there is a lot of violence and body punches that should have earned a PG-13. B

"So Undercover" (PG-13) Mylie Cyrus stars as an FBI recruit sent to infiltrate a sorority. Perhaps I was still delirious from the flu, but I kind of enjoyed this film. It's chick flick material all the way but fans of Cyrus may enjoy this quirky little comedy. B

"You May Not Kiss the Bride" (PG-13) Silly, forgettable comedy about a pet photographer forced to marry a Croatian woman so she can get her U.S. citizenship. It's probably only seeing the light of day because its star, Katherine McPhee, is making a name for herself, thanks to her role on "Smash" and her runner-up finish to Taylor "Soul Patrol" Hicks in season five on "American Idol." While she barely appears and probably took the gig for the free trip to Hawaii for filming, it's a shock to see Kathy Bates in this stinker. It's even beneath Rob Schneider, who hams it up as a pilot in the film's only kind of funny scenes. C



onscreen

"IDENTITY THIEF" — It seems ironic that the title is "Identity Thief" when its co-stars have such a firm grasp on their well-established screen personae. Melissa McCarthy is the brash wild card with an off-kilter sense of humor and an underlying, slightly dangerous streak. Jason Bateman is the initially bemused but increasingly frustrated straight man whose deadpan quips seem to be the only things that keep him sane. These two opposites are stuck on a cross-country road trip together but no one's really going anywhere. Optimally, with a better script, that wouldn't be such a bad thing. Instead, "Identity Thief" strands these two ordinarily enjoyable comics in the middle of nowhere with no help for miles. "Midnight Run," it is not. It's actually not even "Due Date," which felt similarly strained. It's not just that director Seth Gordon ("Horrible Bosses") and screenwriter Craig Mazin (the reheated "Hangover Part II") confuse meanness for hilarity. There's that, including a weirdly uncomfortable thread of homophobia and/or emasculation. More fundamentally, though, the premise is just flawed. Bateman's mild-mannered accounts processor, Sandy Patterson, discovers that a con artist (McCarthy) has stolen his identity and racked up thousands of dollars in charges. They all come from the same place — Winter Park, Fla. — and they started weeks ago. But Sandy lives in Denver. Isn't this suspicious? R for sexual content and language. 107 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"SIDE EFFECTS" — If this is indeed Steven Soderbergh's final film, as he's said it will be after toying with the notion of retirement for a couple of years now, then intriguingly it feels like he's coming full circle in some ways to the film that put him on the map: the trailblazing, 1989 indie "sex, lies and videotape." Both are lurid genre exercises, laid bare. Both focus on the intertwined lives of four central figures, including a scene in which one of the men interviews one of the women on video, hoping to unearth a hidden truth. Both movies are about danger, secrets and manipulation, filled with characters who aren't what they initially seem, all of which Soderbergh depicts with his typically cool detachment. Twists and double crosses occur and schemes are revealed as layer upon layer of Scott Z. Burns' clever script gets peeled away. Yet Soderbergh approaches such dramatic events with the same chilly tone that has marked so much of his work, even as the developments grow more than a little implausible. Rooney Mara is chilling as a troubled Manhattan woman who starts taking a new drug at the urging of her psychiatrist (Jude Law). Bad things happen. Channing Tatum and Catherine Zeta-Jones co-star. R for sexuality, nudity, violence and language. 106 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films
RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor
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"Identity Thief"

"BROKEN CITY" — Mark Wahlberg is a tainted cop-turned-P.I. and Russell Crowe is the mayor of New York, suspecting his wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones) of having an affair, in Allen Hughes' taut, tough, satisyingly noirish thriller about power, politics and corruption. 1 hr. 49 R (violence, profanity, sex, adult themes) 3 stars.

"BULLET TO THE HEAD" — Someone is eating their Activia. Sylvester Stallone defies time, playing a deadly hitman in this grim and violent crime thriller. With Sung Kang, Sarah Shahi and Jason Momoa. 1 hr. 31 R (strong violence, nudity, profanity, substance abuse). 2 stars.

"DJANGO UNCHAINED" — Quentin Tarantino homages Mandingo, spaghetti westerns, blaxploitation, Sam Peckinpah and the Three Stooges, in this all-over-the-place antebellum western. Jamie Foxx gets the title role, a slave promised freedom if he helps a bounty hunter (Christoph Waltz) track down some mugs. With Kerry Washington, Samuel L. Jackson and Leonard DiCaprio as a plantation owner, twirling his mustache with sinister glee. R (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars

"GANGSTER SQUAD" — Sean Penn is crime king Mickey Cohen and Josh Brolin is the square-jawed LAPD detective determined to end his reign in this brawny neo-noir. With Emma Stone as Cohen's moll, Ryan Gosling as a pretty boy cop, and Nick Nolte as the gruff, gravel-voiced police chief. The retro touches are compromised by a contemporary visual style, and Penn's wild performance isn't always as menacing as perhaps the actor intended. 1 hr. 50 R (violence, sex, drugs, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"MAMA" — An intensely spooky ghost story, with two deeply traumatized young girls discovered in the woods and taken to live with their uncle and aunt (Jessica Chastain) — a move the wraith-like title character is hardly happy about. 1 hr. 40 PG-13 (intense scares, children in jeopardy, adult themes) 3 stars.

"PARKER" — Jason Statham is Donald E. Westlake's famous "heister" in Taylor Hackford's hard-knuckle crime thriller, chasing down a gang of doublecrossers with an assist from Jennifer Lopez. 1 hr. 58 R (violence, profanity, nudity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK" — A head-spinning wonder of a movie about love, pain, reinvention, rehabilitation and the totemic power of an NFL franchise, with Bradley Cooper as a guy dealing with bipolar disorder and heartbreak, Jennifer Lawrence as a young widow with her own troubles and woe, and with an amazing supporting cast. From director David O. Russell, based on Matthew Quick's novel. 2 hrs. 02 R (profanity, sex, drugs, violence, adult themes) 4 stars

"WARM BODIES" — A smart, snappy and appropriately gory rom-com-zom, about a sensitive walking dead dude who saves a flesh-and-blood girl from being eaten, and finds himself falling in love with her. The feelings, surprisingly, are reciprocal. Jonathan ("50/50") Levine directs, adapting the Isaac Marion novel. 1 hr. 37 PG-13 (violence, gore, profanity, 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.

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In the limelight: *'Shrek the Musical'*

By Graham Dixon

Reactions to the Broadway run of "Shrek, the Musical" varied tremendously. Some critics loved it, others hated it — one going so far as to say the show was a shameless commercial exploitation without any merit, and thus an example of everything that is wrong with American theater. The Midland Community Theatre presentation of "Shrek, the Musical" puts the lie to both hyperbolic extremes. It is not a great work of art, but it is an often hilarious, witty, visually beautiful comedic musical that takes well-known animated characters and gives them life on stage.

The evening starts with promise — in the twisted and hilarious scene in which the young Shrek, played with wistful disappointment by Sean Nail on opening night, is turned out into the world by his parents. Jaime Sotelo captures the topsy-turvy nature of this world with the casually indifferent Father Ogre, and we have an all-too-brief glimpse of his powerful singing voice. Later on I was reminded how physically imposing Brian Gravelle can be, even as he played the cross-dressing Big, Bad Wolf. Of course, he also has a splendid voice.

By far the best performance is given by Cody Tumlin as the altitudinally-challenged villain Lord Farquaad. Tumlin is brilliant with his wonderfully exaggerated facial expressions, delightfully — and deliberately — slightly off-key singing, and general celebration of pomposity, egotism and self-delusion. He spends most of the musical literally on his knees, with cloth legs sewn onto the front of his costume. Nevertheless, he dances, struts and generally dominates proceedings whenever on stage.

You could feel a little rustle of anticipation move across the audience on Tumlin's entrances.

The main roles of Shrek and the Donkey face the greatest challenges, as they are so indelibly linked to particular comedic voices. As the latter, Justin Tate portrays his over-enthusiasm very well, together with the vulnerability of a creature that no-one — for good reason — actually likes. Tate is best in "Make a Move," a surreal argument for amorous confidence that features a decidedly sexy group of Three Blind Mice. Tate and director Tim Jebsen made an excellent choice in not attempting to mimic Eddie Murphy's voice and characterization in any way.

Tate creates the Donkey anew, and succeeds in the endeavor.

In the titular role of Shrek, Scott Windham has some comedic talent and a pleasant singing voice that lends itself to most of the songs. But the sadder, winsome numbers like "Who I'd Be" almost necessitate a soaring, gorgeous voice that characterizes the inner Beauty inside this outer Beast. His Scottish accent drifts in and out, but he captures the subtle weariness of a creature that terrifies people whether he wants to or not.

As the Princess Fiona, Emily Bourland is quite funny and has a powerful voice, although there is no hint of her secret before it is revealed. There should be some melancholy or even irony within her wish to be rescued.

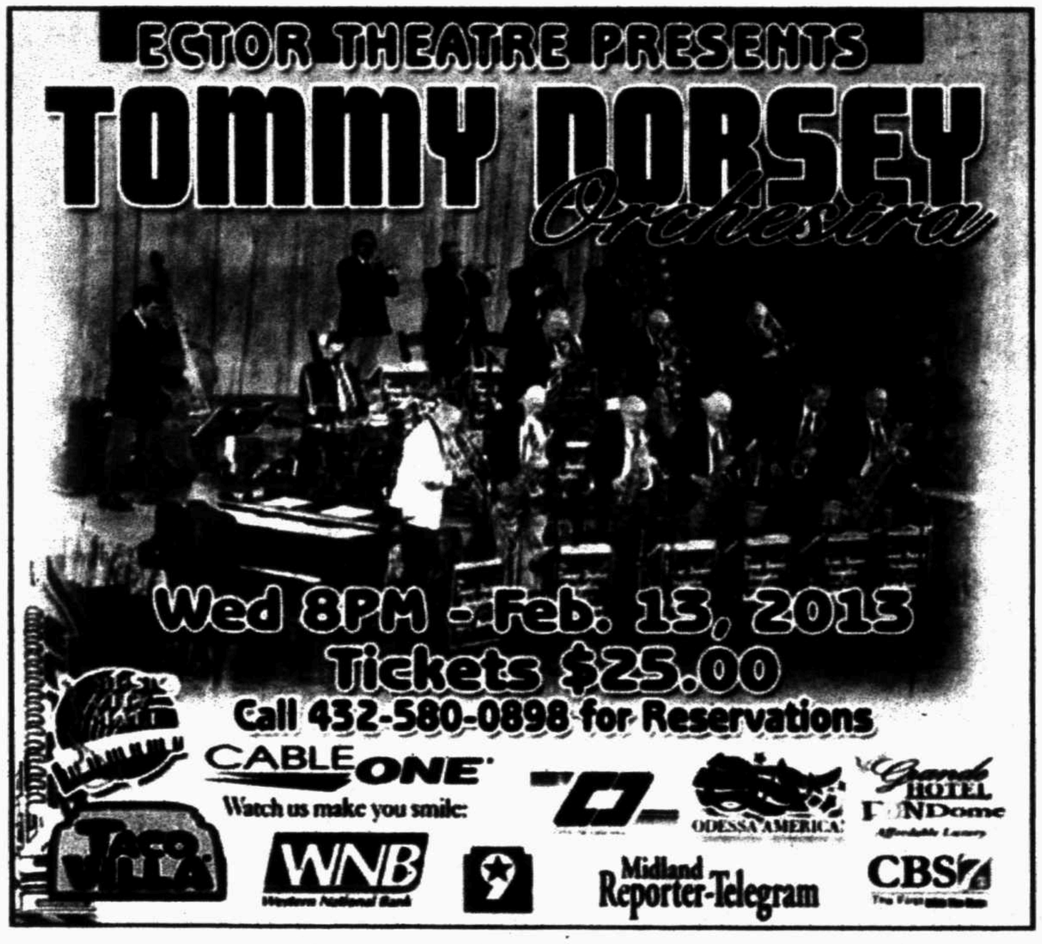
Bourland is part of one of the most beautifully staged scenes — the child, teen and grown Fionas all sing of their longing to be free on a balcony that strangely resembles an enormous throne. Scenic designer Steven House evocatively captured the idea that royalty are imprisoned by their wealth and fame, whether they are trapped in a tower or not.

Throughout the production House elegantly took on the challenges of creating a world that had originally been envisioned with a virtually limitless budget on Broadway. Lighting designer Edward Taylor also helped here — the skyscape with the massive projection of a moon is show-stopping and gorgeous.

The Dragon puppet was spectacular — huge and yet surprisingly maneuverable. It's one of the most impressive visual effects I have seen in amateur theater. Nikki Windham was a perfect choice for the voice. The costumes were also very well done, a fairy-tale vividness pervaded the stage.

The smaller roles are mostly played with gusto — fairytale characters thrown out of their traditional worlds and wandering about, not knowing what to do. I particularly liked the Three Little Pigs in their haughty amazement at not being appreciated. Also, Faith Berry as the child Fiona is precociously good.

So "Shrek, the Musical" is worth seeing. While mainly aimed at a younger audience, it has enough raw meat for older generations to enjoy. At times it is raunchily suggestive, particularly with Cody Tumlin's double entendres and the dual interpretations that Pinocchio's growing nose can offer. Of course this is exactly what is intended — that which is subtly implied in normal fairy tales is explicitly shown, heard and smelled in "Shrek."



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In the limelight
Itzhak Perlman

By Graham Dixon

He was born in Tel Aviv, then British Mandate, now Israel, in 1945. He is a childhood survivor of polio, a disease that necessitates the use of an electric chair for performances. He plays the Soil Stradivarius of 1714, an antique violin that is commonly regarded as one of the finest ever made, and that will celebrate its 300th birthday next year.

Beyond his virtuosic playing, Itzhak Perlman is an iconic figure embodying survival and a vivacious joy for life.

The Wagner Noël stage was virtually bare last week, just a grand piano and two chairs greeted the audience. One might think that we had come on the wrong night, that just a rehearsal was about to occur. But of course this was not the case — we were about to experience music at its purest, without the accoutrements of sound amplification, costume, movement, lighting.

Perlman opened with Beethoven's Sonata for Piano and Violin No.1. Both instruments filled the auditorium with beauty, even though the balance between the two was suspect. One peculiar aspect of the concert was the piano volume, as it nearly drowned out the violin on several occasions, particularly in the first half. I was sitting at the front of the dress circle, but I was told that people in the fourth row of the orchestra and at the very back of the gallery had similar experiences.

A Steinway concert grand is a fairly commonplace experience, a Stradivarius violin is not. It would have been better if the latter had been accentuated over the former.

Apart from the clarity of sound, it was the spectacular range of emotion that Perlman conjured from his instrument that was most startling. At times the high notes would sear their way into our emotions, as if reflecting our most ecstatic or agonizing moments. Then at others the low registers would resound with an understated, melancholy longing. The violin vibrated, in concert with the darkest depths of our lives — yet transcended them through sublime expression.

Perlman was by turns playful and serious, dazzlingly virtuosic and quietly understated. It was in the slow movements that the Stradivarius sounded the most majestic, exhibiting an almost preternatural resonance as if it were just a few feet away rather than in a large auditorium.

Near the end of Tartini's Sonata for Violin, Perlman soloed for several minutes. The audience had been quiet and attentive up to this point, but became transfixed by the sound here. You could understand why a Stradivarius violin is worth several million dollars and is so treasured by the finest players.

Perlman only started speaking after the announced program had finished, but his light-hearted banter seemed to energize his playing. Joy pervaded the Wagner Noël as he went through several pieces such as the "Hungarian Dance" by Brahms and Wienawksi's "Caprice." One of the encore pieces was intended by Kreisler to sound "Chinese," but, mused Perlman as he adjusted his strings, "sounds more Viennese to me."

Despite the profundity of his playing, Perlman is resolute in not taking himself too seriously. His presence exhibits none of the facetious, false modesty exhibited by some classical musicians — he genuinely loves sharing and regards all who are experiencing the music with him as equals.

The fact that UTPB and the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center can attract performers of this caliber so early in the center's existence suggests an exciting future. At a party a few years ago, someone told me that the Permian Basin can only attract performers who are on the way up or on the way down the ladders of their chosen art — not those who are at the pinnacle.

Perlman's appearance put that myth to rest.

For all the magnificence of the surroundings, it was Perlman's vulnerability as he unselfconsciously lifted each of his weakened legs onto his chair at the end of pieces that provided such a moving contrast. Just as Stradivarius is long gone, yet the sound of his violins still ennoble all who hear them, so Perlman looks physically fragile, but also represents what is most powerful and indomitable in the human spirit.

Editor's Note: The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Fine Arts Series continues with the 5 Browns April 24 and concludes with the Canadian Brass May 7. Proceeds benefit UTPB's Music Department.

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Monster trucks invade Ector County Coliseum Friday and Saturday during the O'Reilly Outlaw National Championship Motor Spectacular.

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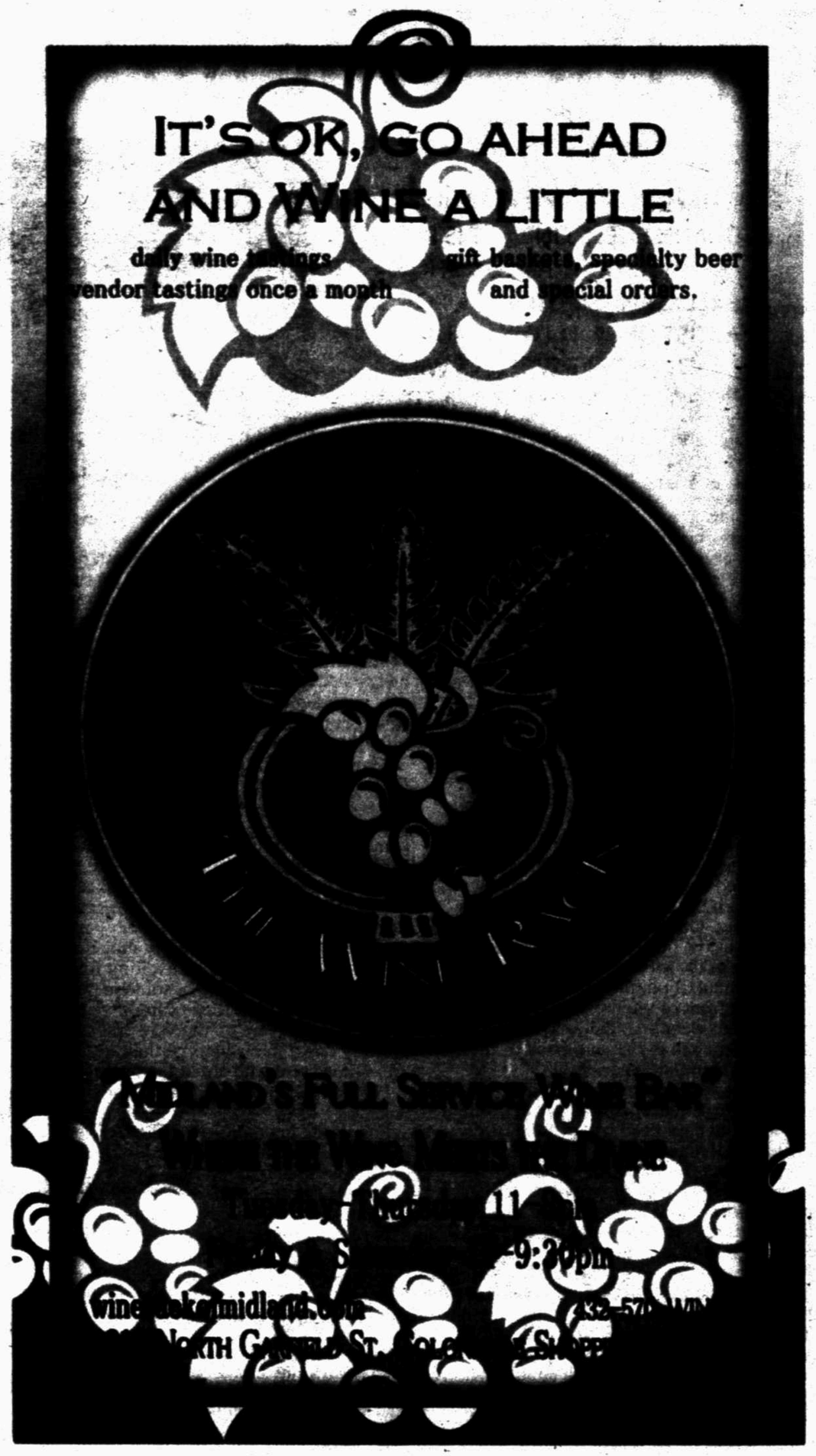

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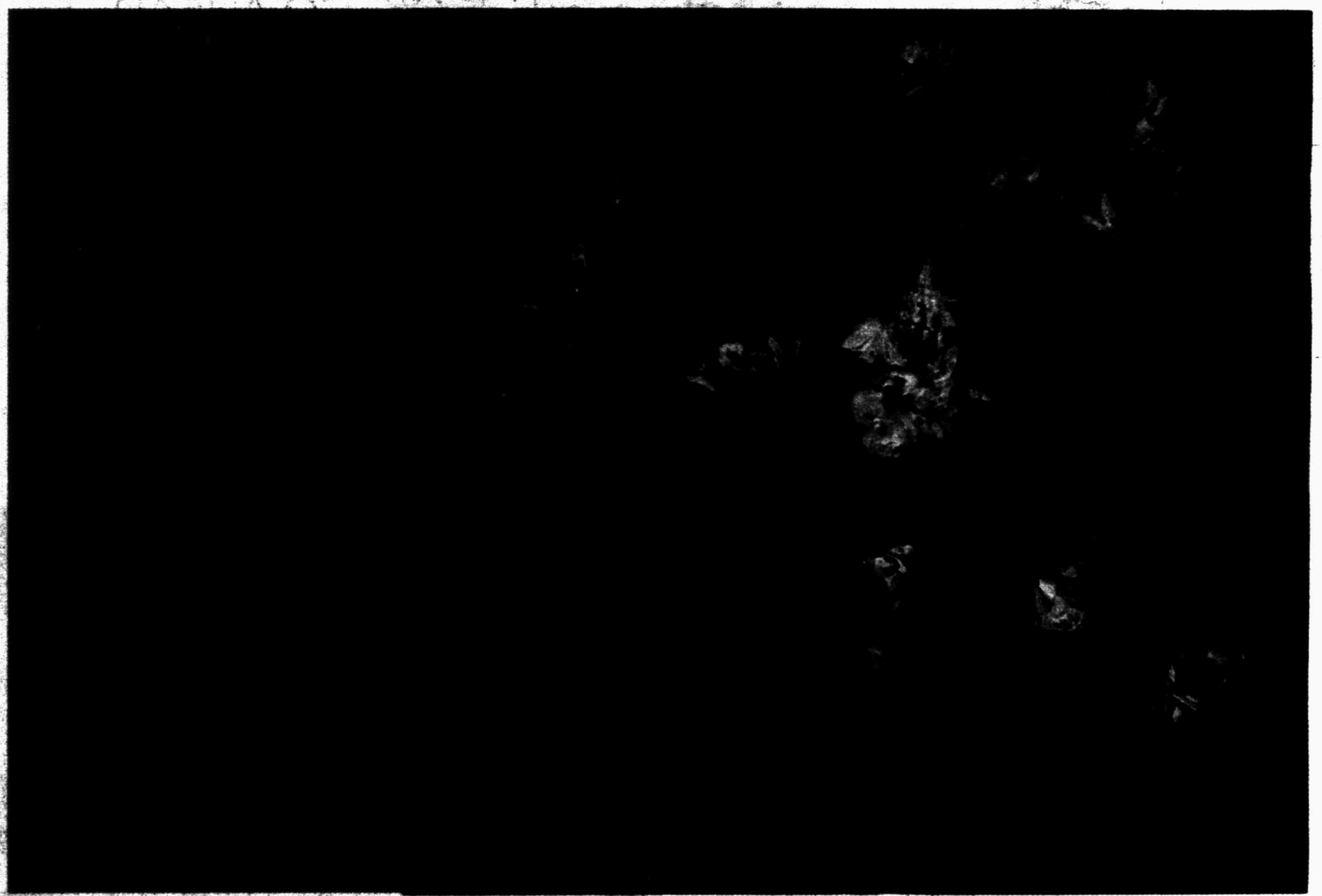

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JODY NIX THURSDAY @ FUN DOME

Nix was raised around music, playing drums in his father Hoyle Nix's band when he was 8 years old. He started playing the fiddle when he was 11 and started singing when he was 16. At the age of 21, Nix recorded with Bob Wills on the legendary recording "Bob Wills And His Texas Playboys: For The Last Time" (United Artists Records, 1973). He has continued his country music career for more than 50 years, performed for President George H.W. Bush in Washington, D.C., in 1989, and in 2008 was a featured performer on the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington as well as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL SATURDAY @ ANDREWS COUNTY EXPO CENTER

In 1969, Ray Benson and Lucky Oceans (Reuben Gosfield) co-founded Asleep at the Wheel in Paw Paw, W.V., and soon after found themselves opening for Alice Cooper and Hot Tuna in Washington, D.C. Since then, Asleep at the Wheel has received nine Grammy Awards. For tickets, priced at $25 per person, $40 per couple or $150 for a table of eight, call 432-523-2695. The show begins at 6:30 p.m.

Live Wire

Midland/Odessa/ Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Feb. 14
Brian Milson @ Rockin Rodeo
Jody Nix @ Fun Dome

Friday, Feb. 15
Austin English and the Resurrection @ Redneck's
Bentio Ramos, Gino Jordan, Dene Redmon, Kaleb Sandival @ Music City Mall
Chad Sullins and the Last Call Coalition @ Lone Star Bar
Dustin Lynch @ Graham Central Station

Friday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 16
The Bobby Champion Band @ Your Place
Cory Dutton @ The Bar

Saturday, Feb. 16
All Stars, Mike Leonard, Mary Mitchell, Ann Russell, Jacob Garcia, Richard Juaquez @ Music City Mall
Asleep at the Wheel @ Andrews County Expo Center
Manzy Lowry Band @ Redneck's
Nick Verosa and the Noble Union @ Lone Star Bar
The Shady Rest Band, 800 Mile Monday, Walker and the Texas Dangers @ Blue Max

Sunday, Feb. 17
Goodtimers, Matthew Rios, Jacob Garcia @ Music City Mall

Monday, Feb. 18, and Tuesday, Feb. 19
Gary Nix & West Texas @ Escape Lounge

Lubbock

Thursday, Feb. 14
Hayes Carll, Lucero @ Cactus Courtyard

New Mexico

Friday, Feb. 15
Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

Saturday, Feb. 16
Little River Band @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

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Thursday, Feb. 14
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Friday, Feb. 15
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When: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

THE MUSICAL "OLIVER"
When: Feb. 21-24
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.
Info: Presented by Trinity School
Tickets: Available at Trinity School

LOS LONELY BOYS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

THE DIAMONDS
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 22
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
Tickets: $25

COMEDIAN TOM GREEN
When: Feb. 22 and 23
Where: MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa

"THE DREAM"
When: Feb. 22-March 3
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: $15 general admission, $13 for seniors and students, $10 for a group of 15 or more, $7 for ages 12 and younger, and free for all students and faculy of Odessa College with ID.
Info: Joint production between the Globe Theater and OC's music department. "The Dream" is an opera.

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: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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

SHRIMPFEST
When: Feb. 25
Where: Building G in the Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: Annual fundraiser for the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Features a silent auction, a live auction and live music.

TERRY BARBER
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 25
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single admission $30.
Info: Live on Stage series.

CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER
When: 8 p.m. Feb. 28
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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diningguide

Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

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.
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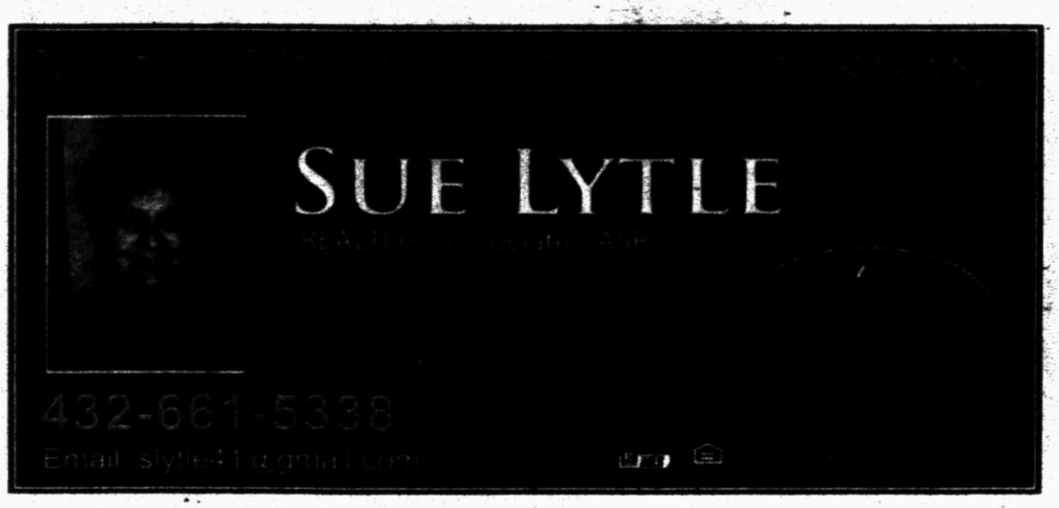

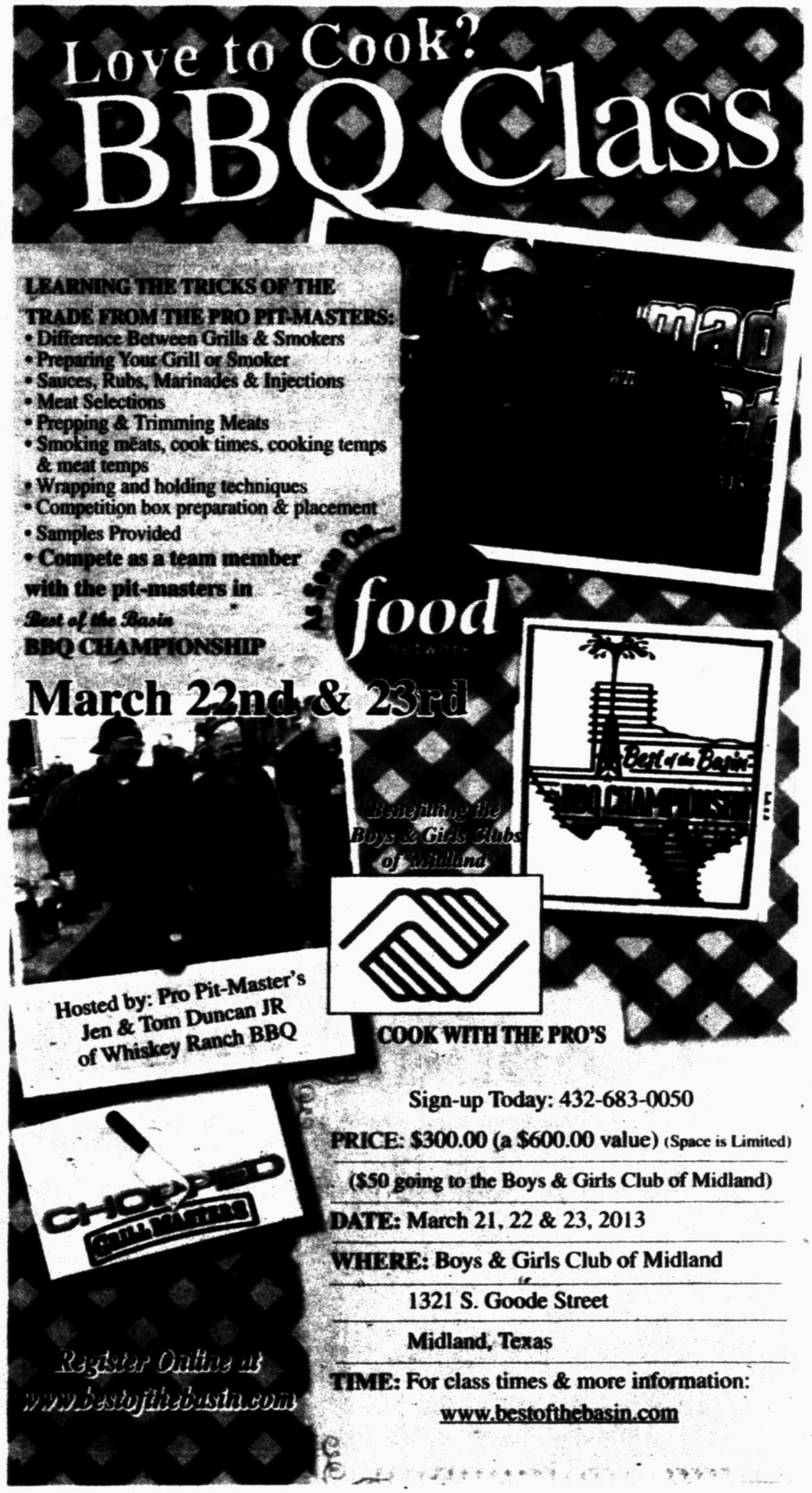

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Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with 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.

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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)
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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

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

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201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
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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

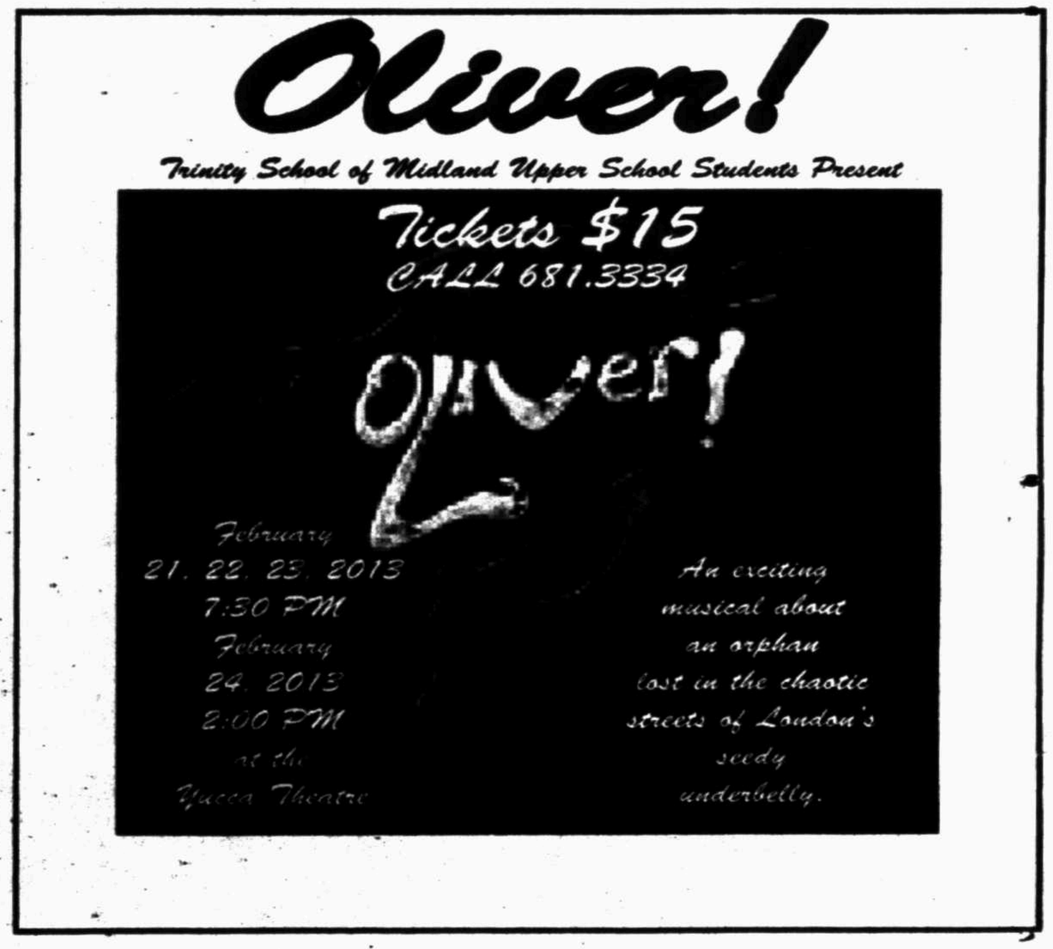
Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads 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



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