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State loans $3M to apartment developer

Champion Homes at Tahoe Lakes in South Midland to feature 156 units

By Joseph Basco
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The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs awarded a $3 million loan this week to a developer making an apartment complex on Midland's South Side.

TDHCA awarded the loan Wednesday to affordable housing developer Odyssey Residential Holdings, who will be building Champion Homes at Tahoe Lake at 1905 South Lamesa Road.

Champion Homes will be a multifamily apartment complex with 156 units. Of those units, 32 will be reserved for families whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median family income, or about $53,500 for a family of four.

"This ensures there will be greater housing choices for people who don't make the median income," said Gordon Anderson, spokesperson for TDHCA.

Anderson said TDHCA realizes the high demand for housing in Midland. The housing agency also has funded seven other Midland projects, including Playa Del Pueblo, according to the TDHCA website.

Playa Del Pueblo is another affordable apartment development that will be located nearby at the intersection of Interstate 20 and South Terrell Street. TDHCA allocated more than $1.3 million for Playa Del Pueblo in June of 2011, according to the TDHCA underwriting report.

The underwriting report for Champion Homes reveals there will be six two-story buildings and a trio of three-story buildings. There will be 340 parking spaces, for a ratio of 2.2 spaces per unit. Of those 340 parking spaces, 100 will be carport spaces, 188 will be open spaces and 52 will be detached garages. The site plan also shows a leasing office, pool court and village green.

TDHCA made the loan through one of its programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to the agency's press release.

"We fund projects that are financially feasible," Anderson said. "We want to be prudent with our resources."

As of press time, the Reporter-Telegram was unable to obtain the estimated monthly rent, the development cost and the tentative construction and grand opening dates.

BEST OF THE BUNCH

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Event sponsors present Justin Walker with a check for winning the 2013 Secondary Teacher of the Year award during an awards banquet Thursday at Midland Center.

Chamber honors Midland's top teachers

By Meredith Moriak
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Two men who left careers behind to follow their true passions into the teaching profession were named the top Midland County teachers during the Midland Chamber of Commerce's 21st annual Excellence in Teaching and Unsung Hero Awards.

Former Army Sgt. Vidal B. Torres Jr., a fifth-grade bilingual teacher at Milam Elementary, was named the Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Midland High School's Justin Walker, who worked in professional sports marketing before moving to Midland three years ago, was named the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Inside

See the complete list of nominees for the Midland Chamber of Commerce's 21st annual Excellence in Teaching and Unsung Hero Awards.

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Jones Elementary Secretary Mary Castaneda was named the Unsung Hero, an award given to a non-classroom staff member whose efforts contribute to the campus' overall success.

The three winners were selected from 82 teachers and non-classroom personnel nominated by their campuses for the annual awards. An independent panel of judges scored each nomination to determine winners in each of the three categories.

Each campus winner was presented a certificate of achievement and a cash prize. The overall winners received a $2,500 check to recognize their dedication and commitment to education.

Awards were presented Thursday by the Chamber of Commerce in partnership with H-E-B and the Abell-Hanger Foundation at Midland Center.

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Sequestration would deal serious blow to Texas

By Alison Sullivan
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — They say everything is bigger in Texas and beginning March 1, that includes cuts in military spending.

As the threat of sequestration looms and the Defense Department faces across-the-board cuts, Texas is one of the states that would be hit the hardest. Sequesration is automatic across-the-board federal spending cuts as a way to deal with the national debt.

Texas is the third largest recipient of Defense Department spending — after Virginia and California — taking in $54 billion in 2010, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report on federal expenditures.

$54 BILLION

That's how much Texas got from the Department of Defense in 2010.

While much of that goes to private industry, the Pentagon also is a big civilian employer in the state, with paychecks for civilian defense employees in Texas totaling roughly $3.4 billion a year. Per capita defense spending is higher in Texas at $2,157 per person, compared to the national average, $1,773 per person.

The Army is a big economic force in the state, and scheduled budget cuts for the service could amount to an economic loss of around $2.4 billion for the Lone Star State, leading to furloughs and layoffs and a projected loss of 34,734 jobs in the state, according to an Army official. For example, Corpus Christi Army Depot faces $799 million in reductions. Fort Hood and Fort Bliss — two of the largest military bases in the country — face cuts of $291 million and $136 million, respectively.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has warned that sequestration would have a serious impact.

"In the event of sequestration we will do everything we can to be able to

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Coalition: Number of homeless children up 31 percent

By Meredith Moriak
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While the percentage of homeless adults in Midland increased about 2 percent from January 2012 to 2013, it's the 31 percent increase in the number of homeless children that troubles members of the Midland Homeless Coalition.

"We continue to see an increase in the number of children, which is the sad part for me because homelessness is spilling over on their innocence," said coalition chairwoman Linda Hamblin while presenting Midland's results from the 2013 Texas Homeless Network Point-In-Time survey at Thursday's meeting.

On Jan. 24 when the annual "Everyone Counts" survey was conducted statewide, 212 Midlanders — 103 adults and 109 children — were counted as homeless, either living on the street, in emergency or transitional housing. In total, 99 point-in-time surveys were completed by 68 females and 31 males.

Homeless counts

	Adults	Families	Children	Total
2013	103	54	109	212
2012	101	42	63	164
2011	160	33	63	223
2010	92	36	71	163
2009	198	69	108	306
2008	134	35	74	208

Source: Midland Homeless Coalition

Results were compiled and outlined in the Homeless Count and Characteristics Survey, which show the average age of respondents was 34.7 years old. The majority of respondents, 52.8 percent, classify themselves as a "one parent family with children." Most families had two children, averaging about 6 years of age.

"It looks like we have more homeless families this year, but maybe that's skewed because our transitional housing options are more for women and children," Hamblin said, noting Midland lacks transitional housing for single men.

Of those surveyed, 43.4 percent had spent the preceding evening in an emergency shelter like the Salvation Army, Safe Place or Family Promise.

Transitional shelters like Midland Fair Havens and Buckner Family Place served 34.3 percent of those surveyed, and 10.1 percent stayed in a place classified "not meant for habitation."

While all Midland agencies that provide housing assistance to the homeless asked their clients to fill out surveys, Hamblin said the count is not a truly comprehensive scope of homelessness in Midland. Only 10 unsheltered individuals were found on the street for this count, and Hamblin said the number is much greater than what the survey reflects.

The lack of affordable housing has

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House approves $4B bill to close deficit

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas House approved a supplemental spending bill Thursday to close a $4 billion budget deficit for Medicaid.

The move was an important step toward balancing the current budget after lawmakers in 2011 failed to set aside enough money to pay for the program, which provides health care for the poor and disabled. The state will run out of money for Medicaid in March, and the measure now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, introduced House Bill 10 and urged fellow lawmakers to pass it without any significant changes. The bill provides enough money to solve the shortfall and inject $630 million into the permanent school fund, which is also urgently needed.

Democrats had planned to offer amendments to add additional money for public schools, after the Republican-controlled Legislature in 2011 cut $3.4 billion in funding for education. Republicans passed a rule last week making that impossible.

The state collected higher-than-expected tax revenue over the last two years and restoring some school funding has become a Democratic priority.

State senator: Students 'crying' for more choice

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The head of the Senate Education Committee made a dramatic appeal Thursday to expand charter schools in Texas, arguing that those who oppose them are condemning students and parents to waitlists long enough to make them cry.

Sen. Dan Patrick added fuel to an already white-hot political issue, telling his committee that the Legislature should do more to help the 101,000-plus kids who want to leave their traditional public schools for charters, but have ended up on waitlists due to inadequate space.

The Houston Republican has authored a high-profile bill that would abolish the current cap of 215 operating licenses the state is allowed to issue.

When some opponents signed up to address the committee, Patrick declared: "You're not testifying against a bill, you're testifying against 100,000 families who are on the waitlists who are desperate for their children to have choice."

"The big picture here is we have 100,000 people on the waitlist, families who cry, whose children cry," when they don't get admitted, Patrick said. "This is a waitlist that we can reduce like that," he said, snapping his fingers.

David Dunn, executive director the Texas Charter School Association, said about 154,000 of the state's more than 5 million public school students attend charter schools, but that the numbers on waitlists have almost doubled in 2 ½ years — from 56,000 in 2010 to about 101,000 currently.

Dallas Democratic Sen. Royce West challenged the waitlist figure, saying it likely includes students who have applied for multiple schools.

Across the country, 18 of the 42 states with charter schools have no cap on how many can operate. Dunn suggested that imposing a maximum on licenses was a crude way of ensuring quality control among existing charter schools, and said that if the cap were lifted, he expected the number of charters to increase by two-thirds "overnight."

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, noted that operators can already use a single charter to open multiple campuses.

John Gray of the Texas State Teachers Association told the committee: "Regarding busting the cap, the good schools can already replicate."

Davis suggested that the focus should instead be on closing down problematic charter schools before allowing "an unlimited number to open."

David Anderson, general counsel of the Texas Education Agency, said officials can already easily close poorly rated charters but that years of legal fights slow the process. He said officials are in the process of attempting to close less than a dozen charter schools, and numerous others have already been warned to improve performance.

Patrick has made expanding "school choice" his signature issue, though past efforts to overhaul charter schools have largely fizzled amid bipartisan opposition — especially in the House, where rural Republicans complain charters aren't available in their districts.

Warren says Legislators should work on core problems

Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren does not support charter schools or voucher programs and wishes Legislators would find other ways to address the fundamental problems with the public education system.

"From charter schools to voucher programs, things that pull kids out of the public schools, that's not leadership. I call them pet projects," Warren said Thursday. "We're talking about a very minute section of kids (charter schools) will affect.

"(Legislators) have a finite amount of time in Austin, and I don't need them spending time on pet projects. I need them spending time on how to fix the system of 5 million, rather than just pulling 50,000 kids here and 50,000 kids there."

From staff reports

Texas students' positive test scores artificially inflated

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas public school students outscored the rest of the country in science and math but fell behind on literacy tests, even though the results excluded an unusually large percentage of students with disabilities and those learning English as a second language, according to a new federal report.

The Mega-States Report, released Thursday by the National Center for Education Statistics, provided national averages but focused on the five most populous states: Texas, New York, Illinois, Florida and California.

Together, those states educate 18.7 million public school students, nearly 40 percent of the national total. Partly because of their status as inmigration destinations, they serve most of the students classified as English Language Learners.

The report, part of a periodic series known as The Nation's Report Card, underscored some broad trends in education policy.

Among the five big states, Texas spent the least money per student, $8,562 compared to a national average of $10,591.

But the state's student-to-teacher ratio, 14.7, was better than the national average of 16.

Since 1990, the student population in Texas public schools has shifted from 50 percent white to 32 percent white. As of 2011, the report said, 51 percent of students were Hispanic, 13 percent black and 4 percent Asian.

In math, Texas eighth-graders raised their score by 32 points on a 500-point scale over comparable test results in 1990, posting the largest gain among the five big states and exceeding the national average. Black eighth-graders in the state accounted for much of the progress, scoring 42 points higher than in 1990.

In science, Texas eighth-graders posted a 3-point gain on a 300-point scale, outscoring the nation and the other big states. The percentage of students classified as proficient in the subject registered higher than the national average across racial lines.

But in reading tests, the state was allowed to exclude from the results the scores of 6 percent of its students with disabilities and 5 percent of its students classified as English Language Learners. Texas claimed the largest number of exceptions of any other big state, artificially inflating the final scores.

Texas took all those exceptions even though it does not have the largest burden of so-called English Language Learners. In Texas, 14 percent of the 4.9 million student population fit that designation, compared to 23 percent of California's 6.2 million students.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gregory Lee Baiza, 33, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to appear, bail jumping and a charge of sexual assault.

Miguelal Leon Barnhill, 18, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft of a firearm.

Walker Cadd Jr., 64, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Vanessa Marie Chavana, 24, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on two charges of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

Michelle L. Cruz, 21, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on two charges of abandonment and/or endangerment of a child causing imminent danger and/or bodily injury.

Omar Garcia, 20, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft of a firearm.

Blake Scott Holcomb, 25, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of engaged in organized criminal activity.

Charles Trent Holcomb, 23, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of engaged in organized criminal activity.

Gordon Byron Holcomb III, 29, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of engaged in organized criminal activity.

Dillon J. Isaacks, 19, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Alexander Rangel Martinez, 27, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention in a vehicle.

Christopher Roy Meek, 22, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Ryan Chase Moreno, 23, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Brian Harold Parker, 40, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Joel Gibson Robinson, 23, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Isaac A. Salinas, 20, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on two charges of violation of probation.

Tanya Yahaira Samaniego, 18, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on two charges of obstruction or retaliation.

Jason Lacomas Spraglin, 32, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on two charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Enrique Subia, 33, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with a vehicle.

James M. Walker, 35, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to comply with duties of sex offender registration.

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LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Family caught stealing copper wire

Three family members were in custody Thursday after Midland police allegedly caught them stealing spools of copper wire.

Charlie Holcomb

Gordon Holcomb

Blake Holcomb

Charles Holcomb, 23, of Odessa; Gordon Holcomb, 29, of Odessa; and Blake Holcomb, 25, of Midland, are being held on a $25,000 bond for the third-degree felony charge of engaging in organized crime.

A Midland police officer was cruising the area of West Dengar Avenue and Mark Lane with no lights in response to several recent burglaries around 1 a.m. Wednesday. While on patrol, the officer noticed two people crouched behind a utility truck before getting into an unspecified vehicle. As the officer approached, the vehicle began to drive off. The officer then turned on his overhead lights and initiated the traffic stop, according to the Holcomb trio's arrest affidavits.

After talking with the men, the officer found several spools of copper wire and alcohol in the vehicle. The owner of the utility vehicle told officers he wished to be press charges after he was notified of the theft, the report said.

Midland police were unable to immediately comment on whether the trio was responsible for other thefts in the area as of press time Thursday.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, each face up to 10 years in prison.

Midland mom arrested for DWI with children

A Midland mother was in custody Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated with her four children present.

Chavana

Vanessa M. Chavana, 24, of Midland, is being held on a $50,000 bond for two third-degree felony charges of driving while intoxicated with a minor under 15 years old present.

Midland police officers were dispatched to 4300 block of Bedford Avenue in reference to two females arguing. Upon contact, Chavana said she was driving her friend home when the pair got into a verbal disagreement. Chavana said the friend grabbed the wheel while she was driving and almost caused an accident, according to arrest reports.

Officers said they could immediately detect alcohol on Chavana. Midland officers conducted a field sobriety test, which they said she failed. She was taken to the Midland Memorial Hospital for a mandatory blood alcohol test. She was then transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center.

If convicted, she could face up to 10 years in prison for each third-degree felony charge.

Man gets maximum sentence in theft trial

From staff reports

A 238th District Court jury sentenced a 40-year-old Midland man to the maximum prison term in a felony theft case.

On Wednesday, jurors found James Emmitt Wilson guilty of a state jail charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000 and sentenced him Thursday morning to 20 years in prison.

The state jail charge was enhanced because of Wilson's previous convictions. He was convicted of four felonies, including three aggravated robberies in 1991 and riot in 1996. He faced between two and 20 years in prison because of the enhancement.

Court testimony showed that on Nov. 6, 2011, Wilson was working alone as a cashier for a Stripes convenience store on East Highway 158 when he and his partner, Jackie Slate, stole more than $7,000 in cash and coins and removed the store's surveillance recording system.

By removing the system, it disabled at least 12 security cameras for recording any footage, officials said.

Evidence submitted in the trial showed that Wilson worked alone in the store from midnight to 6 a.m. when the money and recording system went missing.

As of 8 p.m. the previous night, the store manager had verified everything was in order. It was discovered at 7 a.m. the next day that the money and recorder were missing and bolts to the locked office door had been removed.

Officers later discovered $390 in missing quarters inside a Texas Lottery bag in Wilson and Slate's bedroom. Witnesses testified that Slate was seen outside the store for two hours.

The remaining $7,347 and recording system were never found, court officials said.

Slate was convicted in September by a Midland jury for his role in the theft and sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The case was presided over by Judge Elizabeth Leonard and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Cannon Jones and Chris DeAnda. Wilson was defended by attorney Woody Leverett.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Group 'sorry' Laura Bush wants out of gay-marriage ads

A pro-gay marriage group will replace ads that include former first lady Laura Bush speaking on the topic with a new ad this weekend after Bush said she did not want to be part of its campaign.

The Respect for Marriage Coalition said Thursday that it appreciated Bush's previous comments, "but are sorry she didn't want to be included in an ad." The national advertising campaign of print, television and online ads that launched this week featured part of a Bush interview on CNN in which she says: "When couples are committed to each other and love each other then they ought to have the same sort of rights that everyone has."

The coalition made up of more than 80 organizations supporting gay marriage said the ad was part of "a public education campaign that will now move to new and different voices that reflect the depth and breadth of our support."

DALLAS

Tebow cancels talk at controversial Dallas church

New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow has backed out of an appearance at a Baptist mega church in Dallas run by a pastor who has created controversy with his remarks about gays and other faiths.

Tebow tweeted Thursday that he canceled a scheduled April 28 appearance at First Baptist Church due to "new information that has been brought to my attention."

"I will continue to use the platform God has blessed me with to bring Faith, Hope and Love to all those needing a brighter day," Tebow wrote.

The Rev. Robert Jeffress, First Baptist's pastor, confirmed in a phone interview that Tebow called him Wednesday night to cancel.

Jeffress said Tebow told him he would like to speak at First Baptist at some point, but "he needed to avoid controversy right now for personal and professional reasons."

HOUSTON

About 1,700 Texas inmates received unemployment

Officials acknowledge the state paid nearly $3.4 million in unemployment benefits to Texans behind bars over the last four years.

The Texas Workforce Commission said it identified about 1,700 cases of prison and jail inmates collecting benefits. But agency spokeswoman Lisa Givens said most fraud cases were caught early, so the payments didn't continue for long.

Inmates aren't eligible for unemployment payments because those filing for benefits must be available for full-time work.

KHOU-TV in Houston reports lists of eligible recipients are checked against names of state prison inmates. Givens said a program to check names of city, county and federal inmates has started.

SAN ANTONIO

'Victory or Death' letter returns to the Alamo

A written plea for help in which the commander of the besieged rebel Texas forces at the Alamo vowed "Victory or Death" will return today to the old Spanish mission for the first time since it was penned in 1836.

William Barret Travis' famous letter to "the People of Texas and All Americans in the World," will get a police escort from the state archive in Austin to the Alamo, which is now in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The weathered, single-page letter will go on display for two weeks, starting this weekend, and will be kept in a special display cabinet and given round-the-clock guards.

The exhibit coincides with the 177th anniversary of the siege, which culminated with the March 6, 1836, fall of the Alamo and the deaths of Travis and the about 180 men in his command.

"I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch", Travis wrote in the roughly 200-word letter dated that Feb. 24.

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GISD: Gun discussion no threat to students

From staff reports

Administrators in Greenwood ISD have determined no serious threat to student safety was made earlier this week when two elementary students allegedly discussed guns on the school playground.

GISD Superintendent Doug Young released a statement Thursday on the district's website.

"In investigating student discipline matters, we consider many factors including the age of the students, the context in which statements are made, and whether a threat is truly viable," Young wrote. "In addition, Texas Education Code 37.001(4) requires that we consider factors such as self-defense, intent or lack of intent, a student's disciplinary history, and whether a student has a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct."

"We appreciate the report being brought to the attention of the administration so that the matter could be investigated to determine whether or not there was a threat to student safety," Young wrote. "We encourage all parents, staff and community members to immediately notify us of concerns."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Home and Garden Show, 4-9 p.m., Horseshoe. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3 for children ages 3 to 12 and $10 for a weekend pass.

■ Comedian Tom Green, 8 and 10:30 p.m., MCM Elegante Hotel, Odessa.

■ Concert, Los Lonely Boys, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagnernoel.com.

■ The Diamonds, 8 p.m, Ector Theatre, Odessa. Tickets: $25. Call: 580-0898

■ "Shrek: The Musical." Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Info: Call 570-4111 or go to www.mctmidland.org.

Busiest sports weekend in Midland

■ Girls basketball, Region I-2A Tournament, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Chap Center.

■ Boys Golf, Tall City Invitational at Green Tree and Hogan Park

■ High School tennis, Tall City Classic at the Bush Tennis Center, Midland College and Midland High.

■ High School softball, West Texas Classic at the Freddie Ezell Complex.

See the full schedule in today's Sports section.

Meetings today

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m.
City Hall basement,
300 N. Loraine St.

Home and garden show

The Permian Basin Home Builders Association's 2013 Home and Garden Show is this weekend at the Horseshoe. Hours are 4-9 p.m. today, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

The event will feature style shows at 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday, a presentation by Tumbleweed Smith at 2 p.m Saturday and programs by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3 for children 3-12 and $10 for a three-day pass.

Rabies shot clinic

The city of Midland's Animal Services Division will host a rabies shot clinic 4 p.m. March 5 at the animal shelter, 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road.

Pet owners can get a rabies shot, city/county license, and a microchip for their dog or cat for $20. A distemper/parvo vaccine is available for dogs for an additional $10.

All dogs must be on leashes; cats must be in a pet carriers. All payments must be in cash.

For more information, call 685-7420.

Community Calendar

The Midland County Public Library will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' 109th birthday 2-4 p.m. March 2 with stories, crafts, refreshment and magic by Harlin.

For information, call 688-4323.

New movies

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Snitch" and "Dark Skies"

■ **At Big Sky Drive-In:** "Safe Haven"

Water tracker

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

Wednesday's total: 11,759,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,834,000, Paul Davis fields 2,925,000)

Last week (Feb. 13): 12,905,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 155,240 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 101,922 acre-feet.

Gas prices

Cheapest gas in Midland: $3.55 (Texaco, Briarwood Avenue/Northcrest Drive; Murphy USA, Briarwood/Midland Drive; Texaco, Midkiff Road/Wadley Avenue; H-E-B, Wadley/Midkiff)

Most expensive gas: $3.79 (Spike's Corner, Garden City Highway/Fairgrounds Road)

Most common price: $3.65

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $3.46, Odessa $3.49, Midland $3.55, San Angelo $3.60, Abilene $3.65

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.646	$3.643
Last week	$3.478	$3.448
Last month	$3.161	$3.145
Last year	$3.554	$3.497

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Correction

In Thursday's story about the mayors supporting the state water bill plan, Midland Mayor Wes Perry said future water projects around the state could cost as much as $52 billion.

That figure was inaccurately reported.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 8-2-1
Pick 3 night: 4-0-7
Daily 4 day: 1-1-0-9
Daily 4 night: 7-3-9-6
Cash Five: 11-19-20-23-35
Texas Two Step: 1-9-11-33 BB: 8
All or Nothing (morning): 1-2-4-6-8-9-13-14-15-17-21-24
All or Nothing (day): 3-4-6-7-8-9-10-16-18-19-21-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-3-5-9-12-16-18-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing (night): 4-5-6-8-10-11-17-18-19-20-22-23

Complaint: UPS manager berated employee

By Audrie Palmer
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A federal complaint shows that an Odessa woman, who was awarded $600,000 this week after it was decided that UPS Inc. discriminated against her, was repeatedly called names by her superior and fired after a minor crash.

The complaint states that Amber Ibarra began working for the United Parcel Service at its Fort Stockton facility in 1992 as a Christmas helper and was hired as a driver at the Odessa package center in June 1996. Over time, Ibarra worked her way up to a position as a delivery driver and operated a Freightliner P-12 van, which is the largest delivery truck.

During the past six years, Ibarra also had been the only full-time female driver at the Odessa facility, the complaint stated.

Ibarra stated she was repeatedly subjected to offensive comments by her supervisor Bob Anglin and other managers.

Other female employees with the company initiated a complaint against Anglin, and he was fired in 2008.

The complaint stated that Ibarra said she was still treated differently by other male managers after Anglin's departure. Male center managers said that they didn't want women in the workplace because they were not as strong, fast or quick as men and made comments about female employees' menstrual periods, the complaint stated.

Ibarra said she was assigned more work than her male employees with a daily load of 450-500 packages with 170 stops, compared to 400 packages and 125-130 stops for male drivers covering her route. On one occasion while pregnant, Ibarra stated that she was made to deliver six 100-pound packages that her manager had saved for her.

In 2009, Ibarra was involved in an accident while driving the delivery truck when she ran up on a curb and struck an electrical pole. She was terminated after the accident.

The complaint states Ibarra believed she was terminated based on bias because she was the only female employee at the time and listed other male employees who were involved in serious accidents and were never terminated or placed on suspension. Among those seven accidents were a UPS driver involved in an accident with five vehicles, a fatality and an incident where another driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a car on the highway.

Ibarra sued for compensatory and punitive damages; back pay and front pay; attorney's fees and costs; and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.

Jurors returned Wednesday with a verdict to award Ibarra with $150,000 to cover economic loss, including back pay and benefits, and $150,000 for mental anguish and emotional distress. They also chose to award her $300,000 in punitive damages.

AWARDS

From 1A

Elementary Teacher of The Year: Vidal B. Torres Jr.

After a 12-year military career, serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during Desert Storm and later on the border of Czechoslovakia when the Iron Curtain fell, Torres decided to pursue a career in education.

"When I left the military I had to make a choice. As a sergeant in the Army, I felt like I was a teacher already and enjoyed that, so I returned to Alpine to attend Sul Ross," said Torres, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in bilingual education. "At first I thought about teaching in secondary schools, but I eventually decided I wanted to teach younger kids and be a positive male role model, since that's so often lacking in elementary schools."

During his 17 years in the teaching field, Torres said he's gained the reputation for reaching students who may be deemed the school's roughest. He often applies military lessons in his classroom, incorporating personal stories into math and science lessons to engage the students.

Being named Midland's teacher of the year is a great honor, Torres said.

"It means everything's finally coming together. My family has always been behind me, which is very important because the job often requires long hours," said Torres, who has four children with his wife Mary, a teacher at Bonham Elementary.

Secondary Teacher of the Year: Justin Walker

Getting Walker to start his teaching career at Midland High may have taken a small lie, but it's proven to be a very rewarding experience.

"I was duped into thinking I would be teaching marketing," said Walker, who holds a sports marketing degree from Texas Tech and previously worked for the Denver Nuggets organization, San Antonio Spurs and Rampage. "I got my class schedule a week before school started, and there was one marketing class and a bunch of courses called BIM."

As it turned out, only 11 students were enrolled in the marketing program, and Walker would spend the rest of the year teaching students how to use computer programs like Microsoft Word and Excel in Business Information Management.

"I told (Principal Jeff) Horner I didn't want to teach computer classes, and he challenged me to market my own program to students," Walker said. By the next August, enrollment in marketing courses increased to more than 220 students.

"All my friends think I'm crazy for leaving professional sports to teach, but working in pro sports is an absolute non-stop schedule," Walker said, noting he'd work in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then the night game. "I'd always wanted to become a teacher, but I never wanted to make teacher pay. Eventually, I decided to do what I love and not worry about the money."

When not teaching marketing students, Walker sponsors Students in Philanthropy, DECA, a Be The Change circle and provides play-by-play commentary during MHS basketball and baseball games.

"Having come from the business world to education, I'm very new to teaching, and it's definitely a huge honor, especially standing up there with all those other teachers who are so deserving and successful," said Walker, who is expected to graduate with a master's degree in education administration from Lamar University in January 2014.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Mary Castaneda, of Jones Elementary, gets a hug from her son Brandon, a senior at Lee, after she won the 2013 Unsung Hero Award during an awards banquet Thursday at Midland Center.

Unsung Hero: Mary Castaneda

Castaneda began substituting at Jones Elementary when son Brandon, now a senior at Lee High School, was in kindergarten.

"I absolutely loved the environment, all the teachers and the office staff and I kept getting called back to work," Castaneda said. "Eventually, the clerk position came open and they encouraged me to do that."

After working five years as Jones' clerk, Castaneda was encouraged to apply for the campus secretary position when her co-worker retired.

"At first I really didn't want to do it because I knew how much work was involved with that job, but it just so happened that I went through a divorce and needed additional income at that time, so it was like God opened the door," Castaneda said of the job she's now held for eight years.

Though grateful for the job, Castaneda said she only accepts the award on behalf of all secretaries in Midland ISD.

"I know how much work they do, and we are the only ones on our campuses that do what we do, so we're always calling each other asking questions," Castaneda said.

The best part of working at Jones is getting to interact with and love on the students each day, Castaneda said.

"The teachers do all the disciplining in the classroom, and I just get to love them when they come into the office," said Castaneda, who also loves working at the same campus where her 8-year-old daughter Julie attends school.

Meet the nominees

Elementary nominees

Bonham Elementary: Deborah Ridley
Bowie Fine Arts Academy: Debbie Billups
Burnet Elementary: Kimberly Burnett
Bush Elementary: Tamberlyn Burrow
Carver Center: Kaci Haynie
Crockett Elementary: Kristin Gerhard
DeZavala Elementary: Hope Mills
Emerson Elementary: Deanie Downing
Fannin Elementary: Lynn Chalker
Greathouse Elementary: Vickey Bloodworth
Henderson Elementary: Jessica Minge
Houston Elementary: Jennifer Bone
Jones Elementary: Sarah Frederick
Lamar Elementary: Crissa Minett
Long Elementary: Christina Salinas
Midland Christian: Jan West
Milam Elementary: Vidal Torres Jr.
Parker Elementary: Elizabeth Fernandez
Pease Communication and Technology Academy: Emma Gomez
Rusk Elementary: Alison Chandler
Santa Rita Elementary: Jennifer Mahan
Scharbauer Elementary: Erin Lloyd
South Elementary: Sergio Serabia
Travis Elementary: Cinthia Salinas
Trinity School: Debbie Eichinger
Washington Math and Science Institute: Shawn Edgerton

Secondary nominees

Abell Jr. High: Catherine Waters
Alamo Jr. High: William Cooke
Brooks Middle School: Wanda Harrison
Coleman High School: Lisa Morris
Early College High School @ MC: Rachel Nichole Langford
Goddard Jr. High: Comfort Ovulike-
Greenwood High School: Renee Blakely
Lee Freshman High School: Mike Marsh
Lee Senior High School: Josh McKiddy
Midland Academy Charter: Lori Hill
Midland Alternative Program: Crystal Tiller
Midland Christian High School: Connie Howell
Midland Freshman High School: Erica Reagan
Midland Senior High School: Justin Walker
Richard Milburn Academy: Milagros Carrasco
San Jacinto Jr. High: Jennifer Swick
Trinity School: Thomas LaFarelle

Unsung Hero nominees (non-classroom personnel)

Abell Jr. High: Paula Knight
Alamo Jr. High: Janis Hamilton
Bonham Elementary: Nancy Ortéga
Bowie Fine Arts Academy: Vickie Gibson
Brooks Middle School: Ramona Hasty
Burnet Elementary: Edna Garcia
Bush Elementary: Joyce Beard
Carver Center: Brandy Ford
Coleman High School: Pattie Stewart
Crockett Elementary: Odilon Bretado
DeZavala Elementary: Leticia Torres
Early College High School @ MC: Karen Murdoch
Emerson Elementary: Cyndi Aycock
Fannin Elementary: Andrea Griffith
Greathouse Elementary: Carolyn Martin
Greenwood High School: Debbie Anthony
Henderson Elementary: Isabel Carsveo
Houston Elementary: Elisenda Gandar
Jones Elementary: Mary Castaneda
Lamar Elementary: Nancy Vyarro
Lee Freshman High School: Betty Rodgers
Lee Senior High School: Freddie Flores
Long Elementary: Maria Hernandez
Midland Academy Charter: Guadalupe Urias
Midland Alternative Program: Silva Willis
Midland Christian Elementary School: Laura Bohne
Midland Freshman High School: Faye Palmer
Midland Senior High School: Sylvia Baiza
Milam Elementary: Isabel Valenzuela
Parker Elementary: Rebecca Howell
Pease Communication and Technology Academy: Barbara Randolph
Richard Milburn Academy: Sheri Griffin
Rusk Elementary: Garfield Hart Jr.
San Jacinto Jr. High: Freda Wesley
Santa Rita Elementary: Keitha Butler
Scharbauer Elementary: Nicole Molinar
South Elementary: Beatriz Ramos
Travis Elementary: Emma Martinez
Washington Math and Science Institute: Valentina Corrales

HOMELESS

From 1A

driven many employed individuals to homelessness. Capt. Tex Ellis, with the Salvation Army, said about 60 percent of his clients are men with jobs, but they simply can't find an affordable place to live.

Of the 72 respondents who answered the question about job status, 34.7 percent have a regular full-time job, 25 percent a regular part-time job and 33.3 percent are unemployed.

Survey results show the median earned monthly income for respondents was $800 and 78 percent of respondents have experienced their first episode of homelessness during the past three years.

Conducting a point-in-time survey helps coalitions throughout the state understand their community's needs and provide a snapshot of what the homeless population looks like on any given day.

Questions asked on the survey include a person's gender, ethnicity, reason for being homeless, military service and social services received.

The survey also asks about the person's level of education, whether they've been in treatment for addiction or alcohol abuse and whether their children are enrolled in school, among other things.

Coalition members said sometimes they aren't able to obtain all of the information they're seeking, but they work to get what they can. Part of the reason for conducting the count is to get an idea of what services are being used and understand what needs are going unmet.

For more information on the Midland Homeless Coalition or to request a copy of the report, email chairwoman Linda Hamblin at lhamblin@mfh.org.

CUTS

From 1A

continue to perform our core mission of providing for the security of the United States, but there is no mistaking that the rigid nature of the cuts forced upon this department, and their scale, will result in a serious erosion of readiness across the force," Panetta told Defense Department employees.

The deep cuts were designed by Congress and President Obama to create such a severe alternative that it would force lawmakers to come up with a better budget solution. So far, no such luck.

"Congress has offered two realistic replacement bills that were both shot down. It's now time for the Senate and the president to send us something," said Rep. John Carter, R-Texas. "We have done our job. It is time to do their job."

Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison suggested that politics might influence the decisions on what to cut.

"The irony is that the president of the United States has the ability to determine what part of defense spending will be cut," Hutchison said Thursday in Dallas. "If the president is trying to raise fears, he may cut areas that affect the most people, like TSA and Border Patrol agents, but if he is trying to assure that security for the United States will remain at top levels, he will assure the priorities in defense and security agencies will not be cut."

Flu shot doing a poor job of protecting elderly

Associated Press

ATLANTA — It turns out this year's flu shot is doing a startlingly dismal job of protecting senior citizens, the most vulnerable age group.

The vaccine is proving only 9 percent effective in people 65 and older against the harsh strain of the flu that is predominant this season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

Health officials are baffled why this is so. But the findings help explain why so many older people have been hospitalized with the flu this year.

Despite the findings, the CDC stood by its recommendation that everyone over 6 months get flu shots, the elderly included, because some protection is better than none and because those who are vaccinated and still get sick may suffer less severe symptoms.

"Year in and year out, the vaccine is the best protection we have," said CDC flu expert Dr. Joseph Bresee.

Overall, across the age groups studied, the vaccine's effectiveness was found to be a moderate 56 percent, which means those who got a shot have a 56 percent lower chance of winding up at the doctor with the flu. That is somewhat worse than what has been seen in other years.

For those 65 and older, the vaccine was only 27 percent effective against the three strains it is designed to protect against, the worst level in about a decade. It did a particularly poor job against the tough strain that is causing more than three-quarters of the illnesses this year.

It is well known that flu vaccine tends to protect younger people better than older ones. Elderly people have weaker immune systems that don't respond as well to flu shots, and they are more vulnerable to the illness and its complications, including pneumonia.

But health officials said they don't know why this year's vaccine did so poorly in that age group.

One theory, as yet unproven, is that older people's immune systems were accustomed to strains from the last two years and had more trouble switching gears to handle this year's different, harsh strain.

The preliminary data for senior citizens is less than definitive. It is based on fewer than 300 people scattered among five states.

But it will no doubt surprise many people that the effectiveness is that low, said Michael Osterholm, a University of Minnesota infectious-disease expert who has tried to draw attention to the need for a more effective flu vaccine.

Among infectious diseases, flu is considered one of the nation's leading killers. On average, about 24,000 Americans die each flu season, according to the CDC.

This flu season started in early December, a month earlier than usual, and peaked by the end of year. Hospitalization rates for people 65 and older have been some of the highest in a decade, at 146 per 100,000 people.

Flu viruses tend to mutate more quickly than others, so a new vaccine is formulated each year to target the strains expected to be the major threats. CDC officials have said that in formulating this year's vaccine, scientists accurately anticipated the strains that are circulating this season.

Because of the guesswork involved, scientists tend to set a lower bar for flu vaccine. While childhood vaccines against diseases like measles are expected to be 90 or 95 percent effective, a flu vaccine that's 60 to 70 percent effective in the U.S. is considered pretty good. By that standard, this year's vaccine is OK.

For senior citizens, a flu vaccine is considered pretty good if it's in the 30 to 40 percent range, said Dr. Arnold Monto, a University of Michigan flu expert.

A high-dose version of the flu shot was recently made available for those 65 and older, but the new study was too small to show whether that has made a difference.

The CDC estimates are based on about 2,700 people who got sick in December and January. The researchers traced back to see who had gotten shots and who hadn't. An earlier, smaller study put the vaccine's overall effectiveness at 62 percent, but other factors that might have influenced that figure weren't taken into account.

The CDC's Bresee said there is a danger in providing preliminary results because it may result in people doubting — or skipping — flu shots. But the figures were released to warn older people who got shots that they may still get sick and shouldn't ignore any serious flu-like symptoms, he said.

AP file photo

Carlos Maisonet, 73, reacts as Dr. Eva Berrios-Colon, a professor at Touro College of Pharmacy, injects him with flu vaccine during a visit to the faculty practice center at Brooklyn Hospital in New York in January. Health officials said Thursday this season's flu shot was only 9 percent effective in protecting seniors against the most common and dangerous flu bug.

Flu vaccine Q&A

This season's flu shot seemed to do little to protect people over 65 from the worst and most dominant flu strain spreading around, a small government study found. Vaccinated people in that age group had only a 9 percent lower chance of going to the doctor with flu symptoms from the main virus than people who didn't get the shot.

The vaccine was much better at protecting younger people.

Q: If the flu shot did such a poor job for older folks, why should they get it?

A: Government doctors and other health experts say it's better than nothing. And some scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention think it's possible that even this less effective vaccine may have lessened symptoms. But they don't know that for sure.

Q: How well did the vaccine work for younger age groups?

A: It offered "moderate" protection, the CDC says. For all ages who were vaccinated, there was a 56 percent chance of avoiding getting sick with the flu from any of the three strains in circulation. Generally a flu vaccine is considered pretty good if it's more than 60 percent effective.

Q: Why didn't the vaccine do a better job this year?

A: Scientists don't know. But it is much harder to make an effective vaccine against ever-shifting flu viruses than for diseases like measles, polio and diphtheria. Vaccines are generally 90 to 95 percent effective for those other diseases.

Q: Why was the shot especially weak at protecting older people?

A: Older, worn-out immune systems have a harder time responding to flu vaccines. Protection for those over 65 is considered good if they have a 30 or 40 percent lower chance of getting sick enough to see the doctor. This year, the vaccine provided about 27 percent protection against all three strains — but again, for the most dominant virus it was only 9 percent effective. On the upside, for people in their 50s and early 60s, protection against the worst virus was actually 50 percent.

Q: Can't we make a better vaccine?

A: Researchers are working on it. There is a higher-dose version for older people, but it's not clear how widely available it was and the study of vaccine effectiveness was too small to show whether it made a difference.

Associated Press

Minn. confirms 12 more flu deaths

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Department of Health has reported another dozen flu-related deaths.

Officials said the 12 deaths were confirmed last week. That brings the number of confirmed flu-related deaths in Minnesota to 148 since the influenza season began.

Hospitalizations because of flu continue to decline in Minnesota. Health officials said 59 people were hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed influenza last week, compared with 72 the week before. So far this season, Minnesota has seen 2,784 hospitalizations.

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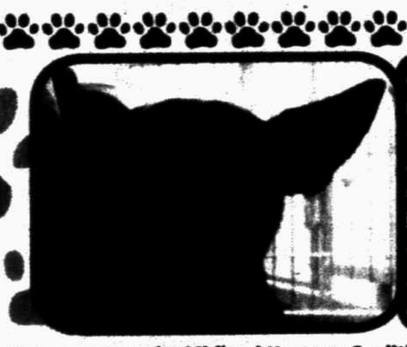

Asia is a 6 yr. old female chi who is in our Senior to Senior program. She would love to be with a senior couple and just hang out. She especially loves older men. She would prefer not to be bothered by small children but she does get along with other small dogs. All adoption fees will be waived for an approved Senior citizen.

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Immigration solution will be lesser of two evils

■ Since no one is taking border security seriously, there really isn't a choice but to accept Rubio's proposal.

Charles Krauthammer
Washington Post Writers Group

The president suggested he would hold off introducing his own immigration bill as long as bipartisan Senate negotiations were proceeding apace — until his own immigration bill mysteriously leaked precisely as bipartisan Senate negotiations were proceeding apace.

A naked political maneuver and a blunt warning to Republicans: Finish that immigration deal in Congress or I'll propose something I know you can't accept — and flog the issue mercilessly next year to win back the House.

John McCain responded (correctly) that President Obama was creating a "cudgel" to gain "political advantage in the next election." Marco Rubio, a chief architect of the Senate bill, called Obama's alternative dead on arrival.

They doth protest quite a lot. Especially because on the single most important issue — instant amnesty — there is no real difference between the proposals.

Rubio calls it "probationary legal status." Obama uses the term "lawful prospective immigrant." But both would instantly legalize the 11 million illegal immigrants living here today. The moment either bill is signed, the 11 million become eligible for legal residence, the right to work and relief from the prospect of deportation.

Their life in the shadows is over, which is what matters to them above all. Call the status probationary or prospective but, in reality, it is permanent. There is no conceivable circumstance (short of criminality) under which the instant legalization would be revoked.

This is bad policy. It repeats the 1986 immigration reform that legalized (the then) 3 million while promising border enforcement — which was never carried out. Which opened the door to today's 11 million. And to the next 11 million as soon as the ink is dry on this reform.

The better policy would be enforcement first, followed by amnesty. Yes, amnesty. But only when we have assured that these 11 million constitute the last cohort.

How to assure that? With three obvious enforcement measures: (a) a universal E-Verify system by which employers must check the legal status of all their hires, (b) an effective system for tracking those who have overstayed their visas, and (c) closure of the southern border, mainly with the kind of triple fence that has proved so successful near San Diego.

If legalization would go into effect only when these conditions are met, there would be overwhelming bipartisan pressure to get enforcement done as quickly as possible.

Regrettably, there appears to be zero political will to undertake this kind of definitive solution. Democrats have little real interest in border enforcement. They see a rising Hispanic population as the key to a permanent Democratic majority. And Republicans are so panicked by last year's loss of the Hispanic vote by 44 points that they have conceded instant legalization. As in the Rubio proposal.

Hence Rubio's fallback. He at least makes enforcement the trigger for any normalization *beyond* legalization. Specifically, enforcement is required before the 11 million can apply for a green card.

A green card is surely a much weaker enforcement incentive than is legalization. But it still is something. Obama's proposal, on the other hand, obliterates any incentive for enforcement.

Obama makes virtually automatic the eventual acquisition of a green card and citizenship by today's 11 million. The clock starts on the day the bill is signed: eight years for a green card, five more for citizenship. It doesn't matter if the border is flooded with millions of new illegal immigrants (anticipating yet the next amnesty). The path to citizenship is irreversible, rendering enforcement irrelevant.

As for Obama's enforcement measures themselves, they are largely mere gestures: increased funding for border control, more deportation judges, more indeterminate stretching of a system that has already demonstrably failed. (Hence today's 11 million.) Except for the promise of an eventual universal E-Verify system, it is nothing but the appearance of motion.

And remember: Non-implementation of any of this has no effect on the path to full citizenship anyway. The Rubio proposal at least creates *some* pressure for real enforcement because green card acquisition does not take place until the country finally verifies that its borders are under its control. True, a far weaker incentive than requiring enforcement before legalization. But that fight appears to be totally lost.

In the end, the only remaining vessel for enforcement is the Rubio proposal. It is deeply flawed and highly imperfect. But given that the Obama alternative effectively signs away America's right to decide who enters the country, the choice between the two proposals on the table today is straightforward.

OUR VIEW

Always special to honor area's top teachers

Laurels

■ For honoring hard-working teachers. Congratulations to all 80 teachers and non-classroom personnel honored during Thursday's 21st annual Excellence in Teaching and Unsung Hero Awards.

We appreciate everything the teachers and staff in Midland County's public, private and charter schools do for students each day and know your job is often thankless.

Special congratulations overall Elementary Teacher of the Year winner Vidal B. Torres, Jr., overall Secondary Teacher of the Year winner Justin Walker and overall Unsung Hero award winner Mary Castaneda.

After serving as a sergeant in the United States Army, Torres decided to become a bilingual education teacher. Sixteen of his 17 years teaching have been in Midland ISD. He currently teaches a fifth-grade bilingual class at Milam Elementary.

Having worked as a sports marketing professional, Walker left the business world and began his teaching career at Midland High School three years ago. When not teaching marketing to students, Walker sponsors Students in Philanthropy, DECA, a Be The Change circle and provides play-by-play announcing at MHS basketball and baseball games.

Castaneda began working at Jones Elementary 13 years ago when her son Brandon was in kindergarten and said she's loved working on the same campus where her children attend school. She worked five years as the school's clerk and has served as campus secretary for the last eight years.

■ For the 40 Midland and Big Spring student spellers. Congratulations on winning your school bee and good luck in the regional bee. The regional bee, sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram, is 9 a.m. Saturday at Midland College. Members of the community are welcome to attend to root on these kids. With 11 of the spellers having competed in 2011 or 2012, it should be a hard-fought contest. The winner advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

■ For Anna James, Taylor McKay, of Midland High, and Alyson Drennan, of Greenwood. James and McKay earned spots in the UIL State Swimming and Diving Championships this week in Austin.

James broke district and regional records on the way to her first appearance at the state meet, and it came a few months after she finished eighth at the Olympic trials. James will have a chance to win a state title and could challenge the state record. McKay earned his first berth in the state meet.

Also, Drennan, a sophomore, won the 50-yard freestyle at the Region I-4A Swimming and Diving Championships and is competing at the state meet for the second straight year. Congrats to all three.

Arrow

■ For hotel occupancy hurting sports tourism. We read like everyone else about the troubles our booming economy is having with sports tourism in our area. We believe there is a place, even during this economic boom, to have a balance for the high school and organizational tournaments that add to our quality of life. If taxable income brought in by increased hotel nights has more than doubled in the past three years, then maybe some of that extra income can be used to help defer some costs for teams making the trip to Midland. As one MISD official said, once you lose tournaments to other communities, it is hard to get them back.

Any good ideas are needed. The fact that this area can no longer compete for tournaments like the Amateur Softball Association's week-long events is troubling. Few events rivaled those girls' fast-pitch tournaments in terms of economic impact.

And remember, the problems were are having is with an increased number of hotels. If you prefer a glass-half-full point of view, had private enterprise not come in and built extra hotels and their extra rooms, we probably would have seen more events already long gone. As it stands now, we could use a little help.

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Obama won't support guest workers

■ The president is still not serious about real immigration reform.

Ruben Navarrette
Washington Post Writers Group

U.S. Border Patrol agents battle a primitive hazard on the U.S.-Mexico border: rock throwing. Smugglers will give kids a few pesos to hurl stones and bits of concrete at agents in order to distract them. Meanwhile, a few miles away, the smugglers move their illicit cargo into the United States.

In Washington, lawmakers in both parties use a similar strategy when piecing together immigration reform proposals. They throw in an inflammatory item that they know will be controversial so they can deflect everyone's attention away from the really crucial element of the proposal. Americans fall for this trick every time. We're largely ignoring what we should be talking about. And what we think is important really doesn't matter much.

What does matter to politicians? You already know the answer. It's always about the money. Democrats get money from labor and Republicans get it from business. Those are the interests that are going to be protected.

In the Senate, a bipartisan group of lawmakers proposes doing four things: building a pathway to citizenship for the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants; improving legal immigration by making it easier to retain high-skilled immigrants; tightening restrictions and penalties on employers to prevent them from hiring illegal immigrants; and creating a temporary guest worker program for the agricultural industry.

In the House, another bipartisan group is working on a similar piece of legislation.

And finally, the White House is now circulating a draft of its own immigration proposal, which seems to take a harder line than expected. The plan would give illegal immigrants the chance to escape deportation by becoming a "Lawful Prospective Immigrant." But immigrants would still have to apply for such status and not have it granted automatically, as some reformers demand. Nor would the path to a green card be as quick as the reformers would like; immigrants could get their documents in about eight years. Citizenship would take even longer. When all is said and done, we're likely talking about 10 to 13 years for someone to go from illegal immigrant to U.S. citizen. That isn't exactly like the express lane at the supermarket, no matter what critics say.

Naturally, the proposed pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants is all anyone is talking about. How long should it take? How difficult should it be?

Yet, the real deal-breaker — the guest worker plan — is something that isn't getting much attention. The immigration debate doesn't revolve around border security or what restrictionists call "amnesty." It revolves around the idea of bringing into the United States a few hundred thousand temporary foreign workers to do what George W. Bush used to call "jobs that Americans won't do" — primarily on farms and ranches.

For politicians, guest workers are where the money is. Labor wants to kill the idea, and business wants to save it. And both sides are prepared to spend a fortune to get their way. Negotiations between the AFL-CIO and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are going nowhere. Neither side will budge on the issue of guest workers.

We've seen this before -- in 2006 and 2007 — when Congress previously attempted immigration reform. Back then, as you'll recall, Americans argued at the top of their lungs over whether to legalize the undocumented. It got ugly. But when compromise bills went down in flames — due to an unholy alliance between pro-labor Democrats and nativist Republicans, neither of whom was thrilled by the prospect of legalizing millions of undocumented immigrants — it was entirely because of guest workers.

In 2007, Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., proposed an amendment designed to kill an immigration reform bill by removing language calling for guest workers. Followers of the legislation knew that this would eliminate Republican support for the bill, and that Democrats were splintered and thus didn't have the votes to carry the bill over the finish line on their own. The Dorgan amendment passed the Senate by a vote of 49-48. The language on guest workers came out. Republicans retreated. And sure enough, the bill died.

Six years later, note that one thing missing from the White House immigration plan is any mention of guest workers. This should come as no surprise to those who have been paying attention.

Among those voting in favor of the Dorgan amendment was a young Democratic senator from Illinois named Barack Obama. Promises and pretty words notwithstanding, he was against immigration reform then and he's not serious about it now.

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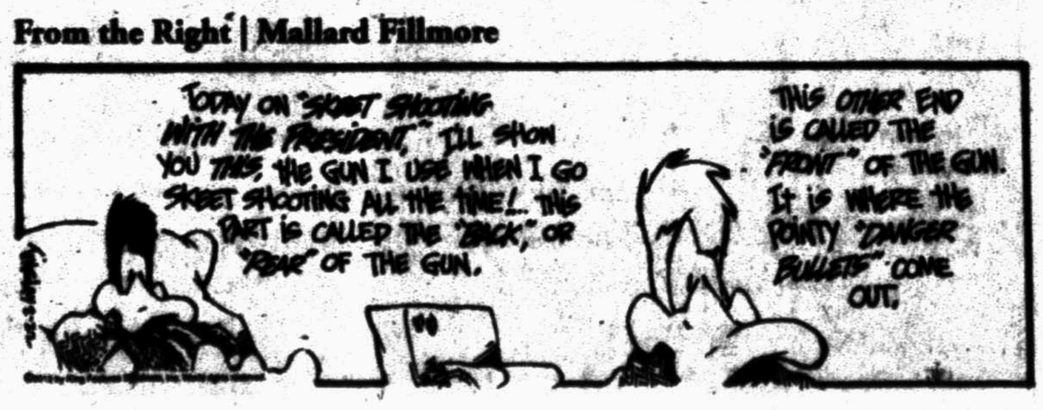


POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Texas senators seek delay in decision on grouse

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz are asking federal wildlife officials to delay a decision on whether to enact protections for the lesser prairie chicken.

Cornyn and Cruz were joined by other Republican senators Thursday in urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to wait at least six months before deciding whether to list the prairie grouse as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

They said adopting federal protections will impair oil and gas development, agriculture and other sectors that drive local economies. They also want to extend a comment period allowing the agency to receive further feedback.

Experts said the population of the lesser prairie chicken has declined in part due to expansion of farms, ranches and energy industry operations across the Southwest and other states.

MISSISSIPPI

State speaker invites gun makers to move to state

JACKSON — One top official wants gun makers in seven states to flee critics and move to Mississippi.

House Speaker Philip Gunn, a Republican, sent letters Thursday to 14 gun manufacturers. He suggests the companies should move to Mississippi, "where their industry and jobs will be appreciated."

The companies are in Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and North Carolina.

Leaders from other states have sent letters to some or all of the companies asking them to relocate to their homes, including Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas; South Carolina U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan; and officials from Idaho, Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

Guns's targets include firearms makers in New Hampshire and North Carolina, states with little apparent movement toward tighter gun restrictions.

KENTUCKY

Plan to let deployed soldiers email ballots stalls

FRANKFORT — Kentucky soldiers deployed overseas won't be able to send election ballots back to the state via email, fax machine or any other form of electronic transmissions, at least for now, under legislation that has been revamped by Senate Republicans.

The Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection removed that provision from a bill on Thursday before sending it to the full Senate for consideration.

GOP senators tread carefully with tea party

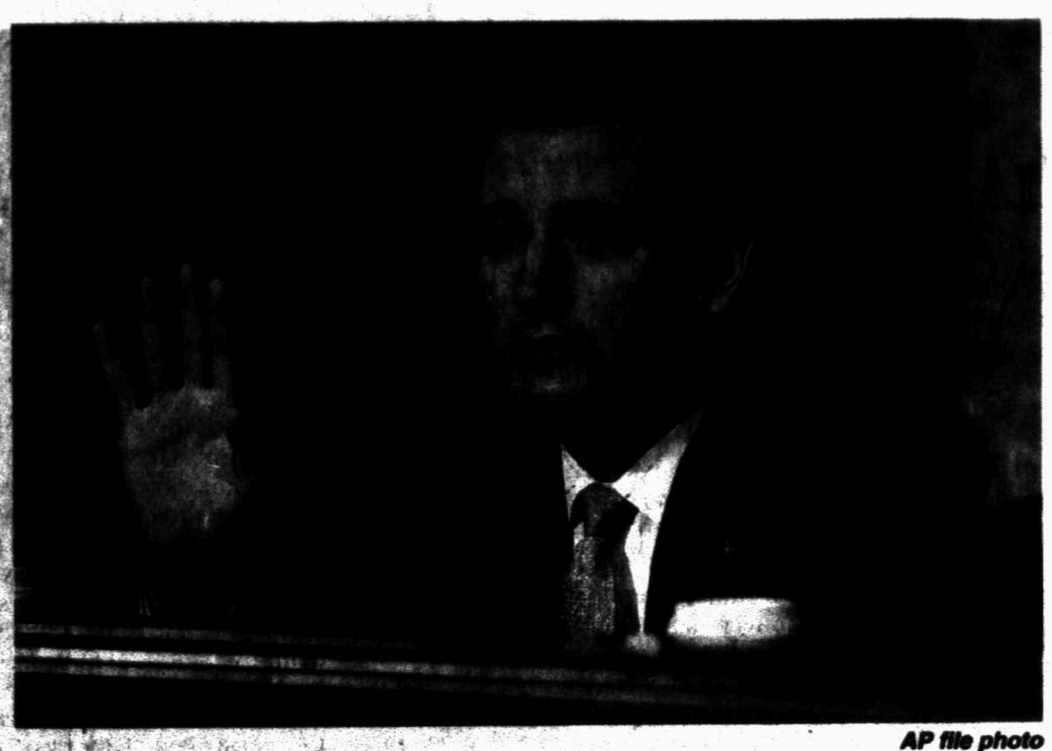
By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twice burned, Republicans are treading carefully around tea party groups as they pursue a Senate majority that slipped through their fingers in 2010 and 2012.

"You'd have to be an idiot not to prepare" for primary election challenges from the right, no matter the state, said Rob Jesmer, who was executive director of the GOP Senate campaign committee when flawed, conservative candidates captured primaries, only to lose winnable races in the fall.

While incumbents work to ward off or repel challenges from within their party, a Republican tempest already is flaring in Georgia, where GOP Sen. Saxby Chambliss is stepping down. Party officials also look apprehensively toward Iowa, where Sen. Tom Harkin's decision to retire down opens up a seat long in Democratic hands.

The developments come at a time the Republican Party nationally is involved in a well-chronicled period of introspection after failing to win the White House last fall.



AP file photo

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks during a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on Jan. 21. Twice burned, Republicans are treading carefully around tea party groups as they pursue a Senate majority that slipped through their fingers in 2010 and 2012.

Brad Dayspring, a spokesman for Republicans, said consternation about a replay of recent politically damaging primaries "at least for the moment, doesn't seem to be an issue" for the GOP. Sen. Jerry Moran, of Kansas, who chairs the campaign committee, declined a request for an interview.

Yet the divisions that pit the party establishment against insurgents and self-styled grass-roots groups show no signs of abating.

Karl Rove, a prominent strategist with deep ties to the Republican establishment, recently disclosed creation of a Conservative Victory Fund with the stated goal of backing electable conservatives in party primaries.

But when Rep. Tom Price, of Georgia, a longtime conservative and possible Senate contender, was quoted in the National Review as saying he didn't oppose the objectives espoused by Rove's group, he drew a slap from a rival organization with close tea party ties.

"The Republican establishment is becoming increasingly hostile to the conservative movement, and Congressman Price should openly and aggressively oppose their efforts, not defend them," blogged Matt Hoskins, head of the Senate Conservatives Fund, an organization founded by former South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint.

Incumbent Republicans seem eager to avoid antagonizing groups that have helped elect tea party favorites, such as Sens. Mike Lee in Utah, Rand Paul in Kentucky, Marco Rubio in Florida and Ted Cruz in Texas in recent years.

Even before the beginning of the year, the party's Senate leader, Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, hired the campaign manager who guided Paul to his establishment-upending victory in 2010.

The party's second-ranking leader, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, was one of only three Senate Republicans to oppose John Kerry's confirmation as secretary of state. He has said he expects a primary challenge and Democrats recently accused him of being on "Cruz control," as he seeks a new term.

Megan Mitchell, a spokeswoman for Cornyn, disputed the claim while stressing the second-term lawmaker "is proud to have Ted Cruz in the Senate."

Ala. senator's vote should give Hagel enough for nomination

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barring any new, damaging information, Chuck Hagel has secured the necessary votes for the Senate to confirm him to be the nation's next defense secretary. A vote ending the bitter fight over President Barack Obama's choice for his revamped second-term, national security team is expected next week.

Hagel cleared the threshold when five-term Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, of Alabama, said he would vote for the former GOP senator from Nebraska after joining other Republicans last week in an unprecedented filibuster of the Pentagon nominee.

"He's probably as good as we're going to get," Shelby told the Decatur (Ala.) Daily.

Although a Republican, Hagel has faced strong GOP opposition, with many of his former colleagues voting last week to stall the nomination. Republicans have questioned Hagel's support for Israel, tolerance of Iran and willingness to cut the nuclear arsenal. His opposition to the Iraq war after his initial vote for the conflict angered his onetime friend, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

GOP lawmakers demanded more time to review the nomination that a divided Armed Services Committee had approved on a party-line vote.

Shelby's support was a clear sign of weakening Republican opposition, and it prompted two letters within hours from Hagel's fiercest GOP foes. One letter went to the president calling on him to withdraw the nomination, the other to GOP senators pleading with them to stand together against Hagel.

Fifteen Republicans senators wrote that Hagel lacks the bipartisan support and confidence to serve in the vital job of defense secretary.

"The occupant of this critical office should be someone whose candidacy is neither controversial nor divisive," wrote the senators — all opponents of Hagel. Leading the effort was Sen. John Cornyn, the party's No. 2, who is up for re-election next year.

One name missing from the letter was McCain, who has called Hagel unqualified but indicated last Sunday that he wouldn't stand in the way of a Senate vote.

Separately, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee, Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, sent a letter to his GOP colleagues urging them to vote again to block the nomination when the Senate returns from its recess next week. He acknowledged the reality that if the GOP fails to block a vote, Hagel proponents have the votes to approve him on an up-or-down vote.

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Horse meat uproar exposes French dining habits

Associated Press

PARIS — In France, eating is supposed to be an art. Foodies from around the globe flock to the world's gastronomic center to discover the true meaning of fine dining — a convivial sharing of dishes, lovingly prepared, which capture the imagination, the taste buds and the essence of the land.

Enter reality.

The Europe-wide uproar over horse meat being sold as beef has exposed a labyrinthine network of companies and countries that trade the meat used in packaged meals. And even the French, it appears, head to the microwave at night after work to zap frozen meals created in far-off factories.

Up to 41 percent of French expenditures for meals go to factory-prepared dishes and frozen products, France's national statistics agency said in a 2008 report.

"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are," gastronome Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin famously wrote 165 years ago in his treatise on taste.

Today, the French are caught in a contradiction: The pleasure of eating good food still defines them, but their busy lives increasingly determine what they eat.

France set the standards long ago and upholds them today with coveted Michelin stars for top chefs and annual "taste weeks" devoted to cultivating a discerning palate for its children. In 2010, the French gastronomic meal was declared an "intangible cultural heritage of humanity" by UNESCO, the U.N.'s cultural arm.

Deep pockets will still get diners a quality meal at even no-star restaurants, but at home or at work it's another story. Gone are the two-hour lunches. Traditional bakeries stand in as sandwich shops while supermarkets provide industrially-prepared meals.

AP file photo

A customer takes a pack of frozen beef Hachis Parmentier from a freezer in a supermarket in Nice, southeastern France on Feb. 11. The Europe-wide uproar over fraudulently labeled horse meat, sold as beef, has exposed the labyrinthine path of companies and countries across the continent that meat for prepared dishes takes before it reaches that microwave. But the back story reveals a France as dependent on factory food as other nations, and a people increasingly torn between their heritage and their hectic lives

"The French need prepared dishes because women work. We don't have time to cook. It's really a change in lifestyle" that began in the 1970s, said Pascale Hebel, director of the consumer affairs department at CREDOC, a research center.

Hebel said France has the highest proportion of households in Europe with working parents and "these markets are growing."

"When you have an adolescent at home, you have to leave something to eat, so you leave a prepared dish," she said.

Indeed, the youth of France are propelling this trend: less eating at home, snacking more and relying more on fast food, experts say. Even still, French snacking between meals is more than two times less prevalent than in the United States, according to a report by Celine Laisney, who monitors trends for the French Agriculture Ministry.

Supermarkets — where up to 70 percent of food spending takes place — are also making traditional open-air markets and specialty food shops seem quaint.

"From the moment you have big supermarkets, you have a completely different, new relationship between eating and food," says leading food sociologist Claude Fischler.

"There is a sort of anxiety over ... products transformed by industry. At the same time, these transformed products, we eat them more and more," he said. "They're omnipresent. That's how we shop. We use kitchen time for other things."

Horse meat falsely labeled as beef has turned up in prepared foods across Europe with a French company, Spanghero, at its epicenter. The company denies that it purposely mislabeled meat it bought from a Dutch trader and repackaged in Luxembourg. A Romanian company said it provided the original horse meat and labeled it as such.

The horse meat scandal will have an impact on sales of prepared foods, but likely only in the short term, experts told The Associated Press. Unlike the mad cow disease crisis in the 1990s and the bird flu crisis in the mid-2000s — which led to extended drops in beef and chicken sales — the horse meat found in lasagna and other prepared dishes does not pose a health risk.

"It's a matter of disgust," said Fischler. "You've been eating something you were not aware of."

Yet horse meat, which is much cheaper than beef, has been eaten happily for decades by some in France who appreciate both the savings and the taste.

Claude Verhoye, of Paris, said she treasures her memories of eating horse.

"When I was young, every Sunday my grandmother made a horse roast," said Verhoye, 64, standing in line at the horse butcher at a Right Bank market. "My daughter rides horses and says you shouldn't do this. I rode horses, too, and it doesn't stop me. I never feel guilty."

Genevieve Cazes-Valette, a marketing professor at the University of Toulouse who is also a food anthropologist, said while the French need quick meals during the workweek they keep alive the old culinary traditions on the weekends.

"In reality, we are into two types of meals," she explained. "During the week, you eat anything ... Then there is a clear return to pleasure, both at the market, during the preparation and in the degustation" over the weekend.

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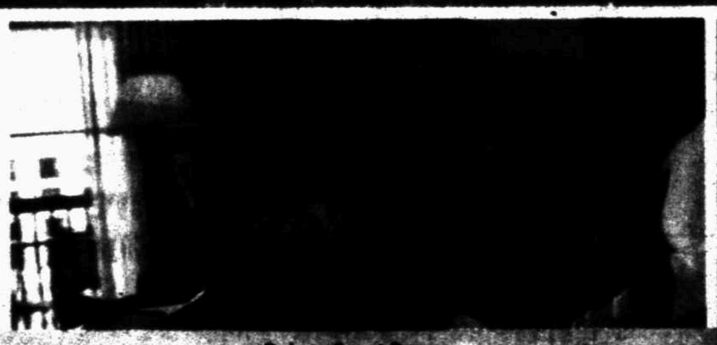
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RELIGION

Jubilee Center to host presentation on Dead Sea Scrolls

■ Archaeological expert to present talk and slide show at Midland College.

By Audrie Palmer
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The Jubilee Center of Midland will host a free talk with an archaeological expert on the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

David Kever, a former dig associate with the Gezer Dig Project, will present "Alexander to Masada: The hunt for the scrolls," at 4 p.m. March 2 in Room 101 of the Marie Hall building at Midland College.

Admission to the slide show and lecture will be free, but organizers will accept both monetary and food donations on behalf of the Jubilee Center food pantry.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, described as one of the "greatest archaeological manuscript finds of the 20th century," were first discovered in 1947.

The scrolls date back to as early as the second century B.C. and include portions of every book in the Hebrew Bible except the book of Esther, organizers said.

Kever has spent time in Jerusalem, Qumran and Masada and participated twice in the Gezer Survey team in Israel. He also helped to photograph some of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The 57-year-old is from Springdale, Ark., and has a bachelor's degree in religion. He is pursuing a master's degree with a concentration in archaeology.

Jubilee Center director Greg Clark said he and board member Bob Dean talked to Kever recently at a presentation of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Fort Worth and he offered give his presentation in Midland. Other board members were excited to hear about the talk as well, Clark added.

The program will last about two hours with time allotted for a question and answer panel with Kever. The room at Marie Hall holds about 110 individuals but Clark said with all the interest in the program and subject of the Dead Sea Scrolls, he anticipates there being limited seating.

Clark encourages those interested in the Bible or archaeology to attend.

"The discovery of the scrolls is one of the most impressive discoveries," he said.

The Jubilee Center in a nonprofit outreach and food pantry located at 3311 Andrews Highway. Staff and volunteers currently serve more than 3,000 families.

For more information about the event, contact the Jubilee Center at 520-0671.

TIME OF PRAYER

Members of True Lite and First Presbyterian choirs, above, perform at the 2012 National Prayer Breakfast in this file photo. RIGHT: Rhonda Carr and others bow their heads during a time of personal prayer during last year's event.

Tim Fischer
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Author to speak at annual prayer breakfast

■ Rosemary Trible of Virginia is co-founder of nonprofit Fear2Freedom.

By Audrie Palmer
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Midlanders are encouraged to gather Wednesday for the annual prayer breakfast at the Midland Center.

Rosemary Trible, an author and advocate for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, will be the guest speaker.

The breakfast will be 7-8:30 a.m. with doors opening at 6:30 a.m. Tickets for the event are $7 for general admission.

Trible is the wife of former U.S. Sen. Paul Trible of Virginia. She co-founded the nonprofit organization Fear2Freedom, which is devoted to helping victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Trible recently authored the book, "Fear to Freedom," in which she shares her own story of being a young talk show host with a husband on his way to becoming a congressman when she was raped at gunpoint.

The attack not only left her feeling violated but also stole her joy, she writes. She wrote the book as a way to provide healing to others.

Trible helped to form the global nonprofit after learning that every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted in America.

"We are in the business of 'restoring joy' to those who have been sexually assaulted or abused, encouraging them on their own journey from freedom to fear," she said in a press release.

With a theme of "Let us pray together," the breakfast also will include local officials and community leaders who will pray for the nation, Texas and Midland as well as leaders and decision-makers.

The National Prayer Breakfast began in Midland in 2009. A prayer group also meets 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Please see PRAYER/5B

Hope Ministry celebrates one year of feeding homeless, homebound

By Audrie Palmer
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When the women at Mount Rose Baptist Church learned some Midlanders who receive a hot meal during the week don't have access to meals on the weekends, they decided to start an outreach program to meet the need.

On the third Saturday of each month, about 20 women with Hope Ministry gather to prepare, cook and serve a hot meal, salad and dessert to the homeless and homebound around Midland.

While the soup kitchens and Meals on Wheels program in Midland serve meals Monday through Friday each week, members of the church's Women of Excellence group learned that even though these ministries serve and deliver meals during the week, there isn't a program that feeds people on the weekends.

"We took it upon ourselves to be a help," said church elder and Women of Excellence director Pamela Jackson.

Starting with a mission to help feed

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The women of Hope Ministry gather to prepare, cook and serve a hot meal, salad and dessert to the homeless and homebound around Midland on the third Saturday of every month.

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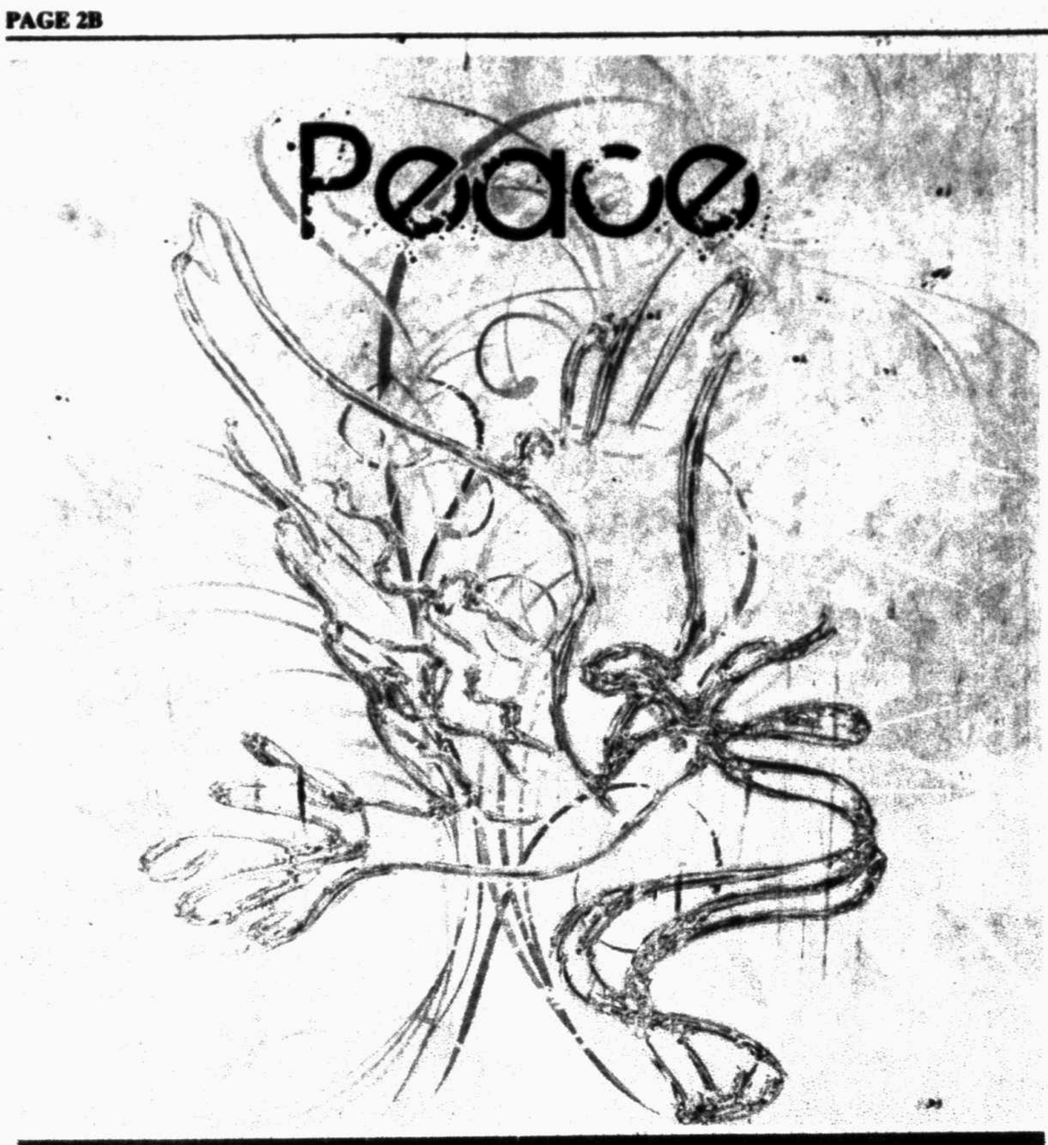

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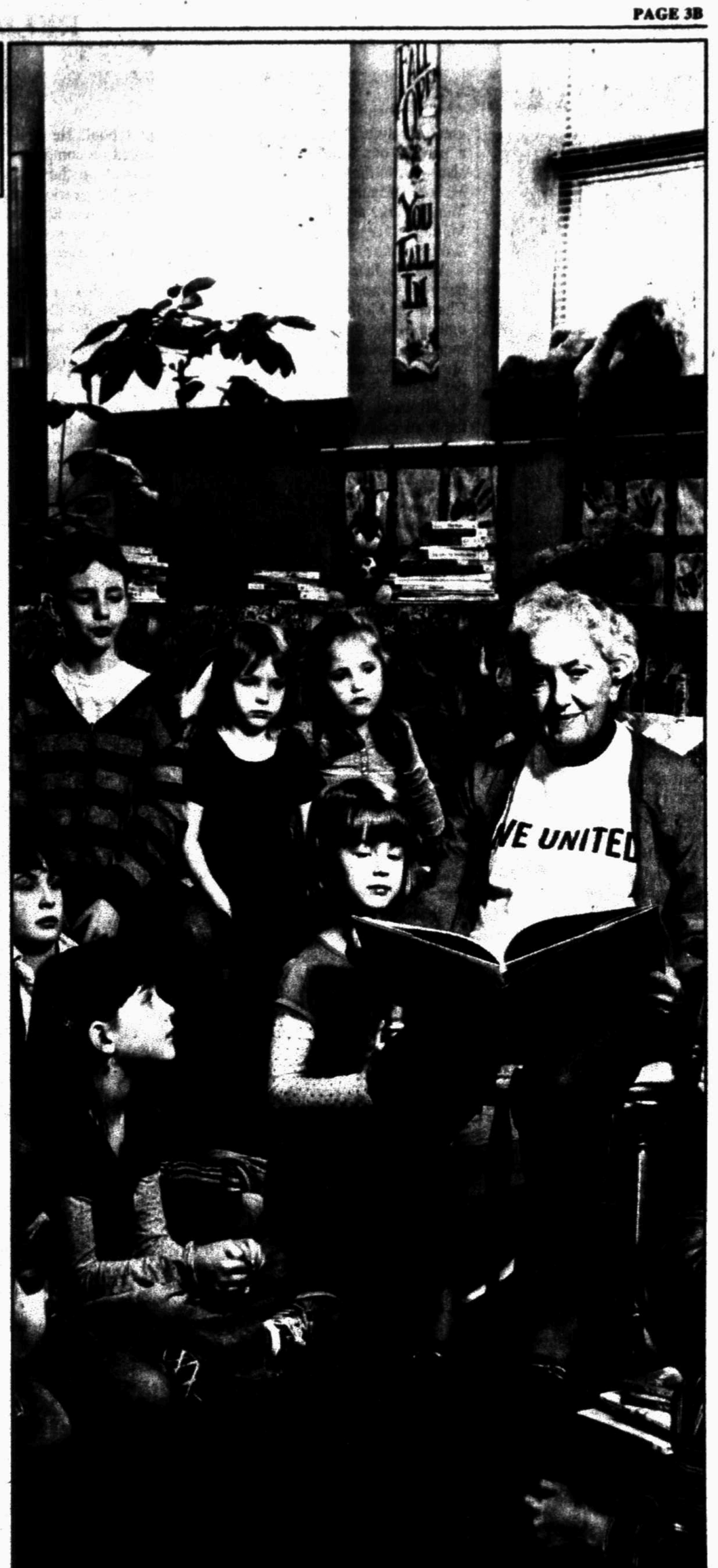

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Obituaries

Amanda Jane Thompson

Amanda Jane Thompson, 89, of Midland, died peacefully February 20, 2013, at Mabee Healthcare Center in Midland. Jane was the youngest daughter of Mary Haggard and Andrew J. Smallwood. She was born in Hillsboro, TX on December 4, 1923.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard S. "Dick" Thompson; her parents; four sisters, Esberne Blair of Mexia, Arvilla Bryant of Dallas, Etoile Brooks of Amarillo, and Malita Wilkinson of Dallas; two brothers, Kirkpatrick Smallwood of Hillsboro and Jack Smallwood of Waco; and her grandson, Michael Thompson of Boerne.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzi Thompson and husband, Paul Thompson of Midland; and sons, David Thompson and wife, Beth of Boerne, TX and Keith Thompson and wife, Belinda of El Paso, TX. Jane is survived by grandsons, Paul M. Thompson, Bradley Thompson, Scott Thompson, Russell Thompson, and Travis Thompson; as well as granddaughters, Elizabeth Nelson and Lauren Thompson. She is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren: Daniel, Kaitlin, David, Stryker, Rachael, Gabriel, Abby, Will, and Wyatt.

Amanda Jane Smallwood attended school in Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro Junior College in 1942. She worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in San Antonio, TX until she met and married Lt. Richard S. "Dick" Thompson on July 3, 1944. They resided in Warrensburg, MO until he was sent to the European Theater of Operations, as a pilot. She returned to Hillsboro and remained there until Dick returned home in June of 1946. They moved to Jackson, MS and were transferred to New Orleans, LA and later to Oklahoma City, OK and Ardmore OK. Later they lived in Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso, Plano, and finally retired in Midland in April of 1993.

Jane attended Texas Tech while she resided in Lubbock and later received her Bachelor's of Science in Education at the University of Texas at El Paso in August 1974. She taught sixth grade at Eastwood Heights Elementary School, El Paso, for two years before moving to Plano, TX in 1977. She taught eighth grade English at Haggard Middle School in Plano and attended classes at Texas Woman's University where she received her Master's of Education degree with a minor in Gifted Education in August 1982. She was appointed Team Leader of the gifted program, PACE, for sixth through eighth grade at Haggard. She taught 7th and 8th grade Honors English to PACE students. Her students won numerous awards in many academic competitions including Odyssey of the Mind, Whiz Kids, and Pentathlon. Jane retired from Plano Independent School District, after thirteen years, in May of 1990. Her beloved husband, Dick, passed away just 5 months short of their 50th anniversary in March 1994.

The family is especially grateful to Mae Brackens, Mom's friend and companion for these last three years; her loving care for Mom was a great blessing. "Mae is truly a part of our family". They also wish to thank the staff of Mabee Healthcare Center, Manor Park, and Hospice of Midland for their tender, dedicated care.

Amanda Jane was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland. She volunteered to help with the monthly newsletter there. She was also an active member of the Newcomers Club of Midland, En Amie, and the Book Ends book club.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Midland, with Rev. Cheryl Homsher, officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705; The Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, TX; Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701; or your favorite charity.

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

Bradford William Seal

1953-2013

Brad Seal died February 20, 2012 in Glenwood Springs Colorado. He was 59 years old.

Brad was born in Lamesa, Texas, on September 21, 1953. The family moved to Midland, Texas, in 1955. Brad went to school in Midland and graduated from Midland High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

He attended the University of Texas in Austin where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was an actor who appeared in the movie, "Waltz Across Texas", filmed in his hometown.

In 1999, Brad moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, to live the life he loved-hunting, fishing, and camping in the beautiful Colorado mountains.

Brad is preceded in death by his father, William A Seal. He is survived by his mother, Leila Seal of Midland Texas; brother, Craig Seal of Carbondale Colorado; brother, Jeff Seal and his wife, Nancy of Austin; sister, Sally Opachan and her husband, Mark of Midland Texas; his nieces, Alexis and Amanda Opachan; and nephews, Ryan and John Opachan of Midland Texas; and aunt, Margaret Seal of Wellington Kansas.

A memorial service will be held at the Glenwood Springs Mennonite Church. A family service will be held later in Wyoming.

The family asks that any memorials be sent to the Glenwood Springs Mennonite Church, 2306 Blake Avenue, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601.

C. Jim Rey

C. Jim Rey passed away peacefully in his home on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013.

Jim was born in Ft. Stockton on Dec. 30, 1946. Jim moved to Midland with his parents when he was 5 years old. He attended Midland High School but enlisted in the U. S. Navy when he turned 17 where he completed his high school. He studied and worked on computers while he served on the USS Ranger for 4 1/2 years from 1964 to 1968. When he was discharged, Jim moved to Dallas where he lived until his death.

Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Irma Billalba.

Jim is survived by his loving parents, C.G. Rey and Rosa Rey; daughter, Bonni Pelton and partner, Veronica Escobar; grandson, Mario Pelton-Escobar; two brothers, Danny Rey and wife, Cecilia of Albuquerque, NM; Alfonso Rey of Austin, TX; three sisters, Margie Rodriguez of Midland; Celia Sosa and husband, Luis of Midland and Melinda Hernandez and husband, George of Grand Prairie, TX.

Funeral arrangements are with Sparkman Funeral Home in Richardson, TX. A Rosary will be held on Sunday at 7p.m. at the funeral home. A Holy Mass will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 12p.m. on Monday and Internment will follow at the DFW Veterans Cemetery in Grand Prairie at 2:30p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ALS Assc. TX Chapter online at, www.ALSA.org

Edward "Mr. Ed" Carrell

Edward "Mr. Ed" Carrell, 77, of Midland, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at First Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Mike Hanks officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

"Mr. Ed" was born in Mt. Vernon, Texas, on June 17, 1935, to Chesley Willis Carrell and Meta Pike Carrell. After graduation, he met and married the love of his life, Pansy Rinehart. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on June 25, 1958, at Fort Carson, Colorado, and served his country honorably until his discharge on May 31, 1964. He worked for the United States Postal Service for twenty-nine years.

"Mr. Ed" was a long time volunteer with Midland Junior Baseball, YMCA Youth Football. "Mr. Ed" and wife, Pansy, were State PTA Life Members; long time Midland Lee sports and band supporters; and a member of First Assembly of God, where he served as an usher and board member.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Carrell and wife, Ruth of Beaumont and Scott Carrell and wife, Stephanie of Brighton, CO; grandchildren, Andrew, Lynda, Craig, Brandon, and Bailey; daughters-in-law, Dawn and Penny; brothers, Roy Orren Carrell, Dub Carrell; sister, Patsy Jo Greene; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers, and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, TX 79705; or American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Suite 104, Midland, TX 79705.

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Chief, Benjamin David Gulley

Chief, Benjamin David Gulley, 33, of Katy, Texas, passed away February 17, 2013, at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews, Texas.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Andrews, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home. Rev. Brant O'-Connor will officiate.

Ben was born October 27, 1979, in Andrews. He graduated from Andrews High School in 1998 and then joined the U.S. Navy. He graduated from San Diego State University. He loved the Navy and was proud to serve. He reached the rank of Chief. He served for almost 13 years and was in active duty when he passed away.

Ben married Shawna Sarri, June 23, 2012 in Huntsville, Texas.

Ben loved to play golf, cook, and go on camping trips. He also loved the beach and he loved sailing in the Navy. He loved live music. He loved his daughter and his family.

He was president of the First Class Association of the U.S. Navy and also a member of the Flag Writers Association.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Raleigh and Doris Gulley; Thelma Nix; and Uncle Ralph Gulley.

He is survived by his wife, Shawna Gulley of Katy, Texas; daughter, Ava Gulley of Katy, Texas; parents, Bill and Carol Gulley of Andrews; grandparents, Joyce and Leland Hamilton of Andrews; Curtis Nix of Andrews; brother, Jason Gulley of Dayton, Texas; sister, Heather McCain of Katy, Texas; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and six nieces and nephews, who he loved dearly.

The family request that memorial donations be made to a scholarship fund in honor of Ben's daughter, Ava, through Bank of America.

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Gerald Pat Bolden

Gerald Pat Bolden passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in Midland. He was born July 29, 1925, in Naborton, Louisiana, in a Texaco lease house, to James Sonneman Bolden and Mary Todd Bolden, now deceased. He graduated from Golden Meadow High School in Golden Meadow, Louisiana, in 1943 with honors, and joined the Army Air Corp, July 1943 and was discharged as an Aviation Cadet in 1945. Pat graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1951, with a B.S. in geology and was employed by Shell Oil Company as an Exploration Geologist. He took retirement in November, 1978. He managed Hinkle Exploration as a consultant until 1983 and Hilliard Oil and Gas as Exploration Manager until 1986, when he became an independent Consultant Geologist.

Pat joined the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 1951 and later became an Emeritus member. Pat received his 50 year gold AAPG pin in 2003. He was guest speaker at many geological societies, SWS AAPG, SEG local and National and AAPG national and led geological field trips for several universities. He served as an AAPG delegate and as Treasurer for SWS AAPG for 2 years. He was General Chairman of SIPES National Convention in 1992, received the Monroe G. Cheney Science Award in 1993 from SWS AAPG for his lead in Wrenth Faulting. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership in West Texas Geological Society and was in *"Who's Who in Executives and Professionals"* in 1994. He was a Deacon, Elder, and Sunday school teacher.

Pat is survived by his wife, Charlene; son, Craig and wife, Sylvia; daughter, Kathy Jo Bolden of Porter, TX; and Charlene's three children: son, Mark Hutchison of Austin, his wife, Tracy and their daughter, Amy; daughter, Sharon Ott and husband, Richard of Houston; and son, Jay Hutchison and his wife, Cyndi of LaGrange. He also leaves behind a brother, James Roy Bolden, Odessa, TX.; and his daughter, Debbie Lee and husband, Kenneth Lee of Tyler, TX.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's church or favorite charities.

Death Notices

Elizabeth Edwards

Elizabeth Edwards, 69, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, February 24, 2013, at Ray of Hope, 4009 Knissen, Midland.

Survivors include daughters, Christina Lopez and Cathy Barbee; sons, Michael Armijo and Frank Armijo; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Lanhan.

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

Fernando Apolinar "Poli" Rodriguez

Fernando Apolinar "Poli" Rodriguez, 21, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 25, 2013, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, February 24, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include his four children, Isaac Castillo, Elisa Rodriguez, Marina Payan, and Romeo Santiago Espinoza; his mother and step father, Sylvia and Arthur Martinez; his father and step mother, Fernando and Leslie Rodriguez; seven step brothers and sisters; paternal grandfather; paternal grandmother; maternal grandparents; maternal grandfather; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's church or favorite charities.

Funeral arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home.

Jan Carolyn Nelson

Mom went home to be with our Merciful God, after a short battle with cancer, on February 20, 2013.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, February 23, 2013, between the hours 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the funeral home. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at West Kentucky Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home.

Marion Eliza Belcher-Griffith

Marion Eliza Belcher-Griffith, 54, passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Those continuing to lead her joyous life are: her husband, Charles Larry Griffith; four daughters, Tarshina Belcher, Tamera Belcher, Talitha Belcher-Alexander (Charles Alexander), and TaRhonda Belcher; son Terrance Belcher; brother, Wayne Belcher; sister, Reverend Dorothy Cunningham; fifteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A wake service will be held Sunday, February 24, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service is set for Monday, February 25, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at True Lite Christian Fellowship: 3001 North A St., Reverend William H. Palmer will officiate. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

Ramon Sanchez Ramirez

Ramon Sanchez Ramirez, 83, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Ruth Ramirez; two sons, Gabriel Ramirez & Ramon Ramirez, Jr.; three daughters, Lucy Longoria, Delma Lopez, Terry Adkins; three brothers; two sisters; eighteen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Funeral Mass will be today at 2:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Sherida Ann Boone

Sherida Ann Boone, 65, of Midland, passed away Thursday, February 21, 2013, in Midland.

Survivors include her brother, Don Boone of Ruidoso; an aunt, uncle, and several cousins.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Hood officiating, celebrating her life. There will be a gathering of family and friends following the celebration in the Sunset Family Center.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Blues guitarist Magic Slim dies

Associated Press

Magic Slim, a younger contemporary of blues greats Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf who helped shape the sound of Chicago's electric blues, died Thursday. He was 75.

He died shortly after midnight Thursday at a Philadelphia hospital, said his manager, Marty Salzman. The musician had health problems that worsened while he was on tour several weeks ago in Pennsylvania, Salzman said.

Magic Slim and his backing band, the Teardrops, performed a no-holds-barred brand of Chicago-style electric blues, led by his singing and guitar playing, and were regulars on the music festival circuit.

Slim's given name was Morris Holt. The Mississippi native established himself in Chicago's thriving blues community in the 1960s but more recently lived in Lincoln, Neb.

Holt's story was one of persistence. Like many bluesmen from rural Mississippi, he left a life that revolved around cotton fields and moved to Chicago in 1955. But competition on the South Side was fierce in those days, and he moved back home after failing to establish himself.

Playing plantation parties and small gigs, he honed his skills to a fine edge and enlisted his brothers, Nick and Douglas, as his backing band. They returned to Chicago, where they formed the Teardrops and refused to be dismissed.

Younger than many of the renowned bluesmen in Chicago, he maintained a career well into the 21st century. Holt and the Teardrops won blues band of the year at the 2003 Blues Music Award, and he released a record of covers last year.

"If you were going to take somebody who'd never seen blues to one of their shows, it would be like putting them in a time machine and putting them in 1962," Salzman said. "No frills, no rock 'n' roll. It was just straight-ahead, real-deal blues."

Holt came by the sound authentically. Born in Torrance, Miss., in 1937, he grew up in the cotton fields of the Mississippi Delta. His first love was piano, but he lost the little finger on his right hand to a cotton gin and switched to guitar. Like many of his contemporaries, he started out on a one-string instrument he made by nailing a piece of wire stolen from a broom to the wall.

WEEK AHEAD

Religion opportunities for Feb. 22-28

FRIDAY

Movie night

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 Main St., is hosting a family night VeggieTales movie event at 6:30 p.m. today in the fellowship hall. The movie will be "The Little House That Stood."

SUNDAY

Bishop visit

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will host Bishop Scott Mayer at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship services. Mayer will preach, celebrate Holy Communion and confirm new members into the church. A reception will follow the services in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY

Black History Month program

Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 S. Carver St., will host a Black History Month program with speaker Robynne Fuller at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Concert series

First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., will host a Lenten Lunch Concert Series beginning with harpist Ricky Rasura at noon Wednesday. The half-hour concerts begin at noon. Admission is free and lunch is available for $7 before and after each performance. Upcoming concerts include Trinity School Intermediate Choir with director Kathy Pysh and Jazz Band with director Michael Santorelli on March 6 and pianists Shari Santorelli and LuAnn Lane.

Lenten services

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N. Garfield St., will offer weekly Lenten services with a meal at 6 p.m. Wednesday through March 20.

Lenten study

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will offer a soup and salad supper at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent. A Lenten video study on the book "Fresh Air" by Jack Levison begins at 6 p.m. The Rev. John Wedgewood Greenhow, rector, and the Rev. Tom Campbell, associate and Trinity School chaplain, will lead the study.

Prayer breakfast

The annual Midland Prayer Breakfast will be 7 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Center. Featured speaker will be Rosemary D. Trible, author of "Fear to Freedom" and founder of Fear2Freedom, a nonprofit that aims to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. For more information, call 682-4002 or visit www.npbmidland.org.

FUTURE

Retreat

St. Stephen's Women's Organization is hosting a Joyce Rupp day retreat 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 2 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. The theme is "The Gift of Self-Compassion: Being Kind to Ourselves." Cost is $10 and pre-registration is required. For more information, call 520-7394.

Bible study

First Baptist Church, 611 N. Garfield St., will offer a Precept Upon Precept study of the book of Daniel at 9:15 a.m. March 7 in Room 118. Gail Storrie will lead the class and Kay Arthur will provide lectures. Workbooks are available now. Cost is $20. For more information, call 682-2447 or email storrie@grandecom.net.

Women's event

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1605 N. Terrell St., will host its Annual Women's Day event beginning 11:30 a.m. March 10. The theme is "Women ... Don't Lose Your Balance," and speakers will include Lillian Port of Faith Temple COGIC in the morning and Shanda Kenan-McWilliams of Domion Word Ministries COGIC of Denton in the afternoon. For more information, call 684-5253.

First Amendment defense signaled in sex abuse case

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A small evangelical Christian denomination called Sovereign Grace Ministries was already grappling with fractured leadership, outside scrutiny of its policies and public criticism from former members when a new round of problems emerged.

A lawsuit last fall brought by former members accused church officials of covering up allegations of child sexual abuse committed by its members. Then a onetime member of the church's former flagship congregation was indicted in December on charges that he molested multiple boys in the 1980s while involved in youth ministries.

The church hasn't yet answered the specific accusations, but has signaled it may lean on the First Amendment — a defense that religious institutions have used repeatedly and with some limited success in the last decade to inoculate themselves from sex abuse claims.

A statement issued in response to the lawsuit, filed in Maryland, says permitting courts to second-guess confidential advice given by church leaders to congregation members would "represent a blow to the First Amendment."

"We are saddened that lawyers are now, in essence, seeking to violate those rights by asking judges and juries, years after such pastoral assistance was sought, to dictate what sort of biblical counsel they think should have been provided," the statement said. The church's formal response to the lawsuit, due Monday, is expected to provide a window into its legal strategy.

The First Amendment argument, advanced by some legal scholars, derives from a belief that churches ought to be considered autonomous, self-governing institutions whose internal decision-making is off-limits to secular courts. Religious institutions, including the Roman Catholic Church, have invoked the Constitution in arguing they shouldn't be liable for the hiring or supervision of a priest facing abuse allegations.

"To the extent there's a First Amendment issue they're talking about, it is not about sexual abuse as a First Amendment right. It is about the church deciding for itself how to respond to claims of misconduct among its members," said Douglas Laycock, a University of Virginia law professor who specializes in the law of religious liberty.

Marci Hamilton, a church-state expert at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, said she was aware of only three states — Utah, Missouri and Wisconsin — whose highest courts have recognized the First Amendment as a barrier for pursuing church sex abuse claims. But that hasn't stopped religious institutions in other states from raising the same arguments, at least as an initial line of defense.

"One of the goals here in the litigation is for the defendant to intimidate the judges into being fearful of violating the Constitution if they apply the law to them. There was an era when these kinds of arguments would have been intimidating," Hamilton said.

The principle isn't new but it has been tested time and again in the decade since the Catholic church sex abuse scandal broke.

"From our point of view, they are often more successful than they should be," said David Clohessy of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. "Very simply in our view, the First Amendment says you can believe whatever you'd like but not behave however you'd like. And tragically, especially in child sex abuse cases, many religious figures try to blur that difference and exploit the First Amendment for selfish purposes."

With some limited exceptions, most courts haven't been receptive to the argument.

The Tennessee Supreme Court ruled last year that a man who said he was abused by a priest in the 1970s could proceed with his lawsuit against the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, which had argued that secular courts lacked jurisdiction over its hiring decisions.

The Catholic diocese in Burlington, Vt., fending off a recent sex abuse lawsuit, cited the First Amendment in 2011 in warning that a stream of cases carrying multi-million dollar judgments threatened to shut down the church and impede "the Catholic faithful in the free and unhindered exercise of religion." A judge called the argument in that particular case premature and allowed it to move forward. It has since settled.

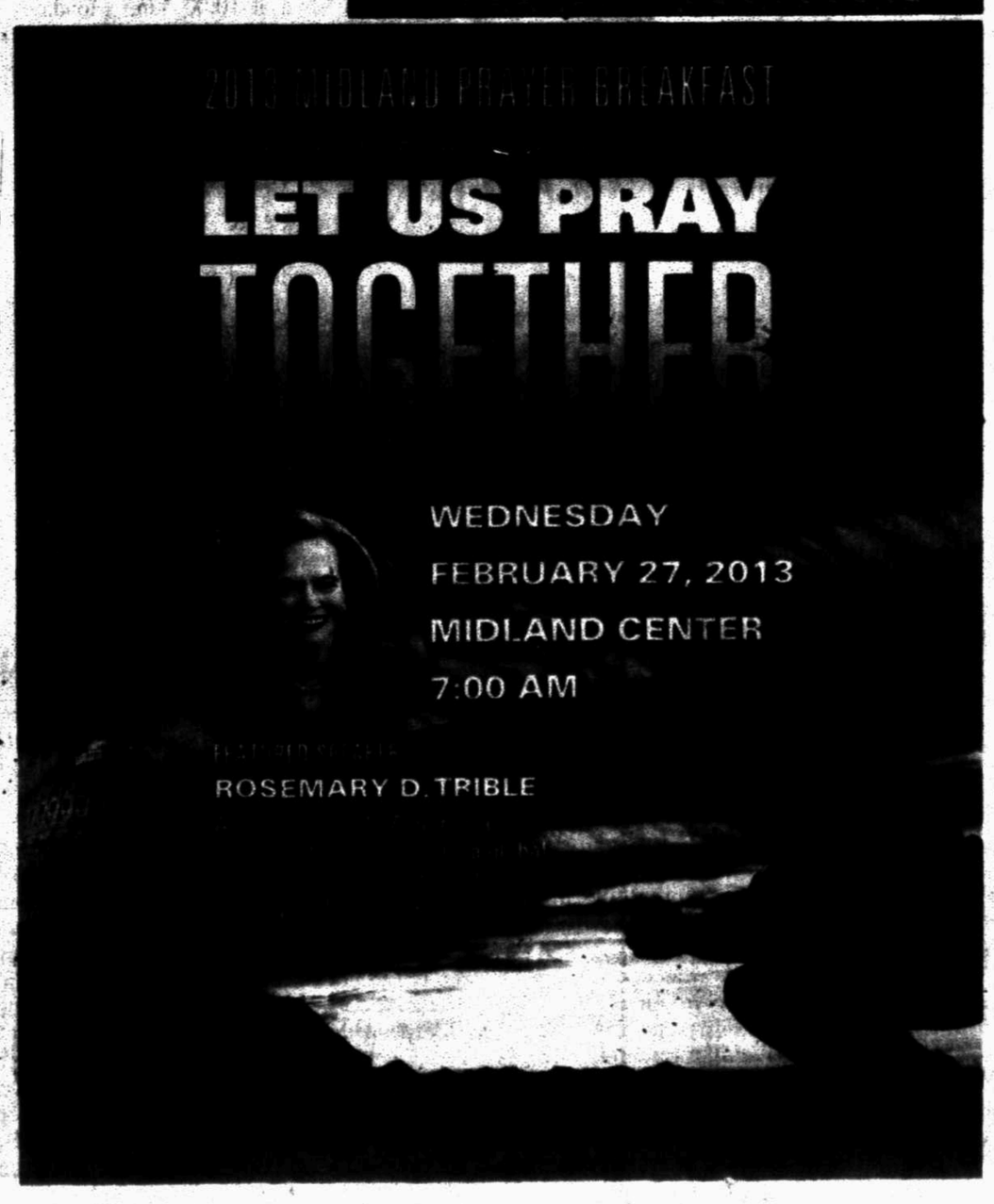
"The liability cannot be so extensive that the church can be put out of business," Thomas McCormick, a lawyer for the diocese, said in describing the defense.

There was some movement in Wisconsin in 2007, when the state Supreme Court — which had earlier held that the First Amendment shields churches from lawsuits for negligent supervision of priests — ruled that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee could be sued for fraud in sex abuse cases.

The U.S. Supreme Court, asked to weigh in on the issue, declined last year to take up an appeal of a Missouri state court ruling in favor of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, which has successfully relied on a First Amendment defense against sex abuse claims.

In Maryland, lawyers for Sovereign Grace Ministries, which was established in 1982 and says it has more than 80 congregations in its fold, either declined to comment about their legal strategy or didn't return phone messages. Besides suggesting a possible First Amendment defense, the church group has attacked the lawsuit as containing misleading allegations and "mischaracterizations of intent." The church invoked the First Amendment in a November statement posted on its website, but didn't reference it in a subsequent statement issued in response to new allegations last month.

The suit filed in October accuses church officials of concealing sex abuse committed by its members and of discouraging victims from reporting allegations to the police. The case was initially brought on behalf of three women associated with the church, including one who says she was molested as a child and then directed by church officials to meet with the man she accused of assaulting her. More plaintiffs have been added, and a former member of the church's flagship congregation, Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, Md., was indicted on sex abuse charges in December.



Annual Prayer Breakfast

[illegible] Rosemary D. Trible, author of "Fear to Freedom" and founder of the nonprofit Fear2Freedom, in the aims to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

PRAYER

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the first Wednesday of each month in the Coining Room at First Presbyterian Church in Midland where they meet to pray for the community, state and nation as well as local churches and leaders in the area.

Organizers also are planning a prayer gathering, "Awake 7:14," for March 24-27 at Midland Center. Information for that event is available online at www.awake714.com.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are available at Mardel Christian bookstore, First Baptist Church of Midland and First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

For more information about the event, call 686-4300 or visit www.npbmidland.org.

MINISTRY

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about 100 individuals, Jackson said the women formed Hope Ministry and the group now averages about 150 meals on the third Saturday of each month with between 30 and 35 deliveries to senior citizens.

She said many people in the area have been excited to hear about the program.

The group's president will plan a menu and send out an email to the women in the group. Using donations from fundraisers they've held, the women purchase the ingredients for the meals. Whatever they are short on, the ladies purchase with their own money.

"We feel good and blessed that God is still providing us food to be able to share," she said.

"We're just a little small group of women, but we hope one day we'll be able to do more."

The ministry, named because the women want to offer others a little bit of hope, celebrated its one-year anniversary this month.

The women believe they're not just feeding the homeless but providing a service to the community — something Jackson said Jesus has commanded them to do in the Bible.

"He commanded us to feed and to clothe and to show his love. The most important thing that we consider is showing the love of God," she said.

"If we can share a little hope with people, hopefully they'll see Jesus through us and they'll know he's still on the throne."

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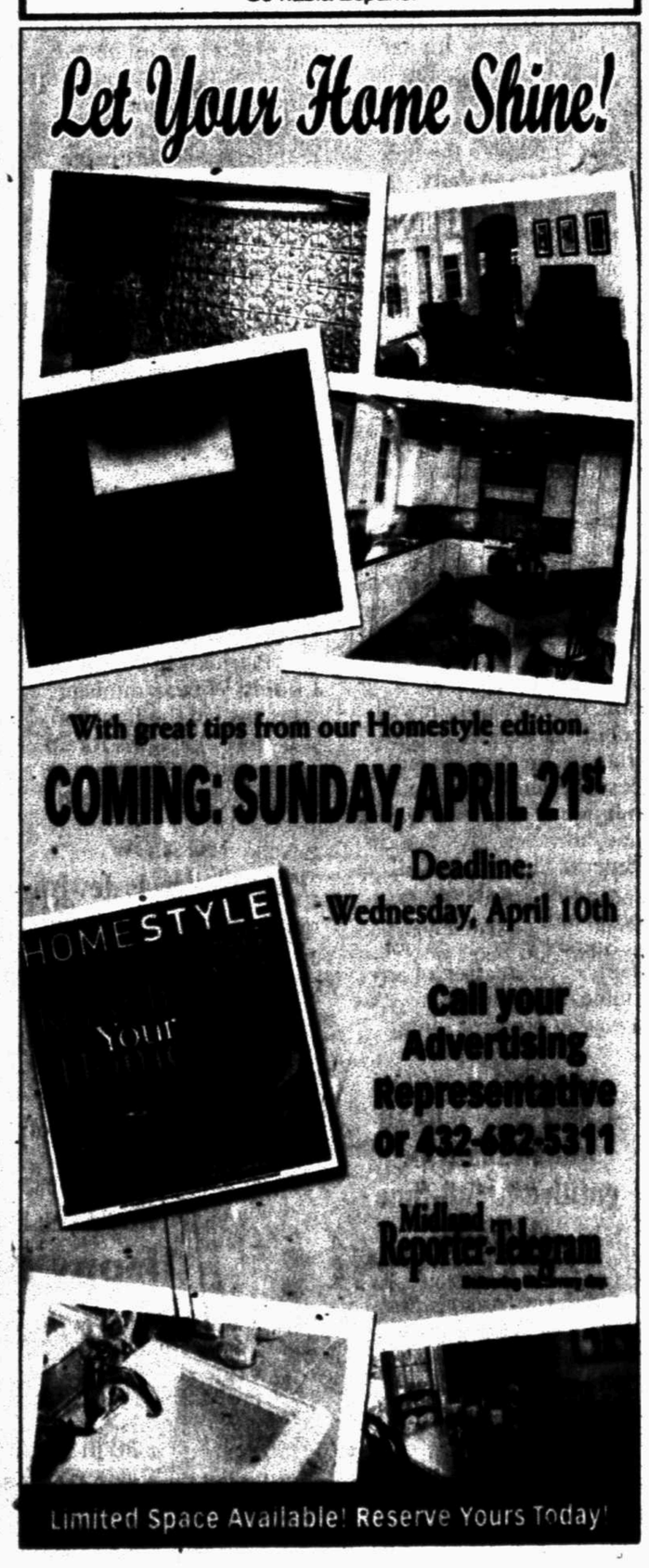

German bishops OK contraception in rape cases

Associated Press

BERLIN — Roman Catholic-run hospitals can prescribe limited emergency contraception to rape victims, German bishops said Thursday as they sought to contain fallout from an embarrassing recent case in which two hospitals refused to treat a woman.

In a statement issued at the end of a regular meeting in the western city of Trier, the German Bishops Conference said Catholic hospitals still can't provide drugs that would lead to the death of an embryo.

The German church was under pressure to clarify its stance after two Catholic hospitals in Cologne turned away a rape victim because of concerns over the pill. Cologne's archbishop, Cardinal Joachim Meisner, said last month that the church was "deeply ashamed by this incident because it goes against our Christian mission."

At the end of January, Meisner said it was "justifiable" in such cases to provide drugs that prevent conception. He later said he had consulted with Pope Benedict XVI's secretary, Georg Gaenswein, and was told that "everything is all right."

For decades, Catholic hospitals have in cases of rape allowed the use of spermicidal wash to impede sperm from reaching an egg and drugs to prevent the victim from ovulating. The rationale is that rape is an act of violence against a woman; to prevent the attack from continuing, a hospital can use drugs to impede conception.

Church teaching, however, holds that life begins at conception, and thus forbids the use of drugs that would intercept, dislodge or abort a fertilized egg, according to the Rev. Robert Gahl, a moral theologian at Rome's Pontifical Holy Cross University.

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Robert Gahl, moral theologian

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Thursday's statement by the bishops stressed that rape victims "can of course receive human, medical, psychological and pastoral help in Catholic hospitals.

"That can include prescription of the 'morning-after pill,' insofar as it has a preventive and not an abortive effect. Medical and pharmaceutical methods which result in the death of an embryo still may not be used."

It said the bishops "trust that practical treatment in Catholic-run facilities will take place on the basis of these moral and theological guidelines."

The statement did not specify any timeframe within which the morning-after pill can be prescribed. That pill contains a higher dose of the female progestin hormone than is in regular birth control pills. Taking it within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse can cut the chances of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. But it works best within the first 24 hours.

If a woman already is pregnant, the pill doesn't have any effect. It prevents ovulation or fertilization of an egg.

Meisner's diocese has said that approval for emergency contraception does not extend to RU-486, which terminates pregnancy by causing the embryo to detach from the uterine wall.

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IRAN

Iran confiscates Buddha statues to stop promotion of Buddhism

TEHRAN — Buddha statues have joined Barbie dolls and characters from "The Simpsons" TV cartoon as banned items in the conservative Muslim nation.

Authorities are confiscating Buddha statues from shops in the Iranian capital, Tehran, to stop the promotion of Buddhism in the country, according to a report Sunday in the independent Arman daily.

Iran has long fought against items, such as Barbie toys, to defuse Western influence, but this appears to be the first time that Iranian authorities are showing an opposition to symbols from the East.

Some Iranians buy Buddha's statues to decorate their homes and cars.

"As I understand, none of the customers cared about Buddhism, they only bought it for decoration," said Reza Sanaei, a shopkeeper who sells the statues.

Under the constitution, Christian and Jewish beliefs as well as Zoroastrianism are recognized beside Islam, the official religion of the country. The law, however, says that, in general, the rights of all non-Muslims should be observed.

Some Islamists do not support production of any statue, since they view it as a way to promote idols.

SAN FRANCISCO

Court says Wiccan inmates may be entitled to full-time chaplain

California prisons hire full-time chaplains and spiritual leaders to serve Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, Protestant and Native American inmates.

On Tuesday, a federal appeals court gave new life to a decades-long battle by Wiccan inmates for access to their own full-time chaplain.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a trial judge's dismissal of a Wiccan prisoner's lawsuit seeking the same rights as the five other religious practices. The appeals court said the Wiccan prisoners make a compelling argument that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may be unconstitutionally showing preference to the five religions in violation of the First Amendment.

The appeals court ruled that the trial court judge was wrong to dismiss the case almost immediately after it was filed without delving deeper into the evidence.

The appeals court also warned that the CDCR may still be able to show the Wiccans don't have enough worshippers or critical needs for a full-time chaplain.

The number of Wiccan inmates is in dispute. A CDCR survey reported 183 Wiccan prisoners in 2007 after recording about twice that number in 2002. But Patrick McCollum, a leading Wiccan minister who has led the fight for full-time chaplains for 20 years, puts the number at about 2,000 systemwide.

MOSCOW

Putin suggests Jewish archive disputed with US could go to Moscow museum

Russian President Vladimir Putin is suggesting that a vast collection of Jewish books and documents that is the focus of a dispute between Moscow and Washington be given a permanent home in the Russian capital's new Jewish Museum.

A U.S. judge in January ordered that Russia be fined $50,000 a day until it turns over the so-called Schneerson Collection to Chabad Lubavitch, a Hasidic movement within Orthodox Judaism headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Russia claims the collection is state property. Putin on Tuesday criticized the ruling, saying "discussion of this problem has taken on elements of confrontation," Russian news agencies reported. The collection is now held at the state library and military archives.

Putin said he would consider ordering the collection be placed at the Jewish museum, which opened last year.

KENTUCKY

Presbyterian seminary wins grant to expand African-American church study

LOUISVILLE — Louisville Seminary has been awarded a $200,000 grant to expand a program that studies African-American churches.

The Black Church Studies Program began at Louisville Seminary three years ago and now has 30 students enrolled in the curriculum.

Lewis Brogdon, the program's director at the seminary, says it needed to do more than just offer classes in black theology, African-American Christianity and preaching. Brogdon says the grant will allow the program's leaders to spend time in local and regional congregations educating laypeople about issues affecting African-American churches and communities. He says it also will help recruit leaders who want to come to the seminary.

The grant is from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. The seminary, founded in 1853, is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

MARYLAND

Dalai Lama to speak at university

COLLEGE PARK — The University of Maryland says the Dalai Lama will speak in College Park.

The university announced Thursday that the Tibetan spiritual leader will deliver the annual Sadat Lecture for Peace on May 7 at the Comcast Center.

The university says the annual lecture series is part of its Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development program. Previous speakers have included former Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan and anti-apartheid leader and former South African president Nelson Mandela.

University of Maryland professor and Sadat Chair Shibley Telhami says the Dalai Lama has been a compelling voice of compassion, toleration and peace during turbulent times. The Tibetan Buddhist leader has been living in exile since 1959 when Chinese troops crushed protests against Communist rule.

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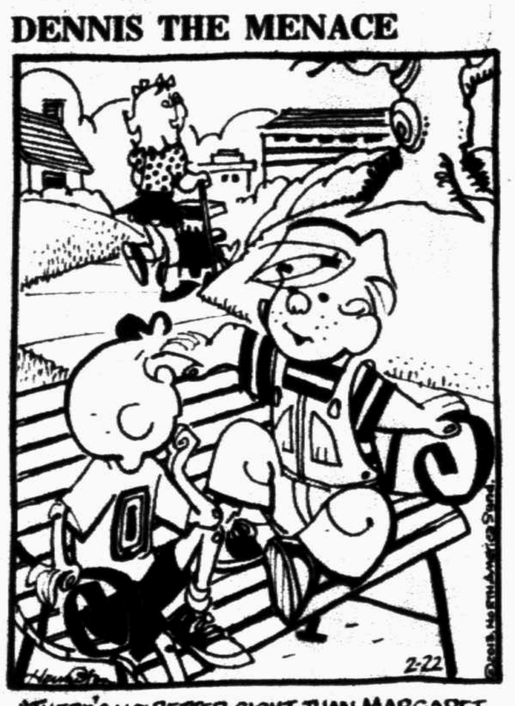

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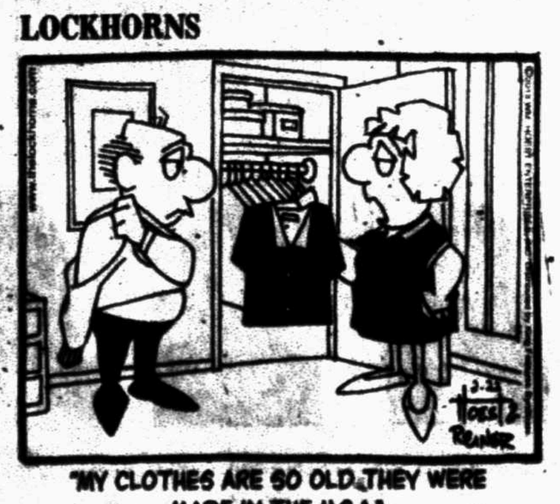

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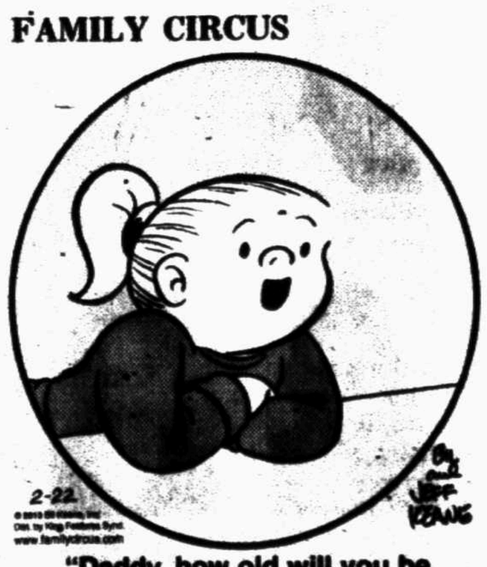

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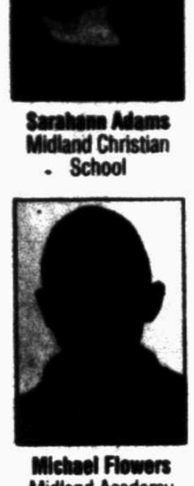
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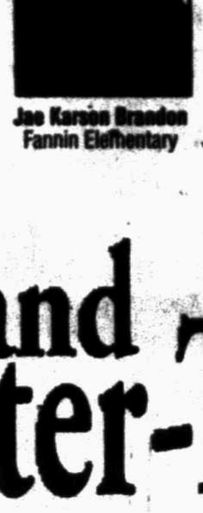
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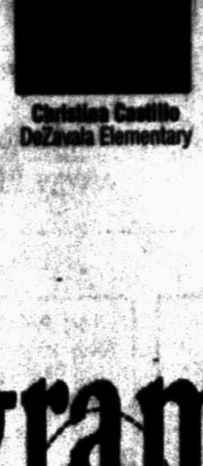
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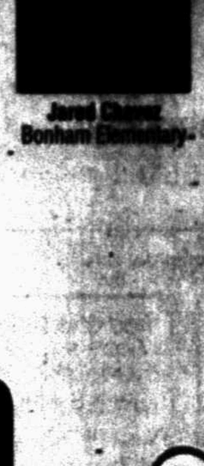

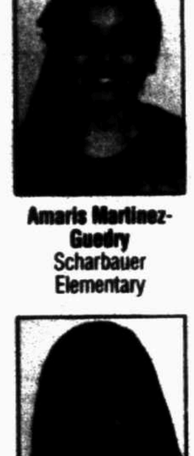
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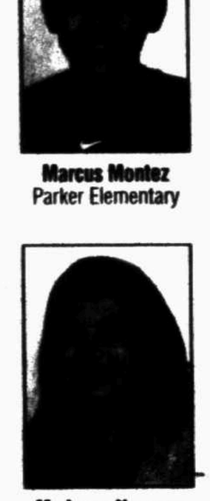
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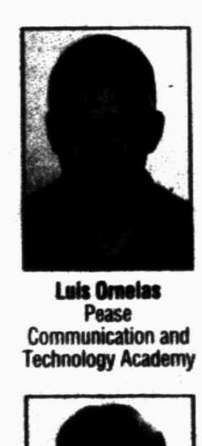
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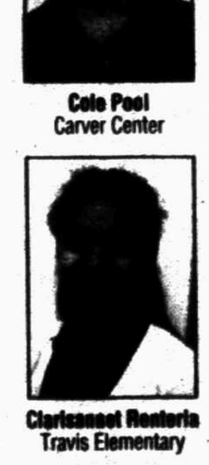
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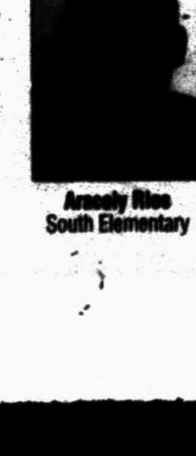
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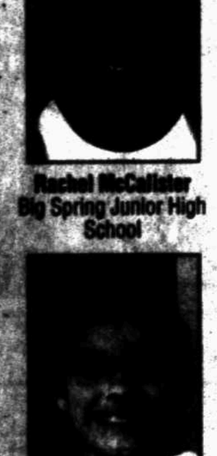

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Students from Midland and Big Spring will compete for a chance to represent Midland at the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is May 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

These students are scheduled to compete in the regional bee from their respective schools.

Prizes

In addition to an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the regional champion receives Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, a 2013 U.S. Mint Proof set, a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online, a $125 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

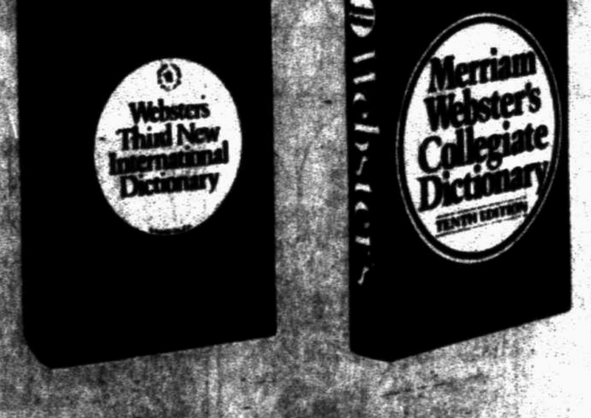
The **REGIONAL RUNNER-UP** will receive Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, $75 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

THIRD PLACE will receive $65 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

FOURTH PLACE will receive a $50 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

FIFTH PLACE will receive a $50 Amazon gift card and a trophy.

John Deats, director of Learning Resource Center at Midland College, is the pronouncer for this year's bee. The judges are Dr. Pamela Howell, an English professor at Midland College; John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Library and Cheree Smith, who is with Region 18 Education Service Center.



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Vines brings valuable experience to MCS softball team

By Len Hayward
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Two years ago, Kadee Vines was thrust into a situation that even now she admits was hard to handle.

As a sophomore, Vines was expecting to be the back-up pitcher to Stormi Ream for Midland Christian, and seeing some spot starts. But Ream was injured during the first district game, and Vines was thrust into the starting pitching role at the most important time of the year.

Needless to say Vines had her share of struggles that year, but was able to persevere and help lead the Lady Mustangs to the playoffs. Two years later, Vines, now a senior, said that experience was key for her development as a pitcher.

"(That year) helped me be a better pitcher," Vines said, "and a more well-rounded player."

This year, Vines is a senior pitcher for a Lady Mustang team that has state tournament aspirations, and is playing this weekend at the West Texas Classic at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. Midland Christian split its first two games of the tournament on Wednesday, dropping its opener to Abilene High 12-2, but rebounded to beat Alpine 10-4.

This year Vines won't have to carry the load like she did for a portion of the season as a sophomore, and last season. Junior Madison Garcia transferred to Midland Christian this year, and coach Judy Hardy will have a second arm to choose from during game this season.

"I think if anything, there is less pressure (on Kadee)," said Hardy, who is beginning her third season heading up the Midland Christian program. "It's pushed her because she doesn't want to get passed and not see pitching time. At the same time, it's given her a chance to relax because if she gets in that stressful situation she knows that we've got someone to go to."

Last season, the Lady Mustangs finished third in TAPPS 1-4A and advanced to the second round of the playoffs, and Vines did much of the pitching for a team that finished 14-20-1.

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Midland Christian's Kadee Vines delivers a pitch Thursday in a game at the West Texas Classic Softball Tournament.

Tourneys still a big deal

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Zarek Crowder watches his shot during the second round of the District 3-5A Tournament on March 27 at Odessa Country Club. Midland hosts the annual Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational golf tournament this weekend.

Tall City Invite has another strong field

By Len Hayward
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Considering the hurdles the organizers for the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational went through this year, it's almost amazing they were able to put together as strong a field as they did.

But even though this year's annual high school boys golf tournament in Midland features a different format with fewer teams, the field is still a Who's Who of Class 4A and 5A teams from West Texas.

Defending champion El Paso Coronado is returning, along with nearly every District 2-5A team playing this weekend. It's a tournament that Midland High coach Billy Mitchell said will be competitive.

"It's going to be tough, and it'll be as tough of a field as we've always had," Mitchell said. "There are going to be some good golfers here. If the weather cooperates we are going to see some good scores both days."

Mitchell said the hurdle of the high hotel rates was something the teams had to deal with, but he said he was able to work with some hotels to get some rates for the teams that were traveling from farther away.

He said another, possibly, bigger issue was all the work that is going on at local golf courses.

Mitchell said there was work going on at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, including new greens, Green Tree Country Club and Midland Country Club.

He said that Ranchland has been the meeting place, or "swing club" for teams in previous years because of the meals that were served to players and coaches, but because of the work on the course it wouldn't be used this year.

But he said the courses have been good to work with in getting the tournament schedule, and he said they book the tournament more than a year in advance to let the clubs know they will be coming so they won't hinder the course's ability to host daily play.

"All of them have been good with us as far as getting the kids to practice and play," Mitchell said.

As far as the competition, Mitchell said he is expecting his team to compete, and begin to look for the consistency they hope takes them to a regional tournament.

Lee coach Blain Huddleston said he saw some good signs from his team during a tournament last week in Fort Stockton as the Rebels finished third. This week, he's hoping that they continue to compete as they will face off against their district counterparts for the first time this season.

"I expect them to come out and show

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Tennis tourney continues solid reputation

By Len Hayward
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Each year the Tall City Invitational has built a reputation as being one of the most competitive high school tennis tournaments in the state.

This year more than ever that reputation was big in not only drawing some of West Texas' top tennis teams to Midland this weekend, but also teams from other parts of the state.

As athletic budgets decrease, and teams coming to Midland are faced with a booming economy that has left hotel space limited and in some cases expensive, the tournament's reputation helped to bring teams back and some new to town this year. And it helped to maintain the competition level that the tournament has been known for the last few years.

"I think it's the reputation of the tournament and the reputation of the head coaches at Midland High and Lee," said Midland High coach Alan Biel, who is organizing this year's tournament. "It's also the competition. The teams that come from the Metroplex, come in from

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Lee's Hope Williams returns a shot in a Sept. 20, 2011 match against Odessa High.

SEE MORE ON THE TALL CITY GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNEYS ON PAGE 5C

Newcomer Childress takes on perennial power Wall

By Jonathan Hull
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Between the Wall and Childress girls basketball programs there are six combined appearances at the Region I-2A Tournament since it moved to being played at Chaparral Center in 2005. The only catch is all six of those appearances belong to Wall.

Childress is making its first ever appearance in a regional tournament, according to coach Billy Perkins, and will meet what seems like a perennial regional qualifier in Wall for in the regional semifinals at 6 p.m. today at Chaparral Center. The winner will then play the winner of the other semifinal — set for 7:30 p.m. today — between No. 15 Idalou and No. 2 Merkel at 1 p.m. Saturday.

But for Childress, it's simply a thrill to reach heights no other team in the program's history has ever touched before.

"We've never been past area before this year," Lady Bobcats coach Billy Perkins said. "Our community is really behind us, and have jumped on board. The girls program has the most support it ever has had."

There's no doubt this is the best squad in the Lady Bobcats' history. Not only is it the first to advance to a regional tournament, but its 30-5 record is the best a team has ever had as well at Childress.

"This team has great dedication," Perkins said. "They've done everything I've asked them. They've really focused on the team concept. We haven't had a bad practice. We just do what we do."

And for a burgeoning program hoping to remain at the new heights it just reached, the Lady Bobcats couldn't receive a better example than Wall.

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The Games

REGION I-2A TOURNAMENT
GAME 1: CHILDRESS VS. WALL
GAME 2: IDALOU VS. MERKEL

When: Game 1, 6 p.m. today; Game 2, 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Chaparral Center

Greenwood's playoff moved to today in Floydada

From staff reports

The Greenwood boys basketball team had its Class 3A area round playoff game against No. 18 Perryton postponed Thursday due to snow in Perryton.

The game, originally schedule for Thursday night in Dimmitt, will now be played at 6 p.m. today at Floydada High School.

Greenwood (18-14) was the runner-up in District 4-3A and advanced to the area round with a 68-52 win against Clint on Monday.

Perryton (23-3) is the 1-3A champion and had a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

REGION I-2A TOURNAMENT

BY JONATHAN HULL

Team Capsules

CHILDRESS
LADY BOBCATS

Coach: Billy Perkins
District: 3-2A
Record: 30-5
Road to regionals: def. Stanton, 47-36, in bi-district; def. Littlefield, 45-40, in area; def. Lamesa, 68-53, in regional quarterfinals

Players to watch: Senior P Tanasia Cornish (6-0, 17.6 ppg, 8.5 rpb, 4 bpg); Junior G Cassi Longoria (5-7, 14 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 4 spg)

Notes & Quotes: Childress is making its first appearance in a regional tournament with the area round being the furthest any team in the program's history had advanced before this season. The Lady Bobcats are led by senior post Tanasia Cornish. She's complemented well by junior guard Cassi Longoria. ... Coach Billy Perkins believes playing in a tough district is one of the main reasons the Lady Bobcats were able to make the postseason run that they have. District 3-2A is the most well represented district at the Region I-2A Tournament this season with the league's winner Idalou joining Childress in the field. Idalou won both matchups with Childress this season. "Our district was so tough and that's part of why we are where we are right now," Perkins said. "Playing teams like Idalou has got us to where we're at." ... Perkins, who has spent nearly a decade at Childress as either an assistant or head coach, said the real difference in this year's team is leadership. "Our leadership has stayed cool and calm, taking one game at a time," Perkins said. "We've got just three seniors, but they have been great for us as have our juniors."

NO. 9 WALL LADY HAWKS

Coach: Tate Lombard
District: District 6-2A
Record: 26-7
Road to regionals: def. Comanche, 36-32, in area; def. Bowie, 55-35, in regional quarterfinals.

Players to watch: Sophomore P Bobbi Chitsey, (6-0, 10 ppg); Junior G Alexis Garcia (5-6, 7 ppg)

Notes & Quotes: Wall lost in the regional final last season to Jim Ned and is the only team from last year's Region I-2A Tournament field to return this season. However, the Lady Eagles don't have a lot of experience coming back from last year's squad. There are only three players who were at last year's tournament, and just two seniors and three juniors on this team. "We had a good JV team last year that got to go watch us play in the regional tournament," Wall coach Tate Lombard said. "We're fairly young. We play a lot of sophomores and even some freshmen. But just being around that type of environment last year is positive." ... Wall uses a high pressure defense, and will rotate at least nine girls regularly. The Lady Eagles are also balanced offensively with their leading scorer being sophomore post Bobbi Chitsey. ... Lombard, who is in his second season coaching at Wall and is the son of legendary Canyon girls basketball coach Joe Lombard, said a tough district schedule and a couple of tough playoff games have a young Lady Eagles squad prepared for the regional tournament. "Our district with Jim Ned and Brady, we played a lot of tough teams all season," Lombard said. "We had to play our best game to beat Comanche in area. That's what you expect you get to this time of year. The teams that are battle-tested find ways to win, and we've been battle tested."

NO. 15 IDALOU
LADY WILDCATS

Coach: Wayne Johnson
District: 3-2A
Record: 27-7
Road to regionals: def. Olton 53-41 in area; def. Canadian 45-43 in regional quarterfinals

Players to watch: Senior G Bailey Tehiel (5-10); Senior PG Hannah Johnson (5-7)

Notes & Quotes: Idalou is back in the regional tournament for the first time since 2010 when they fell in the championship game to Wall. Senior guard Bailey Tehiel was a member of that team, giving the Lady Wildcats some experience in a regional setting. Senior point guard Hannah Johnson, who is the daughter of Idalou coach Wayne Johnson, also lends some regional tournament experience to the Lady Wildcats. Johnson played for Goldthwaite as a freshman and sophomore and played in the regional tournament both seasons. That experience is important for a team that features just two seniors and starts two freshmen and a sophomore along side them. "I think (Idalou being in the regional tournament) is a testament to the senior leadership for one as well as the competitiveness of the younger kids," coach Wayne Johnson said. "I hope the seniors' experience helps out." ... Idalou drawn tournament favorite Merkel in the semifinals, but Johnson said he doesn't expect his young team to be intimidated by the Lady Badgers. "I know they have a couple big girls, that make a lot of difference for them size-wise," Johnson said. "I don't think we will be intimidated. We enjoy the competition. (Our younger girls) are eager and competitive. They're not worried about their age at all." ... The Idalou boys basketball team has won the Region I-2A Tournament the past three years and Johnson says their success has certainly pushed the Lady Wildcats to push for more as well. "I think any time people see others succeeding it lends to motivation," Johnson said.

NO. 2 MERKEL
LADY BADGERS

Coach: Clay Barnett
District: 7-2A
Record: 35-1
Road to regionals: def. Jim Ned, 60-51, in area; def. Sonora, 77-67, in regional quarterfinals

Players to watch: Senior P Allison Szabo (6-2, 18 ppg, 9 rpg); Senior PG Ciara Cope (5-5, 11 ppg, 3.5 spg, 4 apg); Senior G Macy Mays (5-7, 11.3 ppg, 3 spg, 3.5 rpg)

Notes & Quotes: It feels long overdue for Merkel to be in the regional tournament field. Last season, the Lady Badgers were undefeated when they lost to Wall, 34-30, in the regional quarterfinals — a game away from qualifying for the regional tournament. "We feel like the hard work finally paid off," Merkel coach Clay Barnett said. "We knew we had a good team last year and it was disappointing to lose in the regional quarterfinal. We lost three good players, but the rest of them came back and put their nose to the grindstone." ... This season Merkel has a 35-1 record and has been ranked No. 1 for much of the year. The one loss came during district play to Comanche, and Burnett said it seemed to wake his team up. "That loss was something that got us back on focus and back on track," Burnett said. "We've been playing pretty well since that loss." ... Merkel had as tough of a path to the regional tournament as any team in the field, pitted against former district rival Jim Ned in the second round, only to face a 30-win team in Sonora in the regional quarterfinals. "Not many have to face a top 10 team like Jim Ned that early in the playoffs," Burnett said. "Then a team in Sonora that has won over 30 games. We got both of them down and they never gave up and made runs at us. Luckily we were able to respond and get the win." ... Merkel is led by senior post Allison Szabo, who is listed at 6 feet, 2 inches. Szabo has signed with Lubbock Christian University to play basketball next fall.

Regional history

Girls Region I-2A Tournament history at Chaparral Center

2012
Semifinals
Tulia (W6) 45, Wall (W2) 35
Canadian (W7) 42, Ballinger (W3) 36
Final
Canadian 48, Tulia 43
(Canadian went on to be state runner-up.)

2009
Semifinals
Wall (W2) 29, Panhandle (R7) 27
Tahoka (T5) 43, Jim Ned (W3) 42
Final
Wall 65, Tahoka 49
(Wall went on to be state runner-up.)

2007
Semifinals
Panhandle (R1) 49, Ballinger (W3) 48
Merkel (W5) 61, Shallowater (W2) 52
Final
Panhandle 53, Merkel 49
(Panhandle lost in the state semifinals.)

2006
Semifinals
Jim Ned (W6) 47, Slaton (W4) 44
Wall (R3) 49, Panhandle (W1) 46
Final
Jim Ned 60, Wall 44
(Jim Ned went on to win state title.)

2003
Semifinals
Shallowater (R3) 68, Wall (R7) 48
Bowie (W5) 53, Abernathy (W3) 41
Final
Bowie 65, Shallowater 58
(Bowie lost in the state semifinals.)

2010
Semifinals
Idalou (R3) 54, Early (W6) 39
Wall (W7) 75, Shallowater (W5) 61
Final
Wall 58, Idalou 37
(Wall went on to be state runner up.)

2011
Semifinals
San Saba (T6) 65, Dimmitt (T2) 50
Hico (R8) 45, Spearman (W1) 44
Final
San Saba 50, Hico 41
(San Saba lost in the state semifinals.)

2012
Semifinals
Jim Ned (R5) 57, Tulia (W2) 55
Wall (W7) 57, Spearman (W1) 54
Final
Jim Ned 36, Wall 27
(Jim Ned lost in the state semifinals.)

2013
Semifinals
Childress (R3) vs. Wall (W6), 6 p.m. Today
Idalou (W3) vs. Merkel (W7), 7:30 p.m Today
Final, semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday

Number of appearances

Wall	6
Jim Ned	3
Shallowater	3
Panhandle	3
Spearman	2
Tulia	2
Ballinger	2
Idalou	2
Merkel	2
Hico	1
San Saba	1
Dimmitt	1
Canadian	1
Tahoka	1
Slaton	1
Bowie	1
Childress	1

REGIONALS

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"Tradition," Perkins said when the Wall program was mentioned. "They have a good coach and they've been there many times before. When you face those teams like Wall, Jim Ned, Merkel that are constantly getting to the regional tournament every year, almost with ease sometimes, you want to strive to be like them."

No school has made more appearances at the Region I-2A Tournament since it moved to Chaparral Center in 2005 than the Lady Eagles. It's their sixth trip to Midland for the regional tournament and second consecutive.

That's twice as many times as any other school in the region. Wall has won the regional tournament twice, most recently in 2010. Last season, the Lady Eagles fell to Jim Ned in the championship game, 35-27.

"We always think it's a goal every year to compete in our region," said Wall coach Tate Lombard, who is the son of legendary Canyon girls basketball coach Joe Lombard. "This is always a tough region so to get to the regional tournament is an accomplishment in itself."

Wall has the type of historic resume that could be intimidating for an up and coming program like Childress, but the Lady Bobcats aren't thinking that way.

"Our kids are so game to game that they're not going to put pressure on themselves," Perkins said. "We've had pressure from winning so many games. With each win, we were setting a new school record, and there was pressure to keep that going. These girls have been great about taking one game at a time, and they continuously do the little things right."

And if the future goes as planned for Perkins and the Lady Bobcats, they could end up seeing Wall at Chaparral Center on a pretty regular basis.

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TODAY'S BOYS CLASS A PLAYOFF CAPSULES

Class A, Division I
Region I Area round
FORSAN VS.
NO. 24 EL PASO HARMONY
When/where: 8 p.m. today, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans

Records: Forsan 20-7; Harmony 23-3

Last game: Forsan 68, Bovina 61; Tornillo 66, Harmony 65

Notes: Forsan has now won 11 of its last 12 games dating back to the regular season. The Buffaloes' opening-round win against Bovina was their first since 2009, which was also the last time Forsan reached the playoffs. The Buffaloes advanced all the way to the regional semifinals in 2009. ... El Paso Harmony is competing in the UIL playoffs for the first time. The District-7 champion Tigers had won 11 straight games before losing their last to Tornillo.

Next: Winner will play No. 16 Farwell-Wink winner in Class A, Division I Region I quarterfinals

Class A, Division II
Region I Area round
NO. 8 GRADY
VS. BALMORHEA
When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Kermit HS

Records: Grady 24-6; Balmorhea 13-8

Last game: Hale Center 84, Grady 59; Balmorhea 79, Buena Vista 50

Notes: Grady enters this game with a blowout win in its season finale against Borden County, sandwiched between a practice-game loss to Hale Center and its only district loss to Sands. Sands conceded the No. 1 seed in the district to the Wildcats, who had a bye in round one. Grady won 12 straight games before its loss to Sands. ... Balmorhea blew out Buena Vista in its opening round game, halting a two-game skid.

Next: Winner will play Rankin-Ropes winner in Class A, Division II Region I quarterfinals

Region II Area round
NO. 19 GARDEN CITY
VS. MAY
When/where: 8 p.m. today, Jim Ned HS, Tuscola

Records: Garden City 22-8; May 13-5

Last game: Garden City 75, Hermleigh 41; May 67, Santa Anna 14

Notes: Garden City endured a lengthy delay at Howard College before blowing out Hermleigh in its first-round game. And despite missing a number of chances to score off of turnovers, coach Koby Abney was happy with the Bearkats' effort. "I feel pretty good," Abney said. "I thought we did some pretty good things. I thought we played exceptionally hard, I thought we ran the floor really hard." ... Abney said he expects the game against May to go differently as the Tigers don't turn the ball over often. Instead, the Bearkats will need to defend the paint well, as Abney described the Tigers as an inside-out team. But Garden City will still look to push the tempo and pressure the Tigers, who went 8-0 in district play, on the defensive end. "At this time of year, it's all about doing what you do better than them," Abney said.

Next: Winner will play No. 23 Ira-Cross Plains winner in Class A, Division II Region II quarterfinals

Compiled by Jordan Mason

REGIONAL CAPSULES FOR AREA TEAMS

NO. 8 GRADY
LADY WILDCATS

Coach: Jim Avery
District: 6-A, Division II
Record: 29-4
Road to regionals: def. Balmorhea, 63-34, in area; def. Borden County, 58-55, in regional quarterfinals

Players to watch: Senior G Ellyn Avery (5-foot-10, 21 ppg, 6 apg, 8 rpg, 5 spg); Senior G Cayley Oppegard (5-7, 9 ppg)

Notes & Quotes: In his first season as head coach, Jim Avery has the Lady Wildcats making their first regional tournament appearance since 2008. Avery said this was a goal of the team since the beginning of the season, and now the Lady Wildcats are focused on advancing to state. "It means a lot. The girls here have been working hard for this since August," Avery said. "We've been dreaming big all year long. All the work you put in is suddenly worth it." ... For Avery and his daughter Ellyn, who is the Lady Wildcats' star player, this is their second straight regional tournament. They won the Region I-2A Tournament at Chaparral Center last season with Jim Ned, going on to lose in the state semifinals. "That experience for Ellyn was huge," Avery said. "She's got a lot of poise now. She doesn't panic in big games. She's like a coach on the floor. It helps to have a girl like that on the floor." ... Ellyn Avery has given a verbal commitment to Midland College. Against Borden County in the regional quarterfinals Tuesday night, Avery hit a game-winning 3-pointer with six seconds left to punch Grady's ticket to the regional tournament. ... Grady draws No. 2 Whitharral in the semifinals of the regional tournament at 1 p.m. today at South Plains College's Texan Dome in Levelland. Whitharral has won the region the last two years, and is returning a majority of its players from last season. It's also the hometown of Grady coach Jim Avery, who is a 1979 graduate of Whitharral High School. "It's bittersweet I guess," Avery said. "I got a lot of mixed feelings about it. I still have a lot of friends that live there. My mom and dad still live there and my brother coaches football there. We've got to go beat my hometown."

Next: The winner between Grady and Whitharral play the winner between Hartley and O'Donnell in the regional final at 2 p.m. Saturday.

REGION I-A DIVISION II TOURNAMENT
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals
Whitharral (W4, 33-3) vs. Grady (W6, 28-4), 1 p.m. Friday
Hartley (W3) vs. O'Donnell (R6), 2:30 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

NO. 13 GARDEN CITY
LADY BEARKATS

Coach: Chris Sumrall
District: 14-A, Division II
Record: 29-5
Road to regionals: def. May 55-15 in area; def. Sterling City 39-25 in regional quarterfinals.

Players to watch: Sophomore P Holly Halfmann (5-7, 13 ppg, 5 rpg); Junior G Kamie Halfmann (6 ppg, 2.5 spg).

Notes & Quotes: Garden City is returning the regional tournament for the first time since the 2008 season. The Lady Bearkats won region in 2007 and lost in the state championship game to Nazareth that year. However, none of the girls on this year's team have ever been this far in the postseason. With just one senior on the squad, the Lady Bearkats don't offer a lot of experience, but coach Chris Sumrall isn't worried about that facet. "I think it's a huge deal for a team this young to get this kind of playoff experience," Sumrall said. "I know we're not real experienced, but we play with a good level of maturity. I expect the same things we've been harping on all year long — tough defense and we've got to push the ball in transition." ... Sumrall is in his first season as head coach of the Lady Bearkats, and is also making his first appearance at the regional tournament. And while it is a grander stage than he's coached on before, Sumrall isn't making it out to be bigger than it is. "The court is the same length, the goals are the same height and they didn't move the free-throw line back any further," Sumrall said. "I'm excited to be there, and I think it's real exciting for the community, but we're going to go play a basketball game. So many times teams make too big a deal of the round, but it's really just another basketball game." ... The Lady Bearkats open with Clyde Eula at 5 p.m. today in the regional semifinals at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum. Clyde Eula finished third in District 12-A, but began making a run through the postseason. Sumrall sees a team similar to the Lady Bearkats in their first opponent. "They're not big, but they're scrappy and get after you defensively," Sumrall said. "There are a lot of similarities between the two teams. I think you go down and play one game at a time. If we play well, then we've got as good a chance as anyone to come out of the region."

Next: The winner between Garden City and Clyde Eula takes on either Baird or Roscoe Highland in the regional final at 2 p.m. Saturday.

REGION II-A DIVISION II TOURNAMENT
at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum
Semifinals
Clyde Eula (T12, 20-12) vs. Garden City (W14, 29-5), 5 p.m. today
Baird (R12, 26-6) vs. Roscoe Highland (W13), 7 p.m. today
Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

HS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Girls

Class 5A
Region I
Region I-5A Tournament
at Wilkerson-Grimes Activity Center, Fort Worth
Semifinals
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 36-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R5, 30-7), 6 p.m. Friday
Arlington Bowie (W3, 33-5) vs. Duncanville (W7, 38-0), 8 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Area
Region I-4A Tournament
at The Coliseum, Snyder
Semifinals
El Paso Hanks (W2, 25-8) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (W6, 21-12), 4 p.m. Friday
Canyon (T3, 30-6) vs. Aledo (W7, 28-6), 6 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Region I
Region I-3A Tournament
at United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Semifinals
Lubbock Cooper (W2, 30-4) vs. Kennedale (W6, 27-6), 7 p.m. Friday
Perryton (W1, 26-4) vs. Stephenville (W7, 26-8), 8:30 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday

Class 2A
Region I
Region I-2A Tournament
at Chaparral Center
Semifinals
Childress (R3, 30-5) vs. Wall (W6; 26-7), 6 p.m. Friday
Idalou (W3, 27-7) vs. Merkel (W7, 35-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.

Class A, Division I
Region I
Region I-A, Division I Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals
Clarendon (W2, 27-3) vs. Plains (W6, 31-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday
Wellington (W3, 25-5) vs. Smyer (R6, 29-6), 8 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 3:30 pym. Saturday

Class A, Division II
Region I
Region I-A Division II Tournament
at South Plains College's Texan Dome, Levelland
Semifinals
Whitharral (W4, 33-3) vs. Grady (W6, 28-4), 1 p.m. Friday
Hartley (W3) vs. O'Donnell (R6), 2:30 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

Region II

Region II-A Division II Tournament
at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum
Semifinals
Clyde Eula (T12, 20-12) vs. Garden City (W14, 29-5), 5 p.m. Friday
Baird (R12, 26-6) vs. Roscoe Highland (W13), 7 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Saturday

TAPPS 1-4A
Area
Midland Christian (T1, 20-13) at Dallas Christian (R2), 2 p.m. Saturday

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Area
Keller (W4, 23-10) vs. El Paso Bel Air (R1, 26-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center
Odessa Permian (W2, 25-6) vs. Arlington Martin (R3, 26-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Mehkel HS
Killeen Ellison (W8, 28-6) vs. Flower Mound (R5, 26-10), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hillsboro HS
Colleyville Heritage (W6, 23-8) vs. South Grande Prairie (R7, 33-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield Legacy HS
North Crowley (W3, 27-7) vs. El Paso Montwood (T1, 27-4), 5 p.m. Friday, Perman Fieldhouse, Odessa
El Paso Cibronado (W1, 32-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (T3, 24-10), 6 p.m. Friday, O.W. Follis Gymnasium, Lamesa
DeSoto (W7, 30-2) vs. Coppell (T5, 17-17), 7 p.m. Friday, Arlington HS
Lewisville Hebron (W5, 33-2) vs. Cedar Hill (T7, 20-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Arlington Lamar HS

Class 3A
Region I
Area
Abilene Wylie (W4, 29-4) vs. Pampa (R1, 12-18), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship HS
Seminole (W2, 25-7) vs. Monahans (T4, 24-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center
Liberty Hill (W8, 30-3) vs. Burkburnett (R6, 23-9), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burleson HS
Kennedale (W5, 21-0) vs. Gainsville (T8, 17-15), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West HS
Fabens (W3, 20-10) vs. Lubbock Estacado (R2, 14-17), 8 p.m. Friday, Kermit HS
Perryton (W1, 24-5) vs. Grasmmond (R4, 17-14), 6 p.m. Friday, Floydada HS
Stephenville (W7, 24-7) 70, Gisham 53
Wichita Falls (W5, 19-8) vs. Alpredo (T7, 17-16), 7 p.m. Friday, Bridgeport HS

Class 2A
Region I
Area
Groesbeck (W4, 20-9) vs. Buckhard (R1, 18-8), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dimmitt HS
Abernathy (W2, 19-4) vs. Childress (R3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock
Hallsburg(W6, 29-3) vs. Kermit (R5, 17-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Merkel HS
Wall (W6, 17-3) 50, Clyde 47, OT
Idalou (W3, 29-3) vs. Dimmitt (R2, 21-10), 7 p.m. Friday, Hutcherson Center, Plainview
Canadian (W1) vs. Lamesa (R4, 20-11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS
Shackelford (W7) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (R6, 26-6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Stamford HS
Tornillo (W5, 28-6) vs. Olton (T7, 14-12), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole HS

Class A
Division I
Region I
Area
Hale Center (W4, 20-4) vs. Vega (T2, 18-9), 8 p.m. Friday, Dimmitt HS
Parkhandle (W2, 20-3) vs. Wellington (R3), 6 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS
Christoval (W7, 17-11) vs. Morton (R5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stanton HS
Smyer (W6) 34, Ozona 33
Memphis (W3, 20-6) vs. Clarendon (R2, 17-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo High Activity Center
Stratford (W1, 8-4) vs. Shamrock (T3, 20-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Amarillo High Activity Center
El Paso Harmony (W7, 23-3) vs. Forsan (R6, 19-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans
Farwell (W5) vs. Wink (T7, 12-14), 7 p.m. Friday, Tatum (N.M.) HS

Class A
Division II
Region I
Area
Whitharral (W4, 18-4) vs. Kress (T2), 8 p.m. Friday, Hale Center HS
Turkey Valley (W2) vs. Nazareth (R3), 6 p.m. Friday, Hale Center HS
Rankin (W6, 18-3) vs. Ropes (R5, 17-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Mustang Arena, Andrews
Grady (W6) vs. Balmorhea (R7, 13-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Kermit HS
Tadina (W3, 23-6) vs. Groom (R2, 17-7), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo Tascosa Activity Center
Fort Elliott (W1) vs. Happy (T3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Borger HS
Fort Davis (W7, 23-3) vs. Sands (R6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans
Petersburg (W5) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (R8, 10-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, O.W. Follis Gym, Lamesa

Class A
Division II
Region I
Area
Clyde Eula (W12) vs. Spur (R9), 7 p.m. Thursday, Hamlin HS
Crowell (W10) vs. Guthrie (R11), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls City View HS
Zephyr (W16) vs. Robert Lee (T14, 17-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Winters HS
Water Valley (W14, 20-2) vs. Panther Creek (R15), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Stacked
Throckmorton (W11) vs. Paducah, (T9), 6 p.m. Friday, Stamford HS
Aspermont (W9, 23-3) vs. Woodson (T11), 6 p.m. Friday, Clyde HS
Garden City (R14, 22-7) vs. May (W15), 8 p.m. Friday, Jim Ned HS
Ira (W13) vs. Cross Plains (T15, 14-12), 7 p.m. Friday, McMurry University

TAPPS 4A
Dallas Prestonwood Christian at Midland Christian, 3 p.m. Saturday

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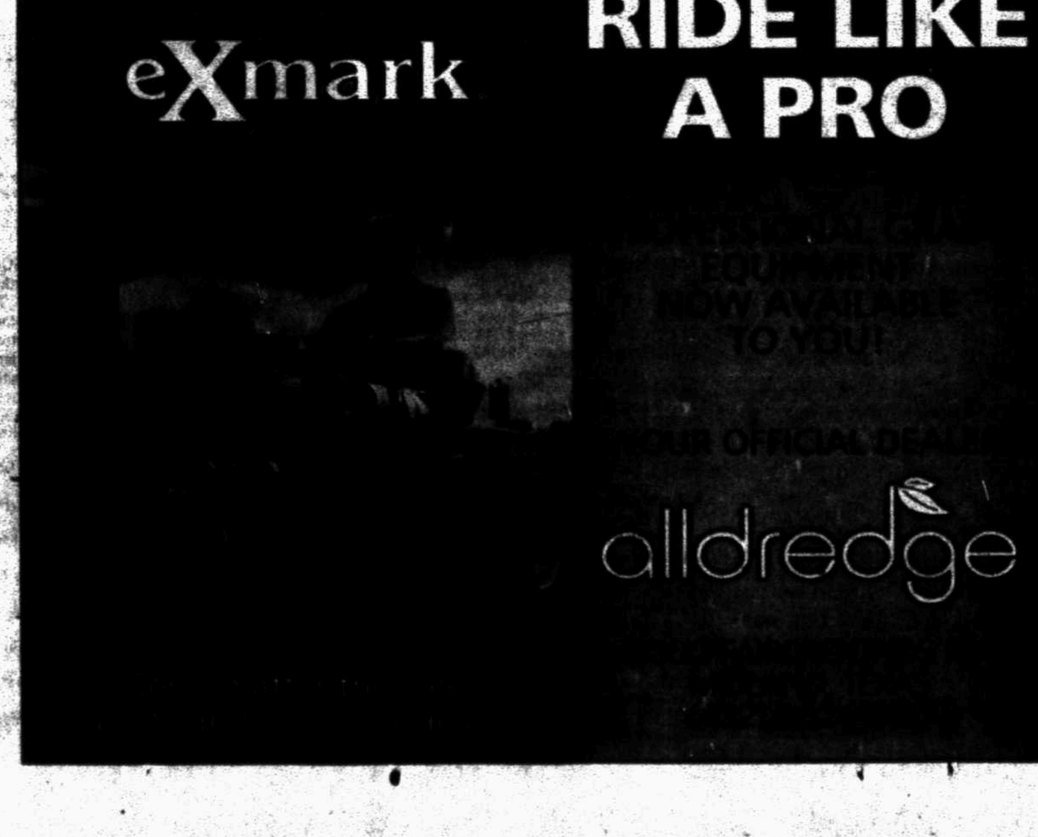

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	32	19	.627	—
Brooklyn	29	19	.604	1
Boston	27	19	.587	2
Philadelphia	19	27	.413	9½
N.Y. Rangers	18	28	.391	10½
Toronto	22	33	.400	12
N.Y. Islanders	17	31	.354	13
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	14	.731	—
Atlanta	32	16	.667	3
Washington	16	27	.372	16½
Orlando	15	30	.278	19
Charlotte	13	34	.241	21
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	21	.611	—
Chicago	29	21	.574	2
Milwaukee	28	27	.491	6½
Detroit	22	34	.393	12
Cleveland	21	35	.375	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	—
Memphis	35	18	.660	7
Houston	34	20	.630	8½
Dallas	26	28	.481	16
New Orleans	19	36	.345	24
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	15	.722	—
Denver	34	21	.618	5½
Utah	31	24	.564	8½
Portland	25	29	.463	14
Minnesota	20	31	.392	17½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	—
Golden State	31	23	.574	7
L.A. Lakers	28	29	.473	12½
Sacramento	19	38	.345	19½
Phoenix	16	37	.327	20½

Thursday's Scores
Miami 86, Chicago 67
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S BOX
HEAT 86, BULLS 67
MIAMI (86) - Jamile 7-15 0-0 20, Haslem 0-2 0-0 0, Bosh 8-24 12, Chalmers 4-10 0-0 8, Wade 8-15 1-2 17, Battier 1-3 0-0 3, Anderson 0-2 1-2 1, Allen 4-11 2-3 11, Cole 4-8 0-0 8, Anthony 0-0 0-0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0. Totals 37-73 9-14 86.
CHICAGO (67)- Deng 3-12 0-0 6, Boozer 5-9 2-2 12, Noah 5-11 1-2 11, Robinson 5-12 5-2 14, Hamilton 3-8 1-1 7, Gibson 3-8 0-0 6, Butler 0-3 0-0 0, Bellinelli 0-4 3-4 3, Teague 3-5 0-0 6, Dodd 1-3 0-0 3, Mohammed 1-2 0-0 2, Padmanovic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-75 9-11 67.
Miami 22 23 39 21 — 86
Chicago 22 13 19 13 — 67

3-Point Goals—Miami 3-13 (Allen 1-3, Battier 1-3, Jamile 1-4, Bosh 0-1, Chalmers 0-2), Chicago 2-19 (Robinson 2-4, Bellinelli 0-3, Hamilton 0-3, Packer Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 43 (James 12), Chicago 47 (Boozer 11). Assists—Miami 20 (James 7), Chicago 20 (Noah 8). Total Fouls—Miami 15, Chicago 15. Technicals—Bosh, Noah. A—22,640 (20,917).

NBA LEADERS
THROUGH FEB. 20

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	54	502	457	1584	29.0
Anthony, NYK	44	433	260	1245	28.3
James, MIA	51	529	258	1389	27.2
Bryant, LAL	55	519	335	1485	27.0
Harden, HOU	54	426	468	1429	26.5
Irving, CLE	43	375	186	1020	23.7

NBA DL

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Rio Grande Valley	20	11	.645	—
Sioux Falls	20	12	.625	1/2
Austin	18	13	.581	2
Tulsa	16	15	.516	4
Texas	14	19	.424	7
Iowa	7	25	.219	13 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	21	9	.700	—
Santa Cruz	19	11	.633	2
Los Angeles	12	18	.400	9
Reno	11	17	.393	9
Idaho	10	20	.333	11
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Canton	20	13	.606	—
Erie	18	14	.563	1 1/2
Maine	19	16	.543	2
Fort Wayne	15	17	.469	4 1/2
Springfield	11	21	.344	8 1/2

Thursday's Games
Austin 105, Iowa 103
Springfield 109, Idaho 104
Santa Cruz at Reno, late

Today's Games
Fort Wayne at Erie, 6 p.m.
Tulsa at Sioux Falls, 7 p.m.
Austin at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Texas at Rio Grande Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Maine at Bakersfield, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Reno, 9 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Northeast Division							
New Jersey	17	11	4	2	24	57	44
Pittsburgh	17	11	5	1	23	57	44
N.Y. Rangers	16	8	5	3	19	41	41
Philadelphia	17	8	8	1	17	50	56
N.Y. Islanders	17	2	11	4	8	33	60
Southeast Division							
Washington	17	11	4	2	24	48	35
Carolina	16	10	5	1	21	49	40
Florida	16	10	5	1	21	43	34
Tampa Bay	16	11	7	1	23	52	46
Winnipeg	17	8	7	2	18	45	52
Buffalo	16	0	11	5	5	33	60
Southeast Division							
Montreal	17	11	4	2	24	48	35
Boston	16	10	5	1	21	49	40
Ottawa	16	10	5	1	21	43	34
Toronto	16	11	7	1	23	52	46
Buffalo	16	0	11	5	5	33	60

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Chicago	16	13	0	3	29	55	34
Nashville	17	9	4	5	21	39	32
St. Louis	17	9	6	2	20	53	51
Detroit	17	7	7	3	17	45	51
Columbus	17	5	10	2	12	39	53
Northwest Division							
Vancouver	16	9	3	4	22	48	39
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	16	33	39
Colorado	16	7	7	1	15	39	43
Edmonton	15	6	6	3	15	36	41
Calgary	15	5	7	3	13	40	54
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	25	53	30
San Jose	15	8	4	3	19	39	34
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	18	44	41
Dallas	17	6	8	3	15	44	47
Los Angeles	15	7	6	2	16	36	39

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

Thursday's Scores
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO
Toronto 3, Buffalo 1
Florida 5, Philadelphia 2
New Jersey 3, Washington 2
Winnipeg 4, Carolina 3
N.Y. Islanders 4, Montreal 3, OT
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Columbus 3, Detroit 2
Vancouver 4, Dallas 3
Minnesota at Edmonton, late

Today's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S SUMMARIES
CANUCKS 4, STARS 3
Vancouver .....1 1 2 — 4
Dallas .....2 1 0 — 3

First Period—1, Dallas, Jo.Benn 5 (Roma, Morrow), :35. 2, Vancouver, Burrows 5 (Edler, Kesler), 8:29 (pp).
Second Period—3, Dallas, Ryder 5 (Rousel, Jo.Benn), 2:39. 4, Vancouver, Bieksa 5 (Hamhuis, Schneider), 7:05.
Third Period—5, Vancouver, Garrison 2 (Kesler, Kassian), 2:32. 6, Vancouver, H.Sedin 2 (Burrows, D.Sedin), 4:18. 7, Dallas, Morrow (Roussel), 9:07.
Shots on Goal—Vancouver 7-8-7—22. Dallas 9-10-7—26.
Power-plays—Vancouver 0-3. Dallas 2-4.
Goalies—Vancouver, Schneider (Dallas, Mason). A—17,393 (18,532). T—2:28.

JETS 4, HURRICANES 3
Winnipeg .....1 0 3 — 4
Carolina .....0 2 1 — 3

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Kane 5 (Ladd), 1:53. 2, Carolina, Tlusty 6 (Sandis, E.Staal), 19:36.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—3, Winnipeg, Kane 5 (Antropov), 2:10. 4, Carolina, J.Staal 3 (Ryan, Dwyer), 3:37. 5, Winnipeg, Ladd 8, 14:03. 6, Carolina, Tlusty 7, 14:36. 7, Winnipeg, Wheeler 6 (Ladd, Little), 15:06.
Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 8-6-9—23. Carolina 10-9-13—32.
Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec. Carolina, Ward. A—18,202 (18,680). T—2:29.

PANTHERS 5, FLYERS 2
Florida .....2 1 1 — 5
Philadelphia .....0 2 0 — 2

First Period—1, Florida, Mueller 5 (Huberdeau, Weaver), 8:15. 2, Florida, Kopecky 4 (Weaver), 8:44. 3, Florida, Huberdeau 7 (penalty shot), 10:15.
Second Period—4, Florida, Huberdeau 8 (Shore, Gudbranson), 11:40 (pp).
Third Period—5, Philadelphia, L.Schenn 2 (Briere, Simmonds), 13:49. 6, Florida, Mueller 6 (Shore, Huberdeau), 14:33. 7, Philadelphia, Voracek 7 (Gustavsson, Giroux), 15:35.
Shots on Goal—Florida 10-8-8—26. Philadelphia 13-9-12—34.
Goalies—Florida, Clemmensen. Philadelphia, Bryzgalov, Boucher. A—19,605 (19,539). T—2:28.

BRUINS 4, LIGHTNING 2
Boston .....2 1 1 — 4
Tampa Bay .....1 0 1 — 2

First Period—1, Boston, Horton 5 (Paille), 1:11. 2, Boston, P.Bergeron 3 (Marchand), 3:50. 3, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 11 (Purcell, M.Bergeron), 8:13.
Second Period—4, Tampa Bay, Conacher 6 (Purcell, Stamkos), 9:00. 5, Boston, Marchand 9 (Seguin, P.Bergeron), 13:58.
Third Period—6, Boston, Horton 6 (Chara, Hamilton), 2:33.
Shots on Goal—Boston 8-12-6—26. Tampa Bay 5-12-5—22.
Goalies—Boston, Rask. Tampa Bay, Lindback. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:22.

DEVILS 3, CAPITALS 2
New Jersey .....0 1 2 — 3
Washington .....0 2 0 — 2

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Washington, Perreault 2 (Brouwer), 9:28 (pp). 2, New Jersey, Elias 5 (Henrique), 11:16 (sh). 3, Washington, Ribeiro 6 (Brouwer, Backstrom), 12:40 (pp).
Third Period—4, New Jersey, Lokotnov 1 (Larsson), 9:19. 5, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 6 (Elias, Zidlicky), 11:40 (pp).
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 13-8-15—37. Washington 4-12-9—25.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur. Washington, Holtby. A—18,506 (18,506). T—2:35.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

THURSDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 62, Georgia 60
North Texas 68, FAU 57, OT
FAR WEST
California 48, Oregon 46
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 87, New Orleans 56
Illinois 64, Penn St. 59
SOUTH
Charleston Southern 92, VMI 69
Elon 63, Samford 62
FIU 65, UALR 52
Jacksonville 68, SC-Upstate 64
Louisiana-Lafayette 75, Troy 66
Mercer 83, Lipscomb 56
Middle Tennessee 86, South Alabama 50
N. Kentucky 64, Kennesaw St. 54
North Florida 77, ETSU 64
Tennessee Tech 83, UT-Martin 68
UNC Greensboro 94, Chattanooga 86
W. Kentucky 75, Louisiana-Monroe 57
Wofford 53, Georgia Southern 47

Women

THURSDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Rice 66, UCF 49
SMU 69, Tulsa 60
Texas A&M 82, Mississippi 53
MIDWEST
Creighton 73, N. Iowa 66
Ill.-Chicago 81, Wright St. 78, OT
Loyola of Chicago 91, Detroit 81
Milwaukee 75, Valparaiso 71
Minnesota 57, Ohio St. 56
Missouri St. 81, S. Illinois 74
N. Colorado 44, North Dakota 41
Nebraska 57, Michigan 39
S. Dakota St. 69, Nebraska-Omaha 56
South Dakota 56, IUPUI 39
Wichita St. 68, Evansville 49
Youngstown St. 73, Cleveland St. 69
FAR WEST
BYU 79, Portland 64
E. Washington 83, Portland St. 51
Idaho St. 68, Weber St. 37
Montana 64, Montana St. 56
Portland 72, Pacific 61
Sacramento St. 72, Northern Colorado 57
Seattle 61, UC Davis 56
Utah 72, Colorado 64
Utah Valley 73, Chicago St. 45
Weber St. 72, Idaho St. 45
SOUTH
Clemson 64, Virginia 62
Coastal Carolina 77, Charleston Southern 72, OT
Gardner-Webb 65, High Point 57
Georgia 66, Arkansas 34
Georgia Tech 82, Wake Forest 64
James Madison 78, Towson 45
Liberty 75, UNC Asheville 43
Marshall 72, East Carolina 60
Memphis 60, Southern Miss. 74, OT
Miami 59, NC State 58
Mississippi St. 75, Alabama 51
Old Dominion 75, William & Mary 64
Presbyterian 62, Campbell 51
Tennessee 83, Auburn 61
Tulane 57, UAB 52
UALR 51, FIU 47
Vanderbilt 68, Florida 57
Winthrop 78, Longwood 46
EAST
Albany (NY) 79, Binghamton 70
Dayton 67, St. Bonaventure 63
Drexel 57, George Mason 46
Fordham 51, Rhode Island 42
Maryland 86, Boston College 61
Northeastern 65, Georgia St. 50

THURSDAY'S TEXAS BOX
No. 10 TEXAS A&M 82, MISSISSIPPI 53
MISSISSIPPI (9-17): McFarland 5-11 0-0 11, Moore 3-9 0-0 6, Pratcher 1-3 2-4 0-0 5, Mc-Roy 1-9 3-3 5, Mason 3-6 0-2 6, Jenkins 1-8 0-0 2, McFerrin 0-0 0-0 0, Singletary 2-5 0-0 4, Fabru 3-13 0-1 6, Jackson 4-6 0-0 8. Totals 24-89 3-6 53
TEXAS A&M (21-6): Williams 5-8 0-0 11, Bone 11-18 2-4 24, Bellock 5-7 0-0 10, Pratcher 6-9 0-0 13, Walker 4-8 0-0 8, Jennings 1-2 0-0 2, Grant 0-3 0-0 0, Little 2-4 0-0 5, Mitchell 0-2 0-2 0, Jones 3-7 0-0 7, Gilbert 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 37-76 4-8 82.
Halftime—Texas A&M 40-28. 3-Point Goals—Mississippi 2-14 (McFarland 1-3, Frizzell 1-3, McCoy 0-1, Moore 0-2, Singletary 0-2, Fabru 0-3), Texas A&M 4-9 (Little 1-1, Williams 1-2, Pratcher 1-3, Jones 1-3). Fouled Out—Jackson. Rebounds—Mississippi 35 (Jackson, McCoy 6), Texas A&M 47 (Bone 17). Assists—Mississippi 7 (McFarland 4), Texas A&M 22 (Walker 5). Total Fouls—Mississippi 12, Texas A&M 10. A—5,604.

Women's Top 25 Fared
Thursday
1. Baylor (25-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.
2. Notre Dame (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Sunday.
3. UConn (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday.
4. Stanford (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday.
5. Duke (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Florida State, Friday.
6. California (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.
7. Penn State (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Sunday.
8. Georgetown (23-3) did not play. Next: at LSU, Sunday.
9. Maryland (22-4) beat Boston College 86-61. Next: vs. No 5 Duke, Sunday.
10. Texas A&M (21-6) beat Mississippi 82-53. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
11. Tennessee (21-5) beat Auburn 83-61. Next: at Arkansas, Sunday.
12. Louisville (21-6) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Sunday.
13. Georgia (22-4) beat Arkansas 66-34. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
14. Dayton (23-1) beat St. Bonaventure 67-64. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
15. South Carolina (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Sunday.
16. North Carolina (23-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Friday.
17. UCLA (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday.
18. Delaware (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Sunday.
19. Florida State (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Friday.
20. Colorado (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
21. Syracuse (22-3) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
22. Purdue (19-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
23. Oklahoma State (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
24. Nebraska (20-6) beat Michigan 57-39. Next: vs. Iowa, Sunday.
25. Green Bay (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.

H.S. Football

Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-Texas Football Team
FIRST TEAM
Offense
Quards — Tyler Preston, Georgetown, 6-2, 270, Jr., and Jeff Jordan, Corsicana, 6-4, 340, Sr.
Tackles — Patrick Morris, Denton Guyer, 6-3, 285, Sr. and Andrew Billings, Waco, 6-1, 305, Sr.
Center — William Barns, Highland Park, 6-2, 260, Jr.
Tight end — Derrick Griffin, Rosenberg Terry, 6-6, 214, Sr.
Split ends — Fred Ross, Tyler John Tyler, 6-2, 185, Sr., and Mosiah Altaman, Wylie East, 6-5, 205, Sr.
Athlete — Jarrod Heard, Denton Guyer, 6-2, 185, Jr.
Quarterback — Greg Ward, Tyler John Tyler, 5-11, 165, Jr.
Running backs — James White, Pearland Dawson, 5-7, 200, Jr.; Ka'Nun Kinner, Little Elm, 5-9, 180, Jr.; and Jabari Anderson, Wylie East, 5-8, 185, Sr.
Placekicker — Josh Sparkman, Wolfforth Frenship, 6-0, 175, Sr.
Offensive player of the year — Jarrod Heard, Denton Guyer, 6-2, 185, Jr.
Defense
Linemen — Deershon Hall, Lancaster, 6-6, 230, Sr.; Jared Barnes, Georgetown, 6-1, 212, Sr.; K.J. Smith, Frisco Centennial, 6-2, 250, Jr.; and (tie) Deon Hollins, Fort Bend Marshall, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Justin Manning, Dallas Kimball, 6-2, 275, Sr.; and Tyus Bowser, Tyler John Tyler, 6-3, 230, Jr.
Linebackers — Reggie Chevis, Houston Sharpstown, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Stephen Smith, Wolfforth Frenship, 5-11, 220, Jr.; Jackson Paine, Cedar Park, 6-0 185, Sr.; and Nick Unstoy, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-1, 210, Sr.
Backs — Nick Harvey, Lancaster, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Rainbow Brands, Frisco Centennial, 5-10, 180, 5-10, 185, Jr.; (tie) Cade Davis, Wolfforth Frenship, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Brandon Boone, Georgetown, 6-3, 215, Sr.; and Jordan Vise, Leander Rouse, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Punter — Josh Stevens, EP Irvin, 6-2, 205, Jr.
Kick returner — Michael Blanco, Dallas South Oak Cliff, 5-11, 165, Sr.
Defensive player of the year — (tie) Deershon Hall, Lancaster, 6-6, 230, Sr., and Tyus Bowser, Tyler John Tyler, 6-3, 230, Jr.
Coach of the year — Joe Willis, Cedar Park
SECOND TEAM
Offense
Guards — Daniel McCarty, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-4, 280, Sr.; (tie) Darius Moore, Fort Bend Marshall, 6-4, 285, Sr., and Trevor Mulegin, Prosper, 6-2, 305, Sr.
Tackles — Jose Aguilar, Birdville, 6-5, 295, Sr., and Austin Hider, Cedar Park, 6-4, 240, Sr.
Center — Davis Geerts, Cedar Park, 6-4, 250, Jr.
Tight end — Jesse Brubaker, Wylie East, 6-4, 263, Sr.
Split ends — Kadarrius Cannon, Mount Pleasant, 6-1, 175, Jr., and Toni Hunter Jr., Prosper, 6-2, 180, Jr.
Quarterback — Jake Hubenak,Georgetown, 6-3, 190, Jr.
Athlete — Demarcus Ayers, Lancaster, 5-11, 170, Jr.
Running backs — D'Maquerio Tucker, Wolfforth Frenship, 5-10, 180, Jr.; Aaron Jones, El Paso Burges, 5-11, 175, Jr.; and (tie) Willy Ivery, Sulphur Springs, 5-10, 185, Jr., and Tenyon Dipson, Dallas Kimball, 5-9, 168, Sr.
Placekicker — Mick Ellis, Lovejoy, Jr.
Defense
Linemen — Derick Roberson, San Antonio Brennan, 6-4, 225, Jr.; A'Shawn Robinson, Fort Worth Arlington Heights, 6-5, 300, Jr.; Wasilo Eljuri, Cedar Park, 6-0, 200, Sr.; and Deon Brown, Angleton, 5-10, 230, Sr.
Linebackers — Dylan Douglass, Canyon, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Terance Belton, Denton Guyer, 6-0, 216, Jr.; Malik Jenkins, Ennis, 6-3, 215, Jr.; (tie) Grant Wiedeck, San Antonio Brennan, 5-11, 216, Jr., and Tim Lappalla, Leander Rouse, 6-3, 225, Jr.
Backs — Tony Brown, Beaumont Ozen, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Terry Ausbonne, John Tyler, 5-11, 165, Jr.; Adrien Norwood, Waco, 5-11, 185, Sr.; and Reffaele Gaines, Mesquite Poteet, 6-1, 175, Sr.
Punter — Zach Sinor, Medina Valley,6-1, 190, Jr.
Kick returner - (tie) Deondric Lofton, Victoria East, 5-11, 175, Jr., and Eugene Wright, Rosenberg Terry, 5-9, 166, Sr.
THIRD TEAM
Offense
Guards — Dawan Taylor, Dallas Adamson, 6-2, 290, Sr., and Rylan Vegel, Canyon, 6-5, 275, Jr.
Tackles - (tie) Maurice Porter, Fort Bend Marshall, 6-6, 296, sr.; Jacob Hildebrand, Georgetown, 6-5, 240, sr.; and Guy Roecker, Lovejoy, 6-0, 210, sr.
Center - (tie) Dalyn Bearden, Wolfforth Frenship, 6-5, 295, sr., and Jacob Bragg, Hazlepdhens, 6-3, 285, sr.
Tight end — Chad Whitehead, Cedar Park, 6-3, 225, jr.
Split ends — Randy Knightner, Georgetown, 5-10, 175, sr., and Addison Bustos, Amarillo Caprock, 5-10, 186, sr.
Quarterback — Brad Macek, Sulphur Springs, 5-9, 185, sr.
Running backs — Austin Walter, Crosby, 5-8, 170, sr.; (tie) Joshawa West, Angleton, 5-10 170, sr.; Christian Sims, Waco, 6-0, 189, sr., and Orly Sola, Ronis, jr.
Placekicker - (tie) Jose Flores, Red Oak, 6-1, 169, sr.; Davis Wilkerson, Lubbock Monterey, 5-11, 165, jr.; Dylan Cook, Wylie East, 6-0, 175, sr., and Aldo Sanchez, Mission, 6-1, 185, sr.
Defense
Linemen — Andrew Billings, Waco, 6-1, 305, sr.; Grayson Schantz, Lake Dallas, 6-3, 230, sr.; Koby Courson, Nederland, 6-3, 235, sr.; and Thomas Ferguson, Denton Guyer, 6-1, 220, jr.
Linebackers — Kahlee Woods, Sherman, 6-1, 235, sr.; Quinton Grant, Manor, 5-11, 215, sr.; Bradley Goldstein, WF Rider, jr.; and Jace Lacoste, Georgetown, 5-10, 210, jr.
Backs — Dakota Austin, Lancaster, 5-11, 170, sr.; Desmond Lockett, Brenham, 5-8, 155, jr.; Michael Blanco, Dallas South Oak Cliff, 5-11 165, sr.; arld Justin Dunning, Whitehouse, 6-3, 195, soph.
Punter — Caleb Lewallen, Humble Kingwood Park, 5-10, 160, jr.
Kick returner — Matt Sanchez, Georgetown, 5-11, 175, sr.

MLB

Spring Training Glance
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	0	0	.000
Boston	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cleveland	0	0	.000
Detroit	0	0	.000
Houston	0	0	.000
Kansas City	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Minnesota	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Oakland	0	0	.000
Seattle	0	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000
Texas	0	0	.000
Toronto	0	0	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	0	0	.000
Atlanta	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cincinnati	0	0	.000
Colorado	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
Philadelphia	0	0	.000
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000
San Diego	0	0	.000
San Francisco	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	.000

Note: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Today's Games
Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Daytona 500, 10 a.m., SPEED
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Daytona 500, 11:30 a.m., SPEED
NASCAR, Truck Series, pole qualifying for NextEra Energy Resources 250, 12:30 p.m., SPEED
NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for DRIVE4COPD 300, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
NASCAR, Truck Series, NextEra Energy Resources 250, 6:30 p.m., SPEED
BOXING
Champion Lamont Peterson (30-1-1) vs. Kendall Holt (28-5-0), for IBF junior welterweight title, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Middleweights, Tureano Johnson (13-0-0) vs. Willie Fortune (15-0-0); super featherweights, Art Hovhannisyan (15-0-0) vs. Alejandro Perez (16-0-1), 10 p.m., SHO
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Cal State Fullerton at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSS Plus
GOLF
LPGA Thailand, second round(same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour-WGC, Accenture Match Play Championship, third round matches, 1 p.m., TGC
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
North Dakota St. at Akron, 6 p.m., ESPN2
MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Yale at Quinnipiac, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
North Dakota at Denver, 9 p.m., NBCSN
NBA
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., ESPN
Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m., FSS
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Odessa at Wichita Falls, 7:15 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Class 3A area, Greenwood vs. Perryton, 6 p.m., Floydada HS
Class A, Grady vs. Balmorhea, 6:30 p.m. Kermit HS
Class A, Forsan vs. El Paso Harmony, 8 p.m., Jerry Larned Sports Complex, Monahans
Class A, Garden City vs. 8 p.m. Jim Ned HS
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Region I-2A Tournament, Chaparral Center
Grady at Region I-A Tournament, Levelland
Garden City at Region II-A Tournament, Abilene
HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING
State Swim Meet, Austin
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF
Tall City Invitational, Green Tree
Greenwood at Lubbock Invitational
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF
Greenwood at Sweetwater Tournament
Midland Christian at Fort Stockton Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK
Midland High at City Bank Tiger Relays, Wolfforth
Lee at Unicorn Relays, New Braunfels
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK
Midland High at City Bank Tiger Relays, Wolfforth
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Lee at Lewisville Tournament
Midland High at Round Rock Tournament
Greenwood at Pecos Tournament
Midland Christian at Jerry Durant Classic
Trinity at Midland High School Sophomore Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Tall City Invitational
Midland Christian at Fredericksburg Tournament
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
West Texas Classic, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
COLLEGE BASEBALL
St. Edward's at UTPB (DH), Noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Ivan Rodriguez special assistant to the general manager/instructor/ambassador.
National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Young on a minor league contract.
American Association
WICHITA WRANGLERS—Signed LHP Anthony Capra. Traded RHP Josh Lowey to Somerset for cash and a player to be named later.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed INF/OF Leonard Davis.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS—Traded RHP Dan Jurik and a player to be named to Newark for OF Jerod Edmondson.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Named Jarett Gardner pitching coach.
FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed SS Junior Arroyo to a contract extension. Signed RHP Mike Lawlor.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Signed LHP Rich Hawkins.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Named Greg Taylor senior vice president for player development.
ATLANTA HAWKS—Traded G Anthony Morrow to Dallas for G/F Dahntay Jones.
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Traded F Hakim Warrick to Orlando for F Josh McRoberts.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Traded G Charles Jenkins and cash to Philadelphia for a protected second-round draft pick. Traded F Jeremy Tyler to Atlanta for cash and future draft considerations.
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Traded F Marcus Morris to Phoenix for a 2013 second-round draft pick. Traded F Patrick Patterson, C Cole Aldrich and G Toney Douglas to Sacramento for C Thomas Robinson, F Francisco Garcia and F Tyler Honeycutt.
MIAMI HEAT—Traded C Dexter Pittman, a 2013 second-round draft pick and cash considerations to Memphis for the draft rights to F Ricky Sanchez.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Traded G/F Ronnie Brewer to Oklahoma City for a 2014 second-round draft pick and cash.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Traded G Eric Maynor to Portland for the rights to F Georgios Printezis and cash.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Traded G J.J. Redick, C Gustavo Ayon and G Ish Smith to Milwaukee for G Doron Lamb, G Beno Udrih and F Tobias Harris.
PHOENIX SUNS—Waived F Luke Zeller.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Traded C Hamed Haddadi and a 2014 second-round draft pick to Phoenix for G Sebastian Telfair.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Traded G Jordan Crawford to Boston for C Jason Collins and G Leandro Barbosa.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS—Named Tony Hetherman assistant offensive line coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned RW Matt Kennedy from Norfolk (AHL) to Fort Wayne (ECHL). Named Brian Burke part-time pro scout.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned G Scott Stacyer from Greenville (ECHL) to Connecticut (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned G Jake Allen to Peoria (AHL).
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Sockers unveil new name, logo

By Len Hayward
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The new name for the West Texas Sockers is now Sockers FC, but that was only one of a number of announcements the Premier Development League soccer team had on Thursday.

Along with revealing the new name and a new logo, general manager Monty Hoppel said that the organization will have an affiliation with the FC Dallas West Texas youth soccer club, and is continually working on developing a stronger relationship with the FC Dallas Major League Soccer club.

"The format for us is the PDL, and we are trying to let kids know that they can put on an FC Dallas uniform at age 11, and eventually can aspire to be on the Super-20s team or the Sockers," Hoppel said.

Hoppel said the relationship with the FC Dallas West Texas club is a pyramid system, and the Sockers are the tip of the pyramid for players. FC Dallas West Texas has teams for ages 7-18 years old, and also has a men's Super-20 team.

Hoppel said he is hoping it will offer more structure for youth soccer, and it allows the organization to show that it wants to grow the game in the area.

"It's a simple, structured system," Hoppel said. "In the past, it's kind of been segmented with different youth clubs kind of doing their own thing, even at a young age. With kids passes and partnerships, we want to let people know that are there to give back to the community."

Hoppel said they have had discussions with officials from FC Dallas to develop an affiliation where the Sockers would directly receive players, but Hoppel said the MLS' structure does not allow for that.

But he said that they have a strong enough relationship with the organization that they are hoping that FC Dallas will point some of their college players they have protected to Sockers FC. The PDL is an under-23 league and the players are amateurs.

"FC Dallas with their college players, they don't have a spot to put a lot of these homegrown players, which are college kids that need to keep their college eligibility," Hoppel said. "They think the biggest thing right now is they are going to encourage their best homegrown players coming back to Texas, and tell them, 'Here's the place to play and go get games.'"

Sockers FC also announced that they have re-signed Midfielder Jose Anchondo, and forwards Joe Munoz for the 2013 team. Munoz is the franchise's leading scorer with 14 goals in five seasons.

The Sockers will open their season on May 11 at home against El Paso, and Hoppel said they are working bring FC Dallas back for another exhibition game this season.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Fort Stockton's Jericha Martinez, left, loses control of the ball as Lee's Adri Berzoza safely steals second during a game Thursday at the West Texas Classic Softball Tournament.

Chaparrals dominate NMMI

From staff reports

Chaparrals.....101
Broncos.....69

ROSWELL, N.M. — The Midland College men's basketball team not only took care of the ball Thursday night but shot the ball well from the free-throw line and the floor in a 101-69 blowout victory over New Mexico Military Institute at Cahoon Armory.

The Chaparrals only turned the ball over six times, went 7 of 10 from the line and shot 58.3 percent from the floor against the Broncos.

"I thought we came out with a lot of energy and a lot of focus," MC coach Chris Craig said. "We shot the ball well and valued the ball well."

With the victory, the Chaps (18-7 overall) stayed in a tie with South Plains College for fourth place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings with 9-5 records with two games remaining in the regular season. South Plains knocked Odessa College out of first place with a 77-60 victory in Levelland on Thursday.

The Chaps had five players in double-figure scoring, led by Corey Hilliard with 22 points and six assists.

"Corey shot the ball well and made good decisions," Craig said.

Justin Coleman added 17 points, Gary Akbar had 16, Brandon Lucas 13, Ede Egharevba had 11 points, and Aly Ahmed chipped in with a game-high 11 rebounds to go with nine points.

The Chaps had a 53-19 lead at the half.

"We didn't turn the ball over and defended without fouling," said Craig about the strong first half. "It helped that we made some shots. In the second half, we had some lapses defensively and fouled too much."

Desmond Barnes had a game-high 30 points for the Broncos (6-21, 2-12)

MC returns to Chaparral Center on Monday to host Clarendon College in the final home game of the season.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 101, NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE 69

Midland College (18-7, 9-5) — Colan Weasby 2-5 0-0 5, Gary Akbar 7-10 2-2 16, Willis Nicholson 0-2 0-0 0, Corey Hilliard 8-11 1-2 22, Shevon Thompson 2-2 0-1 4 Justin Coleman 7-13 2-2 17, Ede Egharevba 5-12 1-1 11, Brandon Lucas 5-8 0-0 13, DJ Billingsley 2-3 0-0 4, Aly Ahmed 4-6 1-2 9. Totals

NMMI (6-21, 2-12) — Da'Shawn Suber 3-5 2-5 8, Desmond Barnes 9-19 6-10 30, Marcus Roper 1-4 2-3 4, Najee Whitehead 4-12 2-3 10, Quinton Moncrief 1-2 0-0 2, Serigne Mboup 1-2 3-4 5, Eric Edwards 3-4 3-4 9, Mario Karaliev 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-46 18-29 69

Halftime — MC 53, NMMI 19. 3-point goals — MC10 (Hilliard 5, Lucas 3, Weasby, Coleman), NMMI 7 (Barnes 6, Mboup). Total fouls — MC 22, NMMI 21. Fouled out — Nicholson. Rebounds — MC 42 (Ahmed 42), NMMI (Edwards 8). Turnovers — MC 6, NMMI 13.

Next: Clarendon College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Men's NJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Howard College	11	3	24	4
x-New Mexico JC	11	3	23	6
x-Odessa College	11	4	21	7
South Plains	9	5	20	7
Midland College	9	6	18	7
Clarendon	4	10	15	13
Frank Phillips	4	10	14	14
Western Texas	3	12	13	16
New Mexico Military	2	12	6	21

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 101, NMMI 69; New Mexico JC 86, Clarendon College 69; South Plains 77, Odessa College 60; Howard College 64, Western Texas 52; Frank Phillips is open

Monday's Games

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

Women's NJCAC Standings

	Conference		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
x-Midland College	10	2	22	6
x-Odessa College	10	3	20	6
x-South Plains	9	3	22	5
x-New Mexico JC	9	3	20	5
Howard College	6	7	16	11
Clarendon	2	10	12	10
Frank Phillips	2	10	9	19
Western Texas	2	12	9	21

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Thursday's Scores

Howard College 55, Western Texas 41; South Plains 55, Odessa College 48; New Mexico JC 69, Clarendon College 51; Midland College and Frank Phillips are open

Monday's Games

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

HSBASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS WINS TWO IN ROUND ROCK

ROUND ROCK — The Midland High baseball team won a pair of games handily on the first day of the Round Rock Tournament.

The Bulldogs (3-0) beat Austin Anderson 8-0 in the first game of the tournament at Dell Diamond, and then defeated Round Rock Stony Point 15-2 in the second game as it ended after five innings because of the run-rule.

Against Austin Anderson, Alex Mata pitched a three-hit gem as he didn't allow a walk and had eight strikeouts. Mata threw 82 pitches in seven innings.

Jimmy Essman drove in two runs and was 2 for 3 at the plate, and Gilbert Sanchez was also 2 for 3 with an RBI.

In the second game against Stony Point, the Bulldogs used a 10-run second inning to blow the game open. Included in that big inning was five straight doubles by Jake Parish, Jimmy Essman, Lance White, Gilbert Sanchez and Jackson Lancaster.

White, Sanchez and Shawn Leyba were 2 for 3 on the day, and Jake Parrish finished 2 for 4. Jeremy Hallmark also had a three-run triple during the game.

Midland High will take on Round Rock Cedar Ridge at 10 a.m. today and then Hurst L.D. Bell at 4 p.m., and both games will be played at Round Rock Stony Point High School.

MIDLAND HIGH 8, AUSTIN ANDERSON 0

Anderson	000	000	0 —0	3	4
MHS	031	103	x —8	9	0

Skalavan, Menk (5) and Allen; Alex Mata and Ryan Whittenberg. W — Mata (1-0). L — Skalavan. 2B — AA. Mitchell. MHS: Jimmy Essman

MIDLAND HIGH 15, ROUND ROCK STONY POINT 2

MHS	0(10)5	00	—15	14	2
RRStony Point	010	10	—2	4	3

Connor Beck, Austen Wade (3), Travis Wilbanks (5) and Ryan Whittenberg. J.M. Hillman (3), Walters, Garza (3), Deleon (3) and Menendez, Walters (4). W — Beck (1-0). L — Walters. 2B — MHS: Jake Parrish, Jimmy Essman, Lance White, Gilbert Sanchez, Jackson Lancaster. 3B — Brent Stewart, Jeremy Hallmark.

Record: Midland High 3-0

Next: Midland High vs. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 10 a.m.; vs. L.D. Bell, 4 p.m., Round Rock Stony Point

REBELS GO HITLESS BUT WIN

LEWISVILLE — A young Lee baseball team gave new coach Brian Roper his first victory, and they did it without recording a hit.

The Rebels beat Wichita Falls Rider 1-0 on the first day of the Lewisville Tournament as they scored the game's lone run in the seventh inning of a game that featured a total of two hits between the teams.

Sophomore John Schwalbach drove in freshman Evan Chalker with a sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh, and the run held as Blake Blessie didn't allow a run in the final inning.

Freshman Evan Mata started the game for the Rebels and he went 4 1/3 innings, and didn't allow a hit and had five strikeouts and three walks. Blessie, also a freshman, pitched 2 2/3 innings and had four strikeouts, one walk and gave up two hits.

Lee will take on The Colony at 12:30 p.m. today and Irving High at 2:30 p.m.

LEE 1, WICHITA FALLS RIDER 0

Lee	000	000	1 —1	0	2
Rider	000	000	0 —0	2	1

Evan Mata, Blake Blessie (5) and Hunter Coleman. McQuerry, Reece (7) and Wissinger. W — Blessie (1-0). L — McQuerry.

Record: Lee 1-0

Next: Lee vs. The Colony, 12:30 p.m.; Lee vs. Irving High, 2:30 p.m.

GREENWOOD 7 FORT STOCKTON 2

PECOS — Greenwood defeated Fort Stockton in the first day of the Pecos Tournament on Thursday.

Braydin Moreland and Victor Urias each had two hits to lead the Rangers, while Zach Long and Zane Helms each drove in two runs. Garrett Carlisle allowed two runs on eight hits in seven innings to get the win.

Greenwood continues tournament play today.

GREENWOOD 7, FORT STOCKTON 2

Greenwood	210	310	0 —7	11	3
Fort Stockton	000	001	1 —2	8	5

MCS SPLITS TWO IN ALEDO

ALEDO — The Midland Christian baseball team began the Jerry Durant Classic with a win and a loss on Thursday in Aledo.

The Mustangs (3-1) began the day with a 5-2 loss to Aledo, but finished with a 6-0 victory against Justin Northwest.

The Bearcats opened up a 3-0 lead in the third inning, and Midland Christian was never able to close the gap. Garrett Clark finished the game 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Midland Christian rebounded in the second game to jump on Northwest with a four-run third inning, and then cruised from there.

Nolan Shattel picked up the pitching victory as he had five strikeouts in five innings. Clark was 3 for 3 with two RBI, and Colton Chalker, Daniel Crooks and Nathan Slayter each had an RBI in the victory.

Midland Christian will take on Mansfield Legacy at noon today, and then follow with a game against host Weatherford at 5 p.m. Both games will be at Weatherford High School.

ALEDO 5, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2

MCS	000	011	0 —2	4	1
Aledo	201	101	x —5	11	0

K. Rasure, Corby Ogden (6) and Nolan Shattel. C. Cammack, Z. Williams (6) and na. 2B — MCS: G. Clark. Aledo: C. Frysinger, Z. Williams, M. Dunn, L. Glover, R. Cook.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6, JUSTIN NORTHWEST 0

Northwest	000	000	0 —0	2	1
MCS	204	000	x —6	9	0

Perez, Ianig (6) and Cloud. N. Shattel, M. Mungia (6), A. Tenn (7) and Nathan Slayter. W — Shattel. L — Perez. 2B — Daniel Crooks, Nathan Slayter. 3B — Garrett Clark.

Record: MCS 3-1

Next: MCS vs. Mansfield Legacy, noon; MCS vs. Weatherford, 5 p.m., all games at Weatherford HS

VINES

From 1C

Hardy said where Vines has improved over the last year was control of her pitches, and finding the right spots during a game.

"She is using the spin as well as the speed," Hardy said. "Unless you are throwing it 68 mph, and throwing it good, if it's staying straight they are going to hit it. She's gotten better at staying off the plate, and letting the ball spin."

This season, Vines said with the addition of some key players, including Garcia, that this is possibly the best team during her high school career. And Vines is hoping it's enough to lead the Mustangs back to the state tournament for the first time in her career.

"I feel like we really need our defense to step up this year," Vines said. "We have a really strong lineup, and I'm happy about that. I feel like this is the strongest team I've been on since I've been here."

LEE & MHS WIN BIG: The Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs had a relatively easy opening day of the West Texas Classic as they scored double-digit runs in each of their games and run-ruled their opponents.

Lee beat Fort Stockton 15-0 and then beat Coahoma 18-0 to finish the night.

Midland High, meanwhile, beat Amarillo Palo Duro 19-0 and Greenwood 16-1 in its nightcap.

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West Texas Classic
Thursday-Saturday
Freddie Estill Softball Complex

Pool play
Division I

Maroon pool — Lee, Fort Stockton, Coahoma, Monahans, Odessa High, El Paso Hanks, Andrews

Purple pool — Midland High, Alpine, Midland Christian, Abilene High, Big Spring, Greenwood, Amarillo Palo Duro, Odessa Permian

Division II — Midland High JV, Lee JV, Coahoma JV, Midkiffand JV, Big Spring JV, Abilene High JV, Lubbock Coronado JV, Odessa Permian JV, Lubbock Monterey JV, Odessa High JV

Point System — A maximum of 10 points can be scored in each game. Six points are awarded for each win. Each run scored up to three runs is worth a single point. A single point is awarded for a shutout.

Thursday's Scores

OHS JV 10, MHS JV 9; Lee JV 15, Coahoma 0; Lee 15, Fort Stockton 0; Monahans 10, Coahoma 2; Permian JV 17, Monahans JV 2; Abilene High 12, Midland Christian 2; Midland High 19, Amarillo Palo Duro 0; Midland High JV 6, Abilene High JV 5

MHS JV 10, Andrews JV 4; Lee JV 17, Monahans 0; Permian JV 11, OHS JV 7; Odessa High 4, Monahans 1; El Paso Hanks 7, Andrews 6; Big Spring 6, Greenwood 4; Odessa Permian 15, Alpine 1; Big Spring JV 19, Coahoma JV 2

Odessa High 10, Andrews 6; Abilene High JV 27, Big Spring 2; Lee 18, Coahoma 0; Midland Christian 10, Alpine 4; El Paso Hanks 20, Fort Stockton 0; Big Spring 16, Ama. Palo Duro 0; Midland High 19, Greenwood 1

Today

11 a.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 3; Fort Stockton vs. Coahoma, Field 4; Big Spring vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Abilene High vs. Greenwood, Field 6; Lee vs. El Paso Hanks, Field 7.

1 p.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Midkiffand JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Permian JV, Field 3; El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa High, Field 4; Abilene High JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 5; Alpine vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 6; Midland High vs. Midland Christian, Field 7

3 p.m. — MHS JV vs. Odessa Permian JV, Field 2; Fort Stockton vs. Monahans, Field 3; Andrews vs. Coahoma, Field 4; Midland Christian vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Odessa High JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 6; Lee JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 7

5 p.m. — Odessa High JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 2; Lubbock Monterey JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 3; Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 4; Greenwood vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, Field 5; Abilene High vs. Big Spring, Field 6; Lee vs. Odessa High, Field 7

7 p.m. — Lee JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 3; MHS JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 4; Andrews vs. Monahans, Field 5; Andrews JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 6; Midland High vs. Alpine, Field 7

Saturday

9 a.m. — OHS JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 4; MHS JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 5

11 a.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Coahoma JV, Field 2; El Paso Hanks vs. Coahoma, Field 3; Odessa High vs. Fort Stockton, Field 4; Lee JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 5; Midland Christian vs. Ama. Palo Duro, Field 6; Midland High vs. Abilene High, Field 7

1 p.m. — Permian JV vs. Abilene High JV, Field 2; El Paso Hanks vs. Monahans, Field 3; Monahans JV vs. Lubbock Monterey JV, Field 4; Permian vs. Coahoma, Field 5; Alpine vs. Abilene High, Field 6; Lee vs. Andrews, Field 7

3 p.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 2; Andrews vs. Forts Stockton, Field 3; Midland High JV vs. Monahans JV, Field 4; Amarillo Palo Duro vs. Odessa Permian, Field 5; Greenwood vs. Alpine, Field 6; Midland High vs. Big Spring, Field 7

5 p.m. — Lubbock Coronado JV vs. OHS JV, Field 2; OHS vs. Coahoma, Field 3; Lubb. Monterey JV vs. Andrews JV, Field 4; Lee JV vs. Big Spring JV, Field 5; Big Spring vs. Midland Christian, Field 6; Lee vs. Monahans, Field 7

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UTPB WOMEN WIN HEARTLAND TITLE

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's basketball team claimed its first Heartland Conference regular season championship Thursday night, wrapping up the top spot in the league with a 93-61 win over St. Edward's in the team's final conference game of the season.

The 32-point win, the Falcons' 12th straight, means UTPB will host the Heartland Conference Women's Basketball tournament in two weeks.

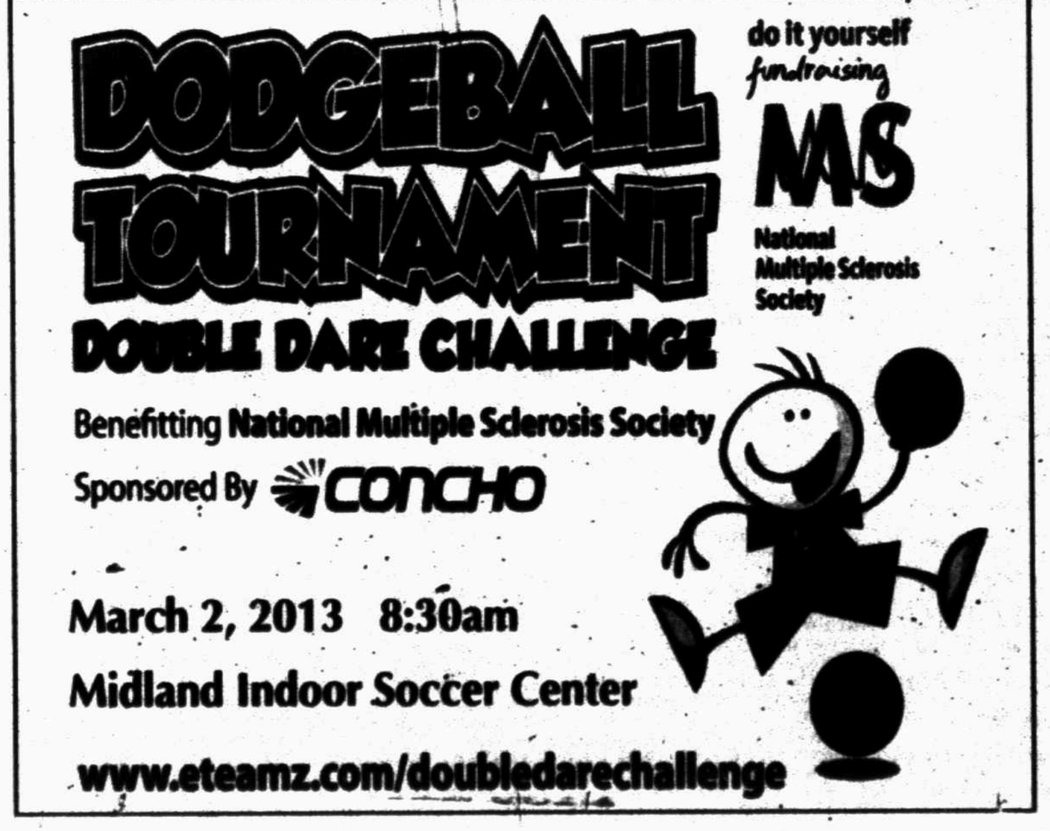
Taniqua Arda led UTPB (18-5, 11-1 HC) with 24 points as she hit her first six field goal attempts on the night with 15 points in the game's first 20 minutes.

ST. EDWARD'S TOPS UTPB MEN

ODESSA — St. Edwards' jumped out to a 12-point halftime lead and then held off a University of Texas of the Permian Basin run to take a 93-80 victory on Thursday night at the Falcon Dome.

St. Edward's held a 49-28 lead at halftime, but then UTPB found some life in the second half and were only outscored 53-52 in the final 20 minutes.

Xavier Martin led the Falcons with 31 points, including five 3-pointers, and Anthony Dees added 19 and Keith Martin 10.



GOLF

From 1C

me they can compete," Huddleston said.

Teams will play one round today at Green Tree Country Club, and after today's scores are posted the field will be split into two divisions depending. Team champions will be crowned in each division, but Mitchell said they will still award only one medalist.

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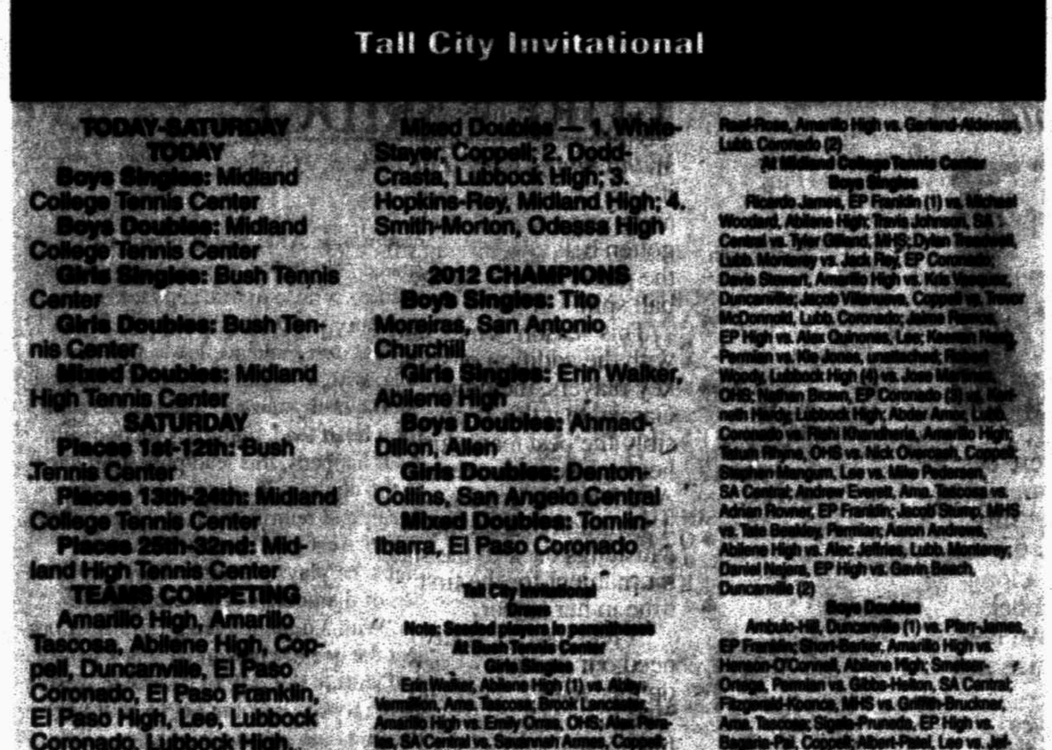

TENNIS

From 1C

El Paso, Amarillo and Lubbock that's what they are here for. They want to get in the tournament, and we have a waiting list to get in this tournament."

This year's tournament will be contested at three venues across the city as the Bush Tennis Center will play host to Girls Singles and Girls Doubles, the Midland College Tennis Center will host Boys Singles and Boys Doubles, and mixed doubles will be played at the Midland High Tennis Center.

This year's tournament will again feature staple teams such as Abilene High, El Paso Coronado, El Paso Franklin, Lubbock Coronado, but also coming for the first time in a number of years are Duncanville and Coppell.

Lee coach Jayson Everett said the reputation of the tournament has been built up through the years, and for many coaches across West Texas, it's not the one they are going to sacrifice to save money.

"The teams that come here year in and year out, they know the (talent) level they are going to be getting here," Everett said. "If they have to make a sacrifice with one of the tournaments, it's not this one because they are going to come here and get the best competition. And that's a good thing."

Among the five brackets this weekend, both Biel and Everett said that the girls and boys singles bracket could be the toughest ones, and possibly the most exciting to watch.

Abilene High's Erin Walker is the top seed in girls, and Walker was the Class 5A state runner-up in 2012. The boys' top seed is El Paso Franklin's Ricardo James.

In all five brackets, Biel said it was hard to determine seeded players.

"Seeding four to six was really tough," Biel said. "We have some teams from El Paso that don't play in the same USTA region, and we've got regional results and state level results from last year. You've got kids coming from all over the state playing at a high level, and it's not easy to do the seedings."

That's the kind of competition that both Everett and Biel expect to have at the tournament for years to come, and it only enhances the reputation of the tournament, and helps to bring teams that much easier.

"What's interesting about this tournament is that last year I had countless coaches from across the state emailing me wanting the results," Everett said. "If they can use our results for their benefit they definitely do. It's kind of neat to watch how that all works."

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Bone leads No. 10 A&M women over Ole Miss

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Kelsey Bone had 24 points and a career-high 17 rebounds to help No. 10 Texas A&M to an 82-53 victory over Mississippi on Thursday night.

Bone led the Aggies in scoring for the 18th time this season to help them get back on track after a 70-66 loss to No. 8 Kentucky on Monday night which snapped an eight-game winning streak.

Texas A&M (21-6, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) led by 12 points at halftime and was up by the same margin 5 minutes into the second half. The Aggies then used a 12-2 run to extend the lead to 60-38 midway through the half, and coasted to the victory.

Valencia McFarland had 11 points to lead Mississippi (9-17, 2-11), which has lost six of seven.

Mississippi missed nine shots, including four layups, as A&M padded its lead in the second half. Adrienne Pratcher and Bone scored four points apiece for the Aggies as they built their lead to 22 points.

Another run extended A&M's lead to 75-44 with about 5 minutes left, and coach Gary Blair sent all his starters to the bench.

It was the third meeting between these new SEC foes, and the first since an 82-79 win by the Rebels in Anchorage, Alaska on Dec. 20, 1997.

Pratcher had 13 points for Texas A&M, while Courtney Williams scored 11 and Kristi Bellock added 10. The 6-foot-4 Bone's dominance inside helped the Aggies outscore Mississippi 50-28 inside the paint, and A&M shot almost 53 percent to just 34.8 percent by the Rebels.

Aggies' Joeckel embraces combine competition

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

INDIANAPOLIS — For some top draft prospects, the NFL Scouting Combine can be a source of anxiety. They're nervous knowing one misstep or botched drill could cost them draft spots and millions of dollars.

Luke Joeckel isn't one of those guys.

The fiercely competitive Texas A&M product is eager to show NFL teams he's the best offensive tackle in the draft and worthy of the No. 1 overall pick in April.

Joeckel

"I'm trying to do everything right to make sure that happens," Joeckel said Thursday. "I know it's a competition between me and the other tackles, guys like (Central Michigan's Eric Fisher and Oklahoma's Lane Johnson) …That's one of the fun parts about the combine – the competition aspect of it, going against some of the best athletes at your position in the country."

Most experts believe the 6-foot-6, 306-pound Joeckel will emerge victorious.

"He's a big time prospect, athletic, smart and a quick learner," said Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak, himself an A&M alumnus. "He's a slam dunk at left tackle, the kind of guy everyone is looking for to play that position."

Without a clear-cut top-10 quarterback in the draft, it's possible Kansas City could use the No. 1 pick on Joeckel. Although Chiefs coach Andy Reid said the club is open to trading the pick, he also made it clear he likes the Outland Trophy winner.

"I tell you, he's a pretty good football player," Reid said.

An Arlington native, Joeckel said it's "just crazy" to think he could be selected first overall.

"Starting football in the second grade, you don't really think about that kind of stuff," he said. "Just getting a chance to play in the NFL has been a dream come true."

Asked if he'd like to play for the Chiefs, Joeckel said, "That'd be a cool place to go. I've been to Kansas City once before, and I loved the barbeque there."

Kidding aside, Joeckel believes he's well prepared for the NFL after a season in the rugged Southeastern Conference.

"SEC defensive lines are the best in the country," he said. "Going from the Big 12 to the SEC, you can see a difference. It's a great stepping stone to go to the NFL after playing against the top guys I played against."

Joeckel also benefited from playing with Aggies right tackle Jake Matthews, a first-team All-SEC pick and the son of Hall of Famer Bruce Matthews, who starred as an offensive lineman for the Houston Oilers and Tennessee Titans during a 20-year career that ended after the 2001 season.

Jake Matthews decided last month to stay with the Aggies rather than follow Joeckel's lead and declare for the draft as an underclassman.

"A lot of me being a great player is a credit to him and (vice versa)," Joeckel said. "We compete every single day in the weight room. We lift together, we run, we do all our drills against each other…He's almost been a brother. It just helps so much the way we compete."

Titans coach Mike Munchak can relate. He earned a spot in the Hall of Fame after playing alongside Matthews with the Oilers from 1982-93.

"Those guys helped each other similar to how Bruce and I did all those years of watching each other and competing," Munchak said. "They're very competitive and it's helped their developments."

Harvick and Kyle Busch win Daytona 500 duels

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — There are two certainties heading into the Daytona 500: Kevin Harvick is the favorite, and no one is sure what the action will look like in the "Great American Race."

Harvick remained perfect through Speedweeks on Thursday by winning the first of two 150-mile Budweiser Duel qualifying races, and the victory has positioned him as the top pick to win NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

Being labeled the favorite is the last thing the 2007 Daytona 500 winner wanted headed into Sunday's season-opener.

"We like to be the lame-duck underdog. That's what we're shooting for," Harvick said.

Harvick is a perfect 2 for 2 at Daytona International Speedway. He also won an exhibition race last weekend. This strong start comes at a time when Harvick has found a balance in his life with the addition of son, Keelan, who was born last July, and as he heads into his final season with Richard Childress Racing. Harvick has already decided to move to Stewart-Haas Racing in 2014.

"We've been fortunate to win the first two races of Speedweeks. We've just got to keep a level head on our shoulders, not get too high over what we've done, just do the same things that we've done," he said. "If it's meant to be, it's meant to be. I think we definitely have the car and team to be in contention to do that."

But nobody is quite sure what the 500 will look like with NASCAR's new Gen-6 race car. Sunday's race will go off with a full 43-car field, double the amount of cars that ran in Thursday's qualifying races. There were 19 cars in last Saturday's exhibition.

Kyle Busch, winner of the second duel, believes more cars on the track will create a much different race than what fans have seen so far. All three races at Speedweeks to date have lacked much action as drivers continue to learn the new cars and how it reacts in traffic and different aerodynamic situations.

"With more cars out there, we might see it be a little bit different come Sunday," Busch said. "There were half the field in each race, obviously. There's going to be twice as many good cars, twice as many middle of the pack cars, twice as many back of the pack cars. If you can get your car handling, driving, feeling good, you'll be able to be one of the guys that's up front."

Is Busch, who was wrecked out of last week's exhibition just 15 laps into the race, one of those guys?

"I feel that's where we're at," Busch said. "That's an added bonus for us right now."

Busch gave Toyota its first victory of Speedweeks and snapped Chevrolet's dominance. Harvick took the new Chevrolet SS to Victory Lane twice, and Danica Patrick put it on the Daytona 500 pole in time trials.

McIlroy, Woods lose in Match Play

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — The snow is gone from the Match Play Championship, and so are Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods.

In a stunning conclusion to what already is a bizarre week on Dove Mountain, Shane Lowry of Ireland made a 4-foot par putt on the 18th hole to eliminate Rory McIlroy in the opening round Thursday of golf's most unpredictable tournament.

"It's definitely a day I'm going to remember," said Lowry, the third player in the last four years to beat the No. 1 seed in the opening round.

Moments later, Charles Howell III finished off a fabulous round in cold conditions by defeating Woods on the 17th hole. Howell, who had not faced Woods in match play since losing to him in the third round of the 1996 U.S. Amateur, played bogey-free on a course that still had patches of snow and ice after being cleared Thursday morning.

The match was all square when Howell hit a wedge that stopped inches from the cup on the 15th hole for a conceded birdie. Then, he holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th and went 2 up when Woods badly missed a 12-foot birdie putt.

"I had nothing to lose," said Howell, who started the year outside the top 100 in the world and hasn't qualified for this World Golf Championship in five years. "In this format, match play is crazy. He's Tiger Woods. I was lucky to hang in there."

The final matches were played in near darkness, and they could have stopped after 15 holes. Woods wanted to play on, even though Howell had the momentum. Woods was 2 under for the day, and neither of them made a bogey.

"We both played well," Woods said. "He made a couple of more birdies than I did. He played well, and he's advancing."

McIlroy, the No. 1 player in the world, built a 2-up lead early in the match until Lowry rallied and grabbed the moment by chipping in for birdie on the par-3 12th and then ripping a fairway metal to within a few feet for a conceded eagle on the 13th.

Lowry missed a short par putt on the 14th, only for McIlroy to give away the next hole with a tee shot into the desert and a bunker shot that flew over the 15th green and into a cactus. But the two-time major champion hung tough, coming up with a clutch birdie on the 16th to stay in the game.

McIlroy nearly holed his bunker on the 18th, and Lowry followed with a steady shot out to 4 feet and calmly sank the putt.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny Highs 59 Lows 32

SATURDAY: Sunny Highs 68 Lows 41

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny Highs 70 Lows 39

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 59 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 32 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

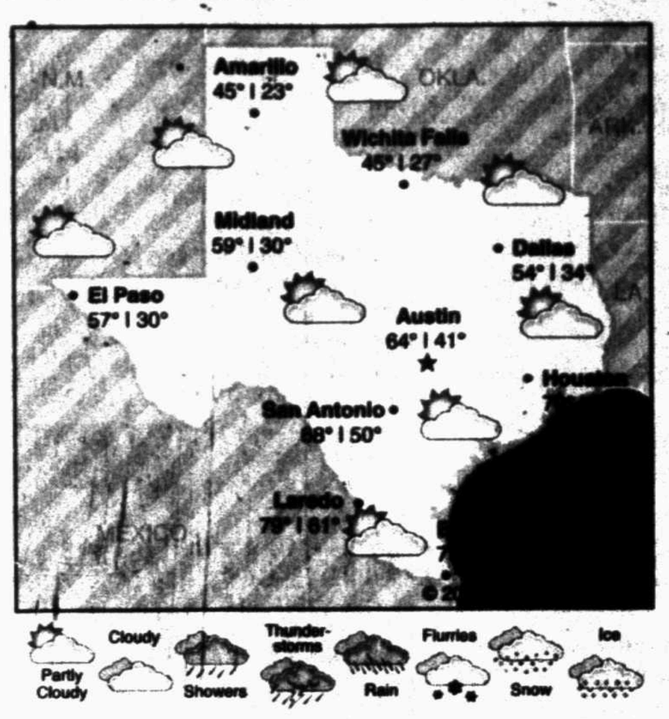
Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 68, a low around 41 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 70 and a low around 33.

The high on Thursday reached 62 while the low dropped to 40. The record high for Feb. 21 is 88 set in 1996. The record low is 16 set in 1939.

National forecast

Heavy snow will fall from southern Wisconsin to lower Michigan. A zone of wintry mix and ice will fall over part of the Ohio Valley states and will reach into the central and southern Appalachians for a time, creating slippery roadways. Farther south, rain will drench areas from the coastal part of the Carolinas to the central Gulf Coast.



Precipitation	
Wednesday	trace
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.08 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.10 in.

Thursday's temperatures	
High	62
Low	40
Normal high	64
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	6:41 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Feb. 22

Fraud investigator mortified by his wife's arrest for fraud

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My wife of six years was recently arrested for wire fraud, involving the receipt of unemployment benefits. She was receiving money when she should not have been. I knew she had applied for benefits since she was laid off; however, I was not aware that she was falsifying documents in order to receive the benefits.

I feel hurt, betrayed and offended. I am a retired law enforcement officer and currently an independent fraud investigator. Our relationship had been on the rocks for some time prior to this humiliating event. How do I handle this mess? — BETRAYED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETRAYED: The first thing to do is realize that your wife's indiscretions are a reflection only on her character, not yours. Then let the law take its course, and once you have cooled off, decide rationally if you want to continue a marriage that has been "on the rocks for some time."

DEAR ABBY: Before my daughter turned 18, she followed the court's visitation specifics, as her brother does. Now that she's 18, she doesn't call or come over at all. She won't answer phone calls, so I text her. She'll respond with one-word answers — "yes," "no," "maybe."

It doesn't bother me that she chooses to live this way. She's an adult. I sent her money for her birthday. She didn't acknowledge it. If I text invitations to her, I still don't hear from her.

She doesn't go to college, doesn't drive, doesn't have a job and lives off her enabling mother. According to her brother, she plays video games all night and sleeps all day.

After her birthday silence, should I continue sending her money for occasions? The lack of respect makes me think not, but my love for her says I should. Is there a lesson to be taught, or do I continue dropping a check in the mail twice a year? The money is insignificant. Learning respect, I believe, is important. — DAD IN BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

DEAR DAD: It doesn't bother you that your daughter chooses to live this way? That she is she on drugs? Suffering from severe depression?

Your daughter's behavior is not normal. You have described a young woman in serious need of counseling to bring her back to reality. If you love your daughter, forget the etiquette lesson and help her to get the psychological help she needs.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 17, I was checked into a psychiatric hospital for severe depression and a suicide attempt. While I was there I met "Jim," a boy who was there for the same reasons. To make a long story short, we kept in touch and now we're dating. We benefitted from the experience and are good for each other.

The catch is that he lives more than an hour away from me. We see each other frequently, but friends often ask how we met, and we don't know how to answer the question. Generally, we say something vague about how we have known each other for a long time, but some people continue to press. Neither of us wants to advertise that we spent time in a psych ward. How can we gracefully sidestep the question? — DODGING THE QUESTION IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR DODGING: It is difficult to sidestep a question that is asked so frequently in the course of conversation — especially if a couple seems compatible. Because you would rather not be specific, just say you met in a teen counseling group a few years ago. It's the truth — you were being counseled.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 9
♡ K Q 8 4
◇ 5
♣ K Q J 10 9

WEST
♠ 7 6
♡ 7 6 2
◇ Q J 10 4
♣ A 8 6 2

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

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 8 4
♡ 9 5 3
◇ K 9 6 2
♣ 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

Here's another deal from Eddie Kantar's award-winning series "Thinking Bridge," designed for players eager to improve their game.

"North's reverse, with this distribution, shows 16-plus to 17 high-card points minimum, and is a one-round force. After opener reverses, responder goes out of his way to rebid a strongish five-card major. After South rebids two spades, North has an easy raise to four spades. A raise to three spades in this sequence is not considered forcing.

"Though sequence leads are desirable, with a singleton diamond likely to be in dummy there is much to be said for a heart lead, dummy's second suit. As it happens, this lead puts short shrift to the contract. East captures dummy's queen and returns the jack of hearts. When West gets in with the ace of clubs, he plays a heart to East's 10. The ace of diamonds is the setting trick.

"With a diamond lead, East must project the ace of clubs in partner's hand and shift to the jack of hearts. If West is alive to what is going on, he will win the first club and return a heart, allowing East to take two more tricks or four tricks in all.

"If a heart is not returned at trick two, declarer wins any return and attacks clubs. There is not much the defense can do once the ace of clubs is driven out besides taking the ace of hearts."

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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 Friday, Feb. 22, 2013:

This year others find you to be alluring and nearly magical. You have a flair for the dramatic. It is a given that you will be noticed. Romance ranks high in your life, as you are unusually passionate this year. If you are single, you could encounter one great person after another. Go with what feels 100 percent right. If you are attached, the two of you will spice up your relationship in many ways. Do something very special for your sweetie this year. LEO might not show it, but he or she often gets jealous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You switch gears with ease. You also put a lot of emphasis on your priorities, and you tend to break down self-imposed barriers. By dusk, others clearly receive your message: It is time for a change of pace. Even workaholics would benefit from this advice. Tonight: Life becomes fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You are able to say what you want, but it might appear as if your message isn't well-received. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat this discussion at least two more times; there might be something that the other party isn't getting. Tonight: Head on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Return all of your phone calls and clear your desk in the morning. Come midafternoon, you will want some time for yourself. A meeting could go far longer than you thought. Relax and go with the flow. This, too, shall pass. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Follow through on key matters as you wish, and keep an eye on the change of pace as the weekend draws near. You will need to clear up a miscommunication or a problem with someone at a distance. Tonight: Time to go off and treat yourself to that long-desired item.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could feel a little off in the morning, but later you'll feel as if nothing can stop you. The difference is not only remarkable to you, but also to others. If you have been postponing an important discussion, the time to have it is now. Tonight: You are the top dog.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Ask questions if you feel that you are missing some details. Realize that you need more information, and refrain from taking action for a while. You could develop a different opinion as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You have taken on more responsibility than you would have liked to with a project. Complete it, if possible, and you will feel much better. Also, work on saying "no" more often. An afternoon meeting could develop into a get-together. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Finish some research and make some calls in order to get to the root of what is going on. You could feel as if no one is giving you all the facts. Details keep slipping, no matter who you speak to. Try a different approach, if need be. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Someone really needs your time and attention. Make it your pleasure to be his or her voice of reason and/or a source of advice. Imagine what it might be like to be this person, and know that you might need to repeat this conversation again. Tonight: Do something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Others seek you out. Be receptive, but resist taking on someone else's responsibilities. You will be a lot happier in the long run. Many invitations head your way. Sort through them, and you could find the right one for you. Tonight: Make plans to be with a special friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Focus on accomplishing what you need to get done. Also, take time to schedule some personal appointments that you have let go for far too long. Your sense of humor helps dispel some tension. Make time later in the day for friends. Tonight: Accept an invitation

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your imagination takes over and forces you to concentrate. This is effective, as it helps you get through important tasks and complete your to-do list. You'll see an end to all this extra effort, so lighten up. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies, but don't make it a late night.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), wildlife expert Steve Irwin (1962), singer/songwriter James Blunt (1974)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Foxx who played Ray
6 Place for shades
10 Hard-hitting sound
14 Look embarrassed, maybe
15 "Metamorphoses" poet
16 He helped get Cassio demoted
17 Carving tools
18 North African prison wear?
20 Bring down to earth
21 "Rate!"
22 Nancy Drew books pseudonym
23 Disinfectant brand
25 Scout leader
26 Went on a date, perhaps
28 Soft material
30 Affectedly reserved
31 Rugrat
32 Trifle
36 Rapper who founded Aftermath Entertainment
37 Lint depository?
40 Bustle
41 __-Indian War
43 It has some crust
44 Makes more elegant, with "up"
46 Pillages
48 Storied swinger
49 Spot for a belt
52 "The Fox and the Crow" writer
53 Fugitive's invention
54 Helper
56 Begin to dive
59 Really short haircut?
61 "Today" anchor before Meredith
62 Nasty
63 Case for pins and needles
64 Chilling
65 Take away
66 Capital of Estonia
67 Grant player

DOWN
1 Old ski lift
2 Basset's "The Mephisto Waltz" co-star
3 Dogcatchers?
4 Phrase in a tot's game
5 Questioning utterances
6 Nearby
7 Viva by Fergie
8 Fragrance maker
9 Big name in artifacts
9 Adobe file format
10 Old and wrinkled
11 Made indistinct
12 Gemini docking target
13 Sat
19 Barely got (by)
21 Spoil
24 Turf mate
25 Banished, in a way
26 Counts (up)
27 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
28 Shoe store array
29 One crying foul
33 Ride a Russian steleerman?
34 Notion
35 Cap'n's mate
38 Skin cream target
39 Tijuana relatives
42 Mrs. __ cow
45 Insidious malware with a classically derived name
47 Thereabouts
49 __ Tigers: Sri Lankan separatists
50 Mrs. Kramden of Chauncey Street
51 NyQuil manufacturer
52 WWII Italian beachhead
54 Rwanda native
55 Bleu shade
57 Chuck E. Cheese et al.
58 Review target
60 Opie's great-aunt
61 Camping org.

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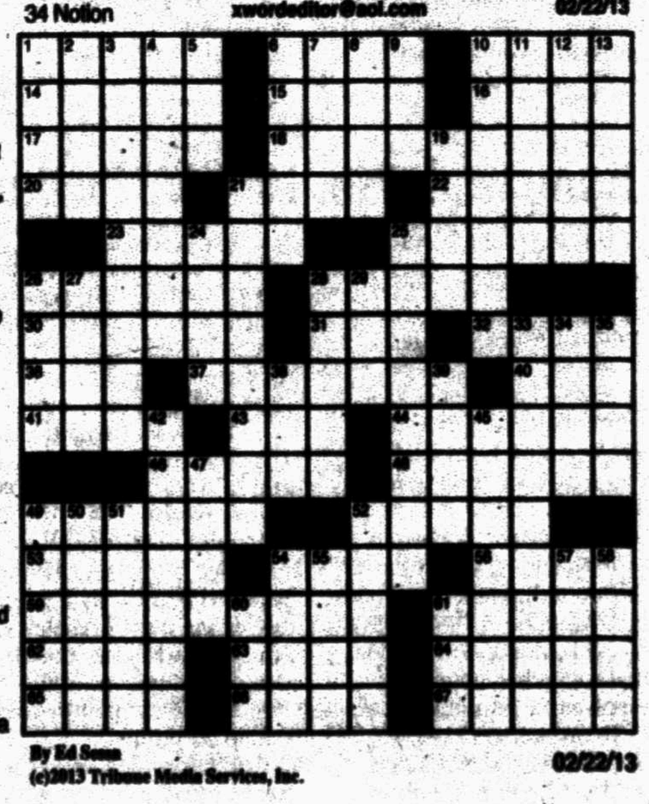

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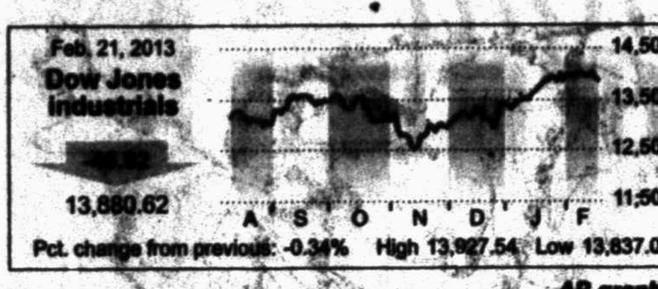

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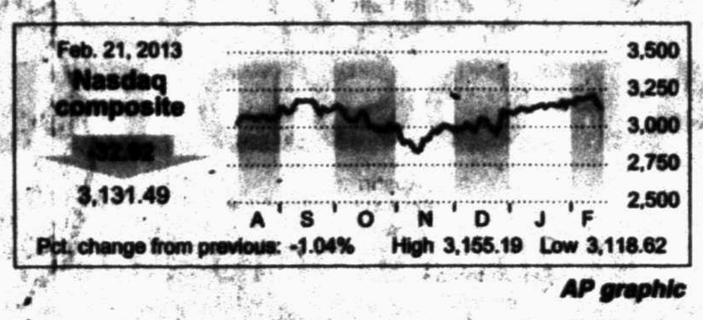

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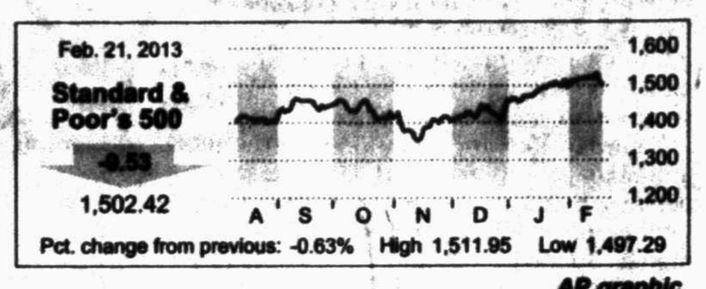

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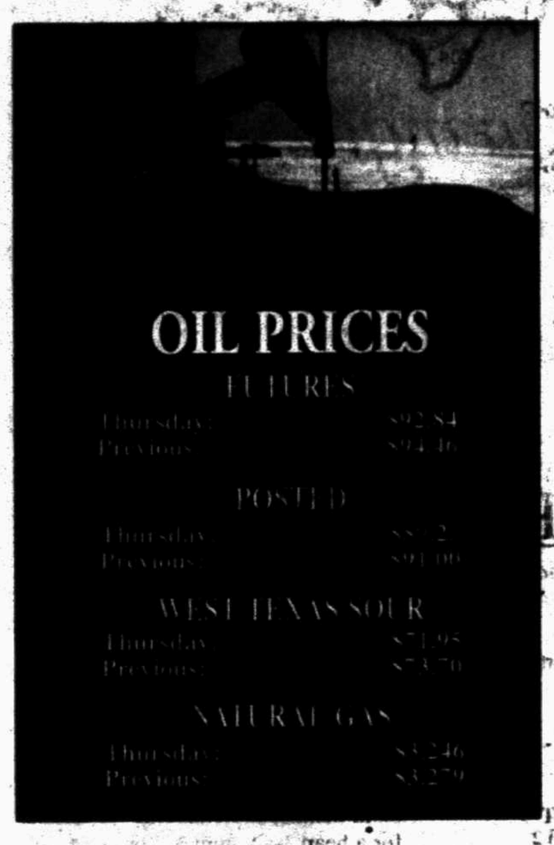

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Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2290913	11.42	-.38
S&P500ETF1	1650021	150.42	-.92
iShEMkts	760088	43.09	-.80
BofAWt rs	674292	23.27	+.46
SPDR Fncl	507899	17.52	-.14

Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WSF Rlty g	2.96	+1.36	+85.0
BerryPet	46.02	+7.49	+19.3
CIBER	3.92	+.58	+17.4
Sulphco	2.97	+.34	+14.1
Orbitz	3.82	+.47	+14.0

Losers ($4 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VeriFone	18.24	-13.65	-42.8
JinkoSolar	8.46	-1.17	-12.1
NorandaAl	4.99	-.66	-11.7
MarriotVac	40.39	-5.34	-11.7
Navistar pfD	8.50	-1.00	-10.5

Diary	
Advances	941
Declines	2,117
Unchanged	117
Total issues	3,175
New Highs	61
New Lows	43
Volume	4,161,482,939

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Rentech	61429	2.60	-.14
CheniereEn	49736	20.21	-.34
NxGold g	31995	9.08	+.28
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Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TanzRy g	3.41	+.30	+9.6
Crawdad	2.75	+.23	+9.1
Boyd g	2.63	+.19	+7.7
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Losers ($4 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Rexahn	4.05	-.27	-7.1
Benefut	3.30	-.23	-6.5
UranerEn	2.54	-.15	-5.8
Vaxar	4.46	-.25	-5.3
AntheRsh	2.60	-.14	-5.1

Diary	
Advances	181
Declines	[illegible]
Unchanged	[illegible]
Total issues	[illegible]
New Highs	[illegible]
New Lows	13
Volume	86,107,070

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SirusXM	791864	3.07	-.03
Intel	590444	20.25	-.38
Facebook n	487890	27.28	-1.18
PetroChina	487971	13.68	+.17
Microsft	483317	27.40	-.38

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Losers ($4 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Synaptic	3.06	-1.84	-38.0
Elbit Imc	14.00	-6.07	-30.6
Gerthm	9.47	-2.40	-20.6
TWER	6.90	-1.69	-19.7
PetMed	11.52	-2.31	-16.7

Diary	
Advances	1,761
Declines	1,717
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,578
New Highs	98
New Lows	36
Volume	2,012,671,465

Lawsuit reform supporters tout impact on business climate

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In 1994, Texas saw "out of control lawsuits" and companies that were not expanding, doctors retiring or leaving the state, and Lloyds of London was charging a 20 percent liability surcharge to its Texas clients.

The situation was "ruining the state and would ruin the country," said Dick Weekley, a Houston real estate developer and home builder. "Doctors had to leave because they were getting sued. People left the state. Young companies couldn't expand. I had a friend in New York who wouldn't look at Texas companies. He said Texas companies would pollute his portfolio. We decided to try to change the laws and make them more fair."

He and a group of like-minded businessmen decided to form Texans For Lawsuit Reform, where he serves as co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer. He addressed the Permian Basin Petroleum Association on Thursday to describe the organization's founding and its tactics in achieving tort reform.

Because of their success, "Companies can operate without the fear of a frivolous lawsuit lurking around every corner," said Ben Shepperd, president of the PBPA.

Weekley said the effort began with economic research and market research because "granite-solid research" was needed to support reform efforts. A lobbying team was put together along with a legal team, media team and public relations strategists to help gather grassroots support and business allies. The association also formed a political action committee. Early supporters included Midlanders Ernest Angelo and Clayton Williams, he said, and State Rep. Tom Craddick, of Midland, has worked with the group to pass its legislative goals.

Success came in stages, Weekley said, beginning in 1995 when the Texas Legislature passed proportional reform and venue reform so lawyers couldn't "shop" for the best venue to file a lawsuit. Venue reform was revisited in 2003, as was punitive damage reform and medical liability reform. No contingency fee was passed in 1999 and class action reform and product liability reform in 2003.

In setting about to achieve tort reform, Weekley said he was told personal injury trial lawyers would formidable foes. "This is a big deal; there are billions of dollars at stake," he said. His organization successfully targeted legislators seen as too cozy to trial lawyers or opposed to tort reform, he said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has distributed a list of tort reform goals, and Texas has already achieved most of them, Weekley said. But the organization is always watching for efforts to circumvent tort reform, he said. For example, he said that in late 2006, just before the 2007 legislative session, some lawyers had used a venue loophole to bring lawsuits that were threatening to shut down dredging at the state's ports. In 2009, the association helped reform the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association because of lawyerly manipulation.

Other states have asked the organization for help in their efforts at tort reform, Weekley said, but the effort requires strong volunteer leadership.

"This is a state issue, and it's a national issue," he said, explaining that states across the country are grappling with the issue. "One size won't fit all."

Oil prices down sharply for a 2nd day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices plunged for a second day Thursday, raising hopes that a relentless rise in gasoline prices may slow or reverse at least temporarily.

U.S. benchmark crude oil fell $2.38, or 2.5 percent, to finish at $92.84 per barrel in New York, the second drop of 2 percent in two days. Brent crude, which is used to price oil used to make gasoline in many U.S. refineries, fell $2.07 to end at $113.53.

Crude oil's recent slide is a result of ample supplies and recent speculation that the Federal Reserve may soon allow interest rates to rise, which would reduce the supply of easy cash investors have been using to buy commodities like oil.

The drop in crude hasn't translated into lower pump prices — yet. The average U.S. retail gasoline price rose a penny to $3.78 per gallon Thursday, according to AAA, the Oil Price Information Service, and Wright Express. Gasoline has risen for 34 days straight since averaging $3.29 on Jan. 18.

The two-day plunge in crude and slightly lower wholesale gasoline futures prices are expected to at least slow the rise in pump prices and perhaps push them back slightly.

"We'll get a pause here in the next couple of days, but (prices) will still be higher on St. Patrick's Day than they are now," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at OPIS.

Over the coming weeks gasoline prices are expected to drift higher, as they do nearly every late winter and early spring when refiners close for maintenance and switch to more expensive summer blends.

Linn Energy agrees to buy Berry Petroleum

Houston-based Linn Energy agreed to buy Denver's Berry Petroleum in a $2.5 billion deal that will grow Linn's proved reserves 34 percent, the companies said Thursday.

In the all-stock deal, Linn will expand its presence in the Permian Basin, East Texas, California and the Rockies, as well as pick up a new core area in the Uinta Basin. Berry's reserves are about 75 percent oil.

The deal adds another large source of potential cash to Linn Energy's growing portfolio, incorporating holdings in fields that are expected to provide a steady stream of revenues, Linn CEO Mark Ellis said during a conference call with analysts.

"Berry's high-margin, low-decline asset base is an excellent strategic fit to our current portfolio," Ellis said.

Linn's latest growth announcement left analysts giddy over the company's seemingly contrarian approach as an oil and gas company.

Linn functions as a master limited partnership, which allows it to avoid paying corporate taxes, instead passing on those liabilities to the holders of its units. The structure also limits the company's ability to hold cash for large investments in new oil and gas exploration, which is how most large producers operate.

Instead, Linn distributes its cash to its owners on a regular basis. That makes sources of consistent revenue, even aging wells with low rates of declining production, a more exciting prospect than it would be to other exploration and production companies, said Kevin Smith, an analyst for Raymond James.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $37.52 Down 1.39

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $92.85 Down 1.82

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.29 Up 0.09

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $20.73 Down 0.55

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.75 Down 0.57

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.09 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.75 Down 0.72

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.80 Down 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	20	36.43	-.04	+5.1
Apache	...	...	77.64	-.66	+2.9
Apache pfD	3.00	...	81.25	-.10	+6.2
AMD	...	...	2.60	-.10	+8.3
AmerAir	...	...	1.47	-.05	+5.8
AmerEx	.60	17	64.66	-.10	-.2
Anadarko	.36	28	88.26	-.32	+7.5
AnnPlfm	...	3	57.28	-.28	+3.6
Arrayit	...	19	36.13	+.49	-1.2
Atmos	1.32	17	38.21	-.06	+7.5
Avalonbay	3.40	46	75.11	-.37	-4.3
AvisBudg	...	...	18.29	-.34	+18.6
AT&T&T	1.40	16	37.70	-.11	+7.5
AutoNat	1.74	21	49.27	-.49	+5.9
BP PLC	2.12	8	40.19	-.65	-3.0
BancDCom	1.20e	...	16.97	-.13	+7.5
BankAm	.04	41	11.42	-.38	+11.5
BankFla	...	...	23.27	-.44	-3.8
BankEcon	...	20	14.35	-.59	+25.5
BankNY A	...	17	25.48	-.08	+12.2
BarryPet	.32	...	46.02	+7.49	+37.2
BerkHathB	1.60	19	89.79	-.39	+12.3
BerkHathF	...	...	7.20	-.05	+12.7
BestBuy	1.00	31	20.69	-.29	+5.9
BioMedR n	1.00e	28	17.97	-.75	+8.3
BlackHills	1.20	26	40.60	-.28	+9.1
CVS Care	.50f	17	51.86	+.01	+7.0
Cameron	...	21	63.115	+1.13	+11.2
Caterpillar	2.60	11	91.53	-1.09	+2.1
Celadon g	...	14	6.10	-.01	-.3
Cemex	.50	...	10.26	-.29	+4.0
CntryLink	2.10m	27	34.27	-.34	-12.4
ChesEng	.35	...	20.19	-.05	+21.5
ChkPoint	3.00	9	114.99	...	+9.3
Chevron	4.28	11	116.77	-.38	+2.4
Cimarex	.48	17	68.61	+1.48	+19.2
Cisco	.80	12	20.79	-.35	+5.1
Citigroup	.04	13	47.06	-.57	+7.1
Clayfing	...	26	5.01	-.02	+8.8
CoastDistr n	1.12f	19	6.21	+.02	+6.9
ColgPalm	2.48	23	113.64	+.99	+3.3
ConAgra	1.00	22	30.73	+.07	+14.3
ConstellAen	...	39	46.86	-1.09	+15.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	e2.64	10	58.11	+.66	+.2
CracknB	2.00	15	66.36	+.46	+3.3
CSVelNVSI	...	...	21.57	-.41	+30.0
CrossTim	2.21e	11	27.57	-.09	+2.4
DCP Mid	2.76f	...	45.31	-.71	+8.5
DTE	2.48	18	64.83	-.03	+8.0
Dataram h	...	...	.34	+.04	+3.0
Dawson	...	23	31.29	+.09	+18.8
Dell Inc	.32	10	13.82	-.01	+36.3
DeltaAir	...	11	13.56	-.26	+14.2
DevonE	.80	...	54.89	-1.69	+8.8
DirSCBear	...	...	10.89	+.29	-19.3
Disney	.76f	17	54.17	-.43	+8.8
DowChm	1.88	43	38.84	-.89	-4.8
EMC Cp	...	19	23.41	-.09	-7.5
EOG Res	.76f	59	134.04	-2.38	-6.7
EagleBnk	1.80	18	21.89	-.11	+8.6
Energen	.56f	15	46.40	-.45	+2.9
EngyTrk	3.56	9	46.68	-.16	+8.7
EnPro	...	20	46.62	-.41	+11.2
EnPtPt	2.64f	22	55.91	-.84	+11.6
Ericsson	.35e	...	12.30	-.12	+21.8
EvolPetrol	...	...	23.72	-.34	+8.2
ExxonMbl	2.16	11	88.59	-.39	+2.4
Fairwinds n	...	...	27.26	-1.18	+2.5
FirstTrust	.60	9	15.60	-.23	+2.6
FordM	.30f	9	12.39	-.21	+4.9
FortisCW	...	...	26.67	-.02	+0.0
FrankRes	1.20	10	32.34	+.12	+5.4
Fredman	.40	19	4.02	...	-4.1
FreeportM	...	...	1.85	...	+14.2
GAP	1.24f	20	40.59	+.05	+14.5
GenMotors	...	...	6.73	+.05	+11.2
Gilead	...	...	50.60	+.35	+7.5
GoldCorp	.76	17	33.28	+.05	+10.9
GoldmSch	.87	17	150.01	-.35	+5.4
Grupon	...	...	5.80	+.21	+19.3
HalconRes	...	...	7.27	...	+8.2
Halliblrt	.24f	14	49.77	-.09	+17.5
HewlPack	0.48	23	22.79	+.05	+8.2
HewlettP	.32	...	17.10	+.45	+20.0
HomeDepot	.15	30	68.85	+.15	+7.4
Hormel	1.57e	...	34.25	-.04	-3.0
HuntingB	.10e	...	9.07	-.12	+2.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChina25	.94e	...	38.51	-.33	-4.8
iShEMkts	.74e	...	43.09	-.80	-2.5
iS Euro	1.76e	...	37.86	-.86	+1.4
iShR2K	1.69e	...	89.95	-.88	+6.7
IntegrysE	2.72	18	58.35	-.12	+7.9
Intel	.90	10	20.25	-.48	-3.6
InterDig	.40e	7	43.67	-1.29	+8.3
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	48.25	-.36	+10.5
JohnJn	2.44	20	76.87	+.22	+8.7
KimbClk	3.60f	21	91.89	+.12	+8.6
KindME	5.10f	...	86.35	-1.85	+8.2
KindMM	5.10i	...	81.41	-1.09	+7.9
LegacyRes	2.20f	...	25.75	-.57	+8.2
LuLuLm	...	31	67.67	+.08	+33.6
MdVGold	.40e	...	38.12	+.67	-17.8
McDnld	3.08	18	94.14	+.23	+6.7
Merck	1.72f	20	42.50	-.16	+3.8
Metlife	...	24	37.83	+.08	-.5
MicroEn	...	...	6.09	-.11	-5.4
MKors	...	...	59.00	-2.50	+15.6
MicroT	...	...	7.68	-.20	+21.1
Microsft	.92	15	27.40	-.38	+2.9
MorgStan	.20	...	22.59	-.59	+19.4
Nabors	...	...	16.36	-.31	+13.2
NatFuel	3.17e	...	53.98	-.19	-4.0
NGVenco	.52	11	66.78	-1.06	-2.3
NokiaCp	...	...	3.75	-.07	-5.1
NvMld	.88e	...	15.15	+.05	-.4
NvPBV	.88	...	15.07	+.04	+1.0
NavFl	.88	...	15.10	+.08	+.9
NSTFR	.99e	...	16.19	+.12	+3.9
NTXQI	.73	...	16.09	+.08	+1.6
OcciPet	2.60f	12	89.43	-1.05	+8.9
OfficeDpt	...	...	3.98	-.20	+21.3
Oracle	.24	16	34.28	-.73	+2.9
PacTech	...	18	4.89	+.07	-6.3
PaloAlt	...	...	5.22	-.09	+13.5
PatMfl	.20	12	33.04	-.89	+22.7
Penney	...	...	21.55	+1.36	+8.3
PennWE	.72f	...	16.19	-.42	+3.1
Pentair	.91e	10	13.20	-.02	+7.7
Petrobras	.46e	...	15.19	-.56	-22.0
Pfizer	.92f	14	27.41	-.16	+9.3
PhMrr	.05	84	125.52	-2.32	+17.5
PlainsAA s	2.20f	32	53.82	+.12	+10.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	66.47	-.72	+2.1
Priceline	2.40f	30	699.96	-.62	+.5
PrinEqy	...	8	25.73	-.05	+11.9
PrUVxST rs	...	...	10.63	+.32	-49.1
ProctGam	2.35	20	77.04	-.04	+13.5
RF MicD	...	...	4.61	-.56	+2.9
RangeRs	.16	...	70.15	-.10	+11.7
RegionsFn	.04	11	7.59	-.12	+6.5
RexhMdn	...	27	13.88	+.17	+16.9
Rowan	...	26	34.99	-.70	+11.9
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	65.18	-.39	-5.5
SpdrDJIA	3.37e	...	138.51	-.37	+6.1
SpdrGold	...	...	152.62	+1.18	-5.8
S&P500ETE	3.10e	...	150.42	-.92	+5.6
SabrR	3.62e	12	45.00	-1.91	+13.1
Safeway	.70	11	22.97	+2.84	+27.0
SanderFm	.68	21	59.47	-1.55	+6.1
SandRidge	...	...	5.86	+.04	-7.4
Saipem	...	24	11.15	-.13	+5.8
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	77.43	-1.10	+11.7
SignatAbd	.80f	20	75.89	-.59	+3.1
SiriusXM	.05e	6	3.07	-.03	+6.2
SkywksSol	...	19	21.16	-2.46	+4.2
Smucker	2.08	20	91.90	+.20	+6.6
SprintNex	...	...	5.79	...	+2.1
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	17.52	-.14	+6.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Staples	.44	...	13.29	-.31	+16.6
SunocoLog	2.16f	14	60.89	-.57	+22.4
Symrox	.04	...	2.52	-.04	+2.9
TalismEnp	...	...	12.51	-.17	-7.3
Tesoro	.80f	10	53.26	+1.26	+21.0
3M Co	2.54f	16	102.72	-.49	+10.6
Torchmark	.60	11	55.70	-.22	+8.1
TriContl	.61e	...	17.01	-.10	+6.0
TylerTech	...	65	55.02	-.46	+13.6
UBWV	1.24	17	25.93	+.07	+8.5
Vale SA	1.15e	...	18.41	-.16	-12.2
ValeroE	.80f	12	45.53	+.60	+33.4
VangEmg	.99e	...	43.52	-.50	-2.3
VeriFone	...	31	18.24	-13.65	-38.5
Vodafone	1.53e	...	24.58	-.11	-2.4
Vulcanfl	.04	...	51.99	-.32	-.1
WalMart	1.88f	14	70.26	+1.05	+3.0
Walgrn	1.10	19	41.62	+.92	+12.5
WellsFargo	1.00f	11	35.46	+.36	+3.7
WstnRefin	.48f	23	34.10	-.19	+21.0
WhlpgPet	...	13	48.13	-.46	+11.0
WmCos	1.36f	24	34.08	-.74	+4.1
XcelEngy	1.08	15	28.05	-.18	+8.0
Xerox	.23f	9	7.64	-.02	+18.8
Zynga	...	...	2.96	-.12	+25.4

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14,058.40	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	13,660.62	-46.92	-.34	+5.93	+6.90
6,020.87	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	5,875.56	-45.91	-.78	+10.72	+19.83
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	472.98	-3.07	-.65	+4.30	+4.84
9,004.41	7,222.88	NYSE Composite	8,810.29	-73.33	-.83	+4.34	+8.28
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,381.92	-7.57	-.32	+1.11	-3.08
3,213.80	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,131.49	-32.92	-1.04	+3.71	+5.90
1,530.94	1,266.74	S&P 500	1,502.42	-9.53	-.63	+5.34	+10.10
16,102.65	10,040.92	Wilshire 5000	15,654.82	-111.73	-.70	+5.73	+10.00
902.67	725.75	Russell 2000	905.40	-8.10	-.89	+6.60	+9.19

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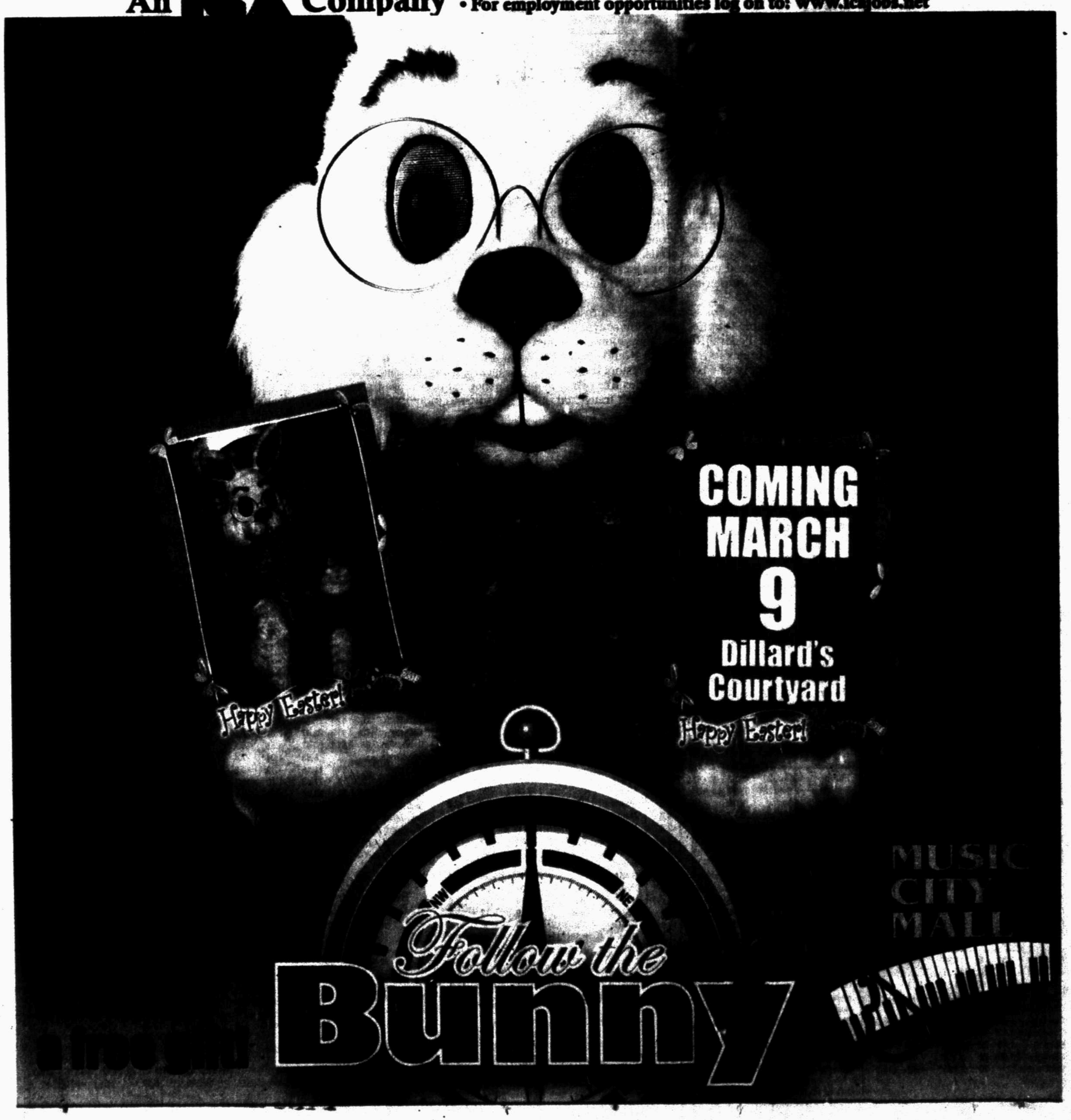

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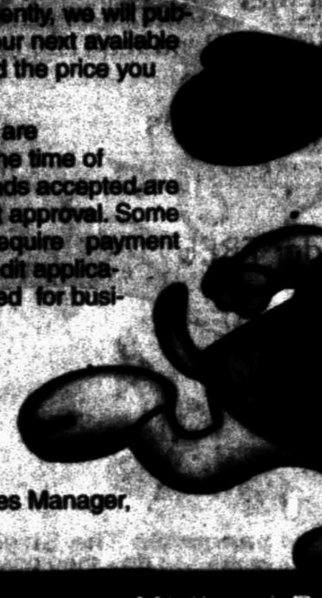

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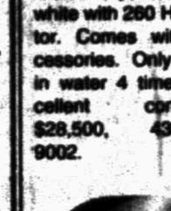

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Furniture: Wurlitzer piano, Maxwell-Royal Italian sofa, slate top tables, bar stools, solid oak pedestal table w/ 4 chairs, 2 recliners, double bed, brass headboard, core lamp.
Antiques: Brownie camera, shoe lasts, pulley, wedge, vintage baby clothes, quilts, lamp table.
Glassware: Hull, American Fostoria, silverplate and much more.
Art: Wall hanging of the Last Supper, Nativity scenes, pictures.
Miscellaneous: Electric fans, file cabinet, office chairs, card tables, tools, ladders, blower, trimmer, water dispenser on stand, good clothes, hats, purses, gloves, lamps, full body massager.
Yard: Patio table w/ 4 chairs, tools, electric lawn mower, blowers, hedge trimmers, and a movable storage shed
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5001 Monticello Court
(North on Garfield, past Loop, Left on Keswick, right on Learmont. Learmont becomes Monticello)
Thursday February 21, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday, February 22, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday, February 23, 8:30am - 12:00pm

This wonderful 3 bed room home, 2500 sq ft with swimming pool is for sale and all the contents. The home is packed with many treasures from all over the world, as the family has traveled extensively and lived over seas. You will not want to miss this sale. Round bed, Dressers, beautiful custom leather sofa, chest of drawers, mirrors, standing jewelry cases, Sterling, porcelain, Germany, England, Limoges, Noritake, Waterford, Lalique, Capo Di Monte, decorator pillows, linens from Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Belgium, France, Germany, art work, tapestry from Dubai, game table, lamps,china cabinet, dining room table and 6 chairs, books, records, leather floor cushions from Egypt, televisions, exercise equipment, lots of lawn furniture, Christmas, clothing, 1947 Motorola television, luggage, vintage art work, carnival glass, vintage jewelry and high end jewelry, Polltical pins, Piano, 2 desks, chairs, glass top round breakfast table with 4 chairs , beautiful dishes, glassware, kitchen items, Ukulele, and much more. Due to the many breakable items and restricted walkways, no children, large purses, or oversize coats will be allowed.
Thanks for your understanding.
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Moving Sale
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(Midland)
Thursday and Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

There are wonderful collectible and antiques in this sale including...costume jewelry, Jim Shore figurines, Willow Tree figures including 2 nativities, Hallmark Keepsake ornaments, Star Trek collectibles, Peanuts collectibles, Barbie collectibles, Precious Moments, milk glass, china, crystal, vintage floor lamp, WB Franklin painting and other art, Avon cosmetics, Cuisen Anna style buffet, leather sofa/love seat, small curio cabinet, Grandfather clock, marble top night stand/small table, antique settee, wardrobe, china cabinet, drop leaf table/chairs, dressing mirror, side chairs, leather top coffee table, much more.
For picture please go to ...
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9:30am TO 5:00pm
Saturday, Feb. 23nd
9:30am to 3:00pm
502 N Lee
Odessa
Commercial Bldg.
Please park on the street.
Victorian(swan arms) settee, Victorian(swan arms) rocker, oak sideboard buffet, round marble table, marble top lamp tables, 1930's radio cabinet, oak German sideboard, chifferobe, oak wash stand, Victorian oak bed, armoire, metal Brentwood rocker , vinyl's, "Hamco"Denim Days, couches ,beds, book selves ,and tables, office chairs, leisure chairs, trash compacter, retro salon dyer, shampoo chairs, adjustable height chairs, Go-Go elite traveler, Jet2 mobile, commercial shedder, Hull tea set, anchor hocking punch bowl with platter, dishes & glass ware, Coach purses, Yamaha Electronic Key Board. Lots of misc.
1st of 2 Sales

Yard & Garage Sales

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1915 SOUTH CR 1083, Greenwood, Sat. 9am-4pm: 4000 sq. ft. of merchandise, benches, variety of tables, chairs, shelves, wrought iron baskets, crosses, suns, stars, pottery, greenery, mirrors, 432-770-1831

605 ECR 129 Friday & Saturday 9am-? Odds & ends, bar stools, chairs, 72 Ventura Pontiac Hotrod, Baseball cards 1948 to 1958, 50's to 80's Hot Rod & Old Western magazines. 684-6767

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2 FAMILY Garage Sale 5225 Brazos Ave Saturday 9am-3pm children's toys, children clothes, car seat, doll house, computer desk, vanity, rug, books, 04 Jeep Grand Cherokee, much more

4402 WOODHOLLOW in Briarwood Sat. 7am-10am. Multi family sale. Pair of antique wood twin beds, antique furniture, kids clothes & toys, rug, old trunk, picture frames, bike & tricycles, chairs, doll house.

5313 RIO Grande Ave. Saturday, Feb. 23rd 7am-? Furniture, baby clothes and baby items, Jr's clothing, free books and household items.

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4300 THOMASON Saturday 8am-2pm BSA Troop 19 Yard Sale
dressers, antique, sewing machines, bicycles, toys, clothes, tv's, twin size bedroom suite, gas industrial 15 gallon bean pots, fire pit, 2 window air condition units. Help send boys to Summer Camp

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MOVING SALE EVERYTHING MUST GO
furniture, yard tools, clothes, dishes, toys and much more!!!!
3404 Roosevelt Ave
Saturday
8am-Noon

79705

1719 E Magnolia Ave. Saturday, 12noon-? Sunday, 10am-? Air conditioning unit, refrig, exercise equipment,miscellaneous household items. 3814 North County Rd. 1130, Sat. Feb. 23rd, 9am-?

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Yard & Garage Sales

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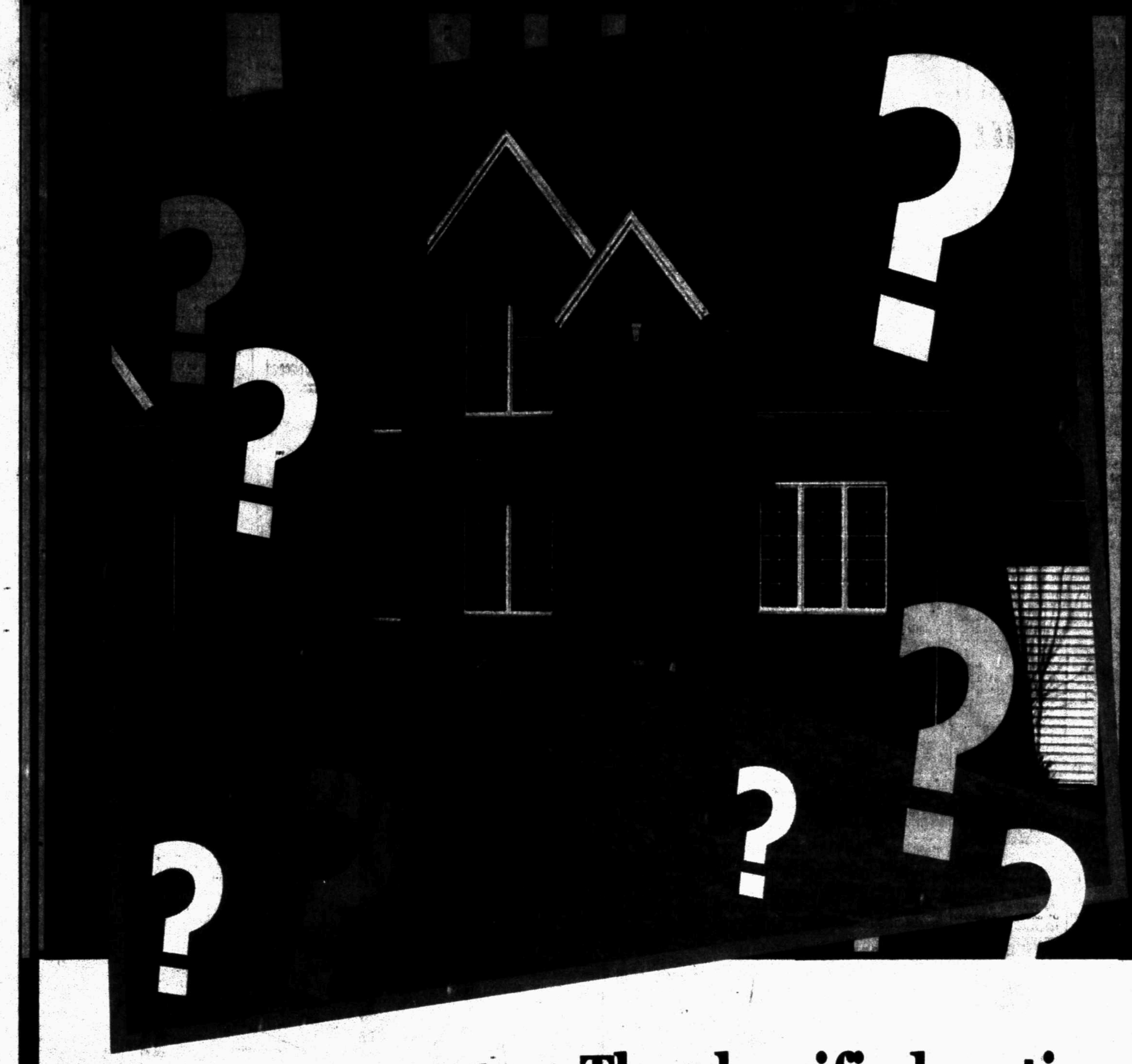

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