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MISD bond-related survey hits mailboxes

Unidentified businessman behind mailer promoting survey about bond, school district

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Large postcards are arriving in mailboxes throughout Midland asking potential voters to complete an online questionnaire about Midland ISD and its future bond elections.

The postcards contain customized Web addresses for each voter to answer questions and weigh in with thoughts and ideas about public education, taxes and taxation, managing growth and expansion and infrastructure needs for Midland.

The postcards were sent with a Lubbock return address, and the question "What's important to you in Midland?" over a picture showing people riding bikes in a place that doesn't appear to be Midland.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said the survey was not initiated by the school district or anyone associated with it.

More on survey

See a list of the questions asked in survey. Page 4A

It also wasn't initiated by Patrick Payton, senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship who volunteered to lead a committee for the bond once the school board calls an election.

However, Payton said he does know a local businessman is behind the survey and it's "not my business to share and not yours to know," who initiated it.

It is expected a political action committee (PAC) will be established as the campaign moves forward to initiate a plan like the one Warren presented to the school earlier this month. As of Tuesday, the paperwork to start one had not been filed.

During the past year, Payton said he's talked with business leaders who are interested in Midland's future and learned most are very interested in housing and education.

"I really believe our community wants to get behind the future of education," Payton said. "The business people I have been talking to — they all have concerns and want to find out how the community will respond to those concerns."

Warren would not comment on who initiated the survey, but he did say surveys like this are not unusual in communities where a bond is being proposed.

"There are many people right now who have said they are committed to helping with this," Warren said. "... It doesn't surprise me a bit that someone in this community

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GONNAFLYNOW?

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Zane Whitley, 3, waits for his uncle, Mark, to untangle the string on his kite Tuesday at Lancaster Park.

Southwest to cut flight to Albuquerque

■ Additional Las Vegas flight will be tested in October.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Midland residents won't be able to fly directly to Albuquerque, N.M., starting in August after Southwest Airlines announced it will eliminate the nonstop flight.

Officials said the flight's load factor was at about 58 percent, which means an average of 70 people were taking the Albuquerque flight each day. Southwest told Midland International Airport staff the flight needed a 75 percent load factor to break even, said Justine Ruff, deputy director of airports. The airline's other nonstop Midland flights exceed that level, she said.

More on airport

Company to bring renovated food court to airport March 1. Page 4A

For Southwest, its spokesman Brad Hawkins said, the economics of the Albuquerque flight simply don't justify its continuation.

"The volatile fuel landscape, which West Texans are so familiar with, really makes it difficult for us to operate some service where the economics are already marginal," he said. "You throw in the high cost of fuel and it just doesn't make it economically viable for us to continue Albuquerque-Midland."

Until August, passengers still will be able to fly from Midland to Albuquerque on a non-stop 6:40 a.m. flight. The returning non-stop flight leaves New Mexico at 8:05 p.m. daily, according to Southwest Airlines.

Ruff said the change is unfortunate.

"It's disappointing to us because our westbound service is very important," Ruff said, speaking Tuesday to the Permian Basin Regional Airport Planning and Development Board.

Typically, Ruff said, when a flight is lost it does not get reinstated. In past years, Midland has seen its nonstop Austin flight

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Oil business must wait for final plat approval

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

An oil and gas business will have to wait another few weeks to receive a zone change decision from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Venture Companies requested a change in zoning for its about 10-acre tract at Highway 80 and Elkins Road. The property is currently zoned an agricultural estate district and company leaders want to see it become a commercial district so the facilities on the lot can be expanded.

"We hope that this would be something you all deem reasonable," said Chris Walker, distribution manager with Venture Companies.

Walker said Venture Companies consists of several different endeavors, of which one is a drilling fluid business. In finding a property, it looked for a place with space to grow and one that was accessible, he said.

Already the business employs about 70 people, Walker said, and if able to expand they likely would add another 30 to 40 people.

Neighbors, though, said while they understand the need for growth, they don't want increased traffic and noise. There were three letters of opposition sent in from the 10 property owners notified about the zone change request, city staff said.

"There's a lot of noise," resident Ernest Gomez said. "If they get a commercial zone they'll be able to do anything they want."

Others said they don't want to see more truck traffic and dust they believe the business creates.

Cameron Walker, planning division manager, said city staff struggled with the request. But, he said, the property is near a tank farm and in an area where it doesn't necessarily make sense to require planned districts that would allow for the city to have more oversight on any additions or building that takes place.

"When you look around that entire corridor it's hard to suggest that each one of those properties ought to be a planned district," Walker said.

After some discussion, commissioners agreed unanimously to defer the item until they could look at the property and determine what's best.

Initially, Royce Watkins said he was

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Texas farmer woes

Rice farmers face the likelihood officials won't release water from two Austin-area lakes into the rivers and canals they use for irrigation. STATE/3A

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Man allegedly breaks pregnant woman's jaw in bar fight

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A 23-year-old pregnant woman was transported to the hospital for injuries Sunday night after she was assaulted in a bar.

Powell

Casey Vincent Powell, 33, was charged with a second-degree felony aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. A 28-year-old woman also allegedly was involved with the assault and charged with a simple misdemeanor of public intoxication. It is the Reporter-Telegram's policy not to disclose the identity of those arrested for misdemeanors.

Powell was arrested Sunday around 11:30 p.m. after off-duty Midland police officers working security at Torino's Pizza Bar in the 3300 block of North Midkiff Road were alerted to a fight in the upstairs bar. Officers detained several people during the investigation, according to the arrest affidavits.

The off-duty officers said they noticed a severe gash on the pregnant woman's chin, her bleeding gums and that her bottom teeth were displaced. The victim told officers that she was joking with the 28-year-old, but because of the woman's level of intoxication she took the victim's jokes the wrong way. The victim added that the woman punched her in the jaw and then the woman's boyfriend threw a highball glass, like a baseball, at her face, the report continued.

Two witnesses corroborated the pregnant woman's story and a third witness was said to observe Powell's alleged assault. The victim was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for stitches. Hospital staff also told the investigating officers the victim's jaw probably was fractured.

Both the woman and her boyfriend were transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center. Both have been released. Powell was bailed out of a jail on a $50,000 bond Monday.

If convicted of the second-degree felony of aggravated assault, Powell could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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Man charged with arson allegedly watched apartment fire

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Newly released documents concerning this past weekend's suspected arsonist allege the man sat in the bed of his pickup watching the blaze after starting the fire at the Hunters Glen Apartments while drunk early Saturday morning.

Munoz

Sadat Ivan Munoz, 29, remains in custody on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of arson and a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.

A witness told investigating officers the man sitting in his truck across the street watching the blaze, later identified as Munoz, was circling the apartment shortly before the fire. When officers approached the man, they said he was emitting a "strong odor of a chemical that was possibly a flammable liquid," according to Munoz's arrest report.

Munoz was allegedly a friend of the victim whose apartment he is accused of setting on fire. Midland police officers found a lighter and an "item that had been soaked in a flammable liquid," the report continued.

Fire Investigator James Howard found the presence of an accelerant on the carpet in the dining room using a combustible gas detector. The blaze was quickly extinguished and only affected a small area. No other residents in the building were affected by the fire, but the two adult victims were displaced.

Munoz was transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center for the second-degree felony where he remains, as of press time Tuesday, on a $50,000 bond. If convicted, he could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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MC looks to use hybrids in auto program

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

If grant funding comes through as expected, Midland College's automotive technology program will expand to include hybrid technology.

Pending receipt of grant funding from the Jobs and Education for Texans program, Midland College will purchase a 2012 hybrid Ford Fusion and 2012 hybrid Chevrolet Tahoe, as approved during the regular meeting of the board of trustees.

Organized by the Texas Comptroller's office, the grants help purchase cutting-edge equipment needed for high-demand career and technical education programs at Texas community colleges and technical schools.

Midland College will know whether they received the grant funding Tuesday but needed to get approval from the board now so they can immediately put in a purchase order if grant funding is approved, said Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services.

The possible expansion is something Automotive Technology Dean Curt Pervier said will be implemented into nearly every class and impact curriculum by 30 percent.

"We will be able to introduce hybrids into the program and teach students the future of automotive technology," Pervier said, noting the college only has a Toyota Prius for students to learn with right now.

In December 2009, the automotive technology department received $144,500 from the comptroller's office for a diesel program.

Pervier said that grant allowed them to change the diesel program from a certificate to an associate of applied sciences, which has been very beneficial for students.

Also at the meeting, the board:

■ Approved six personnel appointments and accepted seven letters of resignation and retirement.

■ Approved renewal of 2012-13 contracts for administrators in the institutional effectiveness, public information and media, student services, administrative services, instruction and information technology and facilities departments. Vice presidents were also awarded a contract renewal.

■ Approved a policy revision regarding competitive bidding.

■ Approved purchase of Alaris Medical Equipment totaling $43,410 for the FMH SimLife Center.

■ Approved purchase of Cisco network switches and related network equipment from Computer Solutions of San Antonio for $96,497.

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Rock the Desert releases lineup for Tebow event

From staff reports

Contemporary Christian artist Jimmy Needham and Christian rapper Trip Lee have been confirmed as the opening musical acts at the April 22 event featuring Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, Rock the Desert officials announced Tuesday.

The two musical acts will perform before Tebow takes the stage at Grande Communications to speak, which will be followed by a performance by Grammy Award-winning band Switchfoot including music from its latest album "Vice Verses." Needham's single featuring Lee, "Grace Amazing," won mtvU's Best Freshman Video of the Week in early February.

The event is a ministry effort between Rock the Desert and Stonegate Fellowship, and entrance will be free. The Rev. Patrick Payton said the two entities were excited to "offer such an opportunity for a celebration of life and encouragement to our city and surrounding communities" in a statement on the church's website.

Rock the Desert officials also announced Tuesday the lineup for its 13th annual festival, Don't Stop Believin,' which is set tfor Aug. 2-4. Thursday's headliner will be the Whosoevers, featuring heavy metal musician Brian "Head" Welch, and Needtobreathe, which won a Dove Award for group of the year in both 2010 and 2011, will headline Friday. Billboard's 2011 Top Christian Artist and Texan native Chris Tomlin will play Saturday night before Grammy-nominated Relient K takes the stage. For more information and bands on this summer's festival lineup, check out the Reporter-Telegram's Religion section Friday.

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Man guilty in sexual assault of ex-neighbor

Associated Press

WEATHERFORD — A man who abducted his former neighbor and tortured the woman while holding her captive for nearly two weeks was convicted Tuesday.

Jeffrey Allan Maxwell, 59, faces up to life in prison after being found guilty of aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Jurors, who took less than an hour to convict Maxwell, will hear more evidence during the trial's punishment phase set to begin Wednesday.

After the judge read the verdict, the victim shared hugs with some people in the courtroom and later smiled. She declined comment.

She testified last week that Maxwell abducted her from her rural home at gunpoint March 1 after beating her in the face and shackling her hands and legs. Then he drove 100 miles away to his Corsicana house, 50 miles south of Dallas. She was rescued 12 days later when authorities went to question him about her disappearance after her house burned down.

The woman told jurors that he whipped her and sexually assaulted her on a deer-skinning device in his garage and that she endured several more assaults as she was held captive for 12 days. She testified that he kept her chained to a bed and gagged during the first several days, and one day he locked her in a wooden box when he left to run errands.

She said Maxwell got sick after she'd been there about eight days, so he stopped the assaults and then left her unrestrained during the day when they were in the same room.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Judge rules terror bomb suspect is competent

A Saudi man accused of trying to make a weapon of mass destruction and targeting former President George W. Bush's home in Dallas is mentally competent to stand trial, a federal judge in Texas ruled Tuesday.

Aldawsari

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings issued his ruling in Lubbock after prosecutors in the case against Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari submitted a report from his psychiatric evaluation.

His defense offered no argument but asked that the report be sealed. Cummings ordered it sealed.

Aldawsari's trial is scheduled to begin April 30 in Lubbock.

Court documents allege the U.S. college student, who was legally in the country, had been planning to attack various sites including in New York City and the former president's home.

Aldawsari, 21, has pleaded not guilty. His attorney says he plans to use an insanity defense.

The Justice Department said Aldawsari, who studied chemical engineering, bought explosive chemicals online as part of a plan to create bomb materials. A North Carolina chemical company reported suspicious purchases by Aldawsari to the FBI.

According to court documents, Aldawsari listed 12 reservoir dams in Colorado and California in emails he apparently sent to himself. He also wrote an email that mentioned "Tyrant's House" with the address of Bush's home. An FBI affidavit said Aldawsari considered using infant dolls and baby carriages to hide explosives and was possibly targeting a nightclub with a backpack filled with explosives.

Aldawsari entered the U.S. in October 2008 from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to study chemical engineering at Texas Tech University. He transferred to nearby South Plains College, where he was studying business. A Saudi industrial company, which was not identified in court documents, was paying his tuition and living expenses in the U.S.

Saudi Basic Industries Corp., a Riyadh-based company was paying Aldawsari a monthly stipend and covered his housing, food, tuition and health care costs, the Amarillo Globe-News reported shortly after the young man's arrest.

Aldawsari also studied at an English language center at Vanderbilt University.

DAYTON

Authorities say children tied to bed

The eight children confined in a small, dark bedroom with a piece of plywood over the window included two 2-year-olds tied to a bed and a 5-year-old girl "in a restraint on a filthy mattress," the child welfare worker who discovered them said in a court document.

The 5-year-old was legally blind and "appeared to be in a daze," the worker said. The girl was among 11 children removed from the 1,700-square-foot home where authorities said more than 20 people lived in Dayton, about 40 miles northeast of Houston. The 10 adults in the home may have included a sex offender who listed it as his address on the state registry.

The children ranged in age from 5 months to 11 years. Two of the youngest had what authorities feared was pneumonia and were taken to a hospital, the court document said. Another child had a black eye and a missing tooth.

The children in the bedroom had been bound around the chest and tied to the bed, leaving them only 1 to 2 feet for movement, the document said. Adults in the home told investigators they "tie the children up for safety" at night and during daytime naps, but one of the children said he typically was kept in the room for up to three days, it said.

Child Protective Services spokeswoman Gwen Carter said Tuesday that three children who were 5 or older had not been enrolled in school. A month after the raid on the house, authorities are still trying to determine how the children are related and why they were there.

"Our primary concern was to make sure that the children were stable and safe," Carter said. All have been placed in foster care.

No one has been charged in the case, but a criminal investigation is in progress, police said.

Liberty County District Attorney Mike Little said his office would present a case to a grand jury next month, but he declined to discuss possible suspects or charges.

A man and three women who left the house Tuesday refused to talk to media outside. Relatives reached by the Associated Press declined to comment or didn't respond to phone messages.

Mark E. Marsh III, who was convicted in Michigan 15 years ago of criminal sexual conduct with a 15-year-old girl, listed the home as his residence on Texas' online sex offender registry.

Agency likely to cut water to rice farms

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

LISSIE — Five generations of Ronald Gertson's family have tilled the clay-like soil of southeast Texas to grow rice, confident that no matter how fickle Mother Nature was, there would be one constant: water to irrigate their crop.

Until now.

For the first time since Gertson's great-grandfather made his way from Denmark through Kansas to the flat, coastal area south of Houston, his family faces the likelihood officials won't release water from two Austin-area lakes into the rivers and canals they use for irrigation.

Thousands of farmers in Texas' rice-producing region are likely to be affected by action taken in response to one of the most severe droughts in state history. With water management agencies implementing emergency plans never used before, the Lower Colorado River Authority is widely expected to announce March 1 that it will not release water to rice farmers in three counties.

"This is the very first time this has happened," Gertson said. "Rice irrigation was here before LCRA ever existed."

Texas usually produces about 5 percent of the nation's rice. Production also is dropping this year in the other five major rice-growing states, including No. 1 Arkansas, as farmers are pressed by rising production costs and dropping prices.

Gertson said he can grow about a third of his rice with groundwater. If he pushes it, he might get about 45 percent of the acres he normally plants. But he and other farmers are already looking at what they can do to cut costs and make it through what's clearly going to be a hard year.

Pat Sullivan/AP

Ron Gertson stands beside one of his John Deere tractors Feb. 8 at his rice farm in Lissie. With Texas in one of the worst droughts in its history, water officials are expected to announce March 1 that they won't release irrigation water for thousands of farmers in the state's rice-growing region.

The three counties unlikely to receive irrigation water — Wharton, Colorado and Matagorda — are some of the poorest in the state, with poverty levels above the national average. Typically, they account for 35 to 45 percent of the 160,000 to 200,000 acres normally dedicated to rice farming in Texas.

Many farmers in the region alternate between growing rice and ranching, but those with cattle sold off much of their livestock last year as the drought parched rangeland and pushed up hay prices. That leaves them with few alternatives now.

Gertson and thousands of other farmers have started preparing for the worst. They're sifting through insurance papers, trying to figure out how to claim an unprecedented crop failure. They believe insurance will cover 20 percent to 25 percent of their lost sales, about $1,400 per acre.

But many of their costs will be the same this year as in ones without drought: fuel, monthly loan payments on combines and rent on land they might not even get to farm.

"We've cut back just about everything we can," said Billy Hefner, who has an 1,100-acre rice farm and ranch in Garwood that provides the sole income for him and his two sons.

Hefner can irrigate 90 acres with well water. He might be able to get water for another 400 or so acres because his farm has senior water rights along the river, and LCRA could decide to provide 40 percent to 45 percent of the water farmers with senior rights need. In the best case, only half of his business will be affected by LCRA's decision, he said.

"Or I could be down to the 90 acres," he added, pulling his baseball cap over his sun weathered face.

Gertson, who has a crop spraying operation along with farming and ranching 8,000 acres with his four brothers, has already told one of his two pilots he won't be needed this year and dropped the $50,000-a-year insurance policy on one of the two planes. Normally, the family business would apply fertilizer and pesticides to about 15,000 acres in the area. Instead, it's preparing to cover 3,500.

Determined to keep the flight service's six other employees working, Gertson's family has started preparing pipelines used in underground water wells since the drought has spurred drilling. They're also doing maintenance and other work usually done in the offseason or that hasn't been gotten to in years.

"We're not gonna turn anyone loose," Gertson said. "We're going to handle this one year at a time. We can't even think of this going on for two years."

To turn the tide in Texas, Mother Nature needs to dump 5 to 8 inches of rain in the Hill Country to produce about 32.6 billion gallons of runoff into the region's lakes, LCRA meteorologist Bob Rose said. It's possible, but Rose "wasn't very optimistic" about it happening soon.

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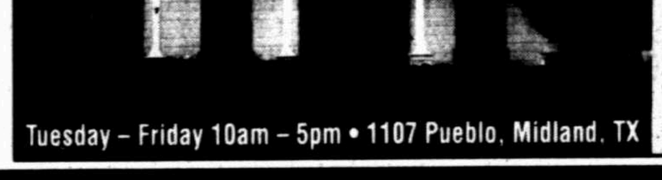

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Ash Wednesday

In western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days before Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers.

Source: http://christianity.about.com/

For more information on Ash Wednesday in Midland, see a related story in today's West Texas Living section.

Meetings schedule

Midland Coalition
11:30 a.m. today
Palmer Drug Abuse Program building
1208 W. Wall St.
Note: Anyone concerned about underage drinking and substance abuse is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming education meetings

■ The Midland ISD school board will hold a special workshop at 6 p.m. Sunday to look at the $158 million bond proposal. The meeting will take place in the MISD boardroom, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

■ A public forum to raise awareness of the local impact of budget cuts and possible community solutions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Cogdell Learning Center, 201 W. Florida St. Speakers include Midland College President Steve Thomas, MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, Larry Carroll of Permian Basin Community Centers and Joanne Mundy from the Department of State Health Services.

Community calendar

■ The Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series presents David Hickman, Midland Fire Department's assistant fire marshal, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Hickman will address the department's involvement in the wildfires that plagued Texas last year.

For more information call 683-4403 or go to www.petroleummuseum.org.

■ ODESSA — Shrimptest, for the benefit of Ellen Noël Art Museum, is planned for 7 p.m. Monday at Ector County Coliseum Building G.

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

General admission tickets are $35 and can be purchased at the museum or online at www.noelartmuseum.org. Sponsor tables are available for $1,200, $3,000 or $5,000. These tables include admission to the sponsor-only cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 550-9696.

■ Midland Need to Read has scheduled tutor training for prospective volunteers at 1709 W. Wall St. The sessions are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday or 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1.

Lunch will be served on Wednesday.

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

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 15 for first- through sixth-graders.

This month's featured book is "Jake Drake, Bully Buster" Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Lake levels report

Representing totals from mid February 2011-12

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	43.49	31.64	17.82
Thomas	5.37	5.47	1.28
Spence	4.76	0.44	0.46

Note: Ivie rose from 17.51 to 17.82 percent full in the last week after receiving 2.8 inches of rain.

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 10.5 million
Midland: daily average last week 11.333 million
Midland: daily average last year 13.805 million
Odessa: daily average this week 12.706 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

MPD swearing-in ceremony

The Midland Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony Tuesday for recent graduates Jake Owens and Kenan Goodnight.

They will move on to the Field Training Officer (FTO) program as probationary police officers (PPO) for 18 weeks. During this time, Owens and Goodnight will be teamed up with experienced officers and are rated daily on their performance in the field, as well as paper work.

Source: MPD

It's your birthday

Miranda Gonzales, of Midland, turns 12 today.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 1-8-3
Pick 3 night: 0-5-7
Daily 4 day: 6-3-4-3
Daily 4 night: 4-4-6-9
Cash Five: 2-4-10-26-37
Mega Millions: 9-30-39-42-47 MB: 37 Megaplier: 3

Today in history

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2012. There are 313 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

SURVEY

From 1A

would step up to get this ball rolling and get the sentiment rolling in the community."

Though he said he was unfamiliar with the contents of the survey, Payton said he believes it was created to "help us be able to know what Midlanders think and how they respond to different ideas, including the board and of having committees."

Whenever a community proposes a bond election about any issue, Warren said one of the most important things is you know the feelings of the community.

The survey will collect the attitudes of a sample population in Midland. Those results may affect the actions a committee would take in the future, according to Payton.

Questions on this survey include:

■ If a bond election were held in May of 2012 would you vote in the election?

■ What is your perception of the current Midland ISD Board and administration and the current direction MISD is headed?

■ MISD is considering a $158 million bond election that would make infrastructure and technology improvements to every elementary school facility in the district. If approved, the additional tax on a $150,000 house would be approximately $87 per year. If the election were held today, how would you vote on this request?

■ Would the creation of an Independent Bond Oversight Committee made up of community leaders not connected with MISD make you more comfortable voting for a proposed bond election?

"Hopefully it will be invaluable information about how the community will approach this subject," Payton said.

The information collected from the survey will be shared with the committee once a bond election is called and the committee is formed, Payton said.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

Questions on MISD bond survey

Please describe your current living situation.
- ❑ Young adult with children
- ❑ Young adult without children
- ❑ Mature family with children at home
- ❑ Mature family and no children at home

If a bond election were held in May of 2012 would you vote in the election?
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Undecided

What is your perception of the current Midland ISD board and administration and the current direction MISD is headed?
- ❑ Definitely moving in the right direction
- ❑ Seem to be moving in the right direction
- ❑ Unclear as to where they are headed
- ❑ Not sure if they are moving in the right direction
- ❑ Definitely not moving in the right direction

Considering the large growth of students in MISD, do you feel that improving the technology and building infrastructure is necessary to keep pace and to improve the educational outcomes in our district?
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

Whose opinion do you trust the most regarding Midland ISD news and analysis?

School Board President Jay Isaacs
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

School Superintendent Ryder Warren
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

MISD teachers you know
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

Choose your main source of news:
- ❑ Direct mail
- ❑ Newspaper
- ❑ Television
- ❑ Radio
- ❑ Internet
- ❑ Other trustworthy MISD news source

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- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Undecided

If voters approve new elementary schools, who do you think should be honored for his or her role in education by having a school named in his/her honor?

Would you be interested in serving on one of the committees supporting the bond election?
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

FLIGHT

From 1A

— which at the time had an about 39 to 40 percent load factor — grounded. A nonstop El Paso connection also was canceled.

Starting in August, passengers will fly through Dallas to reach Albuquerque, Hawkins said.

Lubbock and Amarillo also are losing their Albuquerque flights, Ruff said.

Those who utilized the Albuquerque flight to reach Denver, California or another western destination can fly through either Dallas or Las Vegas, Hawkins said. From Midland, Southwest also offers nonstop flights to Houston.

Ruff said Southwest will test out an additional non-stop flight to Las Vegas in October. The flight will be available for a month and then Southwest will decide whether to add it into the rotation, Ruff said.

During the first weekend in March, for example, Midlanders can catch a nonstop flight to Las Vegas only at noon.

On each Saturday in October, they'll be able to leave at 12:55 p.m. or at 3:30 p.m., Ruff said.

In March, the returning nonstop flight on Sunday leaves Las Vegas for Midland at 11:50 a.m. In October, there will be flights departing for Midland at 10:40 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Ruff said.

Hawkins said Las Vegas continues to be one of Southwest's top two destinations for travelers.

"It's either been Chicago or Vegas for the last five years," he said.

In Midland, Ruff said the nonstop flight to Las Vegas typically is sold out each Friday.

Ruff said she, Director of Airports Marvin Esterly and a consultant met with Southwest Airlines staff earlier this month and were assured that despite the changes, Southwest plans to continue investing in Midland's market.

"We're one of the most cost effective cities that they fly to," she said.

Hawkins agreed.

"Midland-Odessa certainly is one of our most long-served cities. It's very important to the Southwest network," he said. "We're deeply committed to putting planes and people in the places our customers show us they're needed."

Still, several passengers who heard the news Tuesday were less than pleased at the Albuquerque change.

Jodi Redmon told the Reporter-Telegram through its Facebook page that she uses the Albuquerque flight to bring her closer to her parents' home in Farmington, N.M.

Others said the nonstop flight was great if they were wanting to spend a weekend in Sante Fe and still others said they relied on the service to connect to other cities.

"I fly back and forth to Albuquerque all the time and that flight is always packed. Really a bummer they are doing away with it," Lori Stromberg said.

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Southwest stats

Total enplanements in Midland:
January 2012: 20,493
January 2011: 20,104
Seats available:
January 2012: 39,527
January 2011: 40,579

Source: Permian Basin Regional Airport Planning and Development Board report.

Company to renovate airport food court

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The food court at Midland International Airport will undergo a renovation on March 1.

Creative Food Group LLC., based in New York, bought out the contract for food vending services at Midland International Airport and will refurbish the area and change out the menu during the first part of March, said Justine Ruff, deputy director of airports.

Roger Schwandtner, managing partner and business development for Creative Food Group, said there are significant changes needed and they're eager to introduce a new look and products to the second floor eatery.

"We will take the food court and change it to our market fresh concept," he said. "This particular concept has been very successful."

The menu will include everything from made-to-order sandwiches to salads, wraps, baked goods, desserts, snacks and "grab-and-go" meals, he said. Fresh fruit and health bars also will be available.

The Market Fresh concept is meant to make passengers feel like they are in a fresh supermarket.

New paint and wall coverings will be applied to the area and digital menus installed at each station, Schwandtner said.

They also will tweak the hours to ensure those going out on the earliest flights can purchase food, which isn't always the case now, he said.

The current offerings will mostly disappear. Creative Food Group will offer flat bread pizza instead of the pizza available now.

The company will start refurbishing the area on March 1 and plans to spend three days redesigning the space and training staff before re-opening to passengers, Schwandtner said.

Creative Food Group started out with a small coffee shop at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York and has since grown to include more than 25 stores and locations.

Schwandtner said they're continuing to expand into airports and already have seen the Fresh Market concept succeed in other terminals.

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PLAT

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ready to approve the request Monday while Commissioner Antonio Carrillo said he was prepared to deny the request.

Commissioner Jane Wolf said the request is an example of what can occur when the oil and gas industry is booming. While they want to support industry, Wolf said she also won't be opposed to requiring a planned district that will give the city the ability to review sight plans while still allowing the business to move forward.

"Our charge is to ensure that Midland's future is as bright as our past has been," she said.

In other business, commissioners:

■ Approved a final plat for the third phase of Betenbough Home's Legends Park development near Tradewinds Boulevard. In total, the development will include about 320 lots over each of its four phases.

■ Approved a preliminary plat request for an addition at Southwest Baptist Church near State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

■ Approved a preliminary plat request for an addition at the City of Midland Aquatics near "A" Street and Wadley Avenue.

■ Denied a request from Kenny Urias for a specific use permit for an accessory building for living and sleeping quarters at a home on the east side of Skyline Drive.

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Homeland Security chief reviews South Texas border operations

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

MCALLEN — The recent reviews of deportation cases to focus on illegal immigrants who have committed crimes or previously been deported is a necessity and shouldn't demoralize U.S. Border Patrol agents, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors have been reviewing thousands of deportation cases in recent months in an effort to focus resources on such cases. That has left many immigrants who have lived in the U.S. illegally for years in a legal limbo, neither achieving legal status nor facing immediate deportation.

Napolitano, a former Arizona governor, told reporters at a Border Patrol station five miles from the Rio Grande that recently apprehended illegal immigrants remain a priority, but that existing cases must be prioritized to make best use of resources.

"We want to protect public safety and protect the integrity of the immigration system," Napolitano said. "We want to prioritize removing from the country those who have committed crimes in addition to violating our nation's immigration laws."

George McCubbin III, president of the National Border Patrol Council that represents agents, echoed the rank-and-file agents' concerns about using more discretion in deportation cases.

"It's just another tool for the administration to allow people to stay here," said McCubbin, a Border Patrol agent assigned to the Tucson, Ariz., sector. "It's a backdoor way toward the overall goal, which is amnesty."

Before Napolitano spoke, about 30 people from local civil rights organizations protested outside carrying signs calling for immigration reform, something Napolitano repeated in her remarks.

Sergio Narvaez, a 63-year-old from Mission, said people who come to work should be respected and deportations should be halted except for those convicted of crimes.

Data released Tuesday by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University showed that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement initiated 39,331 deportation cases in the final three months of 2011 — about one third fewer than in the previous quarter. Even adjusted for seasonal variance, it appeared there were about 10,000 fewer cases than would be expected, according to a statement from TRAC.

"Even with fewer filings there is little evidence that these cases are being better targeted toward serious criminals," the statement said.

Earlier Tuesday, Napolitano met with area border sheriffs. She said they confirmed that U.S. border communities have so far avoided anything approaching the level of drug-related violence seen across the border in Mexico.

"There are undoubtedly some crimes that occur that are related to drugs, let me not underestimate that," Napolitano said. "We know. But the kind of violence that you're seeing on the Mexican side where it's really cartel on cartel, cartel against law enforcement in a sustained, organized way, that kind of spillover violence we have not seen."

"I think we can be ahead of and will be ahead of any kind of systemic spillover violence," she added.

Acting Customs and Border Protection Commissioner David Aguilar, who is from the area, said he invited Napolitano to see the challenges on this part of the border, among them the distinctive terrain along the winding Rio Grande.

During her day and a half visit Napolitano reviewed port of entry operations at the Pharr International Bridge and flew above the Rio Grande.

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

White House typo has Biden headed to 'Road Island'

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The vice president is hitting the road — to what the White House wrote as "Road Island," mistakenly spelled R-O-A-D instead of R-H-O-D-E.

A release outlining Joe Biden's plans for the week showed him traveling to Provilence in misspelled "Road Island" on Thursday for a campaign event. The vice president is scheduled to visit Boston and Manchester, N.H., on the same day. No misspellings there.

An updated schedule sent out by the White House on Monday night noted the correct spelling of the state.

WASHINGTON

NRC officials doubted US claim on Japan crisis

Top Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials debated the accuracy of public statements made by the agency's chairman about a pool holding spent fuel rods at a crippled Japan nuclear plant, newly released transcripts show.

NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko told Congress the pool was dry, which would have increased the chances of a catastrophic radioactive release. The claim — which drew immediate denials from Japanese officials and later proved to be wrong — was a key reason for a U.S. recommendation that Americans within 50 miles of the plant leave the area.

After Jaczko's testimony, a top NRC official in Japan told Jaczko his statement was "probably inaccurate."

The official later said he was unsure, telling Jaczko: "It may not have been dry, but it certainly wasn't full" of water.

The NRC on Tuesday released more than 3,000 pages of transcripts showing the agency's response in the days following the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which triggered the worst nuclear crisis in a quarter century.

COLORADO

3 teenagers hit by school bus

GOLDEN — Three teenagers have been hit by a school bus in a crosswalk.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said they have all been taken to St Anthony's hospital. The Colorado State Patrol said the teenagers are all in moderate condition.

The accident happened around 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday while the teenagers were crossing the street. The bus driver was not injured, and there were no children on the bus.

Justices will review racial preference for college

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is setting an election-season review of racial preference in college admissions, agreeing Tuesday to consider new limits on the contentious issue of affirmative action programs.

A challenge from a white student who was denied admission to the University of Texas flagship campus will be the high court's first look at affirmative action in higher education since its 2003 decision endorsing the use of race as a factor.

This time around, a more conservative court could jettison that earlier ruling or at least limit when colleges may take account of race in admissions.

In a term already filled with health care, immigration and political redistricting, the justices won't hear the affirmative action case until the fall.

But the political calendar will still add drama. Arguments probably will take place in the final days of the presidential election campaign.

A broad ruling in favor of the student, Abigail Fisher, could threaten affirmative action programs at many of the nation's public and private universities, said Vanderbilt University law professor Brian Fitzpatrick.

A federal appeals court upheld the Texas program at issue, saying it was allowed under the high court's decision in Grutter vs. Bollinger in 2003 that upheld racial considerations in university admissions at the University of Michigan Law School.

But there have been changes in the Supreme Court since then. For one thing, Justice Samuel Alito appears more hostile to affirmative action than his predecessor, Sandra Day O'Connor. For another, Justice Elena Kagan, who might be expected to vote with the court's liberal-leaning justices in support of it, is not taking part in the case.

Kagan's absence probably is a result of the Justice Department's participation in the Texas case in the lower courts at a time when she served as the Obama administration's solicitor general.

Fisher, of Sugar Land, Texas, filed a lawsuit along with another woman when they were denied admission at the university's Austin campus. They contended the school's race-conscious policy violated their civil and constitutional rights. By then, the two had enrolled elsewhere.

The other woman has since dropped out of the case. The state has said that Fisher is a Louisiana State University senior whose impending graduation should bring an end to the lawsuit. But the Supreme Court appeared not to buy that argument Tuesday.

The Project on Fair Representation, which opposes the use of race in public policy, has helped pay Fisher's legal bills. "This case presents the Court with an opportunity to clarify the boundaries of race preferences in higher education or even reconsider whether race should be permitted at all under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection," said Edward Blum, the group's director.

The project also issued a statement in Fisher's name. "I hope the court will decide that all future UT applicants will be allowed to compete for admission without their race or ethnicity being a factor," she said.

Most entering freshmen at Texas are admitted because they are among the top 10 percent in their high school classes. Fisher's grades did not put her in that category.

The Texas Legislature adopted the Top Ten Percent law after a federal appeals court ruling essentially barred the use of race in admissions.

But following the high court ruling in 2003, the university resumed considering race starting with its 2005 entering class. The policy at issue applies to the remaining spots beyond those filled by the top 10 percent and allows for the consideration of race along with other factors

Texas said its updated policy does not use quotas, which the high court has previously rejected. Instead, it said it takes a Supreme Court-endorsed broader approach to enrollment, with an eye toward increasing the diversity of the student body.

"We must have the flexibility to consider each applicant's unique experiences and background so we can provide the best environment in which to educate and train the students who will be our nation's future leaders," said Bill Powers, president of the University of Texas at Austin.

Before adding race back into the mix, Texas' student body was 21 percent African-American and Hispanic, according to court papers.

By 2007, the year before Fisher filed her lawsuit, African-Americans and Hispanics accounted for more than a quarter of the entering freshman class.

Fisher's challenge says the Top Ten Percent law was working to increase diversity and that minority enrollment was higher than it had been under the earlier race-conscious system.

Fitzpatrick said two other states, California and Florida, use similar "top 10" plans, although California law explicitly prohibits the consideration of race.

"But the vast majority of schools that are selective are using affirmative action, though they don't like to advertise it for fear of being sued," he said.

The case is Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, 11-345.

Paul Sakuma/Associated Press

Demonstrators Sid Jacobo, left, and Jazel Flores, right, both University of California-Berkeley students, protest outside of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday fter a panel heard arguments in San Francisco. More than 15 years after California banned affirmative action, a federal appeals court on Monday heard a legal challenge to the ban on considering race in public college admissions. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in a lawsuit seeking to overturn Proposition 209, which barred racial, ethnic or gender preferences in public education, employment and contracting.

Texas economy better, but state budget still short

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas economy is coming back, but the state budget is still in trouble, top budget experts told lawmakers Tuesday.

John O'Brien, director of the Legislative Budget Board, said the Legislature did not appropriate enough money to cover state expenses for Medicaid and other programs when it passed the 2012-13 budget last year. The state is short more than $4.1 billion, most of it in Medicaid.

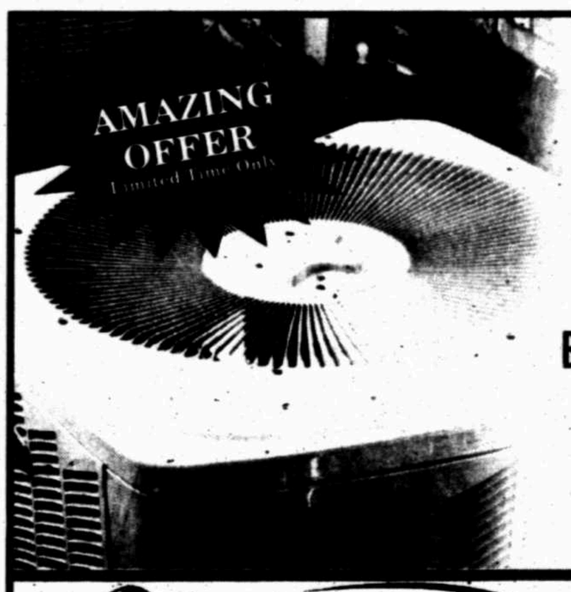
"We told you that the Medicaid shortfall would be about $4.3 billion, our newest estimate is $3.9 billion," O'Brien said. The state also needs $183 million to cover the cost of last year's wildfires and $60 million for child care costs.

On the positive side, O'Brien said the state raised $1.6 billion more than expected in revenues because of the improving economy.

When the Legislature meets again in 2013 lawmakers will need to pass a supplemental budget bill to cover the deficit. In addition to the $1.6 billion in surplus, legislators could choose to tap the state's rainy day fund, which currently has $6.1 billion and will have $7.3 billion by October, said John Heleman, the Texas comptroller's chief revenue estimator.

Democrats on the committee have called for a special session to restore some of the $4 billion cut from public schools last year, and the results reported Tuesday led some to ask for the opportunity to meet immediately not only spend the Rainy Day Fund on the $4.1 billion shortfall in the current budget, but to also take another $4 billion out for public schools.

Republicans, however, have shown little interest in a special session, which Gov. Rick Perry would have to call. During the last session, Perry opposed spending the rainy day fund on public schools and signed a budget that cut per student state spending for the first time since World War II.



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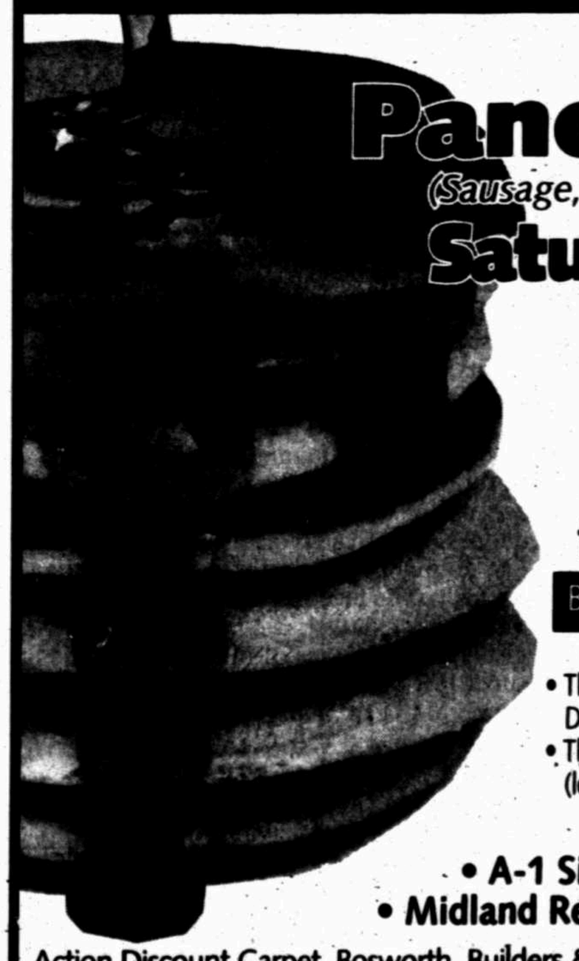

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Opinion

Santorum, like conservatism, not changing ways

■ Don't expect the GOP candidate to back down from his social message.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The media has unleashed the hounds on Rick Santorum. He was last seen a step ahead of the braying pack, trying to explain that he hadn't accused President Barack Obama of being a crypto-Muslim.

The former Pennsylvania senator criticized the president's environmentalism as representative of a "phony theology." The press snipped the remark out of the context and played it as Santorum donning his finest Grand Inquisitor garb and reading the president of the United States out of the Christian faith.

This followed immediately upon an ill-considered joke by Santorum backer Foster Friess about aspirin as a contraceptive that drove a couple of days of coverage insinuating the comment told us something important about Santorum's own views.

Santorum is a standing affront to the sensibilities and assumptions of the media and political elite. That elite constantly is writing the obituary for social conservatism, which is supposed to wither away and leave a polite, undisturbed consensus in favor of social liberalism. Santorum not only defends beliefs that are looked down upon as dated and unrealistic, he does it with a passionate sincerity that opens him to mockery and attack.

If Santorum had the social views of a Barbara Boxer, he would be hailed in all the glossy magazines as a political virtuoso. He has fought a front-runner with all the advantages to a jump ball in Michigan. His aides can't provide advance texts of his speeches because he always extemporizes and speaks from a few notes. He is dogged, willing to lose on behalf of what he believes and committed to trying to convince others of his positions.

In the wake of his surprise showing in the Iowa caucuses, news coverage focused on Santorum arguing with college kids in New Hampshire about gay marriage. It was taken as a sign of his monomania. Yet he genuinely — if naively —wanted to convince them. If the cauldron of a presidential campaign is not the best place for Socratic exchanges on hot-button issues, Santorum was trying to do more than repeat sound bites back at youthful questioners.

Although his critics never will credit him for it, Santorum's social conservatism brings with it an unstinting devotion to human dignity, a touchstone for the former senator. The latest position for which he's taking incoming is his opposition to a government mandate for insurance coverage of prenatal testing often used to identify handicapped babies who are subsequently aborted. For his detractors, his respect for the disabled is trumped by his unforgivable opposition to abortion.

Santorum conceives of his social views as a badly needed support for economic aspiration. It's no accident that the Republican candidate most committed to the traditional family and associated virtues is also the one who talks most about the struggles of the working class. He frequently cites research from the Brookings Institution showing that simply getting a high-school diploma, getting married before having children and getting a job — the so-called success sequence — are powerful tools against poverty.

As Jeffrey Bell, author of the new book "The Case for Polarized Politics," notes in a Wall Street Journal interview, Santorum's style of social conservatism is deeply American. No other Western country saw the rise of such a social-conservative movement after the social upheaval of the 1960s. Bell traces American social conservatism to the God-given natural rights enunciated in the Declaration of Independence.

That won't stop Santorum-haters from portraying him as threateningly un-America. He can play into the negative image of him. In one interview last year, he said that as president he would warn people of the dangers of contraception, a task better suited to a youth minister or Catholic premarital counselor than the leader of the free world.

Santorum occasionally needs to curb his enthusiasms. But the implicit message of his candidacy is unassailable: Denounce and dismiss it as you please, American social conservatism is here to stay.

OUR VIEW

Water shortage should change community mindset

Midlanders felt the sting of water rationing for the first time last summer and are expecting another tough summer ahead. In fact, you might say people are figuring the long-term effects of water usage for years to come.

Midland water users had heard of other cities rationing water resources, but not much discussion centered on the Permian Basin water supply. Then came the drought of 2011, and everything changed.

Water supply is now a key city issue. Certainly it has been Mayor Wes Perry's top priority during his second term. Much work and planning have gone into securing adequate water resources for our city. And to the credit of the mayor and Midland City Council, we have accomplished a number of short-term and long-term goals in relation to our water supply.

We have taken adequate steps to ensure Midland has a viable water supply, but that does not mean that we have an overabundance of fresh water. More than likely, barring record rainfall, we expect water supplies to be short because of a growing population and the increased need for water.

Under past water usage numbers, the big culprit is lawn and plant irrigation. We expect that form of water usage to develop into the next cultural shift for our city and the Basin. We will have to become more of a desert community in order to protect our water resources.

It's not like it hasn't been done before. You can inspect communities like Las Vegas and Phoenix where desert home landscaping has changed the way people live. We see it as the ultimate wave of our future.

Taking those first steps toward reaching the desired landscape for our community will be the hard part. First, our city must lead the way in protecting our water resources. Officials should move forward with plans that encourage conservation-friendly landscaping for new development and existing properties. Established homeowners will be the most likely to resist the change. They will have to be nudged into complying with restrictions imposed by local government.

This change will be hard for many. A homeowner's yard can be a real source of pride and joy. Some of the expected changes may not be popular, but the alternative is that we would run out of water. We must be good stewards of our water supply because without it, we are not a community.

We expect the next few years to be a period of landscaping experimentation. At some time, a new landscaping model will take hold, and we think Midland will have a much different look than it does today.

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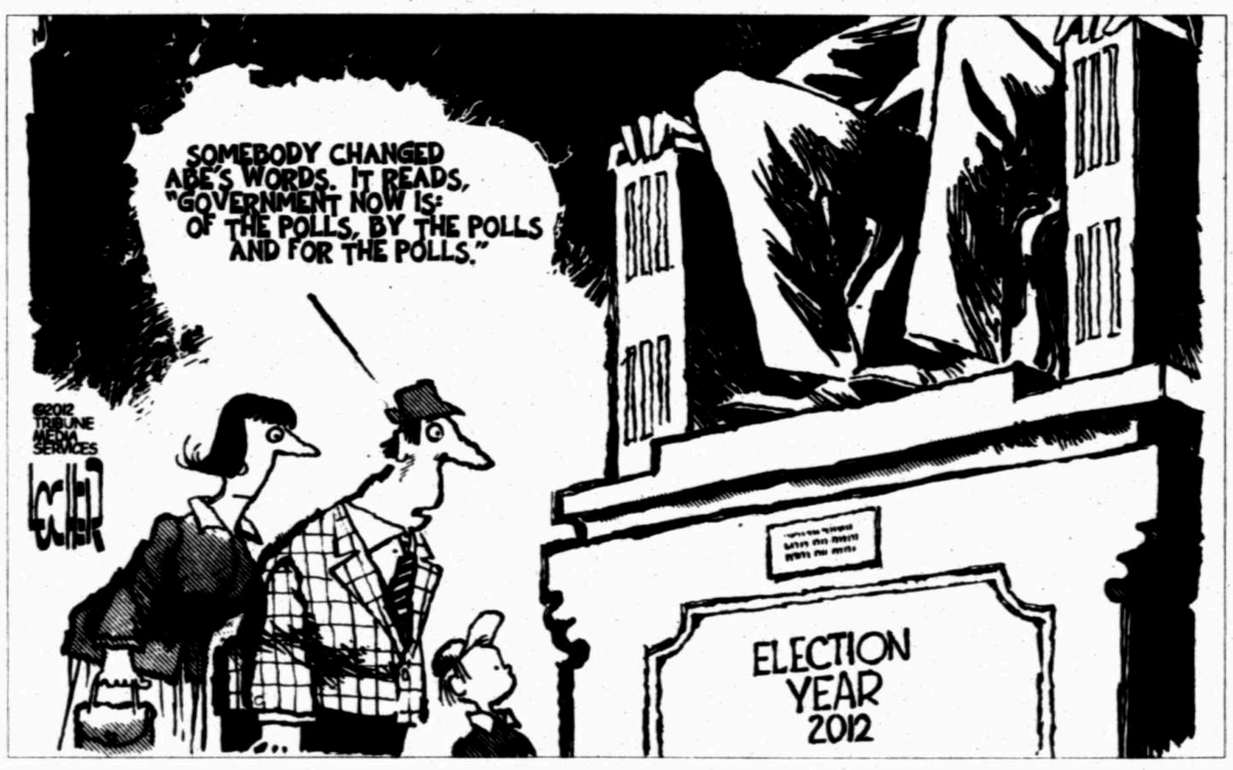
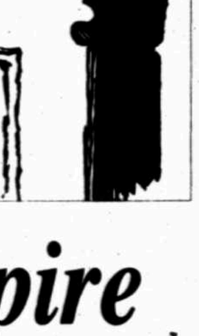


Romney struggles to inspire

■ It doesn't appear that the presidential candidate's gains have anything to do with what's happening in public.



DANA MILBANK
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In terms of sizzle, Sen. Rob Portman makes Mitt Romney look like Lady Gaga. So when the two men shared a stage in suburban Cincinnati on Monday afternoon, the result was pure and unadulterated ennui — exactly the sentiment greeting Romney's presidential aspirations in the Republican electorate.

"If you think," the Ohio Republican exhorted the crowd, "we need fresh new direction and decisive leadership in the White House, then Mitt Romney is your man."

Silence in the audience.

"If you're looking for work or you have friends who are looking for work," Portman went on, in monotone, "then Mitt Romney's your man."

Crickets.

"If you think government has grown too large," the senator continued, "then Mitt Romney's your man."

Nothing.

Five more times, Portman tried the refrain, and neither time did it produce a reaction. He hurried through his script, straightened out his pile of index cards and called forward Romney, who gave an equally lively speech that praised, among other things, ulcer medication.

The two stolid men departed to meager applause and the strains of Kid Rock's "Born Free" — a song with lyrics that seem to mock the tightly wound candidate:

Free, like a river raging ...
Deep, like the grandest canyon,
Wild, like an untamed stallion.
If you can't see my heart, you must be blind.

Romney's unimproved performance on the campaign trail underscores one of the few certainties in this chaotic political year: If this is the Romney-voters see, he's doomed. So desperate are GOP faithful to avoid him that they have elevated Rick Santorum, yet another implausible opponent, to the front in opinion polls — a man who says public schools are "anachronistic," who doubts the merits of birth control, who objects to amniocentesis, who thinks the president adheres to a "phony theology" and who doesn't like the thought of women serving in combat.

Yet Romney is still very much in the race, because of what he's doing away from the microphones. He privately has embraced the Machiavellian notion that it is safer to be feared than loved. As his public face has proved, there's no chance of him being loved. But with bloodthirsty strategists backed by tens of millions of campaign and super PAC dollars, the milquetoast man on the stump has been, in his off hours, a killer.

On Monday, the Romney campaign circulated an email to reporters titled "MEET CONGRESSMAN/SENATOR RICK SANTORUM" that had a sampling of epithets for Santorum, including: "part of the problem," "a professional politician," "enamored of Congress — and of Washington, D.C.," "opted against returning to Pennsylvania." A Romney ad in Michigan attacks Santorum for the "billions in earmarks" he supported, while the Romney super PAC has an ad calling Santorum "the ultimate Washington insider" who voted repeatedly to raise the federal debt level and for "billions in waste."

Such unrelenting attacks worked brilliantly for Romney against Newt Gingrich. And polling released Monday showed Romney gaining on Santorum in Michigan ahead of next week's primary there, suggesting Romney's attacks are working again.

If Romney is recovering, it certainly isn't because of anything he's doing in public. At his rally at Meridian Bioscience in Cincinnati on Monday, he enjoyed all of seven seconds of applause after Portman's request for a "warm Cincinnati welcome." This was enough for Romney. "Wow," said the candidate, in an open-collar oxford and jeans. What limited enthusiasm there was deteriorated into lecture-hall boredom as Romney expounded on how the Obama administration "made it more difficult for entrepreneurs and innovators to beguild — to begi — to grow and begin new enterprises, and they did that by — this is an interesting number — by increasing the rate of regulations by 2 1/2 times."

Romney further regaled the home crowd with his critique of the "2 1/2 percent excise tax" on medical devices. From there, his stream of consciousness led him to extol the virtues of a "a wonderful little product out there called Nexium."

"There's a product to help people with the symptoms, as you know, of indigestion or ulcers, and that product is provided by doctors to a lot of patients," he explained, detailing a test made by Meridian that "tells people whether they have a bacteria that could be cured with an antibiotic."

It's unclear how such anecdotes will help Romney's candidacy, but this campaign clearly has taught him a great deal about the importance of indigestion relief.

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ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GEORGIA

Commuter bus driver stabbed with pen

KENNESAW — Georgia authorities said a commuter bus driver is recovering after being stabbed repeatedly with a pen when he tried to break up a fight between passengers that involved a dispute over a cellphone.

Police said the melee on the Cobb County Transit bus occurred Monday afternoon in Kennesaw, about 25 miles northwest of Atlanta.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that the driver went to the back of the bus to keep the quarrel from escalating, and a woman pulled a knife.

Authorities said other passengers were able to get the knife away from the woman, but police said she grabbed a pen from the bus driver's pocket and stabbed him several times.

MICHIGAN

Gun found inside piano donated to nursing home

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP — Police said an unloaded gun has been found inside a piano that was donated to a southeast Michigan nursing home years ago.

AnnArbor.com reported that staff at Whitehall Healthcare Center in Pittsfield Township, 5 miles south of Ann Arbor, found the gun Friday in a case inside the piano.

Pittsfield Township deputy police chief Gordy Schick said he suspects the Ruger .22 caliber pistol was hidden long before the musical instrument was donated to the home.

Schick said police checked a state database but found no registered owner for the gun.

PENNSYLVANIA

Man busted on drug warrant after casino win

ALTOONA — A man accused of dealing drugs had his luck run out when he won $2,500 playing blackjack at a casino near Philadelphia.

Altoona police said 34-year-old Mateen Johnson was arrested Saturday because he had to produce identification to cash out his winnings at Philadelphia Park Racetrack & Casino in Bucks County. Casino officials learned Johnson was wanted for drug offenses and called authorities.

The Altoona Mirror reported that Johnson told police he expected to be arrested soon and was trying to win enough at blackjack to make bail.

Southern Baptist leaders OK 'Great Commission'

By Travis Loller
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Some Southern Baptists worry that their denomination's name still carries the stigma of a 19th century split with northern Baptists over slavery. Others who fought hard to build the brand and its conservative theology and politics don't want to see it go.

So the idea to add the description of "Great Commission Baptists" to the name of the Southern Baptist Convention might be a compromise that excites almost none of the 16 million who make up the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"It's not clear-cut. We can't fully criticize or fully celebrate," said Jonathan Merritt, a faith and culture writer and young minister at Cross Pointe Church near Atlanta. He wanted a new legal name.

"I serve in a big, multi-ethnic church here in Atlanta, and as late as last Sunday there was an African-American couple that said when they found out we were a Southern Baptist church, they almost didn't join," he said.

The "Great Commission" description endorsed by the SBC's executive committee on Tuesday would be strictly optional. It still must be voted on by delegates at the annual convention this summer. Southern Baptist churches are independent, and many of them don't have "Southern" in their names anyway.

Supporters of the "Great Commission" name argue it would offer an official identity for churches trying to spread the Gospel to diverse groups of people outside the South and worldwide.

Some conservative church members don't even want the option: Wiley Drake, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, Calif., vowed to fight even an alternate name.

"There are certain things you ought not to compromise on," he said.

Others, like the Rev. Joseph Lyles, said the alternative name could help in reaching out to African-Americans in particular. He leads the Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md., and is a former president of the SBC's African-American Fellowship.

"Sometimes among some other African-American pastors, they find out you're a Southern Baptist and they look at you like, 'You're selling us out,'" he said.

But he also worries that someone might join a church with the Great Commission Baptist name and then feel tricked when they found out it was a Southern Baptist Church.

And Lyles said the name issue was secondary to another possible event in changing the image and appeal of the faith: African-American pastor Fred Luter Jr. of New Orleans was elected last year to SBC's No. 2 position, first vice-president. Most in that post have gone on to become president.

If Luter is elected president, he would be the first black leader of a denomination that has been predominately white for much of its history, but is beginning to show more diversity.

"If that happens, to me it would be more significant than a name change," Lyles said. "It would be a historic moment."

The notion of changing the Southern Baptist name is not new: It was first proposed in 1903 and has been unsuccessfully brought up more than a dozen times since. The fact that membership and baptisms are declining gives it new urgency.

That's why Boston University Sociology of Religion Professor Nancy Ammerman thinks the new name is an odd choice. The "Great Commission" refers to Matthew 28:16-20, in which Jesus instructs his disciples at Galilee to "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Ammerman said the biblical reference was too unfamiliar to help bring in new members.

"Only someone who is already an insider is going to know what that refers to," she said. ".... It strikes me as exactly opposite of the way I thought they would go."

The optional name probably has a better chance of succeeding at the convention, where past proposals for a legal name change have failed.

Supporters will still have to win over people like Wilford Dorroh, a 78-year-old retired power plant worker in western Kentucky who has attended a Southern Baptist church in Central City since 1962.

Dorroh calls himself a "real strong conservative" and said he heard the news of the new name on Tuesday.

"I'm against it because it's a tradition that I think we need to keep," he said. "There's people who don't like us because of the name. Well, if they didn't like us because of the name, they wouldn't like us because of something else. So I'm not in favor of trying to satisfy everybody who don't like us. I'm in favor of keeping what we got."

Darrel Orman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stuart, Fla., is on the executive committee and at first opposed any name change. He ended up voting for it Tuesday, saying he was relieved by the compromise. He said the spectrum of opinions on the current name ranges from "those who believe the name was inspired like Scripture" to those who want to "bulldoze the whole thing."

The name task force considered a few hundred suggestions, but narrowed it down to three. The other two in final contention were "Continental Baptist" and "Evangelical Baptist."

Malcolm Yarnell, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and director of its Center for Theological Research, sees some benefit for ministries on the leading edge of winning souls.

" ... for those that are church planters, especially if they're in frontier states, non-Southern states, they will see it as a great benefit because they can refer to themselves without having to refer to the cultural baggage," he said. "Because you know to be a Southerner in the North carries baggage, and we all know that."

It remains to be seen if and how the alternative will be used. The names could be used together, like "Southern Baptist Convention — Great Commission Baptists," or either could be used by itself.

Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, got the ball rolling in a tweet on Monday night after the proposal was presented.

"Let the word go forth: THE Southern Baptist Theological Seminary proudly is a Great Commission Baptists institution."

Mark Humphrey/Associated Press

The headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention is shown in Nashville, Tenn. The nation's largest protestant denomination will definitely remain "Baptist, " but leaders are thinking about whether it will be "Southern" for much longer. Southern Baptist Convention President Bryant Wright was expected to present the recommendation of a task force assigned to study a name change to the denomination's executive committee at a meeting Monday.

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BEIRUT

Dozens killed in Syria; Red Cross urges cease-fire

Food and water are running dangerously low in the besieged Syrian city of Homs, with frantic cries for help from residents amid government shelling that pounded rebel strongholds and killed at least 30 people Tuesday, activists said.

Shells reportedly rained down on rebellious districts at a rate of 10 per minute at one point and the Red Cross called for a daily two-hour cease-fire so that it can deliver emergency aid to the wounded and sick.

"If they don't die in the shelling, they will die of hunger," activist and resident Omar Shaker told the Associated Press after hours of intense shelling concentrated on the rebel-held neighborhood of Baba Amr that the opposition has extolled as a symbol of their 11-month uprising against President Bashar Assad's regime.

Another 33 people were killed in northern Syria's mountainous Jabal al-Zawiya region when government forces raided a town in pursuit of regime opponents, raising Tuesday's overall death toll to 63, activists said. The Local Coordination Committees, an opposition group, said more than 100 were killed Tuesday, but the report could not immediately be confirmed by others.

BEIRUT

New claims suggest sweep of Iran's covert plots

Piece by piece, the tools for an alleged Iranian-directed murder team were smuggled into Azerbaijan on the Caspian Sea. A sniper rifle with silencer. Pistols. Sixteen pieces of plastic explosives and detonators.

Finally came a dossier with photos, names and exacting details — down to workplace drawings — for Israeli targets in the capital of Azerbaijan.

Each step, according to authorities in Baku, was overseen by Iran's intelligence services for what could have been a stunning attack weeks before the suspected shadow war between Jerusalem and Tehran flared in Azerbaijan's neighbor Georgia and the megacities New Delhi and Bangkok.

The shadow war is picking up as concerns are growing over Iran's alleged weapons experiments. Iran denies charges by the West that it seeks atomic weapons, insisting its nuclear activities are for peaceful purposes only, such as power generation.

The allegedly unraveled Baku plot in January, recounted through interviews and police records, has been largely overshadowed by this month's arrests and attacks that suggest Iranian payback after the slayings of at least five Iranian scientists in the past two years — all with some links to Tehran's nuclear program.

AFGHANISTAN

US apologizes for Quran burnings

KABUL — The U.S. apologized Tuesday for the burning of Muslim holy books that had been pulled from the shelves of a detention center library adjoining a major base in eastern Afghanistan because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions.

The White House echoed military officials in saying the burning of Qurans and other Islamic reading material that had been tossed in a pile of garbage was an accident.

But, more than 2,000 Afghans protested the incident outside the Bagram Air Base that stoked rising anti-foreign sentiment and fueled Afghan claims that foreign troops disrespect their culture and Islamic religion even as the Americans and other NATO forces prepare to withdraw by the end of 2014.

POLAND

Folk art society defends 'People's Oskar' award

WARSAW — Few would confuse the glitz of the Academy Awards with a ceremony held by a folk arts society in Poland, but Hollywood doesn't want anyone else handing out Oscars.

So the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is demanding that Poland's Association of Folk Artists stop giving out what it calls the "People's Oskar."

Waldemar Majcher, of the Association of Folk Artists, said Monday the dispute is the result a misunderstanding. But he also questioned Hollywood's demand.

Majcher said the "People's Oskar," was named after Oskar Kolberg, a 19th century Polish ethnographer who wrote some 10,000 Polish folk songs. Still remembered and respected in Poland, Kolberg died in 1890.

In its 10-year history, the "People's Oskar" — a metal plaque with an engraved image of Jesus — has been awarded to individual artists, museums, folk festivals and even a bread fair.

Greece bailout wards off Europe meltdown

By Gabriele Steinhauser and David McHugh
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The bailout has saved Europe, for now, but it's unlikely to save Greece.

The $172 billion rescue — agreed to Tuesday after an all-night summit of European ministers — prevented an uncontrolled bankrupcty and calmed investors worried that a Greek default would have started a chain reaction across Europe. But, it left key problems unresolved.

Draconian budget cuts could keep Greece mired in recession after five straight years. The deal doesn't directly address the debt problems in other struggling countries in the 17-country zone that uses the euro. Spending cuts could reduce tax revenue and possibly worsen the government's finances.

"You can't shrink your way out of a recession," said Mark Weisbrot, co-director of the liberal Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington. "What they are doing to Greece really makes no economic sense."

In Athens, Greeks reacted with a mixture of relief and fear of a dark future.

"I don't see it with any joy because again we're being burdened with loans, loans, loans, with no end in sight," architect Valia Rokou said in the Greek capital.

Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the agreement managed to prevent imminent catastrophe. We avoided the nightmare scenario," he said.

The agreement was the second massive bailout of Greece following a $146 billion rescue in 2010 that didn't return the country to solvency. It was secured after Greece agreed to painful and humiliating measures, including thousands of layoffs of civil service workers and cuts to the minimum wage, imposed by countries suspicious of Greece's reform efforts after two years of what they called the country's broken promises.

The finance ministers wrangled until the early morning over the details of the rescue, squeezing last-minute concessions out of private holders of Greek debt who agreed to lose 53.5 percent of the face value of their investment to avoid even more severe losses if Greece fails to pay $19.19 billion in debt due March 20.

Yves Logghe/AP

Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos, left, gestures while speaking with European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, right, during a round table meeting of eurozone finance ministers at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday. Eurozone governments approved an elusive rescue package for Greece, saving it from a potentially calamitous bankruptcy next month, senior officials said.

The serious risks of the bailout's failure include the likelihood that Greece's economy remains in a deep recession instead of returning to growth in 2013 as the deal assumes. That would undermine chances of paying even the reduced debt load, estimated at a still-high 120 percent of annual economic output in 2020, down from 160 percent now.

Additionally, political outrage over the cutbacks could lead Greece politicians to balk at the tough conditions. That could push rescuer countries — led by Germany — to cut off further funding.

Elections in Greece are expected in April. The leaders of the two main parties have committed to the cuts and reform program, but anti-bailout parties have been gaining in the polls.

Greece's economy shrank 7 percent in the fourth quarter of last year and unemployment is 19 percent, a consequence of cuts in public wages and increased taxes inflicted during a downturn.

If that keeps up, even the rescuers acknowledge the reduction goal of 120 percent of GDP is long gone.

"The risks are clearly on the downside," said Diego Iscaro, an economist at IHS Global Insight. "By austerity alone, Greece will not solve the problems it has at the moment. We don't know when the economy will return to growth and how it will grow."

Greek politicians nevertheless greeted the package as a turning point for their battered country.

"It's no exaggeration to say that today is a historic day for the Greek economy," said Greek Premier Lucas Papademos.

The deal helped bring the Dow industrial average over 13,000 on Tuesday for the first time since May 2008, powered by optimism that economic recovery was on the way. It finished up 15.82 points at 12,965.69.

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Barack Obama called German Chancellor Angela Merkel to thank her for her leadership in helping secure the eurozone agreement. But Carney said European countries need to do more to stave off further crises, including strengthening financial firewalls to prevent one nation's troubles from spreading across the continent.

Including Greece's first bailout worth $146 billion the new deal means every Greek man, woman and child will owe the eurozone and the IMF about $29,000.

Greece agreed to cut spending and wages, and to permit outsiders to supervise its finances through European Union and IMF officials stationed in Greece. The rescuers also demanded a separate account for the aid money and legal guarantees that creditors get paid before teachers, doctors and police do.

The agreement assumes that banks and investors owed money by Greece will take new bonds that reduce their holdings by more than half.

Even if it later balks at the bailout conditions, Greece would have difficulty writing down the new debt it issued to private bondholders, who demanded stronger legal protections. Official creditors — the IMF, the eurozone countries and the European Central Bank — would also have difficulty accepting more writedowns.

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Jane Bale-Woodside sits with some of her pugs, Buddy, Brooke, Bonnie Sue and a puppy yet to be named.

National Geographic photo spread features Midlander's dog

By Megan Lea Buck
Features Editor

National Geographic readers may have recognized the face of a native Midlander in the February edition. Oakley, an AKC registered grand champion pug, is shown in the magazine posed with a Saint Bernard named Little Dude. Capturing the vast physical difference of the breeds, photographer Robert Clark's image shows Oakley standing beneath Little Dude, a drop of drool about to fall from the Saint Bernard's lips onto the pug's head.

Oakley — short for T Star's Annie Oakley Get Your Gun — is one of Midlander Jane Bale-Woodside's champion pugs. The dog and its owner were competing at the 2011 Westminster Dog Show when the photo was taken.

"She was a champion at 7 months old — they can only start when they're 6 months — she was a grand champion by 9 months," Bale-Woodside said of Oakley.

Dogs are rated based on points accumulated at AKC-sanctioned dog shows. To become a champion, a dog must earn 15 points and have two majors — wins worth at least three points — under two different judges. To become a grand champion, a champion dog must accumulate 25 points and have three majors under three different judges.

Bale-Woodside has been showing pugs since 2001. Before she fell in love with the flat-faced toy breed, she owned Pomeranians. When her husband, Woody Woodside, called them "little girl dogs," she decided to find a more masculine breed. Her first pug was a male named Buster and after warming up to the dog, Woodside told his wife "Buster needs a girlfriend."

"So I said, OK, I'll get a real quality pug."

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Fundraiser mixes shooting and shopping

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

What could go together better than shotguns and stilettos?

For the Junior League of Midland, combining the two was a natural progression. The organization of women dedicated to education and charity in the past hosted two spring-time events, a Spring Fling shopping event and a Clay Shoot. This year they decided to host a two-in-one event.

Shotguns and Stilettos will be a weekend of shopping, shooting and socializing Thursday through Sunday, with the goal to raise funds for the Junior League's community programs.

"We thought it would be more effective for the Junior League to save some money,

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FOOD ETC.

Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com.

Remember first president with cherry recipes

Today we celebrate George Washington's birthday. He is fondly known as the "father of his country," because of the critical role he played in fighting for, leading and creating the United States. You also may recall the successful fight he led against the British at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War. And of course, you may remember the story of George as a child chopping down his father's prized cherry tree.

As the story goes — whether or not it is true — when George was about 6, he was given a hatchet; by today's standards of safety this probably never would happen. Being an inquisitive boy, he chopped down anything that was near. He found his father's English cherry tree and tested his hatchet on the small tree trunk, damaging the bark beyond repair.

Confronted by his father about the incident, George replied, "I cannot tell a lie, father, you know I cannot tell a lie! I did cut it with my little hatchet." His father was impressed with little George's honesty and forgave him immediately.

We can all learn a lesson in honesty and forgiveness from this story, but I also am reminded of the cherries that never had a chance to grow. I think of the many dishes for which Martha (George's future wife and first lady) might have been famous instead of just Martha Washington candy. Today's recipes utilize the cherry in ways that we all can enjoy.

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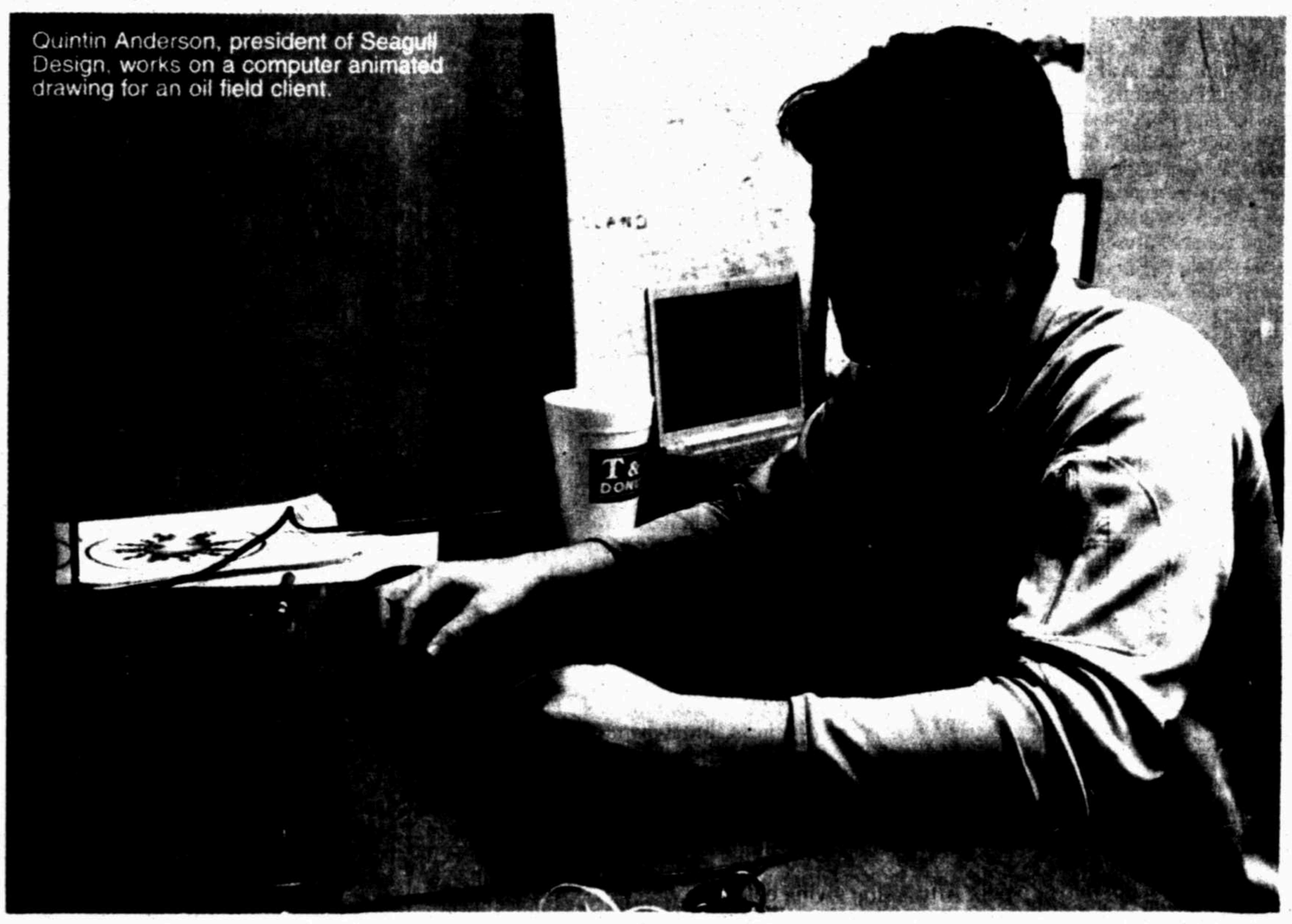

Quintin Anderson, president of Seagull Design, works on a computer animated drawing for an oil field client.

scientific ANIMATION

Midlander brings to life geological, medical concepts

Quintin Anderson had found himself in the archetypal college student's nightmare, cramming during a last-minute study session at The University of Texas at Austin. The subject was cell biology, and Anderson had turned desperately to Google for a supplemental explanation to the jargon in his textbooks. In the search results, he found an animated YouTube video called, "The Inner Life of the Cell."

Seven minutes later, Anderson had arrived at an "a-ha" moment — one that not only would help the pre-med student pass his test, but also would open up a completely new career path.

"It was really powerful in terms of learning," Anderson said. "Just how easy it was to learn and how fast you could learn it."

The video sparked something inside him — a desire to help others understand complex processes. After graduating in December 2008, Anderson applied to Harvard University and entered the Graduate School of Education in 2010.

Animation may bring to mind Pixar or "Shrek," but what Anderson learned at Harvard was how to harness the power of multimedia to teach others. He and a classmate reached the semifinals in a competition by Harvard Business School with their plans for a scientific education studio. After graduating from Harvard, Anderson came back to his hometown of Midland in summer 2011 to start a scientific animation business called Seagull Design.

Some of the software Anderson uses has been used in movies such as "Avatar" and "Pirates of the Caribbean." The software allows him to treat models on his computer screen like objects of clay by using a "pencil" on a touchpad. He uses the models to tell a story of processes not easily seen by the eye, whether because they take place underground or in micro-form. Because of this, geological and medical animations have become the base of his business.

Anderson's family had been in the oil and gas industry for four generations, and he now uses those connections to understand the material for his animations. One energy company out of Denver contracted his help to produce an animation about hydraulic fracturing that could be shown to landowners on whose property they want to drill. As the young animator's business takes off, he hopes to find new opportunities to explain the unknown and educate viewers with his videos.

"I want what I do to be enjoyable to watch," he said. "Ultimately, I want to be a story-telling company."

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WORKING FOR A LIVING

Story by Sara Higgins • Photos by Tim Fischer

Churches expand Ash Wednesday services in expectation of large crowds

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Churches across Midland are opening their doors today to make sure everyone wishing to take part in Ash Wednesday gets the opportunity to do so.

This year, St. Stephen's Catholic Church has added an 8:30 p.m. Mass for a total of five services they will offer to those in the Tall City. The other Masses are 7 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Staff said the extra Mass will be celebrated in order to accommodate more people.

There will be more than 25 Ash Wednesday services in churches across Midland for people to receive ashes and celebrate the start of Lent in their own way.

San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church will offer a bilingual Mass at 7 a.m., a Spanish Mass at 7 p.m. and an English Mass at noon.

This is the Rev. Joseph Prem Sunil Thumma's first Ash Wednesday at San Miguel, but he said after talking with staff there about past years, he expects the three Masses to be full.

"Most of our community is Hispanic so it's better that we get to them in Spanish so they can have it in their own language and better communication," he said speaking on why the church will offer a Spanish Mass.

Other churches, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, will offer six Masses today in anticipation of the large crowds.

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Ash Wednesday services, Masses

- First United Methodist, 300 N Main St., 6:30 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., 6:30 p.m.
- St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
- Grace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course, 7 p.m.
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N. Garfield St., 7 p.m.
- St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave., 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 7 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church, 1008 W. New Jersey, 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 E. Garden Lane, 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Obituaries

Lottie Jo "Sug" Owens Bloxom

RANKIN: Lottie Jo "Sug" Owens Bloxom, went to the Lord, on February 19th, 2012, in Midland, Texas.

She was born in San Angelo on July 17th, 1926, to Tom & Ella Owens. Sug grew up on various ranches in Crockett, Irion, Reagan, and Upton Counties. She made a "top hand", working beside her mother, father, and sister, raising sheep and Angus cattle. As a baby, her father would take her on horseback, by carrying her in the front of his saddle. By the time she could walk, she was taking horses out by herself.

In the late 1930's and early '40's, Sug would ride in rodeos as a sponsor girl, because there were no competitive women's events. In 1943, as a college freshman at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, she and her sister, along with others, began the Girls Rodeo Association, to get timed events for women.

Roy Rogers, a leading cowboy movie star, recruited her in 1945 to be one of five selected "Ranch Girls". The "Girls" toured with Rogers for a month and performed with him in numerous venues, including Madison Square Garden in New York City.

After graduating from TCU in 1949, with a teaching degree, she moved back to the ranch with her parents and taught school in Big Lake. In 1950, she married her husband of 54 years, Shankle Bloxom, whom she met at TCU. They moved, with their two children, to the ranch in Upton County in 1956, after the death of her sister.

Sug and Shank made Rankin their home and were very active in their community and church. As a mother and grandmother, she was beyond compare. Her patience and kindness were limitless. She had the unique ability to be a childlike playmate with kids of all ages. Her love of the country and all animals, both wild and domestic, is legendary.

She is survived by her daughter, Deb Bloxom of Andrews; her son, Tom Bloxom and wife, Lou of Rankin; five grandchildren: Sha' Bloxom Thomas and husband, Craig of Corpus Christi, Amy Lide Hegeman and her husband, Jon of Anniston, Alabama, Lorissa and Aaron Lide of College Station, Texas, and Katelyn Lide of Odessa; three great-grandchildren: Adalie and Dreese Thomas, and Ella Kate Hegeman.

Sug was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Ella Owens; her sister, Margaret Owens Montgomery; and her husband, Shankle Bloxom.

Services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Rankin on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. Jennifer Kelley officiating. Burial will be at the Rankin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Ruth Florence Bowden

Ruth Florence Bowden, 101, of Kerrville, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2012, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on September 22, 1910, in El Paso, Texas, Ruth was the daughter of the late Frank and Ida Searborough Holmes. She married Jocelyn Kennedy Bowden on September 22, 1926, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Ruth and J.K. had two children, the late Jocelyn Jean Bowden and Barbara Bowden Robbins. Together they spent many years in El Paso, Midland, and Kerrville, Texas.

Ruth served many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including Relief Society Chairman, primary and nursery worker. She was a lifelong member of Ysleta chapter of Eastern Star. Ruth was a wife, mother, homemaker, and business woman.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Barbara B. Robbins and son-in-law, R. K Robbins; daughter-in-law, Celia Bowden; grandchildren, Rebecca M. Quiocho, Jay L. Bowden, Janet A. Gordon, Gary W. Chinn, LaDonna P. Taylor, M. Scott Bowden, Cynthia A. Gillis, Kent E. Bowden, Van A. Bowden, and Gena Yarger. Her legacy lives on with her grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 34 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank & Ida Scarborough Holmes; her brother, Frank Holmes; her husband, JK Bowden and her son, JJ Bowden; grandchildren, Robert David Chinn and Daniel Wade Chinn.

Her many hobbies included reading, sewing, gardening, and decorating. She enjoyed spending time with her daughter and grandchildren. She was known for her decorations on her gates at Tierra Linda Ranch.

She treasured her family. All the family will miss her deeply, but know that she is our angel in heaven. Forever her love will shine down on us. We will miss the sparkle of light from her blue eyes and her magnificent smile.

An evening viewing will be held in Grimes Funeral Chapel, at 728 Jefferson, in Kerrville Texas, on Wednesday, February 22th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at the LDS Chapel, 4805 Gateway St., Midland, Texas, on Saturday, February 25th, at 8:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, Texas, at 11:00 a.m.

Condolences may be sent: grimesfuneralchapels.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Timothy "Timbo" Wilkerson

Tim Wilkerson, 56, of Midland, Tx, passed away February 14, 2012, visiting his brother in Fouke, Ak. He was born in Denver, Colorado, April 25, 1955, to Wesley and Margaret Wilkerson.

He attended school in Texarkana, Texas and studied Graphic Art at A.T.I., in Fort Worth, Texas. He could draw and paint some very unique pictures. Tim could do anything he set his mind to do. Oil field work in Oklahoma, all forms of construction, built a cabin with his dad and brother.

He moved to Midland, Texas, 17 years ago. At that time, his tile setting started and ended with his death.

His favorite sport was football. Tim started a journey numerous years ago, that took him to a spiritual place, that forever changed his life. He was at peace with himself at last.

He was proceeded in death by his mother and father and 2 sisters.

Left to cherish his memory: wife, Connie; daughter, Leesa; sisters, Glenda Jorden, Sheri McCurdy (Rob) of Midland, sister, Rae Kerby (Danny) of Wake Village, Texas; brother, Steve Wilkerson, Fouke, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Rowe Bright (Renee); numerous nieces and nephews. Also, extended family, "The Torah Group", so much of his life, whose out pouring has been awesome, Thank you! To all who've called, visited, and shared your memories, love, of Tim.

Remembrance Memorial, Sunday, February 26, 2012, from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm, 4605 Princeton, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Special Olympics Team Midland C/O Company of Rockhouse, 211 E. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701.

Ethan King Pena

Ethan King Pena went home to be with his heavenly father and his loving grandfather, Carlos O. Pena, on Sunday, February 19, 2012.

Ethan is survived by his loving family: parents, Jesse Pena and Veronica Espinosa of Midland, TX; his brother, Jesse Carlos Pena of Midland, TX; uncles, Gabriel Baeza and Joseph Gonzalez, Jr., both of Midland, TX; aunts, Carmen Pena and Jezzelle Pena, both of Midland, TX; grandparents, Yolanda "Bebee" Espinosa of Midland, TX and Crissy Fuentez of Midland, TX; great-grandparents, Maria del Carmen O. Pena of Pecos, TX and Rosa Cuellar of Midland, TX.

Ethan is preceded in death by his grandfather, Carlos O. Pena and great-grandfather, Raymundo Pena.

Rosary will be held tonight, February 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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James Austin Norton

November 19, 2011 - February 18, 2012

Our Dear Baby James Austin, it hurts so much to know we'll never see your face again, we'll never give you hugs and kisses, we'll never touch your skin, and we'll never understand why you went away so soon.

An angel from the book of life wrote down your birth, and as the book closed on the day you left us, she softly whispered that you were too beautiful for earth.

James Austin Norton was born in Killeen Texas, on November 19, 2011, to Sgt. Jake Norton and Stacey Norton. He was the baby brother of Matthew, Hagen, Tabytha, and Cayden, who loved him dearly.

His smile and giggles will be truly missed by his grandparents: James and Thelma Norton, Art and Barbara Mueller, and John and Vivian Dobbins.

Please join the Norton family in saying farewell to baby James Austin at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2012, in the chapel of Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home of Killeen. He will be laid to rest at 3:00 p.m., on Friday, February 24, 2012, in the Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery, in Midland, Texas.

Share condolences with the Norton family by visiting: www.crawfordbowersfuneralhome.com.

Costumes, beads consume Mardi Gras

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Bathed in spring-like warmth and showered with trinkets, beads and music, New Orleans reveled in the excesses of Fat Tuesday.

A seemingly endless stream of costumed marching groups and ornately-decorated float parades led by make-believe royalty poured out of the Garden District, while the French Quarter filled up with thrill seekers expecting to see debauchery.

And, they did.

Some in the Quarter had a sleepless night after Monday's Lundi Gras prequel party. The drinking was in full swing again shortly after dawn, and with it came outrageous costumes and flesh-flashing that would continue until police make their annual attempt to break up the merrymaking at midnight, when Lent begins.

Tom White, 46, clad in a pink tutu, bicycled with his wife, Allison, to the French Quarter. "I'm the pink fairy this year," he said. "Costuming is the real fun of Mardi Gras. I'm not too creative, but when you weigh 200 pounds and put on a tutu, people still take your picture."

His wife was not in costume. "He's disgraced the family enough," she said.

Brittany Davies struggled with her friends through the morning, feeling the effects of heavy drinking from the night before.

"They're torturing me," the Denver woman joked. "But, I'll be OK after a bloody mary."

Indeed, the theme of the day was party hard and often.

Wearing a bright orange wig, a purple mask and green shoes, New Orleans resident Charlotte Hamrick walked along Canal Street to meet friends.

"I'll be in the French Quarter all day," Hamrick said. "I don't even go to the parades. I love to take pictures of all the costumes and just be with my friends. It's so fun."

Police reported no major incidents along the parade route.

Appalachia's aging population is rising fast

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

MT. ORAB, Ohio — It's winter, so Donna Robirds puts on two sweaters in the morning and keeps heavy blankets handy as she sets her thermostat low — 60 at night — and bundles up to keep her utility bill down.

At 67, with a fixed income and a $563-a-month mortgage, she lives on a tight budget. Food stamps help the retired state employee stretch her budget in this Appalachian village. So has the mild winter.

"We haven't had the extreme cold, so it hasn't been too bad," she said. "I really need to watch my money. It's going to be a struggle."

Robirds' daily battle is being played out across the Appalachian region, which stretches through 13 states from northeastern Mississippi to southern New York. A part of the country that has long lagged behind the rest of the U.S. economically finds itself on the leading edge of a national trend: The number of Americans 65 and older is increasing, and many are struggling as government services are being cut in a rough economy.

Nationally, with the aging of the baby boom generation, people 65 and over are expected to account for 1 of every 5 Americans by 2030. Some places in Appalachia have already reached that benchmark, such as southern Ohio's Brown County, where Robirds lives.

"These counties are like the canary in the coal mine," said Suzanne Kunkel, who heads the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University of Ohio. "This is a pretty dramatic change coming."

More than 15 percent of Appalachia's population is already at least 65, compared with 13 percent nationally, according to the 2010 Census. And projections show the number rising steadily in much of the region, as it is nationally.

The aging population means more demand for health care, economic help, transportation and home help, which are already in short supply in much of Appalachia.

"It's getting more urgent in the number of people needing those services and having those available to them," said Robert Roswall, commissioner of West Virginia's Bureau of Senior Services. "We have people waiting for all those type of programs."

Appalachia has long been plagued by isolation, poor roads, sewer systems and other infrastructure needs, lack of education and the decline of coal mining, manufacturing and other key industries. The region has low per-capita income (less than $30,000 in 2009, 18 percent lower than the nation's), low college graduation rates, an exodus of young working people, and high rates of heart disease, cancer and diabetes, along with poor access to health care.

Peggy Basham, 74, of Summersville, W.Va., is worried.

"I think most everybody in the area is," she said. "You've got baby boomers coming on. You've got so many seniors. ... Nothing stretches very far."

Basham helps craft quilts that are sold to support the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center. The senior center feeds 500 people per month, and Basham said more would come if only they had transportation from their mountain homes. She said she sees elderly people regularly forced to choose whether to pay for prescription drugs, heat their homes or buy groceries.

West Virginia officials say their state has the country's highest concentration of older residents than anywhere but Florida. Sixteen percent of West Virginia's population is 65 or older, compared with 17.3 percent in Florida, according to census figures.

And unlike those who flock to Florida's retirement villages and condominium complexes, aging people in West Virginia and elsewhere in Appalachia have long been less likely to move, often because they can't afford it or they have a strong attachment to home.

Robirds doesn't have much choice: Her home's market value declined in the nation's housing crisis, and she is years away from paying it off. But the mother of three doesn't want to move anyway.

"I want to have a place for my grandchildren to stay when they visit," she said, "and to be able to have my passion for gardening."

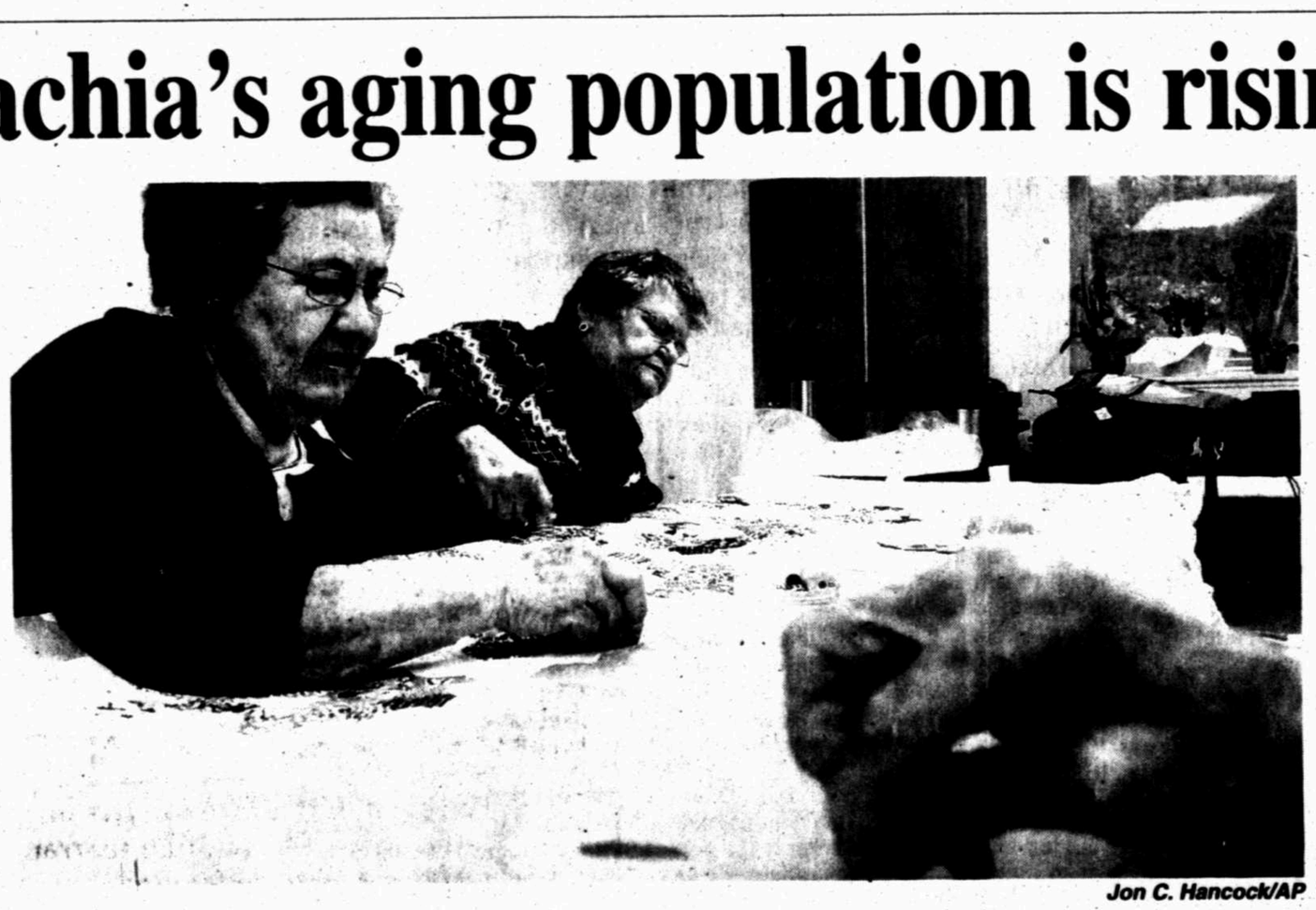
Robirds got some vital help from Cincinnati-based People Working Cooperatively, a nonprofit organization that sent workers before winter to add insulation, clean vents, service her furnace, replace her refrigerator and perform other maintenance.

The organization, dedicated to helping poor people stay in their homes in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region, is seeing demand for its services rocket over the last two years, from 40,000 calls for help in 2009 to 66,000 in 2011, according to president Jock Pitts.

Those in charge of dealing with the surging numbers of elderly people say such community-based help and other innovative solutions are especially important in struggling areas such as Appalachia.

"Given our state's limited resources — we're not going to hit the lottery — we are changing, in Ohio, our approach," said Bonnie Kantor-Burman, head of Ohio's Department of Aging. "There is a limit to what the state and federal governments are going to be able to do."

She sounds the alarm by often displaying a set of color-coded maps produced through Miami's Gerontology Center that show the projected aging of the population in eye-popping detail: In 2000, about one-fourth of the population in three of Ohio's 88 counties was 60 or older; in 2010, that was true of 16 counties, most of them in Appalachia. By 2020, it's projected to be 76 counties — with one-third of the population in six of those counties 60 or older.



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Peggy Basham, 74, left, smiles as she talks with friends Tuesday in the quilting circle at the senior center in Summersville, W.Va. Appalachia's aging population is rising faster than the rest of the nation.

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SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ The King's ...		Shameless		LAFFMOBB Presents		Califor.	Lies	Losin' It		Comedy	Laugh
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(4:45) ★★ The Cove		★ Super (10, Act) Rainn Wilson.		(:40) ★ High Life				★ Love in the Time of Money		Movie	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter "Greed is Good"		Bounty Hunter "Buddha's Delight"		Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Seeing Red"		★★★ Kingdom of Heaven ('05, Act) Orlando Bloom.						★★★ Kingdom of Heaven			
BET		58	26		40		106&Park	★★ Training Day ('01, Thri) Denzel Washington.					★★ Caught Up Bokeem Woodbine.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Tabatha Takes Over		Top Chef "Mentors"		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Watch (N)	T. Chef "Fire and Ice"	Bethenny	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Apocalypse 2012		American Greed		American Greed (N)		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	GoodLuck	SoRandom	Austin	A.N.T.	FishHook	Austin	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Boston vs Oklahoma (L)					NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Dallas (L)					SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball W.Va./N.D. (L)				NCAA Basketball Kansas vs. Texas A&M (L)				NCAA Basketball UCSB/L.B. (L)			
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Step Up Channing Tatum.				★★ Step Up 2: The Streets				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Rest. "Sullivan's Grill"		Rest. "Chatterbox"		Restaurant (N)		WorstCooks		Rest. "Chatterbox"	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	Ultimate Insider	Best of Pride Fight.		Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Cowboys Legends
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★ 2012 (2009, Action) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack.								★★ 2012 ('09, Act) Amanda Peet, John Cusack.			
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins	HouseH	House (N)	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Only in America (N)		Restore	Restore	Only in America		Restore	Restore
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Roy/ Maness"		Wife Swap "Talbott and Broider"		Wife Swap "McGoldrick/ Noel"		Wife Swap "Downs/ Bailey"		Wife Swap "Bonett/ Linkins"		Wife Swap "Talbott and Broider"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★ The Rundown		★★★ The Rundown ('03, Adv) The Rock.									
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Face Off (N)		Ghost Hunters Int'l.		Face Off	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Tape"	Seinf. "The Doorman"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Jennifer Aniston, Ron Shirley		The Office	The Office
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TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Avatar"		Law & Order "Thin Ice"		Law & Order "For Love or Money"		Law & Order "Heart of Darkness"		Southland "Identity Check"		CSI: NY "Identity Crisis"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Hunted"		NCIS "Royals and Loyals"		NCIS "Recruited"		Royal P "This One's For Jack" (SF) (N)		Covert Affairs "Letter Never Sent"		NCIS "Grace Period"	
VERSUS		38	39				NHL 36	NHL 36	NHL 36	NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche (L)					NHL Live!	NBC Sports Talk	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

Texas vs. the Nation all-star game is brainchild of former player

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

There are 38 post-season football bowl games in the U.S. You may have missed some of them such as the Beef O' Brady's Bowl or the Belk Bowl. My favorite bowl name is the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. Even the most obscure ones have some of the most recognizable universities represented.

I had the opportunity recently to learn about Texas vs. the Nation, the final bowl game of the year that is usually played the day before the Super Bowl. It wasn't played this year because it's moving to the new $84 million stadium in the Dallas suburb of Allen. The stadium is not quite ready.

The game is the brainchild of a bunch of former coaches and pro players who wanted to put some of the best football players from Texas against football players from other states.

"We know Texas has the greatest football players in the country," said Kenny Hansmire, CEO of the Texas Versus the Nation game. Hansmire, a native of San Antonio who now lives in Comanche, played professional football with the Houston Oilers and Philadelphia Eagles. He is the pied piper behind the all-star game. He talked with some of his coaching buddies like Grant Teaff, Spike Dykes, R.C. Slocum and Mack Brown to see how they felt about starting a new all-star bowl game. They were for it. Texas Versus the Nation had its first game in El Paso's Sun Bowl Stadium in February 2007. It stayed there three years, and then moved to San Antonio's Alamodome.

Hansmire said it's a unique format. "For the Texans, you could be a young man who played high school football in Comanche and got a scholarship to play for Oklahoma. If you are one of the top three or four running backs in the nation as graded by the NFL you could wear your Oklahoma helmet and play on the Texas squad because you have Texas ties. So we have helmets from Notre Dame, Penn State and Florida on the Texas squad, right along with helmets from Texas teams. What that means is those kids played high school football in Texas and went on to play for an out of state team. But on the nation side you don't see helmets from Texas teams. The NFL has a picture of one of our games that shows a kid wearing a Notre Dame helmet at center on the Texas team and you see a nose guard on the opposing team and he has a Notre Dame helmet on. It means that those two were teammates in college and are now battling in an all-star game."

Hansmire said it has been the most successful game in college all-star history. "Our first year we had 78 kids sign NFL contracts. Since our game is played the day before the super bowl game, we have nearly 300 pro football scouts and general managers in for the game. It has only the best players who rank at least in the top five at their positions by the NFL," he said.

Hansmire is looking forward to next year's game in Allen's new stadium, which seats 26,000. "It has three indoor facilities so we'll have the best place for our kids to play."

FUNDRAISER

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send out only one invitation and hopefully make it less confusing for our patrons," said Ashley Lamb, co-chair of the event. "This will be one big, fun weekend for the whole family."

The Stilettos Market will take place Friday through Sunday at the Midland Center, where a Girl's Night Out Preview Party also is scheduled for Thursday. The sold-out Buckshot Bash will feature country music singer Jerry Jeff Walker and the Chad Johnson Band on Friday at the CAF Museum. The bash will feature dinner, drinks, dancing, live and silent auctions in addition to Walker's performance. Morning and afternoon flights are available at the Clay Shoot on Saturday, which will be held at Jake's Clays. The Pretend & Play Lunch for kids Sunday at the Hilton Ballroom will have a lunch for little "pixies and pirates" with activities and live entertainment.

"It's neat to see how it grows," Lamb said. "It grows every year. I enjoy the camaraderie, and allowing guests to learn about what we actually do."

Junior League provides a variety of volunteer efforts in the community, which range from fostering self-esteem in young girls to preparing for a 5K race to helping survivors of domestic abuse get back on their feet in the workplace.

Individual fees for clay shooters are $150; the rest of the events for the weekend cost $75 per ticket and general admission for shopping at the Stilettos Market is $5 for the entire weekend. Admission to the Girl's Night Out includes a ticket to the Stilettos Market.

For more information about the Shotguns & Stilettos Celebration and how to buy event tickets, visit www.jlmidland.org or call 682-4732.

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Yesterday's Answer: PLUNK TROLL

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FOOD

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Cherry Fluff Salad
From "Landmark "Entertaining"

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
9 ounces whipped topping
1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
1 (9-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Combine the condensed milk and whipped topping in a mixer bowl. Beat until blended. Stir in the cherry pie filling, mandarin oranges, pineapple, marshmallows and pecans. Spoon into a mold or shallow dish. Chill, covered until set.

Cherry Fillip
From "Soupcon"

1 pound dark sweet cherries, stemmed and pitted
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch of cloves
Pinch of nutmeg
1/2 cup red raspberry jelly

Put cherries in a saucepan; add sugar, water, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove cherries with slotted spoon; add raspberry jelly to liquid. Boil until syrupy; pour over cherries. Serve hot over vanilla ice cream or chilled with sour cream spooned on top. Makes 4 servings.

Cherry Dumpling Dessert
From "Southern Living's Ultimate Quick and Easy Cookbook"

3 (14 1/2 -ounce) cans tart red-pitted cherries, undrained
1 cup plus 2 Tablespoons sugar, divided
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 Tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
Half and half (optional)

Combine cherries and 1/2 cup sugar in a large Dutch oven; stir well. Bring mixture to a boil. Meanwhile, combine flour, baking powder, and salt; cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Add remaining sugar, stirring just until blended. Add milk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Carefully drop dough by heaping tablespoonfuls into boiling cherry mixture. Cover and cook over medium heat 25 minutes or until dumplings are done. Serve with half and half if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

Cherry Icebox Pie
From "My Southern Food"

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 stick butter, melted
1/2 cup sugar, divided
1 (16-ounce) can cherries, drained
Juice of two medium lemons
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 pint heavy cream
1 Tablespoon powdered sugar
1 cup chopped pecans

In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, butter, and 1/2 cup of the sugar to make a crust. Press the ingredients into a 9-inch glass pie plate. In another bowl, mix the cherries, lemon juice, and sweetened condensed milk. Add the remaining 1/2 cup sugar to the mixture and blend well. In another bowl, whip the cream as stiff as possible with a handheld electric mixer and blend in the powdered sugar. Fold the nuts into the whipped cream and stir into the cherry mixture. Pour into the piecrust, cover, and chill the pie overnight before serving.

Cherry Cream Cheese Brownies
From "Betty Crocker's Cookie Book"

4 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate
1 cup butter or margarine
Cherry Cream Cheese Filling (see below)
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 eggs
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Cherry Cream Cheese Filling:
2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons maraschino cherry juice
1 egg
1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries

Heat oven to 350. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring frequently, until smooth; remove from heat. Cool 5 minutes. Meanwhile, beat cherry cream cheese filling ingredients together until smooth; set aside.

Beat chocolate mixture, sugar, vanilla and eggs in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed 1 minute, scraping bowl occasionally. Beat in flour and salt on low speed 30 seconds, scraping bowl occasionally. Beat on medium speed 1 minute. Stir in nuts.

Spread 1/2 of the batter (about 2 1/2 cups) in pan. Spread cream cheese filling over batter. Carefully spread remaining batter over filling. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Store covered in refrigerator.

Cherry Stuffed French Toast
From "The Dish Diva"

8 eggs
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
12 1/2 inch slices white bread (Challah or French bread)
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
2 Tablespoons cooking oil
Powdered sugar
Maple syrup

Combine eggs, milk, vanilla, and spices. Set aside. Spread each slice of bread with about 1 Tablespoon cream cheese. Top six slices of bread with cherry pie filling, spreading almost to the edges. Cover with remaining bread slices, cream cheese side down. Dip in egg mixture. On a griddle, cook the sandwiches in oil over medium heat for 2-3 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Cut French toast into halves (or quarters) and serve with powdered sugar and syrup. Serves 6.

The Rev. Edward DeLeon marks the foreheads of parishioners with ashes in the shape of crosses to signify repentance before God during an Ash Wednesday Mass last year at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

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ASHES

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Staff said in years past, people have lined up outside the church to receive ashes.

Staff at St. Ann's Catholic Church said while they usually have big crowds each year for the Ash Wednesday Masses, they hope the construction won't keep anyone away.

St. Ann's is offering Masses at 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. to accommodate all those who want to attend.

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Trinity students benefit from dog training program

By Jennifer R. Lloyd
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — She may be one of Trinity University's most recent recruits, but her schedule already is packed.

About 40 students have signed up just to hang out with her for a spell. She rewards them grandly by playing tug-of-war with her favorite toys, chewing anything within reach and looking adorable.

Jjurgens is a frisky 4-month-old yellow Labrador retriever, but someday you might spot her at an airport fighting terrorism with her bomb-sniffing snout.

Trinity is the only university or school to foster a pup through the Transportation Security Administration Canine Breeding and Development Center — also known as the puppy program — at Lackland Air Force Base, said program manager Scott Thomas.

The goal of the program not only is to train dogs to detect dangerous materials like explosives in mass transit areas, but it's also to breed a high-energy dog meeting health standards for hips, elbows and eyes needed for the work, Thomas said.

Trinity began fostering Jjurgens in December and will continue until October, when program staff will determine if the dog makes the cut for work training. Since breeding its first litter in 2002, the program has supplied more than 550 dogs to TSA, the U.S. Department of Defense and other agencies.

All are named for a 9/11 victim. Jjurgens is named for Paul Jurgens, a port authority police officer who reportedly was last seen on his way to help at the World Trade Center. The extra "J" indicates the dog was bred at Lackland, Thomas said.

"It keeps the victims of 9/11 in people's memory," said David Tuttle, Trinity's dean of students, who takes the puppy home with him at night and has reached out to Jurgens' family. "I never would have known about Paul Jurgens if it hadn't been for Jjurgens."

While Trinity students are busy studying economics or music, Jjurgens is learning to be at ease among crowds with a student ID strapped to a doggie vest.

Though students aren't allowed to have pets on campus, the university previously has brought puppies to school as finals stress relievers or as a cuddly incentive to snap yearbook photos.

Jjurgens spends much of the day in the office of Katharine Martin, the coordinator for student-edited publications. But as faculty members hold office hours, Jjurgens has "Puppy Hours" once a week, which draw a crowd of students seeking out a few minutes with the resident pooch.

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Spradlin

Midland native survives reality TV show premiere

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Though she managed to stay out of the spotlight and in the game, some local viewers of last week's "Survivor: One World" premiere may have recognized a familiar face.

Kimberly Spradlin, 29, formerly of Midland, is competing against other castaways for $1 million on the prime time reality television show known for challenging its contestants' endurance, problem-solving skills and willpower. The show airs at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on KOSA.

"I've always been a huge fan of 'Survivor,'" Spradlin said in a phone interview of her decision to go on the show. "I've never missed an episode. I've always said, 'If I go on that, I could win that.'"

On this season — the show's 24th installment — men and women are pitted against each other in two tribes that will have to compete for and share resources on the same beach. The season was filmed in Samoa in summer 2011.

Spradlin grew up in Midland and attended Midland Christian School until moving to Navasota when she was 14. Spradlin's father, Mike, coached the Mustangs football team to a 9-3 record and the state semifinals in 1996.

"I've always considered Midland home," Spradlin said. "I love going back there."

Spradlin is the owner of Bella Bridesmaid shops in Austin and San Antonio, where she currently resides. Her decision to open the shop with best friend Cayce Harris three years ago surprised many who knew her as the girl who frequented the Midland United Girls Softball fields and grew up in a family that was competitive by nature.

"I'd been in so many weddings and had so many terrible bridesmaid dresses," Spradlin said, laughing. "I'm really outdoorsy and tomboyish; I think it really surprised a lot of people."

The Midland native received news she made it on the show about a week before she left for the six-month process, and many friends assumed she had taken an extended vacation. Her time on the show pushed her to be physically and mentally tough.

"There's something very 'Lord of the Flies' about it," she said. "They put you in these terrible conditions and see what happens. We all know that feeling when you're really hungry and really grumpy; it's like that on crack."

Spradlin said her strategy was to not pigeon-hole herself into any one particular plan, but to remain flexible throughout the entire game. That helped her to adapt when it was announced the tribes would be divided by gender.

"I wanted to go in and be ready for anything, on the balls of my feet," she said. "I think the main thing I learned coming back is that in any given situation you can either let your environment change you and shape you, or you can be a powerful presence and change and shape your environment."

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Houston Museum of Natural Science gearing up for dinosaur exhibit

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Out of visitors' sight at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, a prehistoric menagerie is emerging from pine crates stamped "Fragile."

Back-room denizens include a shark-bodied reptile that died giving birth, its seven unborn young visible amid its fossilized ribs; a frog-like armor-clad amphibian so recently discovered it has yet to receive a formal name; and an army of trilobites, deep sea arthropods bristling with spines and each more than 500 million years old.

"If you go by the number of critters, 90 percent of them are things never seen by the public," said Robert Bakker, the Colorado-based guest curator for the museum's new paleontology hall. "The trilobite collection is one of the best in the world. I call them the Faberge eggs of paleontology. They're so intricate and beautiful. ... They have spikes that go sideways, spines on their cheeks. They're like a prickly pear married to a roly-poly bug."

Bakker hosted a preview recently of some of the hundreds of animals and plants set to go on display when the exhibit, nearly the size of a football field, opens this summer.

Many of the specimens are arriving from North Dakota's Black Hills Institute, a leading center for preparing prehistoric flora and fauna for display; others from a Houston storage facility, where they have languished unseen because the museum lacked space to show them.

The new hall, part of an $85 million, four-story expansion that will double the museum's exhibition space, will house 26 dinosaurs and 61 major mounted skeletons.

"What I love is that rather than a static display — dinos waiting for an elevator — every fossil skeleton will be interacting with others," said museum director Joel Bartsch. "There will be a tableau of lives."

Fighting, fleeing, sizing one another up as a potential meal or mate, the creatures, Bartsch said, will provide visitors with a cross-section of paleontologic time ending with the appearance of Ice Age man.

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> — Robert Bakker
> guest curator for new paleontology hall

James Nielsen/Houston Chronicle

Workers assemble an Eremotherium on Feb. 8, in the new Paleontology Hall at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in Houston. The museum recently hosted a preview of some of the hundreds of animals and plants set to go on display when the exhibit, nearly the size of a football field, opens this summer.

The exhibit, Bakker said, will include five types of saber-toothed tigers, one of which fed exclusively on plants, and a "superb T. rex, a teenager."

The fearsome carnivore comes with "the best feet and hands found on T. rex," Bakker said. "They have two fingers and a stub of a third. ... There's been a recent controversy of why a seven-ton predator would have tiny weak fingers and muscles that bend the claw. You could arm-wrestle with a T. rex and win, but you shouldn't because it only makes them mad."

Among exhibit highlights will be a triceratops, a plant-eating dinosaur that lived about 65 million years ago.

"It has a near-perfect skeleton, a perfect head and great feet — the feet normally are chewed off — but that's not the story," Bakker said. "This is a mummy. It's got skin. We can see three dimensions. The specimen proves we were wrong. Way wrong. It was not naked. It had things growing out of its body."

Bakker, who earlier in his career posited that some dinosaurs had feathers — long before fossil evidence supported the claim — said quill-like feathers apparently grew out of the triceratops' scaled hide.

"When I saw this, my jaw just dropped," he said. Resembling the hair-like feathers of a kiwi, the triceratops' feathers may have functioned as sensory organs, much like a cat's whiskers, he said.

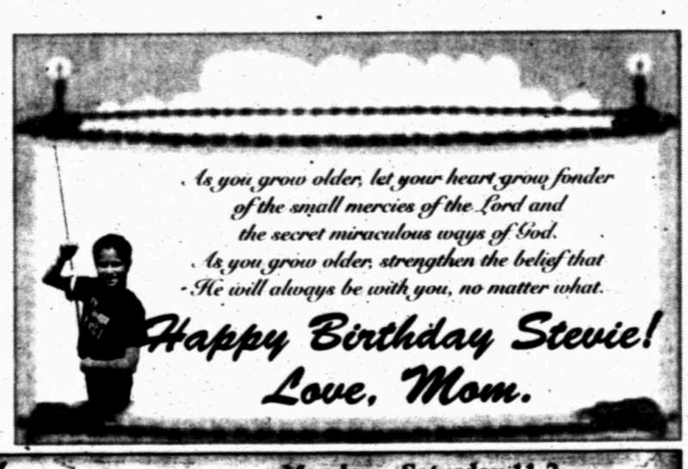
While some of the exhibited animals will be casts meticulously made from the actual fossils, more than half will "be real," Bakker said.

Among exhibits awaiting display recently were the fossilized remains of a froglike amphibian, a new species Bakker said upends beliefs about amphibians. Dubbed the "happy puppy" because of its wide grin, the animal, which unlike most amphibians, had bony plates rather than moist, naked skin, has yet to receive a scientific name.

Nearby was the world's only didelphodon skeleton, an animal Bakker termed "the most ferocious fur-ball that lived with T. rex and triceratops and the other members of the dinosaur community."

"This marsupial mammal has been misinterpreted by nearly every paleontologist for a century," he said. "Textbooks say that it was merely a big opossum. Our new skeleton proves that didelphodon had the fearsome face of a Tasmanian devil, combined with the body and tail of a river otter."

Pound for pound, he said, the animal was "the most powerful creature of river and lake, the terror of clams, snails and baby alligators. ... It had the best parts of an otter and the best part of a Tasmanian devil. It was a marsupial delight."



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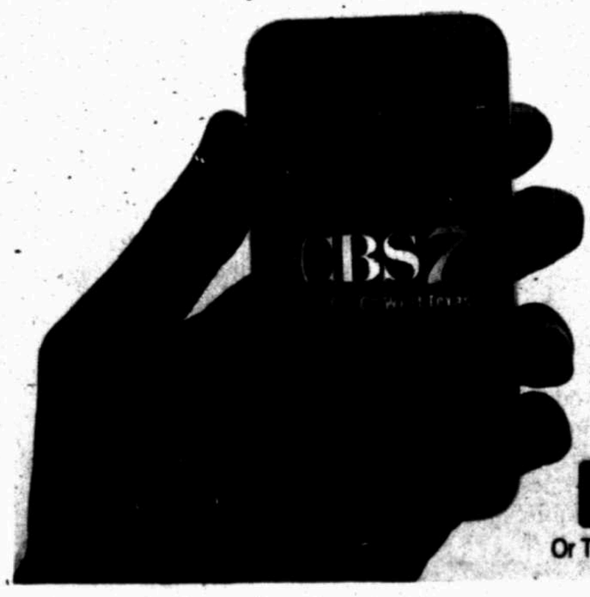

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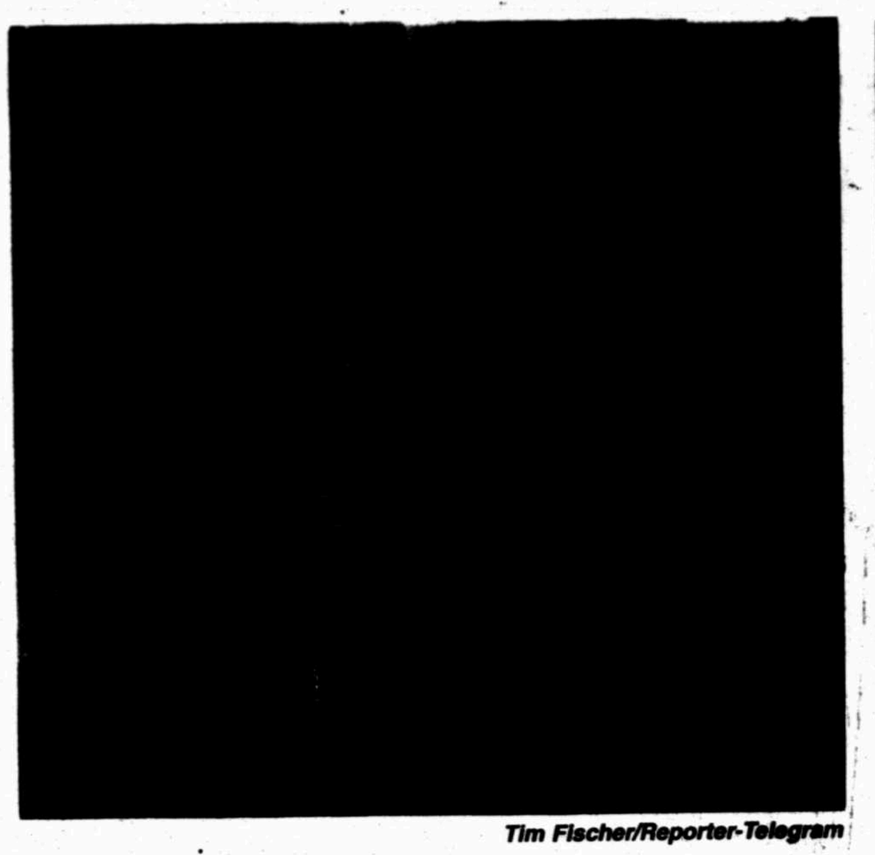

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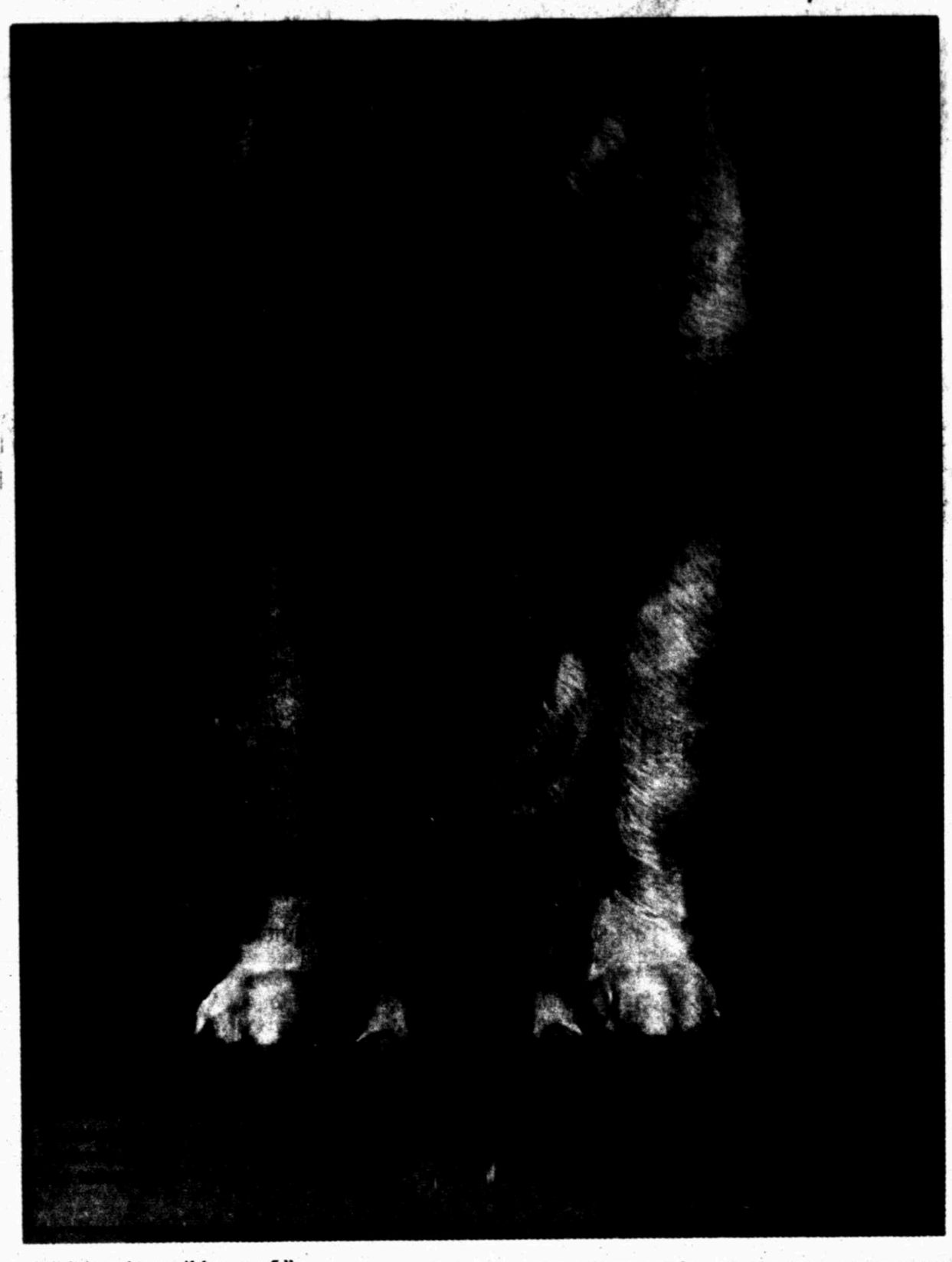
Jane Bale-Woodside and some of her pugs — Buddy, Brooke, Bonnie Sue and a puppy yet to be named — sit on the sofa at her Midland home.



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Bale-Woodside said. She started showing the female dog she purchased and "kind of got the bug" for dog shows, she said.

She started breeding pugs in 2007 and has had 13 champion dogs — five of which are from her own dogs' litters.

"I have been so extremely lucky to get the bloodlines I've had," she said. "I'm a Breeder of Merit because of (a pug named Brooke). She had phenomenal puppies."

Breeders of Merit are those recognized by the American Kennel Club for producing healthy dogs that meet AKC breed standards. To earn the honor, breeders must have produced dogs that have won at least four titles in conformation, performance or companion events, according to the AKC website.

Brooke, a 6-year-old pug that now is retired, has had six puppies that were champions or grand champions, Bale-Woodside said. Oakley was one those puppies.

Oakley isn't the only one of Bale-Woodside's pugs to compete at Westminster. Dogs named Rubio and Topper also showed at the event in 2011 and Topper competed there in 2010. Bale-Woodside and her dogs were invited to Westminster this year but she chose not to attend.

At a local show put on recently by the West Texas Kennel Club, Rubio won first place in the toy group. Bale-Woodside traveled to New York for the Westminster shows and attends shows in the central Texas area, but she doesn't always accompany her dogs to competitions.

Handlers Rudy and Brooke Ayala, of Fort Worth, train, board and show Bale-Woodside's dogs.

"I found out (that) really to be a contender you either need to have a handler or be really, really dedicated," said Bale-Woodside, who was teaching at Lee High School when she began showing dogs. She now is retired but still relies on the Ayalas' help.

"Handlers are so good about presenting the dog's best attributes," she said.

Dogs that are competing stay with the handlers for daily training and grooming.

"They have to learn to walk on a lead; they have to learn to stand on a table; they have to let the judges come over and touch them," Bale-Woodside said.

The dogs that live at Bale-Woodside's house are retired or too young to show.

Pugs often are retired when they "get tired of it," Bale-Woodside said.

"Topper immediately started winning. He started at 6 months and didn't retire until he was 5," she said. "It was to the point he was on the table and he was yawning. He didn't have the sparkle any more that we want in the ring."

After their retirement, Bale-Woodside will allow some of her dogs to be adopted by other families. She tries to find families that will dote on the dogs and give them a happy and healthy life.

"You could probably adopt a child before you could adopt one of my pugs," she said.

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All About Pugs

- Pugs are one of the 23 toy breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club.
- The pug is one of the oldest breeds of dogs and has flourished since before 400 BC.
- China is the earliest known source for pugs, where they were pets of the Buddhist monasteries in Tibet.
- The breed became popular when pug-owner Prince William II became the king of England.
- Pugs are companion dogs that love to be near people.
- The breed requires minimal exercise and grooming, although they do shed.
- AKC registered pugs are either black or fawn in color.

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gardens

Fungus is unlikely culprit for year-long lawn problem

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: We need to replace some grass because of a fungus. What should we use to treat the soil before planting the new grass? How long should we wait after treating before we plant? We already had this area treated professionally at the end of last summer, but the area has increased during the fall and winter months.

Answer: Slow down just a bit! You may be chasing ghosts in the wind here. In 40 years of advising lawn owners in Texas, I've seen a lot of bad and erroneous decisions that have cost probably millions of dollars. Let me state a few things, all relevant, but somewhat disjointed. First, it's impossible to give you a good answer without knowing the type of grass that's involved and the fungus that was attacking it. Second, it is extremely unlikely any fungus that was active in the summer would continue to be active in cooler weather. They just don't work that way. Third, there is no preventive soil treatment we make for fungal diseases, anyway. They are dealt with if, and when, they show up in planted, growing grass.

But, the most critical issue of all is many, many other things get blamed on being funguses, when in reality, they're completely unrelated. (Examples: drought of any type of grass and chinch bugs in St. Augustine.) But, the problem I see by far the most often is excessive shade. If St. Augustine doesn't get four to six hours of hot, direct sunlight daily all summer, it's going to fade away. It starts in the shadiest areas, then it spreads as the trees grow larger. People just don't realize shade is the issue, and they keep pouring good money after bad.

So, before you start applying fungicides, do ask questions and get good and reliable answers. I'd suggest your local Extension Service office, the TAMU "Aggie Horticulture" website and a local Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional.

Dear Neil: I have been unable to find the Teddy Bear magnolia you mentioned several weeks ago. It sounds good. How can I see it and perhaps buy it?

Answer: Teddy Bear magnolias are in fairly common supply in Texas nurseries during the spring and summer. I suspect you looked before your nurserymen received the bulk of their spring shipments. If you'd like to learn more about it, go to the website of the large West Coast wholesale nursery that introduced it. Search for "Monrovia Nursery Teddy Bear magnolia," and you'll find a quick link to that page of the catalog, along with its photo. Your local nursery assuredly buys stock from Monrovia, and they can add it to an order if you decide that you want it. I've had mine for several years, and it looks terrific. Mature height, they say, will be 16 to 20 feet, with width of 10 to 12 feet. Otherwise, it looks just like the southern magnolias that grow four times larger.

Dear Neil: When should I prune Japanese boxwoods, also hibiscus?

Answer: Japanese boxwoods start budding and growing earlier than many other plants, and you want to beat that flush of new growth. Hopefully you still have time. You can trim them back by 20 to 25 percent, but leave a reasonable quantity of leaves in place to nurse them along. Hibiscus pruning depends on the type. Tropical hibiscus can be pruned as it is brought outdoors for the spring. Hardy hibiscus usually get trimmed back to the ground after the first freeze in the fall. Rose-of-Sharon, the woody member of the family, is pruned lightly during the winter.

Dear Neil: Where in Texas can we grow citrus trees outdoors? Are there any specific planting tips?

Answer: Cold is your enemy. Some of the more winter-hardy types of citrus, notably satsumas and some tangerines, can be grown in the southern third of the state (Bryan/College Station to Austin and southward). Even in that area of milder winters, however, there is risk of damage from extremely cold weather. There are dozens of types of citrus plants. Most are best suited to the Rio Grande Valley. Smaller types, such as the dwarf lemons, satsumas and calamondins are well suited to container gardens.

Drought-tolerant small shrubs are worth the hunt

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Deborah Benge Frost is a retired horticulturist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Email her at garden.frost@gmail.com.

It's wonderful we have so many great choices in drought- and heat-tolerant landscape plants. There are several in the dwarf and small mature shrub size category that are valuable in home and commercial landscapes. These are a little hard to find, but they are well worth the hunt.

■ **Turpentine bush** (*Ericameria laricifolia*) grows about 3 feet tall and wide. It is evergreen, fine textured with bright green leaves and blooms in the fall with small, bright yellow, daisy-like blooms followed by lots of fine, fuzzy seeds. Plant it in full sun and it will grow at a moderate pace with low water needs once established.

■ **Pink fairy duster** (*Calliandra eriophylla*) grows 3 feet tall and wide. It is semi-evergreen with dark green leaves on slender stems on a rounded shrub. Flowers occur heaviest in the spring and lighter in summer and fall. The flowers are pink and look like those on mimosa trees. This tough shrub can take heat and reflected sun. Give regular water until established and then every couple of weeks in the hot summer months.

■ **Skeletonleaf goldeneye** (*Viguiera stenoloba*) is another excellent choice for full- or part-shade sites. This evergreen shrub grows 3 to 4 feet tall and wide. It has bright green, fine textured, evergreen leaves on a rounded shrub. Skeletonleaf goldeneye blooms summer and fall with bright yellow daisy flowers. This plant is extremely tough and grows between Monahans and Fort Stockton in the rocky road cuts.

■ **Black dalea** (*Dalea frutescens*) is a semi-evergreen, fine-textured shrub that grows 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 to 4 wide. Grow black dalea in full sun, well-drained, unamended soil (unless drainage needs to be improved) and it will reward you with a trouble-free existence and a beautiful fall bloom when it is covered by violet and white flowers. A good cut back in February will keep plants dense and attractive. Once established, plants are very drought-tolerant.

■ **Bush germander** (*Teucrium fruticans*) grows 4 to 6 feet tall and wide in full sun to part shade in poor soils. This evergreen shrub has medium textured silvery leaves and stems. It blooms with lavender-blue flowers in the summer months. It has very low water needs once established and requires pruning in February to keep it dense and attractive. It may need a "wild hair" or two trimmed off during the growing season if a neater look is desired.

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Learn more about dealing with drought at the Water Wise 2012 programs 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the PB Home Builder's Home & Garden Show at Midland County Horseshoe. Speakers and topics include,

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■ "Drought Tolerant Plants" by Carl White, Permian Basin master gardener; and

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Rangers in; Dawgs, Rebels out

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ABOVE: Lee's Tavi Hubbard (20) drives against Arlington Martin's Joey Slanker (21) during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game at Jim Ned High School. **BELOW:** Lee's Grant Coffman (5) steals the ball during Tuesday's game.

Rebels can't restrain Arlington Martin's Fields

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

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TUSCOLA — Lee has come a long way since falling to Arlington Martin by 35 points in December.

It only took the Rebels 2:52 to show that in Tuesday's Class 5A bi-district playoff game. They scored the first nine points of the game against Martin, the District 4-5A runner-up.

But, ultimately, it was Devonte Fields — a player who didn't play in the first meeting — that helped Martin pull away this time, fueling an 11-0 run to start the second half in a 57-46 win at Jim Ned High School.

"We really beat them on the boards pretty bad in the first half," Lee coach Mark Coffman said. "We knew they were going to try to get the ball inside to (Fields)."

Fields, a senior headed to TCU to play defensive end, scored 10 of his game-high 25 points in the third quarter to help Martin (25-7) grab control of the game for the first time.

It was Lee (13-20) that gained the upper hand early, as it went up 9-0 on a Chili Hubbard layup following a Jarrod Johnson block on defense.

The run didn't surprise Martin coach Jeff Plemons, who expected an improved Lee team to show up in Tuscola.

"We tracked that district as our district play's going," Plemons said, "You see the scores, you know they're getting better because I know how they are."

Martin responded with an 8-0 run of its own, capped by a Fields layup. Cameron Ashton later nailed a 3-pointer from the corner with four seconds remaining in the quarter to tie the game at 11 heading into the second.

Just 1:16 into the second quarter, Lee found itself in a bind when Anthony McCoy was called for an offensive foul, his third foul of the game.

McCoy had to sit, which Coffman said seemed to affect his play the rest of the game, as he wasn't able to find a rhythm despite scoring eight points.

McCoy's foul issues left Lee without an experienced ballhandler for long stretches as well, accounting for a large portion of its 18 turnovers.

With the teams tied at 23 heading into halftime, Martin made it a point to pressure the Rebel guards and get the ball to Fields.

"(I told them) let's get the ball inside," Plemons said. "Let's keep defending."

Fields answered the call, scoring eight points in an 11-0 Martin run to open the second half. The lead ballooned to 14 when Fields hit a cutting Cameron Craig with a nice pass for a layup and a 39-25 lead at the 5:04 mark.

The big man showed his good hands and athleticism Tuesday as well, nabbing four steals and pulling down a team-high five rebounds in addition to his 25 points.

"I feel like nobody's stronger than me," Fields said. "So, I just want the ball, so I can finish."

Lee only scored six points in the third quarter and only saw the lead grow at the start of the fourth, when Martin scored seven straight

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No. 6 Panthers pounce on Bulldogs

By Joanthan Hull
Sports Writer

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CLYDE — Midland High had obviously faced a full court press before Tuesday night. The Bulldogs simply hadn't seen one played with the all-out intensity that North Crowley showed.

North Crowley's high-pressure defense forced the Bulldogs into 27 turnovers, allowing the No. 6 Panthers to end Midland High's season with a 64-36 victory in a Class 5A boys basketball bi-district playoff game at Clyde High School gym.

"Our guys aren't used to seeing four guys in the front court coming after the ball," Midland High coach Justin Hardin said. "Obviously their pressure got to us. There are four guys digging in against you. When you beat the first trap, there's another one waiting. They don't stop. Our guys aren't used to seeing that."

North Crowley (30-4) moves on to face either El Paso Coronado or Lubbock

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Rangers rout Lobos in playoffs

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

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FORT STOCKTON — The Greenwood boys basketball team may be playing some of its best basketball of the season, and that meant bad news for Clint Mountain View on Tuesday night.

Greenwood's depth and defense wore down the Lobos early and it was never really much of a contest in a 73-27 blowout by the Rangers in a Class 3A bi-district game at Fort Stockton High School's Special Events Center.

Williams

The Rangers (24-10) move on to play Dalhart in an area round game at 7 p.m. Friday in Littlefield.

"This gives us great momentum," said junior Kam Williams, who had a game-high 15 points to go with six rebounds. "It feels like we're starting to do everything just perfect right now. Going further in the playoffs we feel we're starting to peak as a team. We think that's what it

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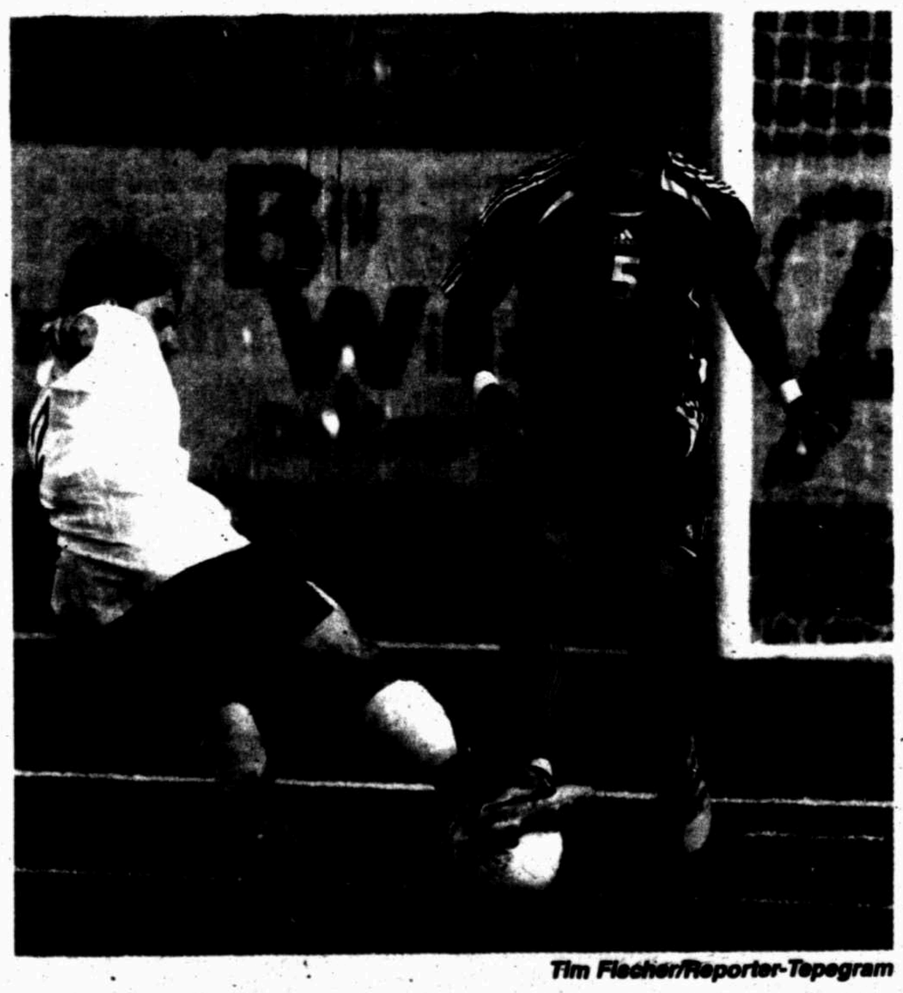

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Just for kicks

Lee's Colyn Moore tries to get the ball around Abilene High's Eliseo Collings (5) on Tuesday evening at Grande Communication Stadium. More high school soccer results are inside. **SPORTS/4C**

No. 1 Baylor pummels UT; Griner gets 40th double-double

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Associated Press

WACO — Brittney Griner had 18 points with 10 rebounds and top-ranked Baylor claimed the outright Big 12 title with an 80-59 victory over Texas on Tuesday night.

Griner's 40th career double-double came in her 100th game at Baylor.

After a pregame ceremony when the 6-foot-8 junior phenom was recognized for becoming Baylor's fourth 2,000-point career scorer earlier this season, Griner put the Lady Bears ahead to stay with layup only 31 seconds into the game.

The Lady Bears (28-0, 15-0 Big 12) had clinched a share of the title with a win over Texas Tech on Saturday night, when they cut down the nets and got championship T-shirts in a full-scale celebration for their second consecutive Big 12 regular season title, and third overall.

Associated Press

Baylor's Odyssey Sims, right, reaches for the ball while defending Texas' Yvonne Anderson during the second half Tuesday in Waco. For Texas A&M's results, see **SPORTS/4C.**

After beating Texas (15-12, 5-10) to ensure they wouldn't have to share the title, the reaction was much more subdued.

Baylor players had the customary postgame handshake with the opposing team, and then stood in front of the band for the usual playing of the alma mater. They slapped hands with a few fans lining the edge of the court, but nothing like the raucous celebration three nights earlier.

The Ferrell Center went silent with 16 seconds left when Shanay Washington crumbled to the floor grabbing the bulky brace protecting her surgically repaired left knee.

Pacquiao touts Bradley fight

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Manny Pacquiao and Timothy Bradley Jr. both realize almost every boxing fan wishes Floyd Mayweather Jr. had been standing next to Pacquiao at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Tuesday.

But when Pacquiao and Mayweather failed to make a deal for the fight everybody wants to see, Pacquiao moved down the list of contenders to make a fight he hopes his fans will enjoy.

Pacquiao and Bradley are getting an early start on the promotional circuit for their welterweight bout June 9 at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas. Even while the Filipino congressman and his unbeaten opponent posed for photos and praised each other in the peach-colored ballroom at the historic Hollywood hideaway, Pacquiao and his camp realized Mayweather's absence looms over the proceedings.

"I'm willing to fight Mayweather," Pacquiao said. "But I have to fight the guys who are hungry to fight me. Timothy Bradley is strong, and he can punch. He's a good boxer, so it's a challenge to fight a guy like that."

Pacquiao (54-3-2, 38 KOs) realizes he'll have to do plenty of promoting to get fans interested in a fight against Bradley, a 140-pound champion from Palm Springs, Calif., who has never been in a fraction of the spotlight that follows Pacquiao across the globe. Pacquiao will make sure every fan knows all about Bradley (28-0, 12 KOs), praising him as a game opponent who enjoys a good action fight as much as he does — another indirect swipe at the defense-oriented Mayweather.

"It's nice to be fighting a fighter who is undefeated and not worried about losing that zero on his record," said Freddie Roach, Pacquiao's longtime trainer.

Yet Roach repeatedly showed little interest in a bout with Bradley in recent years, citing Bradley's near anonymity and limited knockout power. Although Bradley's record makes him an eminently worthy opponent, he only pulled into prime position for the bout last year when he joined promoter Bob Arum's Top Rank alongside Pacquiao.

Pacquiao and Bradley haven't exactly built up any motivation to punch each other in the face yet, either. After Pacquiao cracked up in laughter when he posed for a staredown with Bradley, the Filipino champion grabbed a camera and shot a few photos of Bradley, who struck a goofy pose.

Indians send De La Cruz to Rangers

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — The Cleveland Indians have traded minor league left-hander Kelvin De La Cruz to the Texas Rangers for cash considerations.

The Indians had designated the 23-year-old for assignment on Feb. 14 to make room for free agent first baseman Casey Kotchman, who signed with Cleveland earlier this month. De La Cruz spent last season at Double-A Akron, where he went 5-6 with a 4.19 ERA in 23 games. He had been with the organization since 2004.

HSBASKETBALLPAIRINGS

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Flower Mound Marcus (W8, 33-2) 51, Justin Northwest 39
Duncanville (R5, 19-14) 52, Irving Nimitz 51
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Coppell (R7, 25-8) 43, Allen 41, OT
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El Paso Hanks (W1, 23-8) 70, Amarillo Tascosa 58
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Region I
Bi-District

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El Paso Bowie (T1, 20-11) 65, El Paso Parkland 51
El Paso Burges (W1, 18-8) 76, El Paso Del Valle 66
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Arlington Seguin (W7, 29-5) 85, Waco High 54
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Brownwood (R5, 12-19) 55, Graham 52
Wichita Falls Hirschi (W6, 20-6), bye
Decatur (R7) vs. Glen Rose (T8, 15-13), late
Faberns (W3, 16-11), bye
Lubbock Cooper (R2, 23-9) 69, Perryton 59
Dalhart (W1), bye
Greenwood (R4, 24-10) 73, Clint Mountain View 27
Mineral Wells (W7, 18-17), bye
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Kennedale (R8, 23-9) vs. Burleson Centennial, late

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Region I
Bi-District

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Breckenridge (R5, 21-9) 67, Comanche 47
Dublin (W6, 26-4), bye
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Stanton (T3, 19-11) 41, Tornillo 39
Wall (W7, 21-6), bye
Eastland (RT5, 20-4) 47, Bangs 43
Tuscola Jim Ned (W5, 28-6), bye
Grape Creek (R8, 12-14) vs. Blanco (T7, 13-11), late

Class A, Division I
Region I
Bi-District

Hale Center (W4, 22-3), bye
Gruver (R1, 16-15) 46, Boys Ranch 37
Vega (W2, 23-4), bye
Memphis (R3, 16-12) 64, New Deal 42
Van Horn (W8, 17-9), bye
Smyer (T6, 17-13) 55, Farwell 43
Seagraves (W6, 17-10) bye
Iraan (R7, 11-10) 78, Fort Hancock 45
Clarendon (W3, 18-10) bye
Panhandle (R2, 19-9) 63, Stratford 53
Canadian (W1, 19-8), bye
Wellington (T3, 11-6) 61, Crosbyton 55
Reagan County (W7, 22-9), bye
Morton (R6, 19-7) 54, Sudan 43
Olton (W5, 22-7), bye
Marfa (R8, 23-4) 51, Iraon County 38

Class A, Division II
Region I

Shamrock (W4, 17-9), bye
Hartley (R1, 12-8) 64, Kress 49
Nazareth (W2, 20-10), bye
McLean (T4, 19-17) 44, Miami 38
Grady (W8, 24-3), bye
Petersburg (R5, 11-15) vs. Spur (T6), TBA
Valley (W6), bye
New Home (R7, 18-6) vs. O'Donnell (T8, 20-9), TBA
Darrouzett (W3, 11-12), bye
Happy (R2, 15-8) 54, Channing 32
Texline (W1, 20-6), bye
Groom (R4, 9-11) vs. Briscoe Fort Elliot (T3, 11-13), late
Meadow (W7, 18-5), bye
Paducah (R6) 80, Anton 54
Whitharral (W5, 22-6), bye
Sands (R8, 23-6) vs. Ropes (T7, 17-6), late

Region II

Water Valley (R12), bye
Valentine (R9) 56, Buena Vista 49, OT
Rankin (W10), bye
Roby (R11, 10-19) vs. Bronte (T12, 17-11), late
Lipan (W16), bye
Woodson (T14, 19-9) 52, Knox City 31
Throckmorton (W14, 16-3), bye
Gorman (R15, 19-8) 57, Newcastle 54
Ira (W11, 21-5), bye
Wink (R10, 16-12) 74, Sierra Blanca 49
Fort Davis (W9), bye
Garden City (R12, 21-11) 71, Trent 47
May (W15, 21-5), bye
Aspermont (R14, 21-7) 56, Vernon Northside 42
Crowell (W13, 20-2), bye
Graford (R16, 22-8) vs. Rising Star (T15, 11-11), late

GIRLS
Class 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 27-6) 55, Lubbock Monterey 43
Irving MacArthur (W8, 34-2) 67, Plano West 60
Amarillo High (R2, 28-6) 50, Arlington Lamar 53
Duncanville (W5, 36-1) 60, Southlake Carroll 46

Class 4A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Clint Horizon (W2, 31-2) 46, Amarillo Palo Duro 45
Granbury (W8, 27-8) 57, Stephenville 38
Canyon (W3, 29-3) 64, El Paso Chapin 42
Mansfield Summit (W7, 33-3) 42, Arlington Seguin 37

Class 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Lubbock Cooper (R1, 21-10) 68, Dalhart 50
Kennedale (W8, 28-6) 80, Bowie 47
Shallowater (W3, 28-5) 53, Perryton 35
Abilene Wylie (W5, 31-4) 71, Decatur 38

Class 2A
Region I
Regional

Tulia (W2, 27-7) 62, Idalou 36
Jim Ned (R5, 28-8) 57, Brady 42
Spearman (W1, 23-6) 50, Lubbock Roosevelt 31
Wall (W7, 25-7) 34, Merkel 30

Class A, Division I
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Panhandle (W2, 28-7) 46, Canadian 44
Sundown (T6, 23-11) 44, Smyer 32
Clarendon (W3, 23-4) 40, Gruver 36
Sudan (W5, 30-3) 57, Plains 34

Class A, Division II
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

McLean (W4, 17-13) def. Follett
Turkey Valley (W6, 31-0) 51, Anton 47
Nazareth (R2, 25-9) 51, Hartley 48, 2OT
Whitharral (W5, 26-5) 63, Lorenzo 38

Region II
Regional Quarterfinals

Wink (W10, 21-7) 37, Garden City 36
Lipan (W16, 30-2) 49, Throckmorton 43
Bronte (R12, 22-12) 46, Roby 35
Strawn (R16, 27-5) 59, Baird 37

SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENWOOD 5, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 1

The Rangerettes took advantage of two second base errors and some big hits to take a 5-1 victory against San Angelo Central on Tuesday at Greenwood.

After Greenwood leadoff hitter Jaden Shoults opened the game by drawing a walk, Emily Dye and Kendall Maddox each reached home on errors. Shoults,scored on the error that allowed Maddox to reach home.

Cassie Kraft drove in a run with an RBI single, and then Kassie Maddox brought in two with a two-run double and then Sawyer Cobb finished the scoring with an RBI double.

Cobb was 2 for 3 on the day, with Kraft going 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Senior pitcher Kendall Maddox gave up one run on five hits with two walks and five strikeouts.

Greenwood (2-0) will take on Amarillo High in the first game of the West Texas Classic at 5 p.m. Thursday.

GREENWOOD 5, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 1

Central	001 000	0	—1	5	3
Greenwood	500 000	x	—5	4	1

Maddie Contreras and Mykaela Lara. Kendall Maddox and Cassie Kraft. W — Maddox (2-0). L — Contreras. 2B — Greenwood: Kassie Maddox. 3B — Central: Crystal Moreno.
Records: Greenwood 2-0
Next: Greenwood vs. Amarillo High, 5 p.m. Thursday, West Texas Classic, Midland

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 16, REAGAN COUNTY 0

The Lady Mustangs took advantage of 15 walks from the Owls to take a run-rule victory on Monday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

Midland Christian scored 11 runs in the first inning and then added five more in the second as the game was stopped after two and half innings.

Maranda Galindo had two RBI in the victory as Kadee Vines picked up the pitching victory.

Midland Christian will take on Abilene High at 5 p.m. Thursday on the first day of the West Texas Classic.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 16, REAGAN COUNTY 0

Reagan County	000 —0	0	0		
MCS	(11)5x —16	7	0		

Sarah Chabarria and Hannah Maltos. Kadee Vines, Britton Rea (3) and Maranda Galindo. W — Vines. L — Chabarria. 2B — MCS: Lexi Green. 3B — MCS: Maranda Galindo.
Record: 3-1
Next: Midland Christian vs. Abilene High, 5 p.m. Thursday, West Texas Classic, Midland

REBELS

From 1C

points to go up 49-29.

But, the Rebels battled back, getting as close as 53-42 at the 2:24 mark on a McCoy pull-up 3-pointer.

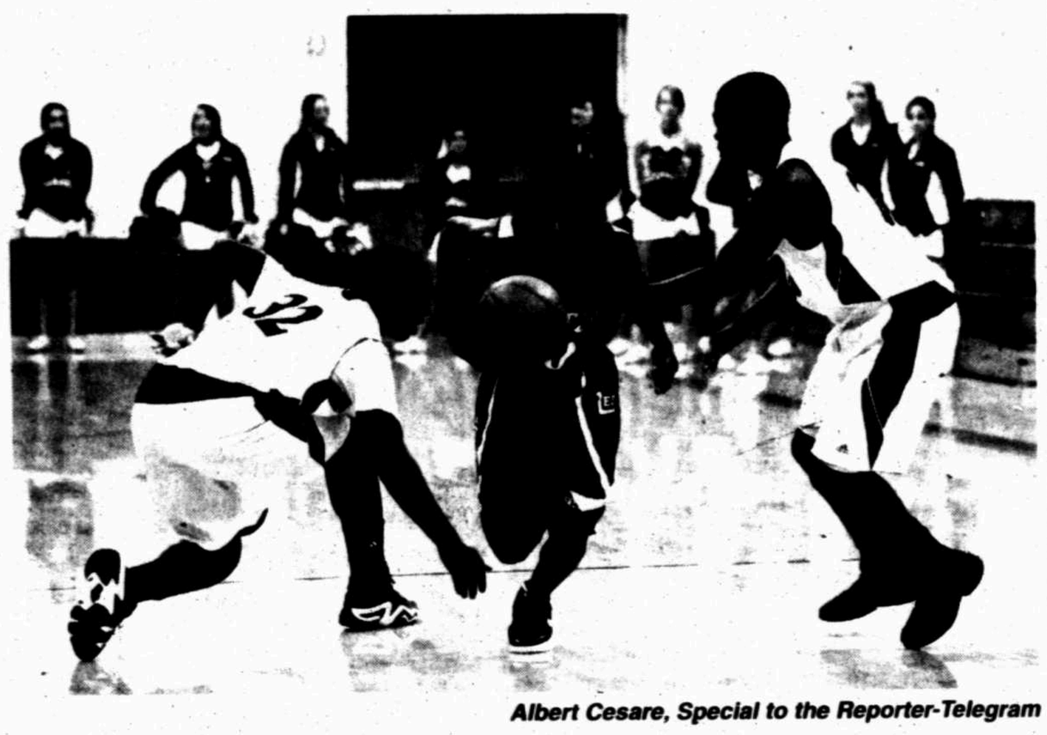
Chili Hubbard led the Rebels with 14 points in the game while his brother Tavi added 11 points and a game-high eight rebounds.

The late push by his young team impressed Coffman after seeing his team fall behind by 20.

"I'm really proud of the way we got down, and they came back and fought back at the end of the game," Coffman said.

But that didn't make it any easier to see Lee's season end, especially after the Rebels had played so well in the first half.

"We thought we had a chance to win this if everything worked right," Coffman said. "We just didn't get the breaks."



Albert Cesare, Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Tavi Hubbard (20) dribbles between Arlington Martin's Devonte Fields (32) and Myles Mwamba (20) during the bi-district playoff game Tuesday at Jim Ned High School.

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ARLINGTON MARTIN 57, LEE 46

Lee (13-20) — Chili Hubbard 14, Tavi Hubbard 11, Jarrod Johnson 9, Anthony McCoy 8, Grant Coffman 2, Jordan Williams 2
Martin (25-7) — Devonte Fields 25, R.J. Salter 10, Cameron Ashton 9, Myles Mwamba 7, Shawn Hammler 4, Cameron Craig 2

Lee	11	12	6	17	—46
Martin	11	12	20	14	—57

Free throws — Lee 8-12, Martin 10-21. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (McCoy 2, C. Hubbard, T. Hubbard). Martin 1 (Ashton). Total fouls — Lee 19, Martin 19. Fouled out — Lee, McCoy. Assists — Lee (none), Martin 4 (Craig 2, Hammler 2). Rebounds — Lee 23 (T. Hubbard 8), Martin 18 (Fields 5). Turnovers — Lee 18, Martin 17.
Next: Arlington Martin vs. El Paso Hanks, Class 5A area round, TBA

RANGERS

From 1C

takes to go far."

Taylor Hollingsworth added 11 for the Rangers, who had a nice balanced offensive attack.

Mountain View finished its season at 14-16.

Grenwood's objective early was to push the ball and not let the smaller Lobos beat them on the boards. There was no question that strategy worked from the outset as the Rangers roared out to a 21-7 lead in the first quarter. In fact, the Lobos' only lead in the game came with a game-opening 3-pointer from Luis Cardoza.

"In practice all the time coach says to push the ball, push the ball," Williams said. "We leave that up to our point guards and whenever they get it, they just push it to whoever is open, and we just go from there."

The Rangers continued to push the ball and force bad shots by the Lobos in the second as they took a commanding 45-11 lead at the half.

"Defensively we played real well the first half," Greenwood coach Jay Ray said. "That was our goal, to come in and set the tone defensively and try to get out there and run."

Hollingsworth

Ray added the game was a carry-over from a practice game his team had against Class 5A Odessa Permian last Friday in which the Rangers scored 39 second-half points.

"A win is sure nice, but we're playing good right now," Ray said. "Hopefully we're starting to peak at the right time. The last six quarters of basketball that we've played are definitely some of the best basketball that we've played all year long. It gives us a little bit of confidence moving forward in the playoffs, that's for sure."

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GREENWOOD 73, CLINT MOUNTAIN VIEW 27

Greenwood (24-10) — Jody Lively 8, Edgar Urias 4, Grant Franklin 9, Hugo Arenas 6, Taylor Hollingsworth 11, Dustin Mayers 8, Timmy Murphy 5, Kam Williams 15, Jacob Armitage 7.
Mountain View (14-16) — Carlos Umana 2, Jorge Torres 6, Jon Guardiola 4, Luis Cardoza 7, Mike Esparza 6, Oscar Medina 2

Greenwood	21	24	12	16	—73
Mountain View	7	4	6	10	—27

Free throws — GHS 10-16, CMV 2-4. Total fouls — GHS 10, CMV 14. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — GHS 32 (Williams 6), CMV 18 (Three with 3). Turnovers — GHS 16, CMV 15.
Next: Greenwood vs. Dalhart, Class 3A area round, 7 p.m. Friday, Littlefield

BULLDOGS

From 1C

Monterey in an area round playoff game at a time and date still to be decided. The Panthers only hope their full court press can have the same effect on their next opponent like it did against Midland High.

"Our guys weren't taking anybody lightly by any means," North Crowley coach Tommy Brakel said. "Sometimes when you're not used to playing against that kind of relentless pressure for 32 minutes it can wear on you and can force a lot of turnovers. I think that's what happened (to Midland High) throughout the course of the game."

North Crowley's full court pressure began to take its toll on the Bulldogs in the second period. Leading 19-11 after the end of the first, North Crowley opened the second with an 8-0 run to open up the game. The Bulldogs didn't get their first points of the period until senior guard T.J. Brown sank a 3-pointer with 3:01 left in the frame. By then, the Panthers already had a 27-14 lead.

They finished the final three minutes of the second period with an 11-2 run, giving the Panthers a 38-16 advantage at halftime. Midland High wouldn't get closer than 20 points for the remainder of the game.

Putting the ball in the bucket consistently was a struggle throughout the night for MHS, but particularly in the second period when North Crowley outscored the Bulldogs 19-5.

"In typical fashion, we missed some shots I feel like we should have made. It's kind of been our mantra all year. We can't get some key shots to drop," MHS coach Justin Hardin said. "We dug in and tried to keep them out of the paint and got a lot of defensive rebounds. We just couldn't convert. We make a few more of those shots and it's a different ball game."

Brown

North Crowley got 16 points from senior guard Braxton Reeves, while junior guard Jalen McCloud added 11 and senior guard Calvin Ward chipped in 10. Midland High (7-24) was led by senior T.J. Brown's game-high 17 points. Brown, an Abilene Christian University commit, is one of five seniors along with Nick Jimenez, Donavon Lee, Stevie Rhodes and Sean Matchus who played in their final game as Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Hardin left the court satisfied with his seniors' final effort.

"There is no shame in this loss," Hardin said. "I will never be ashamed of a team that just played their heart out the way my kids just did."

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NO. 6 NORTH CROWLEY 64, MIDLAND HIGH 36

Midland High (7-24) — T.J. Brown 17, Stevie Rhodes 6, Donavon Lee 6, Mazelle Justice 5, Nick Rodriguez 2
North Crowley (30-4) — Braxton Reeves 16, Jalen McCloud 11, Calvin Ward 10, Taylor Luster 5, Jalen President 5, Quinton Moncrief 4, Noremie Odasse 4, Caleb Banks 3, Torrence Neal 2, Sean Willecke 2, Austin Allen 2

Midland High	11	5	12	8	—36
North Crowley	19	19	13	13	—64

Free throws — MHS 8-12, NC 8-14. 3-point goals — MHS 2 (Brown, Justice), NC 8 (Reeves 4, McCloud 2, Luster, President). Total fouls — MHS 15, NC 15. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MHS 36 (Brown 12), NC 27 (Reeves 6). Assists — MHS 5 (Nick Jimenez 3), NC 5 (Luster 2). Turnovers — MHS 27, NC 16.
Next: North Crowley vs. El Paso Coronado, Class 5A area round, TBA

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NJCAA

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

Rank	College	Record	Pts	Prv.
1. South Plains Coll	28-0	320 (16)		1
2. NW Fla St College	25-1	288		2
3. Vincennes University	27-2	284		3
4. Colleyville CC	24-2	269		5
5. Monroe College	25-3	258		6
6. Eastern Okla St Coll	25-2	222		7
7. Coll of Southern Idaho	24-3	219		4
8. Indian Hills CC	25-3	198		8
9. Shelton State CC	24-3	195		10
10. E Miss CC	19-2	174		14
11. ND St Coll of Sci	25-4	121		9
12. Santa Fe College	24-4	112		20
13. Seward County CC	21-5	82		13
14. Olney Central Coll	22-4	65		18
15. Kankakee CC	24-5	59		11
16. Palm Beach St Coll	24-4	55		RV
17. Miss Gulf Coast CC	25-4	51		16
18. Otero JC	24-3	46		RV
19. Cochise College	23-5	41		15
20. Odessa College	21-6	39		12

Other receiving votes: Hutchinson CC (21-5) 33; Arizona Western College (23-3) 30; Hagerstown CC (26-4) 30; Pensacola State College (22-6) 20; McLennan CC (23-5) 17; Harcum College (23-4) 16; Western Nebraska CC (21-5) 16; Sheridan College (21-4) 15; Georgia Perimeter College (23-7) 14; Paris Junior College (20-5) 14; Howard College (20-5) 12; Moberly Area CC (17-7) 10; Barton CC (22-5) 9; Snow College (20-7) 6; San Jacinto College (20-5) 5; Chipola College (21-6) 4; Clinton State College (20-6) 4; Lawson State Community College (19-6) 4; Highland Community College-Illinois (22-6) 2; College of Central Florida (21-7) 1; North Idaho College (21-6) 1; Spartanburg Methodist College (22-5) 1; Missouri State University-West Plains (20-8) 1

Coll. Baseball

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 7, TCU 1
Hardin-Simmons 12, Southwestern, Texas 6
Rice 7, New Mexico St. 5
St. Edward's 6, Texas Wesleyan 0
St. Mary's, Texas 8, Tarleton St. 2
Sam Houston St. 8, Prairie View 1
Texas A&M 4, Stephen F. Austin 3
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 3, Houston 2
Texas A&M-International 8, Texas A&M-Kingsville 6
Texas-Pan American 13, Texas-Brownsville 1
Texas-San Antonio 9, Houston Baptist 6, 13 inn.
Trinity, Texas 5, Mary Hardin-Baylor 3
SOUTH
Belmont Abbey 3, Lenoir-Rhyne 6
Blue Mountain 5, Christian Brothers 3
Bryan 10, Tenn. Temple 2
Campbell 10, Duke 4
Campbellsville 15-17, Asbury 2-4
High Point 12, Charlotte 5
Florida St. 16, Jacksonville 9
Furman 7, Presbyterian 5
King, Tenn. 10, Carson-Newman 7
Lincoln Memorial 8-2, N. Kentucky 5-5
Lindsey Wilson 10, Union, Ky 5
Lipscomb 3-3, Middle Tennessee 2-1
Murray St. 10, Mid-Continent 9
N.C. State 10, UNC-Wilmington 0
St. Catharine 17-6, Martin Methodist 8-8
Spalding 6-6, Centre 3-0
Spring Hill 4-9, Tougaloo 0-1
Tennessee 8, W. Kentucky 7, 13 innings
Tenn. Wesleyan 13, Trevecca Nazarene 4
UT-Martin 9, S. Illinois 4
Union, Tenn. 25, Rust 0
W Carolina 13, Winthrop 3
Wingate 13, Barton 12
Winston-Salem 13, Bluefield St. 5

Tennis

WTA Whirlpool Monterrey Open Results
Tuesday
At Sierra Madre Tennis Club
Monterrey, Mexico
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Alize Cornet, France, def. Tetiana Luzhanska, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Alexandra Dulgheru (4), Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
Maria Abramovic, Croatia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-2, 6-3.
Greta Arn (6), Hungary, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-1, 6-4.
Lourdes Dominguez Lino (8), Spain, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-3, 6-3.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Ximena Hermoso, Mexico, 6-2, 6-3.
Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, def. Mathilde Johansson (7), France, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (5).
Sorana Cirstea (3), Romania, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Katalin Marosi, Hungary, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

RMK Championships & Memphis International Results
Tuesday
At The Racquet Club of Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
Prize: Men, $1,281,500 (WT500); Women, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Robert Kendrick, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Ryan Sweeting, United States, def. James Blake, United States, 6-0, 6-2.
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
John Isner (1), United States, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (4).
Women
First Round
Ksenia Pervak (2), Kazakhstan, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, 6-2, 6-4.
Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Pauline Parmentier (5), France, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Second Round
Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Johanna Larsson (7), Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Jarmie Hampton, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
Marina Erakovic (4), New Zealand, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

ATP World Tour Copa Claro Results
Tuesday
At Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Purse: $553,100 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Albert Ramos, Spain, def. Juan Ignacio Chela (8), Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Gilles Simon (3), France, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-3, 7-5.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Javier Marti, Spain, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Juan Monaco (5), Argentina, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-1, 3-1, retired.
Fernando Verdasco (7), Spain, def. Eric Prodon, France, 6-4, 6-1.
Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro (2), Spain, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Frederico Gil, Portugal, 6-2, 6-2.
David Nalbandian, Argentina, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina, 6-1, 6-0.

ATP World Tour Open 13 Results
Tuesday
At Palais des Sports
Marseille, France
Purse: $761,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
David Goffin, Belgium, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-2, 1-0, retired.
Albano Olivetti, France, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 6-3, 6-4.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Richard Gasquet (5), France, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-0, 6-2.
Kamil Majchrzak, Poland, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-3.

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	21	11	.656	—
Springfield	21	13	.618	—
Dakota	17	14	.548	3 1/2
Canton	17	16	.515	4 1/2
Erie	15	17	.469	6
Maine	12	19	.382	9
Fort Wayne	10	25	.286	12 1/2
Sioux Falls	9	25	.265	13

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	25	10	.714	—
Austin	21	12	.636	3
Rio Grande Valley	20	16	.556	5 1/2
Bakersfield	17	15	.531	6 1/2
Texas	17	18	.486	8
Reno	16	18	.471	8 1/2
Idaho	15	18	.444	9 1/2
Idaho	14	18	.438	9 1/2

Tuesday's Scores
Iowa 111, Fort Wayne 88
Maine 86, Tulsa 84
Idaho at Reno, late
Today's Games
Bakersfield at Canton, 8 p.m.
Maine at Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at Austin, 7:30 p.m.
Idaho at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

TUESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTH
Clemson 56, Georgia Tech 37
Florida 63, Auburn 47
Kentucky 73, Mississippi St. 64
Maryland 75, Miami 70
North Carolina 86, NC State 74
Virginia 61, Virginia Tech 59
Wofford 68, UNC Greensboro 56
MIDWEST
Butler 69, Ill.-Chicago 44
Kansas St. 78, Missouri 68
Miami (Ohio) 66, Kent St. 60
Ohio St. 83, Illinois 67
EAST
Binghamton 57, Vermont 53
Fairfield 73, Georgetown 55
Stony Brook 74, Hartford 50
UMass 80, Xavier 73

TOP 25 FARED
Tuesday
1. Kentucky (27-1) beat Mississippi State 73-64. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.
2. Syracuse (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Wednesday.
3. Michigan State (25-2) lost to Kansas State 78-68. Next at No. 4 Kansas, Saturday.
4. Kansas (22-5) did not play. Next: at Colorado State, Wednesday.
5. Duke (23-4) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Florida State, Thursday.
6. Michigan State (22-5) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.
7. North Carolina (24-4) beat N.C. State 86-74. Next: at No. 25 Virginia, Saturday.
8. Ohio State (23-5) beat Illinois 83-67. Next: vs. No. 16 Wisconsin, Sunday.
9. Georgetown (20-6) lost to Seton Hall 73-55. Next: vs. Villanova, Saturday.
10. Marquette (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
11. Michigan (21-7) beat Northwestern 67-55. OT. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
12. Florida (22-6) beat Auburn 63-47. Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
13. Baylor (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
14. Murray State (26-1) did not play. Next: at Tennessee State, Thursday.
15. Florida State (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Duke, Thursday.
16. Wisconsin (20-7) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
17. Louisville (21-6) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Thursday.
18. New Mexico (22-4) at Colorado State. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
19. Wichita State (24-4) did not play. Next: at Illinois State, Wednesday.
20. Notre Dame (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
21. UNLV (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Boise State, Wednesday.
22. Temple (21-5) did not play. Next: at La Salle, Wednesday.
23. Indiana (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. Central, Wednesday.
24. San Diego State (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Wyoming, Wednesday.
25. Virginia (21-6) beat Virginia Tech 61-59. Next: vs. No. 7 North Carolina, Saturday.

TUESDAY'S BIG 12/TEXAS BOXES
KANSAS ST. 78, NO. 3 MISSOURI 68
KANSAS ST. (19-8): Henriquez 2-4-2-6, Spencer 3-5-0-7, Rodriguez 2-5-2-4-7, McGruder 7-14-8-23, Wagabaza 3-6-1-2-8, Southwell 2-2-0-4, Irving 3-7-0-0-7, Ojekeye 0-0-0-0, Gipson 6-7-1-2-13. Totals 28-52-16-22-78.
MISSOURI (25-3): Ratliffe 3-7 3-5 9, P. Pressey 3-11 0-0 8, M. Pressey 1-4 0-0 2, Denmon 7-16 2-2-19, English 4-7 0-3-9, Dixon 5-13 9-10 21, Moore 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-90 14-20 68.
Halftime—Kansas St. 40-30. 3-Point Goals—Kansas St. 6-9 (McGruder 2-2, Rodriguez 1-1, Spencer 1-1, Southwell 1-2, Irving 1-3), Missouri 8-26 (Denmon 3-9, Dixon 2-5, P. Pressey 2-4, English 1-4, M. Pressey 0-2). Fouled Out—English, Moore. Rebounds—Kansas St. 36 (Samuels 11), Missouri 30 (Ratliffe 14). Assists—Kansas St. 17 (Rodriguez 6), Missouri 15 (P. Pressey 7). Total Fouls—Kansas St. 16, Missouri 21. Technical—English. A—15,061.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
Stephen F. Austin at Kramer, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
Tulane at SMU, 7 p.m.
UTSA at Texas-Arlington, 7 p.m.
UCF at Rice, 8 p.m.
Kansas at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
Southern Miss. at UTEP, 8 p.m.
EAST
Ohio at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
James Madison at Drexel, 6 p.m.
Dayton at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Fordham, 6 p.m.
Army at Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
Temple at La Salle, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
New Hampshire at Maine, 6 p.m.
CS Bakersfield at NJIT, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Navy, 6 p.m.
George Mason at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Richmond at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
South Florida at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Delaware at Towson, 6 p.m.
Boston U. at UMBC, 6 p.m.
SOUTH
Old Dominion at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
Campbell at High Point, 6 p.m.
Virginia-Wise at Longwood, 6 p.m.
Houston at Marshall, 6 p.m.
Mississippi at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
VCU at UNC Wilmington, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at The Citadel, 6:05 p.m.
George Washington at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Morgan St. at Delaware St., 6:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Nicholls St., 6:30 p.m.
Georgia at LSU, 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at McNeese St., 7 p.m.
East Carolina at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Northwestern St., 7 p.m.
Texas St. at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Nebraska at Purdue, 5:30 p.m.
Bowling Green at Akron, 6 p.m.
N. Illinois at Eastern Mich., 6 p.m.
NC Central at Indiana, 6 p.m.
West Virginia at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Toledo, 6 p.m.
Ball St. at W Michigan, 6 p.m.
Rutgers at Marquette, 7 p.m.
Bradley at N Iowa, 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Drake, 7:05 p.m.
Wichita St. at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.
Indiana St. at Missouri St., 7:05 p.m.
Michigan St. at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Texas Tech at Iowa St., 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
TCU at Air Force, 7 p.m.
Boise St. at UNLV, 9 p.m.
UC Riverside at CS Northridge, 9:05 p.m.
Wyoming at San Diego St., 9:30 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara at Long Beach St., 10 p.m.

Women

USA Today/ESPN Women's Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN Women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 20, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prvs
1. Baylor (31)	27-0	775	1
2. Stanford	24-1	734	3
3. Notre Dame	26-2	715	4
4. UConn	24-3	686	2
5. Maryland	24-3	651	6
6. Maryland	23-4	615	7
7. Duke	22-4	592	5
8. Delaware	24-1	522	9
9. Tennessee	20-7	516	10
10. Kentucky	22-5	501	8
11. Texas A&M	19-6	430	13
12. Green Bay	23-1	417	12
13. Georgetown	21-6	402	14
14. Ohio State	23-3	401	11
15. Penn State	22-5	350	17
16. Georgia	20-7	266	15
17. Louisville	19-8	258	16
18. DePaul	20-7	254	20
19. Georgia Tech	20-7	209	22
20. Rutgers	18-8	147	18
21. Gonzaga	24-4	122	23
22. St. Bonaventure	22-5	96	25
23. Nebraska	20-6	76	21
24. Vanderbilt	20-7	66	24
25. St. John's	18-8	58	—

Other receiving votes: Purdue 53, West Virginia 39, UTEP 35, Florida Gulf Coast 24, Middle Tennessee 22, California 13, Fresno State 11, South Carolina 10, Princeton 6, Kansas State 2, Arkansas 1.

TUESDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Baylor 80, Texas 59
Kansas 69, Texas Tech 64
Oklahoma 64, Texas A&M 55
MIDWEST
Cincinnati 60, Marquette 46
E. Michigan 54, Toledo 33
Iowa St. 86, Missouri 70
Syracuse 81, DePaul 65
FAR WEST
San Diego St. 68, Wyoming 55
EAST
Buffalo 85, Kent St. 72
Rutgers 62, Seton Hall 39
St. John's 63, West Virginia 54
UConn 86, Pittsburgh 37

TOP 25 FARED
Tuesday
1. Baylor (28-0) beat Texas 80-59. Next: at Kansas, Friday.
2. Stanford (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
3. Notre Dame (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Saturday.
4. UConn (25-3) beat Pittsburgh 86-37. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.
5. Maryland (24-3) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Duke, Friday.
6. Maryland (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Friday.
7. Duke (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Miami, Friday.
8. Ohio State (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
9. Delaware (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. George Mason, Thursday.
10. Tennessee (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
11. Penn State (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
12. Green Bay (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Thursday.
13. Kentucky (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Thursday.
14. Texas A&M (19-7) lost to Oklahoma 64-55. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
15. Georgetown (21-6) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.
16. Louisville (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 DePaul, Saturday.
17. Georgia Tech (20-7) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
18. Georgia (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
19. St. Bonaventure (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Fordham, Wednesday.
20. St. John's (19-8) beat West Virginia 63-54. Next: vs. Villanova, Saturday.
21. DePaul (20-7) vs. Syracuse. Next: at No. 16 Louisville, Saturday.
22. Purdue (19-8) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
23. Nebraska (20-6) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
24. Rutgers (19-8) beat Seton Hall 62-39. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
25. Gonzaga (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. BYU, Saturday.

TUESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
NO. 1 BAYLOR 80, TEXAS 59
TEXAS (15-12): Harvey 2-2-0-0-0, Gayle 0-4 0-0-0, Anderson 7-14 0-0 16, Fussell 5-21 0-0-13, Fontenette 4-16 0-0-10, Enemkpali 1-3 0-0 2, Bass 5-8 0-0 11. Major 2-3 0-0 4. Reed 1-2 1-2-3. Totals 25-73 1-2 59.

BAYLOR (28-0): Williams 5-8 1-1 11, Griner 7-11 4-6 18, Sims 2-8 3-4 7, Hayden 6-11 2-2 17, Madden 1-5 0-0 2, Washington 0-2 0-0 0, Robertson 1-1 2-2 5, Condrey 3-6 0-0 6, Field 0-1 1-2 1, Palmer 0-0 0-0 0, Pope 3-8 7-16 13. Totals 28-61 20-33 80.

Halftime—Baylor 40-20. 3-Point Goals—Texas 8-20 (Fussell 3-10, Fontenette 2-3, Anderson 2-5, Bass 1-2), Baylor 4-12 (Hayden 3-5, Robertson 1-1, Sims 0-1, Condrey 0-3, Madden 0-3). Fouled Out—Reed. Rebounds—Texas 39 (Fussell 13), Baylor 51 (Griner, Williams 10). Assists—Texas 14 (Anderson 6), Baylor 18 (Sims 6). Total Fouls—Texas 23, Baylor 9. A—8,592.

OKLAHOMA 64, NO. 14 TEXAS A&M 55
TEXAS A&M (19-7): Elonu 3-7 3-4 9, Bone 3-8 1-1 7, Carter 4-15 3-5 12, Standish 0-2 0-0 0, White 2-16 6-11 10, Bellock 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Collins 0-1 0-0 0, Pratcher 4-8 0-0 9, Gilbert 1-2 3-5 5, Assaran 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 18-63 15-23 55.

OKLAHOMA (18-9): Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Griffin 2-4 1-2 5, Ellenberg 8-16 5-6 23, Hook 4-9 0-10 19, Hand 5-14 0-0 11, Carrina 0-1 0-0, Harden 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 0-2 2-2 2, McFarland 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 21-50 17-20 64.

Halftime—Oklahoma 33-30. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 3-9 (White 2-4, Carter 1-3, Pratcher 1-3, Standish 0-1), Oklahoma 5-13 (Hook 2-3, Ellenberg 2-5, Hand 1-3, McFarland 0-2). Fouled Out—Bone. Rebounds—Texas A&M 35 (Gilbert 9), Oklahoma 44 (Griffin, Hand 7). Assists—Texas A&M 7 (Pratcher 2), Oklahoma 13 (Hook 5). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 20, Oklahoma 20. A—6,602.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
SOUTHWEST
Northwestern St. at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Air Force at TCU, 6:30 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Lamar at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.
McNeese St. at Texas-Arlington, 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Texas St., 7 p.m.
North Texas at UALR, 7 p.m.
Texas A&M-UTC at UTSA, 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
Oklahoma St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.

NBA

Miami 120, Sacramento 108
Memphis 89, Philadelphia 76
San Antonio at Portland, late
Today's Games
Boston at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Washington, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
PACERS 117, HORNETS 108, OT
NEW ORLEANS (108): Ariza 8-15 2-2 21, Ayon 4-7 1-2 9, Kaman 8-14 1-4 17, Vasquez 3-5 2-2 9, Belinelli 5-11 2-2 15, Aminu 0-3 2-2 2, Jack 8-17 1-2 19, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Stojakovic 3-3 3-4 9, Henry 2-3 1-3 5. Totals 42-79 15-23 108.

INDIANA (117): Granger 4-14 4-5 14, Hansbrough 5-12 4-6 16, Hibbert 11-17 6-12 30, Collison 8-11 1-3 18, George 9-20 0-0 20, Hansbrough 1-5 2-2 4, Stephenson 2-3 0-0 4, Foster 0-0 0-2 0. Price 3-5 0-0 11, DJones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-88 22-31 117.

New Orleans 31 25 20 24 8 — 108
Indiana 24 26 27 20 17 — 117

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 9-21 (Ariza 3-6, Belinelli 3-7, Jack 2-5, Vasquez 1-2, Henry 0-1), Indiana 7-19 (Price 2-3, Granger 2-7, George 2-7, Collison 1-1, DJones 0-1). Fouled Out—S.Jones. Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (Ariza, Belinelli 6), Indiana 52 (Hibbert 13). Assists—New Orleans 28 (Jack 7), Indiana 18 (Collison, George 6). Total Fouls—New Orleans 24, Indiana 20. Technicals—Jack, Kaman. New Orleans Coach Williams A—10,508 (18,165).

CAVALIERS 101, PISTONS 100
DETROIT (100): Prince 2-15 2-2 7, Max-well 2-4 1-2 5, Monroe 8-16 3-4 19, Knight 8-12 4-4 24, Stuckey 5-13 6-8 16, Jerebko 4-12 1-2 9, Gordon 7-17 0-0 16, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Bynum 1-6 0-2 2, Wilkins 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-95 19-24 100.

CLEVELAND (101): Cassipi 3-6 2-2 8, Jamison 11-22 7-14 32, Erden 2-5 1-2 5, Irving 8-15 6-6 25, Gibson 2-6 2-2 8, Hollins 1-4 0-0 2, Sessions 2-4 1-1 5, Gee 5-11 5-5 16, Thompson 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 34-78 24-32 101.

Detroit 28 22 29 21 — 100
Cleveland 30 14 24 33 — 101

3-Point Goals—Detroit 7-17 (Knight 4-5, Gordon 2-3, Prince 1-2, Stuckey 0-2, Jerebko 0-2, Bynum 0-2), Cleveland 9-18 (Irving 3-4, Jamison 3-5, Gibson 2-5, Gee 1-3, Cassipi 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 54 (Monroe 11), Cleveland 61 (Gee 11). Assists—Detroit 22 (Monroe 7), Cleveland 23 (Irving 8). Total Fouls—Detroit 23, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Monroe, Cleveland defensive three second. A—13,459 (20,562).

HEAT 120, KINGS 108
SACRAMENTO (108): Thornton 9-16 1-2 23, Thompson 7-12 2-4 16, Cousins 3-13 3-4 9, Thomas 7-14 5-5 24, Evans 9-18 2-2 21, Garcia 3-7 2-2 8, Greene 1-6 0-0 2, Hayes 1-1 0-0 2, Honeycutt 0-0 0-0 0, Whiteside 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-89 15-19 108.

MIAMI (120): James 7-11 2-2 18, Bosh 7-14 6-7 20, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Chalmers 7-14 0-0 20, Wade 11-16 8-10 30, Haslem 4-6 2-2 10, Battier 1-5 0-0 2, Cole 5-7 2-2 12, Miller 3-6 0-0 8, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Pittman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-81 20-23 120.

Sacramento 32 21 35 20 — 108
Miami 29 31 36 27 — 120

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 13-27 (Thomas 5-8, Thornton 4-10, Garcia 3-6, Evans 1-2, Greene 0-1). Miami 10-23 (Chalmers 6-12, James 2-2, Miller 2-4, Jones 0-1, Battier 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Thompson 10), Miami 45 (Bosh 10). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Evans 10), Miami 28 (Wade 10). Total Fouls—Sacramento 18, Miami 18. Technicals—Cousins A—20,068 (19,600).

GRIZZLIES 89, 76ERS 76
PHILADELPHIA (76): Igoudala 5-14 0-0 11, Nocioni 1-3 0-0 2, L.Allen 7-12 0-0 14, Young 9-18 0-0 22, Brand 3-12 6-6 12, Holiday 1-3 0-0 2, T.Young 3-11 2-2 8, Williams 2-13 2-2 8, Turner 1-5 1-2 3, Battie 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-93 9-12 76.

MEMPHIS (89): Gay 3-10 6-9 14, Speights 3-9 6-6 12, Gasol 5-12 5-8 15, Conley 4-11 1-9 9, Allen 2-9 2-2 6, Mayo 5-9 0-0 13, Cunningham 3-5 0-0 6, Pondexter 3-6 1-3 8, Pargo 1-1 0-0 2, Haddadi 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 31-78 21-29 89.

Philadelphia 10 32 18 16 — 76
Memphis 19 17 22 31 — 89

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 8-15 (Holiday 4-5, Williams 2-3, Meeks 1-2, Igoudala 1-5), Memphis 1-6 (Mayo 3-5, Gay 2-2, Pondexter 1-1, Conley 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 50 (T.Young 7), Memphis 61 (Gasol 14). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Igoudala 7), Memphis 25 (Gasol 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, Memphis 14. Technicals—Philadelphia, Memphis. A—14,258 (18,119).

HEAT 120, KINGS 108
SACRAMENTO (108): Thornton 9-16 1-2 23, Thompson 7-12 2-4 16, Cousins 3-13 3-4 9, Thomas 7-14 5-5 24, Evans 9-18 2-2 21, Garcia 3-9 2-2 11, Greene 1-6 0-0 2, Hayes 1-1 0-0 2, Honeycutt 0-0 0-0 0, Whiteside 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-89 15-19 108.

MIAMI (120): James 7-11 2-2 18, Bosh 7-14 6-7 20, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Chalmers 7-14 0-0 20, Wade 11-16 8-10 30, Haslem 4-6 2-2 10, Battier 1-5 0-0 2, Cole 5-7 2-2 12, Miller 3-6 0-0 8, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Pittman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-81 20-23 120.

Sacramento 32 21 35 20 — 108
Miami 29 31 36 27 — 120

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 13-27 (Thomas 5-8, Thornton 4-10, Garcia 3-6, Evans 1-2, Greene 0-1). Miami 10-23 (Chalmers 6-12, James 2-2, Miller 2-4, Jones 0-1, Battier 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Thompson 10), Miami 45 (Bosh 10). Assists—Sacramento 24 (Evans 10), Miami 28 (Wade 10). Total Fouls—Sacramento 18, Miami 18. Technicals—Cousins A—20,068 (19,600).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y Rangers	58	38	15	5	81	161	118
New Jersey	59	35	20	4	74	168	162
Philadelphia	59	33	19	7	73	185	163
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	5	73	186	160
N.Y.Islanders	60	25	27	8	58	140	176

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	57	35	20	2	72	190	132
Ottawa	61	31	22	8	70	185	183
Toronto	60	29	24	7	65	181	184
Buffalo	60	26	27	7	59	150	176
Montreal	61	24	27	10	58	160	167

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	58	27	20	11	65	144	162
Winnipeg	62	29	26	7	65	157	175
Washington	59	29	25	5	63	159	168
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	6	60	166	197
Carolina	60	23	26	11	57	158	181

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	61	41	18	2	84	191	141
St.Louis	59	36	16	7	79	150	117
Nashville	60	35	19	6	76	168	155
Chicago	61	33	21	7	73	191	171
Columbus	60	18	35	7	43	142	198

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	60	38	16	6	82	195	147
Calgary	60	28	23	9	65	143	161
Colorado	60	29	27	4	62	151	168
Minnesota	59	26	24	9	61	131	154
Edmonton	59	23	30	6	52	159	179

Pacific Division

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MC's Brorman takes 3rd in golf invitational

From staff reports

ALEDO — Midland College freshman golfer Blake Brorman shot an even-par 72 duruing the second round to take third spot at The Wrangler Invitational at Split Rail Links and Golf Club on Tuesday.

Brorman, who is from Big Spring, shot a 75 on Monday and, coupled with Tuesday's even-par round, shot 147 for the tournament, which put him two strokes behind Odessa College's Jamie Warman, who finished second, and five strokes behind winner Mathias Boesmans, of Western Texas.

Brorman was playing as an individual for the Chaparrals this week.

"I was really impressed (with Brorman)," Midland College coach Delnor Poss said. "He started off well and turned at 1-under, which was the backside, and in my judgement that was the most difficult side. He just played steady and played with a lot of confidence."

As a team, the Chaps improved their team score, firing a 303 after shooting 320 on Monday but still finished in seventh place. Paul Simpson had the best score for the Chaps during the two days with a 79-75—154 as he finished outside the top 10.

"We had chances to break 300, and that's encouraging," Poss said. "I was proud of the way the guys played at least consistently today. Paul Simpson played steady as did Sean Lawrie, and that's encouraging."

The Chaps will return to action next Sunday for a one-day, 36-hole tournament at the New Mexico Military Golf Course in Roswell, N.M.

The Wrangler Invitational
Split Rails Links & Golf Club, Aledo
Tuesday's results

Team standings — 1. Odessa College, 306-294-600; 2. McLennan College, 309-302-611; 3. Western Texas College, 314-298-612; 4. New Mexico Junior College, 310-303-613; 5. Paris College, 314-313-621; 6. Odessa College II, 311-311-622; 7. Midland College, 320-303-623; 8. Lubbock Christian JV, 320-309-629; 9. Clarendon College, 326-311-637; 10. Ranger College, 324-314-638; 11. New Mexico Military Institute, 339-329-668.

Medalist standings — 1. Mathias Boesmans, Western Texas College, 75-67-142; 2. Jamie Warman, Odessa College, 76-69-145; 3. Blake Brorman, Midland College, 75-72-147; 4. Neil DuPreez, LCU JV, 74-75-149; 5. (tie) Zach Garbe, McLennan, 78-72-150, Antonio Morales, Odessa College, 76-74-150, 7. (tie) J.T. Taylor, McLennan, 74-77-151, Donavin Sanchez, New Mexico JC, 79-72-151; 9. (tie) True Graves, Odessa College, 77-75-152, Greyden Blevins, McLennan, 76-76-152, Richard James, New Mexico JC, 74-78-152.

Team Results

Odessa College (306-294—600) — Jamie Warman 76-69-145; Antonio Morales 76-74-150; True Graves 77-75-152; Tad Darland 77-80-157; Chris Bell 78-76-154.

McLennan (309-302—611) — J.T. Taylor 74-77-151; Greyden Blevins 76-76-152; Andrew Johnson 79-75-154; Chase Chapman 80-74-154; Chapman Harwood 82-79-161.

Western Texas College (314-298—612) — Mathias Boesmans 75-67-142; Kyle Lucas 76-77-153; Felix Moesmann 81-77-158; Jason Pearce 82-81-163; Julian Hilbertz84-77-161.

New Mexico JC (310-303—613) — Richard James 74-78-152; Jonathon Jones 78-77-155; Willy Hogan 79-76-155; Donavin Sanchez 79-72-151; Gage Murphy 84-79-153.

Paris College (314-313—621) — J.D. Allison 76-88-164; Dennis Andersen 78-79-157; Justin Ary 80-76-156; Robert Raborn 80-80-160; Evan Feltham 82-79-160.

Odessa College II (311-311—622) — Stuart McKechnie 75-79-154; Ryder Stallern 76-82-158; Blayne Street 79-75-154; Logan Pelley 81-75-156; Colin Ward 89-83-172.

Midland CC (320-303—623) — Paul Simpson 79-75-154; Sean Lawrie 79-76-155; Luke Richardson 80-78-158; Richard Farmer 82-76-158; Tyson Tomlow 85-81-166.

Lubbock Christian JV (320-309—629) — Facundo Garcia 78-80-158; Nicolas Comu 80-75-155; Jonathan Bryan 81-75-156; Josh Mehan 81-79-160; Rusty Kenada 84-84-168.

Clarendon College (326-311—637) — Steven Evans 78-75-153; Alex Palomequa 80-82-162; Jake Bond 84-74-158; Chris Fletcher 84-83-167; Louis Lavisconti 86-80-166.

Ranger College (324-314—638) — Brad Goodfander 79-79-158; Jordan Holloway 81-75-156; Marcus Guel 81-79-160; Zeb Littlefield 83-81-164; Trevor Corbett 87-87-174.

New Mexico Military (339-329—668) — Truman Haeny 79-80-159; Ryan Williamson 82-82-164; Brandon Jennings 86-79-165; Sage Cunningham 89-88-177.

Other Medalists

TCU — Pontus Gad, 74-75-149; Max Bichsel, 76-79-155; Thomas Mantovanini, 76-74-150; Johnny Antle, 77-71-148; Ian Phillips, 80-NS-NS; Greg Holmes, 80-78-158; Eduardo Perez, 81-76-157; Stephen Senior, 81-78-159; Jacob Gould, 44-41-85; Sarosh Adi, 81-78-159.

LCU JV — Neil DuPreez, 74-75-149; Leon Scheepers, 79-75-154.

Midland College — Blake Brorman, 75-72-147; David Ryan, 79-83-162; Stephen Gage, 93-89-182.

McLennan CC — Zach Garbe, 78-72-150.

New Mexico JC — Corbin Adams, 79-76-155; Steven Boden, 84-84-168.

Western Texas College — James Kerr, 85-77-162.

Clarendon — Luke Olsson,90-80-170.

Ranger College — Houston Moore, 92-85-177.

Rebels blast Eagles

From staff reports

Rebels 3
Eagles 1

The Lee boys soccer team ended its scoring doldrums on Tuesday night with a convincing 3-1 victory against Abilene High at Grande Communications Stadium.

Trent Johnston, who had been battling a lower leg injury recently, scored two first-half goals within about eight minutes of each other. Johnston's first tally came in the 20th minute when he finished a feed from Alex Bell, and then in the 28th minute Johnston scored unassisted.

Lee scored its final goal in the 35th minute when junior Darius Strambler, who was recently called up from the junior varsity, finished a pass from Logan Vitello. Abilene High scored its lone goal early in the second half.

"We are getting those guys a little bit more playing time," Lee coach Scott Hicks said after Tuesday's win. "Darius is coming off the JV, and he's a good forward and we thought it was time to get a little extra push up top."

Tuesday's victory was key for the Rebels as they completed the second half of the District 3-5A season with a 3-2-0-1 record and with 10 points and will stay near the top of the standings. Lee is 4-8-2 overall this season.

"Right now we are OK making the turn," Hicks said. "But, we've got a tough row to hoe with six more games left, and we've got to pick it up or we are going to be in trouble."

Hicks said that Johnny Baeza returned to play in goal with an injured finger, and midfielder Jakab Marquez also returned to the lineup and played for about 20 minutes after battling a leg injury.

Abilene High falls to 4-8-2 overall and 0-6-0-0 in district play.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Alex Bell tries to control the ball as Abilene High's Jesse Zertuche (12) defends Tuesday evening at Grande Communication Stadium.

Boys District 3-5A Standings

	District					Overall		
Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
Odessa Permian	6	0	0	0	18	11	5	1
Abilene Cooper	4	1	1	0	14	9	7	0
Lee	3	2	0	1	10	4	8	2
Midland High	2	3	0	1	7	7	8	2
Odessa High	1	3	2	0	7	8	5	4
San Angelo Central	2	3	0	1	7	5	9	0
Abilene High	0	6	0	0	0	4	8	2

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, two points for a shootout win (SOW), one point for a shootout loss (SOL).

Monday's Scores

Odessa High 2, San Angelo Central 1, SO (4-3)

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 3, Abilene High 1; Abilene Cooper 3, Midland High 1; Odessa Permian was idle.

Saturday's Games

Lee at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Midland High; San Angelo Central at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper is idle. All games at noon.

Lady Eagles down Lady Rebels

From staff reports

Lady Eagles 2
Lady Rebels 1

The Lee girls soccer team scored in the first minute against Abilene High on Tuesday night, but they couldn't find another over the next 79 minutes.

The Lady Eagles rallied for a 2-1 victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Lady Rebels opened the scoring early with a goal from Kendeal Stark in the first minute of the game after an assist from Haylie Conner.

But, Lee (8-8-0, 1-5-0-0, 3 points in District 3-5A) spent the next 79 minutes trying to come up another as the Lady Eagles scored two second half goals to clinch the victory.

"It was finishing," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "We had, I'm going to say at least 10-12 shots on goal, and we had a 1-on-1 in the final minute, and we just didn't convert. It's the same old story. They got a couple of chances, and give them credit, they finished them. We are just not finishing anything, but we the chances are there."

Abilene High improved to 12-5-0 and 3-2-1-0 with 11 points in District 3-5A and is now tied for second place.

The loss keeps Lee in sixth place in district as they complete the first half of league play and are six points behind fifth-place Odessa Permian.

Girls District 3-5A Standings

	District					Overall		
Team	W	L	SOW	SOL	Pts.	W	L	T
Midland High	5	0	1	0	17	12	5	1
Odessa High	4	1	0	1	13	12	0	0
Abilene High	3	2	1	0	11	12	5	0
San Angelo Central	3	2	0	1	10	11	6	0
Odessa Permian	3	3	0	0	9	8	7	1
Lee	1	5	0	0	3	8	8	0
Abilene Cooper	0	6	0	0	0	3	12	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, two points for a shootout win (SOW), one point for a shootout loss (SOL).

Monday's Scores

Odessa High 3, San Angelo Central 2

Tuesday's Scores

Abilene High 2, Lee 1; Midland High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian was idle.

Saturday's Games

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

Bulldogs can't rally to beat Cougars

From straff reports

Cougars 3
Bulldogs 1

ABILENE — Two first half goals were too much for the Midland High boys soccer team to overcome in a 3-1 loss to Abilene Cooper on Tuesday night at Shotwell Stadium.

The Cougars, who improved to 9-7-0 and 4-1-1-0 with 14 points in District 3-5A, scored a goal in the 23rd minute and then added another in the 35th minute for a 2-0 lead.

Midland High forward Nico Francino cut the lead in half at 2-1 in the 48th minute of an assist from Reese Barden, but the Cougars completed the scoring in the 65th minute on a free kick.

Midland High is now 7-8-2 overall and 2-3-0-1 with seven points and tied for third in District 3-5A.

"We gave up some poor, easy goals," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "We gave up two easy goals; we shouldn't have given up."

Cottle said the Bulldogs spent much of the second half in the Cooper end of the field, but they could not find the back of the net.

"We have never been all over a team like that before but our offense was never able to put it in the back of the net," Cottle said. "The effort was ridiculously good, but you just can't give up loose goals or easy goals."

Bergman gets goal, assist in Lady Dawgs' win

From staff reports

Lady Dawgs.....2
Lady Cougars 0

ABILENE — The Midland High girls soccer team completed the first half of District 3-5A play with a convincing 2-0 victory against Abilene Cooper on Tuesday at Shotwell Stadium.

Bergman

Annie Bergman had a goal and an assist as the Lady Bulldogs improved to 12-5-1 overall and 5-0-1-0 with 17 points in District 3-5A.

Bergman scored the first goal off an assist from Madison Scribner in the 25th minute.

Then in the 54th minute, Bergman provided the helper on a Molly Barham's goal.

Bulldogs co-head coach Joe Horn said defenders Hannah Kirby, Channing Harrell, Meagan Martin and Madison McAdams did a good job of limiting the chances for Cooper on the night.

"They had some really quick offensive players," Horn said. "They all played well to keep that speed away."

Midland High will begin the second half of District 3-5A play on Saturday with a game against rival Odessa Permian at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Oklahoma ends 6-game skid against Aggies

Associated Press

Sooners 64
Aggies.....55

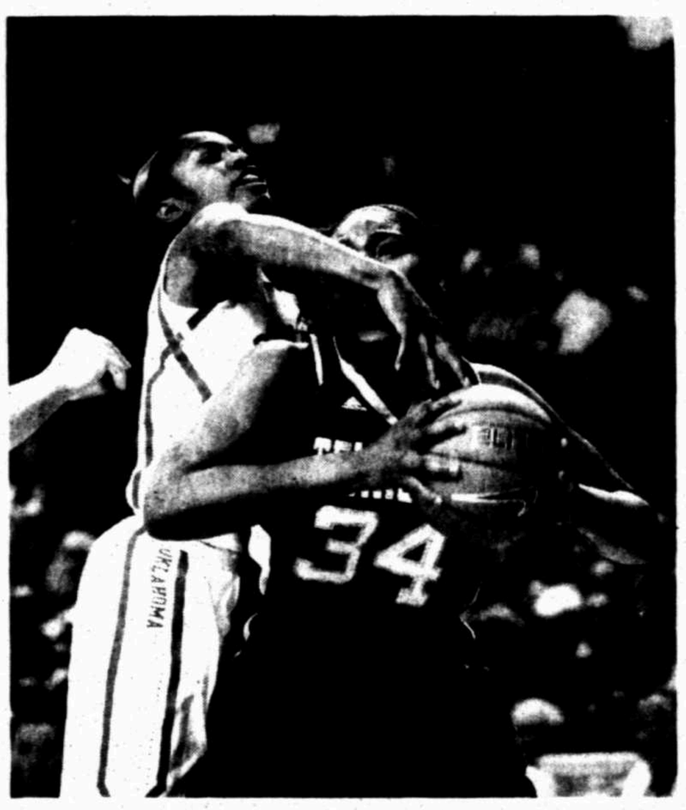
NORMAN, Okla. — Aaryn Ellenberg scored 23 points and Morgan Hook 19 to lead Oklahoma to a 64-55 victory against No. 14 Texas A&M on Tuesday night.

Whitney Hand added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Sooners (18-9, 10-5 Big 12), who tied the Aggies (19-7, 10-5) for second place in the conference standings. The schools split two meetings this season.

Sydney Carter had 12 points and Tyra White 11 for Texas A&M, which shot just 28.6 percent (18 of 63) from the floor en route to seeing its six-game winning streak against Oklahoma snapped.

Adaora Elonu's layup with 4:53 remaining got the Aggies within 54-50, but those were their last points until 33 seconds remained. In that stretch, Texas A&M missed six shots while Hook scored four points to help the Sooners to a 60-50 advantage.

Elonu had nine points.



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Oklahoma guard Aaryn Ellenberg, left, tries to knock the ball away from Texas A&M center Karla Gilbert (34) in the first half of their game in Norman, Okla., on Tuesday.

Lehtonen, Stars shut out Canadiens

Associated Press

Stars.....3
Canadiens 0

MONTREAL — Ryan Garbutt scored his first NHL goal and Kari Lehtonen made 31 saves as the Dallas Stars beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Mike Ribeiro, in his regular-season return to Montreal, and Tom Wandell also scored for the Stars (30-26-4).

Carey Price stopped 33 shots for the Canadiens (24-27-10), who have lost four of five after a four-game winning streak.

The Stars took control in the first period, outshooting the Canadiens 15-6. The shots were 9-0 in favor of Dallas before Montreal recorded its first at 8:14.

For a fifth straight game, the Canadiens allowed their opponent to strike first when Garbutt, just called up from the minors, snapped a shot from the circle over a crouched Price.

The Canadiens had plenty of opportunities to tie it in the second period when Dallas was whistled for four consecutive penalties. Montreal had scored seven goals in its previous 25 power-play chances, but the Canadiens failed to net a man-advantage tally for just the second time in seven games.

Ribeiro, traded to Dallas for defenseman Janne Niinimaa on Sept. 30, 2006, put the Stars ahead 2-0 at 4:32 of the third. Dallas defenseman Trevor Daley found the former Canadiens forward with a cross-crease pass to the left of Price.

Just 37 seconds later, a clearing attempt by Price was intercepted, and the puck eventually found its way to Wandell in the slot.

NOTES: Canadiens C Tomas Plekanec missed the game because of the flu. Rookie Louis Leblanc returned after missing one game because of illness.

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Dallas Stars center Mike Ribeiro (63) celebrates after scoring the second goal against the Montreal Canadiens during the third period Tuesday in Montreal.

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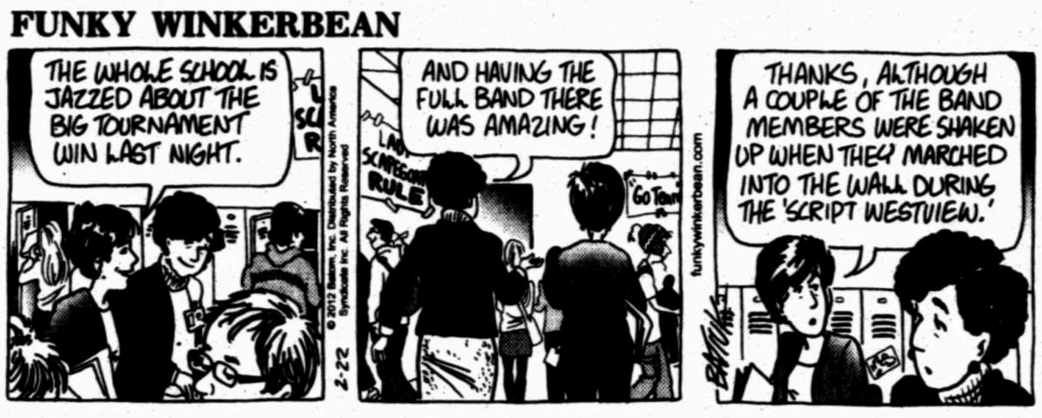

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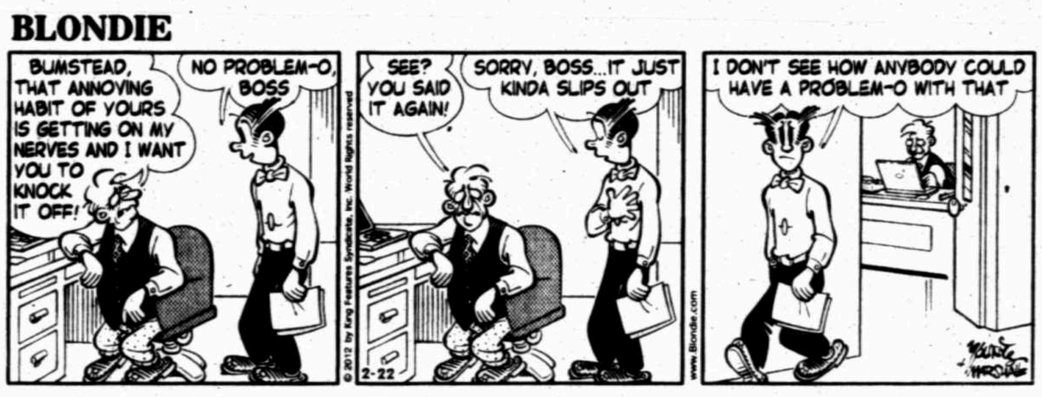

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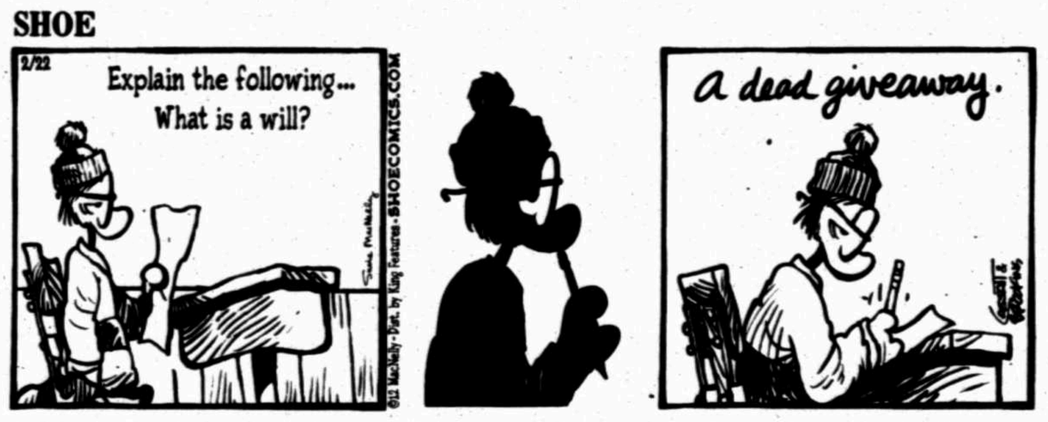

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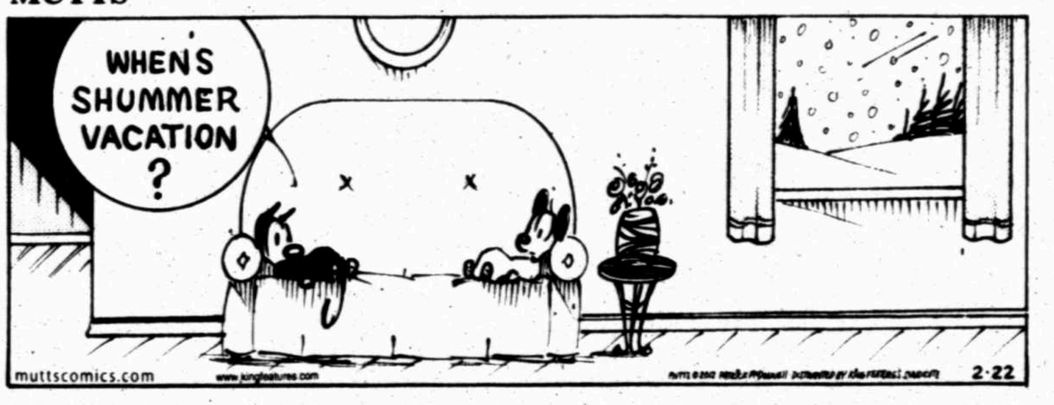

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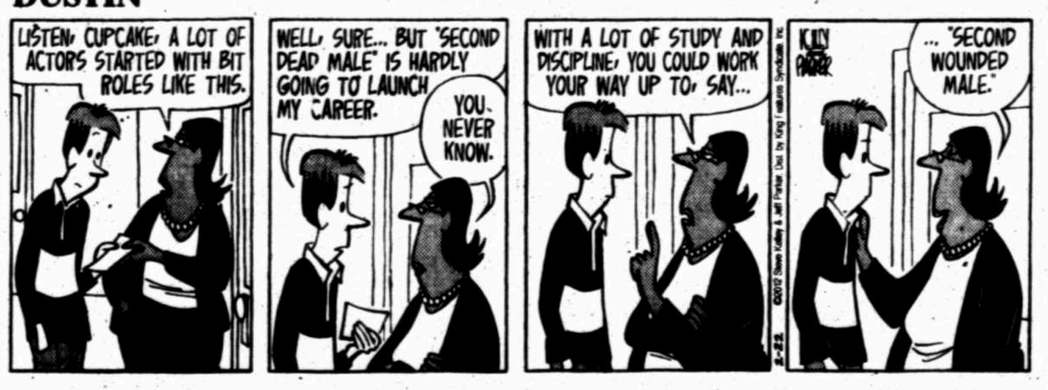
CLOSE TO HOME

"This article on the recent outbreak of bedbugs gives me the willies! Remind me to wash the sheets tomorrow! Geesh!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOUR SON SAYS HE'S NOT COMING OUT UNTIL YOU PROMISE THIS IS THE LAST SUIT HE HAS TO TRY ON."

DUSTIN



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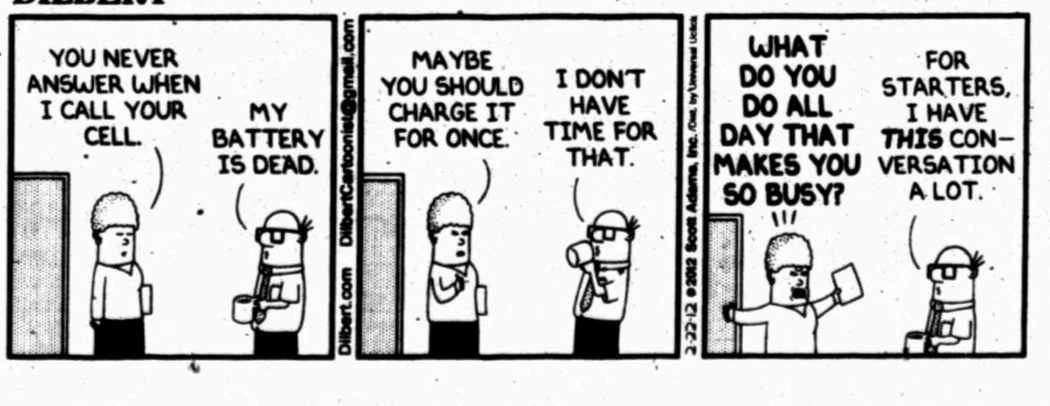

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THURSDAY Sunny high 81 low 34

FRIDAY Sunny high 56 low 34

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 76 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 42 and westh winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 81, a low around 34 and west winds between 10 and 25 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 56 and a low around 34.

The high on Tuesday reached 74 while the low dropped to 30. The record high for Feb. 21 is 88 set in 1996. The record low is 16 set in 1939.

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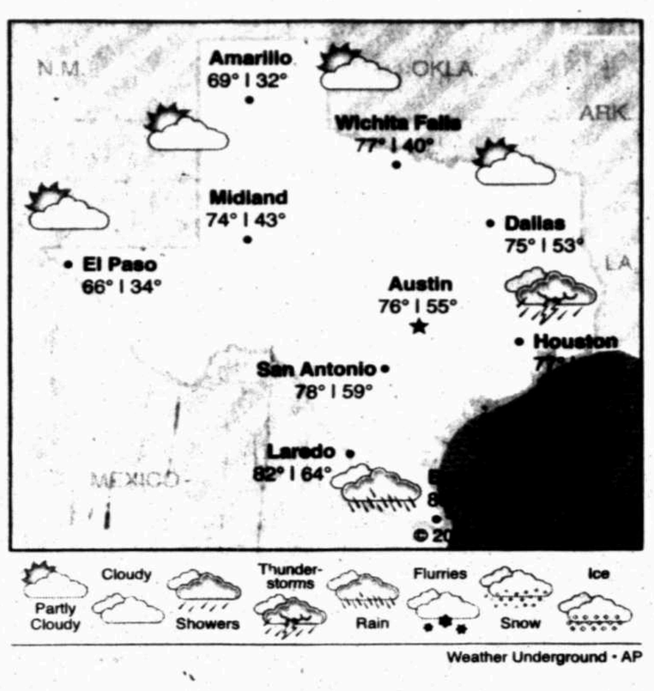
Strong damaging winds target the Northwest and northern Colorado today and gusts will top 70 mph in parts of Montana and Wyoming. Scattered showers and possibly a thunderstorm or two will target the eastern Ohio Valley. Showers will also stream eastward across North Dakota, South Dakota and southern Minnesota with some minor ice and snow on the northern fringe early in the day and flakes of snow continuing to mix in with the rain across North Dakota during the afternoon. A few snow showers will linger in northern Michigan.



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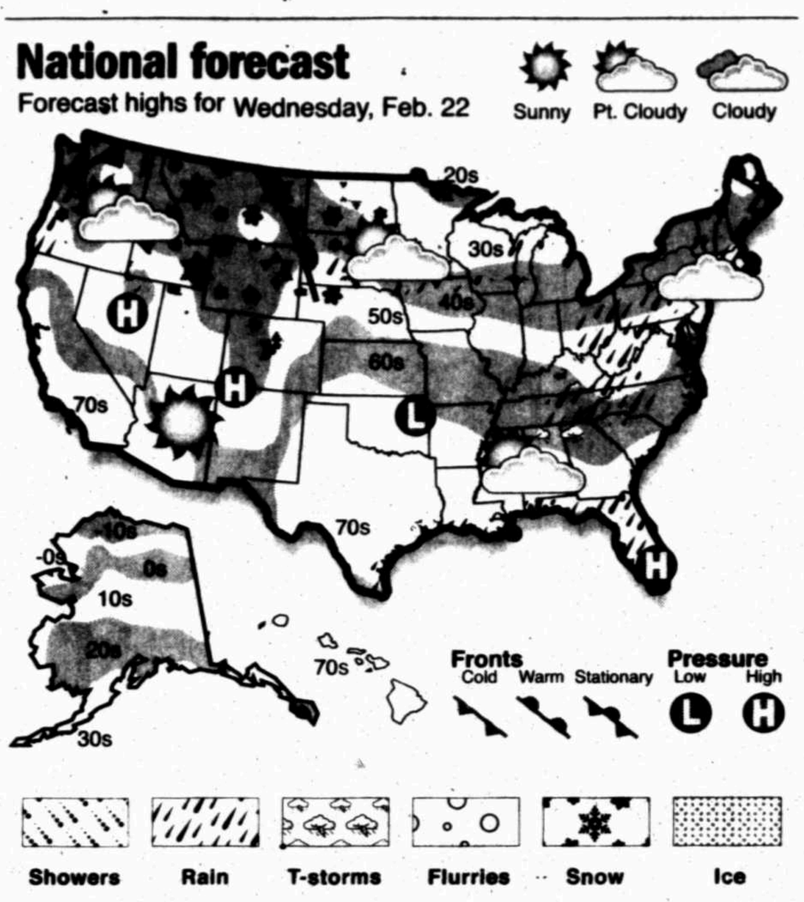
Precipitation	
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.18 in.
Total for year	1.18 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.10 in.

Tuesday's temperatures	
High	74
Low	30
Normal high	64
Normal low	36

Sunrise ... 7:24 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:41 p.m.



Ex-girlfriend wants to remain friends without benefits

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I dated a guy named "Jake" for two years. He was my first love and he meant everything to me. Well, things happened, and he broke my heart.

After a year of not really talking, Jake is now texting and calling to persuade me to be his "friend with benefits." He tries to sweet-talk me by calling me pet names. Of course, I say no each time he asks on the phone. But, the minute we come face-to-face or hang out, I just give in.

There will always be a soft spot for Jake in my heart, and I don't know what to do. I want to stay friends because he's important to me, but I don't want to be his FWB. It brings back painful memories.

How do I say no? Am I overreacting? Should I go with the flow because it's not a big deal? I feel like I'm in a script for a bad movie. — WANTS TO MOVE ON IN HOUSTON

DEAR WANTS TO MOVE ON: Your ex-boyfriend appears to be a super salesman. The best way not to buy what he's selling is not to listen to his pitch. The sooner you accept you can't be "friends" because you lose control whenever you see him, the sooner you'll be able to write a happy ending to this drama. As long as you sleep with Jake you will not be able to replace him with someone who can give you what you want and deserve, which is a real relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of three years, "Patrick," is smart, successful and wonderful in every way. He dresses extremely well with attention to detail. Many of his friends call him a "metrosexual."

Patrick never had braces as a child. Now, as an adult, his teeth have caved in and are unattractive. It surprises me that he would let his teeth go or hasn't noticed how crooked and deformed they are. I'm afraid to mention it in case it would hurt his feelings. As we are thinking about marriage, the prospect of having to look at Patrick's bad teeth, that likely will worsen with age, is a deterrent.

Am I being petty and superficial or should I suggest adult braces? Patrick can more than afford them and isn't afraid of pain or going to the doctor. My own lower teeth could use some work, so maybe I could suggest we both get braces. I'm not sure what to do. — BRACING FOR AN ANSWER IN BOULDER

DEAR BRACING: By all means talk to your boyfriend about the condition of his mouth as well as good dental health. If his teeth are as crooked as you have described, his bite is probably also off — which can cause jaw problems when he's older. Your idea of getting braces with him is a good one, and I agree it's worth pursuing because you won't appear to be criticizing him. I hope he heeds your suggestion.

DEAR ABBY: My landlord likes to wander around the yard and driveway wearing only a towel around his waist. Sometimes he goes out of his way to talk with me while "dressed" that way. Should I be concerned? — CALIFORNIA RENTER

DEAR RENTER: Probably not, unless his towel "slips," or California experiences more gale-force winds such as the ones that occurred last December.

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♣ Q 9 8

EAST
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♡ 6 5
◇ Q J 9
♣ A J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♡ A Q 9 7 4 2
◇ K 7 4 2
♣ Void

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

South, declarer at four hearts, was on the right track to make his contract on this deal from a club duplicate. However, he could have doubled his chances of making his contract. Can you see how?

North stretched a touch with his vulnerable raise of one heart. However, the final contract was not unmakable.

West led the 10 of spades and declarer saw there was really only one way to make his contract — he had to ruff three diamonds in dummy. Accordingly, he won the opening lead in hand and immediately led a diamond, losing to East's nine. East shifted to a trump and, no matter what declarer did, there was now no way to land the contract — try it.

It was imperative to have West win the first diamond so that any trump shift would come up to the closed hand's major tenace. Therefore, at trick two, declarer must lead the king of diamonds from hand. As the cards lie, the contract is now unbeatable. West must win and, if he shifts to a trump, he sacrifices his trump trick. Declarer comes to hand with the remaining high spade and ruffs diamonds and clubs in hand ending in dummy and, when the king of trumps drops under the ace, loses only two diamond tricks and a spade. Or if West does not return a trump, declarer can ruff three diamonds and loses only one trick in each suit except clubs.

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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 Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012:

This year you demonstrate the ability to get along with people who wield power. Your creativity and charisma draw people toward you and also allow barriers to dissolve. Many people act differently with you than they do with others. The downside is that you will see some of their less-amiable traits. If you are single, you will have to sort through quite a few admirers. Know what type of relationship you want, and that information will help you choose the right person. If you are attached, remember that this bond consists of two people. Note a tendency to be me-oriented. Another PISCES demonstrates a different side of your sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You follow through on your instincts with someone you look up to. Communicate what you feel is necessary. Perhaps revealing more of your thoughts would be helpful. At this point, you probably will keep them within. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You know exactly what you want and where you are going. You also easily convince others of your sense of direction. You have supporters and a strong understanding of your goals. When these factors blend, you head toward success. Be sensitive to an irate child or loved one. Tonight: Let the good times begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ While you thought you could relax, you discover that that might be an impossibility. Wherever you are, no matter what your plans are, you will step up to the plate. Responsibilities weigh heavily on your shoulders. Tonight: A family member or roommate could be on the warpath.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Revise your thoughts about a partner or loved one. You could be seeing only what you want, and/or you are not recognizing a change in this person's behavior. Be careful when handling machinery, as your mind might not be focused. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Build a key relationship on common ground. Whether this bond is new or old, you will notice where change might be good. A struggle over finances could happen. Your words might be more defensive than you realize. Tonight: Postpone a chat until you both are relaxed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be far more sarcastic or angry than you realize. Creative distractions and ideas can camouflage what is really going on, even with you. When animosity breaks out with a partner or friend, look within to see what is going on with you. Tonight: Get past a hassle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ What you feel is appropriate with someone in your daily life probably is. However, for some reason anger could break out before you can have a conversation with this person. Do not overthink a situation, if possible. Tonight: Do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ A meeting could be more important than you realize. You could be drawn to one specific person, or just believe that he or she is very special. Observe more before making a decision. Might you be putting this person on a pedestal? Tonight: Where the fun is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Stay centered and direct when dealing with a family member about a property issue. You might want to revise your thinking about a money matter. An investment might not be as good as you think it is. Someone you look up to is very irritable. Tonight: Happy close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your perspective is subject to change. What you originally thought was OK might not be the case now. The more you learn, the fewer judgments you will make. Make sure your goals transform with your intellect. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your perspective of a financial matter changes rapidly and gives you yet a different point of view. How you viewed yourself several years ago is substantially different than now. You are in a period of transition. Tonight: Someone is adjusting to the ever-changing you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others, even if you are sure of yourself. You don't need to prove that you are right over and over again. Let others come to that conclusion on their own. Tonight: Someone you care about becomes feisty. Let this person be.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), actor John Mills (1908), actress Jeri Ryan (1968)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

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70 Actor Milo
71 Holiday tubers
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23 Grain beard
24 Suffering from vertigo
25 Legendary skater Sonja
26 "Ixnay!"
27 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
32 Covert __: spy stuff
34 Disney frame
36 Some mag spreads
37 Flat hand, in a game
38 __ Khan: "The Jungle Book" tiger
40 Elemental bit
41 Judgment Day
42 Blow away in competition
46 Pint-size
48 Low-pH substance
49 Crudely built home
51 Switchblade
53 Tables-on-the-street restaurants
54 "__-Ho": Dwarfs' song
55 Non-mainstream film
56 Prefix with mural
57 Civil rights activist Medgar
58 "Farewell, cara mia"
62 Metaphor words
63 Skirt line
64 Asian plow puller
65 Vague pronoun
66 Hawaiian strings

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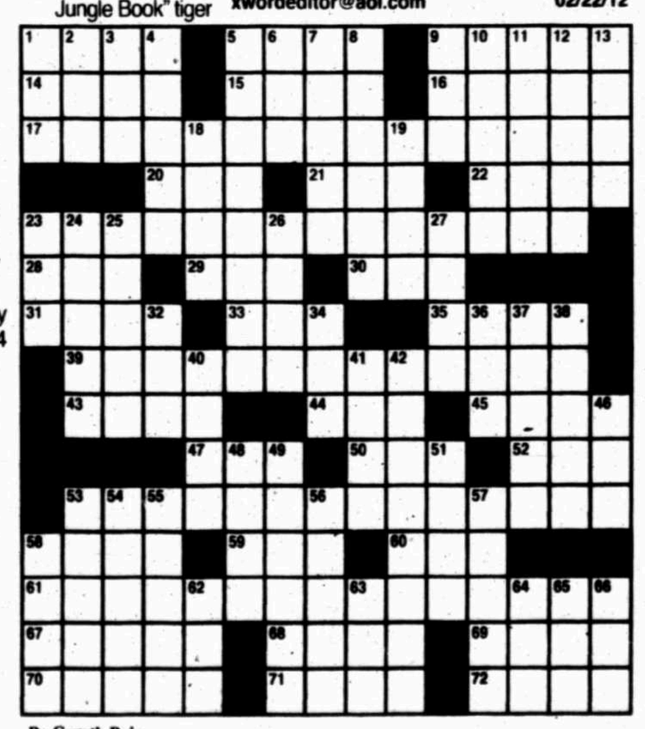

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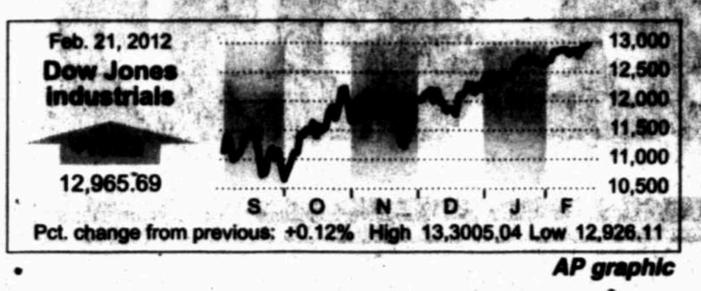

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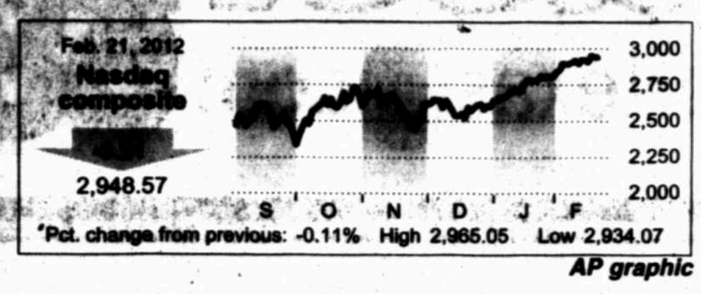

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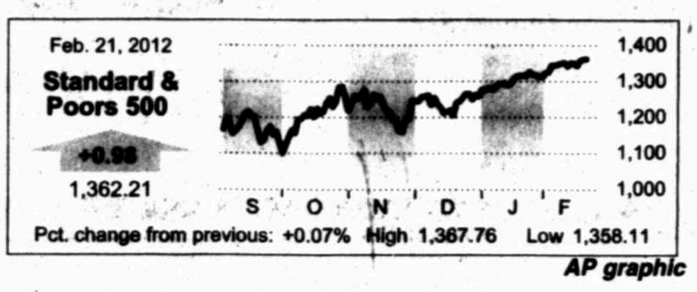

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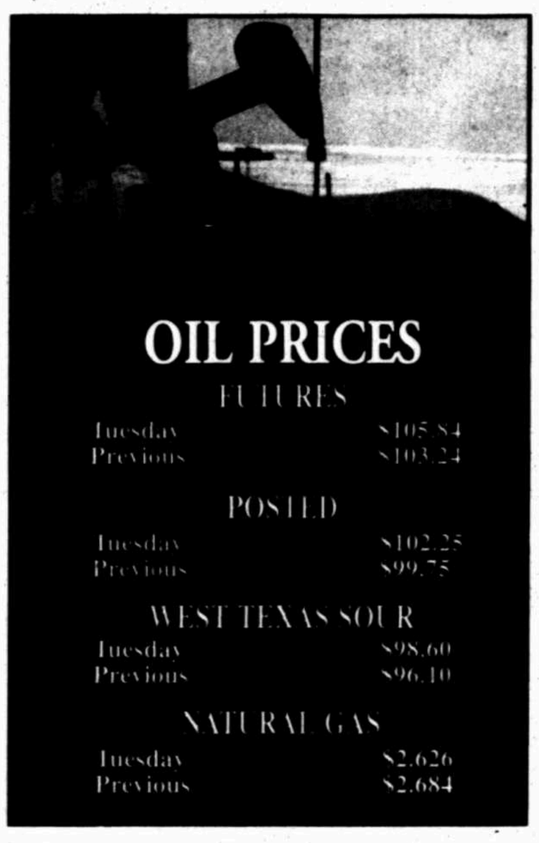

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Former first lady Laura Bush greets traders on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange before ringing the opening bell Tuesday in New York.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	3253578	8.11	+.09
S&P500ETF	1176356	136.47	+.06
SPDR Fncl	617862	14.78	-.01
WealthfrIntl	600677	15.36	-2.43
Citigrp rs	451765	33.36	+.44

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Prestige	16.41	+2.91	+21.6
BiPNG	5.60	+.88	+18.6
CH Engy	66.22	+7.45	+12.7
CS VS3xSlv	50.72	+4.84	+10.5
SalFS&P13	11.07	+.99	+9.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WeathfrIntl	15.36	-2.43	-13.7
US Airwy	7.89	-1.01	-11.3
CSVS3xInSlv	29.30	-3.43	-10.5
BoydGm	8.61	-.98	-10.2
CSVInvBrnt	43.99	-4.72	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,510
Declined	1,525
Unchanged	112
Total issues	3,147
New Highs	161
New Lows	2
Volume	3,710,390,586

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	53650	8.75	+.32
CheniereEn	50131	14.16	+.16
SamsO&G	40842	2.70	+.31
NwGold g	27552	11.74	+.26
BarcGSOil	22176	26.91	+.63

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PyramidOil	6.15	+1.40	+29.5
MexcoEn	10.28	+1.96	+23.6
TellnstEl	7.92	+1.17	+17.3
ChinNEPet	3.49	+.48	+15.9
SamsO&G	2.70	+.31	+13.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SynthBiol	2.55	-.25	-8.9
ProlorBio	5.65	-.55	-8.9
YM Bio g	2.06	-.20	-8.8
AvalonHld	3.76	-.29	-7.2
Lannett	4.36	-.31	-6.6

DIARY

Advanced	262
Declined	218
Unchanged	28
Total issues	508
New Highs	18
New Lows	1
Volume	111,558,122

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	502682	31.44	+.19
Cisco	410227	20.36	+.07
SiriusXM	384111	2.12	-.03
PwShs QQQ	363733	63.61	+.18
Intel	345934	27.16	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Corcept	4.45	+1.42	+46.9
ThrshdPhm	5.01	+1.48	+41.9
TOP Ship rs	3.17	+.92	+40.8
GlobTcAdv	5.26	+1.01	+23.8
Burcon g	6.60	+1.10	+20.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GTx Inc	3.69	-2.11	-36.4
ChelseaTh	2.64	-.71	-21.2
CUI Glbl rs	5.00	-1.25	-20.0
Codexis	3.70	-.88	-19.2
TesseraTch	17.00	-2.96	-14.8

DIARY

Advanced	951
Declined	1,612
Unchanged	103
Total issues	2,666
New Highs	100
New Lows	14
Volume	1,785,894,938

Dow breaks 13,000 but can't hold gains

By Christina Rexrode
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It came and went in a flash each time, a number on a board for mere seconds, but its symbolic power couldn't be dismissed.

The Dow Jones industrial average, powered higher all year by optimism that the economic recovery is finally for real, crossed 13,000 on Tuesday for the first time since May 2008.

The last time the Dow was there, unemployment was 5.4 percent, and Lehman Brothers was a solvent investment bank. Financial crises happened in other countries, or the history books.

The milestone Tuesday came about two hours into the trading day. The Dow was above 13,000 for about 30 seconds, and for slightly longer at about noon and 1:30 p.m., but couldn't hold its gains. It finished up 15.82 points at 12,965.69.

Still, Wall Street took note of the marker.

It was just last summer that the Dow unburdened itself of 2,000 points in three terrifying weeks. Standard & Poor's downgraded the United States' credit rating, Washington was fighting over the federal borrowing limit, and the European debt crisis was raging.

A second recession in the United States was a real fear. But the economy grew faster every quarter last year, and gains in the job market have been impressive, including 243,000 jobs added in January alone.

"Essentially over the last couple of months you've taken the two biggest fears off the table, that Europe is going to melt down and that we're going to have another recession here," said Scott Brown, chief economist for Raymond James.

The tumult of last summer and fall left the Dow as low as 10,655. It closed Tuesday 22 percent above that low. The Dow is 1,199 points from an all-time high, a 9 percent rally from here.

A long-awaited bailout to help Greece prevent a potentially catastrophic default, announced before dawn in Europe after 12 hours of talks, helped the Dow clear 13,000.

Greece will get (euro) 130 billion, or about $172 billion, from other European nations and the International Monetary Fund. In a separate deal, investors in Greek bonds will be asked to forgive (euro) 107 billion in debt.

After months in which talks crawled along and vague headlines yanked the market up and down, the conclusion was almost anticlimactic because the markets were already expecting an agreement.

European markets didn't take the news as well. Stocks closed down 3.5 percent in Greece, where stocks have lost 80 percent of their value since 2007. Stocks declined less than 1 percent Tuesday in Germany, France and Britain.

Investors noted that Greece remains in a deep recession. Its bond investors will take a 53.5 percent loss on the face value of their bonds, which could discourage future investment.

In the U.S., investors were cheered early by earnings from Home Depot, watched closely as a barometer of American spending on homes, and Macy's. Wal-Mart missed Wall Street expectations, and its stock lost 4 percent, worst among the 30 stocks in the Dow.

The index has climbed steadily this year. It has gained 6 percent and has not lost 100 points on any day.

Oil price climbs

Oil prices have climbed to the highest level since May on concerns that Iran will cut off more oil to Europe.

The surge, which included a 2.5 percent jump on Tuesday, could make gasoline and other fuels more expensive if prices stay high. At a national average of $3.57 per gallon, U.S. pump prices already are the highest ever for this time of year, and analysts say they may reach a record $4.25 per gallon this spring.

The rise in oil follows an announcement by Iran over the weekend that it will stop selling oil to Britain and France in retaliation for a planned European oil embargo this summer. The move was mainly symbolic — Britain and France import almost no oil from Iran — but it raised concerns that Iran could take the same hard line with other European nations that use more Iranian crude.

The European Union buys about 18 percent of Iran's oil exports, though most of that comes from sales to just two countries: Italy and Spain.

Euro rises against dollar

The euro rose against the dollar Tuesday after a deal to give Greece its second bailout was approved, saving the country from having to default on its debt.

The bailout deal, which was approved Tuesday by the 17 countries that use the euro, is worth about $170 billion. Without the deal Greece would have defaulted on its debt next month. A default could have triggered another financial crisis.

The euro rose to $1.3244 late Tuesday from $1.3159 late Friday.

Greece got its first $146 billion bailout in 2010. The amount wasn't enough for the country to pay off its debts.

April gold rose $32.60 to finish at $1,758.50 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $19.87 Up 0.06

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $87.39 Up 1.30

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $115.84 Up 1.09

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $38.29 Up 0.23

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.65 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $10.28 Up 1.96

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.51 Down 0.23

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	46	30.34	+.33	+.3
Abraxas	...	15	4.12	+.15	+24.6
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.73	-.02	+11.3
AMD	...	5	7.28	-.14	+34.8
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.57	+.12	+64.7
Alcoa	.12	15	10.41	+.26	+20.3
AlonUSA	.16	26	11.15	+.05	+28.0
Amgen	1.44f	17	66.69	-1.09	+3.9
Anadarko	.36	...	85.74	-2.31	+12.3
Apache	.68f	10	109.96	+.51	+21.4
Apple Inc	...	15	514.85	+12.73	+27.1
ApldMatl	.32	11	12.71	-.20	+18.7
ATMOS	1.38	15	32.09	+.29	-3.6
AutoData	1.58	20	53.86	-.39	-.3
BP PLC	1.92f	6	47.16	-.46	+10.3
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.58	-.05	-2.3
BakrHu	.60	14	51.24	+1.18	+5.3
BkofAm	.04	...	8.11	+.09	+45.9
Bar iPVix	...	...	26.56	-.04	-25.2
BasicEnSv	...	37	19.87	+.06	+.9
BerkHa A	...	1	11193375.00	+185.00	+4.0
BerryPet	.32	20	53.39	+.52	+27.1
BlkHillsCp	1.48f	32	34.09	-.15	+1.5
BostonSci	...	21	5.98	-.11	+12.0
BrMySq	1.36f	15	32.32	-.80	-8.3
BrcdeCm	...	55	5.50	-.18	+6.0
BrownFA	1.40	20	78.50	-.69	-1.0
BrownFB	1.40	20	80.96	-.26	+.5
CSX s	.48	13	21.15	-.44	+.4
CVS Care	.65f	17	44.01	-.26	+7.9
Cameron	...	26	56.48	+.39	+14.8
Caterpillar	1.84	16	115.00	+1.05	+26.9
Celestic g	...	8	9.26	+.09	+26.3
CntryLink	2.90	24	39.43	+.17	+6.0
ChesEng	.35	7	24.62	-.09	+10.5
Chevron	3.24	8	108.41	+1.75	+1.9
Chicos	.20	16	12.81	-.22	+15.0
CienaCorp	...	...	15.58	-1.42	+28.8
Cimarex	.40	14	83.60	+.82	+35.1
Cisco	.32f	16	20.36	+.07	+13.0
Citigrp rs	.04	9	33.36	+.44	+26.8
ClayEng	...	10	87.39	+1.30	+15.2
CocaCola	2.04f	19	68.82	-.23	-1.6
ColgPal	2.32	19	93.37	+.12	+1.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast	.65f	19	29.07	-.10	+22.6
ConAgra	.96	15	26.39	-.09	...
ConchoRes	...	...	115.84	+1.09	+23.6
ConocPhil	2.64	8	73.83	+.47	+1.3
Corning	.30	8	13.77	-.07	+6.1
CrackerB	1.00	16	57.86	+2.23	+14.8
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	17.01	-.04	-46.8
CrosTim	2.94e	16	47.93	+.96	-1.9
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	48.29	+.37	+1.7
DTE	2.35	13	54.34	+.04	-.2
Dataram h	...	...	.79	...	-2.5
Dawson	...	...	38.29	+.23	-3.1
Dell Inc	...	9	18.21	+.05	+24.5
DeltaAir	...	9	10.05	-.78	+24.2
DevonE	.80f	7	75.23	+.28	+21.3
DrSCBr rs	...	...	18.72	+.38	-29.3
DirxSCBull	...	...	61.21	-1.20	+36.5
Disney	.50f	16	41.57	-.18	+10.9
DowChm	1.00	17	34.65	-.35	+20.5
DryShips	.12t	...	3.55	-.16	+77.5
EMC Cp	...	27	27.25	+.15	+26.5
EOG Res	.68f	27	115.65	+1.30	+17.4
EmpDist	1.00	16	20.60	-.10	-2.3
Energen	.56f	14	54.19	+.37	+8.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	47.67	-.27	+4.0
EnPro	...	17	38.31	+.57	+16.2
EntPrPt	2.48f	22	51.92	-.37	+11.9
EricsnTel	.37e	...	9.96	+.02	-1.7
ExterranH	...	...	12.09	-.50	+32.9
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	86.57	+.95	+2.1
FordM	.20	7	12.53	-.22	+16.4
ForestOil s	...	13	14.44	+.36	+6.6
FMCG	1.25f	9	43.97	+.93	+19.5
FrontierCm	.40m	27	4.63	-.15	-10.1
FrozenFd	...	...	1.28	+.03	-2.3
GAIX	1.20f	20	43.40	-.23	-.6
GabBiuIT	1.08f	...	7.13	+.08	+14.4
GAInv	.50e	...	28.27	-.08	+13.5
GenElec	.68	16	19.41	+.13	+8.4
Genworth	...	34	9.54	+.32	+45.6
GileadSci	...	13	44.69	-2.31	+9.2
Golfsmith	...	...	4.10	...	+28.1
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.85	+.15	+1.7
GtPlainEn	.85	16	20.91	-.06	-4.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
HalconR rs	...	48	11.56	+.18	+23.1
Hallibrtn	.36	12	37.03	+.74	+7.3
HeclaM	.05f	14	5.48	+.46	+4.8
Heinz	1.92	17	53.62	-.85	-.8
Hitachi	...	...	57.50	-.20	+10.3
HomeDp	1.16f	19	46.92	+.21	+11.6
HuntBnk	.16	12	6.01	-.08	+9.5
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.96	-.01	+9.3
iShSilver	...	...	33.38	+1.10	+23.9
iShEMkts	.81e	...	43.75	-.18	+15.3
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	54.53	+.01	+10.1
iSHR2K	1.02e	...	82.23	-.56	+11.5
IntegrysE	2.72	16	54.04	-.54	-.3
Intel	.84	11	27.16	-.21	+12.0
InterDig	.40	18	39.35	+.23	-9.7
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	38.46	-.01	+15.7
JetBlue	...	19	5.30	-.51	+1.9
JohnJn	2.28	19	65.04	+.05	-.8
KimbClk	2.80	18	71.40	-.17	-2.9
KindME	4.64	...	90.46	+.85	+6.5
KindMM	4.64t	...	80.46	+.55	+2.5
Kraft	1.16	21	38.57	+.56	+3.2
LegacyRes	2.20f	12	29.65	-.01	+5.0
Lowes	.56	20	27.76	+.08	+9.4
Lubys	...	26	5.19	+.02	+15.1
MGM Rsts	...	...	14.19	-.47	+36.0
McDnlds	2.80	19	100.49	+.50	+.2
Merck	1.68f	19	38.13	-.43	+1.1
MeritMed s	...	23	13.65	-.14	+2.0
MexcoEn	...	73	10.28	+1.96	+46.9
MicronT	...	...	8.21	-.22	+30.5
Microsoft	.80	11	31.44	+.19	+21.1
MorgStan	.20	17	19.26	+.10	+27.3
Nabors	...	15	20.36	-.44	+17.4
NatGrid	3.00e	...	50.85	-.21	+4.9
NOilVarco	.48f	18	84.58	+.78	+24.4
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	5.58	+.09	+15.8
NvMAd	.99e	...	15.08	+.25	+2.7
NvPlMi	.94	...	15.04	+.16	+1.6
NuvPI	.92	...	14.49	+.10	+.1
NSTFI3	.88e	...	14.69	+.14	+2.7
NTXQI	.86	...	16.47	+.12	+.8
OccPet	2.16f	13	104.41	+.49	+11.4
Oracle	.24	16	28.74	-.05	+12.0
ParTeeh	...	17	5.08	-.01	+28.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ParkDrl	...	32	6.97	+.17	-2.8
PattUTI	.20	10	19.59	-.17	-2.0
PenRE	.60	...	13.45	-.20	+28.8
Prmian	1.44e	16	22.14	+.79	+8.7
Pfizer	.88f	17	21.22	+.03	-1.9
PioNtrl	.08	16	113.76	+.09	+27.1
PlainsAA	4.10f	17	81.11	-.46	+10.4
PwShs QQQ	.46e	...	63.61	+.18	+13.9
Praxair	2.20f	20	110.00	...	+2.9
PrmEgy	...	...	23.40	...	+3.6
ProctGam	2.10	16	64.42	-.49	-3.4
RangeRs	.16	...	64.27	-1.45	+3.8
RegionsFn	.04	35	5.98	-.02	+39.1
Rowan	...	30	37.70	+.43	+24.3
RoyDShllA	3.36	14	72.90	+.03	-.3
SpdrDJIA	3.48e	...	129.35	+.12	+6.2
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	136.47	+.06	+8.7
SabnR	4.04e	17	66.38	+1.15	+5.3
SanderFm	.68	...	48.36	-.66	-3.5
SandRdge	...	12	8.18	+.03	+.2
Sapient	.35e	24	12.69	-.30	+.7
Schlmbrg	1.10f	21	78.58	+.84	+15.0
SigmaAld	.80f	19	71.56	-.40	+14.6
SiriusXM	...	16	2.12	-.03	+16.5
Smucker	1.92	18	72.43	-.64	-7.3
SprintNex	...	...	2.27	-.03	-3.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	14.78	-.01	+13.7
SunocoL s	1.68f	14	40.66	+.03	+3.2
TelefEsp	2.14e	...	17.37	+.13	+1.0
Tesoro	...	7	28.39	+.57	+21.5
3M Co	2.36f	15	87.60	+.04	+7.2
ThrshdPhm	...	...	5.01	+1.48	+310.7
Trchmrk s	.48	10	49.09	+.37	+13.1
TriContl	.39e	...	15.77	+.02	+10.8
TylerTech	...	47	36.57	-.04	+21.5
US Airwy	...	15	7.89	-1.01	+55.6
UBWV	1.24f	18	29.02	-.33	+2.7
US NGs rs	...	...	5.52	-.09	-14.6
ValeroE	.60	7	25.53	+.54	+21.3
VangEmg	.91e	...	44.11	-.18	+15.4
VulcanM	.04	...	46.81	-.87	+19.0
WalMart	1.46	13	60.07	-2.41	+.5
Walgrn	.90	12	34.18	-.53	+3.4
WeathfrIntl	...	59	15.36	-2.43	+4.9
WellsFargo	.48	11	30.96	-.13	+12.3
WstnRefin	.04e	10	18.76	+.47	+41.2
WhitingPt s	...	13	56.73	+1.57	+21.5
WmsCos	1.04f	19	29.46	+.35	+9.3
XcelEngy	1.04	15	26.43	+.07	-4.4
Xerox	.17	9	8.17	-.13	+2.6
Yahoo	...	18	14.75	-.26	-8.6

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12,967.92	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,965.69	+15.82	+.12	+6.12	+6.16
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,163.18	-76.34	-1.46	+2.86	+1.37
467.84	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	452.28	-.32	-.07	-2.67	+10.22
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,115.42	+.91	+.01	+8.54	-2.53
2,490.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,443.76	+2.50	+.10	+7.26	+5.10
2,962.78	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,948.57	-3.21	-.11	+13.18	+6.97
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,362.21	+.98	+.07	+8.32	+3.56
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,388.28	-12.20	-.08	+9.09	+3.17
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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5205 N O'CONNOR BLVD., IRVING, TEXAS 75039, **is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.**

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Dickenson "A" Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 10 miles NW of Stanton, in the SPRABERRY (Trend Area) Field, in Martin County.
The **waste** water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4000 to 5200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 681W. It is located 660' FNL & 660' FWL, Blk 44, Section 4, which is approximately 2 miles south from the city of Goldsmith and is in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 to 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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The School Land Board, the Board for Lease of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, and the General Land Office (GLO) will hold a sealed bid Oil, Gas, and Other Minerals Lease Sale at the General Land Office in Austin, Texas on April 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. For a list of lands call (512) 475-1512, write to Mineral Leasing, Rm. 840, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, Texas 78701, or visit www.glo.texas.gov.

Legal & Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit by Midland Blue Door LLC dba The Blue Door, to be located at 4610 N. Garfield St Suite D-1C, Midland, Texas, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Cody S Reeves, President and Mary Seay, Vice President.

Lost & Found

LOST FEMALE Chihuahua white w/black spots & male Poodle white w/black tip ears near Midkiff/Mariana. Gone since Friday. REWARD! 238-0620.

LOST YELLOW female Lab, in Greentree. Call 432-296-0808.

REWARD! LOST USB FLASH DRIVE (small, red, plastic stick) 432-312-2437 LV message

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0274454
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 31, 2012 — Status/Permit No. 731378
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 13, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 102, Blk. , HEARD, L F/ WILSON, T N Survey, A-1413, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 7 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PE RMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WELCH 'C'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6
Lease/Unit Acres :	265.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	949.0

Lease Lines :	467.0 F EAST L,	1031.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines :	467.0 F EAST L,	4266.0 F SOUTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0274515
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2012 — Status/Permit No. 722136
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 21, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 34, Blk. 35 T4S, T&P RR CO/TEELE, E P Survey, A-1061, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and DEWEY LAKE (STRAWN) Fields, GLASSCOCK County, being 9.2 miles SW direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512) 463-6751**.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	MCDANIEL '34A'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3
Lease/Unit Acres :	80.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	272.0

Lease Lines	272.0 F NORTH L,	660.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	272.0 F NORTH L,	660.0 F WEST L

FIELD: DEWEY LAKE (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name :	MCDANIEL '34A'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	3
Lease/Unit Acres :	80.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	272.0

Lease Lines :	272.0 F NORTH L,	660.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	272.0 F NORTH L,	660.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) ; Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

DEWEY LAKE (STRAWN) : Special Rules 467/660, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

Legal & Public Notices

CUSTOMER NOTICE
INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE WEST TEXAS DIVISION

On February 7, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, West Texas Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the West Texas Division (hereafter "Affected Cities"). The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 13, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 250,696 residential, 21,653 commercial, 148 industrial, 1,688 public authority, and 120 state institution customers within the incorporated areas of the West Texas Division.

Atmos Energy is proposing to adopt rates for its West Texas Division that have been developed based on the division-wide cost of providing service to all customers within the Company's West Texas Division, which includes the Amarillo, Lubbock and West Texas Cities rate jurisdictions. Atmos Energy further proposes to revise its service charges to establish uniform service charges throughout all incorporated areas of the West Texas Division. If approved, the proposed rates will produce a $11.1 million increase in the Company's annual revenues for gas service and a $ 0.5 million increase in annual revenues from service charges, and will result in an overall annual revenue increase in the incorporated areas of the West Texas Division of approximately $11.6 million or 5.76%, including gas costs, or 14.80% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

The Company further proposes to consolidate its various WNA and GCA tariffs into single WNA and GCA tariffs that will apply to all incorporated areas within the Company's West Texas Division. The Company's proposed WNA tariff expands its applicability to include the State Institution customer class, removes monthly reporting requirements where applicable, and reflects updates to heat load and base load factors. The proposed GCA tariff removes language regarding the recovery of transaction related costs to mitigate price volatility. The Company seeks to implement a new Transportation Gas Services tariff, a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, and a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). Atmos Energy also proposes to adopt new Rider FF and Rider TAX tariffs, which authorize the collection of franchise fees and state gross receipts taxes through a separate line item on customer bills.

While the Company's proposed rates have been developed based on its updated class cost of service study and existing rate design methodology, the Company's rate filing also includes two optional proposals (1) a new Rate Parity tariff that would mitigate the impact that the transition to a division-wide cost of service model may have on the residential customer class and (2) a regional rate design for the residential customer class that accounts for the differences in volumetric usage within the North, Central, and South regions of the West Texas Division. For the West Texas Cities rate jurisdiction, the Company has also requested approval of a Depreciation Surcharge tariff that will allow recovery of the regulatory asset created to track differences between the West Texas Division's actual depreciation expense resulting from depreciation rate changes approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD No. 10041 and depreciation expense recovered under existing rates. Finally, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the West Texas Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the tables below.

AMARILLO RATE JURISDICTION

Customer Class	Current Bill**	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential*	$ 47.22	$ 53.69	$ 6.47	13.70%	40.10%
Commercial*	$ 202.24	$ 208.82	$ 6.58	3.25%	12.44%
Industrial*	$6,226.45	$5,774.87	($ 451.58)	-7.25%	-36.35%
Public Authority*	$ 779.35	$ 780.58	$ 1.23	0.16%	0.69%

LUBBOCK RATE JURISDICTION

Customer Class	Current Bill***	Proposed Bill***	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential*	$ 41.72	$ 46.87	$ 5.15	12.35%	30.79%
Commercial*	$ 166.22	$ 174.18	$ 7.96	4.79%	16.62%
Industrial*	$2,785.91	$2,737.90	($ 48.01)	-1.72%	-8.56%
Public Authority*	$ 669.43	$ 644.43	($ 25.00)	-3.73%	-13.43%
State Institution*	$ 639.78	$ 628.04	($ 11.74)	-1.84%	-6.89%

WEST TEXAS CITIES RATE JURISDICTION

Customer Class	Current Bill****	Proposed Bill****	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential*	$ 45.71	$ 46.58	$ 0.87	1.90%	4.14%
Commercial*	$ 156.25	$ 157.88	$ 1.63	1.05%	3.11%
Industrial*	$2,391.82	$2,366.89	($ 24.93)	-1.04%	-4.95%
Public Authority*	$ 487.77	$ 482.90	($ 4.88)	-1.00%	-3.42%
State Institution*	$ 445.42	$ 431.60	($ 13.82)	-3.10%	-9.60%

*Includes Rider GCA cost of $0.48 per Ccf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 61.62 Ccf for residential, 296.12 Ccf for commercial, 9,881.88 Ccf for industrial, and 1,188.88 Ccf for Public Authority customers within the Amarillo Rate District.

*** The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 49.54 Ccf for residential, 234.61 Ccf for commercial, 4,411.03 Ccf for industrial, 958.20 Ccf for Public Authority, and 930.43 Ccf for State Institution customers within the Lubbock Rate Jurisdiction.

****For the West Texas Cities Division, the calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 49.01 Ccf for residential, 205.67 Ccf for commercial, 3,742.67 Ccf for industrial, 684.51 Ccf for Public Authority customers, and 597.60 Ccf for State Institution customers within the West Texas Cities Rate Jurisdiction.

The rates proposed for the new transportation gas service customer class are shown below.

TRANSPORTATION GAS SERVICE

Charge	Proposed
Meter Charge	$ 275.00
Consumption Charge per Ccf	$0.04824

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5110 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424. To view the proposed tariffs, visit our website at www.atmosenergy.com/WTX-Filings.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Atmos Energy Corporation de West Texas Division, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes en las ciudades afectadas servidas por West Texas Division. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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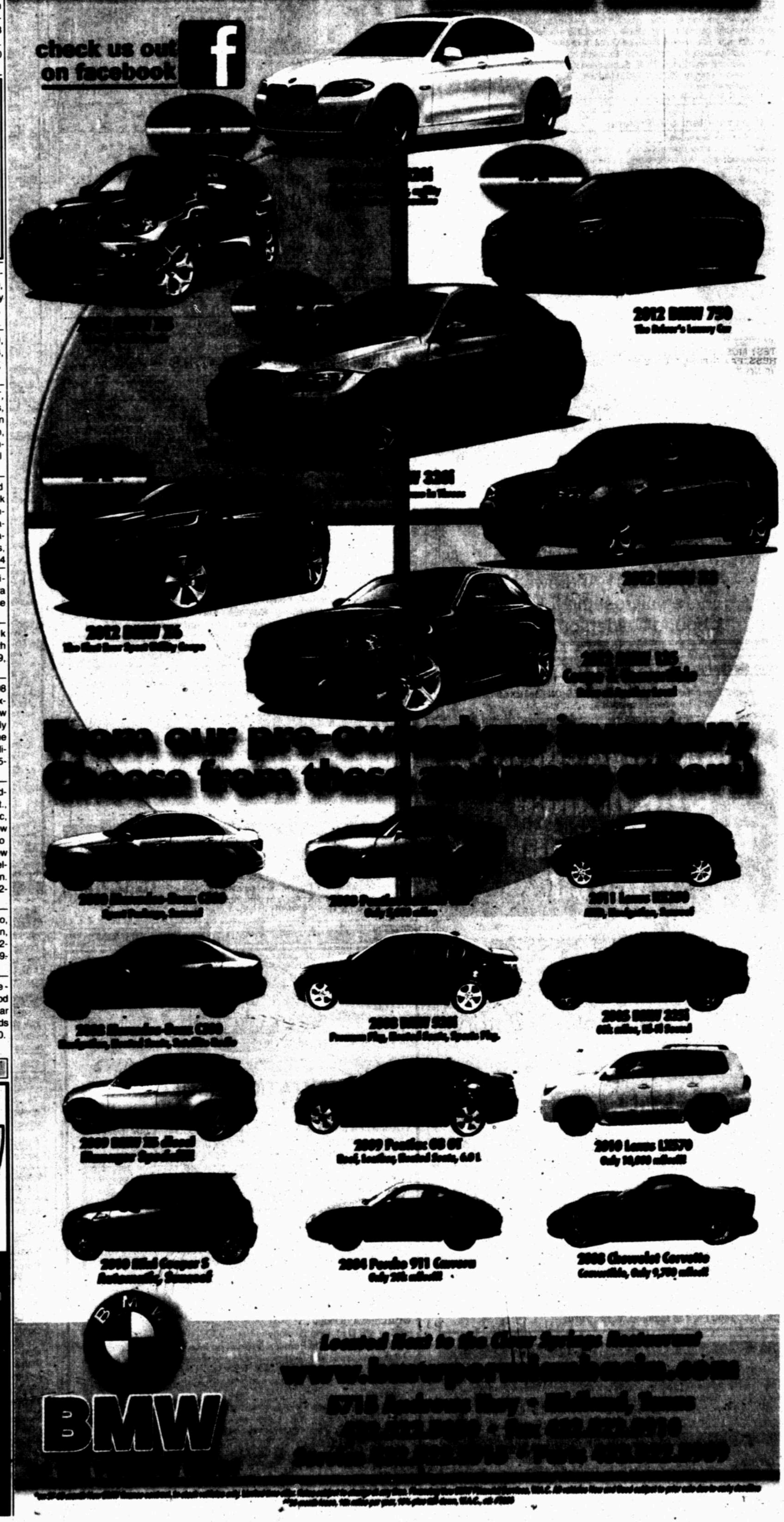

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least 4 hours. No experience [illegible] Includes group health insurance [illegible] 18 and up. [illegible]

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Gazelle Transportation Inc.

NOW HIRING!
$$ SIGN-ON BONUS for a limited time $$
(3 yrs Tanker exp. Req.)
CLASS A PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS & LEAD DRIVERS
LOCAL SHIFT WORK

Gazelle Transportation, Inc is expanding into West TX, and the surrounding areas in the permian basin. Driver applicants must have Hazmat, Tanker, Doubles and Triples endorsements along with a good MVR record and a minimum of 3 years Class A driving experience.
Tanker experience is preferred but not necessary.

Gazelle Transportation, Inc offers an industry leading compensation package which includes. Exceptional pay, Health, Life, Vision, Dental, ST Disability, 125 Plan and 401k Plan. Drivers participate in two separate bonus programs: Quarterly Safety Performance and Annual Longevity Bonuses.

APPLY NOW! Positions are limited! Prompt response is encouraged to ensure your consideration.
Request an employment application by calling
1-855-H-A-U-L-O-I-L or by visiting our website: www.gazelletrans.com

Gazelle Transportation Inc is truly committed to
the Safety and Success of our drivers!

OTHER JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401k program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Positions Available
Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Now hiring for the open positions at our facility. We have an opening for a
• CNA, 2pm-10pm • Dietary Cook • Dietary Aide
• Dishwasher • Housekeeper Beautician. Please apply in person.

Technicians/Drivers/Operator
Needed for environmental service company. Salary based upon experience. Call M-F 8:00am-5:00pm @ 1-800-980-7911

Volvo Technician Wanted
Alderson Mercedes-Benz & Volvo is looking to hire an experienced Volvo Technician immediately. Our brand new facility is thriving and we need an experienced Volvo Technician to take the lead. All technicians with import experience will be considered. Please send resume to bpond@alderson.com or apply in person @ 5801 Andrews Hwy

Warehouse/Delivery Driver
Sims Plastics FT
Warehouse/ Delivery Driver, good driving record and driver's license required. Apply in person at: 2700 W. Front. Midland, TX 79701

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Direct Care Staff Member
High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time employment. This person should at least **25 years** of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current positions open are for a direct care staff member working 2-3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. (Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday). Call for an application at 433-694-7728 or download at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX 79707. Attn: Karen Baker. For inquiries or a full job description you can contact Karen Baker at karenb@higksy.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 2/29/12.

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REAL ESTATE

Property Manager and Leasing Agent
Confidential FT
Company seeking mature professional individuals for positions of Property Manager and Leasing Agent. Experience in management not necessary, but the ability to communicate effectively, organize efficiently and administer customer service skills are essential. Discernment skills are a must. Please forward resume and salary requirements to crownproperties@grandecom.net

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Buffalo Wild Wings FT/PT
Now Hiring All Positions. Buffalo Wild Wings, 4241 Grandview Ave Odessa, TX. Apply in Person

Cooks & Kitchen Helpers
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Midland, TX 79705
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The Garlic Press FT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is now hiring dishwasher. Apply in person Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

Hibachi Chef
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15 to $20 an hour? Will train hibachi chef, servers, bartender, bus help, kitchen help, dishwasher and hostess. Apply in person Monday- Friday, 11:00am-3:00pm at:1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79707.

Kitchen Help
Clear Springs Restaurant FT
5707 Andrews Hwy
Midland, TX 79703
Full-time kitchen help, night and weekend Busers. Apply between 2pm-4pm, Monday-Friday. 5707 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls.

Now Hiring Warriors
Genghis Grill FT
Server, Host, Busser, Dishwasher, Grill Cook and Prep.
Apply online at:snagajobs.com EOE

Positions Available
Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier, counter help, dishwasher. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

Swensen's Now Hiring DAYTIME SERVERS!
Business is great! Now hiring Daytime Servers. Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at **Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.**

Way Out West Steak House Is Now Hiring!
We are looking to hire **Grill Cooks, Hot Bar Cooks, Wait Staff, Line Servers,** and **Dishwashers**. Apply in person at **515 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701. Interview guaranteed!**

RETAIL JOBS

Full Time Cashier
Natural Foods Market FT
Health Food Store is taking applications for an energetic and friendly full-time cashier. Shifts will include evenings, and most Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley. Serious inquiries only.

PRICE BOOK MANAGER
Primary responsibility is managing and maintaining the PDI and Price Books for the convenience stores.
- Timely and accurate management of the PDI Price Book
- New Item Setup
- Vendor item changes
- Promotional changes
- Researches all price discrepancies and clears all errors and updates PDI
- Monitor and troubleshoot Price Book downloads daily to ensure accurate information.
- Assists District Managers with issues regarding price changes and cost differences
- Communicate pricing and new item inquiries
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:
- C-Store industry knowledge and 2+ years experience working in a supervisory role
- PDI experience 3 to 5 years
- Microsoft Office
- Experience with computer trouble shooting
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

Please apply www.thekentcompanies.com or fax your resume with salary requirements to (432)620-0005. **THE KENT COMPANIES**

Salesman/Store Manager
Confidential FT
Salesman/Store Manager for retail flooring store in Big Spring. Must have good people skills and excellent math skills. Salary + commission. Only those with good references need apply. Call 432-213-0775 or email: roxannrich@yahoo.com

SALES JOBS

Clerical Help Wanted
Applicant must have great customer skills and phone skills. Good computer skills will be required and must have the ability and attitude to keep up in a fast paced environment. Please send resume to P-129 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

Inside/Outside Sales
A-1 Sign Engravers FT
Inside/Outside Sales Position, must be a multi-tasker, people skills a must. If you are high energy and people oriented then this may be your opportunity to shine. Competitive pay scale and great work environment. Call Jay Nichols at A-1 Sign Engravers @ 682-4503 for appointment.

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Sales Associates
Woods Boots FT
Retail Sales Associates needed. Great commissions and customers. Best hours in retail. Paid medical and vacation, matching 401K. Come join a great team at Woods Boot's. 4 locations in Midland/Odessa.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Geoscientist
Immediate opening for a qualified applicant with 3 to 5 years experience and degree (bachelor/masters) in environmental science, chemistry, biology, geology, or related discipline. Strong communication, computer and writing skills required, benefits including health insurance, 401K, competitive salary, EOE. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 50685, Midland, TX 79710-0685, ATTN: Human Resources Manager:
patty@laenvironmental.com
LA arson & Associates, Inc.

SKILLED LABOR

All Positions
CDL Drivers needed for vacuum trucks and dump trucks. Also needed Backhoe, Maintainer and a Bulldozer Operators. Call George 556-6534 or apply at: 2908 County Rd 1150, Midland, Tx

CDL Driver and Working Foreman
Confidential F/T
CDL and Working Foreman roustabout experience preferred 50-55 hours per week and weekends off. Insurance is available and uniforms are supplies. Drug test is required. Call 432-684-9490, application will be accepted Monday through 2/20/12 through 3/5/12.

Commercial Construction Carpenters
Commercial Construction Carpenters needed. Apply at: 2401 West Louisiana at Project Job Trailer at First Baptist Church, Midland.

Diesel Mechanic
Limon's Road Service FT
Diesel Mechanics wanted. Experience, tools, and good driving record a must. Benefits include paid vacation, holiday, medical paid by employer, and 401K available. TOP PAIY OFFERED. Please send resumes to: limons3@earthlink.net. Please contact Junior Limon at 512-848-5668 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

General Labor/Truck Driver
Viking Pool FT
Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. Apply in person, 8am-5pm, 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

HOT OIL OPERATOR
Experienced **Hot Oil Operator** needed. Salary DOE and competitive benefits package. Apply in person at: **K.D.M. HOT OIL SERVICE, INC., 2400 FM 715 Midland, Texas 79702.**

Licensed Electrical Journeyman
Brown's Permian Electric Company FT
Licensed Electrical Journeymen needed for local projects. Must furnish own transportation to job site and be able to pass drug test. Apply at Brown's Permian Electric Co., 803 S. Marienfeld St., Midland, Monday through Friday, 7-3.

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BASIN Electric Co.

Licensed Plumber & Helper
TMI Mechanical FT
Licensed commercial Plumbers, Sheet Metal Mechanics and experienced Helpers wanted on local jobs. Top pay depending on experience. Call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic
Permian Petroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision coverage available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434.

Mechanics
Western Auto FT
Mechanics needed at Western Auto! 4000 S FM 1788, Midland.

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Established Water Transfer Company with 5+ years in West Texas looking for experienced employees. Good driving record a must! Company offers: Insurance, 401K, Profit Sharing and Monthly/Job Bonuses. Please come by the office at 3700 E. Hwy 158, Midland, TX to apply.

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DXP Enterprises, Inc. FT
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Service Technicians Needed
Weidner Apartment Homes FT
Weidner Apartment Homes is seeking Service Technicians to care for a few of our apartment communities. Responsibilities: Assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, performs maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances. Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please apply online at: www.weidnercareers.com or fax resume to 1-877-399-9012.

Welders/Fabricators/Mechanics
Energy Fabrication FT
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Welders
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Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus. Salary DOE. Please call for application at 432-520-3853, 638-8266.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Bus Drivers
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland. Monday-Friday, 2:45pm - 4:45pm. $25 per hour. For more information please call Michael, 432-683-0050.

Class A CDL Driver
Service Seal, LLC FT
Stable Company looking for Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement for local and regional deliveries. Minimum 3 to 5 years professional driving experience. Must be dependable, trustworthy and have clean driving record and background and willing to work in the warehouse when not driving. If you meet these qualifications, please call Melissa at 432-570-9414.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Silverline Transportation **432-563-1894**
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**
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Silverline

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WIT Transportation F/T
Dispatcher for local trucking company. Good pay, hours and benefits. Must have computer skills, customer services experience and phone edicate. Serious applicants only. Call 432-563-5629 for directions or fax resume to 432-561-8761.

DOT SAFETY DIRECTOR
Experienced Professional needed to manage DOT and all safety requirements for local transportation company. Must be up to date with all aspects of DOT regulations and FMCSA rules & regulation and also CSA. Prior experience will be necessary for this position. Please call **432-563-1894** to schedule interview.

Driver/Laborer - Midland, TX
Austin Powder Company FT
Operates company vehicles in the early morning to deliver products to and from specified jobsites. Responsible for loading/unloading product for delivery to jobsites, which results in frequent lifting of 40-60 pound product bags or boxes. This position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job-site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/plant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the location manager. Must possess a current Class A or B CDL. Hazmat and Tanker endorsements are preferred but not required. Must possess a high school diploma or GED and 2+ years driving experience. Full benefits package is available.
Contact: Please forward your response information to
Austin Powder Company,
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X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(K) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum & Tank Truck Drivers
Permian Pertroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need Class A CDL vacuum and tank truck drivers with tank endorsement and clean driving records. Must be experienced. Offering sign-on bonus, competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision insurance available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434.

LEGAL

Paralegal/Legal Assistant
Brockett & McNeel, LLP FT
Wanted: Fast-paced, growing law firm needs a paralegal/legal assistant with minimum of 5 years of litigation experience, insurance defense preferred but not required. Needs to be organized, a self-starter and able to type at least 75 wpm. Salary commensurate with experience. Health insurance and 401(k) benefits. Please submit resume to lforth@brockettmcneel.net.

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SADDLE BARN bull riding gear for sale. Contact Ray for details, 432-254-4005.

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Pets

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ALASKAN MALAMUTE pups, 12 wks old, 1st puppy shots. $500 w/ out AKC papers or $900 w/ AKC papers. Call 432-364-2488, pls leave message.

CATAHOULA - leopard dog for free. He is adorable, smart, and loving. 61 pds, gray and black, 1yr old, neutered, has rabies tag, shots current, micro-chipped. Please call Kelly at 432-260-8249.

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Pets

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

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Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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