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City issues record number of housing permits

Official predicts 2014 permits may 'level' with 2013 number

By Joseph Basco
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For three years in a row, the city of Midland has issued a record number of housing permits as the population continued to grow.

The city issued 732 housing permits in 2013, about a 20 percent increase from the amount issued in 2012. Commercial permits also increased compared to the previous year as the city issued 88 permits in 2013 compared to 58 in 2012.

Revenue from all the permits issued by the city reached $2.6 million in 2013, another increase from the $1.1 million generated in 2012. Permit revenue goes back into the general fund to cover services that the city provides, said Steve Thorpe, the city's building official.

The constant population increase caused by the oil boom and the subsequent high demand for housing played major roles in the record-breaking year that the city went through, officials said.

Betenbough Homes, with its nearly 700-unit Legends Park in West Midland, requested the most permits in 2013, Thorpe said.

Housing construction

	2013	2012
New residential	732	598
New commercial	88	58
Total permits	9,550	9,328
Total inspections	28,325	26,925
Construction value	$836,692,614	$339,812,837
Permit revenue	$2,629,956	$1,178,746
Other revenue	$1,739,230	$829,142

Source: City of Midland

2013 was also a year in which oil companies, such as Chevron and Pioneer Natural Resources, requested permits to build their new office complex buildings. Though some of these buildings have yet to be completed, permits are issued right before construction begins.

Thorpe said there are no new commercial developments planned yet for 2014, but if Energy Tower at City Center begins construction this year, then that would be a major development that would require a building permit. The tower also would be a huge contributor to the city's annual statistic on construction value, as Energy Tower is estimated to cost between $400 million to $500 million. In 2013, total construction value of all the new buildings in Midland reached $836 million, which more than doubled the $339,812,837 in 2012.

But as of Tuesday, based on what is currently in development, Thorpe predicts the number of housing permits in 2014 will be "level" with 2013's number. He acknowledged that the lack of infrastructure, such as water and sewer lines, could limit the capacity of the building community in 2014.

Mark Payne, a local building developer with Mark Payne Homes, said he predicts that 2014 will be just as strong as 2013, a year in which his company requested about 70 housing permits. He added that he has yet to see a slowdown in the market.

"There's still not a lot of availability," Payne said. "We may have a better year than last year."

Midlander dies in Ector Co.

Mark Sterkel/Odessa American

Odessa police investigate a three-vehicle collision Tuesday afternoon at Faudree Road and the south Highway 191 service road in which one person died and two others were transported to Medical Center Hospital.

OPD: Midland woman dies in three-vehicle crash

From staff reports

A Midland woman died Tuesday afternoon after a three-vehicle crash in Ector County, according to the Odessa Police Department.

The woman, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name will not be released until next of kin has been notified, said Cpl. Steve LeSueur, OPD communications officer.

OPD and emergency personnel responded to the crash at about 1:35 p.m. Tuesday on the south service road of Highway 191 near Faudree Road.

According to OPD, a woman in an SUV was traveling eastbound on the south service road attempting to cross Faudree Road. At the same time, two people, including the woman who died, were traveling southbound in a sedan in the 4200 block of Faudree Road, attempting to cross the south service road of Highway 191.

LeSueur said the SUV may have "T-boned" the car, crashing into its passenger side. The person who died was the passenger of the sedan, according to OPD.

The third vehicle in the incident was a minivan facing north in the 4100 block of Faudree Road. It is unclear how the minivan became involved in the crash because of conflicting stories, according to OPD.

The drivers of the sedan and SUV were transported with non-life-threatening injuries to Medical Center Hospital, LeSueur said.

No charges have been filed in the ongoing investigation.

New alcoholic beverage tax could impact customers

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A new tax could cause some bar and restaurant customers to pay a little more for their alcoholic beverages.

HB 3572, authored by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, went into effect Jan. 1 and now requires an 8.25 percent mixed beverage sales tax to be paid by customers.

The new tax was established to replace a portion of a 14 percent mixed beverage gross receipts tax that was reduced to 6.7 percent. That tax is paid by the bar and restaurant owners.

However, not every customer will see the price difference when they get their bill.

Cody Reeves, co-owner of The Blue Door bar, said the overall prices of alcoholic drinks at his bar have not increased because of the new tax structure.

Because the old 14 percent tax was included in the individual price of each drink, Reeves said he lowered the actual price of each beverage by 8.25 percent. That reduction is replaced by the new 8.25 percent tax that the customer now pays.

"It looks like consumers get a better value for their drinks," he said. "It's really the same to the consumer."

The only customers who will pay more money for their drinks because of this tax shift are those who visit bars that do not adjust the price of drinks to make up for the tax, Reeves said.

Jerry Morales, Texas Restaurant Association president-elect, said the revised tax structure will be good for local businesses.

Before the change, establishments that sold only beer and wine were not required to pay the 14 percent mixed beverage gross receipts tax. Those establishments are only required to have a beer/wine permit.

Other establishments that sell liquor in addition to beer and wine — such as The Blue Door or Gerardo's Casita, which is owned by Morales — are required to have a mixed beverage permit, according to the TRA.

"It's an even playing field for all of those selling alcohol," Morales said.

Bars and eateries may also see additional benefits from the new tax structure, he said.

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Earthquakes lead Texas agency to hire seismologist

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A key state agency announced Tuesday it is hiring a seismologist, part of an effort to tackle a sudden increase in earthquakes in areas with significant oil and gas drilling activities.

The Railroad Commission, which regulates drilling statewide, said the move came after a public meeting last week in Azle, a town frequently rattled of late by earthquakes, about 50 miles northwest of Dallas.

Panhandle records 3.5 magnitude temblor

VEGA — The Texas Panhandle has had a minor earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the 3.5 magnitude quake happened Monday morning and was centered 14 miles west of Vega.

The Oldham County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday had no reports of damage or injuries from the quake. Vega is 30 miles west of Amarillo.

Associated Press

"It is imperative that the commission remain engaged and involved in gathering more evidence and data into any possible causation between oil and gas activities and seismic events," Commissioner David J. Porter said in a statement. "Commission rules and regulations must be based on sound

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Scott Van Allen, of Sweetwater, picks up a Western diamondback rattlesnake Feb. 5 at the Capitol in Austin. Using gasoline fumes to force rattlesnakes from their dens will be banned if a state wildlife proposal is implemented. Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said the pumping of fumes to force out rattlers also threatens 20 species of endangered animals that live underground.

State proposal would ban gassing of rattlesnakes

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Using gasoline fumes to force rattlesnakes from their dens will be banned if a state wildlife proposal is implemented.

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said the pumping of fumes to force out rattlers also threatens 20 species of endangered animals that live underground.

The department will hold six public hearings on the proposal in January in cities across the state, including Sweetwater, where rattlers are rounded up annually in a charity event attended by tens of thousands, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Sweetwater Jaycee member David Sager told the newspaper that a ban would kill the "World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup," which brings millions in economic benefits to the town each March.

But Tim Cole, the owner of a business called Austin Reptile Service, called the practice "animal cruelty."

John Davis, the department's wildlife program diversity director, said the gassing of snake dens isn't common. A survey sent to 868 Texans who have permits to collect "nongame" species in the state yielded 97 responses and of those only six said they used gas fumes.

Gassing, when done properly, sends a fine mist of gasoline into snake dens, which makes it hard for the reptiles to breathe and prompts them to slither outside.

Jackie Bibby, the president of the Heart of Texas Snakehandlers, said he estimated that about 80 percent of snake hunters in Texas still gas snakes.

Twenty-nine states, including Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma, already partially or completely prohibit gassing, department spokesman Mike Cox said.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission needs to approve the proposal for it to become law. It will consider the issue in March, Cox said.

Churches drop Boy Scouts sponsorhip

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Thirty Houston-area churches have dropped their sponsorship with the Boy Scouts of America after the group lifted its ban on openly gay Scouts, organization officials said.

The Sam Houston Area Council, which represents the Houston region, has likewise seen a loss of 1,500 Scouts, a 3 percent cut in membership.

"We cannot say for sure why these youths left. It could be that they moved or other reasons," said the region's spokeswoman, Lynda Sanders. She acknowledged, however, a majority who left were associated with the disbanded church troops.

The churches refusing to renew their Boy Scout charters included 11 in Harris County. Officials would not identify them.

"But that's not much of a fallout," Sanders said.

The region has about 1,700 sponsors, she said, 55 percent of which have religious affiliations.

At the same time, Christian-based alternatives, like the newly launched Trail Life USA, have seen a membership boom. They are hoping to capture some former Scouts.

"We would have been happy to start with 200 troops nationally, and we've already doubled that," said one organizer, Scott Scarborough from Lubbock, a former Scout and committee leader of his son's troop.

Trail Life has 50 of its new charter groups, involving about 1,500 youth, in Texas, said another organizer, Ron Orr, who was one of four generations in his family to become an Eagle Scout before defecting. He said 60 percent of those joining Trail Life are converts coming from Scouting programs and 40 percent are "brand new" to adventure Scouting.

The group states that it will accept boys regardless of religion, race and socio-economic status and will include those who may be experiencing "same-sex attractions." But it will not admit those who are "open or avowed about their homosexuality," not biologically male, or boys who "dress and act like girls."

"We don't want to be negative in tone," Scarborough said. "But the Scouts left their timeless values, and we just want to stay with them."

West Conroe Baptist Church in Montgomery County, for instance, is switching to Trail Life.

"We were very disappointed in the policy change," said Michael Davis, a Scout leader. "Most of our boys attended the church and want to stay with us. A few have moved on to be with other troops."

Other alternative organizations seeing influxes include Southern Baptists' Royal Ambassadors, founded more than a century ago; the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's Pathfinders, which dates back 60 years; and the Assembly of God's Royal Rangers, which started in 1962.

Most religious denominations have decided to let each church decide whether to stay with Scouting. The Boy Scouts still maintain a ban on "openly gay" volunteers or leaders.

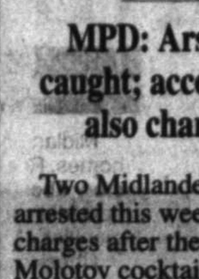
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Arsonist caught; accomplice also charged

Two Midlanders were arrested this week on arson charges after they used a Molotov cocktail to start a fire at an apartment complex, according to court documents.

Kayla Renee Mesa, 24, and Kendrick McLaughlin, 26, were held Tuesday on a $75,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of arson on an occupied building, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.



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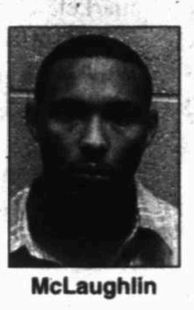

McLaughlin

Midland emergency personnel responded to a structure fire on the morning of Jan. 1 in the 3200 block of Franklin Avenue.

Firefighters extinguished the fire, which occurred in a storage room connected to an inhabited apartment building.

The MFD fire inspector discovered a combustible liquid in the burnt remains of a plastic jug at the scene. The inspector received a Crime Stoppers tip on Friday that McLaughlin suffered injuries after throwing a homemade Molotov cocktail into the storage room.

McLaughlin and Mesa were found and arrested this week at the Executive Inn, 1000 S. Midkiff Road. McLaughlin had burns on his arms and face. Mesa was identified as a participant in the arson and drove the vehicle used in connection to the arson, according to the arrest affidavit.

The MFD fire investigator told the Reporter-Telegram the incident occurred after McLaughlin and Mesa were involved in some kind of altercation at a Midland bar. He said the structure sustained minimal damage.

If convicted, the suspects face five to 99 years in prison.

Woman arrested on child endangerment charges

A Midland woman was arrested Monday for endangering two children after Midland County deputies found her home in disarray, according to court documents.

Ivy J. Kersey, 33, is being held on a $60,000 bond for two state jail felony charges of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Midland County deputies responded Monday to a check welfare call in the 5500 block of East Loop 250 North.

The deputies contacted Kersey's boyfriend, who gave them a key to the residence. The deputies found the home in disarray with trash and food on the kitchen and dining room floors. There were open alcohol containers on the kitchen table, counter and master bedroom floor. Also, a plastic container with raw eggs, milk and a drinking straw was found on the kitchen table and appeared to have been consumed by a 3-year-old child at the residence, according to the arrest affidavit.

The deputies said they also went into a bathroom, where feces had been smeared on the toilet, bathroom sink and mirror.

Clothes, blankets and toys also were scattered on the floor throughout the residence.

Kersey had dilated, glassy eyes and slurred speech, indicating that she was under the influence of a substance, according to a deputy.

A deputy said a 12-year-old child at the residence had not attended school that day.

If convicted, Kersey faces up to two years in prison for each charge.

Fugitive Task Force marks productive year

The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force apprehended more than 1,000 state and federal fugitives in 2013.

Those fugitives were wanted for criminal charges ranging from robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping, homicide, and bond jumping. Sex offenders also were apprehended during the past year, according to the task force.

The task force is made up of various state, local and federal law enforcement agencies from the Western District of Texas. Participating agencies from the Midland-Odessa area are sheriff's offices from Andrews, Crane, Ector, Martin, Midland and Upton counties; Crane, Midland and Odessa police departments, Ector County District Attorney's Office and U.S. Marshals Service.

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Million-dollar home sales in Houston up 50 percent

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The number of Houstonians buying million-dollar homes spiked nearly 50 percent last year, a report shows, reflecting a robust economy and growing consumer confidence in the local housing market.

"I think the prosperity of Houston has moved many more people into the million-dollar market than we could have ever imagined five years ago," said Tom Anderson, executive vice president of Martha Turner Properties.

From January through October, Houston-area buyers closed on 1,060 single-family homes priced at $1 million or more, according to the 2014 Texas Luxury Home Sales Report. That was up 46 percent from the same period a year earlier, said the report, which looked at high-end home sales in the state's largest cities.

Also driving the increase is the shrinking supply of homes for sale, which leads to higher prices for the residences that are available. And as Houston's neighborhoods have grown, developers have been building more high-end properties to accommodate buyers from more economic levels.

Multimillion-dollar home sales have been spreading beyond the neighborhoods where historically they've been concentrated.

More online

Midland has its fair share of million-dollar homes. Read a previous Reporter-Telegram story about the topic and see statistics on how Midland stacks up against other communities at http://bit.ly/1adOvew.

Check out Midland's top 100 most expensive homes at http://bit.ly/KwK5FM.

"It's everywhere," Anderson said, noting high-dollar sales from The Woodlands to the west side's Briargrove neighborhood.

The inaugural luxury housing report, which is based on data from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said high-end homes are one of the fastest growing segments of the Texas housing market.

It showed that Houston had the second-highest increase in high-end home sales after Austin, whose housing market rose 55 percent on 439 sales.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area was up 22 percent with 809 sales, while San Antonio saw 18 percent growth on 86 sales. The figures are based on sales through each city's Multiple Listing Service.

Luxury amenities

"As Texas' economy and population continue to accelerate, we're going to see increasing development and demand in larger, higher-priced homes with luxury amenities," Dan Hatfield, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, said in a statement.

Indeed, Houston-area employment is expected to grow 2.5 percent this year, with employers creating 69,800 jobs, the Greater Houston Partnership reports. While that's down from previous years, it is above this area's long-term average and expected to outpace the nation as a whole.

Houston's thriving energy and medical industries are helping generate wealth for more local residents.

"There's a lot more money being made in Houston, but people's confidence levels to invest their money has gone up," said Cheri Fama, president and chief operating officer of John Daugherty, Realtors, a luxury realty firm. "The economy has given them confidence ... at any price range."

Record price

Last summer, a 12,000-square-foot home in River Oaks set a price record for the Houston real estate market.

The five-bedroom estate on River Oaks Boulevard was listed for $14 million and sold to trial attorney Tony Buzbee, who paid cash for the house but did not disclose the final sales price.

Housing prices are not publicly recorded, but the Houston Association of Realtors confirmed the property set a new high for a single-family home sold through the Multiple Listing Service.

According to the state report, luxury properties in the Houston area made up 1.7 percent of the total housing market. As of October, there were 756 luxury homes listed for sale, representing 4.1 percent of all the listings on the market.

Jim Gaines, an economist with the A&M Real Estate Center, said it's common for luxury homes to take longer to sell because the pool of buyers is smaller.

The report pegged inventory for homes priced at $1 million or more at 7.4 months, meaning it would take that long to sell all luxury homes currently for sale based on the previous year's activity.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Background requirement brings end to gun show

County commissioners in Central Texas have decided not to renew a contract for a monthly gun show because organizers declined to require background checks for all firearm sales.

Travis County leaders voted Tuesday not to extend a lease allowing Saxet Gun Shows to hold the event at the county-owned Exposition Center in Austin.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Saxet had been holding the show at the center since 2010. It was negotiating a contract with commissioners to extend the shows into next year. But talks stalled when the county wanted the company to require the background checks.

Federally licensed firearms sellers are already required to run criminal checks, but private sales don't come with the requirement. County officials wanted to ensure the private sales were covered, too.

PADUCAH

Texas district fires coach charged with indecency

Leaders of a West Texas school district have fired a principal and boys high school basketball coach who's charged with indecency with a child and sexual assault.

Trustees with the Paducah Independent School District on Monday night fired Jay Cantrell, 43.

Cantrell was put on paid administrative leave after he was arrested Friday night in Terry County and freed on $200,000 bond. He faces four counts of indecency with a child and one count of sexual assault. A statement on the school district website said the allegations were raised by students.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said the investigation began Dec. 21. Further details on the case weren't immediately released.

Paducah is 120 miles northeast of Lubbock.

AUSTIN

Xcel Energy seeks hike for Texas retail customers

Xcel Energy has requested a nearly 6 percent rate hike for its Texas retail customers.

The utility on Tuesday filed for the increase with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin. Xcel spokesman West Reeves said the filing does not apply to its customers of rural cooperatives or municipal utilities.

Xcel said the rate hike is necessary to support $368 million in improvements such as new and upgraded power lines, substations and generating units.

This proposed rate increase for industrial, commercial and residential classes would be 5.8 percent accounting for base rates and fuel costs.

Xcel estimates residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of an average $10.94.

LUBBOCK

Suspect caught after falling through ceiling

West Texas police said they've arrested a 34-year-old man who fell through the ceiling of a home as he was attempting to avoid capture by authorities.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Adam Joshua Plyler was armed with a handgun when he went to a home early Monday as part of a dispute with one of the residents. When police responded to a disturbance call at the home, Plyler ran to the attic and cut a hole into the wall for access to an adjacent residence. He then fell through the ceiling, waking the residents of that home.

Plyler was being held Tuesday at the Lubbock County jail. He's facing a variety of charges that include aggravated assault.

AUSTIN

Power demand in Texas reaches new winter record

The operator of the electricity transmission grid for most of Texas says this week's freezing temperatures have pushed demand for power in the state to a new winter record.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas said electricity use peaked Tuesday morning at 57,277 megawatts. The previous winter record was 57,265 megawatts on Feb. 10, 2011.

ERCOT has discontinued a conservation alert it had issued on Monday calling on customers to reduce their use of electricity. The alert came after problems with high electricity use across much of the state because frigid temperatures were compounded by the failure of two power plants.

PORT ARNASAS

Good Samaritan helps rescue fishermen

A Good Samaritan has helped the U.S. Coast Guard save two men whose fishing boat capsized off the southern Texas Gulf Coast.

The men were fishing on Monday near Redfish Bay in Port Aransas when their 12-foot boat capsized.

The wife of one of the men reported them missing to the Coast Guard early Tuesday morning.

A man who was duck hunting in a boat found one of the missing fishermen, a 45-year-old man, walking down a beach looking for help.

The man, suffering exposure to the cold, and the Good Samaritan let the Coast Guard know where the other missing fisherman, a 24-year-old man who was suffering from hypothermia, was located.

The 24-year-old man was taken to a Corpus Christi hospital, where he is in stable condition.

EL PASO

New ordinance regulates payday lenders

El Paso city leaders have agreed to move forward with an ordinance that regulates payday lenders.

The El Paso Times reported that the ordinance will go into effect Jan. 16.

The ordinance had been approved last year and was set to take effect in July. But it was postponed to give new City Council members time to review it.

The ordinance caps how much people can borrow and how many times they can renew a loan. It also requires lenders to register their businesses with the city within 60 days. The ordinance also requires payday lenders to provide customers with a form referring them to credit counseling.

El Paso's ordinance is similar to ones in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO

Former teacher accused of sex assault

A former San Antonio-area teacher is accused by police of sexually assaulting a student in his classroom.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Raymond Casillas has been charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the 43-year-old Casillas was a middle school English teacher for the Southside Independent School District. Authorities allege that in December 2011, Casillas assaulted a student after inviting her to his classroom for lunch.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cristobal A. Bissuett, 19, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Tarna O. Jones, 27, of Midland, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Ivy J. Kersey, 33, of Midland, was charged Monday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Barry W. Lee, 50, of Midland, was charged Monday with failure to comply with sex offender registration duties.

Eddie Perez, 47, of Odessa, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

Shanel A. Rothenberger, 32, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

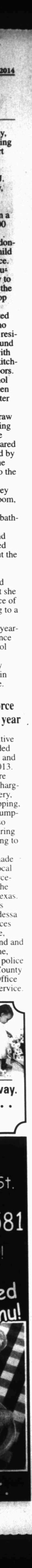
Wesley M. Slade, 42, of Midland, was charged Monday with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

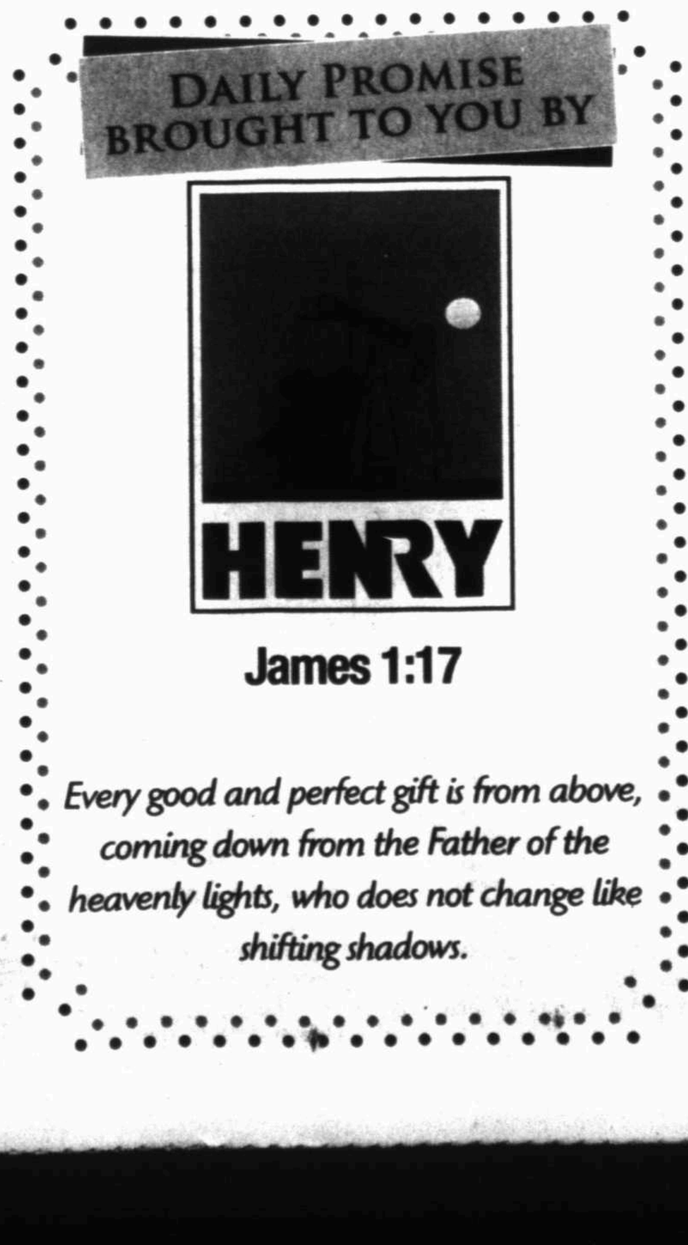
Mike R. Stone Jr., 27, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

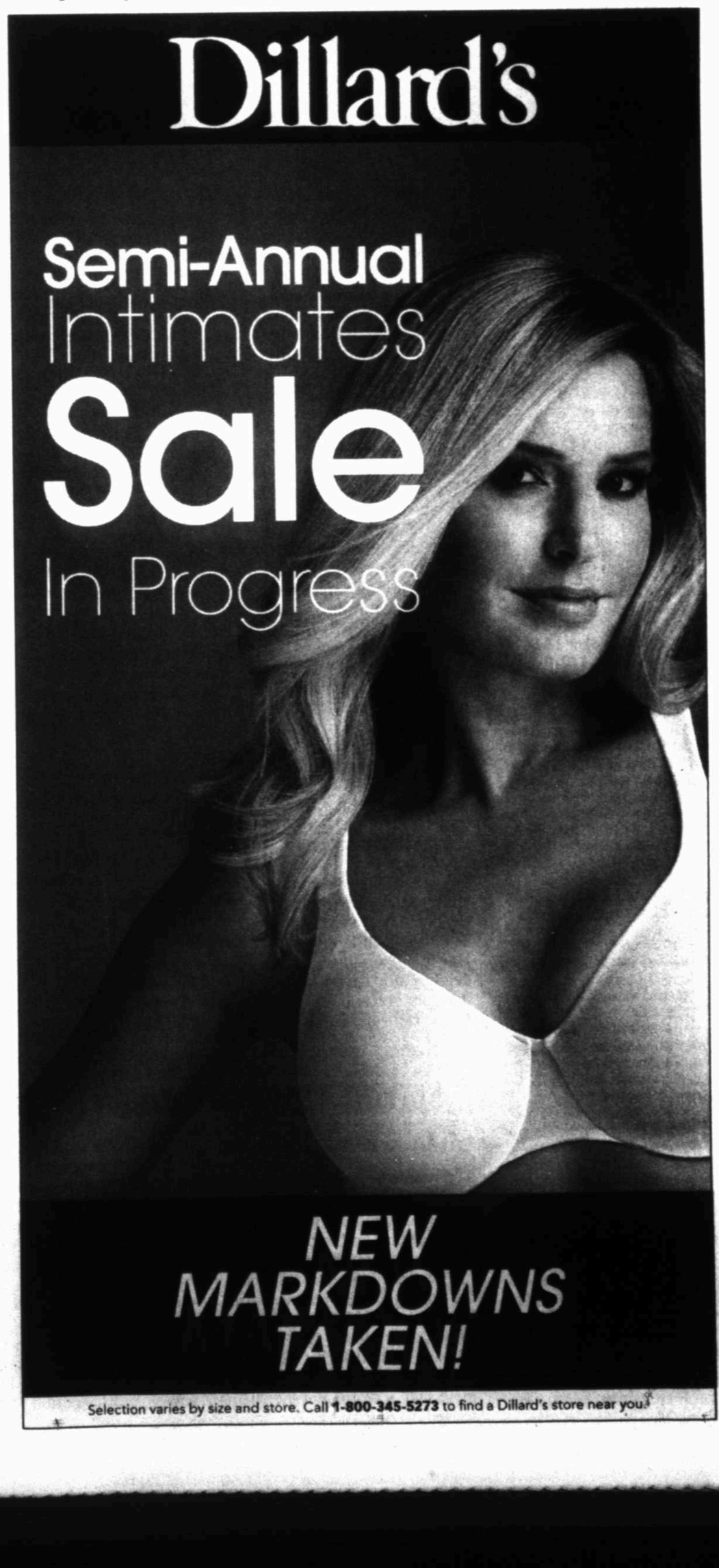
Gerrod W. Wallace, 20, of Midland, was charged Monday with bench warrants.

Kevin M. Washington, 26, of Midland, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office







TODAY IN MIDLAND

Midland's ties for 5th lowest jobless rate

Midland tied for the fifth lowest unemployment rate in the nation during November, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Midland was one of four cities tied with a 2.9 percent unemployment rate. Bismarck, S.D., posted the lowest unemployment rate in the nation (2.3 percent).

Lowest unemployment rates in the nation

Bismarck, N.D. 2.3
Fargo, N.D. 2.6
Ames, Iowa 2.7
Iowa City, Iowa 2.8
Lincoln, Neb. 2.9
Logan, Utah 2.9
Sioux Falls, S.D. 2.9
Midland 2.9

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Community Calendar

■ Casa de Amigos and Midland Downtown Lions Club are sponsoring free vision screenings for kids 9 a.m.-1 p.m. today at Casa, 1101 Garden Lane.

The screenings are for kids 6 months old through 5. For more information, call 682-9701.

■ The Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. today at the Petroleum Club. Guest speakers will include local and state candidates, including attorney general candidates Dan Branch, Ken Paxton and Barry Smitherman.

The meeting is open to the public. Luncheon tickets are $18 with a reservation or $22 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500 or visit www.mcrw.us.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 16. This month's featured book is "Double Trouble Groundhog Day."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Annual Tool Box Bash for the benefit of Midland Habitat for Humanity is planned for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Commemorative Air Force hangar. The event will include a silent auction.

For ticket information, call 686-8877.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Overeaters Anonymous, noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation: 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 5-1-5
Pick 3 evening: 9-7-6
Pick 3 night: 6-5-2
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Daily 4 day: 0-7-3-2
Daily 4 evening: 3-7-0-1
Daily 4 night: 4-4-9-0
Cash Five: 4-5-9-12-23
Mega Millions: 13-34-56-62-64 MB: 6 Megaplier: 5
All or Nothing morning: 7-8-10-12-14-16-17-18-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-4-5-7-8-9-10-13-16-17-18-19
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-6-8-9-10-11-16-17-19-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-5-6-7-10-13-14-15-17-19-20-24

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2014. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1935, rock 'n'roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1994, Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of the clubbing attack that had injured her right knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Association later stripped Harding of the title.)

In 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six other people were killed, 12 others were injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years, after pleading guilty to 19 federal charges in the case.)

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Parks and Recreation worker Jose DeLaRosa removes bows from the tree in Centennial Plaza and Miley Guzman operates the lift Tuesday while they remove the holiday decorations from the plaza.

Polar air brings single-digit cold to East, South

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Fountains froze over, a 200-foot Ferris wheel in Atlanta shut down and Southerners had to dig out winter coats, hats and gloves they almost never have to use.

The brutal polar air that has made the Midwest shiver over the past few days spread to the East and the Deep South on Tuesday, shattering records that in some cases had stood for more than a century.

The mercury plunged into the single digits and teens from Boston and New York to Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Little Rock — places where many people don't know the first thing about extreme cold.

"I didn't think the South got this cold," said Marty Williams, a homeless man, originally from Chicago, who took shelter at a church in Atlanta, where it hit a record low of 6 degrees. "That was the main reason for me to come down from up North, from the cold, to get away from all that stuff."

The morning weather map for the eastern half of the U.S. looked like an algebra worksheet: lots of small, negative numbers. In fact, the Midwest and the East were colder than much of Antarctica.

The cold turned deadly for some: Authorities reported at least 21 cold-related deaths across the country since Sunday, including seven in Illinois, and six in Indiana. At least five people died after collapsing while shoveling snow, while several victims were identified as homeless people who either refused shelter or didn't make it to a warm haven soon enough to save themselves from the bitter temperatures.

In Missouri on Monday, a 1-year-old boy was killed when the car he was riding in struck a snow plow, and a 20-year-old woman was killed in a separate crash after her car slid on ice and into the path of a tractor-trailer.

In a phenomenon that forecasters said is actually not all that unusual, all 50 states saw freezing temperatures at some point Tuesday. That included Hawaii, where it was 18 degrees atop Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano.

The big chill started in the Midwest over the weekend, caused by a kink in the "polar vortex," the strong winds that circulate around the North Pole. By Tuesday, the icy air covered about half the country, and records were shattered like icicles up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

It was 1 degree in Reading, Pa., and 2 in Trenton, N.J. New York City plummeted to 4 degrees; the old record for the date was 6, set in 1896.

"It's brutal out here," said Spunkiy Jon, who took a break from her sanitation job in New York to smoke a cigarette in the cab of a garbage truck. "Your fingers freeze off after three minutes, your cheeks feel as if you're going to get windburn, and you work as quick as you can."

Farther south, Birmingham, Ala., dipped to a low of 7, four degrees colder than the old mark, set in 1970. Huntsville, Ala., dropped to 5, Nashville, Tenn., got down to 2, and Little Rock, Ark., fell to 9. Charlotte, N.C., reached 6 degrees, breaking the 12-degree record that had stood since 1884.

Tips from Alaskans to stay warm

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaskans know a thing or two about handling day-to-day activities in freezing temperatures, where below-zero rarely means staying inside. While people in the Lower 48 are shivering in Alaska-like temperatures this week, residents of the coldest state offer these five tips:

1. LESS IS MORE, IF LAYERED

Piling on more clothes is not the best way to stay warm, said Staff Sgt. Zachary McGee, a Kentucky native who is a senior instructor at the U.S. Army's Northern Warfare Training Center in Fairbanks. More clothes cause a person to sweat, and once you stop moving the moisture freezes. Instead, the secret is to dress in layers.

And for your hands? "Mittens over gloves any day," McGee said, noting gloves separate fingers while mittens keep them together and warm.

2. THE RIGHT MATERIAL

Cotton kills, or so goes the old Army cold weather instructors' saying. Cotton clothing soaks up sweat and moisture from snow and takes a long time to dry.

"It's like trying to keep your body warm wearing an icicle," McGee said.

Tim Doran, principal of Denali Elementary School in Fairbanks, runs outside all winter. He forgoes cotton underwear for "wind briefs," which include a synthetic panel. After that, he dresses in layers and then tops it off with fleece to trap body heat. He has no qualms about running 90 minutes at minus 40 to minus 50 degrees.

3. DON'T MAKE CONTACT

At 15 below, touching metal of any kind, even a gasoline pump, with bare hand can cause damage. It's called contact frostbite. Shaun Kraska, principal of West Valley High School in Fairbanks, counsels her students to forget fashion and wear hats or hoods when winter arrives. Yes, a hat or hood will muss hair, but an uncovered ear is susceptible to frostbite, especially if it's adorned with a metal earring. At extreme temperatures, don't forget to cover noses and cheeks, too.

4. HAVE A SLEEPING BAG HANDY

Standard backseat equipment for anyone on an interior Alaska winter road trip is a sleeping bag in the back seat.

Athletes on school-sponsored trips across town or on a 400-mile trip to Anchorage are required to pack a cold-weather emergency bag containing boots, a warm coat and gloves or mittens.

People on their way to work might wear dress shoes, but many carry a pair of boots in case their car breaks down and they have to walk or wait for help. At minus 15, you're not going to do well even walking a half mile in dress shoes worn over cotton socks or panty hose, said Lt. Col. William Prayner, head of the Northern Warfare Training Center.

5. RESPECT THE COLD

"You can't be afraid of the cold, but you have to respect it," Prayner said.

The Army tells soldiers to know their bodies and watch for symptoms in others, such as a white blotch on cheeks. If your toes or fingers become tingly, change your conditions or your clothing.

An amazing number of Fairbanks residents run or bike all winter. Parents new to the area often ask how elementary school children can enjoy the playground at 20 below zero.

The school keeps a supply of hats, mittens and snow pants around for children who forget or lose clothing, but they don't stay inside.

"If you do that, the kids will never go outside in the winter," Doran said. "They'll go crazy/ and you'll go crazy."

Associated Press

Ex-Miss Venezuela slain in highway robbery

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — A former Miss Venezuela and her ex-husband were shot and killed and their 5-year-old daughter wounded when they resisted robbers by locking themselves inside their car after tire punctures disabled it on an isolated stretch of highway, police said Tuesday.

The slaying of Monica Spear, 29, a popular soap-opera actress, and Thomas Henry Berry, a 39-year-old British citizen, was the latest high-profile crime in a country where killings are common in armed robberies and where rampant kidnapping has ensnared even foreign ambassadors and professional baseball players.

Monday's killings followed a pattern in Venezuela of late-night assaults carried out by disabling cars with obstacles placed on roadways or by removing sewer covers.

Spear and Berry were slain at about 10:30 p.m. between Puerto Cabello, the country's main port, and the provincial capital of Valencia. They were returning from vacation to Caracas on a badly maintained stretch of highway that is lightly traveled at that hour.

Their four-door sedan hit "a sharp object that had been placed on the highway" that punctured at least two of its tires, the director of the country's investigative police, Jose Gregorio Sierralta, told reporters.

Two tow trucks arrived almost immediately afterward, said Sierralta, and the attack occurred after the car had been lifted onto one of the trucks.

Seeing the assailants coming, the travelers locked themselves inside and the assailants fired at least six shots, he said.

"They fired with viciousness," President Nicolas Maduro said of the attackers in comments to state TV.

Police in Puerto Cabello arrested five suspects, some under the age of 18, Sierralta added. It could not immediately be determined if Spear and Berry had called the tow trucks, or if any of the drivers were among those arrested for suspected involvement in the killings.

The daughter, Maya, was in stable condition after treatment for a leg wound and was with relatives in Caracas, said Sierralta.

The family had spent New Year's in the mountains of the western state of Merida then traveled to the plains, said Luis Carlos Dominguez, a longtime friend and former business associate of Berry. He said Berry was raised in Venezuela and ran a travel agency.

QUAKES

From 1A

science and proven facts. In order to do so, I propose the commission hire an in-house seismologist."

The statement said an on-staff seismologist will help the commission follow new research and better coordinate scientific information with the research community. The job has been posted, and the commission said it will conduct a nationwide search before filling it.

Earthquakes are not unheard of in North Texas, though they have been reported with greater frequency as the state experiences a boom in oil and natural gas exploration. Experts aren't sure what's causing the spike in seismic activity, but one theory is that the shaking could be related to wastewater from oil and gas drilling that is often discarded by injecting it deep into underground wells.

Research at various drilling sites around the country has shown that wastewater injections can weaken nearby fault lines and produce quakes big enough to be felt. Drilling systems that rely on hydraulic fracturing can also trigger quakes, but they are typically smaller than magnitude 2.

Fracturing forces millions of gallons of water, sand and other materials underground to free pockets of fossil fuels. The energy industry has repeatedly insisted that the practice is safe.

Sheriff: Man injured after he was hit by vehicle

From staff reports

A man was transported with serious injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital on Tuesday night after a drunken driver ran over him with a pickup, according to Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

The injured man had traveled with the pickup driver and two women to the Workman's RV Park in the 1900 block of West County Road 120.

The pickup driver, who was intoxicated, according to the report, got into an argument with a woman at the RV park and started driving away. The driver knocked the man to the ground with his pickup and then drove over his legs. An altercation occurred, and the pickup driver traveled around the RV park, nearly hitting another person, Painter said.

Midland County deputies caught the driver and charged him with intoxication assault, while the women at the scene were arrested for public intoxication, Painter said.

Emergency personnel responded to the incident at about 5:22 p.m. Tuesday.

Painter said the injured man was transported to MMH and was in serious condition.

TAX

From 1A

The old 14 percent tax used to contribute to each business' earned revenue each year, even though it was not truly revenue because that money was paid to taxes. But the now-reduced 6.7 percent mixed beverage gross receipts tax will still contribute to the overall revenue.

The new 8.25 percent sales tax will not contribute to each establishment's revenue, which will lower the total revenue that shows up in the accounting books.

This could lower franchise tax calculation, leases, franchise fees and insurance cost, according to the TRA.

"I think it's a good thing if it helps me save money on my insurance at the end of the year," Reeves said.

IRS: Identity theft prosecutions doubled in 2013

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is seeing a big jump in thieves stealing Social Security numbers to fraudulently claim tax refunds, the agency said Tuesday.

The IRS launched 1,492 criminal investigations into identity theft last year, a 66 percent increase from the year before. Prosecutions and indictments more than doubled. The numbers dwarf those from just two years ago.

The IRS said it has flagged 14.6 million suspicious tax returns since 2011, blocking more than $50 billion in fraudulent refunds.

New IRS Commissioner John Koskinen told reporters this week that stopping identity theft was a top priority for the agency.

"The people working on that are confident that while it's a growth industry for the last two or three years that it's getting under control," Koskinen said at his introductory news conference Monday. "I would stress that it's an area that has everybody's attention."

In a common scam, thieves use stolen Social Security numbers to file tax returns early in the filing season so they can claim refunds before legitimate taxpayers file their returns. The IRS, which prides itself on issuing quick refunds, often sends out refunds before it receives documents verifying wages and other income from employers and financial institutions.

Koskinen said waiting for such documents could delay refunds for months. This year, the IRS boasts on its website that it expects to issue "more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days."

A recent inspector general's report said the IRS is stepping up efforts to fight identity theft but that thieves are getting more aggressive.

The IRS issued $4 billion in fraudulent tax refunds in 2012 to people using stolen identities, according to the inspector general's report released in November. The IRS sent a total of 655 tax refunds to a single address in Lithuania, and 343 refunds went to a lone address in Shanghai, the report said.

The agency said it has since improved its computer filters to flag suspicious refunds, including cases in which many refunds go to the same address. On Tuesday, the IRS said more than 3,000 agents were working to fight identity theft.

The agency said a coast-to-coast sweep in January 2013 led to 109 arrests and 189 indictments.

The issue has exploded in just a few years. In the 2011 budget year, the IRS recommended 218 cases of suspected identity theft for prosecution, a number that grew to 1,257 last year. The number of indictments grew from 165 to 1,050 in the same period.

Last year, 438 people were sentenced in identity theft cases, the IRS said. Sentences ranged from two months in prison to more than 26 years.

AP file photo

Study: Tobacco control has saved millions of lives

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Anti-smoking measures have saved about 8 million U.S. lives since a landmark 1964 report linking smoking and disease, a study estimates, yet the nation's top disease detective says dozens of other countries do a better job on several efforts to cut tobacco use.

The study and comments were published online Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. This week's issue commemorates the 50th anniversary of the surgeon general report credited with raising alarms about the dangers of smoking.

In one study, researchers used national health surveys and death rates to calculate how many deaths might have occurred since 1964 if Americans' smoking habits and related deaths had continued at a pace in place before the report.

More than 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked in years preceding the report; that rate has dropped to about 18 percent.

The researchers said their calculation — 8 million deaths — equals lives saved because of anti-smoking efforts.

Their report also said tobacco controls have contributed substantially to increases in U.S. life expectancy. For example, life expectancy for 40-year-olds has increased by more than five years since 1964; tobacco control accounts for about 30 percent of that gain, the report said.

The conclusions are just estimates, not hard evidence, but lead author Theodore Holford, a biostatistics professor at Yale University's school of public health, said the numbers "are pretty striking."

Yet smoking remains a stubborn problem and heart disease, cancer, lung ailments and stroke — all often linked with smoking — are the nation's top four leading causes of death.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control said about 443,000 Americans still die prematurely each year from smoking-related causes.

"Tobacco is, quite simply, in a league of its own in terms of the sheer numbers and varieties of ways it kills and maims people," Dr. Thomas Frieden, the CDC's director, wrote in a JAMA commentary.

Frieden said the United States lags behind many other countries in adopting measures proven to reduce tobacco use, including graphic health warning labels on cigarettes, high tobacco taxes and widespread bans on tobacco advertising.

"Images of smoking in movies, television and on the Internet remain common, and cigarettes continue to be far too affordable in nearly all parts of the country," Frieden wrote.

Frieden cited data showing 32 countries have done better at raising tobacco taxes, and at least 30 have adopted stronger cigarette warning labels. These include Australia, Brazil, Canada and Uruguay, and research has suggested that gruesome labels can help persuade smokers to quit.

Tobacco companies have fought U.S. efforts to adopt similar labeling and an appeals court last year blocked a Food and Drug Administration mandate for stronger labels.

Other articles and studies in the journal show:

■ Smoking declined an average 25 percent among men in 187 countries from 1980-2012, and by 42 percent among women. Because of population growth, the number of smokers worldwide has increased and rates remain high in many countries. More than half of men smoke in Russia, Indonesia and Armenia, and more than 1 in 4 women smoke in Chile, France and Greece.

■ Smoking rates among U.S. registered nurses dropped to 7 percent in 2010-11, from 11 percent in 2003, and remained low among doctors, at just below 2 percent. The rate was 25 percent among licensed practical nurses, who have less advanced education than registered nurses.

■ Drugs including nicotine patches, Chantix and Zyban, work better than dummy treatments at helping smokers quit at least temporarily but many often resume after a year.

■ Electronic cigarettes may help some smokers quit, but conclusive research is needed and their long-term safety is unknown. Users inhale nicotine vapor from the battery-operated devices and they could lead to nicotine addiction among nonsmokers, according to a review article.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Cheesy shortage: Kraft says Velveeta running low

Playoff parties may have one fewer dip option this year.

Kraft Foods said some customers might not find Velveeta cheese during the next few weeks. A representative for the company, Jody Moore, didn't give any reasons for the apparent shortage, saying only that they happen from time to time given the "nature of manufacturing."

She noted that the lack of availability is more noticeable because of the seasonal demand during the NFL playoffs. The company has been airing TV commercials featuring a recipe for a chili con queso dip made with Velveeta.

Moore said it should be a short-term situation and that Kraft hasn't yet heard from any customers who are having problem finding the products. She did not say whether the company experienced a similar shortage last year.

The trade publication Ad Age reported the issue Tuesday, quoting an employee at a Brooklyn-area grocery store who didn't expect shipments again until February because of "a plant issue."

Safeway supermarkets are not experiencing issues with Velveeta supplies, said Safeway representative Teena Massingill in an email.

A representative for supermarket chain Kroger was not available to comment on whether it was having difficulty stocking Velveeta cheeses.

The shortage affects only the Velveeta hard cheese products but was not limited to a specific area.

"It is possible consumers in any part of the country may not be able to find some Velveeta products," Moore said in an email.

Kraft Foods Group Inc., based in Northfield, Ill., also owns brand including Jell-O, Oscar Mayer and Maxwell House.

ATLANTA

Rapper surrenders on threat charges

Fulton County sheriff's officials say Atlanta rapper Young Jeezy surrendered late last week on charges including terroristic threats, false imprisonment and battery.

According to Fulton County jail records, the rapper is free on $45,000 bond.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Tracy Flanagan said the rapper turned himself on Friday to face charges linked to a grand jury warrant. A report outlining details of the allegations wasn't immediately available, including when the allegations were made and by whom.

One of the rapper's representatives said he didn't have details of the allegations and had no comment.

Flanagan said the rapper, whose real name is Jay Wayne Jenkins, is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 29 for a plea and arraignment hearing.

MICHIGAN

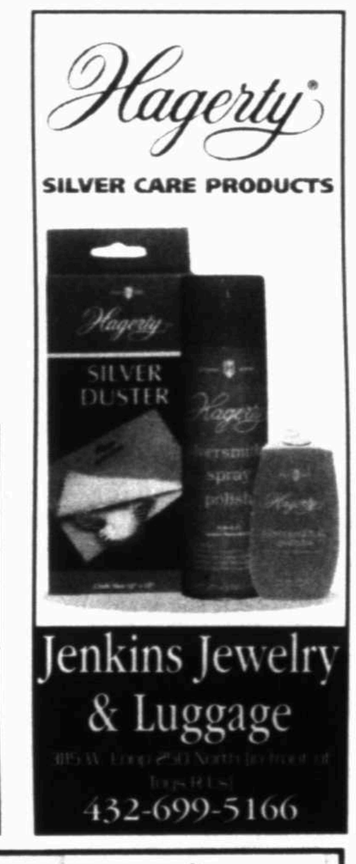
Report doesn't resolve debate over Great Lakes

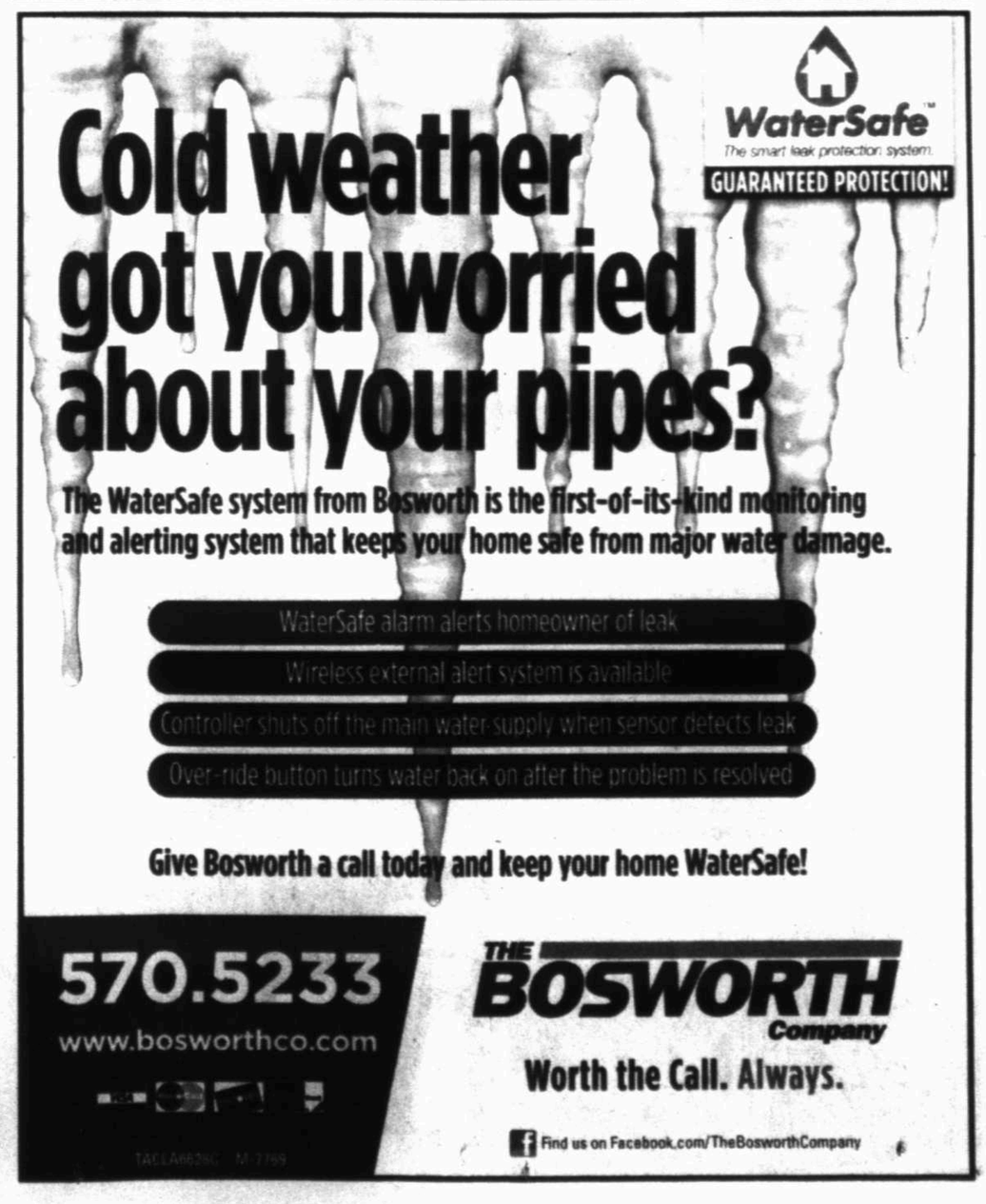
TRAVERSE CITY — The debate over how to protect the Great Lakes from voracious Asian carp appeared no closer to settlement Tuesday following release of a federal report with options that could cost billions and require extensive re-engineering of Chicago's busy waterway network.

Wrapping up a study that began in 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers put forward eight options for preventing the carp and other invasive species from slipping between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River watersheds. The choices range from doing nothing new to undertaking massive construction projects to separate the two systems.

Government officials, scientists and advocacy groups agree on the need for fast action to prevent bighead and silver carp from gaining a foothold in the Great Lakes, where they could destabilize ecosystems and a $7 billion fishing industry. The federal government has spent about $200 million on interim measures such as operating an electric fish barrier in a Chicago-area shipping canal linking Lake Michigan to the carp-infested Illinois River, a tributary of the Mississippi.

But most of the long-term strategies in the Army Corps' report issued Monday would require 10 to 25 years to complete. And there were no signs that the region's competing interests would coalesce behind one approach and work together to pay for it.





OPINION

'Income inequality' shows how much words matter

■ There is a growing income gap, and words provide the opportunity for Democrats to take advantage of that

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In politics, it's all in how you say things. George Orwell knew what he was talking about when he described political language as "designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

Today, we've become so accustomed to the distortions of political speak that we hardly notice. But as the midterm elections near, we might benefit from a booster shot of skepticism.

Both parties are guilty of verbal distortion and manipulation, but I dare say the left is more clever. Republicans tend to rely on dog whistles, loaded terms that, prompt negative messages in the collective subconscious mind, while Democrats paste smiley faces on unpleasant messages, cloaking meaning in Orwellian frocks of emotional distraction.

A dog whistle might be the mention of, say, the "food stamp president," as Newt Gingrich called President Obama during the last presidential election. Protests that this is not racist are noted and dismissed. The term calls up a certain image and everyone gets it.

Sometimes both sides of an issue select language that essentially cancels out the other. This is because both are equally attractive to the ear, even if their meanings are quite different. Exhibit A: Pro-life and pro-choice. Who is against life? Why, no one! But, who is against choice? Again, no one. Of course, one chooses to protect unborn life and the other selects termination. Enough said.

Moving along to today's headlines and "income inequality."

This may be one of the most brilliant turns of phrase yet. Not one single American, gun to head (figuratively speaking), would say, "I'm for inequality" or "inequality is good." But is inequality what we're really talking about?

When you step back and examine the concept closely, what becomes clear is that roughly 99.9 percent of Americans — even North Korea's favorite son Dennis Rodman — actually like income inequality. This is because we value merit, talent and hard work, and all people aspire to be commensurately rewarded. What, after all, is the opposite of income inequality? Income equality.

That said, let us stipulate that we do have a growing poverty problem in this country, the contributing factors of which are many and complex. But the poor are not poor because Warren Buffett and Bill Gates are rich. No one thinks that Oprah has caused people in Appalachia to be destitute.

But solving our problems is far more difficult than raising public consensus (aka rabble-rousing) that the rich should be less rich so that the poor can be less poor, a feat that can only be accomplished through redistribution of wealth.

Some of the factors contributing to the income gap are, indeed, tough to tackle, and Obama is not, in fact, a god, as he now seems comfortable conceding. These factors include the loss of jobs for low-skilled workers and the apparent inability of this population, for whatever reasons, to become more skilled. (Perhaps legalizing marijuana will help. If it doesn't provide enough jobs, at least more people will care less.)

Other factors include: A growing retired population, both in absolute numbers and as a percentage of the population; a dearth of entry-level jobs for college grads saddled with $1 trillion in loan debt (which the government guarantees); the appalling rate of children born out of wedlock, a now-systemic condition that condemns a new generation to another cycle of poverty, as Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan pointed out five decades ago and that Obama has reiterated.

Add to these the grinding down of low-skill wages thanks to a global economy that rewards the professional class — lawyers, doctors, engineers and, yes, television talk-show hosts. And, voila, a growing income gap.

But is it inequality?

What is missing from the trumpeting of income inequality are the hundreds of billions in annual government redistribution that already takes place. How much will be enough to satisfy the inequality camp? When incomes are equal?

In the end, fairness isn't the issue. The issue is justifying policies — government intervention, higher taxes, spending and redistribution — that can't otherwise be easily sold. How about this for a midterm catchphrase, reflective of true circumstances — the need for a higher-skilled labor force that pits no American against another and qualifies people for jobs that are actually available: "Learning for Earning."

It's not as emotionally evocative as inequality, but it just might do some good. Other suggestions welcome.

OUR VIEW

Turmoil over Reeves' replacement in tax office wasn't necessary

When it comes to naming an interim tax assessor-collector, it seems as if our community has more important things to worry about.

It shouldn't be an issue except, as anyone who read Sunday's Reporter-Telegram knows, it is.

It appears that the Midland County commissioners, whether intentionally or not, offered to skeptics an indication that politics could have been a reason that they appointed Karen Hood interim tax assessor-collector.

You see, Hood is also running for the Republican nomination for tax assessor-collector of the county. The person challenging Hood in the GOP primary is Manny Natividad, who at the time of the appointment was assistant chief deputy. Hood, at the time of her appointment, was a former assistant chief deputy but not a member of the tax assessor-collector's office.

Since the time of her appointment Hood fired Natividad, and Natividad has cried foul concerning Hood's selection.

To make matters worse, Kathy Reeves, who stepped down creating the need for an interim tax assessor-collector, is running against current County Judge Mike Bradford for his seat.

This is where Commissioners' Court opens itself to the talk of a conspiracy — that a grudge against Reeves was a good reason to pick Hood over a member of her staff (Natividad or someone else).

In Our View, we wonder why the commissioners didn't name someone who wasn't running for the office. Why allow for the perception that Hood might be connected to one of the candidates running for county judge and Natividad the other?

What is it about four months of tax assessor-collector office business that required allowing this decision to be second-guessed? We know the winner of the primary is all but guaranteed to become the next tax assessor-collector because there is no Democratic opponent. The day after the March primary, commissioners could have appointed the winner to take over from an interim official who wasn't competing in the primary.

In a perfect world, Reeves would have stayed in her position. However, she wants to dedicate her attention to the campaign. We can't blame her for leaving the position if her attention would have been elsewhere.

This isn't to say Hood isn't capable. This also isn't to say Natividad didn't deserve to be fired. And lastly, this isn't to say Natividad would have been the right choice for interim tax assessor-collector.

We just wanted to see Hood and Natividad wage a campaign and let Midland voters select the logical successor for the next four years. No politics, no built-in excuses.

Commissioners, however, decided otherwise.

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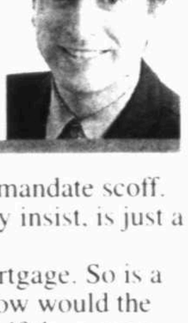
Obama picks on the Little Sisters

■ Government is putting down its foot by making nuns provide contraception. Talking about going against their better judgment



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It takes some doing to get embroiled in a court fight with nuns who provide hospice care for the indigent. Amazingly, the Obama administration has managed it.

Its legal battle with the Little Sisters of the Poor is the logical consequence of Obamacare's conscience-trampling contraception mandate. The requirement went into effect Jan. 1, but Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor issued a New Year's Eve injunction against enforcing it on the Little Sisters.

They are Catholic nuns who follow the doctrinal teachings of the church and therefore oppose contraceptive and abortive drugs and sterilization, all of which Obamacare mandates that employers cover in their insurance plans. Given the ongoing delays, waivers and exemptions associated with the law, it would seem natural simply to let the Little Sisters go about their business of pouring out their hearts for the sick and dying.

But this is a fight the administration won't walk away from. For it, it is a matter of principle. And the principle is that the state trumps the convictions of people with deep-held religious beliefs.

When the contraception mandate first caused an uproar, the administration contrived a so-called accommodation for religiously oriented groups (actual churches have always been exempt). But whoever crafted it had a sick sense of humor. The very same document by which a group registers its moral objection to contraceptives and abortifacients also authorizes the insurer to cover them for the group's employees. What the accommodation gives with one hand, it takes away with the other.

The Little Sisters refuse to sign such a document. They happen to be in an unusual situation because they get their insurance from another religiously affiliated organization opposed to contraceptives and abortifacients, so it may be that these drugs don't get covered no matter what. But the Little Sisters can't be sure of this — the regulations are complicated and subject to change.

Regardless, they don't want to sign. They want no part in authorizing coverage of contraceptive or abortive drugs. Enthusiasts for the mandate scoff. What the nuns are objecting to, they insist, is just a piece of paper.

Just a piece of paper? So is a mortgage. So is a wedding certificate. So is a will. How would the board of directors of NARAL react if the government forced them to sign a "piece of paper" tacitly condemning contraception or abortion? Would they shrug it off as a mere formality?

The Little Sisters deserve deference. Their religious sensibility is different than — and, one hazards to say, more finely tuned than — that of the mandarins of President Barack Obama's administrative state. In a dispute over what their conscience tells them to do or not to do, the Little Sisters are better positioned to know than anyone else.

Besides, who is harmed if the Little Sisters don't provide contraception coverage? They are a voluntary organization. They aren't imposing their views on anyone. Who, for that matter, is harmed if a secular organization run by people with moral objections to contraceptives and abortifacients refuses to cover them? Employees are still free to go out on their own and get contraceptives, which are widely available. If this sounds like an outlandish imposition, it is what people managed to do throughout American history all the way up to last week.

The contraception mandate has always had a strong ideological impetus. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius notoriously declared in 2011 that opponents of the mandate "want to roll back the last 50 years in progress women have made in comprehensive health care in America. We've come a long way in women's health over the last few decades, but we are in a war." By this bizarre way of thinking, a small congregation of nuns that cares for the most vulnerable is somehow complicit in a war on women's health.

Instead of respecting the moral views of the Little Sisters, the administration hopes to grind them under foot by force of law. For shame.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Texas Republicans oppose Obama unemployment benefits

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by a surprise filibuster-breaking win in the Senate Tuesday, President Barack Obama and his allies exhorted lawmakers to extend unemployment benefits for 1.3 million jobless Americans.

But Texas Republicans led the opposition to an extension without agreed-upon cuts to cover the $6 billion cost of the three months of payments. Benefits had been allowed to expire in December.

Republican senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz were sharply critical of Obama after the Senate voted 60-37 to advance the unemployment-benefits bill, with six Republicans joining Democrats to achieve the needed 60 votes.

The bill still needs another Senate vote for final passage, and would then go to the House. But passage by the Senate was far from certain.

Cornyn said, "The President continues to blame Republicans for failing to pass unemployment insurance, and yet he refuses to take responsibility for his failed big-government policies that have put us in this position.

"The President has been in office for five years, and the Democrats have controlled the Senate for seven. In that time, President Obama has pushed out-of-control spending and a government takeover of healthcare that will hit American wallets for years to come."

Cruz said, "Extending emergency unemployment payments is simply a Band-Aid to try to cover up the failure of the President's economic policies."

He added, "Instead of extending unemployment yet again, we should fix the problem: restore growth and stop the job-killing Washington policies. We should repeal Obamacare, which is costing countless jobs across the country. We should expand energy production and build the Keystone pipeline, which would immediately create tens of thousands of high-paying jobs."

Obama said, "Two weeks ago, Congress went home for the holidays and let this lifeline expire for 1.3 million Americans. If this doesn't get fixed, it will hurt about 14 million Americans over the course of this year: 5 million workers along with 9 million of their family members."

The President said that "in the past, both parties have repeatedly put partisanship and ideology aside to offer some security for job-seekers with no strings attached. It's been done regardless of whether Democrats or Republicans were in the White House. It's been done regardless of whether Democrats or Republicans controlled Congress. And, by the way, it's been done multiple times when the unemployment rate was significantly lower than it is today."

He defended his administration's record on the economy, saying that more than 8 million jobs had been created since the worst of the recession. "America's getting stronger and we've made progress," he said. "But the financial crisis was so devastating that some people are still struggling to find a job."

Oil companies call for end to export ban

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

"There will come a time when we will have an unsustainable glut of this light crude. Failing to renovate the crude oil export architecture could very well lead to disruptions in supply and production"

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska

WASHINGTON — The politics of energy heated up the frozen capital on Tuesday, as pronouncements from a key Republican senator and the oil industry's top lobbyist brought the issue to the forefront early in a midterm election year.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, called on the Obama administration to end a 39-year-old ban on exporting U.S. crude created in the wake of the Arab oil embargo in the early 1970s. Otherwise, she warned, the U.S. could soon be confronted with supply disruptions and price increases tied to the growing mismatch between Gulf Coast refineries geared toward processing heavy crudes and the light sweet oil flowing out of American fields.

"There will come a time when we will have an unsustainable glut of this light crude," Murkowski predicted in a speech at the Brookings Institution. "Failing to renovate the crude oil export architecture could very well lead to disruptions in supply and production."

With Murkowski jumpstarting the congressional debate on expanded oil exports, the American Petroleum Institute highlighted its plans to use advertising, social media campaigns and political spending to advance the issue and other "pro-growth energy policies."

"In exactly 10 months, our nation will be asked, once again, to decide who will represent us in Washington, D.C., and in state and local governments," institute CEO Jack Gerard told about 200 energy analysts, lobbyists and politicians at the trade group's "State of American Energy" event. "The collective decisions of the 2014 voters will shape whether and the extent to which our nation fulfills its potential as energy superpower."

The oil industry is pushing Congress to spike a 9-year-old renewable fuel mandate and is asking the Obama administration to sell drilling leases in Atlantic waters off the East Coast. While it looks increasingly unlikely Congress will overhaul the nation's tax code this year, Gerard said his organization will combat moves to strip away the oil industry's existing tax deductions.

Another item on its agenda this year: Seeking approval of TransCanada Corp.'s proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would transport oil sands crude from Alberta to Cushing, Okla. en route to the Gulf Coast. TransCanada revised the pipeline's route and reapplied for approval to build it in 2012, five years after it first sought the State Department permit required since the pipeline would cross an international border.

The biggest fight may yet come on the exports issue. While election-year politicking dampens the prospects for substantive action in Congress, Murkowski said the administration can do plenty on its own.

For instance, she said, the Commerce Department could approve an export application under a provision allowing foreign oil sales if the fuels "cannot reasonably be marketed" here in the United States.

Under the existing ban, the Commerce Department also can authorize crude exports that it deems in the "national interest." Existing exceptions already allow exports to Canada as well as foreign sales of oil produced in Alaska's Cook Inlet, some heavy crude produced in California and oil transported through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System.

There also is the specter of action on the world stage, if another country challenges the U.S. crude exports ban as a violation of World Trade Organization rules.

Critics said Murkowski's push comes too soon, given questions about the longevity of today's oil drilling boom. Although the U.S. is flirting with an oil production record set in 1970, the celebration could be short-lived. The Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. crude production will peak and begin a slow decline by 2020.

Daniel J. Weiss, director of climate strategy at the Center for American Progress, said that shows "we are a long way from true energy security."

"We should retain this domestically produced, strategic commodity until then," he said. "Allowing oil exports now would be like celebrating a victory at half time."

And Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., said increased oil exports would squeeze U.S. consumers.

"The American people want our American resources to stay here to benefit our industries, our families, and our security, not sent to China and other competitors," Markey said.

Murkowski flatly dismissed Markey's economic calculus.

If the ban is lifted, U.S. refineries could continue processing lower-quality heavy crude from Canada and other countries while American companies produce more higher-grade, lower-sulfur domestic oil for export — an equation that Murkowski said would "put downward pressure on international prices."

"All things equal, the combination will help the American consumer," she said.

Murkowski insisted that the time to act is now — before the U.S. begins producing more light sweet oil than its refineries can process.

New prospects in 2014 for an immigration overhaul

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His agenda tattered by last year's confrontations and missteps, President Barack Obama begins 2014 clinging to the hope of winning a lasting legislative achievement: an overhaul of immigration laws.

It will require a deft and careful use of his powers, combining a public campaign in the face of protests over his administration's record number of deportations with quiet, behind-the-scenes outreach to Congress, something seen by lawmakers and immigration advocates as a major White House weakness.

In recent weeks, both Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, have sent signals that raised expectations among overhaul supporters that 2014 could still yield the first comprehensive change in immigration laws in nearly three decades. If successful, it would fulfill an Obama promise many Latinos say is long overdue.

The Senate last year passed a comprehensive, bipartisan bill that addressed border security, provided enforcement measures and offered a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally. House leaders, pressed by tea party conservatives, demanded a more limited and piecemeal approach.

Indicating a possible opening, Obama has stopped insisting the House pass the Senate version. And two days after calling Boehner to wish him happy birthday in November, Obama made it clear he could accept the House's bill-by-bill approach, with one caveat: In the end, "we're going to have to do it all."

Boehner, for his part, in December hired Rebecca Tallent, a former top aide to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and most recently the director of a bipartisan think tank's immigration task force. Even opponents of a broad immigration overhaul saw Tallent's selection as a sign legislation had suddenly become more likely.

RNC starts ad campaigns in 40 media markets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee began running ads in 40 media markets Tuesday mostly targeting incumbent senators who supported President Barack Obama's health care program.

The early action suggests Republicans see the president's signature domestic achievement as their way to keep control of the House and perhaps win the Senate. With more than 300 days remaining before Election Day, both sides are looking to set the agenda before voters start paying attention.

"Obamacare is going to be the issue in 2014," RNC Chairman Reince Priebus told reporters, signaling the central committee's main message heading into this election year.

Specifically, the RNC ads in 12 states remind voters that Obama and his allies promised Americans that if they liked their insurance, they could keep it. That promise proved inaccurate as millions of Americans were told their policies didn't meet the national health law's minimum standards and were instructed to buy new — and better but often more expensive — health plans.

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OHIO

Police: Man stopped for speeding had 48 bombs

LONDON — A man stopped for speeding in Ohio was charged with illegally making or possessing an explosive device after nearly 50 bombs and four guns were found in his vehicle.

Andrew Scott Boguslawski, 43, was arrested late New Year's Day on Interstate 70 west of Columbus. Investigators found two pistols, two rifles, 48 explosive devices and tools and materials to make additional explosives, according to The (London) Madison Press. Also inside was a remote detonating device, Assistant Madison County Prosecutor Nick Adkins said.

Investigators are trying to determine why the man had the arsenal. He faces a court hearing Friday in Madison County.

According to the state trooper who stopped him for going 85 mph in a 70-mph zone, Boguslawski said he had no weapons. However, the officer returned with a ticket and saw the handle of a gun between the man's knees.

"At that point, he drew his service weapon, held the man there and called for backup," said Adkins.

Boguslawski told authorities he has an attorney, but none was listed on the court docket. There was no phone listing for the street address listed for him on court records.

GEORGIA

Prosecutor: 2 men plotted against government sites

GAINESVILLE — A prosecutor said Tuesday that two Georgia men plotted to make a poison to use against government officials and federal buildings, while defense attorneys said the pair were simply talking big and committed no crimes.

The lawyers' claims came during opening statements in the trial of Samuel Crump and Ray Adams before U.S. District Judge Richard Story in Gainesville.

Crump, 70, and Adams, 57, were among four men arrested in November 2011 after an undercover informant made recordings at their meetings at homes, during car rides and at a Waffle House restaurant. They face charges of conspiring and attempting to make ricin.

Two other men, Frederick Thomas and Dan Roberts, pleaded guilty in April 2012 to conspiring to get an unregistered explosive and an illegal gun silencer. Story sentenced each of them to five years in prison.

Federal prosecutor Jeffrey Brown read statements he said the two men made in secretly recorded conversations about their desire to strike the federal government and their willingness to kill people. He also explained to the jury that searches of their homes turned up large quantities of castor beans, which are used to make ricin, as well as a recipe for the toxin and tools used to make it.

AP file photo

Chet Kanojia, founder and CEO of Aereo Inc., shows a tablet displaying his company's technology Dec. 20, 2012, in New York. Aereo is one of several startups created to deliver traditional media over the Internet without licensing agreements.

TV-on-Internet service Aereo gets $34M in funding

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aereo, a Barry Diller-backed startup that provides broadcast television channels over the Internet for a monthly fee, said Tuesday that it has secured $34 million in additional funding from outside investors.

The money will help Aereo expand beyond the 10 metropolitan areas it currently serves. It will also allow Aereo to develop apps for additional devices, such as Internet-connected TVs and game consoles, while battling copyright-infringement lawsuits filed by broadcasters.

The additional funding, announced on the sidelines of the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas, comes from Aereo's lead outside investor, Diller's IAC/InterActiveCorp, as well as several existing and new investors.

Aereo's service starts at $8 a month and currently covers New York, Boston, Houston, Dallas and Atlanta, among others. Subscribers get about two dozen local over-the-air stations, plus the Bloomberg TV financial channel.

In each market, Aereo sets up a data center with thousands of dime-size antennas. The company temporarily assigns an antenna to each subscriber to record a show or watch it live and transmits that show over the Internet to the subscriber's device. Because each subscriber gets his or her own antenna, the company reasons, it's no different from having a personal antenna at home to pick up free, over-the-air broadcasts.

Broadcasters argue that Aereo built the individual antennas specifically to skirt copyright law, as there's no technical reason such a service would need them. As a result, the broadcasters say, Aereo ought to pay licensing fees like cable and satellite TV providers.

Aereo so far has won court rulings in New York and Boston.

But federal judges in Los Angeles and Washington have ruled against an Aereo-like service called FilmOn X. In a ruling that bans FilmOn in all but three states, Judge Rosemary M. Collyer in Washington wrote that with antennas, servers and other equipment all networked together, "this system ... is hardly akin to an individual user stringing up a television antenna on the roof."

Meanwhile, broadcasters have appealed the New York ruling to the Supreme Court.

In an interview, Aereo founder and CEO Chet Kanojia said Aereo knew from the start that broadcasters might sue, and he portrayed its ability to obtain additional funding as a vote of confidence.

He said the two new investors will be able to offer Aereo advice and contacts: Gordon Crawford is a veteran media investor, while investment firm Himalaya Capital offers international experience as Aereo explores markets beyond the U.S.

The focus this year will be on continuing to expand in the U.S., Kanojia said.

A year ago, Aereo announced plans to reach about two dozen metropolitan areas. Kanojia said Aereo hit less than half of that by year's end because of delays hiring staff and developing outdoor antenna boxes. (Aereo's initial market, New York, has its antennas indoors.)

Aereo now expects to finish that round in the first half of 2014 and announce additional expansions for later in the year.

The service is now available on personal computers, Apple and Android devices and Roku streaming boxes. Kanojia said Aereo wants to develop apps for Google's Chromecast streaming device, various game machines and TVs.

Over the next six months, Aereo plans to add social features to help subscribers find shows and interact with others who like similar programs.

Judge gives OK to Paterno family lawsuit vs. NCAA

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Penn State University has to become involved in a lawsuit filed by Joe Paterno's family and others against the NCAA in order for parts of it to proceed, a state judge ruled Tuesday.

The 25-page opinion by Judge John Leete delivered a mixed decision by dismissing some elements, keeping others alive and leaving the door open for an amended lawsuit to be filed.

Leete said breach of contract claims, however, cannot continue without Penn State's participation because the school is an "indispensable party," given that the lawsuit could affect the university's interests and contractual rights.

The lawsuit seeks to void a consent decree between the NCAA and Penn State over handling of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, an agreement that imposed a $60 million fine, a four-year ban on postseason play, a reduction in scholarships and other penalties.

"If the consent decree is declared void, as plaintiffs request, Penn State would lose the benefits it bargained for, including avoiding harsher sanctions and limiting further loss that could result from a prolonged investigation," Leete wrote. He added that the NCAA had indicated earlier that the football program could be shut down if the decree was invalidated.

Paterno family attorney Wick Sollers said the decision allows the critical claims in the lawsuit to go forward. The ruling will let "the bright light of legal discovery" shine on the facts and records, he said.

Paterno died in 2012, weeks after the scandal erupted and he was fired as football coach.

The NCAA said it was reviewing the decision, and a Penn State spokesman declined to comment.

The judge threw out a claim of interference with contractual relations but kept in place civil conspiracy and commercial disparagement elements.

Sandusky tries to get his Penn State pension back

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A handcuffed Jerry Sandusky testified by video link for three hours Tuesday as Pennsylvania's public pension agency considered his request to restore retirement benefits canceled because of his child molestation conviction.

Testimony from the former Penn State assistant football coach focused on circumstances surrounding his retirement from the university, as well as the links between the school and the charity for troubled youth he founded that paid him as a consultant after he left Penn State.

Speaking from inside the western Pennsylvania prison where he is serving a 30- to 60-year sentence, Sandusky described how he retired from Penn State in mid-1999 to take advantage of an early retirement incentive and then was immediately rehired on a temporary basis to coach one last season.

It may be a few months before Sandusky learns whether a hearing officer will recommend the State Employees' Retirement Board reverse the decision that was made the day Sandusky was sentenced in October 2012. The decision stopped his $4,900-a-month payments and also disqualified his wife, Dottie, who attended the Tuesday hearing, from collecting benefits.

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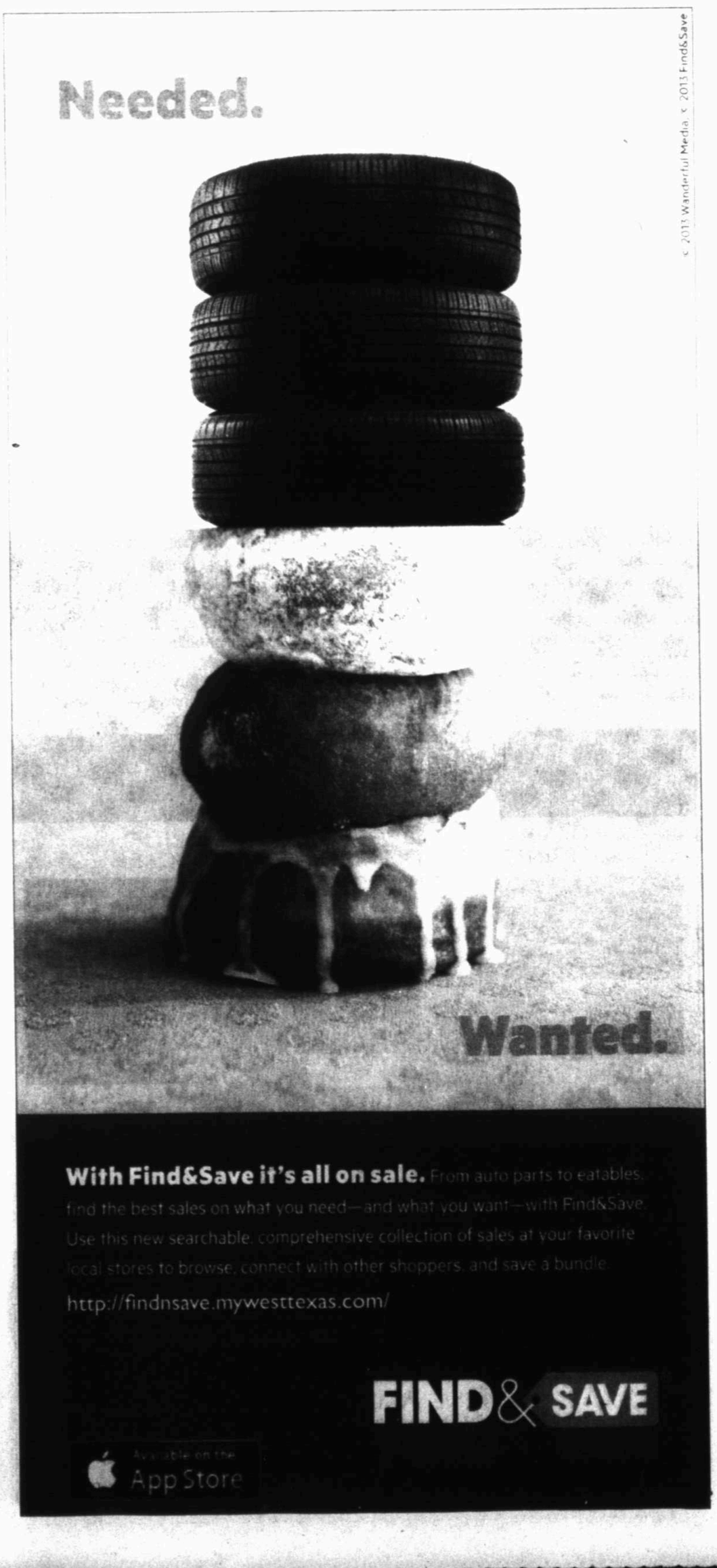

Educational exhibit on genocide to open at MC

By Meredith Moriak
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In an effort to educate students and the public about the early 1990s Bosnian genocide, an exhibit titled "Prijedor and the Bosnia Genocide" opens Thursday in Midland College's McCormick Gallery.

The exhibit, sponsored statewide by the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission and locally by the Jewish Philanthropic Union of the Permian Basin, is traveling to about 12 Texas towns as a way to educate individuals about genocide.

It tells the story of genocide in the Bosnian city of Prijedor between 1992 and 1995. The exhibit consists of 34 display panels with photos and text, as well as a 40-minute video.

Bill Foster, senior pastor at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, served as a U.S. Army chaplain in Bosnia during the 1990s and will speak about the aftermath and his experiences during a reception at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the gallery.

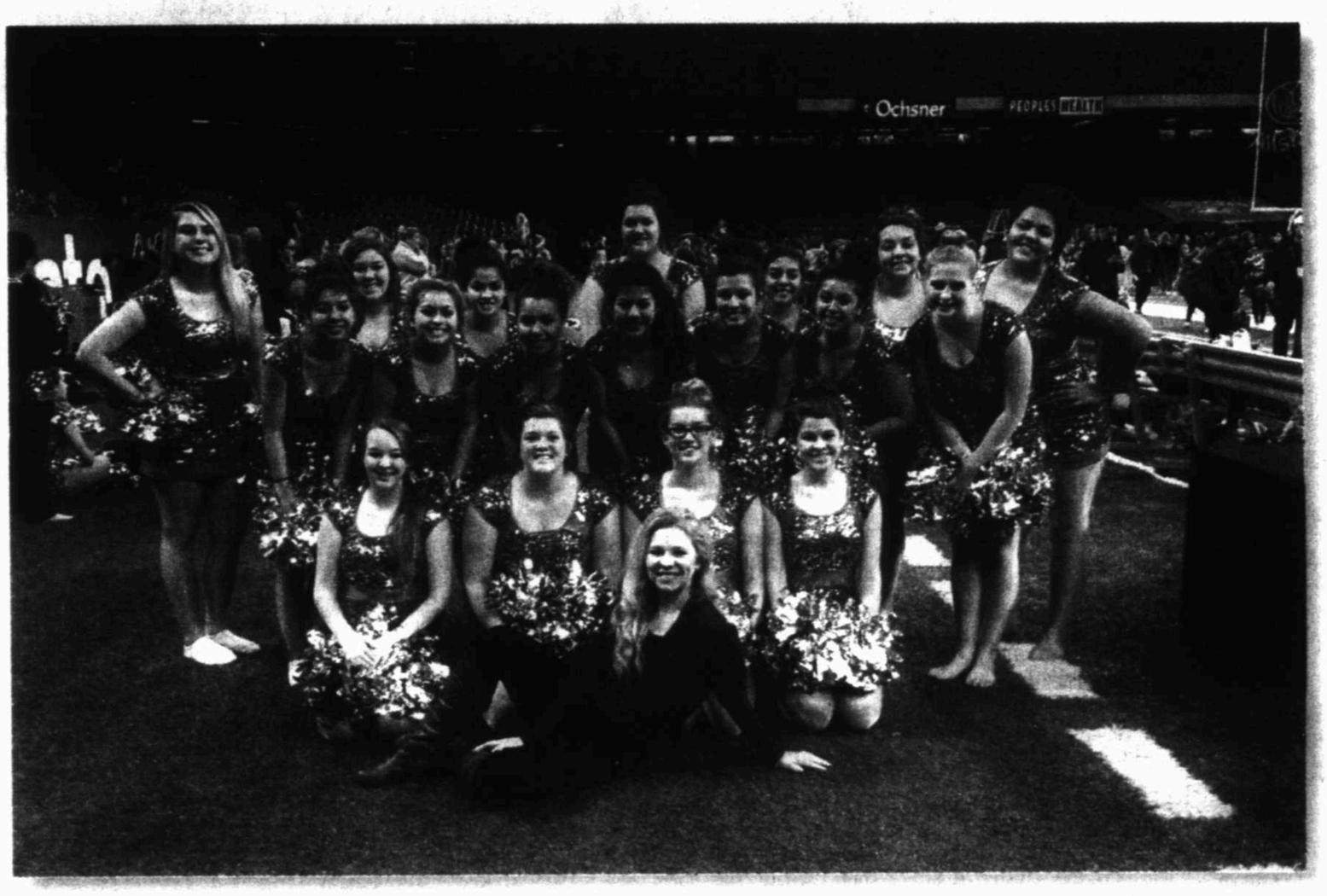
The statewide Holocaust and Genocide commission was formed in 2009 after leaders from Holocaust museums in Dallas and Houston determined that "students had no knowledge of the Holocaust and no knowledge of genocide because it wasn't in textbooks," said Midlander Frank Kasman, a retired dentist who serves on the commission.

"The textbooks used by most students were printed in 1993 and there's no information about Darfur or genocide," Kasman said, noting the commission was established by state Senate Bill 482 in 2009.

Educational material to support the exhibit is available to area educators, and Kasman said Midland ISD students are scheduled to tour the exhibit.

"This is a great opportunity to learn about the Bosnia genocide, which was brought to the attention of the world as recently as 2006. Because the events just happened in the mid-1990s and the world was not made aware of this tragedy until a few years ago, there is not any information in today's textbooks," Kasman said. "This exhibit helps to educate the public on an important aspect of world history that few are aware existed."

Refreshments will be served at Thursday's opening. For additional information, call Kasman at 553-5707.



extra-curricular TRAVEL

Courtesy photos

ABOVE
Cheerleaders and dancers from Midland and Lee high schools participated in some of the most-watched events this holiday season. Members of the Lee High School Dixie Dolls dance team, top, and Midland High cheerleaders, above, performed at the 80th annual Sugar Bowl on Thursday where Oklahoma defeated Alabama 45-31. In addition to attending daily practices and performing at the Sugar Bowl, cheerleaders from Midland High School explored the French Quarter, toured the city on Segways, and visited Mardi Gras World to see how actual floats are created.

RIGHT
Midland High School Starz dancers Katie Robinson and Madison Jordan traveled to London to participate in the New Year's Day parade.
More photos on 3B

Choirs to compete for chance to perform with Foreigner

By Lindsay Weaver
Odessa American

Foreigner live on stage

Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788, Midland.
When: Doors open at 7 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m. Feb. 7.
Tickets: $47 to $75 per ticket.

So urgent! So oh, oh urgent!

Just wait and see, in a month Foreigner will ask a lucky local high school choir to perform with them on stage Feb. 7 at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

So it's time to shape up, area choirs, and get urgent about practicing because the contest through Classic Rock 102.1 KFZX FM opened Monday.

Choir members can become jukebox heroes by submitting a video of themselves performing a section of or complete Foreigner song.

High school choirs of 25 or fewer students are eligible, said Lindsey Adams, an account executive at ICA Radio. In addition to choirs from Midland and Odessa schools, choirs from Monahans, Andrews, Crane, McCamey and other area towns are welcome to try out, she said.

The videos must be submitted to Adams at ladams@icabroadcasting.com. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Jan. 23. The name of the school and choir director's contact information should be included with the video.

All the videos that are submitted will be put on Classic Rock 102's website (www.classicrock102.net) on Jan. 27, when the public can begin voting for their favorite choir. Voting will continue until Jan. 31.

Besides performing with the British-American rock band Foreigner — famous for hits in the late 1970s like "Double Vision," "Cold as Ice" and "Feels Like the First Time" — the winning choir will receive $500 from Foreigner and the Grammy Foundation.

The choir will sing "I Want to Know What Love Is" on stage at Wagner Noël

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PATRICIA MAURER
Trinity School

Passion for written word begins at home

The Reporter-Telegram's Jan. 2 editorial was titled "What type of Midland is being planned for today's newborns?" Both headline and contents intrigued me, not so much for what was included as for what was left out.

The editorial focused on what the community and the school district should do to step up to the task of protecting the future of our children. While I certainly applaud these efforts, I am even more concerned about what each family in Midland can do to make a personal investment in their own children's future. As noble and even important as a community's efforts can be, our children's future is too important to be left up to everyone else. Our children's future is first in our hands.

Inside

Bill Coombes talks about supportive colleagues.
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In my mind, a good place to start would be immediate and daily steps to build a community of readers, one child and one household at a time. It is far from a simple commitment. Reading is a complex process, readily accessible for some, but far more difficult for others. Reading is, however, essential for all successful students.

New school buildings are nice and definitely needed, but shiny new façades are pointless without a complementary intellectual infrastructure. A worthy goal for each child would be the ability to challenge new learning with confidence and independence, and that ability begins with reading. The process, like so many other stepping stones to success, can best be supported by a commitment that begins at home.

Teachers and schools cannot and should not be left to the task without backup. The more time a child spends engaged with print, the more likely that he/she will be a good reader, and time spent in school is not enough. Here are some things that experience tells me we can all do at home to help the process along.

First and foremost, we have to be role models for reading. That means letting our children see us read, and it means keeping our homes stocked with a steady stream of new things to read. Whether we gather up reading materials at the library, frequent used or new book stores, scavenge for great finds at garage sales, trade titles with friends and family, or even download e-books instead of video games, we should all be adding to our home libraries. In a recent survey of family reading habits, having reading role-model parents or a large book collection at home has more of an impact on kids' reading frequency than does household income.

Second, we have to make time for reading. While reading with children before they go to bed is a time-honored tradition, it may not always be possible, and it may not be enough time. Keep reading

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Kids must learn from adults how to defend the underdog

WENDE PARSLEY
Alamo Junior High

At Alamo we have started a program with students from the ESL and Life Skills classes. We call it "Buddies."

On Fridays, if my students have finished their work, they get to go to the Life Skills classrooms across the hall and next door to read or play games. Usually, we read our reports to them as well. This gives the ESL students a non-threatening platform on which to practice their oral language skills and the Buddies love it. Believe it or not, this even motivates my students to stay caught up.

I will not lie and say that the ESL students all started out as enthusiastic as they are now. Most of them were intimidated for the first few weeks. Some of the Buddies don't talk, some of them make loud noises, and some of them wander around the classroom seemingly unaware of our presence. In a very few weeks, however, my students change. They begin finishing their work and asking if they can spend extra time with the Buddies. They become comfortable and open to suggestions about how to lead and teach our precious friends.

It is reciprocal, too. Some of the Buddies ask to go to the bathroom and then come and knock on our door or stare through the glass at us and smile. One student, "Trevor," cannot start his day without yelling, "Hey!" as he comes down the hall in the morning. He frequently comes in at lunch, when we are hanging out or having tutorials, and laughs as he rearranges the furniture moving around in his high-powered electric wheelchair. My kids laugh with him and scurry around putting the tables back into their original positions.

We started this program to help with the bullying that goes on at the second-

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NEWS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARKANSAS

Legislators critical of UA deficit seek answers

LITTLE ROCK — Legislators on Tuesday criticized how the University of Arkansas managed the budget of its fundraising division and said they're still not clear how it built a $4.2 million deficit.

Two former executives at the Fayetteville campus testified that Chancellor David Gearhart created an oppressive atmosphere after the shortfall became known and tried to conceal budget information from the media and public, something Gearhart denied Tuesday.

No charges have been filed in the case. It went to the Legislative Audit Committee in December, but the panel decided to accept audit reports without hearing testimony. Tuesday's hearing was before the Joint Performance Review Committee.

There, Gearhart testified the deficit, amassed during the 2011 and 2012 budget years, occurred when the fundraising arm, known as the Advancement Division, hired about 20 new people without having enough money to pay them.

Brad Choate, the former vice chancellor for advancement who was fired over the deficit, had an annual budget of $10 million. He said the hires were planned for more than a year and he was surprised when his budget director informed him of the deficit.

Budget director Joy Sharp also lost her job and accepted responsibility for losing control of the budget, something she repeated Tuesday.

Gearhart said it was extraordinary that the account was $4 million in the hole, and stressed that university and legislative auditors found there was no fraud, misappropriation of funds or anyone who was personally enriched.

Choate and former top university spokesman John Diamond, who was also fired, claimed Gearhart worked to circumvent the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act and actively tried to deflect repeated information requests from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

Sen. Keith Ingram, D-West Memphis, recited a long list of problems that have come to light.

"When the shortfall was discovered, we found there were accounting practices that led to concealing the deficit. We found that, by coincidence, as soon as Ms. Sharp left, documents began to be shredded. We received reports from employees in the division to not create any new FOI-able documents," Ingram said.

Gearhart told legislators: "I don't think there's anything wrong with destroying documents that haven't been FOI'd," and said numerous entities destroy papers regularly.

COLORADO

Students go back to school after shooting

CENTENNIA — Arapahoe High School students in Colorado returned to class Tuesday for the first time since a fatal Dec. 13 shooting on campus, greeted by increased security and signs on each of their lockers telling them they are loved and valued.

Students hugged one another, laughed and gathered to talk. Some students discussed the ramped up security inside of the school. Others talked about whether they would take final exams made optional by administrators.

"It's weird. I'm not used to all the cops," Ryan Lamb, a senior at Arapahoe, told The Denver Post. "There are five or six cops in there patrolling the halls. It makes sense, I guess."

Students have not attended classes since senior Karl Pierson entered through a door that was propped open and fatally shot student Claire Davis before killing himself.

Obituaries

Cruz Nicholas Gutierrez

In loving memory of Cruz Nicholas Gutierrez, beloved grandson, son, nephew, cousin and friend to all. He was born March 30, 1990 in San Antonio, Texas. He died January 4, 2014 at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, Texas.

Cruz was raised by his grandparents, Mary and Cruz Velasquez. He graduated from Bonanza High School in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cruz is survived by his mother, Nancy Gutierrez; brother, Ruben Gutierrez; and by five aunts, two uncles, and several cousins.

Services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Saturday January 11, 2014 at 10 a.m., 1906 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.com* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.*

Mary Frances "Frankie" Holzgraf

Mary Frances "Frankie" Holzgraf, 87 of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014, in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the First United Methodist Chapel with Reverend Macky Pitts, officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

A native Midlander, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad Holzgraf, also of Midland.

Frances spent most of her working life in the oil business, ranching, and rehabbing homes. She loved her family and wanted the best for each of them, as well as her many friends.

She is survived by one son, Christian Conrad Holzgraf of Midland; one daughter, Holly Ann Rittenhouse and her husband, Dale H. Keyser of Reedville, Virginia; and by two granddaughters, Mary Frances Rittenhouse of Reedville, Virginia and Virginia Rittenhouse-Jensen of Kilmarnock, Virginia.

She is also survived by her sister, Joanna Webb of Midland; as well as her many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to St. Jude's Hospital for Children and Hospice of Midland.

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

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com.*

Thelma "Sis" DeWitt-Smith

On Saturday, January 4, 2014, Thelma "Sis" DeWitt-Smith left her weakened earthly body to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven. "Sis," as she was affectionately known and referred to by most, was born November 1, 1940, to Wesley DeWitt, Sr. and Myrtle Warren-DeWitt in Midland, TX. She was raised and lived her entire life in Midland.

Thelma was baptized in her family church, Greater Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church as an infant and continued to be an active member of the congregation until her passing. Throughout her full and fruitful life, Thelma held many prominent positions within her church; Sunday School Superintendent, Y.P.D. Director, Women's Missionary Society President, Senior Usher Board President, Junior Usher Board Director, and was the Trustee Board Pro-Tem until her glorious appearance at Heaven's gate.

In her professional life, Thelma worked as a caregiver, took some college courses, held an administrative position at the former Parkview Hospital, and was a retired phone operator from Southwestern Bell. Thelma was also a caregiver for many years to three very special children (now adults) whom she loved greatly as if they were her own.

Besides working for the Lord in His House, Thelma enjoyed many other hobbies. She was well known for her love of cooking and baking for others, as well as for sewing and numerous types of craft making. She found tremendous joy in spending time with her great grandchildrenand great nieces and nephews, who visited frequently, and family en masse.

Thelma leaves to celebrate her life and passing to Glory her children, Robert DeWitt(Vangie) of Odessa, Willie DeWitt of Midland, Tommy J. DeWitt(Sandra) of San Antonio, Nancy D. Jackson(Calvin), and Lisa R. Smith of Midland; her sisters, Annie Lowe(Ivory) of Port Arthur, TX and Elvera Bryant of Midland; her grandchildren, Gary, Anita Kishae, Quinton, Chris, Quincy, Sr., Priscilla, Vivica; and by six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Allyne Harrell, Elaine Banks, and Luby Whiteside; a brother, Wesley "Bubba" DeWitt, Jr.; as well as her traveling companion, friend, and husband Wallace 'W.C.' Smith.

Thelma shall be greatly missed by the plethora of people whose lives she touched throughout her blessed life!

The Family would like to give the greatest love and heartfelt appreciation to the staff of StarCare Hospice of Odessa TX, as well as her niece/friend/mama sitter, Gloria Faye Banks.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2013 at Greater St. Luke AME church. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Memorial Park.

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

Elizabeth "Betty" Casey Sappington

Betty Sappington, age 86, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating.

Betty was born December 28, 1927 to Gwendolyn Brickey Casey and William Henry Casey in Potosi, Missouri, where she spent her young life. She attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri and the University of Missouri, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. While at Missouri, she met Jack Sappington and they were married in 1949. They moved to Midland in 1952 where they reared their three daughters and spent many happy years.

Betty loved entertaining, golf and working in her yard. She and Jack enjoyed traveling and made many memorable trips. Music was a big part of her life and she played hand bells many years at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland. She was a charter member of the Midland Arts Association and the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She volunteered for various organizations including the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by Jack, her husband of 51 years; her parents; a sister, Brickey Helmantoler; and by a brother, William "Buck" Casey.

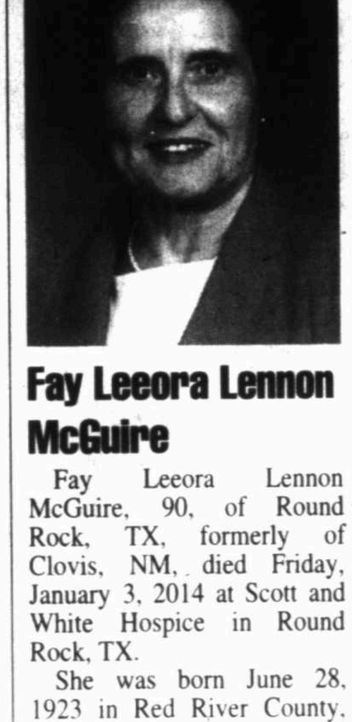
Betty is survived by her three daughters, Debra Rae Sappington, of Dallas; Carol and husband, Lindsay Borden, of Midland with grandchildren Casey and husband Brian Morrison and son Jack Russell Borden, and Kitty and husband, Bill Chalfant, with grandchildren Andrew Lawson and Matthew Chalfant and wife Amber; and by great grandchildren, William Wesley and Evelyn Chalfant, all of Midland.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Hospice of Midland, Wanda and the nursing staff at Helen Greathouse, and to the Poppy Flower sitters for the professional and thoughtful care given to our mother, and especially our thanks to Christiana V., whose loving care of our mother was so greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to The Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923, First Presbyterian Church Music Fund, 800 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas 79701, The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701, or a charity of your choice.

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

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com* .



Fay Leeora Lennon McGuire

Fay Leeora Lennon McGuire, 90, of Round Rock, TX, formerly of Clovis, NM, died Friday, January 3, 2014 at Scott and White Hospice in Round Rock, TX.

She was born June 28, 1923 in Red River County, Texas to Luster and Daisy (Denison) Lennon.

Fay met Allen McGuire, for the first time in 1939 and they eloped March 6, 1943. During WWII she worked in a munitions plant. After the war they spent 6 months as civilians before being recalled to active duty. They were part of the Air Force for 30 years until retirement in 1973 from Cannon Air Force Base to a civilian in Clovis New Mexico.

She was very active in the Clovis Women's Club as President, Bridge Club and bowling in retirement. Raising their seven children she was a Cub Scout & Brownie Mother, active PTA member and officer, and a Home Room MOM to name a few. Fay was the New Mexico Mother of the Year in 1982.

She is survived by six children: Allen (Denna) McGuire, Jr. of Midland, TX; Mary Lively of Round Rock, TX; Patrick (Lynn) McGuire of Austin, TX; Martha (Roy Tambourine) McGuire of Chicago, Ill; Timothy McGuire of Austin, TX; and John (Nancy) McGuire of Dallas, TX; 8 grandchildren: Michael Lively, Edie McGuire, Jennifer Lively, Robert McGuire, Cody McGuire, Travis McGuire, Jack McGuire and Max McGuire; and 7 great grandchildren: Ava McGuire, Owen McGuire, Rebecca Lively, Kate Lively, Conner McGuire, Henry McGuire and Lucas McGuire. She was preceded in death by Allen Sr. and son Captain Michael Lennon McGuire (1981).

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church, 1501 Sycamore St, Clovis NM 88101 or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be 5PM-7PM January 9th at Muffley Funeral Home, 1430 Thornton, Clovis, NM. Services will be held 10:00AM Friday January 10, 2014 at The First United Methodist Church with Pastor Keath Baskett officiating. Burial will follow at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home 575-762-4435 www.muffleyfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Amelia "Mable" Cazares

Funeral mass for Amelia "Mable" Cazares of Stanton Texas has been set for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 9, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Monsignor Schwertner officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Mable passed away on January 6, 2014 in Stanton Texas. She is survived by her daughters, Gloria Marquez and Alicia Sharp; sons, Felix Cazares and Julio Cazares; and by 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Augustine Vielma Garces

Augustine Vielma Garces, 84, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2014.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, 2508 North Big Spring Street in Midland, with David Baca of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Margarita P. Garces; four daughters and three sons, Noemi Eaton, Aracely Givens, Vicenta Castro, Elizabeth Garcia, Samuel Antonio Garces, Augustine Garces, Jr., and Alfredo Garces; and by 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great, great-grandchildren.

Kerry Bob Coleman

Kerry Bob Coleman, age 64, of Odessa, passed from this life on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by four sons, Jay Coleman and wife Gerri, Mike Roberts and wife Chariss, Kasey Coleman and wife Amanda, and Chance Coleman and wife Jennifer; and by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Wayne Pennington

Wayne Pennington, 77, of Coleman, died Monday, January 6, 2014 at his residence. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2014 at Concho Baptist Church with Reverend Daniel Stovall officiating. Burial will follow in the Coleman Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Pennington of Coleman; two daughters, Sherry Watts and Terrie Shahan; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Only 1 in 4 young teens meet US fitness guidelines

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Young teens aren't exactly embracing the government's Let's Move mantra, the latest fitness data suggest.

Only 1 in 4 U.S. kids aged 12 to 15 meet the recommendations — an hour or more of moderate to vigorous activity every day.

The results are based on about 800 kids who self-reported their activity levels and had physical exams as part of the 2012 National Youth Fitness Survey.

Government researchers won't call the results disappointing, but lead author Tala Fakhouri of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, "There's always room for improvement."

The CDC released partial results Wednesday from the fitness survey, which involved kids aged 3 to 15. Other results from the same survey are pending and include fitness data based on more objective measures including treadmill tests.

Fakhouri said the nationally representative results provide useful information for initiatives that aim to increase kids' fitness, including the Let's Move anti-obesity campaign launched by first lady Michelle Obama in 2010.

Kids in the survey reported on which physical activities they did most frequently outside of school gym class — basketball for boys and running for girls.

While few met guidelines established in 2008 for activity that raises the heart rate and makes you breathe harder, most said they did at least an hour of exercise at that level during the previous week. Overall, about 25 percent said they got an hour of that kind of exercise every day.

Obese kids were less active than normal-weight girls and boys. Overweight girls were slightly less active than normal-weight girls, but levels were similar among overweight and normal-weight boys.

"It's definitely very concerning to see that our kids are engaging in such a limited amount of physical activity each day when we are still battling" an obesity epidemic, said Dr. Stephen Pont, an Austin, Texas, pediatrician and chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' section on obesity.

Data suggest obesity may have decreased slightly among some kids but the overall rate for children aged 2 to 19 is 17 percent, or about 12.5 million obese kids.

Pont said schools can do more to help by not cutting recess and giving kids more time for physical activity. He said research suggests kids who get physical education at school may do better academically.

Recent national data on kids' fitness levels is limited. A 2009-10 CDC survey involving kids ages 6 to 11 found about 70 percent met the physical activity guidelines, although levels dropped off among older kids in that age group. The results came from parents, who may be inclined to over-report how active their kids are because of "social desirability," the researchers said.

KU medical school names new executive dean

The University of Kansas School of Medicine has named a professor of medicine at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic as its new executive dean.

Dr. Robert Simari will be the permanent successor to Barbara Atkinson, who retired in 2012. The appointment was announced Tuesday by Douglas Girod, executive vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Simari earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas in 1986. At the Mayo Clinic, he is vice chairman of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases and co-director of the Mayo Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences.

Simari is also the co-founder of Anexon, a company licensed to develop a method of protecting kidney function during heart failure.

Associated Press

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students create 'Fanny Packs for Philippines'

When Carver Center sixth-graders saw news of the natural disaster in the Philippines they came up with the idea of "Fanny Packs For Philippines." The students are creating the packs by hand, and filling them with supplies, during morning social studies time this week.

A group from Golf Course Road Church of Christ will deliver the packs to the Philippines next week.

"I think the benefit of this project is that students become, not only citizens of the school, but of the world," said Jan Rhodes, Carver Center assistant principal. "They see that there's a need, and there can be a solution. They want to be part of making a difference."

Dent elected to nursing organization

Robert Dent, who currently serves as dean of Health Sciences at Midland College and vice president of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer at Midland Memorial Hospital, has been elected to the American Organization of Nurse Executives for a three-year term.

Dent will represent Region 7 of the AONE, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. His responsibilities include serving on a committee to develop nursing executive competencies for acute care settings. As an AONE board member he will attend two American Hospital Association policy meetings each year and serve as a member of the AONE Foundation, which provides resources to fund nursing research projects and leadership development focusing on nurse managers.

TTUHSC faculty member appointed to state board

Jason P. Cooper, assistant professor and director of clinical education at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Sciences, was appointed to the Texas Physician Assistant Board for a three-year term.

The nine-member board consists of physicians, physician assistants and members of the public. The group's mission is to establish and maintain standards of excellence used in regulating physician assistants and ensuring quality health care through licensing, discipline and education.

Cooper graduated from the Physician Assistant Program in 2006. He worked as a physician assistant for the School of Medicine from 2006-2011 before joining the faculty as an assistant professor.

Cooper received the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award for the School of Allied Health Sciences Department of Laboratory Sciences and Primary Care. In 2013, he was appointed the director of clinical education for the Physician Assistant Program.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniels

Lee High School senior Allyssa Ta'Nae Daniels has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of Deka Seldon.

She is a member of the basketball team, National Honor Society and AVID.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful, Meals on Wheels, Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland Fair Havens and Habitat for Humanity. She attends Alexander Temple and is involved with the choir and dance team.

Daniels plans to attend Midland College and then transfer to Wayland Baptist University or Texas Tech University to study criminal justice.

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Zachary

Midland High School senior Taylor James Zachary has been honored by the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. He is the son of Vance and Gwendolyn Taylor.

He is a member of the soccer team, Youth Challenge, Boy Scouts and Macedonia Youth Choir, participates in Teen FLOW and volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Zachary plans to attend Midland College and then transfer to University of North Texas.

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Midlander Neil Scott Dufford was among more than 1,500 students who received degrees last month from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dufford received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 8, 2014

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK MOVIE LISTINGS

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	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Cocaine Cowboys				American Greed		Mad Money		Cocaine Cowboys	
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	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Jessie	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Austin	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Cory	Montana
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. San Antonio Spurs (L)				NBA Basketball Phoenix vs Minnesota (L)						SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Kansas vs. Oklahoma (L)				NCAA Basketball Miami vs. North Carolina (L)		SportsCenter				Olbermann (N)	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ The Hot Chick Rob Schneider.				★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
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	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant "Del's"		Restaurant		Stakeout (N)		Rest. "Pie in the Sky"		Diners...	Diners...	Restaurant Stakeout	
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	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Kim of Queens "Hillbilly in Heels"		Kim of Queens		Wife Swap "Aguirre/Ray"		Wife Swap "Jeffrey/ Orris"		Wife Swap "Flynn/ Greiner"		Kim of Queens	
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	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ Ghost Rider		★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Eric Roberts, Jet Li.						★★ Rambo ('08, Act) Sylvester Stallone.		★ Colors	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra				★★★★ Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Harrison Ford.						★ The Lost Treasu...	
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	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ It Happened...		★ Gunman in the Streets				(:45) ★★★ Embraceable You				(:15) ★★★ That Way With Women	
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	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cheapskates "Most Extreme Moments"		Str. Addiction "I'm a Living Doll"		Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	Addiction (N)	Addiction	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction
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	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Kirstie	The Exes	Kirstie	The Exes	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Canary"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Psych (N)		(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern	(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern	(:05) Psych	
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ABOVE
Lee High School Dixie Dolls performed at the 80th annual Sugar Bowl Thursday.

RIGHT
Midland High School Starz dancers at the New Year's Day parade in London.

Courtesy photos

MAURER

From 1B

material in a basket on the back seat of the car or near the kitchen table. Let your child read to you while you commute or while you cook. Reading is not just for special times, but also for ordinary times. Your goal should be to get your child to read at least 20 minutes a day outside of school, and outside of homework assignments. When you are curled up with your child and a good book, be present to their efforts. That means no texting or television; active listening is not an activity that lends itself well to multi-tasking.

Third, remember that reading and writing are complementary processes, so find any and every excuse to provide your child opportunity to write and to read what they have written. Thank-you notes at this time of the year are a great start, you could let your child write the grocery list for you, or you could post a chore list on the refrigerator for them to read. Tuck handwritten notes in your child's lunch box or book bag. Don't be afraid to use big words; they will figure them out because they are your words.

I am an avid collector of quotations about education — little lines of wisdom that provoke thinking. One of my favorites comes from R.M. Hutchins. Hutchins enjoyed a broad and entirely interesting career. A graduate of Oberlin College and a World War I veteran, he served as dean of the Yale Law School, president of the University of Chicago, associate director of the Ford Foundation and on the Board of Editors of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Hutchins valued and respected knowledge. He vigorously defended academic freedom, encouraged liberal education, and was a proponent of what could be learned from the history of Western civilization. Hutchins said this about our relationship with books, "We do not need to burn books to kill our civilization; we need only to leave them unread for a generation."

What is the battle line for those of us interested in the excitement and energy of living in this century and equally interested in the lessons to be learned from the wisdom of the past? I never thought reading would be that line, but I find myself concerned. I want to see a generation of children passionate about words, passionate about stories, passionate about the power of ideas and prepared to share them through print. That's what it means to be literate, and that's a worthy goal for all our children. Start today; share a good book with a child you love.

Patricia Maurer is the head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.

There's a little bit of everything in
West Texas *Living*
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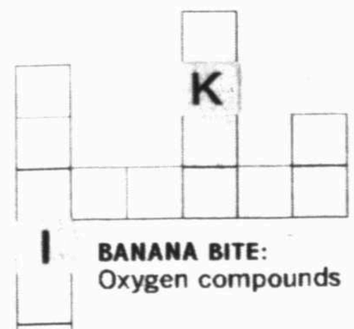

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BANANA BITE:
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Yesterday's Answer: LINEAR, BIOPSY, CHORUS

BILL COOMBES
Trinity School

Colleagues provide inspiration and support

A New Year, and with it comes the obligatory New Year's resolutions, which, for teachers, usually involve things such as "Being more prompt in grading papers" or "using more multi-media presentations" or (my favorite) vow, "to never again eat all those Christmas cookies students have given me." When school begins again in January, I always feel like I weigh 10 pounds more than on Labor Day. In any event, the beginning of the second semester always makes me think of coaching basketball, and my favorite team, the Boston Celtics, and that leads me to my best friend, Bill.

Teaching is, in one sense, a very lonely profession. In your classroom you are the whole show, with all eyes and ears on you. If you are lucky, you will have one or more colleagues who will listen and commiserate as you bemoan the lack of interest shown in what you thought was one of your most dynamic lessons. Bill was my guy for that, and much more.

Bill and I taught and coached together for 19 years. He was the science/math guy, while I was the history/English guy. Additionally, we shared administrative duties, and we coached, at one time or the other, almost every sport offered at Trinity School. Bill was my sounding board for some of my wilder schemes; together we collaborated on creating a three-day, two-day schedule similar to college class schedules (it worked for the kids, but the other teachers didn't like it), and he was my controller on the sidelines when I would get a bit too excited with the officiating of our football games. That was a two-way street, of course, as he came up with the idea of having every middle school girl who wanted to be cheerleader automatically become one (a tradition that continues to this day at Trinity), and I was there when he made some less-than-complimentary comment about a female basketball official and got an early seat on the bus, leaving me to endure even more bad calls for the rest of that game.

What made Bill a great teacher was his passion for his subject and for the kids. He always demanded their best efforts, cajoling, teasing, prompting, but never ignoring or giving up on a child. And he sold his subject: whatever course he taught — from biology to chemistry, geometry to algebra — he made his students want to learn. One year he had to teach Texas history. For a guy from Massachusetts to be enthusiastic about that teaching assignment, and to sell that enthusiasm to his students …well, that was a tour de force in effective teaching.

Bill was the best, but I've been lucky to have other colleagues who have inspired and supported me. I gravitated toward them because of their passionate devotion to their students and their obvious expertise in their subject areas. Jack, my lifelong friend from San Jacinto Junior High days, was perhaps the most talented art teacher I've ever known, and certainly the biggest character. Together Jack and I wrote school plays, made sets, flew model airplanes and invented stuff for kids to be involved with. I wasn't alone in my admiration for him. He became one of the first Christa McAuliffe Fellows and received a grant to create a Curiosity Shop for kids. Melinda, the fifth-grade teacher who turned our Intermediate School building into the interior of an Egyptian tomb, complete with King Tut's sarcophagus, showed me what dedication to hands-on learning was all about. The list of talented teachers I've worked with is incredibly long — from Mary, the eccentric math teacher who tried for years to convince me that life is all mathematics, to Terry, the physics teacher who was the very embodiment of Gyro Gearloose.

I gained something from all who have taught with me and I am thankful every day that I was not really alone in this most lonely of professions.

Bill Coombes teaches eighth grade American History and works in the alumni affairs office at Trinity School.

Rob Goebel/AP

Susan Jerger, a reference librarian at the Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library, looks over the opening screen for the pirate language course Dec. 16. The course is one of the 16 new language courses the library offers with a language learning database called Mango. The courses will be available in 2014.

BILINGUAL

Pirate is among 40 language classes offered on online database

By Vic Ryckaert
The Indianapolis Star

GREENWOOD, Ind. — Arr, blow me down! The Greenwood (Ind.) Public Library is launching a new digital learning system offering classes in more than 40 languages, including pirate.

The library is unveiling its new Mango language database this month. Reference librarian Susan Jerger said there has been growing demand for online language materials, particularly among patrons learning to speak English.

"We've been interested in foreign language assistance for English speakers and also for non-English speakers for several years now," Jerger told The Indianapolis Star.

"Of course we had to wait until we were in a good financial place to do something like this."

Mango's pirate language course will teach any scurvy dog the nuances in five lessons. The first lesson explains that "blow me down" is an expression of shock or surprise.

"Be careful using it to refer to someone else," a woman's voice cautions. "To 'blow a man down' means to kill him."

The database offers lessons in more traditional and useful languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Midland library

WANT TO LEARN A LANGUAGE?
Midland library patrons can access Mango Languages' courses through the Midland County Public Library, which offers about a dozen online services such as Learning Express, Morningstar investment resources and the Freegal Music database.

"The Midland County Public Library continues to look for emerging technology that offers innovative services to our patrons," said John Trischitti III, library director.

"We're trying to balance that technology versus traditional print materials."

To access the online services, visit www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/lib/Pages/Links.aspx.

The course also offers 16 lessons for people seeking to learn English as a second language.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 440,000 Hoosiers spoke a language other than English at home in 2007. That's about 7 percent of the state's population of 5.9 million.

Users set up an account using their library card number to access the Mango language courses via the web or through apps on mobile devices and smartphones.

"They can learn and use it on the go," Jerger said. "For a language, there's definitely a lot of time involved, and if you can learn while you're driving in the car, great."

Jerger said the library will track usage throughout the year and decide whether to continue subscribing to the database.

The courses are free to anyone with a Greenwood library card. The library is paying $2,700 for the system in 2014.

Patron Jerome Ray, 39, said the new course could come in handy. He said he works for a pallet recycling firm in Indianapolis, and many of his co-workers are Hispanic.

"I'd use it," he said. "There's definitely a language barrier where we're at."

Greg Garcia, 53, said online language courses are the way to go these days.

"I think it's current and needed," said Garcia, who noted his father speaks five languages. "I prefer the classroom, but I have to change with the times."

Erik Dant, 32, said he spent about $200 for a series of computer-based courses when he studied Mandarin Chinese about 10 years ago. Mango offers lessons in Mandarin.

Dant said he will "absolutely" try out the new classes, likely to brush up on his Spanish.

"I'm always about learning a new language," Dant said. "It definitely doesn't hurt to put that on a resume."

PERFORM

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with the band, surely to the excitement of family and friends, Adams said.

The show is nearing a sellout, so people should contact the Wagner Noël box office soon for a chance at the limited number of tickets still available, said Wagner Noël marketing manager Stephanie Rivas.

"For them to get to sing on stage with a rock band, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Adams said.

Students will also help out Foreigner by manning the CD/DVD booths before and after the show (along with adult chaperones). A portion of the sales go to the Grammy Foundation, a charity that helps focus attention on the importance of arts education in schools.

Foreigner's flutist Tom Gimble told the El Paso Times in October they were honored to have a local choir on stage with them.

"Working with them is a great opportunity to give to the schools, to give the kids a thrill, us interacting with them," Gimble told the El Paso Times.

This type of contest with Foreigner is a first for the Permian Basin, but not for the band. They have invited choirs from across the United States to join them through radio contests and have been doing so for about the past three years.

"It's a great way to get the community more involved," Adams said.

For more information, call ICA radio at 432-363-7100. A full list of rules and guidelines and a sample video from the band will be posted on Classic 102's website soon.

PARSLEY

From 1B

ary level. Our Buddies, more than any others, have been the helpless victims of others looking for a way to express their false personal power. They have been called names, treated unfairly and laughed at.

Why? Is it because they are weaker or cannot defend themselves? Do the perpetrators merely imitate their friends? No. They learn it from us, the adults that they watch. They watch us as we stare, make rude comments and laugh behind cupped hands. They watch us as we treat waitresses badly. They hear us use the word "retard" as if having a lower IQ makes one less valuable. They hear the snide remarks that we make followed by supposedly secret laughter. They imitate us. Even when we tell them that they are wrong, they have already witnessed that we live our lives to the contrary.

Most of us would like to teach our kids to be kind to others, especially those who are less fortunate or need more help. For some reason, we struggle with how to teach this. What if we slowed down and took the time to pay attention and really tried to understand the differences that exist between people? What if we treated people with kindness? What if we, the adults, acted differently? Would they, the children we are witnessing to, not act differently too? If we want our kids to learn kindness, they must witness us reaching out. They must see us defending the underdog.

Trevor never stops smiling. Although his speech is limited, he gets his point across. He plays jokes on students and teachers. He makes his demands known. He understands. He feels. He brings joy.

Our Buddies are the happiest, most appreciative, least judgmental people. God has truly touched them. He has sent us a gift. A gift that shows us what it would be like if we chose to live in the moment and without worry.

What most of us fail to realize is that they are not the ones missing out. We are. We scurry around attempting to have all the latest gadgets and trappings. We worry about what we look like and what others think of us. We have fallen victim to the judgments that we place on others, and have imprisoned ourselves with these same restrictions.

I recently asked one of my students if the Buddies were picked on at Alamo. He responded, "No, miss, because we understand them now and when people understand they are not afraid, and when you aren't afraid, there's no reason to attack."

Wende Parsley teaches seventh- and eighth-grade English as a Second Language at Alamo Junior High in Midland ISD.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
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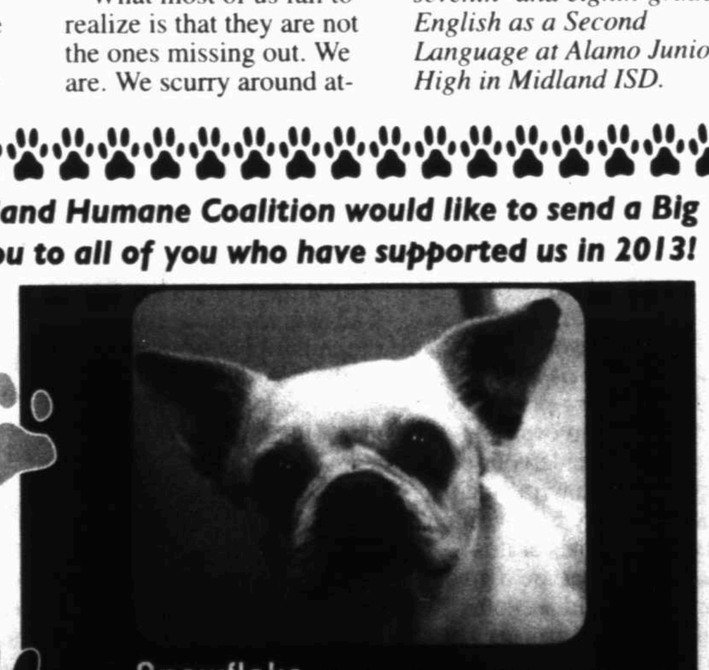
Meet Snowflake She is a 6 year old blonde Pug mix. She is a little picky about her other dog friends, but is a very sweet and cuddly girl with people. Her previous owner went into the military. She could not go with him, so now she is looking for a new family to give her love and devotion to.
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TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 63 Low: 33

THURSDAY: Partly sunny — High: 59 Low: 46

FRIDAY: Partly sunny — High: 63 Low: 37

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 60 Low: 37

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 64 Low: 33

MONDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 64 Low: 31

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 63 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 33 and light and variable winds becoming east between 5 and 10 mph in the evening.

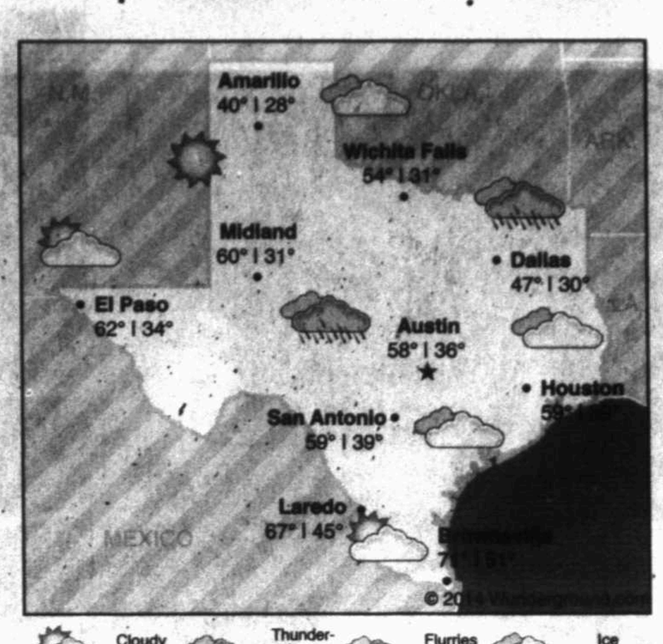
Thursday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 59 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 46 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight. There is a 30 percent chance of showers at night.

Friday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 63 and a low around 37. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The high on Tuesday reached 50, while the low dropped to 19. The record high for Jan. 7 is 77 set in 2006. The record low is 11 set in 1970.

National forecast

In the West, Pacific moisture will lead to snow showers over the northern and central Rockies.



Precipitation

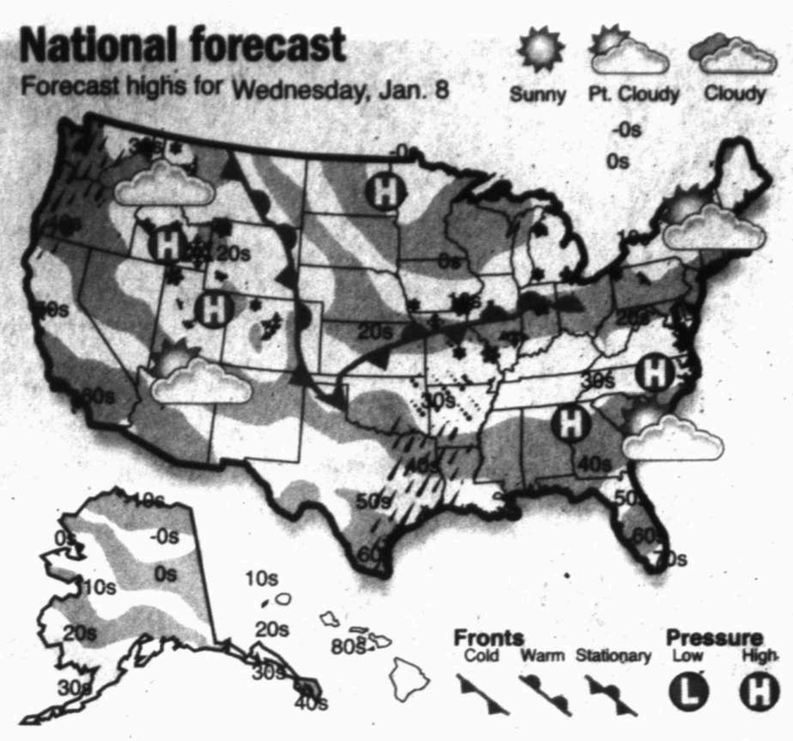
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.10 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	50
Low	19
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:01 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Jan. 8



Check out these warning signs of potential abusers

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: When my daughter was 20, she met a guy who one minute showered her with roses and the next would beat her up. She stayed with him thinking she could change him, and she became pregnant. On her 21st birthday, she tried to get away from him. He chased her up the road and went to punch her in the stomach. When she turned to avoid the blow, it landed, hitting the baby in the head, which killed the child.

Abby, once a beater, always a beater. I hope all women in abusive relationships will see this letter. My daughter is fine now, married and expecting. I pray for the women and girls out there who are going through what she once had to. — PENNSYLVANIA MOM

DEAR PENNSYLVANIA MOM: I'm glad you wrote, because your letter reminds me that it has been some time since I printed the warning signs of an abuser. Here they are:

1. PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUS: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

7. MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry." instead of, "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID GENDER ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

Readers, if you feel you are at risk, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or www.thehotline.org.

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, Jan. 8, 2014:

This year you will be authoritative when you need to be. People listen to you. You also will follow through on any project or job that appeals to you. Since you tend to go to extremes, you might act out in a relationship, especially if you are attached. Your significant other has the gift of flexibility. Praise him or her for that quality. If you are single, what appeals to you today might not be so desirable tomorrow. Listen to your yearnings, with the exception of a long-term commitment. TAURUS is as grounded as you are, but he or she is more stubborn!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be shocked by what goes down, especially after you hear from someone who knows the background of the events. Your fuse might be short because you view the situation as unnecessary. Evaluate what is happening. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Observe what is going on behind the scenes. You might be surprised by how someone can say few words yet still reveal what is happening. Your sense of humor emerges later in the day, once you get some errands and/or work done. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Others seem to be acting independently and not in unison with a project. Keeping everyone on the same page will be challenging. Suggest a meeting for a discussion on this matter. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Take praise as it is intended to be received. Your energy is very high, so be sure to expend it appropriately; otherwise, you could become snappy and difficult. Meanwhile, go dancing at a favorite place or find your friends. Tonight: Say "yes" to an interesting offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You might want to get more facts before coming to a final conclusion about an evolving decision. You will shed light on the situation, which could help others understand. Tonight: Pretend it is the weekend, and make plans now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll want to get more information about an important situation. You might ask a question that draws out a money issue. An opportunity could become obvious in a meeting. Don't hesitate, or you could lose this opportunity. Tonight: Accept an offbeat offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might have a lot to say, but getting in a word with others, as animated as they are, could be difficult. Instead, go off and handle a responsibility that you are only too happy to take care of. Be happy to be away from the chaos. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, as you seem to have a lot to do. You might want to keep an even pace, but an important discussion demands your time. Know when to let go of rigidity. Step back and allow yourself to see the big picture. You can't dictate every moment. Tonight: Do more listening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Let your creativity help a situation involving your finances. You might want to reach out for more feedback. As a result, you could decide that a different course would be better. Way to not let your ego get involved! Tonight: Enjoy some downtime with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Think in terms of what needs to happen and what will happen if you let someone run over your more grounded ideas. You could experience disappointment at not being understood, but the smart move would be to try a different approach. Tonight: Go for naughty and nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone with whom you chat often. This person's opinion means a lot to you, as he or she offers a different perspective. You will get interesting feedback. Others often are amazed by how easily the two of you can see eye to eye. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Communication flourishes later in the day, but know that a friend could dump his or her frustration on you. It serves you to say little, as this person will recognize on his or her own that he or she was being a bit outrageous. Tonight: Visit with a close loved one.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Elvis Presley (1935), musician David Bowie (1947), psychologist Carl Rogers (1902)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The counter

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 4
♡ K 10 4 3
◇ 7 3 2
♣ J 10 7

WEST
♠ 9 5
♡ Q 7 2
◇ K J 9 6
♣ 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A 3 2
♡ 9 8 5
◇ A Q 8 4
♣ A K 9

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 7
♡ A J 6
◇ 10 5
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
INT	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Six of ♡

You do not often win the contract after an opponent opens one no-trump. When you do, there is a lot of information available to you that can help you in the play.

East won the opening diamond lead with the ace and returned the suit. West won the jack and continued with the king. South ruffing. Declarer led the king of spades from hand, East winning and returning the suit. South won and drew the last trump.

South wasn't sure which defender should be played for the heart queen. East, who showed 15-17 points in the auction, was the favorite to hold that card, but it wasn't a sure thing. Declarer postponed his decision in that suit and led a club to dummy's jack. East won with the king and played another diamond. South ruffing with his last trump.

South was out of trumps, but the opponents were out of diamonds, so it was safe to play a club to the 10 in dummy. When East won the ace and returned the suit, South's count was complete. East showed up with six points in diamonds, four in spades and seven in clubs, for a total of 17. West must hold the queen of hearts! South finessed West for that card and brought home his contract.

Had West won the ace of clubs, South would have played East for the heart queen, certain of success.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 __-loading: endurance strategy
5 Chance
9 Shocking weapon
14 Worker protection org.
15 Singer from County Donegal
16 Sky hue
17 *Marlin, for one
19 Prepare to make an electronic payment, say
20 Halves of fifths
21 Breaking wave feature
23 Drink for a hot day
24 Nasty expression
25 *Source of endless funds
27 "You're dreaming"
29 Hate
30 *Common Milky Way star
34 Gallery baddies
37 Yoko of Tokyo
38 Rodeo rope
40 __-cone
41 Mount McKinley's national park
44 *Billiards maneuver
47 Where the floor is always wet
49 Banking regulatory agcy.
50 *Part of a uniform
53 Latish wake-up time
57 Curve
58 "Woe __!"
59 "Gracias" reply
60 Spanish American grassland
62 Family relations, and what the first words of the answers to starred clues can have
64 Frequent Mastroianni co-star
65 Edger's target
66 Spacewalks, for short
67 Range with chinchillas
68 Former partners
69 Take out

DOWN

1 Profit factors
2 Rockies skiing destination
3 Avignon's river
4 Work at a saloon
5 They may cry foul
6 Pasta ending
7 Big name in food distribution
8 Aloha State big shot
9 "There's the fox!"
10 Nitrogenous dye
11 *Chocolate overdose consequence
12 Undermine
13 Actress Zellweger
18 Lose on purpose
22 Give a new commercial name to
25 Mademoiselle's matriarch
26 Dress to the nines, with "up"
28 Shunned ones
30 "Maggie May" singer Stewart
31 Cincinnati-to-NYC direction
32 *What a driver's license may serve as
33 "Swell!"
35 Eclectic musician Brian
36 Lush
39 First president to throw a ceremonial opening day pitch
42 Cry from Cathy of comics
43 Skin wounds
45 Passed, as rubber checks
46 Like aromatherapy products
48 Quick and light
50 Half a Northwest city
51 Sock synthetic
52 Take a load off
54 Credulous
55 Words after cut or close
56 Pool stroke
59 Mafia bigwigs
61 Maiden name intro
63 Have to thank (for)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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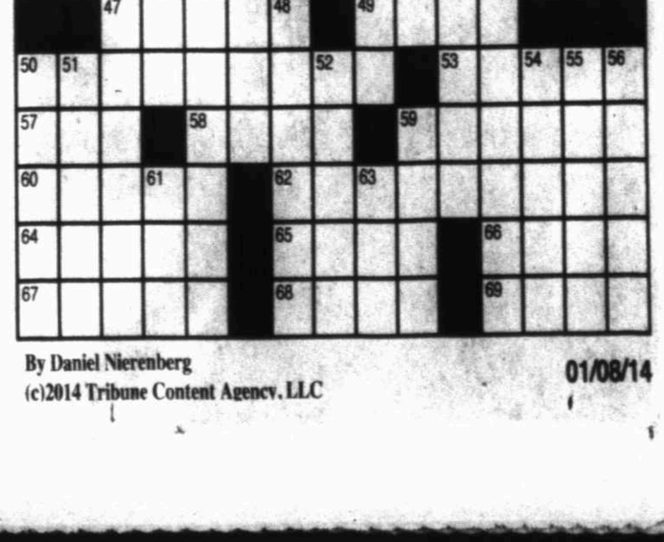

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THE THRILL OF COMPETITION

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Midland High student Sam Carleton crowd surfs during the game against Lee on Tuesday at Chaparral Center. The Lee High cheerleaders perform. Young Midland High fans look on during the game. Midland High Starz dancers perform. Lee boys basketball head coach Chris Packer talks to his team during the game.

IN SPORTS: Find out which teams were victorious on Page 1C.

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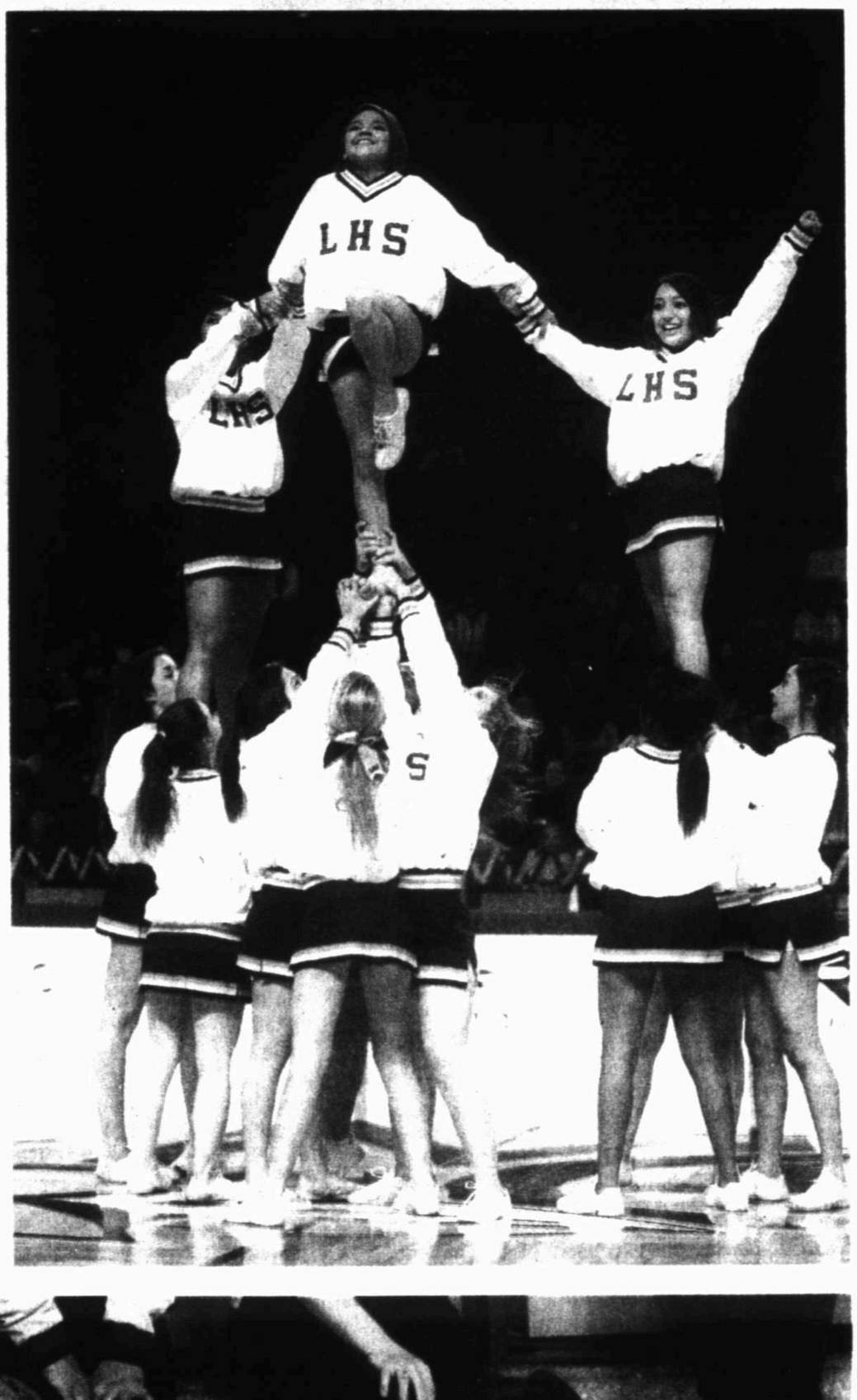

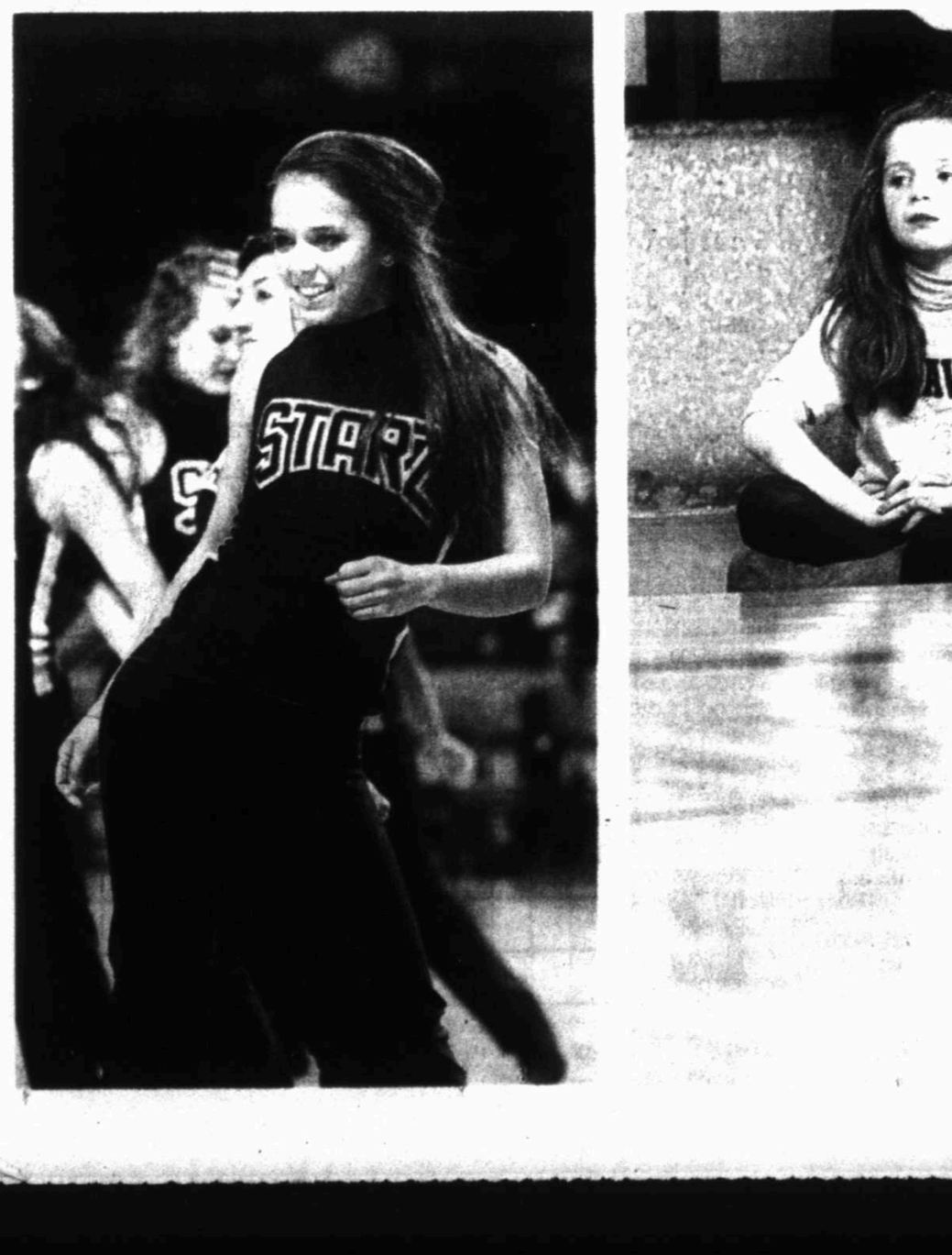

Florida St. now focused on sustaining success

By Kareem Copeland
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says winning the national championship was the culmination of a four-year process that began when he replaced Bobby Bowden as the head of the program in 2010. The next challenge is to sustain that success.

Fisher now finds himself in Bowden's old shoes where titles will be expected from a passionate fan base. Florida State beat Auburn 34-31 Monday night to win its first crown since 1999.

"You've got to go back to ground zero and you can't worry about expectations," Fisher said Tuesday. "That's the thing, once expectations get so high, is to not let complacency set in."

"It's human nature, you take winning for granted. You take success for granted," he said.

A quick glance at the roster shows why Florida State (14-0) will enter 2014 as the favorite. The Seminoles return Heisman quarterback Jameis Winston for his sophomore season and lose just three senior offensive starters. Florida State must replace four senior defensive starters and Fisher said he thinks there are up to three underclassmen who have decisions to make about a possible move to the NFL.

"The future is bright," freshman cornerback Jalen Ramsey said. "We know what it takes now. We know how it feels. We don't be disappointed next year from not being here.

"We want to make this thing a dynasty. Florida State is back to where it should always be."

That senior class was Fisher's first as head coach and was the cornerstone of the new foundation. The 2011 class, however, was widely considered the No. 1 recruiting class in the country and one of the best in school history. Then there's the 2012 class that includes Winston, another handful of starters and more young talent that had to wait their turn.

This was not an old team that will need to replace

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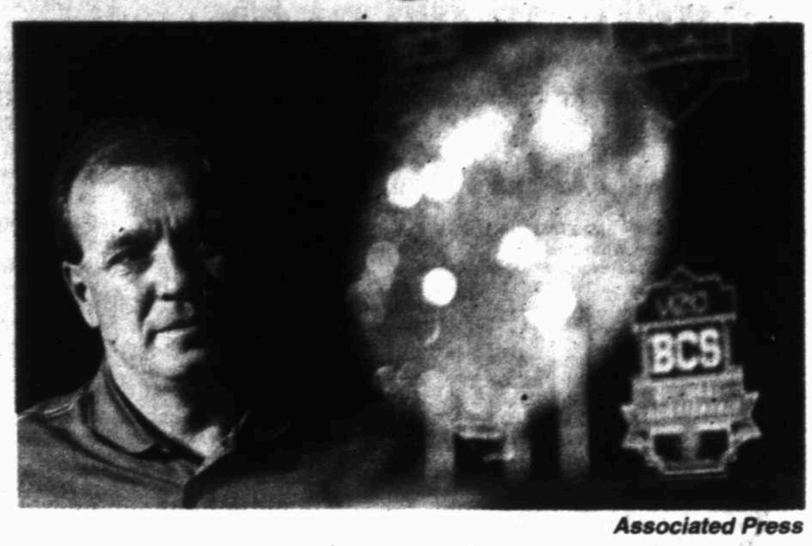

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Florida State head coach Jimbo Fisher poses with The Coaches' Trophy during a news conference for the BCS National Championship NCAA college football game Tuesday in Newport Beach, Calif. Florida State beat Auburn 34-31 to win the championship the night before.

RIVALS FACE OFF

Fast start allows Midland High to knock off Lee

Bulldogs	**60**
Rebels	45

By Len Hayward
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Shawn Rivers said the Midland High boys basketball team hadn't had a start like it did against rival Lee on Tuesday.

Finally putting together that quick start came at the right time and in the right game for the Bulldogs. Midland High jumped out to a 10-point first quarter lead and that provided all the cushion the Bulldogs needed in a 60-45 victory against their rival at Chaparral Center.

The Bulldogs kept Lee at arms length throughout the game, and never allowed the Rebels to put together an extended run. Midland High improved to 7-10 overall and bounced back to 3-4 in District 2-5A after a frustrating loss to Abilene High on Saturday.

"We've never started off like that," said Rivers, who had 12 points, five rebounds and a pair of assists on Tuesday. "Being that it's Lee and Midland High we both played hard because we are rivals. I guess we just came out harder."

The Bulldogs' energy was apparent early in the game as they jumped out to a 10-1 lead early in the game on the strength of six points from guard Will Norwood.

From that point on, the Bulldogs kept their energy up and kept making shots even with Lee defenders in their faces.

Being able to hit those shots was big for the Bulldogs to keep Lee (9-6, 4-4) playing catch up.

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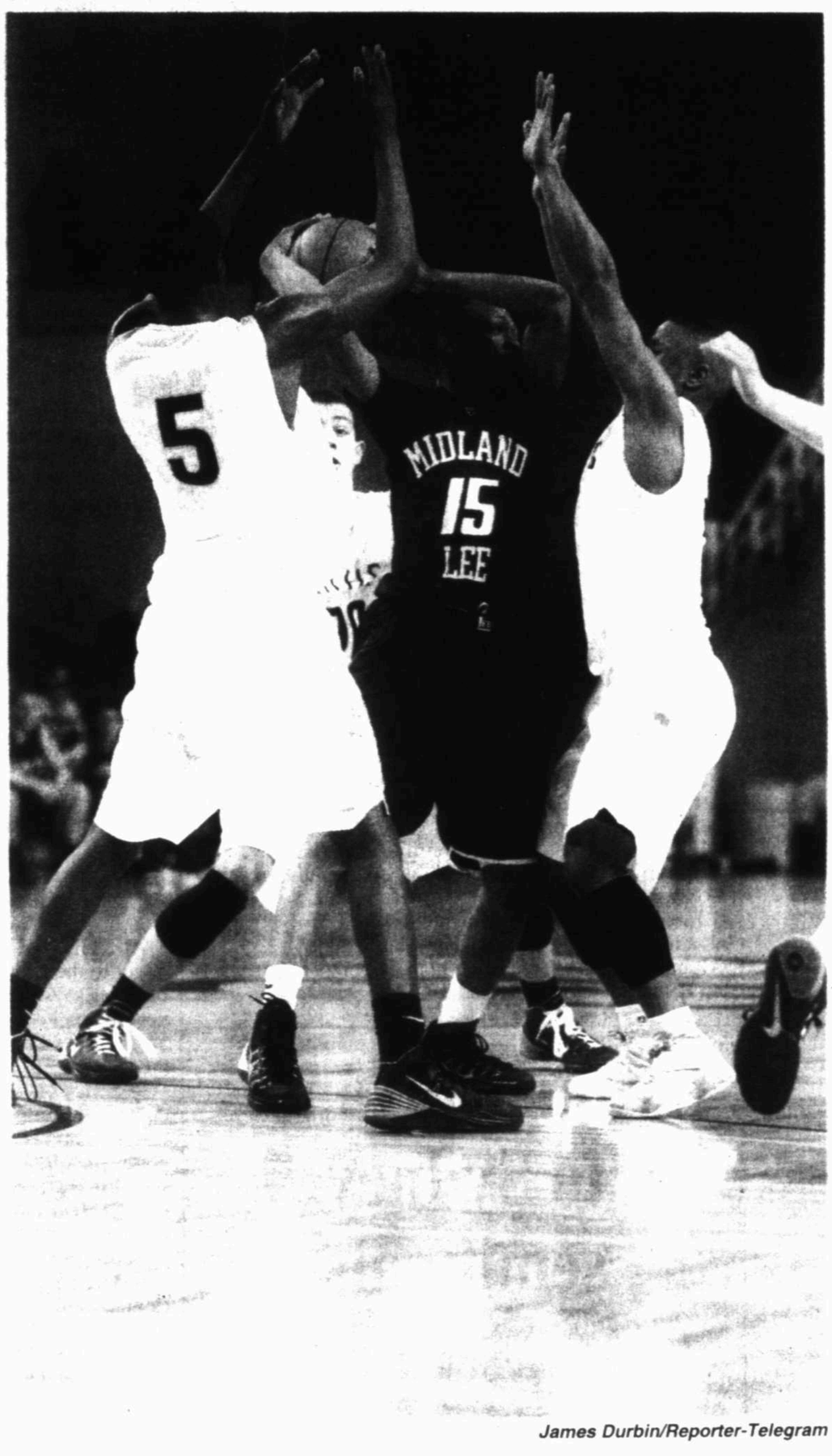

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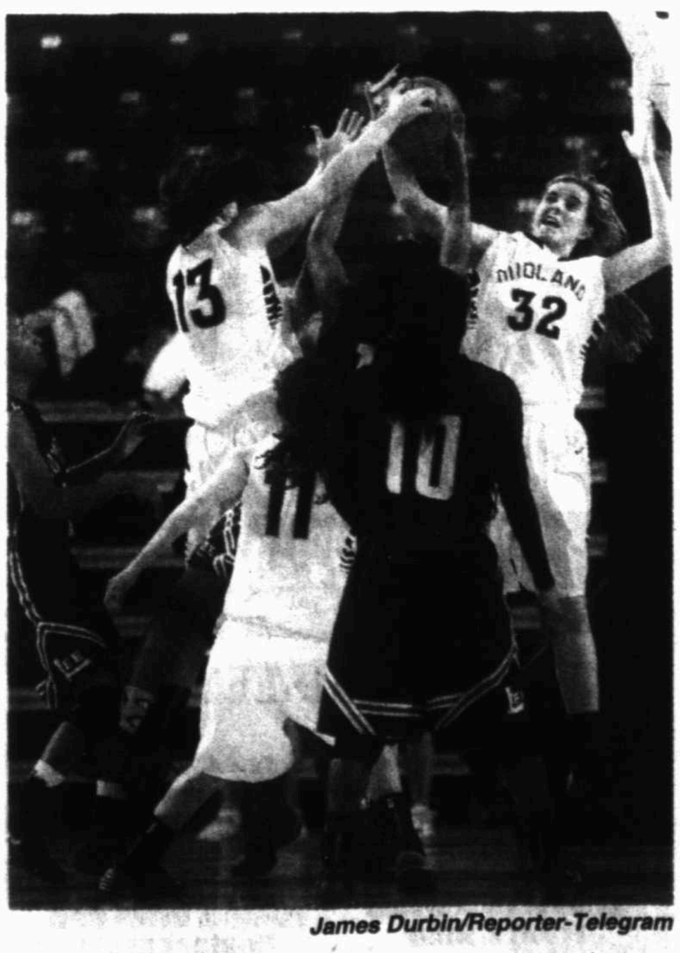
Lee's Anthony McCoy (15) looks to make a pass while under pressure from the Midland High defense on Tuesday, including Gary Ringo (5) and Shawn Rivers (right) at Chaparral Center.

Lady Dawgs get second straight win over rival Lee



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Midland High's Aubrey Elliott (13) and Claire Lancaster (32) battle for a rebound with Lee's Bri'An Washington (middle) during Tuesday's game at Chaparral Center. Lee's Daija Stanford (10) and Midland High's Miranda Mast (11) look on.

By Jonathan Hull
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Lady Bulldogs	**49**
Lady Rebels	33

There's a new winning streak in the Midland High-Lee girls basketball rivalry.

The Lady Rebels picked up their second consecutive victory against MHS on Tuesday, winning 49-33 at Chaparral Center. This after Lee (18-6, 7-2 in 2-5A) ended a 16-game losing streak to the Lady Bulldogs (9-13, 5-4) during the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic in late December.

"It feels great to be beating them now," said Lee forward Jackie Rivas, who scored 11 of her 12 points in the fourth quarter, "especially during my senior year. It was tough during that losing streak so it really feels great."

Judging by the first eight minutes of play, it didn't appear the game would come out in the Lady Rebels' favor.

Lee coach Monica Ramirez admits her Midland High counterpart Wes Torres threw her for a loop by coming out in a zone defense. The Lady Rebels looked baffled by the Lady Dawgs' zone and trailed 9-4 after the opening period.

"I'll give (Torres) some credit there. He threw me off," Ramirez said. "We didn't prepare for a zone at all. Everything they had shown this year was in a man. We haven't seen much zone at all this season and it showed."

But the Lady Rebels adjusted to Midland High's zone in the second quarter simply by using a full court press and pushing the ball quickly down the floor after a defensive rebound, preventing the Lady Dawgs from setting up in their zone.

As a result, a 15-5 Midland High lead midway through the second dissipated into a 19-18 advantage for the Lady Dawgs at halftime. Bri'An Washington scored 11 of her game-high 17 points in the second, pulling the Lady Rebels back into the game.

"That's something we harped on — getting back (on defense) when we're in a zone," Torres said. "That's something they shouldn't have been able to do, but they did. They just attacked

Please see **LADY DAWGS**/3C

No. 9 Iowa State beats No. 7 Baylor

Cyclones	**87**
Bears	72

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — DeAndre Kane had a season-high 30 points with nine assists, eight rebounds and five steals as No. 9 Iowa State rolled past No. 7 Baylor 87-72 on Tuesday night, setting a school record with its 14th straight win.

Melvin Ejim added 18 points for the Cyclones (14-0, 2-0 Big 12). They outscored Baylor 47-34 in the second half and rolled to a surprisingly decisive win over a fellow Big 12 title contender.

Kane had 17 points in the first half, helping his struggling teammates take a two-point lead. The rest of the Cyclones got untracked early in the second half and blew past the Bears with a 28-12 run.

Gary Franklin and Brady Heslip both had 15 points for Baylor (12-2, 0-1), which saw its win streak snapped at six games.

Baylor couldn't have asked for a tougher draw to open Big 12. The Cyclones had already beaten ranked teams Michigan and Iowa at home this season and entered play 39-3 in Ames since 2011-12.

The Bears hung around until early in the second half, when Iowa State slowly but surely overwhelmed yet another visitor.

The Cyclones pushed their lead to 63-51 as Kane, a senior transfer from Marshall, and Monte Morris answered what seemed like a momentum-killing 3 from Heslip with layups.

Taurean Prince was called for a flagrant foul on Kane with just under 10 minutes left. Kane hit both free throws, and Naz Long's 3 put Iowa State ahead 68-54.

This was the first matchup of top 10 teams in Ames in 13 years.

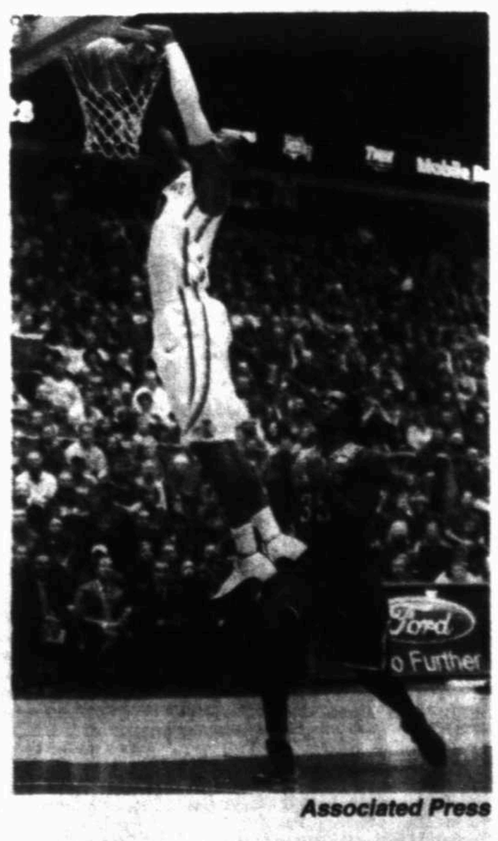
It could end up having a huge say in the Big 12 title race.

Though Baylor and Iowa State were picked to finish behind Kansas and Oklahoma State, the prospect of the Bears and Cyclones competing for the league title suddenly looks a lot more realistic than it did in November.

The Jayhawks have already lost four times. The Cowboys dropped their Big 12 opener at Kansas State in their first game without center Michael Cobbins, who's out for the season with an Achilles injury.

Meanwhile, the Bears rolled into league play with just one loss, and Iowa State's start remains the best in school history.

Baylor looked the part early, opening with three straight 3s to put the Cyclones in an early hole. But Kane kept Iowa State afloat with 15 of its first 19 points, and the Cyclones got around Baylor's size advantage by burying seven 3s for a 40-38 halftime lead.



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Iowa State guard DeAndre Kane, left, dunks the ball ahead of Baylor forward Taurean Prince during the first half on Tuesday in Ames, Iowa.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Georgetown at Providence, 6 p.m., FS1

Miami at North Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Dallas at San Antonio, 6 p.m., ESPN, FSSW

Phoenix at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

RODEO

Sandhills Rodeo, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
First place votes in parentheses

Rank	Collegiate	Record	Pts	Pvs.
1.	Northwest Florida State (30)	16-1	399	4
2.	Kilgore College	13-0	383	3
3.	South Plains College	14-1	340	2
4.	Chipola College	15-1	335	5
5.	North Platte CC	12-0	324	6
6.	Odessa College	13-1	306	8
7.	New Mexico JC	14-1	295	7
8.	Monroe College	13-1	273	12
9.	Vincennes University	12-1	248	9
10.	Iowa Western CC	16-2	240	13
11.	Utah State - Eastern Utah	16-1	236	16
12.	Coll. of Southern Idaho	16-2	224	15
13.	Hutchinson CC	13-2	191	17
14.	Columbia State CC	12-1	188	10
15.	Jones County JC	9-0	151	19
16.	Howard College	13-2	143	11
17.	McLennan CC	18-1	139	18
18.	Trinity Valley CC	15-1	116	NR
19.	Shelton State CC	14-1	96	RV
20.	Salt Lake CC	15-3	54	14
21.	Coll. of Central Florida	14-3	39	20
22.	Daytona State College	16-2	34	22
23.	Northeastern Junior College	13-2	32	21
24.	Pima Community College	12-2	29	NR
25.	Gillette College	14-2	24	23

PGA TOUR SCHEDULE

Jan. 3-6 — Hyundai Tournament of Champions (Zach Johnson)

Jan. 9-12 — Sony Open, Waialae CC, Honolulu

Jan. 16-19 — Humana Challenge, PGA West (Palmer Private, Nicklaus Private), La Quinta CC, La Quinta, Calif.

Jan. 23-26 — Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (North and South), San Diego

Jan. 30-Feb. 2 — Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Feb. 6-9 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Monterey Peninsula (Shore Course), Pebble Beach, Calif.

Feb. 13-16 — Northern Trust Open, Riviera CC, Los Angeles

Feb. 19-23 — WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, Ritz-Carlton GC at Dove Mountain, Marana, Ariz.

Feb. 27-March 2 — Honda Classic, PGA National GC, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

March 6-9 — WGC-Cadillac Championship, TPC Blue Monster at Doral, Doral, Fla.

March 6-9 — Puerto Rico Open, Trump International GC, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

March 13-16 — Valspar Championship, Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course), Palm Harbor, Fla.

March 20-23 — Arnold Palmer Invitational, Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla.

March 27-30 — Valero Texas Open, TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course), San Antonio

April 3-6 — Shell Houston Open, Redstone GC (Tournament Course), Humble, Texas.

April 10-13 — Masters Tournament, Augusta National GC, Augusta, Ga.

April 17-20 — RBC Heritage, Harbour Town GL, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

April 24-27 — Zurich Classic, TPC Louisiana, New Orleans

May 1-4 — Wells Fargo Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.

May 8-11 — The Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

May 15-18 — HP Byron Nelson Championship, TPC Four Seasons Resort, Las Colinas, Texas.

May 22-25 — Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, Colonial CC, Fort Worth, Texas

May 29-June 1 — Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village GC, Dublin, Ohio

June 5-8 — FedEx St. Jude Classic, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.

June 12-15 — U.S. Open, Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst, N.C.

June 19-22 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Hartford, Conn.

June 26-29 — AT&T National, Congressional CC (Blue Course), Bethesda, Md.

July 3-6 — The Greenbrier Classic, The Greenbrier (The Old White TPC), White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

July 10-13 — John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.

July 17-20 — The Open Championship, Royal Liverpool, Hoylake, England

July 24-27 — RBC Canadian Open, Royal Montreal GC, Ile-Bizard, Quebec

July 31-Aug. 3 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone CC (South Course),Akron, Ohio

July 31-Aug. 3 — Reno-Tahoe Open, Montreaux Golf & CC, Reno, Nev.

Aug. 7-10 — PGA Championship, Valhalla GC, Louisville, Ky.

Aug. 14-17 — Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, N.C.

Aug. 21-24 — The Barclays, Ridgewood CC, Paramus, N.J.

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass.

Sept. 4-7 — BMW Championship, Cherry Hills CC, Cherry Hills Village, Colo.

Sept. 11-14 — Tour Championship, East Lake GC, Atlanta

Sept. 26-28 — Ryder Cup, Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, Scotland

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with C Ramon Hernandez on a minor league contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jesse Chavez on a one-year contract

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated OF Jerry Sands for assignment. Claimed LHP Pedro Figueroa off waivers from Oakland.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with OFs Shaky Albert and Julio Lugo, Cs Hendrik Clementina and Gersel Pitre and RHP Misja Harcksen.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with INF Robert Andino on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Assigned RHP Adys Portillo outright to San Antonio (TL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Valerie J. Camilo chief revenue and marketing officer.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Matt Padgett and RHP Josh Hildebrand.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Dan Kaczrowski.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Traded INF Anthony Kaskadden to Fargo-Moorhead for C Todd Jennings.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released RHP Chris Allen. Signed RHP John Brebota.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Waved C Andrew Bynum.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Waived F Shawne Williams.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Sent F Ryan Gomes to Boston and cash considerations to Memphis, who sent conditional second-round draft picks in 2014 and 2017 to Oklahoma City and G Jarryd Bayless to Boston. Boston sent G Courtney Lee and a 2016 second-round draft pick to Memphis.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Waved C Daniel Orton.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed TEs Brett Brackett and Andre Hardy and G Christian Johnson to reserve/future contracts.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed OT Aaron Adams, CB Antonio Dennard, C Garth Gerhart, WR Alex Gillett, RB Orwin Smith, LB Chase Thomas, G Andrew Tiller and T Jeremy Vujnovich.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Fired Rick Dennison, offensive coordinator; Perry Carter, assistant defensive backs coach; Karl Dorrell, quarterbacks coach; Dan Hammerschmidt, offensive assistant coach; Chick Harris, running backs coach; Reggie Herring, linebackers coach; Vance Joseph, defensive backs coach; Bobby King, assistant linebackers coach; Larry Kirksey, wide receivers coach; Marc Lubick, assistant wide receivers coach; Brian Pariani, tight ends coach; Jim Ryan, assistant offensive line coach; Matt Scholtz, assistant strength and conditioning coach; Cedric Smith, strength and conditioning coach and Jeff Zgonina, assistant defensive line coach.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Fired Jeff Ireland general manager.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LB Ja'Gared Davis from the practice squad and WR Reggie Dunn to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed TE Daniel Fells, WR Preston Parker, LB Spencer Adkins, OL Troy Kropog and PK/P Brandon McManus.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WR David Gettis, P Robert Malone, RB Davin Meggett, LB Gabe Miller, CB Ryan Mouton, TE Richard Quinn, OL Tevita Stevens and DB Peyton Thompson to reserve/future contracts.

Canadian Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Signed QB Adrian McPherson.

MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Signed DB Ed Gainey to a three-year contract.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Pat Tracey special teams coordinator and Markus Howell wide receivers coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Placed D Bryan Allen on injured reserve. Recalled D Nolan Yonkman from Norfolk (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled F Tanner Pearson from Manchester (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD — Loaned D Matt Dumba to Portland (WHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Reassigned G Robert Mayer to Hamilton (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Released F Philip-Michael Devos from a professional tryout contract.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned G Mike Condon and D Drew Schiestel to Wheeling (ECHL).

PEORIA RIVERMEN — Assigned D Nick Wheeler and F Phil Bushbacher to Cincinnati (ECHL). Agreed to terms with F Jeremiah Ketts on an SPHL three-game tryout.

WORCESTER SHARKS — Signed F Yanni Gourde to a professional tryout agreement and F Tyler Gron to a two-way AHL/ECHL contract. Loaned F's Riley Brace and Sebastian Stalberg to San Francisco (ECHL).

ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Traded D James Isaacs to Greenville for future considerations. Signed D Matt Walters.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY — Acquired F Samuel on loan from Fiumnese (Brazil) Serie A.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Re-signed F Frederic Piquionne.

North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed M Danny Szetela to a contract extension.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffrey one game and fined the school $10,000 for his violating the conference's sportsmanship policy during Sunday's game.

AUBURN — Announced OT Greg Robinson will enter the NFL draft.

HOFSTRA — Agreed to terms with men's lacrosse coach Seth Tierney on a multiyear contract extension.

MISSOURI — Announced RB Henry Josey will enter the NFL draft.

NORTHWESTERN — Announced men's basketball C Chier Ajou is transferring.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Named Kylie Steele volleyball coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 6:50 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 58 of 78 trails 75% open, 460 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Thu, 9a-4p, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Fri Reopen 1/10 loose granular machine groomed 19-19 base 2 of 44 trails 5% open, 1 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Red River — Tue 7:35 am packed powder machine groomed 21-24 base 51 of 57 trails 90% open, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Fri Reopen 1/10 packed powder machine groomed 20-20 base 34 of 39 trails 88% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Sipapu — Mon 9:51 pm MG machine groomed 18-25 base 30 of 41 trails, 74% open 160 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Tue 7:29 am variable machine groomed 15-18 base 48 of 55 trails 88% open, 525 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 1:52 pm packed powder machine groomed 37-37 base 72 of 77 trails 94% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Tue 5:53 am packed powder machine groomed 34-36 base 107 of 113 trails, 95% open 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Enchanted Forest XC — Sun 7:00 pm packed powder machine groomed 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 5:39 am packed powder machine groomed 40-40 base 59 of 109 trails 55% open, 495 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Tue 4:38 am packed powder machine groomed 40-54 base 118 of 124 trails 95% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Tue 4:36 am packed powder machine groomed 31-34 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Tue 7:32 am powder machine groomed 41-41 base 140 of 150 trails 94% open, 1641 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Tue 7:38 am powder machine groomed 52-52 base 157 of 187 trails 84% open, 2382 acres, 33 of 34 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Tue 4:37 am packed powder machine groomed 28-28 base 41 of 44 trails 94% open, 452 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:17 am powder machine groomed 43-43 base 132 of 140 trails 93% open, 1922 acres, 22 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Tue 4:42 am powder machine groomed 43-43 base 93 of 121 trails 78% open, 890 acres, 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Tue 5:37 am packed powder machine groomed 30-30 base 40 of 53 trails, 76% open 11 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details

Keystone — Tue 7:37 am powder machine groomed 37-37 base 104 of 135 trails 78% open, 2191 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Loveland — Tue 7:42 am powder machine groomed 43-43 base 69 of 93 trails 75% open, 1084 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Monarch — Tue 2:45 pm packed powder machine groomed 43-43 base 60 of 82 trails, 97% open 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Tue 7:12 am packed powder machine groomed 42-42 base 33 of 44 trails 75% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Tue 5:19 am packed powder machine groomed 33-37 base 87 of 88 trails, 99% open, 1360 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Silverton Mountain — Tue 7:46 am powder, 40-100 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p; Open Thu-Sun;

Ski Cooper — Tue 7:12 am powder machine groomed 30-30 base 35 of 35 trails 100% open, 400 acres, 3 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Ski Granby Ranch — Tue 5:14 am packed powder machine groomed 22-25 base 35 of 41 trails 86% open, 360 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, 5p-8p Sun: 9a-4p;

Snowmass — Tue 4:39 am packed powder machine groomed 31-44 base 90 of 94 trails, 96% open 3012 acres, 15 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

GREENWOOD 66 SWEETWATER 18

Amanda Bell scored a game-high 27 points to lead the Greenwood girls basketball team to a blowout victory over Sweetwater at Greenwood High School.

The Rangerettes (6-14, 2-0 in District 4-3A) stayed unbeaten in league play thanks to holding Sweetwater (1-1 in district) to single digits in each quarter. Greenwood took a 35-10 halftime lead.

Oriana Ortiz and Callie Gilbert added eight points each for the Rangerettes, who next play at Snyder on Friday.

GREENWOOD 66, SWEETWATER 18					
Sweetwater (1-1 in District 4-3A) — Jones 3, McPherson 9, Brown 1, Knox 5					
Greenwood (6-14, 2-0) — Jesse Webber 4, Regan Shockley 4, Kali Zimmerman 4, Layne Banks 1, Amanda Bell 27, Oriana Ortiz 8, Morgan McKee 5, Cylie Mebane 1, Grace Sunderland 4, Callie Gilbert 8					
Sweetwater	4	6	1	7	— 18
Greenwood	12	23	15	16	— 66

Free throws — SHS 10-23, GHS 22-27.
3-point goals — GHS 4 (Bell 2, Ortiz, McKee). Total fouls — SHS 21, GHS 20. Fouled out — Jones, Brown.
Next game: Greenwood at Snyder, 6:15 p.m. Friday

NEW WAY CHRISTIAN 48 NO. 2 MCA 47

Roeshonda Patterson scored a game-high 27 points to lead New Way Christian to a close non-district victory over Midland Classical Academy.

Kayla Beattie had 16 points and Kristen Johnson added 10 for the Lady Knights (10-6).

NEW WAY CHRISTIAN 48, NO. 2 MCA 47					
New Way — Patterson 27, Smith 5, Collins 5, Griffin 6, Wright 5					
MCA (10-6) — McKenzie Griffin 2, Alissa Beattie 5, Kristen Johnson 10, Kayla Beattie 16, Rachel Long 4, Delanie Griffin 8					
New Way	13	14	17	4	— 48
MCA	16	15	5	11	— 47

Free throws — NWC 3-6, MCA 6-14. 3-point goals — NWC 6 (Patterson 2, Smith, Collins, Griffin, Wright), MCA 3 (K. Beattie 2, A. Beattie). Total fouls — NWC 14, MCA 10. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Lubbock Christian at MCA, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

NO. 18 GRADY 77 LOOP 18

LENORAH — Grady had no trouble in its District 6-A Division II game against Loop on Tuesday as the Lady Wildcats stayed unbeaten in league play.

Brittney Garza scored a game-high 25 points and Lupita Jimenez added 18 as Grady jumped out to a 25-3 lead in the first quarter and a 42-11 lead at the half.

NO. 18 GRADY 77, LOOP 18					
Loop (1-14, 0-6) — H. Rios 7, A. Esquivel 6, E. Armendariz 3, S. Ollaberry 2					
Grady (11-8, 6-0) — Brittney Garza 25, Lupita Jimenez 18, Kristen Blocker 9, Sadie Fields 7, Jenny Fields 7, Faith Hunt 6, Carli Richards 3, Laura Ramirez 2					
Loop	3	8	4	3	— 18
Grady	25	17	16	19	— 77

Free throws — Loop 3-12, Grady 4-6. 3-point goals — Loop 3 (Esquivel 2, Armendariz), Grady 11 (Jimenez 4, Blocker 3, Garza, J. Fields, Richards, S. Fields). Total fouls — Loop 6, Grady 11. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Grady at Dawson, 6:30 p.m. Friday

COLORADO CITY 61 STANTON 42

STANTON — Colorado City's strong start propeled the Lady Wolves to roll past Stanton in a District 4-2A game at Stanton High School.

Colorado City (8-7, 1-1) jumped out to a 22-10 lead after the first quarter and had a 35-20 halftme advantage.

Pallyn Grable had nine points to lead Stanton, which next plays at Coahoma on Friday.

COLORADO CITY 61, STANTON 42					
Colorado City (8-7, 1-1) — Kimbie 37, Merket 9, Lindsey 8, Sutton 6, Munoz 1					
Stanton (10-9, 0-2) — Pallyn Grable 9, Kaitlyn Nichols 8, Hannah Franklin 8, Bayli Bamhill 7, Amber Peterson 6, Madison Graves 2					
Colorado City	22	13	12	14	— 61
Stanton	10	10	9	13	— 42

Free throws — CC 12-23, SHS 8-17. 3-point goals — CC 1 (Lindsey), SHS 2 (Barnhill, Peterson). Total fouls — CC 13, SHS 17. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Stanton at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 20 BIG SPRING 58 SNYDER 46

BIG SPRING — A dominant third quarter allowed No. 20 Big Spring to take control of its District 4-3A matchup against Snyder on Tuesday.

The game was tied at 25 at halftime, but Big Spring outscored Snyder 20-9 in the third, leading to a Lady Steers' victory.

Julianna Rodriguez led Big Spring with 14 points, while Autumn Minter scored 11 and Jackie Castillo added 10.

Big Spring (14-4, 1-1) in 4-3A) hosts No. 4 Abilene Wylie at 6:15 p.m. Friday.

NO. 20 BIG SPRING 58, SNYDER 46					
Snyder (9-8, 0-2 in 4-3A) — Clemer 13, Guzman 8, C. Lambraen 7, Camzales 7, D. Lambraen 5, Garza 3, Bonilla 3					
Big Spring (14-4, 1-1) — Julianna Rodriguez 14, Autumn Minter 11, Jackie Castillo 10, Alexis Cansino 6, Dynshae Vanderbilt 6, Stefanie Diaz 5, Shawntee Lacy 4, Damonique Mayes 2					
Snyder	10	15	9	12	— 46
Big Spring	10	15	20	13	— 58

Free throws — Snyder 20-27, BS 14-21. 3-point goals — Snyder 2 (Pierce, Guzman), BS 2 (Minter, Diaz). Total fouls — Snyder 19, BS 21. Fouled out — C. Lambraen
Next: Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, 6:15 p.m. Friday

NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 63 ROBERT LEE 13

GARDEN CITY — Garden City made quick work of District 14-A, Division II rival Robert Lee on Friday, holding the Lady Steers to just 13 points in the win.

The Lady Bearkats were led by Holly Halfmann's 23 points, while Brylie Schaefer added 19. Robert Lee trailed 31-5 at halftime and then didn't manage to score a point in the third period, leading to a 54-5 lead for Garden City heading into the fourth quarter.

Garden City (19-1, 6-0 in 14-A Division II) puts it unblemished district record on the line at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a visit to Paint Rock.

NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 63, ROBERT LEE 13					
Robert Lee — Kassie Odell 1, Blanca Hutilla 3, Karlee Roach 2, Brady Blossom 5, Ann Hutilla 2					
Garden City (19-1, 6-0 in District 14-A, Division II) — Hope Halfmann 6, Kamie Hallmann 3, Brylie Schaefer 19, Hannah Halfmann 6, Carlie Hollingsworth 4, Lexie Schaefer 2, Holly Halfmann 23					
Robert Lee	2	3	0	8	— 13
Garden City	14	17	23	9	— 63

Free throws — RL 3-8, GC 3-3. 3-point goals — RL 0, GC 5 (Hope Halfmann, B. Shaefer 3, Hol. Halfmann). Total fouls — RL 7, GC 8. Fouled out — None.
Next: Garden City at Paint Rock, 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Boys

GREENWOOD 58 LAMESA 52

LAMESA — Grant Franklin scored a game-high 26 points to lead Greenwood to a non-district victory over Lamesa.

Logan Knapp added 12 for the Rangers, who came back from a 30-18 halftime deficit. Greenwood out-scored Lamesa 40-22 in the second half.

The Rangers begin District 4-3A play Friday with a road game at Snyder.

GREENWOOD 58, LAMESA 52					
Greenwood — Jeremy Strickland 9, Grant Franklin 26, Alex Jaramillo-Montes 5, Josh Tualla 8, Logan Knapp 12					
Lamesa (8-6) — Dre Smiley 7, KJ Hunteil 6, Kendrick Hunter 3, Heath Dennigton 2, Jaleel Edwards 6, Tyquail Maxwell 3, Darius Jackson 6, Jahlani Edwards 17, Quade Douglas 2					
Greenwood	7	11	20	20	— 58
Lamesa	16	14	10	12	— 52

Free throws — GHS 20-36, LHS 11-34. 3-point goals — GHS 6 (Strickland 2, Franklin 4), LHS 3 (Smiley, Hunter, Jal. Edwards). Total fouls — GHS 25, LHS 27. Fouled out — GHS: Brandon Elliott. LHS: Jal. Edwards.
Next game: Greenwood at Snyder, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

PECOS 48 STANTON 36

PECOS — Fabian Tarin scored a game-high 21 points to lead Pecos to a non-district victory over Stanton.

Stanton was led by K.J. Glaspie with 10 points.

Pecos had a 28-21 halftime lead and then outscored Stanton 9-4 in the third to put the game away.

PECOS 48, STANTON 36					
STANTON — Jonathan Ramos 6, Drew Snellgrove 5, Austin Bird 5, Nathan Swigert 4, K.J. Glaspie 10, Mason Myrick 4					
PECOS (13-8) — Jamol Windham 5, Isaiah Carrasco 10, Fabian Tarin 21, David Sandova 2, Anthony Legarda 5, Zack Gomez 4, Ramon Mendoza 1					
Stanton	10	11	4	11	— 36
Pecos	16	12	9	11	— 48

Free throws — SHS 4-4, PHS 5-11. 3-Point goals — Stanton 2 (Snellgrove, Bird), Pecos 3 (Carrasco 2, Tarin). Total fouls — Stanton 10, Pecos 9. Fouled out — Ramos.

NO. 17 GARDEN CITY 49 ROBERT LEE 12

GARDEN CITY — Garden City shut out Robert Lee in two of the four quarters as the Bearkats rolled to a victory in District 14-A Division II play.

Braden Jones had a game-high 19 points and Corbin Davis added 13 for the Bearkats, who improved to 9-6, 3-1.

NO. 17 GARDEN CITY 49, ROBERT LEE 12					
Robert Lee (2-2 in District 14-A, Division II) — Will Howell 5, Everett Wilson 3, Elhain Olghin 2, James Roberts 2					
Garden City (9-6, 3-1) — Braden Jones 19, Corbin Davis 13, Dillon Koenning 7, Sam Miller 6, Juan Bustos 4					
Robert Lee	0	4	0	8	— 12
Garden City	18	9	14	8	— 49

Free throws — RL 3-8, GC 3-3. 3-point goals — RL 1 (Howard), GC 2 (Jones, Koenning). Total fouls — RL 8, GC 4. Fouled out — None.
Next game: Garden City at Paint Rock, 8 p.m. Friday

NO. 18 GRADY 88 LOOP 22

LENORAH — Grady started fast and never looked back in defeating Loop in a District 6-A Division II game.

Grady's Aaron Perez and Beau Lucas led all scorers with 14 points each. Grady improved to 11-4 overall and 4-0 in district while Loop is still looking for its first district win.

NO. 18 GRADY 88, LOOP 22					
Loop (0-4 in District 6-A Division II) — C Scott6, L. Scott3, Burrola 2, C Bodey 8, Turpin 1					
Grady (11-4, 4-0) — Cameron Seiffert 6, Kyle Garza 10, Aaron Perez 14, Joseph Briseno 13, EJ Rodriguez 13, Taylor Polson 6, Alejandro Jimenez 9, Beau Lucas 14, Cole Avery 3					
Loop	7	4	5	6	— 22
Grady	25	21	19	23	— 88

Free Throws — Loop 1-7, Grady 9-16. 3point goals — Loop 3 (C Scott 2, L Scott), Grady 9 (Briseno, Rodriguez 2, Jimenez 2, Lucas 3, Avery 1). Total fouls — Loop 14, Grady 8. Fouled out —none
Next game Grady at Dawson, 8 p.m. Friday

UTPB beats Arlington Baptist

From staff reports

ODESSA — The UTPB men's basketball team defeated Arlington Baptist, 81-72, in an exhibition game at the Falcon Dome on Tuesday.

UTPB, which had a 34-29 halftime lead, shot 56 percent from the floor while holding Arlington Baptist to 33.8 percent shooting.

The Falcons were led Dwayne Soders with 15 points, Jonathan Uribe had 14 and Keith Martin added 12.

Raphael Garcia had a game-high 24 points for Arlington Baptist, Jeremiah Ford added 13.

Kvitova advances to Sydney semifinals

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Former Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova advanced to the Sydney International semifinals on Wednesday with a 7-6 (4), 6-2 victory over fellow Czech player Lucie Safarova.

Kvitova, the second seed, will play the winner of the quarterfinal being played later Wednesday between Italy's Sara Errani and Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova.

In other women's play at the Australian Open warm-up tournament, defending champion Elena Vesnina retired from her second-round match at the Hobart International with a back injury. Spanish qualifier Estrella Cabeza Candela was leading the match 4-6, 6-2, 4-1 when Vesnina quit.

Vesnina claimed her first WTA title in Hobart last year and was looking to become the first back-to-back winner in the event's 21-year history.

In men's play at Sydney, Australian wild card Marinko Matosevic upset third-seeded Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals. Defending champion Bernard Tomic was scheduled to play his second-round match later Wednesday.

At the ATP's Heineken Open in Auckland, New Zealand, American wild card Jack Sock got the biggest win of his career when he beat second-seeded Tommy Hass 6-4, 6-4 in the second round.

The 21-year-old Sock is 14 years younger than Haas and his ranking is nearly 90 places lower than the 12th-ranked German. But Sock started strongly and got early breaks in both sets to pull off the upset.

Sock will face Roberto Batista Agut in Thursday's quarterfinals after the Spaniard beat sixth-seeded Benoit Paire of France 6-3, 6-4.

Third-seeded American John Isner also progressed to the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-2 win over Lucas Lacko of Slovakia. Isner's participation in the tournament had been in doubt because of an ankle injury, but he seemed fit in a match that lasted nearly two hours.

American qualifier Steve Johnson beat Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-4 in a first-round match held over from Tuesday because of rain.

In the men's exhibition tournament at Kooyong, former home of the Australian Open, Tomas Berdych, the No. 7-ranked Czech, beat Spain's Fernando Verdasco 7-5, 6-2.

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Prominent Texas donor McCombs criticizes Strong hire

Associated Press

AUSTIN— A billionaire donor to the University of Texas says the hire of new football coach Charlie Strong was like a "kick in the face."

Red McCombs has donated millions to Texas, and his name is on the north side of the football stadium. He publicly lobbied for Texas to hire Jon Gruden.

Hours after Strong was introduced Monday at a campus news conference, McCombs, the former owner of the Minnesota Vikings and the San Antonio Spurs, complained to KZDC-AM in San Antonio that he was ignored in the coaching search.

"I think it is a kick in the face," McCombs said. "Beyond the fact of what actually happened. We have boosters that have a lot of knowledge about the game."

McCombs said prominent donors had a lot of input when Texas hired Mack Brown in 1997. This time, the coaching search was led by new athletic director Steve Patterson.

McCombs said Texas got the selection "wrong" and that Strong would be a good position coach or coordinator. He later said he would support Strong and wished him well when they spoke by phone Sunday night.

Patterson said Tuesday that Strong was the best choice. McCombs did not immediately return a telephone message.

"Like in any large, diverse organization there will be varying opinions," Patterson said. "The job of a senior executive is to take all of those views into account and made the best decision for the organization as a whole."

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UTEP: 3 basketball players involved in betting

Associated Press

EL PASO — Three players for UTEP's men's basketball team bet on at least one sporting event, a university official said Tuesday, and they are no longer enrolled at the school.

It doesn't appear that the players bet on UTEP games or participated in point-shaving to influence the outcome for bettors, said Richard Adauto, the university's executive vice president. He said university officials did not suspect anyone else on the team of gambling.

"We think we have cleaned up what we found and heard," Adauto said.

The three players are McKenzie Moore, Justin Crosgile and Jalen Ragland. Adauto said they are no longer enrolled at the school.

Coach Tim Floyd said he learned about the alleged gambling when he received a "random tip. I've lived in this town for 22 years." He then called athletic director Bob Stull, who contacted Adauto.

They decided to contact the FBI, which confirmed it is investigating.

"It's an ongoing investigation based on a referral from the El Paso Police Department, and the three gentlemen (Floyd, Adauto and Stull) who were at the press conference today," said Michael Martinez, FBI spokesman in El Paso. "We commend them on their prompt action and continuing cooperation."

Moore, a junior college transfer from Pleasant Hill, Calif., was averaging 13.1 points and 4.5 rebounds a game. Crosgile and Ragland had smaller roles, but Floyd said he had expected all three players to contribute to this year's team, which is 10-5 with Conference USA play starting Thursday against Charlotte.

"I'm crushed personally that this is happened," Floyd said.

The NCAA declined to comment on the UTEP case. In a prepared statement, the NCAA said no campus is immune from the threat of sports gambling and for that reason it has outreach programs and enforcement efforts to prevent and identify sports wagering and point shaving.

Floyd is in his third year with the Miners, trying to rebuild the program where he was an assistant under Don Haskins from 1978-86. In his first year, UTEP went 25-10 and made the NIT. The Miners slipped to 15-17 in his second season and went 18-14 last year, good enough for third in CUSA.

Floyd arrived in El Paso after serving as an assistant coach with the New Orleans Hornets. Before that, he led Southern California to three straight 20-win seasons and three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. But he quit in 2009 after he was accused of giving $1,000 in cash to a middleman who helped steer O.J. Mayo to the school.

Floyd has steadfastly denied the allegations while the school wound up banning itself from postseason play and throwing out the wins from Mayo's lone season with the Trojans in 2007-08.

While USC self-imposed sanctions on its basketball program over Mayo's recruitment, the NCAA did not find any violations committed by Floyd. When he became UTEP's coach in 2010, Floyd said he wanted it to be clear that his resignation from USC was "not an admission of guilt."

Adauto said the incident should not damage the image of the coach or the basketball program.

"This is a reflection on individuals who did a stupid thing," he said. "You can't control people who do stupid things."

Associated Press

Kansas State guard Marcus Foster (2) drives against TCU forward Brandon Parrish (11) during the second half in Fort Worth, on Tuesday. Kansas State won 65-47.

COLLEGE HOOPS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 25 KANSAS STATE 65 TCU 47

FORT WORTH — Thomas Gipson scored 19 points, Marcus Foster added 16 and No. 25 Kansas State ran its winning streak to 10 games with a 65-47 victory over TCU on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats (12-3, 2-0 Big 12), who made their way into the Top 25 for the first time this season on Monday, played their first true road game of the season.

Amric Fields scored 14 points and Kyan Anderson added 12 for TCU (9-5, 0-2), which trailed 31-21 at halftime.

The Horned Frogs used a 10-2 run to get within 36-33 with 13:45 to play, but Kansas State responded with a 9-3 run — keyed by a wide-open 3-pointer by Shane Southwell — and the Wildcats' lead wouldn't dip below seven points for the rest of the game.

Foster, the reigning Big 12 newcomer of the week, hit two 3-pointers in a one-minute span late in the second half. The Wildcats hit 7 of 15 3-pointers overall.

TCU, which is 6-1 this season when out-rebounding its opponent, were pounded on the glass with Kansas State finishing with a 37-21 advantage.

Powerful dunks by Gipson and Wesley Iwundu gave Kansas State a 20-10 lead with less than 6 minutes to play in the first half. TCU's next possession ended with a layup by Jarvis Ray and that ended a span of just three points in nearly 11 minutes for the Horned Frogs.

The Wildcats went ahead 31-17 with 1:12 to play on a dunk by Gipson, but Anderson's layup made it 31-21 as time expired in the first half.

CINCINNATI 61 HOUSTON 60

HOUSTON — Sean Kilpatrick had 17 points as the Cincinnati Bearcats withstood a Houston rally in the second half to pull out a 61-60 win over the Cougars Tuesday night for their seventh straight win.

Jermaine Sanders added 11 points on 4 of 6 shooting, and Titus Rubles chipped in 7 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Bearcats (14-2, 3-0 American), which shot 37 percent from the field and 53 percent from the free throw line.

Brandon Morris led Houston (10-6, 2-1) with 17 points on 5 of 8 shooting from behind the arc. Jherrod Stiggers had 11 off the bench, and TaShawn Thomas added 10 points and nine rebounds for Houston, which saw its three-game winning streak snapped.

Houston hit 7 of 10 from behind the arc in the second half, shooting 47 percent for the game, but hit 9 of 18 from the free throw line, including 3 of 9 in the second half.

Kilpatrick hit one of two free throws to up Cincinnati's lead to 59-54 with 51 seconds left. Stiggers was fouled shooting a 3-pointer with 33 seconds remaining, but hit just one of three free throws.

Justin Jackson missed both free throws for Cincinnati, and Thomas grabbed the rebound and his basket cut the lead to 59-57 with 12 seconds remaining.

Women

UCONN 90 HOUSTON 40

STORRS, Conn. — Breanna Stewart scored 24 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked six shots to lead top-ranked UConn to a 90-40 rout of Houston in the first meeting between the two programs.

The sophomore, who earned her second USA Basketball female athlete of the year honor Tuesday, also had four assists while playing just 21 minutes for Connecticut (16-0, 4-0 American).

Morgan Tuck added a career-high 19 points and Stefanie Dolson had eight points, nine rebounds and a career-high seven blocked shots.

The Huskies tied a team record with 17 blocks.

Alecia Smith and Marche Amerson each had 11 to lead Houston. The Cougars (4-11, 0-4) lost their fourth straight game since coach Todd Buchanan abruptly resigned last month citing personal reasons.

Houston became the 76th straight team to fall to Connecticut in their first meeting with the Huskies.

Houston's Yasmeen Thompson scored the game's first basket on a layup to give the Cougars what would be their only lead. UConn scored the next 18 points and never looked back, holding Houston without a point for just under 5 minutes.

The Huskies had six blocked shots during that run.

A 3-pointer from Tuck and a layup by Kiah Stokes made it 39-5 midway through the first half. Stokes finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's Scores

Men

SOUTHWEST

Cincinnati 61, Houston 60
Kansas St. 65, TCU 47
Mary Hardin-Baylor 76, Concordia-Austin 7

MIDWEST

Creighton 81, DePaul 62
Green Bay 98, Chicago St. 62
Iowa St. 87, Baylor 72
Michigan St. 72, Ohio St. 68, OT
NC State 77, Notre Dame 70
St. Olaf 71, Concordia (Moor.) 61
Youngstown St. 75, Ill.-Chicago 62

SOUTH

Alabama 68, Vanderbilt 63
Asbury 94, Berea 86
Benedict 76, LeMoyne-Owen 63
Coll. of Charleston 75, James Madison 61
Duke 79, Georgia Tech 57
Middle Tennessee 74, Tennessee St. 66
NC Central 74, Hampton 61
Syracuse 72, Virginia Tech 52
Tennessee 68, LSU 50

EAST

Baruch 69, Brooklyn 61
Boston U. 55, Navy 32
Brown 72, New Hampshire 68
Castleton St. 92, Colby-Sawyer 67
Dominican (NY) 96, Daemen 90, OT
Gordon 76, W. New England 64
Hartford 68, Dartmouth 56
SUNY-IT 95, Utica 77
Saint Louis 59, Rhode Island 58
York (NY) 94, CCNY 72

EXHIBITION

Finlandia 83, Northland 60

Women

SOUTHWEST

SMU 80, Memphis 75, 2OT

MIDWEST

E. Illinois 75, E. Kentucky 71
Rutgers 78, Cincinnati 58
W. Michigan 82, Buffalo 72

SOUTH

Delaware St. 75, NJIT 72, OT
South Florida 64, Temple 51
Winthrop 68, NC Central 46

EAST

Marist 78, Siena 60
New Hampshire 58, Yale 53
UConn 90, Houston 40

Today's schedules

TODAY

SOUTHWEST

Kansas at Oklahoma, 6 p.m.
Texas at Oklahoma St., 8 p.m.
Arkansas at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.

EAST

UMBC at Albany (NY), 6 p.m.
N. Illinois at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Stony Brook at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Delaware, 6 p.m.
Fordham at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
St. Peter's at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Colgate at Holy Cross, 6 p.m.
Bucknell at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Army at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Penn St., 6 p.m.
Georgetown at Providence, 6 p.m.
Villanova at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
Richmond at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Harvard at UConn, 6 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at UMass, 6 p.m.
Vermont at Yale, 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at American U., 6:30 p.m.

SOUTH

High Point at Campbell, 6 p.m.
Murray St. at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Winthrop at Presbyterian, 6 p.m.
Liberty at Radford, 6 p.m.
Longwood at VMI, 6 p.m.
Wake Forest at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Drexel at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at SC State, 6:30 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Miami at North Carolina, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Akron at Ball St., 6 p.m.
E. Michigan at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland St., 6 p.m.
Ohio at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oakland, 6 p.m.
Toledo at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Missouri St. at Bradley, 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Loyola of Chicago, 7 p.m.
Georgia at Missouri, 7 p.m.
Illinois St. at Wichita St., 7 p.m.
Indiana St. at Drake, 7:05 p.m.
N. Iowa at Evansville, 7:05 p.m.
Illinois at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Colorado vs. Washington St. at Spokane (Wash.) Arena, 8 p.m.
Nevada at UNLV, 8:15 p.m.
Colorado St. at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
Air Force at Fresno St., 9:05 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 10 p.m.
Boise St. at San Diego St., 10:05 p.m.
New Mexico at Wyoming, 10:05 p.m.

Women

TODAY

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma at Texas, 11 a.m.
Kansas at TCU, 7 p.m.
South Alabama at UALR, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at UTSA, 7 p.m.
Troy at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at UT Arlington, 7:30 p.m.

EAST

American U. at Loyola (Md.), 10:30 a.m.
Rhode Island at Saint Joseph's, 10:30 a.m.
Richmond at St. Bonaventure, 3:30 p.m.
Lafayette at Bucknell, 4 p.m.
Lehigh at Army, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at Fordham, 6 p.m.
Saint Louis at George Washington, 6 p.m.
VCU at La Salle, 6 p.m.
UMBC at Maine, 6 p.m.
Boston U. at Navy, 6 p.m.
Creighton at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.
Baylor at West Virginia, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Georgia St. at W. Kentucky, 11:30 a.m.
Rice at FIU, 5 p.m.
Penn at Morgan St., 5 p.m.
Old Dominion at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Clemson, 6 p.m.
FAU at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
Dayton at George Mason, 6 p.m.
Cornell at Howard, 6 p.m.
Southern Miss. at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Texas St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
North Texas at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
UTEP at UAB, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Villanova at Butler, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Georgetown at Xavier, 6 p.m.
Indiana-Northwest at Chicago St., 7 p.m.
Providence at DePaul, 7 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Texas Tech at Iowa St., 7 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
Seton Hall at Marquette, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. at Air Force, 8 p.m.
San Diego St. at Boise St., 8 p.m.
San Jose St. at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Wyoming at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
UNLV at Nevada, 8:15 p.m.
San Diego at Portland, 9 p.m.
Cal Poly at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH

From 1C

2-5A Boys Basketball Standings

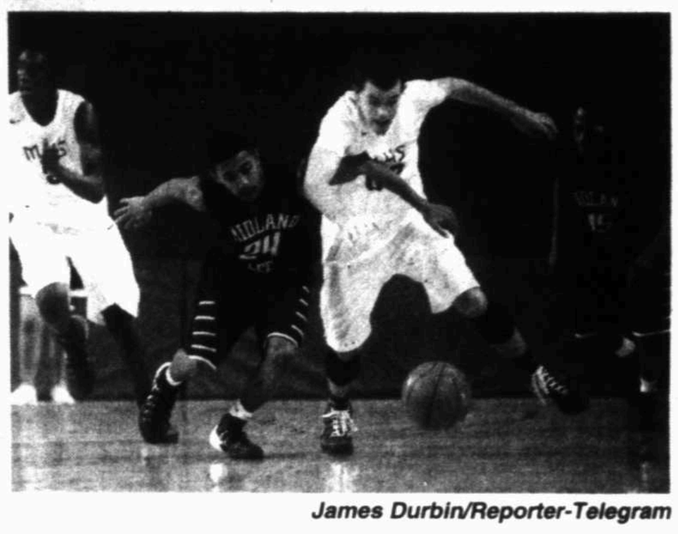
Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Amarillo Tascosa	7	0	16	0
Lubbock Coronado	5	2	16	4
Odessa Permian	5	3	8	5
Lee	4	4	9	6
San Angelo Central	4	3	8	5
Midland High	3	4	7	10
Odessa High	3	4	8	10
Abilene High	1	6	4	11
Abilene Cooper	1	6	3	11

Tuesday's Scores

Midland High 60, Lee 45
Odessa High 54, Abilene Cooper 47
San Angelo Central 46, Lubbock Coronado 34
Odessa Permian 77, Abilene High 56

Friday's Games

Odessa High at Lee
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High
Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa



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Midland High's Justin LeClear (00) fights against Lee's Tre Guerrero (24) for a loose ball on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

"All the credit to them, they came out and hit us in the mouth and we didn't respond," Lee coach Chris Packer said. "They made some tough shots, and when that team is making tough shots they are tough to beat."

Midland High extended its lead to 36-22 at halftime, and then held Lee to six points in the third quarter and were ahead 46-28.

Lee, though, found some life early in the final quarter with a 7-0 run as Anthony McCoy hit a 3-pointer, and Trey Guerrero and Jordan Williams each hit layups to cut the lead to 46-35.

Midland High coach Charles Tatum called a timeout to put the Bulldogs back on track, and halfway through the period they did get back on track and were up 53-37 with 4:02 left in the game.

"With basketball, it's a game of runs and we knew at some point we were going to cool off and we knew a run was coming," Tatum said. "We wanted to do our best to kind of limit the time of the run."

Tatum said a key for the Bulldogs in being able to keep Lee from cutting into the lead was their backcourt defense in not allowing Lee's guards, specifically Anthony McCoy, to drive into the paint and create offense.

Plus, he said the Bulldogs did a good job of limiting second chance opportunities with solid rebounding as Justin LeClear had nine and Nate Rogers eight for the Bulldogs. LeClear also had 12 points for Midland High and Gary Ringo added 11 in the victory.

"Lee High is such a good rebounding team, and we knew we had to rebound and finish defensive possessions," Tatum said.

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MIDLAND HIGH 60, LEE 45

Lee (9-6, 4-4 in District 2-5A) — Semaj Davis 1, Dedrick Thompson 6, Anthony McCoy 12, Jon Maldonado 2, Tre Guerrero 3, Donald Ekman 14, Jordan Williams 7.

Midland High (7-10, 3-4) — Justin LeClear 12, Shawn Rivers 12, Wesley Don Juan 1, Gary Ringo 11, Brandon Sanchez 4, Will Norwood 8, Mazelle Justice 7, Nate Rogers 3, Trevor Abney 2

Lee	5	17	6	17	— 45
MHS	15	21	10	14	— 60

Free throws — Lee 14-29, MHS 19-23. 3-point goals — Lee 1 (McCoy), MHS 1 (Rivers). Total fouls — Lee 18, MHS 23. Fouled out — Lee, Thompson; MHS, Justice. Rebounds — Lee 27 (Ekman 8), MHS 30 (LeClear 9). Assists — Lee 4 (Williams 2), MHS 3 (Rivers). Turnovers — Lee 18, MHS 13.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Odessa High at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

LADY DAWGS

From 1C

2-5A Girls Basketball Standings

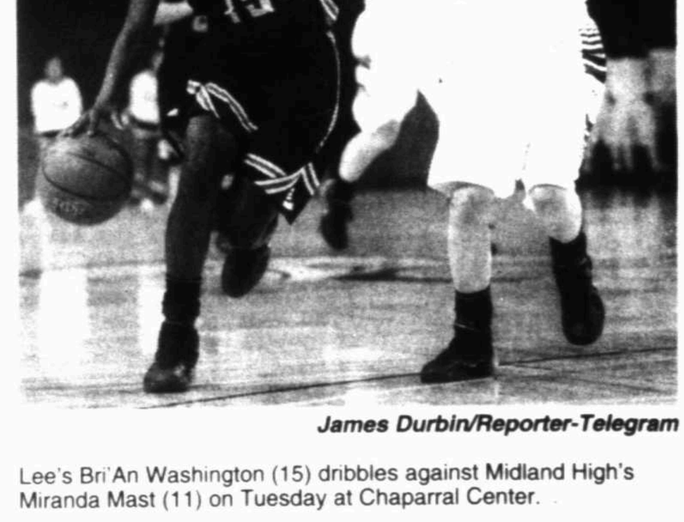
Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lubbock Coronado	8	1	18	6
Lee	7	2	18	6
Amarillo Tascosa	6	2	9	11
Midland High	5	4	9	13
Abilene High	4	5	14	10
Odessa Permian	4	5	8	10
San Angelo Central	3	6	8	12
Abilene Cooper	2	7	7	17
Odessa High	0	9	1	17

Tuesday's Scores

Lee 49, Midland High 33
Abilene Cooper 62, Odessa High 41
Lubbock Coronado 51, San Angelo Central 16
Odessa Permian 66, Abilene High 47

Friday's Games

Odessa High at Lee
Lubbock Coronado at Abilene High
Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper
San Angelo Central at Amarillo Tascosa



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Bri'An Washington (15) dribbles against Midland High's Miranda Mast (11) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

and we weren't able to respond to that until it was a little too late."

Midland High managed to set up in their zone more frequently in the second half, but unfortunately for the Lady Dawgs, the Lady Rebels found their shot at the same time.

On Lee's first possession of the second half, Washington drained a 3-pointer, putting the Lady Rebels up 21-19. After Midland High junior post Aubrie Elliott, who led the team with 11 points, pulled the Lady Dawgs even with a turnaround jumper, Daija Stanford put Lee back on top, drilling a 3-pointer off a pass from Washington.

Later in the period, Stanford sank a second 3-pointer, giving Lee a 28-23 lead with 3:10 left, and Washington dropped one last 3 in the bucket with 1:04 left to play for a 31-23 advantage heading into the fourth period.

The Lady Rebels then opened the fourth quarter on a 7-0 run that included back-to-back 3-pointers by Rivas for a 38-23 lead with 6:11 remaining in the game.

"They started to hit a few shots, a few threes, and we were slow to get out there," Torres said. "Then we switched to man and they still hit threes. I don't have an answer for that."

The Lady Dawgs made one short 6-0 run in the middle of the fourth, cutting the deficit to 38-29 with 4:39 to play. However, Lee responded with a 7-0 run of its own with Rivas hitting her third 3-pointer of the period, sandwiched between a pair of layups by Allison Valdez.

That final run ultimately put the Lady Bulldogs away.

"We just knew we had to close strong," Rivas said. "We were able to come together and get in a rhythm and our shots just started to fall."

While the Lady Rebels were thriving with their shot, the Lady Dawgs were struggling to even find open looks. Torres admitted the absence of starting sophomore guard Alexandrea Washington, who suffered a knee injury Thursday, inhibited Midland High offensively as none of the team's other guards have shown the ability to consistently attack the lane or score from the perimeter.

Midland High is now 0-2 without Washington on the floor, and Torres says both losses have been very similar with minimal offensive production from the backcourt.

"We don't have many guards that really can score right now," Torres said. "Until we figure that out and get guards to step up and put the ball in the hole, we're going to be in the same predicament night in and night out."

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LEE 49, MIDLAND HIGH 33

Lee (18-6, 7-2 in 2-5A) — Bri'An Washington 17, Jackie Rivas 12, Daija Stanford 9, Allison Valdez 7, Kyra Lewis 2, Hannah Payne 2

Midland High (9-13, 5-4) — Aubrie Elliott 11, Desaro' Allen 6, Miranda Mast 5, Alexis Washington 5, Arcie Guardiola 2, Claire Lancaster 2, Val Hall 2

Lee	4	14	13	18	— 49
Midland High	9	10	4	10	— 33

Free throws — Lee 9-16, MHS 14-20. 3-point goals — Lee 8 (J. Rivas 3, Stanford 3, Washington 2), MHS 1 (Mast). Total fouls — Lee 19, MHS 11. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Lee 31 (Lewis 9), MHS 24 (Lancaster 7). Assists — Lee 6 (Valdez 2, Stanford 2), MHS 4 (Mast 2). Turnovers — Lee 9, MHS 21.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday; Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday.

Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks' Monta Ellis (11) drives through Los Angeles Lakers' Jodie Meeks (20) as Dirk Nowitzki, right, sets the pick in the first half, Tuesday in Dallas.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 110
LAKERS 97

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 points and the Dallas Mavericks avoided their longest home losing streak in 14 years with a 110-97 victory over the slumping and injury-plagued Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

The Mavericks had lost four straight at home, the last victory in their arena coming against Memphis the week before Christmas.

Los Angeles lost for the eighth time in nine games.

SPURS 110
GRIZZLIES 108, OT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tim Duncan scored 24 points, Marco Belinelli added 19 points and Kawhi Leonard had 17 to carry the San Antonio Spurs past the Memphis Grizzlies 110-108 in overtime Tuesday night.

Mike Conley had 30 points for the Grizzlies, scoring 21 in the second half.

WIZARDS 97
BOBCATS 83

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bradley Beal scored 21 points to lead the Wizards to a 97-83 win over the Bobcats on Tuesday night.

Beal was one of five Wizards to score in double figures. Marcin Gortat added 18 points, John Wall had 17 points, Trevor Booker 12 and Martell Webster 10. Gortat added 12 rebounds while helping hold Charlotte center Al Jefferson to six points on 3-of-9 field-goal shooting.

CAVALIERS 111
76ERS 93

CLEVELAND — C.J. Miles set a team record with 10 3-pointers and scored a season-high 34 points, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 111-93 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.

Miles made eight 3s in the first half, when the Cavs opened a 26-point lead that allowed them to coast to a rare easy win. He notched his ninth with 9:53 left and drained No. 10 with 9:17 remaining. He went 10 of 14 from outside the arc.

PACERS 86
RAPTORS 79

INDIANAPOLIS — Roy Hibbert scored 22 points and Danny Granger matched his season high with 13 to help Indiana hold off Toronto 86-79 Tuesday night.

The Pacers (28-6) won their third straight, retaining the NBA's best record by holding the Raptors to a season low in points.

KNICKS 89
PISTONS 85

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 13 of his 34 points in the third quarter, then made the clinching free throws with 2.9 seconds left as the New York Knicks handed the Detroit Pistons a season-high fifth straight loss with an 89-85 victory on Tuesday night.

Raymond Felton finished with 12 points and six assists in his return from injury for the Knicks, who came home from a 2-1 Texas swing and held on after blowing most of the 17-point lead they built while outscoring the Pistons 32-17 in the third quarter.

HEAT 107
PELICANS 88

MIAMI — LeBron James scored 32 points, Dwyane Wade scored 22 and the Miami Heat turned things around in the second half to beat the New Orleans Pelicans 107-88 Tuesday night.

It was the 10th 30-point game of the season for James. The Heat are 9-1 when he scores that many.

Chris Andersen was 7 for 7 from the field and scored 15 points, and Chris Bosh added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Heat (27-8), who trailed by 11 points early in the third quarter.

BULLS 92
SUNS 87

CHICAGO — Taj Gibson had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Phoenix Suns 92-87 on Tuesday night in their first game after parting with Luol Deng in a trade.

Joakim Noah added 14 points and 16 rebounds, helping the Bulls to their sixth win in eight games. D.J. Augustin and Jimmy Butler each scored 13. Tony Snell added 12 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers during an 8-0 run early in the fourth quarter that extended the lead to 13.

WARRIORS 101
BUCKS 80

MILWAUKEE — David Lee had 22 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Golden State Warriors to their 10th straight win, a 101-80 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

It is the Warriors' longest winning streak since their NBA-title season in 1975. Stephen Curry contributed 15 points for the Warriors despite connecting on just 5 of 18 shots. Klay Thompson also scored 15 points.

The Warriors, playing their sixth game of a seven-city road trip, led by just two at the half against the Bucks, who have the NBA's worst record.

Golden State broke open the game with a 23-7 run to start the third quarter, highlighted by a step-back 3-pointer from the corner by Curry.

Ersan Ilyasova had 20 points and Brandon Knight 18 for the Bucks.

TUESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	16	17	.485	7
Brooklyn	13	21	.382	3½
Boston	13	21	.382	3½
New York	12	22	.353	4½
Philadelphia	12	23	.343	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	8	.771	—
Atlanta	18	17	.514	9
Washington	15	17	.469	10½
Charlotte	12	21	.364	13½
Orlando	10	24	.294	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	6	.824	—
Chicago	15	18	.455	12½
Detroit	14	21	.400	14½
Cleveland	12	23	.343	16½
Milwaukee	7	27	.206	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	8	.771	—
Houston	22	13	.629	5
Dallas	21	15	.583	6½
New Orleans	15	18	.455	11
Memphis	15	19	.441	11½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	7	.794	—
Portland	26	8	.765	1
Minnesota	17	17	.500	10
Denver	16	17	.485	10½
Utah	11	25	.306	17

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	24	13	.649	—
L.A. Clippers	24	13	.649	—
Phoenix	20	13	.606	2
L.A. Lakers	14	21	.400	9
Sacramento	10	22	.313	11½

Tuesday's Scores

Indiana 86, Toronto 79
Cleveland 111, Philadelphia 93
Washington 97, Charlotte 83
Miami 107, New Orleans 88
New York 89, Detroit 85
Chicago 92, Phoenix 87
Golden State 101, Milwaukee 80
San Antonio 110, Memphis 108, OT
Dallas 110, L.A. Lakers 97
Boston at Denver, late
Oklahoma City at Utah, late
Portland at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Dallas at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

MAVERICKS 110, LAKERS 97

L.A. LAKERS (97): Johnson 7-14 0-0 17, Gasol 5-14 5-7 15, Sacre 3-9 1-2 7, Marshall 7-10 1-2 18, Meeks 6-16 8-9 24, Young 1-7 0-0 2, Hill 4-6 1-4 9, Kelly 1-5 2-2 5. Totals 34-81 18-26 97.

DALLAS (110): Marion 4-7 0-0 8, Nowitzki 12-20 3-4 27, Blair 7-10 1-3 15, Calderon 5-8 0-0 12, Ellis 7-18 2-2 18, Carter 7-12 2-2 19, Dalembert 0-0 0-2 0, Crowder 2-5 1-2 5, Wright 4-7 0-0 8, Mekel 0-0 0-0 0, Ellington 0-3 0-0 0, Larkin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-90 9-15 110.

L.A. Lakers	**31**	**22**	**24**	**20 — 97**
Dallas	**33**	**27**	**25**	**25 — 110**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-31 (Meeks 4-11, Marshall 3-5, Johnson 3-7, Kelly 1-4, Young 0-4), Dallas 5-17 (Carter 3-5, Calderon 2-4, Manon 0-1, Ellis 0-1, Ellington 0-1, Crowder 0-2, Nowitzki 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 56 (Gasol 13), Dallas 47 (Blair 9). Assists—L.A. Lakers 21 (Meeks, Marshall 6), Dallas 32 (Ellis 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 16, Dallas 17. Technicals—L.A. Lakers defensive three second, Dallas defensive three second. A—19,656 (19,200).

SPURS 110, GRIZZLIES 108

SAN ANTONIO (110): Leonard 7-9 1-3 17, Duncan 9-16 6-8 24, Ayres 1-1 0-0 2, Parker 5-12 0-0 10, Belinelli 8-15 1-2 19, Ginobili 3-12 3-5 9, Diaw 5-6 0-0 11, Mills 3-4 4-4 11, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0. Green 2-8 2-3 7. Totals 43-83 17-25 110.

MEMPHIS (108): Prince 4-9 0-0 8, Randolph 7-18 3-4 17, Koufos 4-6 0-0 8, Conley 12-23 3-5 30, Miller 0-2 1-2 1, Leuer 5-7 0-0 10, Johnson 7-18 0-0 15, Davis 2-3 2-2 6, Calathes 0-3 1-2 1, Lee 5-10 0-0 12. Totals 46-99 10-15 108.

San Antonio	**25**	**28**	**21**	**24**	**12—110**
Memphis	**22**	**19**	**23**	**34**	**10—108**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 7-24 (Belinelli 2-4, Leonard 2-4, Mills 1-1, Diaw 1-1, Green 1-7, Parker 0-2, Ginobili 0-5). Memphis 6-17 (Conley 3-5, Lee 2-5, Johnson 1-4, Leuer 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 53 (Duncan 17), Memphis 53 (Leuer 9). Assists—San Antonio 24 (Parker, Ginobili 6), Memphis 22 (Conley, Johnson 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 18, Memphis 24. Technicals—Memphis Coach Joerger A—15,916 (18,119).

WIZARDS 97, BOBCATS 83

WASHINGTON (97): Ariza 2-6 0-0 4, Booker 5-8 2-2 12, Gortat 7-13 4-5 18, Wall 5-16 5-5 17, Beal 10-18 0-0 21, Neal 3-9 1-2 7, Webster 4-7 0-0 10, Temple 0-1 0-0 0, Vesely 3-4 0-1 6, Porter Jr. 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-85 12-15 97.

CHARLOTTE (83): Douglas-Roberts 2-7 2-4 7, Walker 7-17 3-6 19, Henderson 10-19 6-8 27, Zeller 2-5 1-2 5, Sessoms 4-8 2-2 10, Tolver 2-5 3-4 8, Biyombo 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 31-72 15-24 83.

Washington	**24**	**19**	**23**	**31 — 97**
Charlotte	**21**	**18**	**16**	**28 — 83**

3-Point Goals—Washington 5-17 (Webster 2-3, Wall 2-7, Beal 1-3, Porter Jr. 0-1, Ariza 0-3), Charlotte 6-16 (Douglas-Roberts 2-3, Walker 2-7, Henderson 1-2, Tolver 1-3, McRoberts 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 48 (Gortat 13), Charlotte 50 (Jefferson 10). Assists—Washington 20 (Wall 8), Charlotte 19 (Walker 8). Total Fouls—Washington 20, Charlotte 13. A—12,079 (19,077).

CAVALIERS 111, 76ERS 93

PHILADELPHIA (93): Young 0-7 0-0 0, Turner 2-13 0-0 4, Hawes 3-5 2-2 9, Carter-Williams 13-25 5-7 33, H.Thompson 1-4 2-2 4, Anderson 6-15 3-3 15, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Davies 3-4 5-7 11. Williams 4-8 3-4 12. Brown 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 34-86 21-27 93.

CLEVELAND (111): Clark 1-6 0-0 2, T.Thompson 5-11 2-4 12, Varejao 8-10 2-5 18, Irving 6-9 2-2 16, Miles 11-18 2-3 34, Walters 5-14 1-3 12, Zeller 4-5 1-1 9, Delavedova 1-5 0-0 2, Bennett 1-6 0-0 2, Gee 0-0 0-0 0, Karasev 0-2 0-0 0, Sims 1-2 0-0 2, Felix 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-89 10-18 111.

Philadelphia	**20**	**21**	**25**	**27**	**— 93**
Cleveland	**36**	**28**	**27**	**20**	**— 111**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-19 (Carter-Williams 2-7, Hawes 1-2, Williams 1-3, Young 0-1, Turner 0-1, Brown 0-1, Anderson 0-4). Cleveland 13-28 (Miles 10-14, Irving 2-4, Walters 1-4, Karasev 0-1, Clark 0-2, Delavedova 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 45 (Carter-Williams 6), Cleveland 66 (Varejao 14). Assists—Philadelphia 21 (Carter-Williams 5), Cleveland 29 (Walters, Irving 8). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, Cleveland 27. A—13,344 (20,562).

PACERS 86, RAPTORS 79

TORONTO (79): Ross 1-8 0-0 3, A.Johnson 0-5 0-0 0, Valanciunas 1-6 2-2 4, Lowry 7-13 0-3 16, DeRozan 9-22 10-11 28, Patterson 5-14 2-2 12, Salmons 2-4 0-0 4, Vasquez 1-7 0-0 2, Hayes 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-81 14-18 79.

INDIANA (86): George 4-12 3-4 11, West 2-6 0-0 4, Hibbert 5-12 12-13 22, G.Hill 4-9 3-3 11, Stephenson 6-12 1-2 13, Granger 5-10 2-2 13, Scola 4-11 0-0 8, Watson 2-2 0-0 4, Mahinmi 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 32-75 21-26 86.

Toronto	**15**	**21**	**22**	**21**	**— 79**
Indiana	**22**	**22**	**27**	**15**	**—, 86**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 5-19 (Patterson 2-3, Lowry 2-5, Ross 1-3, A.Johnson 0-1, Valanciunas 0-1, Vasquez 0-2, DeRozan 0-4). Indiana 1-11 (Granger 1-3, George 0-2, Stephenson 0-3, G.Hill 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 43 (Valanciunas, Ross 8), Indiana 60 (West 12). Assists—Toronto 18 (DeRozan 6), Indiana 17 (Stephenson 8). Total Fouls—Toronto 25, Indiana 19. A—16,147 (18,165).

KNICKS 89, PISTONS 85

DETROIT (85): Monroe 8-15 3-4 19, Jo.Smith 6-14 8-9 21, Drummond 4-8 4-6 12, Jennings 2-12 0-0 5, Caldwell-Pope 1-6 0-0 2, Singler 5-12 0-0 11, Billups 0-3 0-0 0, Bynum 4-10 2-2 10, Harrellson 0-0 0-0 0, Villanueva 2-6 1-2 5. Totals 32-86 18-23 85.

NEW YORK (89): Anthony 13-24 2-4 34, Martin 2-4 2-2 6, Bargnani 6-13 0-0 13, Felton 4-9 3-4 12, Shumpert 2-8 1-1 5, J.Smith 2-6 1-1 6, Stoudemire 3-9 3-6 9, Udrih 0-3 0-0 0, Hardaway Jr. 0-4 2-2 2, Murry 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-81 14-20 89.

Detroit	**21**	**20**	**17**	**27**	**— 85**
New York	**24**	**17**	**32**	**16**	**— 89**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 3-19 (Jo.Smith 1-3, Singler 1-3, Jennings 1-6, Villanueva 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-3, Billups 0-3). New York 9-26 (Anthony 4-7, Felton 1-2, Bargnani 1-3, J.Smith 1-4, Udrih 0-2, Shumpert 0-4, Hardaway Jr. 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 68 (Drummond 17), New York 45 (Bargnani 11). Assists—Detroit 19 (Jo.Smith, Jennings 5), New York 24 (Felton 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, New York 22. A—19,812 (19,763).

HEAT 107, PELICANS 88

NEW ORLEANS (88): Aminu 3-5 0-2 6, Davis 10-18 2-2 22, Ajinca 1-2 2-2 4, Holiday 2-6 0-0 4, Gordon 6-13 1-1 15, Smith 4-11 0-0 8, Evans 4-11 4-4 13, Shermsma 0-0 0-1 0, Roberts 3-5 4-5 10. Morrow 2-5 0-0 4, Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Withey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-77 13-17 88.

MIAMI (107): James 13-22 3-3 32, Lewis 1-5 0-0 2, Bosh 3-7 5-5 12, Cole 3-7 1-2 9, Wade 9-15 4-5 22, Allen 3-7 3-3 11, Beasley 0-3 1-2 1, Andersen 7-7 1-3 15, Mason Jr. 0-2 0-0 0, Haslem 2-3 0-0 4, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-78 18-23 107.

New Orleans	**24**	**25**	**21**	**18**	**— 88**
Miami	**25**	**18**	**32**	**32**	**— 107**

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 3-9 (Gordon 2-4, Evans 1-2, Morrow 0-1, Holiday 0-1, Roberts 0-1), Miami 9-27 (James 3-6, Cole 2-5, Allen 2-6, Jones 1-1, Bosh 1-2, Beasley 0-1, Wade 0-1, Mason Jr. 0-2, Lewis 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 43 (Davis 12), Miami 45 (Bosh 9). Assists—New Orleans 18 (Holiday 7), Miami 24 (Wade 8). Total Fouls—New Orleans 22, Miami 18. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second, Wade. A—20,097 (19,600).

BULLS 92, SUNS 87

PHOENIX (87): Tucker 1-2 2-2 4, Frye 5-11 0-0 11, Plumlee 5-11 1-2 11, Dragic 6-17 3-3 21, Green 6-16 0-0 15, Mark Morris 2-9 2-2 6, Marc Morris 1-4 2-2 4, Len 1-1 1-2 3, Goodwin 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 4-8 2-4 10. Christmas 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 33-82 15-19 87.

CHICAGO (92): Dunleavy 4-9 0-0 8, Gibson 9-16 1-4 19, Noah 5-15 4-6 14, Hinrich 3-5 1-2 9, Butler 4-18 5-6 13, Augustin 4-9 3-4 13, Mohammed 2-3 0-1 4, Snell 5-7 0-0 12. Totals 36-82 14-23 92.

Phoenix	**25**	**21**	**17**	**24**	**— 87**
Chicago	**27**	**22**	**21**	**22**	**— 92**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 6-23 (Green 3-10, Dragic 2-3, Frye 1-3, Christmas 0-1, Marc Morris 0-1, Mark Morris 0-2, Smith 0-3), Chicago 6-14 (Hinrich 2-2, Snell 2-3, Augustin 2-4, Dunleavy 0-1, Butler 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 49 (Plumlee, Frye 7), Chicago 59 (Noah 16). Assists—Phoenix 12 (Smith 3), Chicago 26 (Augustin 9). Total Fouls—Phoenix 21, Chicago 18. Technicals—Noah. A—21,181 (20,917).

WARRIORS 101, BUCKS 80

GOLDEN STATE (101): Igoudala 3-3 2-4 11, Lee 10-12 2-2 22, Bogut 4-6 0-0 8, Curry 5-18 3-4 15, Thompson 6-18 2-4 15, Barnes 2-6 0-0 6, Speights 1-5 3-4 5, Green 2-6 0-0 4, Bazemore 3-4 0-0 6, Douglas 3-6 0-0 8, Kuzmic 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 39-84 13-20 101.

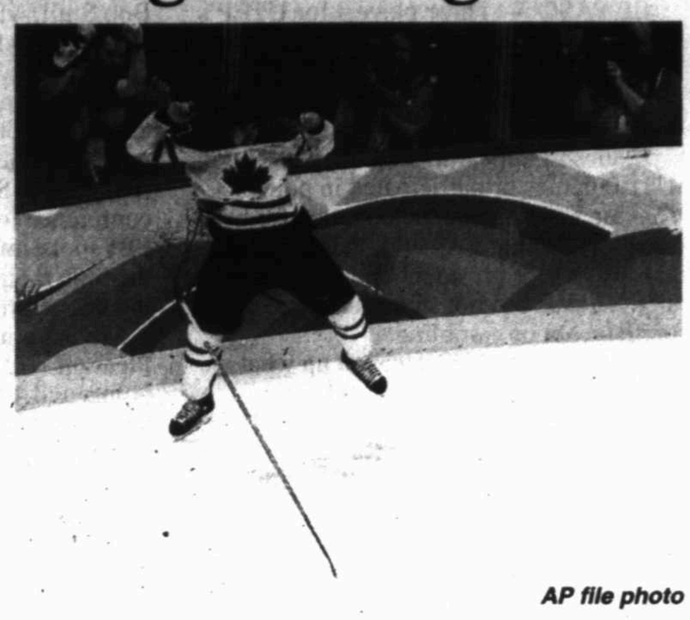
MILWAUKEE (80): Antetokounmpo 1-3 0-0 2, Ilyasova 6-15 6-8 20, Sanders 2-10 1-2 5, Knight 8-15 2-2 18, Ridnour 2-9 0-0 4, Mayo 5-8 0-0 13, Udoh 0-4 1-2 1, Middleton 4-7 2-2 10, Butler 1-7 0-0 2, Raduljica 2-2 0-0 4, Wolters 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 31-80 13-18 80.

Golden State	**28**	**22**	**29**	**22**	**— 101**
Milwaukee	**30**	**18**	**20**	**12**	**— 80**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 10-32 (Igoudala 3-3, Barnes 2-3, Douglas 2-5, Curry 2-11, Thompson 1-6, Bazemore 0-1, Green 0-1, Speights 0-2), Milwaukee 5-15 (Mayo 3-4, Ilyasova 2-5, Middleton 0-1, Butler 0-2, Knight 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 65 (Lee 18), Milwaukee 41 (Udoh, Sanders, Ilyasova, Butler 6). Assists—Golden State 21 (Curry 6), Milwaukee 20 (Antetokounmpo 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 22, Milwaukee 19. Flagrant Fouls—Sanders. A—11,739 (18,717).

Canada unveils loaded roster as it goes for gold

By Larry Lage
Associated Press



AP file photo

Canada's Sidney Crosby leaps in the air after scoring the game-winning goal in the overtime period of the men's gold medal ice hockey game against team USA at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. Hockey Canada announced its 25-man hockey roster, loaded with NHL stars, for the Winter Olympics on Tuesday, and Sid the Kid is going to have plenty of help. Joining Crosby, who scored the gold-medal winning goal in 2010 against the U.S., will be Jamie Benn, Patrice Bergeron, Jeff Carter, Matt Duchene, Ryan Getzlaf, Chris Kunitz, Patrick Marleau, Rick Nash, Corey Perry, Patrick Sharp, Steven Stamkos, John Tavares and Jonathan Toews.

Steve Yzerman and the rest of Hockey Canada spent months looking at the country's top players, trying to figure out the best way to blend talent into a team good enough to win Olympic gold.

The Hall of Fame player and Hockey Canada executive director kept asking himself the same question as months turned into days and then hours before decisions had to be made.

"I'm trying to cram 17 bodies into 14 spots and I couldn't do that," Yzerman said Tuesday about all those talented forwards.

Claude Giroux, Martin St. Louis, Joe Thornton — all among the NHL's scoring leaders — didn't make the cut.

"It came down to fit," Yzerman said, declining to say exactly why some standouts were snubbed.

Sidney Crosby, of course, was a lock to make the star-studded team, and the Penguins' standout will have plenty of help when Canada tries to win a second straight gold medal next month in Sochi, Russia.

Crosby, who scored the gold-medal winning goal in 2010 against the U.S., will be joined up front by Jamie Benn, Patrice Bergeron, Jeff Carter, Matt Duchene, Ryan Getzlaf, Chris Kunitz, Patrick Marleau, Rick Nash, Corey Perry, Patrick Sharp, Steven Stamkos, John Tavares and Jonathan Toews.

Jay Bouwmeester, Drew Doughty, Dan Hamhuis, Duncan Keith, Alex Pietrangelo, P.K. Subban, Marc-Edouard Vlasic and Shea Weber will be on defense. Roberto Luongo, Carey Price and Mike Smith will be in goal.

"It is something you dream about as a kid, playing for your country," Weber said. "It's something you don't take for granted."

Giroux was perhaps the most surprising omission. No one born in Canada has more points, entering play Tuesday night, than the Philadelphia Flyers standout since the 2011-12 season. He has bounced back from a slow start this season to rank among NHL leaders in points.

The most painful call Yzerman had to make probably was the one to let St. Louis know he wasn't on the team.

St. Louis, who plays for Yzerman in Tampa Bay, didn't make the cut for the Olympics for the second straight time after playing for Canada at the Turin Games in 2006. St. Louis ranks fourth in NHL scoring among Canadians the past two-plus seasons.

"For me personally, yeah, that's a difficult decision," Yzerman said.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	42	28	12	2	58	124	89
Tampa Bay	43	26	13	4	56	123	102
Montreal	44	25	14	5	55	114	103
Detroit	43	19	14	10	48	114	121
Toronto	44	21	18	5	47	122	132
Ottawa	44	19	18	7	45	126	141
Florida	43	16	21	6	38	102	136
Buffalo	42	12	26	4	28	74	118

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	44	31	12	1	63	142	103
Philadelphia	43	22	17	4	48	114	118
Washington	42	20	16	6	46	128	126
Carolina	43	18	16	9	45	105	124
N.Y. Rangers	44	21	20	3	45	108	119
New Jersey	44	17	18	9	43	103	113
Columbus	43	19	20	4	42	117	126
N.Y. Islanders	45	16	22	7	39	124	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	45	29	7	9	67	167	124
St. Louis	41	29	7	5	63	150	95
Colorado	42	26	12	4	56	123	108
Minnesota	44	22	17	5	49	106	113
Dallas	42	20	15	7	47	123	131
Nashville	44	19	19	6	44	105	131
Winnipeg	46	19	22	5	43	125	139

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	44	31	8	5	67	146	111
San Jose	44	27	11	6	60	144	114
Los Angeles	43	26	13	4	56	113	89
Vancouver	44	23	13	8	54	117	108
Phoenix	41	20	12	9	49	123	127
Calgary	42	15	21	6	36	100	131
Edmonton	45	14	26	5	33	117	156

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

Tuesday's Scores

N.Y. Islanders 5, Toronto 3
Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Nashville 3, San Jose 2
Tampa Bay 4, Winnipeg 2
Carolina at Buffalo, ppd., inclement weather
Calgary at Phoenix, late
St. Louis at Edmonton, late
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, late
Boston at Anaheim, late
Minnesota at Los Angeles, late

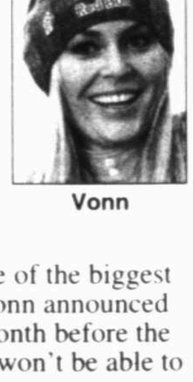
Today's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

US skiing star Lindsey Vonn out of Sochi Olympics

By Howard Fendrich and Pat Graham
Associated Press

Less than two weeks after reconstructive surgery on her right knee in February 2013, Lindsey Vonn already was sounding a positive note, saying she was "really looking forward to Sochi" and defending her Olympic downhill gold medal.



Vonn

Along the way to the next Winter Games, though, Vonn began facing setbacks. As she'd move past one, another would surface. In the end, it was too much, even for Vonn, the most accomplished U.S. ski racer in history. Expected to be one of the biggest stars at these Olympics, Vonn announced Tuesday — exactly one month before the opening ceremony — she won't be able to race in Russia.

In a Facebook posting, Vonn said she is "devastated" to miss the Olympics, "but the reality has sunk in that my knee is just too unstable to compete at this level."

Her personal publicist, Lewis Kay, said in a statement the 29-year-old from Vail, Colo., will have knee surgery again "shortly."

Like many in her risk-filled sport, Vonn has dealt with injuries often, particularly at major events. She withdrew midway through the 2011 world championships because of a concussion. She raced with a severely bruised shin at the last Olympics. She skipped a race at the 2009 worlds after slicing her thumb open on a champagne bottle. She hurt her knee in training and missed a pair of races at the 2007 worlds. She took a scary fall during training at the 2006 Olympics, then left the hospital to compete.

"She's come back. She'll be back," Vonn's father, Alan Kildow, said in a telephone interview. "You'll see a lot of Lindsey Vonn in the future."

Vonn left the 2010 Vancouver Games with two medals: the first Olympic downhill gold for an American woman, and a bronze in the super-G. She is also a four-time overall World Cup champion, by far the most recognized name in Alpine skiing at the moment — and, as it happens, the girlfriend of Tiger Woods.

Sochi Olympic security measures: No strange cars

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia began implementing stringent security measures Tuesday in its southern resort of Sochi, one month before the start of the 2014 Winter Olympics there.

Tens of thousands of Russian police, security agents, rescue workers and army troops are being deployed for the games, which run Feb. 7-23. Vladimir Puchkov, who heads the Emergency Situations Ministry, said all of his security units for Sochi were on duty as of Tuesday

In addition, all vehicles were banned from the area beginning Tuesday except for those registered in Sochi or with special Olympics passes.

Security concerns are high because of a violent Islamist insurgency simmering in the nearby North Caucasus region. Fears were heightened following two suicide bombings last week in the city of Volgograd, about 600 kilometers (400 miles) away, which killed 34 people and wounded scores.

Although there has been no claim of responsibility for the bombings, the leader of the Islamist insurgency last year called for attacks aimed at undermining the Sochi Olympics.

Tuesday was to be the start of a ban on all demonstrations in Sochi not connected with the games. President Vladimir Putin last weekend rescinded the blanket ban, but any demonstrations or marches still need to be approved by the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the country's police force.

Putin has spent the past few days in Sochi, where he attended midnight church services ahead of Orthodox Christmas on Tuesday. Last week, he inspected preparations for the games and went skiing in the mountains near Sochi.

Dmitry Chernyshenko, who heads the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee, said everything was ready with a month to go until the opening of the games.

Greg Maddux won't be unanimous Hall selection

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Greg Maddux could break a 22-year-old record Wednesday, though he won't become the first unanimous selection in the history of the baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot.

When Tom Seaver received 425 of 430 votes in 1992, his 98.84 percentage topped the mark set by Ty Cobb in 1936. A dominant pitcher when offense ruled in the Steroids Era, Maddux has a chance to enter Cooperstown with a little extra bit of fame.

"I just have just never come across any human being, whether they're a voter or just a fan, that doesn't think Greg Maddux is a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest pitchers who ever pitched," The Boston Globe's Nick Cafardo said Tuesday. "I can't imagine someone not voting for him. So I would guess that he's going to break Seaver's record."

Maddux is among three high-profile players on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot for the first time, joined by former Atlanta Braves teammate Tom Glavine and Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas.

Holdovers include Craig Biggio, who topped voting at 68 percent last year, 39 votes short of the 75 percent needed for election. It was only the second time in four decades the BBWAA failed to elect anyone.

Ken Gurnick of MLB.com, a former reporter for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, said Tuesday the only player he voted for was Jack Morris, on the writers' ballot for the 15th and final time after falling 42 votes shy last year.

"To me, I didn't exclude Maddux. I excluded everybody from that era, everybody from the Steroid Era," Gurnick said. "It wasn't about Greg Maddux, it was about the entire era. I just don't know who did and who didn't."

Gurnick said Morris also was the only player he voted for in 2013 and added he intends to abstain in future elections.

"Some people quibble over when the era starts, but the bulk of his career was in my opinion well before all of the widespread use of performance-enhancing drugs," Gurnick said.

Given that 569 ballots were submitted in 2013, Maddux likely could be omitted from six this year and still break Seaver's record.

Back in 1992, Seaver was left off by Paul Hagen of the Philadelphia Daily News, Bob Hertzel of The Pittsburgh Press and freelance writer Bob Hunter. They all submitted blank ballots to protest the decision by the Hall of Fame board of directors to bar Pete Rose from the vote because of his lifetime ban from baseball following a gambling probe.

Retired writers Deane McGowen and Bud Tucker also did not vote for Seaver.

"If it had cost Seaver anything, yeah, I probably would regret it at some level, but it didn't really cost him anything," Hagen, now with MLB.com, said Tuesday. "He still got the highest vote (percentage) total ever, and he wouldn't have been unanimous anyway."

The Steroids Era has impacted the vote totals of players with stellar statistics. In initial appearances last year, Mike Piazza was at 57.8 percent, Roger Clemens at 37.6, Barry Bonds at 36.2 and Sammy Sosa at 12.5. Mark McGwire received 16.9 on his seventh try.

The Baseball Think Factory website compiled votes by writers who made their opinions public, and with 161 ballots had Maddux at 99 percent, followed by Glavine (96), Thomas (91) and Biggio (79). The website's count had Piazza (68), Jeff Bagwell (61) and Morris (60) falling short along with Tim Raines (55), Bonds (42), Clemens (41), Curt Schilling (37) and Mike Mussina (29).

McGwire (14) and Sosa (8) had little support.

Eighth on the wins list with a 355-227 record and a 3.16 ERA over 23 seasons, Maddux won four consecutive Cy Young Awards from 1992-95 and a record 18 Gold Gloves with the Chicago Cubs, Atlanta, the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego. An eight-time All-Star, he won at least 13 games in 20 straight seasons.

Among pitchers with 3,000 innings whose careers began in 1921 or later — after the Dead Ball Era — Maddux's 1.80 walks per nine innings is second only to Robin Roberts' 1.73, according to STATS.

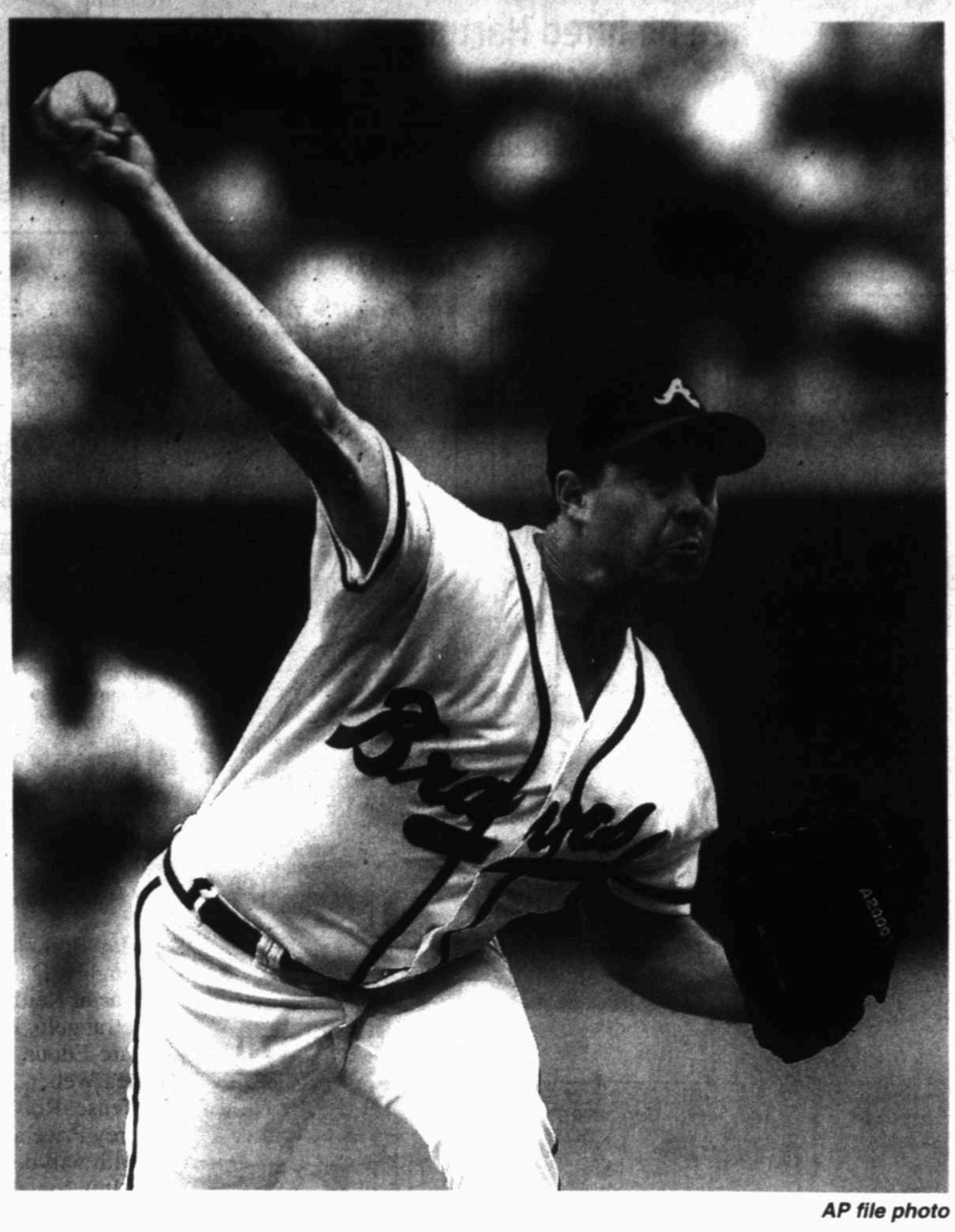
Glavine, a 10-time All-Star and a two-time Cy Young winner, was 305-203 over 22 seasons. At the induction ceremony in Cooperstown on July 27, Maddux and Glavine figure to join their former manager Bobby Cox, elected last month by the expansion-era committee along with Joe Torre and Tony La Russa.

A two-time AL MVP, Thomas hit .301 with 521 homers and 1,704 RBIs in 19 seasons with the White Sox, Toronto and Oakland.

Biggio was a seven-time All-Star who spent his entire 20-year career in the majors with Houston. He had 3,060 hits, 668 doubles and 414 steals and set a big league record by getting hit with pitches 285 times.

Approximately 600 writers who have been members of the BBWAA for 10 consecutive years at any point considered the 36-player ballot.

Next year's ballot could be even more crowded when Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, John Smoltz, Carlos Delgado and Gary Sheffield become eligible, five years after their retirements. The BBWAA last month formed a committee to study whether the organization should ask the Hall to change the limit of 10 players per ballot.



AP file photo

Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Greg Maddux delivers to a Florida Marlins batter in the first inning of a baseball game at Turner Field in Atlanta in 2002. Mad Dog and Glav were fixtures in the Atlanta Braves rotation for years, and now they await word on another possible honor that will keep them together: induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jeff Ireland out as Dolphins' GM after 6 seasons

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jeff Ireland is out after six seasons as general manager of the Miami Dolphins, who failed to reach the playoffs the past five years.

Ireland

In a brief announcement Tuesday, Ireland and owner Stephen Ross said they mutually agreed to part ways. Ireland had been unpopular with fans for several years, and a late-season collapse by the team last month left his job in jeopardy.

The Dolphins, who finished 8-8, said they would conduct an immediate search for a replacement to lead football operations.

Still to be determined is Ireland's role in a locker-room bullying scandal that drew national scrutiny. The NFL has yet to release a report on its investigation into the case.

Ireland's departure follows Monday's firing of offensive coordinator Mike Sherman. Coach Joe Philbin will return for a third season, but other changes in his staff are possible.

The Dolphins would have made the playoffs if they had won one of their final two games against the Bills and Jets. Instead, they were beaten by a combined score of 39-7.

Fans vented about Ireland in recent years, and at several games a small plane flew over the stadium tugging a banner that called for him to be fired.

Ireland said he was leaving the best organization in football after meeting with Ross to discuss the direction of the franchise.

"Steve and I came to an agreement that the best thing moving forward for all parties would be to part ways," Ireland said in a statement. "I'd like to thank Steve for all his support and kindness. I've had the opportunity to work with some of the most amazing people during this time, and I'd like to thank them all from the bottom of my heart."

Ross had considered hiring a football czar over Ireland and Philbin. Instead he'll replace his GM.

"After a series of discussions, we both felt that it was in our mutual best interest to part ways," Ross said in a statement. "Jeff was a loyal and dedicated member of the Dolphins and we wish him and his family nothing but the best."

Ross spent more than $100 million in guaranteed money last offseason to upgrade the roster, and the investment delivered only slight improvement from a 7-9 record in 2012.

Ireland, a protege of Bill Parcells, was hired as general manager in 2008, and the Dolphins won the AFC East in his first season. But they haven't been above .500 since, the longest such stretch in franchise history.

Even before this season, fans focused their frustration on Ireland. More than two dozen people gathered outside the Dolphins' complex one spring day in 2012 to protest the way the team was being run, with some holding signs that read "FIRE-LAND."

Ireland's personnel decisions have produced mixed results. In 2012 he drafted Ryan Tannehill, who shows signs of becoming the franchise quarterback Miami has sought since Dan Marino retired following the 1999 season.

Ireland's 2013 draft picks played the fewest snaps of any team in the NFL, including overall No. 3 choice Dion Jordan, who had only two sacks all year.

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starters all over the field.

"I don't care how talented you are," Fisher maintained. "This team has to go back, get its own identity, get its own leadership and develop that, and that's going to be our challenge now. It's how hungry can you stay to be able to do it over and over again, and that's going to be the challenge and our mindset and that's going to be my temperament going in, to be able to set that stage so we can do that and stay on top and be very competitive at the top."

"That's our nature as humans, it's not too grind, it's not to push. That's why there is only one champion at the end," he said.

Fisher did get a chance to savor the moment late after the game, surrounded by friends and family in his hotel room. He sat half asleep in a chair, exhausted, and nursed a pulled hamstring he sustained running down the sideline and chasing an official after Auburn wasn't called for a horse collar tackle at the end of a catch-and-run by Rashad Green late in the game.

"You feel like you want to sleep for about a week after these seasons," Fisher said. "We'll get back tomorrow and give the staff a day or so and then we'll get back recruiting and we got to get going.

"It's time for another one," he said.

Twenty years after Florida State won its first national championship under Bowden, the Seminoles won the third in school history with his successor. The Seminoles broke a string of seven consecutive national champions from the SEC.

Now Fisher and Bowden both have an undefeated season on their resumes.

"It's kind of fitting to me," Fisher said. "It was Miami and Florida State every year. They had the teams. They were in it, the Nebraskas, the Oklahomas. The SEC couldn't get in it. But I think it's very fitting that Florida State come full circle back and like I say, maybe we don't play in the SEC but we play in the South and we've got good football."

"It's like the reckoning. Things are getting back in order again," he said.

Top 25 Final Poll

		Record	Pts	Pv
1	Florida St. (60)	14-0	1,500	1
2	Auburn	12-2	1,428	2
3	Michigan St.	13-1	1,385	4
4	South Carolina	11-2	1,247	8
5	Missouri	12-2	1,236	9
6	Oklahoma	11-2	1,205	11
7	Alabama	11-2	1,114	3
8	Clemson	11-2	1,078	12
9	Oregon	11-2	974	10
10	UCF	12-1	959	15
11	Stanford	11-3	936	5
12	Ohio St.	12-2	816	7
13	Baylor	11-2	778	6
14	LSU	10-3	717	14
15	Louisville	12-1	693	18
16	UCLA	10-3	632	17
17	Oklahoma St.	10-3	598	13
18	Texas A&M	9-4	459	20
19	Southern Cal	10-4	299	NR
20	Arizona St.	10-4	258	16
21	Notre Dame	9-4	256	25
22	Wisconsin	9-4	245	19
23	Duke	10-4	190	22
24	Vanderbilt	9-4	117	NR
25	Washington	9-4	109	NR

Johnson piling up numbers that can't be ignored

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Zach Johnson plays good golf. He just doesn't like to hear about it.

A few years back, Tiger Woods was talking about a small group of players he considered to be good putters when he mentioned Johnson. Told about this, Johnson laughed.

"He only thinks I'm a good putter because he only sees me on TV," Johnson said that day in 2007 at Carnoustie. "And the only time I'm on TV is when I'm playing well. And when I'm playing well, I'm putting well."

The normal guy from Cedar Rapids — that's how Johnson described himself when he won the Masters — has never looked at himself as anything special.

But there's no denying the record.

Already one of the more underrated — if not underappreciated — players in golf, Johnson picked up his 11th win on the PGA Tour when he matched the best score of the final round Monday with a 7-under 66 to win the Tournament of Champions at Kapalua.

It should be noted that before the tournament began, Johnson ran into caddie Lance Bennett and told him, "I never play well here."

Tim Dahlberg

Associated Press

Once again, things end up rosy for NFL

Playoff ratings are soaring, the messy concussion lawsuit is all but over, and the only thing the NFL really has to worry about now is keeping a bunch of corporate bigwigs warm at the Super Bowl.

Actually, there isn't much worry. The NFL will escape again because, well, it is the NFL and things always end up rosy.

A suit over brain damage that once threatened the very future of the league? About to vanish, assuming a judge who pushed for the $765 million settlement signs off as expected on the final terms.

Cold weather at the Super Bowl? Hey, if fans in Green Bay can party in subzero wind chills, nothing Mother Nature throws at the Meadowlands next month will be much worse.

If there ever was a bulletproof sport in America it's football. And if there was ever a bulletproof sports league in the country, it's the NFL.

That was evident over the weekend when millions of fans across the country tuned in from the warmth of their living rooms as the NFL playoffs kicked off with a thrilling comeback by the Indianapolis Colts to beat the Kansas City Chiefs. By the time a last second field goal won it on Sunday for San Francisco in frigid Green Bay, the wild-card weekend was the most-watched ever with an average of 34.7 million viewers.

And it came into more focus Tuesday when attorneys for former players claiming brain damage from concussions could barely contain their delight over a motion for preliminary approval in federal court that could pay up to $5 million apiece for those who are the worst off.

With good reason. In addition to the $765 million award to former players, attorneys for the plaintiffs will likely end up sharing a whopping $112 million for a case that was still years away from being litigated in court.

"We believe this agreement of $112 million is well within realm of fair," said co-lead attorney Christopher Seeger.

The attorneys aren't the only ones happy over the settlement. NFL owners have to be ecstatic over getting rid of a suit that could have threatened the league for years. For the price of little more than a franchise player a team, the NFL protected both its reputation and the $9 billion a year the league takes in — a figure that will only continue to rise with ever increasing television rights fees.

That doesn't mean the concussion debate is over. Not when players can still opt out and sue on their own — something Seeger doesn't see many doing — and not when three Chiefs were knocked out of their playoff game against the Colts with hits to the head. But the biggest challenge to the league has been dodged, at least for now, and at relatively little cost to each team.

Compared to that, the prospect of a little cold and snow at the Super Bowl is nothing more than a minor blip on the radar. Commissioner Roger Goodell has gone so far as to embrace it, noting that the infamous Ice Bowl game in 1967 at Lambeau Field is one of the more memorable in NFL history.

That could change if there's a storm system like the one that paralyzed a good part of the country this week with temperatures not seen in decades. But while a big storm could cause big issues with getting fans in and out of the stadium, the game will almost surely be played at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 and the 100 million or so people watching at home won't care how cold it is or how much snow is falling.

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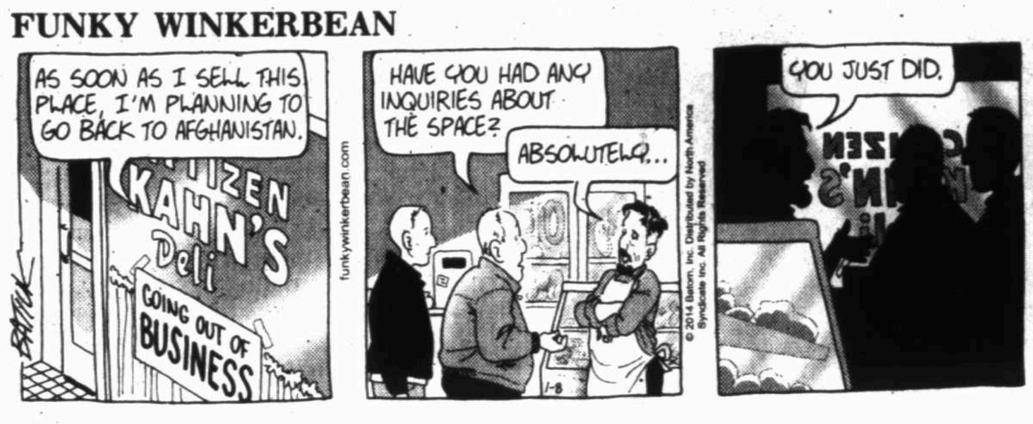

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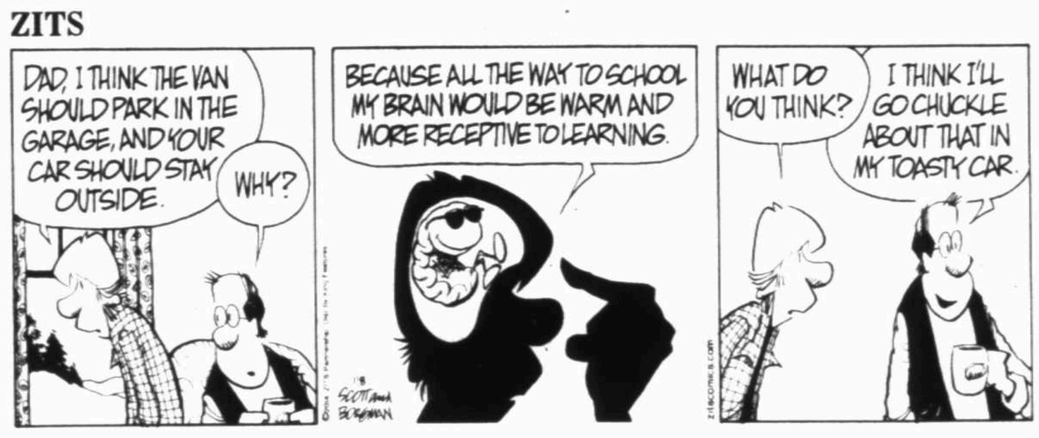

BABY BLUES

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CLOSE TO HOME

The Andrews brothers had an ongoing competition of seeing who could donate a pint of blood the fastest.

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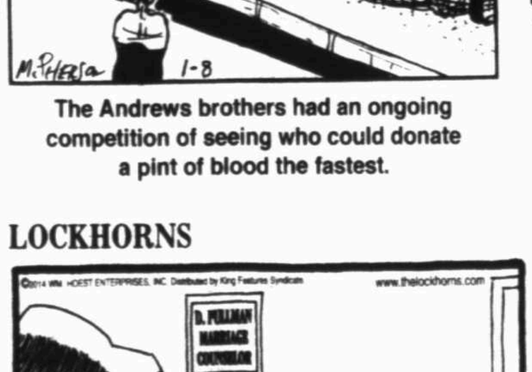

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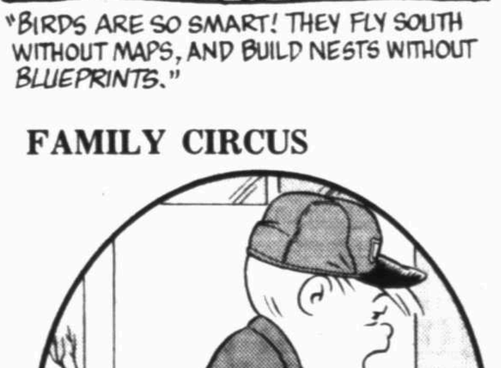
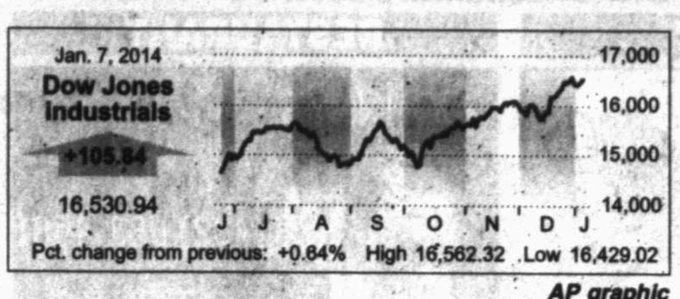


"Oh, man! Now I know the holiday season is REALLY over."

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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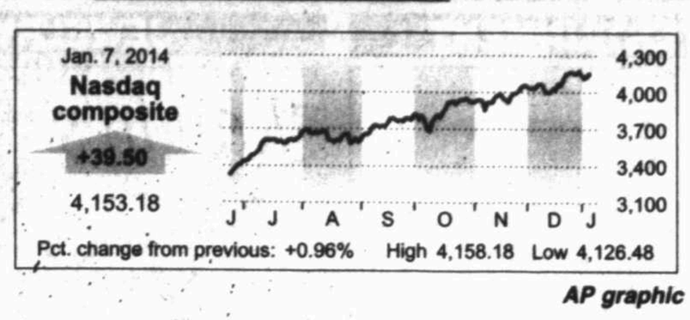

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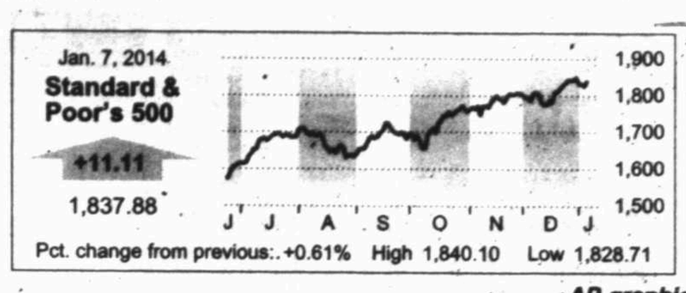

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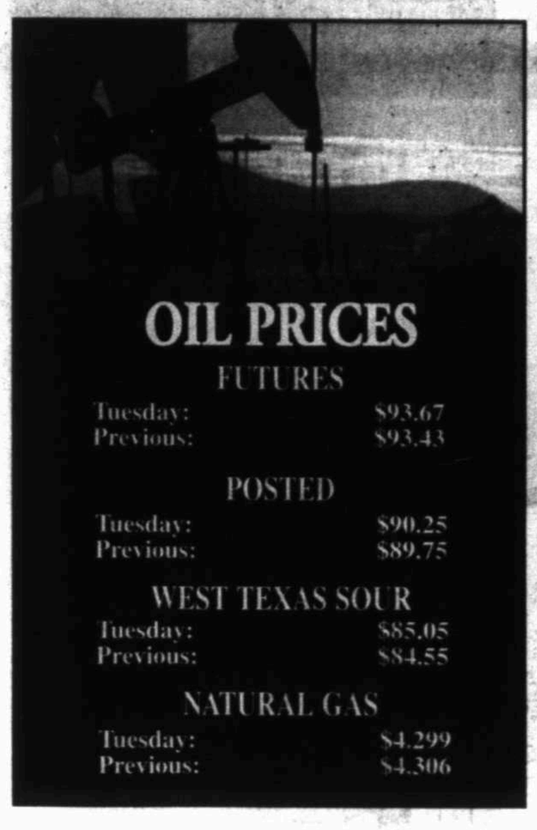

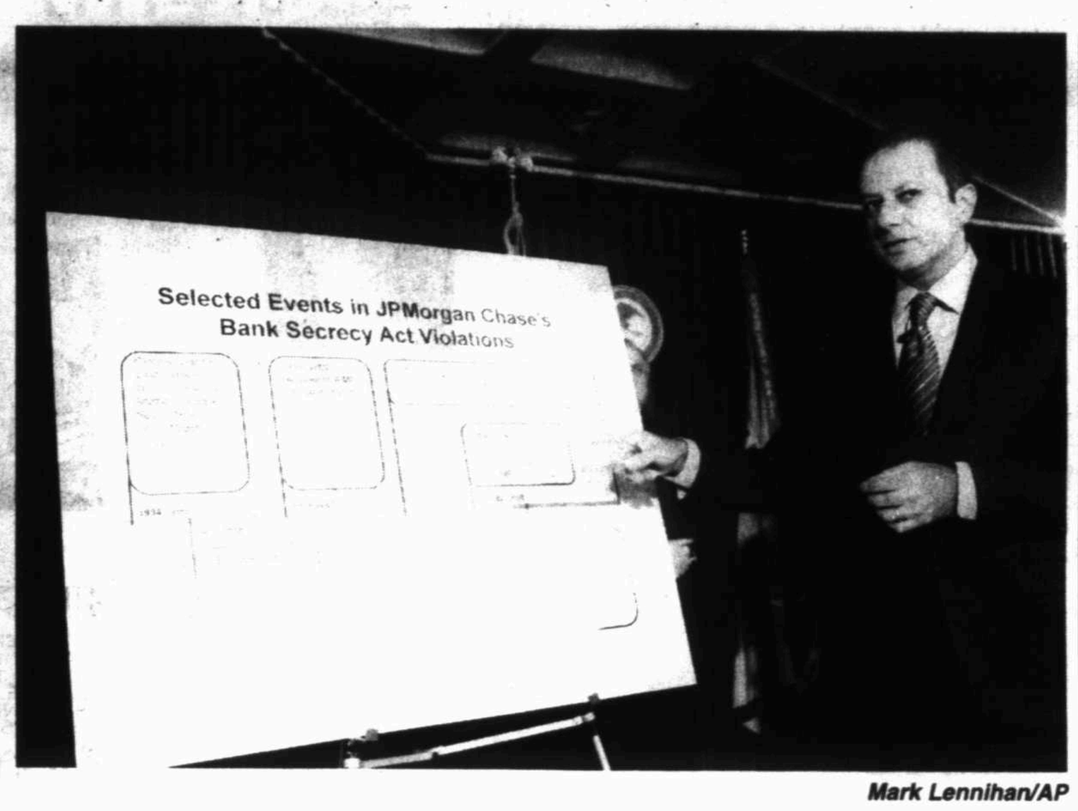

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Preet Bharara, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, announces a settlement with JPMorgan Chase on Tuesday in New York. JPMorgan Chase & Co., already beset by other costly legal woes, has agreed to pay $1.7 billion to settle criminal charges that it ignored obvious warning signs of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, Bharara said Tuesday.

JPMorgan to pay more than $2.5 billion in Madoff fraud

Associated Press

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase & Co., already beset by costly legal woes, will pay more than $2.5 billion for ignoring obvious warning signs of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, authorities said Tuesday.

The nation's largest bank will forfeit a record $1.7 billion to settle criminal charges, plus pay an additional $543 million to settle civil claims by victims. It also will pay a $350 million civil penalty for what the Treasury Department called "critical and widespread deficiencies" in its programs to prevent money laundering and other suspicious activity.

The bank failed to carry out its legal obligations while Madoff "built his massive house of cards," George Venizelos, head of the FBI's New York office, said at a news conference.

"It took until after the arrest of Madoff, one of the worst crooks this office has ever seen, for JPMorgan to alert authorities to what the world already knew," he said.

Madoff banked at JPMorgan through what court papers referred to as the "703 account." In 2008, the bank's London desk circulated a memo describing JPMorgan's inability to validate his trading activity or custody of assets and his "odd choice" of a one-man accounting firm, the government said.

In late October 2008, it filed a suspicious activity report with British officials. In the weeks that followed, JPMorgan withdrew about $300 million of its own money from Madoff feeder funds. The fraud was revealed when Madoff was arrested in December 2008.

"Despite all these alarm bells, JPMorgan never closed or even seriously questioned Madoff's Ponzi-enabling 703 account," said U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. "On the other hand, when it came to its own money, JPMorgan knew how to connect the dots and take action to protect itself against risk."

Prosecutors called the $1.7 billion the largest forfeiture by a U.S. bank and the largest Department of Justice penalty for a Bank Secrecy Act violation.

The settlement includes a so-called deferred prosecution agreement that requires the bank to acknowledge failures in its protections against money laundering but also allows it to avoid criminal charges. No individual executives were accused of wrongdoing.

The agreement resolves two felony violations of the Bank Secrecy Act in connection with the bank's relationship with Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, the private investment arm of Madoff's former business.

The Treasury Department's civil penalty was assessed because the bank failed to pass along to U.S. authorities suspicions about Madoff it had reported to Britain's Serious Organised Crime Agency, and because the bank failed to detect and report other cases of suspicious activity, including more than $2 billion in transactions involving the Puerto Rican affiliate of an unidentified Venezuelan bank, authorities said.

Under the agreement, criminal charges will be deferred for two years as JPMorgan admits to its conduct, pays the $1.7 billion a fund established for victims of Madoff's fraud and reforms its anti-money laundering policies, prosecutors said.

Oil prices rise

The price of oil rose to near $94 a barrel Tuesday as unusually cold weather in the U.S. was expected to fuel demand in the world's largest market for energy.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery rose 24 cents to $93.67 a barrel in New York. On Monday, the contract fell 53 cents to settle at $93.43 a barrel.

Crude prices were bolstered by a cold snap in the U.S., the world's top oil consumer, as the use of heating oil is expected to surge.

Dangerously cold polar air broke decades-old records, spreading Tuesday from the Midwest to southern and eastern parts of the U.S. and eastern Canada. Many cities came to a virtual standstill, with flights cancelled and schools and businesses shuttered because of the cold.

Forecasters said some 187 million people could feel the effects of the "polar vortex" by the time it spreads across the country.

Prices were also supported by continuing uncertainty about Libya's crude exports. Nearly three years after the start of the civil war that ousted Moammar Gadhafi, strikes and protests in the oil industry and conflicts between the government and regional militias have kept output at a fraction of its earlier level of around 1.5 million barrels a day.

Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, was up 62 cents to $107.35.

Gold falls

Gold for February delivery fell $8.40, or 0.7 percent, to $1,229.60 an ounce.

March silver fell 31.6 cents, or 1.6 percent, to $19.787 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1058746	16.50	-.16
S&P500ETF	756766	183.48	+1.12
iShEMkts	558348	39.91	+.17
FordM	536452	15.38	-.20
SPDR Fncl	470485	21.92	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VersoPap	4.38	+1.17	+36.4
ValeantPh	125.35	+12.73	+11.3
Vipshop	90.51	+8.23	+10.0
EKodak wt	20.70	+1.85	+9.8
58.com n	40.72	+3.59	+9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cyan n	3.63	-1.54	-29.8
GNIron	26.82	-8.88	-24.9
hhgregg	11.41	-1.52	-11.8
Dolan pfB	10.20	-1.28	-11.2
Edenor	5.48	-.68	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,049
Declined	1,057
Unchanged	83
Total issues	3,189
New Highs	143
New Lows	10
Volume	3,403,680,029

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	87950	2.50	...
CheniereEn	66882	45.21	+1.91
VantageDrl	65345	1.88	+.03
DocuSec	36393	2.46	+.36
Organovo	28872	10.37	+.19

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DocuSec	2.46	+.36	+17.1
LiqTech	2.41	+.29	+13.7
SynergyRs	9.18	+.60	+7.0
RingEngy	13.05	+.81	+6.6
Barnwell	3.09	+.17	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SwedLC22	10.89	-.76	-6.5
CoreMold	12.71	-.59	-4.4
Tofutti	3.45	-.16	-4.3
EnviroStr	2.99	-.13	-4.2
SwGA Fn	11.10	-.46	-4.0

DIARY

Advanced	265
Declined	138
Unchanged	30
Total issues	433
New Highs	7
New Lows	1
Volume	126,990,187

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	1800774	3.86	+.83
Facebook	755089	57.92	+.72
BlackBerry	712737	8.50	+.49
MicronT	593035	21.73	+1.06
Cisco	369716	22.31	+.30

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neurcrine	18.51	+8.75	+89.7
Epizyme n	35.99	+15.49	+75.6
LiveDeal	9.35	+3.65	+64.0
PlugPowr h	3.85	+1.08	+39.0
BallardPw	2.47	+.62	+33.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ProceraN	11.94	-2.95	-19.8
NV5 wt	2.94	-.46	-13.5
SupcndT rs	2.74	-.38	-12.2
UniPixel	8.55	-.96	-10.1
IntrCloud n	14.59	-1.36	-8.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,803
Declined	771
Unchanged	119
Total issues	2,693
New Highs	170
New Lows	8
Volume	2,188,616,749

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.99 Up 0.19

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.10 Up 0.70

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $34.32 Up 0.59

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $48.397 Down 0.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.33 Up 0.20

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.85 Up 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.02 Down 0.25

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.05 Up 0.81

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	26	34.95	-.01	.6
Abraxas	...	**36**	**3.21**	**+.03**	**-1.6**
AdamsEx	**.84e**	...	**13.00**	**+.09**	**-.5**
AMD	...	...	4.18	+.05	+8.0
Alcoa	.12	30	10.54	+.01	-.8
AlonUSA	.24a	20	16.55	+.06	+.1
AlphaNRs	...	...	6.50	-.44	-9.0
Ambev n	...	...	7.25	+.27	-1.4
Amgen	**2.44f**	**18**	**116.43**	**+2.95**	**+2.1**
Anadarko	**.72**	**23**	**79.84**	**+1.50**	**+.7**
Annaly	1.50e	3	10.25	+.14	+2.8
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**87.90**	**+1.59**	**+2.3**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**83**	**17.37**	**+.08**	**-1.8**
AriadP	...	...	6.72	-.10	-1.5
ATMOS	**1.48f**	**17**	**45.18**	**+.99**	**-.5**
AutoData	1.92f	27	80.78	+.97	...
BP PLC	**2.28f**	**11**	**48.55**	**+.55**	**-.1**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.00	-.02	+.5
BakrHu	.60	21	52.79	-.61	-4.5
BallardPw	...	...	2.47	+.62	+63.0
BkofAm	.04	22	16.50	-.16	+6.0
B iPVix rs	...	...	41.72	-1.01	-2.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	15.53	-.17	-1.6
BerkHa A	**...**	**161741**	**95.00**	**-305.00**	**-2.1**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**21**	**52.62**	**+.67**	**+.2**
BlackBerry	...	...	8.50	+.49	+14.2
BrlMySq	**1.44f**	**31**	**52.56**	**-.08**	**-1.1**
BrownFA	**1.16f**	**27**	**73.13**	**+.13**	**-.9**
BrownFB	**1.16f**	**26**	**74.77**	**+.49**	**-1.1**
CVS Care	1.10f	19	69.67	+.36	-2.7
Cameron	...	20	58.87	+.31	-1.1
Caterpillar	2.40	18	88.93	+.29	-2.1
Celestic g	...	23	10.65	+.05	+2.4
Cemex	.45t	...	11.66	+.07	-1.4
CntryLink	2.16	...	31.41	-.26	-1.4
ChesEng	.35	20	26.31	+.11	-3.1
Chevron	**4.00**	**10**	**125.07**	**+1.05**	**+.1**
Chicos	.30f	19	19.08	-.09	+1.3
Chimera	.36a	...	2.99	-.05	-3.5
Cimarex	.56	22	100.24	+1.05	-4.5
Cisco	.68	12	22.31	+.30	+2.2
Citigroup	.04	14	54.18	+.37	**+4.0**
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**74.99**	**+.19**	**-8.5**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**21**	**40.39**	**+.12**	**-2.2**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**27**	**64.20**	**+.06**	-1.5
Comcast	.78	22	52.83	+1.81	+1.7
ConAgra	**1.00**	**18**	**33.90**	**+.57**	**+.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**48**	**101.10**	**+.70**	**-6.4**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**11**	**70.37**	**+.11**	**-.4**
CrackerB	3.00	22	111.06	+1.77	+.9
CrosTim	**2.32e**	**13**	**29.76**	**+.49**	**+1.2**
DCP Mid	2.88f	23	50.45	+.46	+.2
DTE	2.62	19	65.76	+.57	-.9
Datarm rs	...	...	2.62	+.01	+.8
Dawson	**...**	**17**	**34.32**	**+.59**	**+1.5**
DeltaAir	.24	11	28.78	-.51	+4.8
DevonE	**.88**	**...**	**61.48**	**+1.23**	**-.6**
Disney	**.88f**	**22**	**76.34**	**+.52**	**-.1**
DowChm	1.28	44	43.11	**-.48**	**-2.9**
DryShips	...	...	4.11	+.07	-12.7
eBay	...	25	52.87	+1.09	-3.6
EMC Cp	.40	21	25.55	+.69	+1.6
EOG Res	**.75**	**41**	**166.85**	**+2.83**	**-.6**
EmpDist	**1.02f**	**17**	**22.45**	**+.28**	**-1.1**
Energen	.58	26	69.41	+1.51	-1.9
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	54.46	-.72	-4.9
EnPro	**...**	**37**	**56.98**	**+.34**	**-1.2**
EntPrPt	2.76f	24	64.75	+.24	-2.3
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.84	-.01	-3.3
ExcoRs rt	...	...	.01	-.01	-92.5
ExterranH	**...**	**24**	**34.25**	**-.16**	**+.1**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**11**	**101.07**	**+1.41**	**-.1**
Facebook	...	...	57.92	+.72	+6.0
FordM	.40	12	15.38	-.20	-.3
ForestOil	...	12	3.47	-.08	-3.9
FuelCellE	...	...	1.86	+.25	+31.6
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**51.61**	**-.03**	**-1.1**
GebMultT	**.80**	**...**	**11.33**	**+.21**	**-8.7**
GameStop	1.10	13	44.14	-4.03	-10.4
GAInv	**2.10e**	**...**	**34.42**	**-.21**	**-2.2**
GenElec	**.88f**	**20**	**27.29**	**+.03**	**-2.6**
GenMotors	...	17	40.20	-.20	-1.6
GltPlainEn	**.92f**	**16**	**24.17**	**+.32**	**-.3**
Groupon	...	...	11.88	-.01	+1.0
HalconRes	...	**19**	**3.53**	**+.08**	**-8.5**
Halliburtn	**.60f**	**17**	**50.20**	**-.12**	**-1.1**
Hertz	...	40	27.77	-.42	-3.0
HewlettP	**.58**	**11**	**28.18**	**-.11**	**+.7**
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.02	+.05	-1.0
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	36.02	+.01	-6.1
iShEMkts	.87e	...	39.91	+.17	-4.5
iShR2K	1.41e	...	114.71	+.95	-.6
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.75	+.50	-1.2
Intel	**.90**	**14**	**25.59**	**+.13**	**-1.4**
InterDig	.40	31	29.17	+.06	-1.1
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	58.32	-.68	+.4
JohnJn	**2.64**	**21**	**94.29**	**+1.96**	**+2.9**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**22**	**103.98**	**-.38**	**-.5**
KindME	5.40f	30	80.55	+.11	-.1
KindMM	5.40f	48	75.60	+.51	-.1
LegacyRes	2.34f	...	28.33	+.20	+.6
Lubys	**...**	**52**	**7.26**	**-.01**	**-6.0**
MGM Rsts	...	...	24.51	+1.03	+4.2
MktVGold	.19e	...	21.97	+.04	+4.0
McDnlds	3.24f	17	96.38	+.53	-.7
Merck	1.76f	30	50.11	+.37	+.1
MeritMed	**...**	**59**	**14.87**	**+.20**	**-5.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.85	+.19	-.7
MicronT	...	22	21.73	+1.06	-.1
Microsoft	1.12	14	36.41	+.28	-2.7
Nabors	.16	39	16.64	-.31	-2.1
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**64.20**	**-.13**	**-1.7**
NOilVarco	1.04	15	79.81	+.32	+.4
Neurcrine	...	...	18.51	+8.75	+98.2
NokiaCp	...	...	8.04	+.02	-.9
NStarRlt	.84f	...	13.84	+.16	+2.9
NvMAd	**.80a**	**...**	**12.39**	**+.05**	**+1.9**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**12.82**	**+.05**	**+3.6**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**12.62**	**+.05**	**+2.4**
NSTFI3	**.63a**	**...**	**13.10**	**+.02**	**+1.7**
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Penney	...	...	8.19	-.48	-10.5
PennaRE	**.80f**	**...**	**19.08**	**-.22**	**+.5**
Primian	.87e	16	13.28	+.02	+3.3
Petrobras	.27e	...	12.90	-.26	-6.4
Pfizer	**1.04f**	**16**	**30.74**	**+.19**	**+.4**
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PlainsAAP	**2.40f**	**18**	**50.98**	**+.15**	**-1.5**
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PwShs QQQ	.88e	...	87.12	+.80	-1.0
Praxair	**2.40**	**23**	**130.24**	**+.75**	**+.2**
PrmEgy	**...**	**10**	**49.81**	**-.19**	**-1.4**
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RiteAid	...	...	5.31	-.06	+4.9
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Sapient	**...**	**32**	**17.21**	**+.21**	**-.9**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	87.51	-.51	-2.9
SigmaAld	**.86**	**24**	**92.78**	**+1.08**	**-1.3**
SiriusXM	...	55	3.86	+.03	+10.6
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SunEdison	...	...	14.73	+.72	+12.9
SunocoLog	2.52f	20	73.68	+.21	-2.4
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	16.91	+.01	-3.0
TelefEsp	**.47e**	**...**	**16.13**	**+.25**	**-1.3**
Tesoro	1.00	17	58.07	+.50	-.7
3M Co	3.42f	21	137.65	+.02	-1.9
Torchmark	**.68**	**14**	**77.94**	**+.64**	**-.3**
TriContl	**.70e**	**...**	**19.89**	**+.06**	**-.5**
Twitter n	...	...	61.46	-4.83	-3.4
TylerTech	**...**	**92**	**102.39**	**+.86**	**+.3**
UBWV	**1.28f**	**18**	**30.74**	**+.20**	**-2.3**
Vale SA	.78e	...	14.04	-.25	-7.9
ValeroE	.90	12	51.42	+1.59	+2.0
VangEmg	1.15e	...	39.43	+.16	-4.2
VerizonCm	2.12	69	49.30	+.61	+.3
VersoPap	...	...	4.38	+1.17	+599.7
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**58.84**	**+.78**	**-1.0**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**20**	**57.51**	**+.37**	**+.1**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	45.40	-.02	...
WstnRefin	.88f	9	41.93	-.58	-1.1
WhitingPet	...	13	59.29	+.34	-4.2
WmsCos	1.52f	44	39.01	+.61	+1.1
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**15**	**27.82**	**+.47**	**-.4**
Xerox	**.23**	**13**	**12.19**	**+.10**	**+.2**
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16,588.25	13,293.13	Dow Jones Industrials	16,530.94	+105.84	+.64	-.28	+24.02
7,410.25	5,455.86	Dow Jones Transportation	7,287.76	+53.73	+.74	-1.52	+32.69
537.86	455.75	Dow Jones Utilities	486.36	+4.06	+.84	-.86	+6.09
10,406.77	8,573.26	NYSE Composite	10,327.33	+57.27	+.56	-.70	+20.02
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,396.84	+5.01	+.21	-1.21	-.10
4,177.73	3,076.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,153.18	+39.50	+.96	-.56	+34.33
1,849.44	1,451.64	S&P 500	1,837.88	+11.11	+.61	-.57	+26.13
19,719.24	15,305.26	Wilshire 5000	19,609.77	+128.42	+.66	-.49	+27.83
1,167.97	871.01	Russell 2000	1,157.63	+10.47	+.91	-.53	+32.35

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LRG REWARD offered for return of silver bracelet, picked up at MM Hospital at 11:15 on Thursday Dec. 26. 505-699-8381

LOST: GREAT Pyrenees. **"REWARD"** Large white female dog lost in north east Midland Co./Martin Co. She recently had puppies and was still nursing one of them. Her name is Yeti and she is really missed. Please call Kevin if you have found her. 432-967-3384

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS and PROVIDERS

Applications for participation in DentiCare, Inc.'s network of general and specialty dental commercial providers will be accepted March 1, 2014 through March 20, 2014. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information please write: DentiCare, Inc. Attention: DentiCare Dental Network Manager, 325 Reid Street, De Pere, WI 54115.

Legal & Public Notices

Contruction Manager at Risk Solicitation
The Glasscock County Independent School District solicits credentials and pricing from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk services associated with proposed improvements to the school's facilities.

Interested firms should contact the school at 432-354-2230 or Tom Weeaks at 432-270-1312 to request a copy of the Request for Proposal. You may also go to our website: www.gckats.net and download the inforamtion packet and RFP.

All submissions must be elievered to the school office in Garden City, Texas, no later than 3:00pm CST on January 7, 2014.

Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to overlook any irregularities, and wave any and all formalities.

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Business Opportunity

TRUCKING COMPANY for sale with end dumps & vacuum trailers, one winch truck. With Texas Waste Hauler Permit to transport waste. Established business in operation for 18 years 337-652-6325.

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2004 VOLVO S60 R. 7 speed, silver w/tan & black leather. 109K miles. 1 owner, all service records by Volvo dealers. New tires & front brakes, excellent, AWD Turbo 4 dr. Sedan $10,500. 432-230-2680

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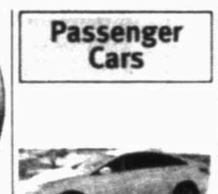
Passenger Cars



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2013 Chevy Captiva Sport Black $19,950	2013 Chevy Impala LTZ Leather, White $19,950	2012 Ford Escape Limited V6, Leather, Gray $19,950	2013 Dodge Charger White $19,950	2013 Chevy Captiva Sport Gold $20,950	2013 Chevy Captiva Sport Silver $21,950	2013 Chevy Captiva Sport LTZ Grey $22,950	2013 Ford F-150 Reg Cab STX Big Blue Engine Grey $22,950
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Payroll/Benefits Administrator

Growing Permian Basin pipeline construction and maintenance contractor seeks Payroll/Benefits Administrator. Ideal candidates will possess 2 + years experience in payroll administration with a concentration in coding and completing weekly payroll. Knowledge of payroll adjustments, voluntary and involuntary deductions, taxed, payroll reporting, and benefits administration are a must. Candidates will need to be computer literate in Microsoft applications, self motivated, and detail oriented. Compensation will include a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants can forward resumes by email to ivandever@tuckermidstream.com or by mail to 921 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, TX., 79706

Producer Accounting Position

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, Texas is looking to fill a **Producer Accounting** position. Duties will include data preparation and settlement of Gas Processing plants on a monthly basis. Must have excellent computer and communication skills. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K, and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Producer Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Independent Oil & Gas Company seeking a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm. Duties include: front desk reception, answering phones, sorting mail, making travel arrangements, and other administrative duties. Candidate must be dependable, a team player, and proficient in both Word and Excel. Full-time benefits offered. Interested parties should send resumes with references to: 432-682-4325 (Fax) spresley@naguss.com (Email)

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Nine

817-945-1051 • 817-945-1065 (fax) • 8101 Boat Club Road, Suite 330 • Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Nine Energy Service, Inc. seeks an Administrative Assistant for our Midland, Texas facility.

This position requires an applicant to sort and data-enter information for daily statistical reports, maintain electronic file system, assist in on-boarding of employees, arrange travel and route phones, visitors and mail.

Qualified applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, able to operate a multiline phone system, possess strong Customer Service skills, sound judgment, attention to detail and effective use of time.

He/She would react well under pressure; manage competing demands; deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events; commit to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals.

Competitive pay and full benefits. Qualified candidates may e-mail cover letter and resume to angela.jordan@nineenergyservice.com no later than January 15, 2014.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Available Positions

Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions Clerical, Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand, & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to bill@lighthouseenergy.org.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

UNIVERSAL PRESSURE PUMPING, INC.

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR

Is needed at Universal Pressure Pumping's facility in Midland, TX.

This position plans, organizes and monitors the coordination of logistics of the drivers and/or field personnel; oversees scheduling of equipment to meet customer needs; ensures the maintenance of vendor data and billing records; ensures the adequate scheduling of dispatchers and staff to maintain department functionality to meet the needs of the company.

QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree in Business or related field a plus
- Supervisory experience of at least 1 year in office/dispatch setting - required
- Minimum one (1) year basic oilfield well servicing experience, or work experience in related field a plus
- Driving a vacuum truck a plus

SKILLS

- Ability to effectively communicate, verbally and written, in English (Spanish a plus)
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and handle multiple tasks at once
- Basic problem solving and organizational skills
- Basic computer skills (Windows)

We offer a competitive wage based on experience and a full benefit package including medical, dental, vision, and matching 401k.

PAY WILL DEPEND ON EXPERIENCE

For questions or additional information, please contact Bobby Duty at Bobby.Duty@univpp.com

Or apply in person at
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Midland, TX 79703

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OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Environmental Technician (LDAR)

Trihydro Corporation FT
Midland, TX

Trihydro Corporation has an opening for an **Environmental Technician**. Duties include air quality monitoring associated with Leak Detection and Repair programs at natural gas plants. A basic understanding of mechanical systems and significant travel are required. Applicants must have a clean driving record and a commitment to safe operations. Apply at **www.trihydro.com** with application, resume, and cover letter. Trihydro is an EEO/AA employer

HEALTHCARE

Experienced Registered Dental Assitant

Family dental office seeks **registered dental assistant** to join our team. Must be currently licensed, energetic, and personable. Prefer at least 2 years of experience. Submit resume with references by fax: **432-570-6028.** Mail or drop by: **A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, 4410 N Midkiff RD Ste D217, Midland TX 79705**

PREMIER PHYSICIANS

Premier Physicians currently has openings in the following offices:

Urgent Care – Walk In Clinic

Experienced Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner – must have at least one year experience in busy clinic setting.

Premier Physicians offers a competitive benefit package including paid vacation and sick time, health insurance and retirement.

Please send qualified resumes to:
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Midland, TX 79704 or by fax to 432.682.2284

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All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at www.pbmhmr.com. For questions, contact the Human Resources at 432-570-3322

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Controller for a medical management group. Ability to effectively plan, coordinate, and manage accounting, HR function, special projects and communicate positively with staff and peers. Bachelor degree - Accounting, 5+ years of experience. QuickBooks experience preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to Executive Director, PO Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 PP-8004

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OTHER JOBS

Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
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or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Positions Needed

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OTHER JOBS

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Now hiring for **HARD METALIST** and **REAMER TECH**. Likely candidate must pass pre-employment drug screen. Clean driving record and experience required. Stop in at **7606 W. Hwy 80** to fill out an application.

Housekeeper

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Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

Janitor/General Cleaners

ABM Janitorial PT

Part time Janitorial positions available. Work Monday-Friday, 5:30-9:30pm, no weekends. Apply at 201 W. Wall Ste 105, Midland, TX 79701.

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Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa**.

Sales And Designer
FLOWERLAND FT
Salesperson and designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays included. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

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Wood's Boots FT/PT
Start the New Year off right! Wood's Boots is adding to our sales team at both Midland locations. It is a good environment with great customers, the best hours in retail, room for advancement, and benefits. Stop in at 4803 Andrews Hwy or 812 W I-20 for an application.

Salesperson
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Sales Representative
Promotional advertising company looking for motivated individual to generate sales in Midland. Call **432-517-4000** for more information or mail resume to **D & R Enterprises P.O. Box 3826 Big Spring, TX. 79721.**

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CDL DRIVERS
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Qualified candidates should apply at or send their resumes to:
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Mail:
PO Box 60045
Midland, TX 79711
Fax: (432) 561-9934
HRViking@Lathampool.com

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Latham Pool Products, Inc. (LPP) a leading manufacturer of fiberglass swimming pools is currently accepting applications for production positions for our manufacturing operations in LA. Job responsibilities will include performing all tasks assigned in the manufacture of fiberglass swimming pools, maintaining a clean work area, and adhering to all safety standards. Physical requirements of the position include but are not limited to prolonged standing, frequent bending/reaching/stooping, overhead work and lifting up to forty (40) pounds. Fiberglass/composite manufacturing experience is preferred but not required. Other desirable qualifications include experience in construction and/or tile installation. LPP offers a friendly work environment and a competitive compensation and benefits package. LPP is a drug free workplace.

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Viking Pools
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Latham Pool Products, Inc. **a leading manufacturer of fiberglass swimming pools is currently seeking a Shipping Manager for our Viking Pools operation in Midland, TX.**

Responsibilities include;
- Providing delivery schedules for our dealers, production staff, and order entry
- Hiring and managing our CDL Drivers and Pilot Drivers
- Responsible for loading and transport of our product
- Maintain all DOT requirements.

The successful candidate **will be a team player with a demonstrated management ability and** knowledge of DOT regulations. **The successful candidate will have 3 years Logistics/Shipping** Manager experience. **Experience in wide loads is a plus.** Excellent communication skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office is required.

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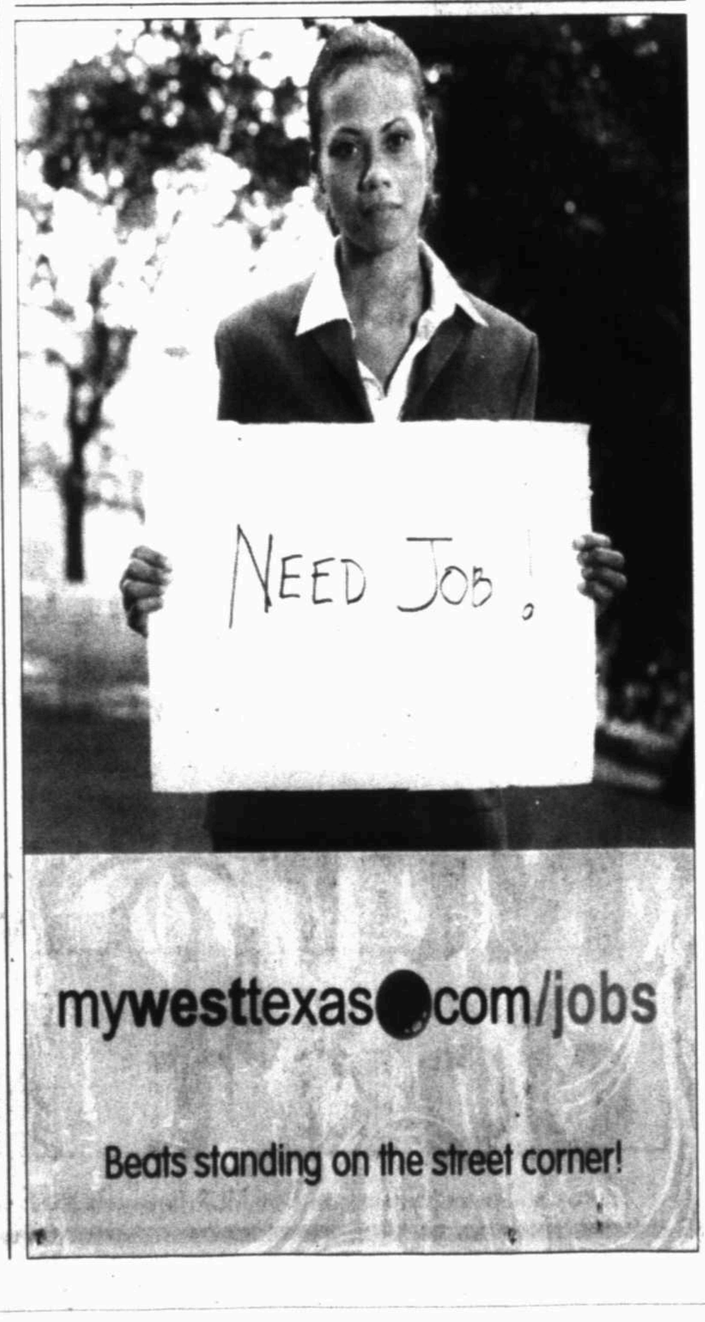

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Mobile Homes for Rent

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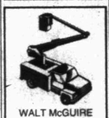

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