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Parade victims object to UP's third parties

Attorneys say the railroad has not presented enough facts to name city, county

By Joseph Basco
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Victims in the Nov. 15 train wreck lawsuit filed a response last Wednesday to defendant Union Pacific Railroad Co.'s Feb. 15 motion for leave, objecting to designating the city of Midland and Midland County as responsible third parties.

The plaintiffs, represented by attorneys Kevin Glasheen and Bob Pottroff, state that UP has not presented facts or a cause of action to support its claim that the city and county are responsible for the fatal wreck, according to the March 6 objection document.

But if the court grants UP's request to name the city and county as responsible third parties, the plaintiffs will name both entities as defendants in the suit. Show of Support was not mentioned in the document.

"However, this raises interesting questions," the document states. "If the Defendant Railroad is allowed to submit the City of Midland and Midland County to the jury for conduct that is not actionable under the Texas Tort Claims Act, and Plaintiffs submit claims to the jury that are limited by the Texas Tort Claims Act, then even as a practical matter it would likely be impossible to get a proper result from a jury. The risk of confusion would simply be too high."

The document then goes on to repeat the information from UP's Feb. 15 motion for leave that said the city and county allegedly were negligent in their roles in the parade.

In response, the plaintiffs said the language of the motion filed by UP does not establish a duty owed to them by the city or county, nor does it have a cognizable legal claim arising from the two entities' negligence.

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Conaway discusses sequestration, immigration

By Joseph Basco
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With 11 days into the national sequestration, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, met with Midlanders in a town hall meeting at the Polo Park Estates retirement home to discuss the automatic federal spending cuts and the Texas-relevant issue of immigration.

"It's a step in the right direction in the sense of reducing the size of government," Conaway said. "There are better ways to get at it, but the president and Senate won't agree to those things, so this is a step that we're having to take."

Conaway said that even though the 10-year sequestration will be in effect this year, he predicts Congress will approve a law that will replace the hard sequestration cuts with softer, smarter cuts for the remaining nine years.

"As long as the House is controlled by the Republicans, we're not going to eliminate it," Conaway said. "We may vote to substitute more better, thoughtful spending cuts for the sequester cuts, but we're not going to eliminate it."

Immigration, a long-standing bipartisan issue, was the other political topic audience members inquired about the most.

One audience member asked about securing the border, another asked about taxing illegal immigrants.

Conaway said it is important to enhance border security with technology that can detect underground tunnels at the U.S. and Mexico border. Regarding taxing undocumented immigrants, Conaway avoided answering the question and instead listed his proposals for immigration law, such as a guest worker program, and emphasized the need for compromise if immigration law is to be passed.

Conaway said immigration law is at the stage where it has to go through committees. He said Speaker of the House John Boehner will use the Judiciary Committee to develop the language of the law.

"Until they release any committee version, we really don't know the specifics of what the House bill will be," he said.

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U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway speaks at a town hall meeting Monday at Polo Park Estates.

Jail: Midlander with 5 previous DWI convictions arrested on same charge

From staff reports

A Midland man with five previous DWI convictions was arrested Sunday in Midand County for allegedly evading arrest and driving while intoxicated, according to his arrest affidavit.

Lozano

Andres Lozano, 63, is being held on a $150,000 bond for a state felony charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and a third-degree felony third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

A Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy was driving west in the 2600 block of East County Road 140 at about 7 p.m. Sunday and saw an oncoming vehicle traveling at 63 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The vehicle drove off the roadway multiple times after the deputy initiated a traffic stop, according to the report.

The driver then turned right onto South County Road 1160 and drove through the ditch as he turned, according to the report.

The vehicle almost hit a set of oil tanks near an oil battery on East County Road 156, according to the arrest report.

The vehicle stopped at a residence in the 2700 block of East County Road 156, where the deputy apprehended the driver, identified as Lozano, according to the report.

The deputy said Lozano had alcohol on his breath and admitted to drinking, according to the report.

The deputy found an open beer bottle in the car. Lozano allegedly refused to perform a sobriety test or offer a blood sample, according to the report.

If convicted, Lozano could face up to two years in prison for the state felony charge and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony charge.

Should the US aim for energy autonomy?

■ Some say independence from foreign oil is not realistic.

By Vicki Vaughan
San Antonio Express-News

After President Richard Nixon declared in 1973 that the nation's goal should be "to meet our own energy needs without depending on any foreign sources," he was echoed by president after president.

But instead of reaching "energy independence" — where the United States wouldn't need to purchase foreign oil — Nixon's goal of oil self-sufficiency began to look more and more distant.

But that was before the shale revolution. Recent technological advances in drilling and hydraulic fracturing in shale plays, such as South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale, have touched off a renaissance in oil production.

7M BARRELS PER DAY

That's how much domestic oil production jumped in January for the first time in 20 years.

In January, domestic oil production jumped above 7 million barrels a day for the first time in 20 years, touching off renewed talk of reaching energy independence. Today, many experts are divided only as to when oil self-sufficiency will occur.

Still, others say it's not realistic to suggest that the nation will stop importing oil entirely. It doesn't take into account the nation's dependence on the broader global economy, which relies on the sometimes shaky security of oil exports from the Arabian Gulf.

And reaching energy independence assumes that U.S. oil production will continue to rise, a situation that in itself could dampen oil prices and thus, drilling.

Yet talk of U.S. oil self-sufficiency has prompted renewed excitement. It started in November, when Paris-based International Energy Agency predicted that the United States would surpass Saudi Arabia as the world's biggest energy producer by 2020.

The agency, which provides policy advice to 28 member nations, further predicted that North America would become a net exporter of oil in 2030 and the United States would reach energy independence by 2035.

A somewhat more tempered prediction came from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, which estimated that the nation will be dependent on oil imports until 2040.

At the same time, though, the EIA recognized the surge in domestic oil production, predicting a sharp rise over the next decade. The EIA also estimates that net imports of liquid fuels will fall to 6 million barrels a day by 2014, a level that would represent a 25-year low.

"We see foreign oil imports declining, but not disappearing," said Jim

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The big number
On Sunday, Midland used
12.7 million gallons
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Community calendar

■ Midland Quilters Guild is to meet 7 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Wednesday at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The program is on quilting tips. For more information, call 694-0561.

■ Midland County Republican Women will host a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, at the Petroleum Club. George Pond of the Texas Chapter of the National Rifle Association will speak on gun control issues and the importance of women being educated and trained in self-defense and people having a concealed hand gun license.

Mayor Wes Perry will speak on the growth of Midland's future and water issues. The public is invited to attend. Luncheon cost is $18 with a reservation. To make a reservation or more information, call 520-3500 or go to www.mcrw.us.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

Overeaters Anonymous; 7:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Midland Memorial Hospital. Contact Don Hill 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com .

■ TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — Tuesdays at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater. Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Water tracker

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

Friday's total: 14,590,000 gallons (CRMWD 11,110,000, Paul Davis fields 3,480,000)

Saturday's total: 14,576,000 gallons (CRMWD 11,086,000, Paul Davis fields 3,490,000)

Sunday's total: 12,721,000 gallons (CRMWD 9,244,000, Paul Davis fields 3,477,000)

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 147,581 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 102,948 acre-feet. The average for February was 9,567,179. The current average for March is 10,496,300.

Online this week

■ New restaurant reports from the city's commercial kitchens are now available to be viewed on MywestTexas.com/restaurants.

■ Check MyWestTexas.com throughout the week for baseball and soccer photo galleries inlvoving Lee High, Midland High, Greenwood High, Midland College among others.

■ Voice your opinion at Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram and vote in our daily polls at MyWestTexas.com.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, March 12, the 71st day of 2013. There are 294 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was promoted to the rank of general-in-chief of the Union armies in the Civil War by President Abraham Lincoln.

Detention center receives funds for additional cameras

By Tyler White
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The Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday approved allocating funds for additional security cameras at the Midland County Detention Center.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter requested $74,000 for cameras to be installed in the jail's interior and exterior to offer expanded visuals and security.

Painter said the cameras will compensate for the "blind spots" that the department has identified, though he did not say where the blind spots were located.

He also said the cameras would provide additional surveillance and video documentation of incident or fights in the jail.

The detention center was expected to cost about $22 million when it was proposed in 2008-09, but the center was under budget by about $5 million, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Despite coming in under budget, Painter said there were funding issues during construction. He said he requested cameras for certain areas of the jail, but some cameras were omitted to reduce the jail's costs.

Painter said the Commissioners' Court and the sheriff's office now are in a better position to fund the additional cameras. The $74,000 will come from the $5 million initially allocated through a bond to fund the jail's construction, he said.

"The money used is already pledged by the taxpayers, and this just is coming out of that," Painter said.

Once the sheriff's office could prove the additional cameras were needed, the court became more open to funding that venture, he said.

AP file photo

Gun dealer Mel Bernstein takes down an AK-47 assault rifle from a sales rack at his Dragonman's shooting range and gun store, east of Colorado Springs, Colo., on Feb. 5.

Survey shows gun dealers wary of straw purchasers

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A new survey of firearms dealers Monday suggests many of them are on alert against straw purchasers and those buying guns without proper documentation, and they want rogue gun merchants to pay a steep price for their misdeeds.

A research team at the University of California Davis found that 67.3 percent of the dealers reported an attempted purchase by someone buying the weapon for another individual — a straw purchase that violates federal firearms law.

And 42.4 percent reported an attempted purchase by someone trying to buy a weapon without paperwork or background checks. Some of these may have occurred at gun shows where purchasers could be confused between licensed firearms dealers, who require paperwork and background checks, and private sellers, who do not.

Among those surveyed, 25 percent of dealers said they'd experienced gun theft in the previous five years.

The dealers gave a collective thumbs-down to the small number of gun sellers who are not vigilant against illegal sales and have an inordinate number of guns used in crimes traced back to them.

The survey results were published online Monday in the academic journal Injury Prevention. The survey team sent questionnaires to 1,601 dealers nationwide and received responses from 591.

"The vast majority of dealers want to be part of solution and not part of the problem," said the lead researcher, Garen Wintemute, who is an emergency room physician at UC Davis Medical Center and director of the Violence Prevention Research Program. "I come away thinking they are a very underused resource" in the battle to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

Last week, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 11-7 to stiffen penalties for straw purchasers, making anyone convicted of explicitly buying a gun for another person subject to a 20-year prison sentence.

The findings were in stark contrast to the image of firearms dealers who are often portrayed as primarily interested in profits with little regard to who their customers actually are.

"Gun dealers are just like anybody else; you have the good, the bad and the ugly," said Tom Diaz, author of a new book "The Last Gun," which documents gun-industry attempts at "hypermarketing" increasingly militarized weapons. "The major problem is not the gun dealers themselves but the products they sell."

Lawrence Keane, general counsel of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the Newtown, Conn., trade organization representing gun manufacturers and dealers, said that gun dealer efforts to deny sales to unqualified buyers is nothing new.

Retailers' cooperative relationship with law enforcement is "exemplified by our decadelong partnership with ATF in the industry-funded 'Don't Lie for the Other Guy' anti-straw purchasing retailer education and public awareness campaign and our program of matching ATF reward offers for the theft of firearms from licensed establishments," Keane said. "According to (the Justice Department), the overwhelming number of firearms misused by criminals are stolen or obtained on the street, not from licensed retail establishments."

The survey noted that while the responding dealers generally declined to complete sales they believed to be illegal, they only alerted law enforcement or other dealers about 75 percent of the time.

The UC Davis survey is all the more remarkable because Wintemute has been associated with research highly critical of firearms sales and ownership.

Wintemute conducted research that showed 238,292 handgun purchasers in California in 1991 suffered higher rates of suicide than the general population, adjusted for age and sex.

Of the women who bought guns in California in 1991 and died within 12 months, 31.2 percent committed suicide with a firearm, Wintemute concluded. For all women in California, 0.2 percent of deaths were gun suicides.

In an interview, Wintemute insisted he is pursuing no particular agenda and lets his research findings fall where they may.

"I am not antigun," said Wintemute. "I am antiviolence."

Colorado Senate to approve gun bills

Associated Press

DENVER — A gun control package pushed by Colorado Democrats cleared the state Senate on Monday, as sponsors described it as a needed response to Colorado's blood-soaked history of mass shootings.

One Democrat after another rose Monday to talk about restricting gun rights after last July's shooting at a suburban Denver movie theater. The vote came on the eve of an expected plea by the alleged gunman, James Holmes, who is accused of killing 12 people and injuring dozens more.

The measures approved by the Senate included a limit on the kinds of high-capacity ammunition magazines Holmes is accused of using in the theater shooting. Other measures included expanded background checks on private gun sales and a new ban on gun ownership for people facing domestic violence charges.

Republicans argued in vain that the gun controls would not have prevented the theater shooting, nor the school massacre last December in Newtown, Conn. Some cited the 1999 Columbine High School shootings outside Denver.

Democrats stood firm.

"We can't get back the kids we lost, but can refuse to send them more," argued Sen. Mike Johnston, D-Denver.

The Democratic gun control package in Colorado is being watched nationally to see how a politically moderate state with a gun-loving past responds to the recent shootings in suburban Denver and in Connecticut.

Only one of the five bills heads to Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper to be signed into law. The remaining four must return to the House for more debate, including the ammunition magazine limit and the domestic violence bill. The House is under Democratic control and will likely approve the measures.

Nun among 3 charged with illegal voting in SW Ohio

Associated Press

A southwest Ohio nun who voted on behalf of another nun who died before last year's presidential election has been charged with illegal voting.

The Hamilton County prosecutor in Cincinnati said Monday that Sister Marguerite Kloos was among three people charged with voting illegally.

Defense attorney Ralph Kohnen said Kloos was trying to fulfill the wishes of a friend who died before absentee ballots were mailed. He said she'll plead guilty.

Prosecutors said a man faces the same count after he cast a ballot in November for his late wife. A poll worker also has been charged with eight illegal-voting counts. Prosecutors said she's charged with voting twice in November and voting for other people in various elections.

ENERGY

From 1A

Burkhardt, head of oil market research at the consulting firm IHS/CERA.

But there's no question that the growth in domestic oil production "is truly, truly exceptional — and in a global historical context," he said.

Iran had a similar boom in oil production in 1979 and Saudi Arabia from 1972-74, "so that just shows you how rare it is. That's why net oil imports are down 40 percent, and that's why we're even entertaining the question as to why we could become energy independent."

Oil imports "may not hit zero, but we're going to see a trend where North America will move toward greater self-sufficiency in oil production," Burkhardt said.

Over the next 20 years, he said, "most of our foreign oil is going to come from Canada, and some from Mexico, as well."

Whenever oil self-sufficiency may occur, U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, sees big benefits for Texas.

"Domestic oil and gas production is driving job growth here in Texas," he said. "We're seeing that in the Eagle Ford Shale." Cuellar's 28th congressional district includes counties in the shale where drilling is booming.

Cuellar said the nation's trade deficit plummeted from $48.6 billion in November to $38.5 billion in December, "and a large chunk of that has to do with falling oil imports."

A shrinking trade deficit means more exports, and "that means more jobs here and fewer dollars leaving the U.S.," Cuellar said.

Yet not every expert is touting the benefits of oil self-sufficiency.

"The concept of energy independence is an odd concept," said Kenneth Medlock III, senior director of the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University in Houston.

The price of oil must be high enough to support growth in domestic production. At today's prices, U.S. production is rising.

And if, say, 10 million barrels of foreign oil aren't imported, "that will have an impact on the global price," pushing the price down, and some drilling activity would be curtailed, he said.

If the price of oil should drop to $70 or $80 a barrel, "then the concept of complete independence is a little fleeting," because domestic production could drop.

And Medlock noted that even if the nation reaches oil self-sufficiency, major refinery outages would lead to spikes in gasoline prices.

"The point is, even if you are energy independent, you will still have price fluctuations related to infrastructure issues," Medlock said.

And if there are disruptions in the Middle East and the supply of oil is pinched, the price of oil would soar.

Translation: Americans shouldn't expect energy independence to equal relief from surges in gasoline prices.

"We're not going to be immune because it's still a global market," Medlock said.

RAILROAD

From 1A

"The defendant's motion fails to identify a single actionable legal duty owed to the Plaintiffs by the City of Midland and Midland County and wholly fails to identify any breach of any alleged broad or specific duty that occurred proximately causing the injuries and damages suffered by Plaintiffs in this litigation," the document states.

"Finally, the Defendant's motion intentionally ignores the doctrine of sovereign immunity afforded to the City of Midland and Midland County pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code 101.000(3)(B)."

The plaintiffs then move on to the sovereign immunity issue, stating how UP failed to allege a cause of action that meets the requirements for a waiver of sovereign immunity for the city and county.

"Immune units are not responsible third parties," the document states.

The document concludes by stating that naming the city and county as responsible third parties would violate the due process, equal protection, special laws and open courts provisions of the Texas Constitution.

Neither Glasheen nor Union Pacific were available for an immediate comment.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Jeffrey Conger, 49, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.

Andres Lozano, 63, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrests or detention with a vehicle and a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Nappo, 26, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jesse L. Saunders Jr., 37, of New Braunfels, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

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America's new love affair: Water

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It wasn't too long ago that America had a love affair with soda. Now, an old flame has the country's heart.

As New York City grapples with the legality of a ban on the sale of large cups of soda and other sugary drinks at some businesses, one thing is clear: soda's run as the nation's beverage of choice has fizzled. In its place? A favorite for much of history: Plain old H2O.

For more than two decades, soda was the No. 1 drink in the U.S., with per capita consumption peaking in 1998 at 54 gallons a year, according industry tracker Beverage Digest. During the same year, Americans drank just 42 gallons a year of water.

But over the years, as soda increasingly came under fire for fueling the nation's rising obesity rates, water quietly rose to knock it off the top spot.

Americans now drink an average of 44 gallons of soda a year, a 17 percent drop from the peak in 1998. Over the same time, the average amount of water people drink has increased 38 percent to about 58 gallons a year. Bottled water has led that growth, with consumption nearly doubling to 21 gallons a year.

Stephen Ngo, a civil defense attorney, quit drinking soda a year ago when he started running triathlons, and wanted a healthier way to quench his thirst.

Ngo, 34, has a Brita filter for tap water and also keeps his pantry stocked with cases of bottled water.

"It might just be the placebo effect or marketing, but it tastes crisper," said Ngo, who lives in Miami.

The trend reflects Americans' ever-changing tastes; it wasn't too far back in history that tap water was the top drink.

But in the 1980s, carbonated soft drinks overtook tap as the most popular drink, with Coca-Cola and PepsiCo putting their marketing muscle behind their colas with celebrity endorsements from the likes of pop star Michael Jackson and comedian Bill Cosby.

Americans kept drinking more of the carbonated, sugary drink for about a decade. Then, soda's magic started to fade: Everyone from doctors to health advocates to government officials were blaming soft drinks for making people fat. Consumption started declining after hitting a high in the late 1990s.

At the same time, people started turning to bottled water as an alternative. Its popularity was helped by the emergence of single-serve bottles that were easy to carry around.

AP file photo

A customer takes a bottle of water off a store shelf in Jackson, Miss., on March 5. As sugary drinks come under fire for fueling obesity rates, people are increasingly reaching for bottled water as a healthier, relatively affordable alternative. Already, bottled water has surged past juice, milk and beer in terms of per capita consumption.

Until then, bottled water had mainly been sold in "big jugs and coolers" for people who didn't trust their water supply, said John Sicher, publisher of Beverage Digest.

The new soft drink-like packaging helped fast-track bottled water's growth past milk and beer. In fact, the amount of bottled water Americans drink has risen nearly every year for more than two decades, while the estimates of how much tap water people drink has fluctuated up and down during that time.

When taken together, water finally overtook soda in 2008, according to Beverage Digest. (It's difficult to track how much tap water people drink and how much is used for other things like washing dishes, so experts estimate consumption.)

Analysts expect water to hold onto its top spot for years to come. But whether people will drink from the tap or a bottle is uncertain.

Based on current trajectories, Michael Bellas, the CEO of the industry tracker Beverage Marketing Corp., predicts that bottled water alone could overtake soda within the next decade.

That's not counting enhanced and flavored waters, which are growing quickly but remain a small part of the bottled water industry.

Currently, people drink 21 gallons of bottled water a year. That compares with 37 gallons of other water, which includes tap, sparkling, flavored and enhanced waters such as Coca-Cola's vitaminwater.

But there are numerous factors that could tilt the scales in favor of tap water.

Because of concerns that plastic bottles create too much waste, experts say bottled water could be hit by a public backlash similar to the one that has whipsawed the soda industry with pushes for bans and taxes.

Bottled water already is starting to face opposition similar to New York's soda ban. The town of Concord, Mass., earlier this year banned the sale of water bottles that are less than a liter. And the University of Vermont became the first public university to ban the sale of bottled water last year.

Meanwhile, other cities are waging campaigns to promote tap water. New York City, which touts the high quality of its tap water, offers portable fountains at events around the city.

"Good old marketing has convinced people that they should spend a lot of money on bottled water," said Salome Freud, chief of New York City's distribution water quality operations.

Although companies such as Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. would rather have people buy bottled waters, they're even more invested in getting people to drink more soda again.

That's because soda and other drinks that the companies make, such as sports drinks and juices, are more profitable than bottled water.

With bottled water, people tend to buy whatever is cheapest. That's a habit that forces companies to keep prices relatively low, which eats into profits.

It's why companies are investing so heavily in developing nations such as China and India, where the appetite for soda continues to grow.

In the U.S., annual soda sales are more than five times as big as bottled water at $75.7 billion a year, according to Beverage Digest. In terms of volume, soda is only twice as big as bottled water.

At Coca-Cola, the No. 1 soda maker, three-quarters of its volume in gallons comes from soft drinks, compared with 8 percent for its bottled waters including Dasani. PepsiCo, the No. 2 soda maker, gets 64 percent of its volume from soft drinks and only 7 percent from its Aquafina bottled water.

It's why Coca-Cola, which holds 13 percent of the bottled water market compared with PepsiCo's 10 percent, doesn't seem to think bottled water will ever overtake soda. In an emailed statement, the Atlanta-based company noted that soft drinks remain a far larger category than bottled water and that it sees "upside" for sodas over the next several years.

However, the company added that it saw "great potential" for bottled water. Like its competitors, Coca-Cola said it's focusing on growing its portfolio of bottled waters profitably by offering brands such as Smartwater and its flavored vitaminwater, which fetch higher prices.

In the meantime, the chairman and former CEO of Nestle Waters North America, Kim Jeffery, is waiting for bottled water's moment in the spotlight. Nestle, the Swiss company that makes Poland Spring, Nestle Pure Life, Deer Park and other brands, has nearly half of the share of the bottled water market.

At a beverage industry conference late last year, Jeffery noted that bottled water is "the elephant in the room."

NYC soda ban struck down

NEW YORK — A judge struck down New York City's pioneering ban on big sugary drinks Monday just hours before it was supposed to take effect, handing a defeat to health-minded Mayor Michael Bloomberg and creating confusion for restaurants that had already ordered smaller cups and changed their menus.

State Supreme Court Justice Milton Tingling said the 16-ounce limit on sodas and other sweet drinks arbitrarily applies to only some sugary beverages and some places that sell them.

"The loopholes in this rule effectively defeat the stated purpose of this rule," Tingling wrote in a victory for the beverage industry, restaurants and other business groups that called the rule unfair and wrong-headed.

In addition, the judge said the Bloomberg-appointed Board of Health intruded on City Council's authority when it imposed the rule.

The city vowed to appeal the decision, issued by New York state's trial-level court.

"We believe the judge is totally in error in how he interpreted the law, and we are confident we will win on appeal," Bloomberg said. He added: "One of the cases we will make is that people are dying every day. This is not a joke. Five thousand people die of obesity every day in America."

For now, though, the ruling means the ax won't fall today on supersized sodas, sweetened teas and other high-sugar beverages in restaurants, movie theaters, corner delis and sports arenas.

"The court ruling provides a sigh of relief to New Yorkers and thousands of small businesses in New York City that would have been harmed by this arbitrary and unpopular ban," the American Beverage Association and other opponents said, adding that the organization is open to other "solutions that will have a meaningful and lasting impact."

The first of its kind in the country, the restriction has sparked reaction from city streets to late-night talk shows, celebrated by some as a bold attempt to improve people's health and derided by others as another "nanny state" law from Bloomberg during his 11 years in office.

On his watch, the city has compelled chain restaurants to post calorie counts, barred artificial trans fats in restaurant food and prodded food manufacturers to use less salt. The city has successfully defended some of those initiatives in court.

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The 9:55 a.m. quake had an estimated magnitude of 4.7, said Nick Scheckel, seismic analyst at the California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory in Pasadena. He said a number of aftershocks were occurring.

The epicenter was about a dozen miles from the Riverside County desert community of Anza, about 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The temblor, which occurred at a depth of eight miles, was felt sharply in the local area and caused a swaying or rolling motion in Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as in Orange and San Bernardino counties.

WASHINGTON

US seeks 'serious' action by China on cybertheft

The White House called Monday for "serious steps" by China to stop cybertheft, which it described as intolerable to the international community.

National Security adviser Tom Donilon's comments reflect growing concern in Washington over the security risk posed by cyber intrusions and the economic costs for America.

Donilon said U.S. businesses are increasingly speaking out about cybertheft of confidential business information and proprietary technologies emanating from China "on a very large scale." He said Beijing "should take serious steps to investigate and put a stop to these activities" and recognize the risk it poses to international trade and to U.S.-China relations.

"The international community cannot afford to tolerate such activity from any country," Donilon told the Asia Society in New York. He called for China to engage in a constructive dialogue with the U.S. to establish "acceptable norms of behavior in cyberspace."

Donilon was speaking about the Obama administration's strategic commitment to greater U.S. engagement in Asia.

WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats prepare government funding bill

Senate Democrats are preparing a catchall government funding bill that denies President Barack Obama money for implementing signature first-term accomplishments such as new regulations on Wall Street and his expansion of government health care subsidies but provides modest additional funding for domestic priorities such as health research.

The measure expected to be released Monday is the product of bipartisan negotiations and is the legislative vehicle to fund the day-to-day operations of government through Sept. 30 — and prevent a government shutdown when current funding runs out March 27.

Passage in the Senate this week would presage an end to a mostly overlooked battle between House Republicans and Obama and his Senate Democratic allies over the annual spending bills required to fund federal agency operations.

The bipartisan measure comes as Washington girds for weeks of warfare over the budget for next year and beyond as both House and Senate Budget Committees this week take up blueprints for the upcoming 2014 budget year.

DETROIT

Ex-mayor convicted, jailed until sentence

Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was convicted Monday of corruption charges and then sent to jail to await his prison sentence in yet another dramatic setback for a man who once was among the nation's youngest big-city leaders.

Jurors convicted Kilpatrick of a raft of crimes, including racketeering conspiracy, which carries a maximum punishment of 20 years behind bars. He was portrayed during a five-month trial as an unscrupulous politician who took bribes, rigged contracts and lived far beyond his means while in office until fall 2008.

Kilpatrick wore a surprised, puzzled look at times as U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds read the jury's verdict: guilty of 24 charges, not guilty on three and no consensus on three more. Kilpatrick declined to speak to reporters as he left the courthouse.

Four hours later, he was handcuffed and led to jail after prosecutors asked the judge to revoke his bond. Edmunds said it was a "close call" but agreed that the scale under federal law tipped in favor of the government.

Prosecutors said Kilpatrick ran a "private profit machine" out of Detroit's City Hall.

The government presented evidence to show he got a share of the spoils after ensuring that an excavating company was awarded millions in work from the water department.

WASHINGTON

Hagel to review Air Force sexual assault case

A case involving an Air Force general who dismissed charges against a lieutenant colonel convicted of sexual assault will be reviewed at the top levels of the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a letter released Monday. But it seems unlikely that the ruling would be changed.

Hagel said that under military law, neither he nor the Air Force secretary has the authority to reverse Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin's decision to overturn the conviction against Lt. Col. James Wilkerson, a former inspector general at Aviano Air Base in Italy.

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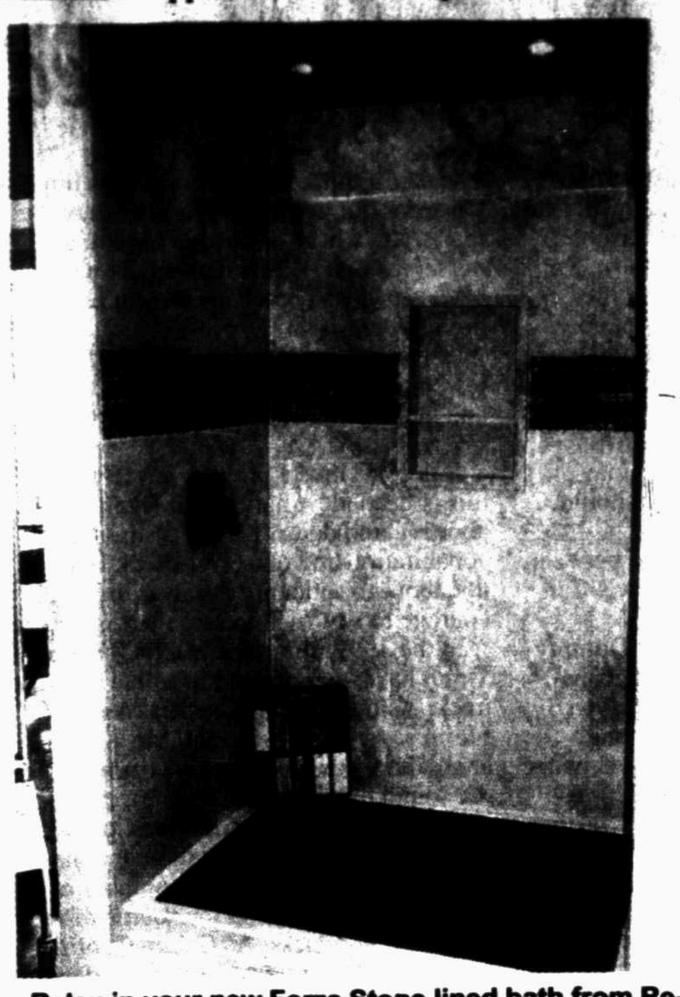

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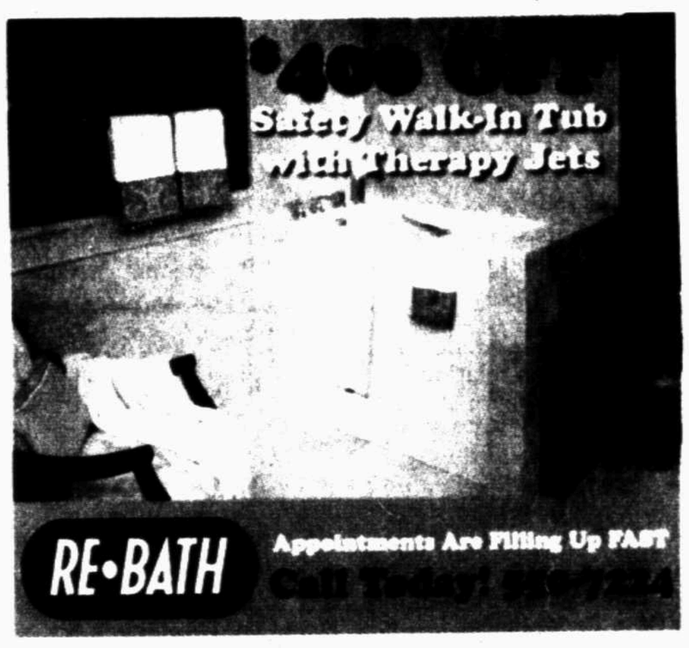

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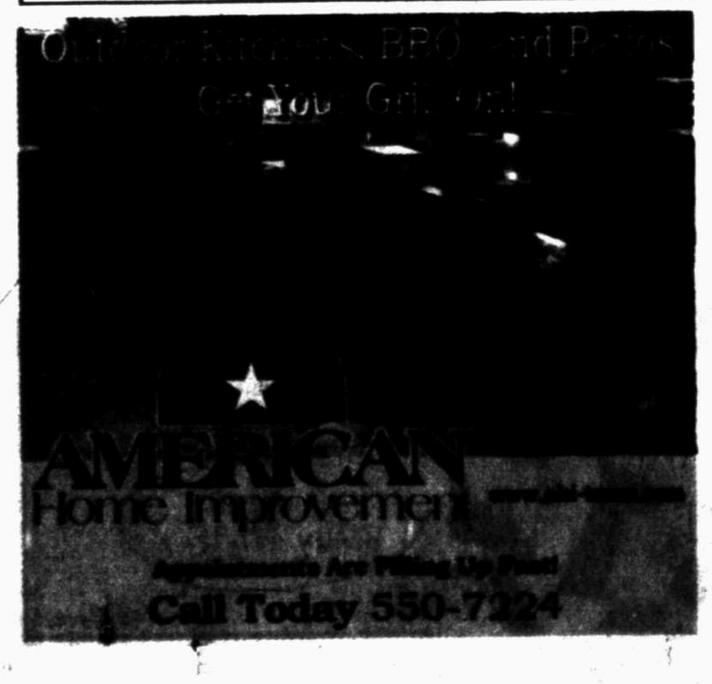

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CAL THOMAS

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Given his track record on marital fidelity, former President Bill Clinton is not the person I would consult about "committed, loving relationships." Clinton used those words in a Washington Post op-ed last week, urging the Supreme Court to overturn the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman, which he signed into law.

In his column, Clinton said that 1996 "was a very different time." No state recognized same-sex marriage and supporters of DOMA "believed that its passage 'would diffuse a movement to enact a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, which would have ended the debate for a generation or more.'" Clinton says he now supports same-sex marriage based on justice, equality and the Constitution.

All of the arguments for and against same-sex marriage have been heard and will be heard again on March 26 and 27 when lawyers on both sides of the issue argue before the Supreme Court two key cases regarding same-sex marriages. The justices are expected to rule in June. It will be the Court's most important social and cultural ruling since its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

What advocates for same-sex marriage should be asked is whether they consider any other human relationship worthy of similar constitutional protection and based on what standard? The Constitution doesn't guarantee the right to marry. States, not the federal government, issue marriage licenses. Current laws restrict "underage" marriage, as well as polygamy. If same-sex marriage is approved, what's to stop polygamists from demanding legal protection and cultural acceptance? Justice Antonin Scalia predicted as much in 2003 in his dissent of the Lawrence v. Texas case, in which the Court struck down the sodomy law in Texas. So I ask, if "fairness" and "equality" are the standard, isn't it also "unfair" to "discriminate" against polygamists who wish to live in "loving" and "committed" relationships?

Since we are rapidly discarding the rules for living and social order set down in a book found in most motel room drawers, what is to replace it? Opinion polls? Clever legal arguments? Fairness? What exactly does "fairness" mean and who decides what's fair? Many things may seem "unfair," but not all can, or should, be addressed by courts.

I am reminded of this exchange between Humpty Dumpty and Alice in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland":

"'When I use a word,' Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, 'it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.'('The question is,' said Alice, 'whether you can make words mean so many different things...'"

Last week in Sacramento, Calif., Justice Anthony Kennedy lamented that the Supreme Court is asked to settle too many politically charged issues. Responding to reporters, Kennedy said, "A democracy should not be dependent for its major decisions on what nine unelected people from a narrow legal background have to say. And I think it's of tremendous importance for our political system to show the rest of the world — and we have to show ourselves first — that democracy works because we can reach agreement on a principle basis."

The states, or Congress, should be allowed to sort out how they wish to define and license marriage, not the Supreme Court.

It doesn't take a prophet to see where this is headed. A nation that legalizes abortion and doesn't apply a stigma to cohabitation and out-of-wedlock births is not about to suddenly discover the moral courage to say "no" to same-sex marriage.

In the 1999 film "The Matrix," Agent Smith has Neo pinned down on a subway track. As the train approaches, Agent Smith says: "You hear that, Mr. Anderson? That is the sound of inevitability. It is the sound of your death."

If, as I suspect, the Supreme Court strikes down DOMA, it will be the inevitable result of an increasing number of Americans abandoning the source of morality and goodness. As Calvin Coolidge said of our Declaration of Independence, "We cannot continue to enjoy the result if we neglect and abandon the cause."

OUR VIEW

MISD is correct to get out front of teacher ratios, pay

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren is forging through untested waters as he moves to change the scope, the focus and the direction of the school district.

The first phase of his efforts was accomplished with the passage of the $163 million elementary school bond package that will see improvements at all existing 24 elementary schools and construction of three new campuses.

He also announced sweeping changes within the system — moving principals all across the district to ensure each leader is at the school where they can best serve the students. It remains to be seen if this is was a wise decision, but the message is clear. Warren is doing this conversion his way and on his terms.

It could turn out to be a big gamble if district test scores don't improve, yet someone has to step to the plate and produce a program that can provide results we want from our educational system.

We stand behind Warren in his tenacious approach at making the life of the teacher easier and more productive.

The superintendent warns that "because of the increase in student enrollment over the last few years, and because of the staffing cuts we were forced to make after the last legislative session, our student/teacher ratios have become unacceptable."

He says, "If we can reallocate the funds during our budget process, our goal is to hire dozens of new classroom teachers — both at the elementary and secondary levels.

"Because the cost of living in Midland continues to increase with our vibrant local economy, additional monetary assets must be placed in the hands of our faculty and staff members. Reallocating funds that will go directly toward salary and benefits is seen as a very important priority."

We fully support this. We need more teachers and we have to pay them in order to attract the very best educators we can. With the recent bond election, Midland voters delivered a message that they want the best we can give our children. We would also bet that they desire a proper student/teacher ratio.

Unfortunately, much of what we can do is highly influenced by what goes on in Austin. The Legislature must carry some responsibility in returning to normal funding after massive cuts in the last session two years ago.

We want the Legislature to do the job we desire in returning proper funding to the people. In our opinion, the state is not fully engaged in doing the task it is ordered to do.

In the meantime, we must continue to move forward, even in this uncertain funding era, to do the right thing locally, so we don't lose a generation of children to less than satisfactory education.

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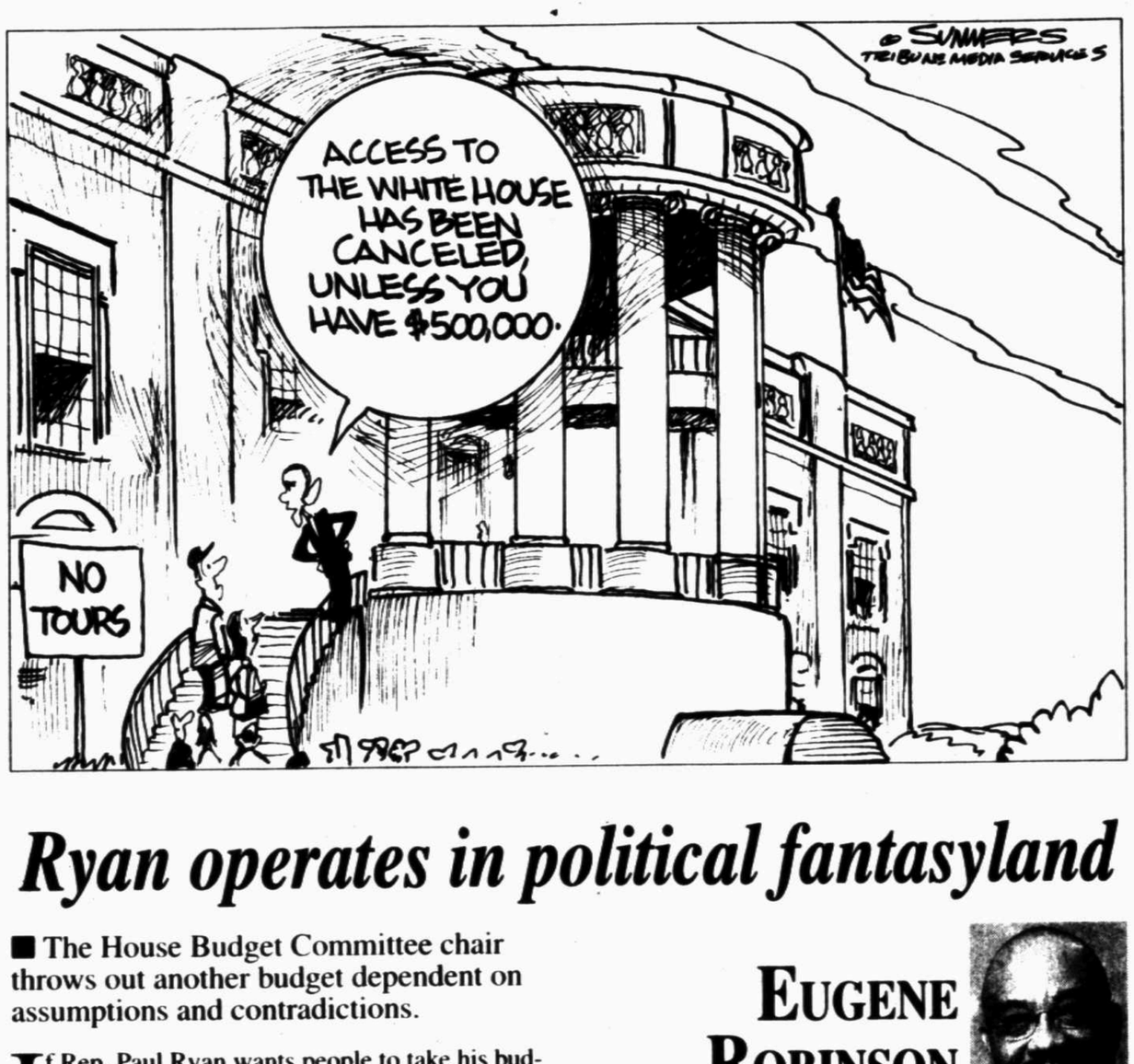

Ryan operates in political fantasyland

■ The House Budget Committee chair throws out another budget dependent on assumptions and contradictions.

EUGENE ROBINSON

Washington Post Writers Group

If Rep. Paul Ryan wants people to take his budget manifestos seriously, he should be honest about his ambition: not so much to make the federal government fiscally sustainable as to make it smaller.

You will recall that the Ryan budget was a big Republican selling point in last year's election. Most famously, Ryan proposed turning Medicare into a voucher program. He offered the usual GOP recipe of tax cuts — to be offset by closing certain loopholes, which he would not specify — along with drastic reductions in non-defense "discretionary" spending.

If the plan Ryan offered had been enacted, the federal budget would not come into balance until 2040. For some reason, Republicans forgot to mention this detail in their stump speeches and campaign ads.

Voters were supposed to believe that Ryan was an apostle of fiscal rectitude. But his real aim wasn't to balance the budget. It was to starve the federal government of revenue. Big government, in his worldview, is inherently bad — never mind that we live in an awfully big country.

Ryan and Mitt Romney offered their vision, President Obama offered his, and Americans made their choice. Rather emphatically.

Now Ryan, as chairman of the House Budget Committee, is coming back with an ostensibly new and improved version of the framework that voters rejected in November. Judging by the preview he offered Sunday, the new plan is even less grounded in reality than the old one.

Voters might not have focused on the fact that Ryan's original plan wouldn't have produced a balanced budget until today's high-school students reached middle age, but the true deficit hawks in the House Republican caucus certainly noticed. They demanded a budget that reached balance much sooner. Hence Ryan's revised plan, which claims to accomplish this feat of equilibrium within a decade.

It will in fact do nothing of the sort, because it appears to depend on at least one ridiculous assumption and two glaring contradictions. That's for starters; I'm confident we'll see more absurdities when the full proposal is released soon.

Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," Ryan said his plan assumes that the far-reaching reforms known as Obamacare will be repealed. Host Chris Wallace reacted with open disbelief: "That's not going to happen."

Indeed, to take Ryan seriously is to believe that legislation repealing the landmark Affordable Care Act would be approved by the Senate, with its Democratic majority, and signed by Obama. What are the odds? That's a clown question, bro.

As he did in the campaign, Ryan attacked Obama's health reforms for cutting about $700 billion from Medicare over a decade, not by slashing benefits but by reducing payments to providers. Ryan neglected to mention that his own budget — the one he convinced the party to run on in 2012 — would cut Medicare by the same amount. Actually, by a little more.

This was hypocrisy raised to high art. How could anyone who claimed to be so very worried about the crushing federal debt blithely renounce $700 billion in savings? Ryan suggested Sunday that once Obamacare is repealed, this money can be plowed back into Medicare. Which, as you recall, will never happen.

While Ryan's new budget assumes that Obamacare goes away, it also assumes that the tax increase on high earners approved in the "fiscal cliff" deal remains in place. "That's current law," he said, as if Obamacare were not.

Ryan's sudden respect for a tax increase that had to be — metaphorically — crammed down Republicans' throats is easily explained. He needs the $600 billion in revenue it produces to make his new fantasyland budget appear to reach balance.

Ryan is likely to reprise — and even augment — the hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts he proposed last year for social programs. He indicated he still believes Medicare should be voucherized, although he objects to the word and insists that what he advocates is "premium support." And he asserted that Obamacare's expansion of Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, is "reckless" — even as tea party-approved Republican governors such as Rick Scott of Florida announce their states' participation.

From the evidence, Ryan cares less about deficits or tax rates than about finding some way to dramatically reduce the size of the federal government. He has every right to hold that view. But it's hard to take him seriously as long as he refuses to come clean about his intentions.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Heavy workload awaits next pope; church in turmoil

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The nationalist Cardinal Albino Luciani learned his colleagues had elected him pope, he responded: "May God forgive you for what you've done." The remark, by the man who became Pope John Paul I, was seen as an expression of humility — but also a commentary on the mammoth task ahead.

There is no job like that of pope. He is the CEO of a global enterprise, head of state, a moral voice in the world and, in the eyes of Roman Catholics, Christ's representative on earth.

And the man who emerges as pontiff from the conclave starting today has a particularly crushing to-do list.

Here are some of the challenges awaiting the next pope:

AP file photo/L'Osservatore Romano

Cardinals walk in procession in 2005 to the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican for the conclave to elect the new head of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI's resignation on Feb. 28, 2013 sets in motion a complex sequence of events to elect the next leader of the Roman Catholic Church. The laws governing the selection after a pope's resignation are the same as those in force after a papal death, aside from skipping a period of mourning.

Reform

The next pope will have to restore discipline to the scandal-plagued central administration of the church. Benedict XVI, the former pope, commissioned a report on the Vatican bureaucracy, or Curia, that will be shown only to his successor. Benedict's butler had leaked the pope's private papers revealing feuding, corruption and cronyism at the highest levels of administration.

The secretive Vatican bank recently ousted a president for incompetence and is under pressure for greater financial transparency. Bishops in several countries say nonresponsive Vatican officials are hampering local churches. The Curia decides everything from bishop appointments and liturgy, to parish closings and discipline for abusive priests.

Sex abuse

The Vatican remains under pressure to reveal more about its past role in the church's failures to protect children worldwide. The issue erupted ahead of the conclave, when victims from the U.S., Chile and Mexico pressured cardinals to recuse themselves because they had shielded priests from prosecution.

Benedict instructed bishops around the world to craft policies to keep abusers from the priesthood, but church leaders in some nations haven't yet complied. "There's still the victims," Chicago Cardinal Francis George said in a news conference last week. "The wound is still deep in their hearts, and as long as it's with them it will be with us. The pope has to keep this in mind."

Empty pews

Secularism has already taken a toll on churches in Europe and the U.S., where a growing number of people don't identify with a faith.

The move away from organized religion is also hurting parishes in Latin America. Churches in Brazil and other predominantly Catholic countries in South America already had been losing members to the spirited worship found in independent Pentecostal movements.

As the church loses members, it also loses influence in public life in many countries. Church opposition to same-sex marriage has been largely ineffective in the West. The next pope must be a missionary-in-chief, with the gravitas, charisma and personal holiness to bring Catholics back to church.

Empty pulpits

Europe and North America need more priests. Clergy in developing countries need more resources. And everywhere, priests are struggling with the outsized burdens of the modern-day pastor.

The job requires fundraising, personal counseling and an ability to uphold doctrine, often to Catholics who don't want to listen. The abuse crisis, meanwhile, casts a shadow on today's clergy, even though most known molestation cases occurred decades ago.

In recent years, some priests have made their own proposals to strengthen their ranks. Clergy in heavily Catholic Austria in 2011 called for ordaining women and relaxing the celibacy requirement. Benedict rebuked them.

Religious persecution

Catholics and other Christians live as religious minorities in many countries, including Syria, India and China, where they face discrimination, government interference and, in many cases, violence as they try to practice their faith.

The issue is a rare one that unites religious leaders across faiths.

The pope is considered a key voice in the fight. Some of the tougher conditions are in Muslim nations, which often ban and punish Christian evangelizing. Addressing the issue requires utmost diplomacy; a misstep can cost lives.

Globalization

While the church is shrinking in the West, it's booming in Africa and Asia. The new pope will have to shift much of his attention to the challenges for these relatively new dioceses: a life-and-death fight against poverty; threats from radical Muslim movements; and maintaining Catholic orthodoxy while leaving room for local styles of worship.

Other faiths

The new pope will have to keep up friendships with a long list of other Christian groups and other religions, including Orthodox Christians, Anglicans and Jews. But his most pressing task will be navigating relations with Islam.

The importance of the issue was made starkly clear in the fallout from Benedict's 2006 speech in Regensburg, Germany, in which he cited the words of a Byzantine emperor who characterized some teachings of the Prophet Muhammad as "evil and inhuman." Benedict made many efforts to mend fences, including praying beside an imam that same year at the historic Blue Mosque in Istanbul.

Unity

The next pontiff inherits a church divided over the role of lay people and women, on doctrine and social justice teaching — even on what is required to be considered Catholic. In Benedict's final audience with cardinals, he urged them to work "like an orchestra" where "agreement and harmony" can be reached despite diversity. He could have been talking to the whole church.

Papal transition

VATICAN CITY — Forget all the artistic masterpieces. The most gazed-at item at the Vatican this week will be a humble, copper, 6-foot high chimney that will pipe out puffs of smoke to tell the world if there's a new pope.

Black smoke means "not yet." White smoke means "pope elected."

When three Vatican firefighters hoisted the chimney to its perch a few days ago, it was a visual cue that preparations for the conclave to elect retired Pope Benedict XVI's successor were in high gear.

The Sistine Chapel and its magnificent Michelangelo-frescoed ceiling were made off limits to tourists. Two metal stoves were then installed in a far corner, away from the chapel's altar and the area where the cardinals will write out their picks for the next pope on slips of paper.

In the past, counted ballots went into just one iron stove along with damp wood chips or wet clumps of straw to create black smoke if the vote didn't yield a pope.

But the smoke signal system has been unreliable, triggering nervous cries of "It's white" and emphatic choruses of "No, it's black!" in the various tongues of the faithful and curious who flock to St. Peter's Square for a glimpse of the chimney.

So in 2005, for the conclave that made Benedict pope, the Vatican tried something different: A second stove was installed that produces smoke from a chemical compound whipped up by the Vatican's own technicians.

The smoke from the burned ballots from the first stove and the colored smoke from the second stove were funneled up one pipe that leads to the chimney and the outside world.

Quirky facts about papal conclaves

■ **LONGEST CONCLAVE:** In 1268, a conclave began that lasted nearly three years — 33 months to be exact. Pope Gregory X was elected pope, but not before residents of Viterbo, north of Rome, had the roof off the building where the cardinals were staying and restricted their meals to bread and water to make them hurry up.

Hoping to avoid a repeat, Gregory decreed in 1274 that cardinals would only get one meal a day if the conclave stretched beyond three days, and served bread, water and wine if it went beyond eight.

While the meals served these days at the Vatican's hotel are by no means gourmet, the cardinals won't go hungry — no matter how long they take picking a pope.

■ **SHORTEST CONCLAVE:** Before 1274, there were times when a pope was elected the same day as the death of his predecessor. After that, however, the church decided to wait at least 10 days before the first vote; later that was stretched to 15 days to give all cardinals time to get to Rome.

The quickest conclave observing the 10-day wait rule appears to have been the 1503 election of Julius II, who was elected in just a few hours, according to Vatican historian Ambrogio Piazzoni.

■ **YOUNGEST/OLDEST POPE ELECTED:** Pope John XII was just 18 when he was elected in 955. The oldest popes were Pope Celestine III (elected in 1191) and Celestine V (elected in 1294) who were both nearly 85. Benedict XVI was 78 when he was elected in 2005.

■ **FUN FACTS:** The last time a pope was elected who wasn't a cardinal was Urban VI in 1378 — he was a monk and archbishop of Bari. Pope Pius XII, who was pope during World War II, left a document informing the College of Cardinals that they should hold a conclave and elect a new pope if he were taken prisoner.

While the Italians have had a stranglehold on the papacy over centuries, there have been many exceptions aside from John Paul II (Polish in 1978) and Benedict XVI (German in 2005). Alexander VI, elected in 1492, was Spanish; Gregory III, elected in 731, was Syrian; Adrian VI, elected in 1522, was from the Netherlands.

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North Korea says it canceled armistice of 1953

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SEOUL, South Korea — A state-run newspaper in North Korea said Monday the communist country had carried out a threat to cancel the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War, following days of increased tensions over its latest nuclear test.

A U.N. spokesman said later in the day, however, that North Korea cannot unilaterally dissolve the armistice.

North Korea also followed through on another promise: It shut down a Red Cross hotline that the North and South Korea used for general communication and to discuss aid shipments and separated families' reunions.

Enraged over the South's current joint military drills with the United States and last week's U.N. sanctions imposed on Pyongyang for its Feb. 12 nuclear test, North Korea has piled threat on top of threat, including a vow to launch a nuclear strike on the U.S.

Seoul has responded with tough talk of its own and has placed its troops on high alert. Tensions on the divided peninsula have reached their highest level since North Korea rained artillery shells on a South Korean island in 2010.

The North Korean government made no formal announcement on its repeated threats to scrap the 60-year-old armistice, but the country's main newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, reported that the armistice was nullified Monday as Pyongyang had said it would.

The North has threatened to nullify the armistice several times before, and in 1996 it sent hundreds of armed troops into a border village. The troops later withdrew.

Despite the North Korean report, U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said the armistice is still valid and still in force because the armistice agreement had been adopted by the U.N. General Assembly and neither North Korea nor South Korea could dissolve it unilaterally.

"The terms of the armistice agreement do not allow either side unilaterally to free themselves from it," said Nesirky, the spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Ban urged North Korea "to continue to respect the terms of the armistice agreement as it was approved by the General Assembly," Nesirky said, adding that officials at U.N. headquarters in New York were unaware of any operational changes on the ground on the Korean peninsula.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the U.S. was "certainly concerned by North Korea's bellicose rhetoric. And the threats that they have been making follow a pattern designed to raise tension and intimidate others."

US imposes new sanctions on NK

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration expressed heightened concern Monday over threats of war from nuclear-armed North Korea and issued new sanctions against the communist nation's primary exchange bank and several senior government officials.

In an effort to combat North Korea's weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programs, the Obama administration issued a series of sanctions Monday.

The Treasury Department designated North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank as a WMD proliferator, which freezes any assets in the U.S. and bans Americans from doing business with the bank or Pyongyang.

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Egypt's fuel crisis adds to its economic woes

Associated Press

CAIRO — At 5 a.m., Egyptian truck driver Allam Mahmoud hurried to a Cairo gas station and joined an already long, snaking line. He said he hopes that by the end of the day, he can get his tank filled with diesel.

For several months, Egyptians have been hit by shortages of diesel, the main fuel that truckers, bus drivers, farmers, bakers and a range of industries rely on to keep their engines running.

The diesel crisis is now not only adding to the country's economic problems, but it's also feeding the turmoil on the streets.

Now, for many, the long waits at gas stations are becoming unbearable.

On Sunday, hundreds of drivers of trucks and of minibuses used as public transport blocked most of Cairo's vital roads and bridges, as well as highways across the country in an angry protest over the shortages, forcing some students and government employees to even resort to donkey carts to commute. Frequently tempers flared.

Diesel and most other fuels in Egypt are heavily subsidized, provided in allotments to gas stations to keep the price at the pump low.

The government insists there is no shortage of fuel, but blames the long lines at stations on corruption, saying that amid the country's lawlessness, a "matia" is collaborating with station owners to take their allotments of diesel — called "solar" in Egypt — and sell them on the black market. Gas stations are supposed to sell 20-liter jerry cans of diesel for 20 Egyptian pounds (57 cents a gallon), but on the black market it sells for more than double that price.

Oil Minister Osama Kamal said almost all the shortages at gas stations are because of "the absence of oversight agencies and the exploitation by some of the current situation ... to trade solar on the black market," according to the state daily Al-Ahram.

Some of the fuel is also being smuggled. In January and February, the military destroyed 15 tanks of fuel it seized from smugglers by the border with the Gaza Strip. It was part of a campaign to destroy smuggling tunnels from the Sinai peninsula into the Palestinian territory, ruled by the Hamas militant group, according to a military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

He said smuggling fuel to Gaza has increased dramatically amid Egypt's lawlessness since the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

The diesel crisis comes as the government is struggling under growing budget deficits and shrinking foreign reserves while it tries to meet its commitments to provide millions of Egyptians with subsidized bread, food and fuel.

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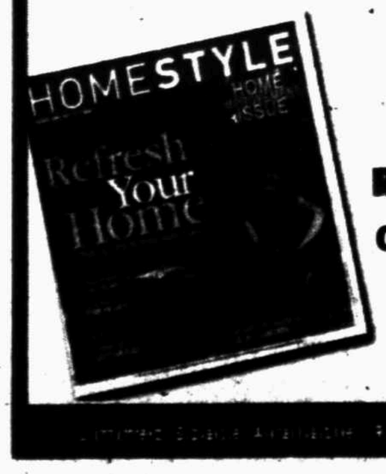

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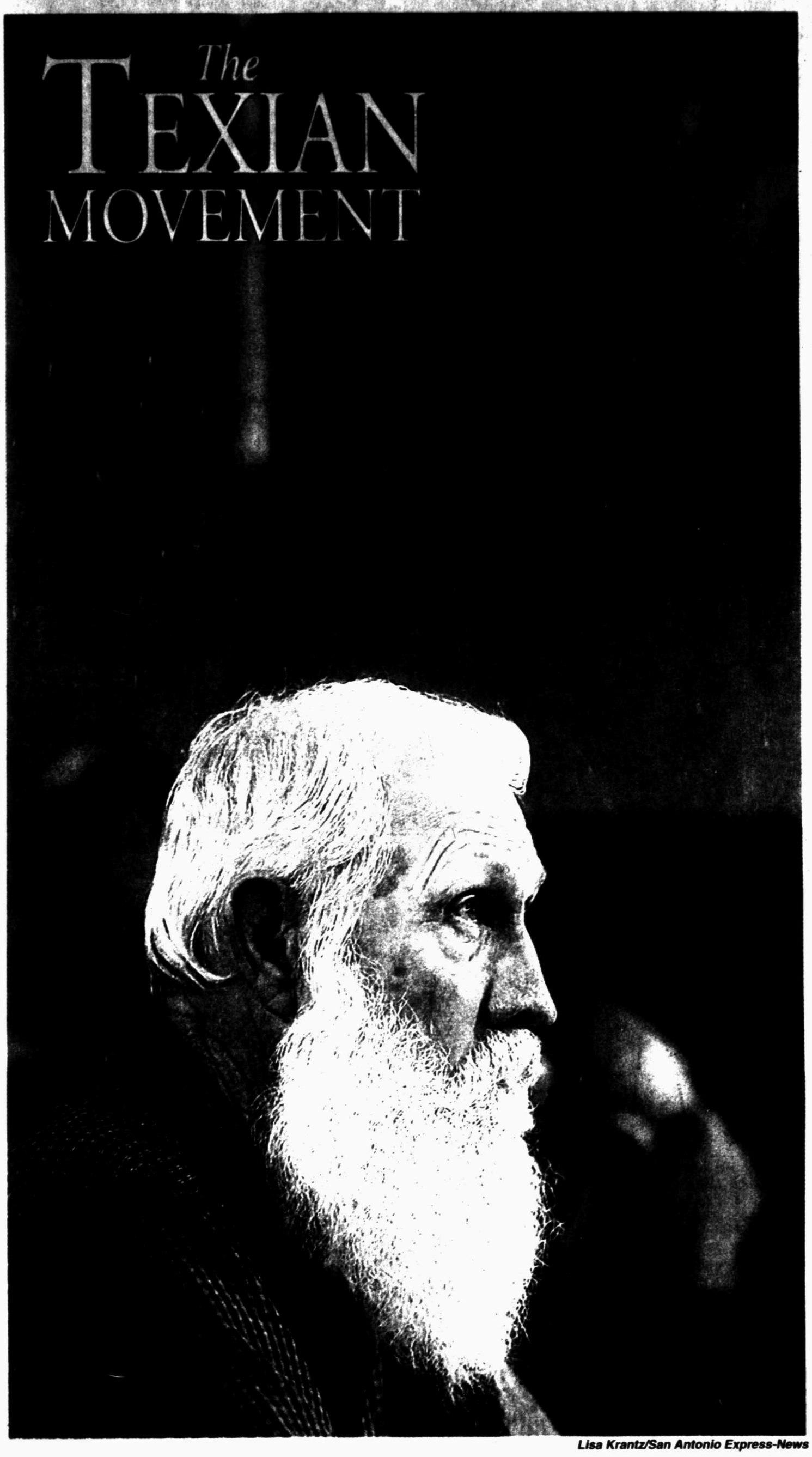

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D.A. West, of Victoria, a representative in the Republic of Texas Congress, participates in the Republic's monthly meeting at the Silver Eagle Taphouse in McQueeney on Feb. 9.

Republic of Texas now wants its day in court

New plan for independence involves Belarus and Estonia

By Roy Bragg
San Antonio Express-News

McQUEENEY — If the day comes when you stand for the Texas National Anthem before a ballgame, you can thank several former Soviet satellite republics, your Texas twang and a bunch of good old boys (and a couple of women) who have been working to rewrite American history for 20 years.

A national anthem means Texas will be its own country, and the folks behind today's Republic of Texas movement will have convinced someone somewhere that Texas never was part of the United States.

Their plan, surprisingly, doesn't rely on secession, which is the mistaken belief the Lone Star State has the constitutional right to sever ties with the U.S. government and reclaim its national sovereignty.

"We don't need to secede," said Bob Wilson, a Republic of Texas senator. "We never were part of the United States."

The modern Texians claim the state of Texas exists because of electoral and diplomatic fraud.

Because of that, they consider themselves a government in exile, running the affairs of an occupied territory for about two decades.

Mainstream scholars and politicians believe them to be delusional. Republic officials realize that but remain motivated and idealistic that they're doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Violence is not on their agenda. They are seeking a peaceful way out of the United States, and as far-fetched as it sounds to run-of-the-mill Texans, they believe they can pull it off by pleading their case before the international community.

This isn't a giant movement of angry Texans. For starters, they aren't angry and there aren't that many of them.

Half of their 14 Senate seats and 26 of their 36 House seats are empty, as is the office of attorney general. Each member of Congress represents wide swaths of the state that don't conform to modern political boundaries.

The group is predominantly Anglo, middle-aged men, and almost all of them live in the eastern two-thirds of the state. They've been meeting at sites all over that area for years.

A meeting this weekend was scheduled at a Waco restaurant. They met at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Bryan before coming to McQueeney last month.

Most have no political experience. Wilson is a mechanical engineer living in the Metroplex. Secretary of State Billy Ford is a plumber in Iola. The chief justice of the Supreme Court is a construction worker who declines to publicly state where he lives. President Richard Perkins, a head of state by his own definition, doesn't like being photographed.

A free nation

Their story begins March 2, 1836, when concerned and principled men from across Texas gathered in a barn on the banks of the Brazos River to create a free and independent Texas.

Jump ahead to last month, when a different set of concerned and principled folks, about three dozen from across Texas, gathered in a shuttered beer joint on the banks of the Guadalupe River to continue the cause of a free and independent Texas.

Tables were pushed together on the dance floor of the Silver Eagle Taphouse. A podium was set up on the stage. Neon beer signs flickered in the

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PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

What's in a name? A minefield, sometimes

■ Terminology might be the biggest obstacle in genuine Medicaid expansion.

Expanding Medicaid is a minefield, and the bombs aren't always where one might expect.

The big issues are clear.

People who oppose expansion say it makes no sense to shoehorn more people into a broken system.

People who favor it say it makes no sense to reject billions of federal dollars that could cover poor, uninsured people and reduce local taxpayers' health care burden.

A number of GOP lawmakers who oppose expansion see the benefits of covering more people. They're looking for a way to do it, perhaps by using federal dollars to help poor people buy private coverage.

But politically, they're haunted by the label of "Medicaid expansion." The term itself is an explosive that makes compromise difficult because so many Republicans have spent so much time badmouthing the federal health care law, and so many GOP primary voters might not understand if they try to make it work.

"When you talk about Medicaid expansion — I'll use that term. I hope y'all come up with another term. It'll make all of our political lives easier. I understand that."

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O. RICARDO PIMENTEL
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Texas Constitution a bar to vouchers

■ Strict constructionist supporters of the U.S. Constitution might not be so quick to embrace the Texas version.

Let us all hail Texas' Constitution, written with the wisdom, bumps and bruises that come from a long process of trial and error through Mexican rule, independence, struggling Republic, new state and then post-slavery reconstructed state. There have been "over the 50 year period from 1827 to 1876, seven constitutions formulated and implemented for Texas," one wise historian informs me.

There are two sections of the state Constitution that merit praise for today's topic.

I want to thank John Folks, former Northside Independent School District superintendent, for bringing them to our attention. He did this in a town hall meeting on school choice last week, an event sponsored by the San Antonio Express-News and the University of Texas, San Antonio.

First, Article 1, Section 7, from the Constitution's Bill of Rights: "No money shall be appropriated, or drawn

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Obituaries

A J Whitfield Sr.

A J Whitfield Sr., 73 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at his residence. He is survived by his loving wife, Lewistine Whitfield; five sons, AJ Whitfield Jr., Louis Whitfield, Thomas Whitfield, Timothy Whitfield and William Whitfield; daughters, Cora L. Whitfield, Lafiesta Whitfield, Faye Whitfield, Lewistine Whitfield and Glenda Watson Johnson; brothers, Roy McGowen and Thomas E. Whitfield and a sister, Estella Moore. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends tonight from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Jacqueline "Jacki" L. Simmers

Jacqueline "Jacki" L. Simmers passed away March 9, 2013. She was born June 30, 1941 to Raymond Roth and Mary Ulery Roth in Olympia, Washington. She lived in Midland for the past 36 years. She was an executive secretary and interior decorator. She was a member of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. for over 10 years and served as Treasurer, Vice President and President.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Larry B Simmers. Her daughter Wendi L Simmers of Plano, Texas, son and daughter-in-law Mark R and Janet Simmers, and their four sons Dane and Tristan Simmers and Taylor and Justin McCarty of Houston, Texas. She is also survived by her five sisters, Cheryl Thietje, Jolene Pecolatto, Chris Camus, Teri Pence and Trisha Heimbigner of Washington State.

Family and friends may call at Ellis Funeral Home from 9am-9pm Tuesday March 12, 2013. Services will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday March 13 at 10:00am. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be shared at www.ellisfuneral s.com.

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Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-3535

John Wesley Wright

John Wesley Wright, 69, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2013. He was born January 25, 1944 in Austin, Texas to John Charles and Doris Eloise Wright. Prior to moving to Rockport, Texas, he was a resident of Midland, Texas and a retired mechanical contractor.

He is survived by the love of his life and the mother of his children Judith Gail Wright of Rockport, Texas; three sons John Timothy Wright (Molly) of Midland, Texas, Terrell Lee Wright of Austin, Texas and Tobin Morris Wright of Corpus Christi, Texas and two grandchildren Nik Wright of Austin, Texas and Catherine Wright of Missoula, Montana.

Memorial services pending in Midland, Texas.

Arrangements entrusted to
Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.
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1-800-428-2922

Jonell Cristiani

Lenore Jonell Cummins Cristiani, 87, of Midland, died peacefully on March 9, 2013 in Katy, Texas.

She was the daughter of Grace Taylor and Elmo Cummins, Sr. and was born July 16, 1925 in Uvalde, Texas. After graduating from high school in Uvalde, she attended The University of Texas and Hardin-Simmons University.

Through her aunt, Adell Vosatko, Jonell met and married Michael Cristiani, who was stationed in the Army in West Texas and worked for Adell at her Midland store, Vosatko's Jewelry. Jonell and Michael were married on October 12, 1942 and lived in Midland, where they eventually had four children and opened Cristiani's Jewelers, located in downtown Midland, which remains there today.

Jonell helped ends meet by working at Lone Star Abstract and Title Company for many years. She was also very involved in Midland Community Theatre, Midland Symphony Guild, Midland Women's League, and First Baptist Church. She had a passion for playing the piano and singing, inspiring her children and grandchildren to be involved in the musical arts. She also loved to read and to learn, which was manifested in her quick wit and engaging conversations.

Known to many as "Jo," she was a fiercely loyal mother and she was dedicated to her family. Hosting family dinners and weekend get-aways to their lake house in San Angelo was one of her favorite activities. Her grandchildren, who endearingly called her "Mimi," recall fond memories of game nights at her home, hot summer days spent by the pool, refreshing with her favorite chocolate malt from Baskin Robbins, and the loving compliance to requests for Mimi to "tickle my back."

Jonell was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Cristiani, and her parents. She is survived by her brother, Elmo Cummins, Jr., and her children: David Cristiani and wife, Carlene; Paul Cristiani and wife, Dana; Carole Cristiani and John Cristiani. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Courtney Varner and husband, Andrew, and Paige Davis and husband Tres, daughters of David and Carlene; Amy and Michael, twins of Paul and Dana; and Alexandra and Juliana, daughters of Carole.

Jonell became a very proud great grandmother on May 2, 2011 to Ava Grace Varner, daughter of Courtney and Andrew.

Other surviving relatives include numerous nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren.

The family appreciates all the loving care Jonell received from various caregivers in Midland and Katy.

There will be a celebration of life gathering in Uvalde during the Cummins annual family reunion, followed by a graveside service in Reagan Wells on the weekend of July 20-21, 2013.

To place on-line condolences visit http://jonell.cristiani.muchloved.com.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland or to a charity of your choice.

Of the many songs, rhymes and riddles Jonell shared over the years, we shall not forget that "hearts, like doors, will open with ease to very very little keys... and don't forget that two of these are 'I thank you, sir' and 'if you please.'

Paul Crisp, Sr.

Paul departed this life on March 8, 2013.

He was born to John and Dovie Crisp on July 4, 1925 in San Antonio TX. He married Bertha Lee Owens in 1941. He served 2 years in the Navy, he and Bertha Lee moved to Midland in 1957.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his sister Naomie Queen. Six sons and five daughters; Aaron Crisp, Tommy L. Jones, Herbert Crisp, John Crisp, Paul Crisp Jr, Fredrick Wayne Crisp, Addie Fay Haynes, Bertha McCollum, Diana Durham, Janice Stevenson and Betty Crisp.

He is preceded in death by his wife Bertha Lee, son Alvin Earl Crisp and daughter; Pauline Crisp.

He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and family and friends.

Services will be held Wednesday, March 13, at 1pm, at Whites Chapel - 1106 Cherry Lane, Midland, TX.

Services directed by Thomas Funeral Home.

Roy Wolf

Roy Wolf passed from this life on March 9, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He was born a twin, November 13, 1950 in Haskell, TX in the loving arms of his parents, J.R. and Myrdell Wolf.

Roy was employed with Triple D Rental Tools. He was raised in Snyder, TX. He joined the US Army in 1971 and served until 1976. He moved to Midland 5 years ago.

Survivors include his devoted son, James Vance Wolf of Midland, TX; mother, Myrdell Wolf of Midland; sister, June Muse of Midland; and brothers, his twin, Robert Ray Wolf of Hobbs, NM, Randell Wolf of Runaway Bay, TX, Cleo Wolf of Midland, and Dale Wolf of Austin, TX.

He was preceded in death by his dad, James Robert (J.R.) Wolf of Snyder, TX, brother, Dennis Wolf of Midland, and Jinjer Wolf of Stanton, TX.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Rev. Belva Lucas, pastor of New Harvest Fellowship Church in Midland, officiating.

The family wishes to thank the volunteer fire department (ECR 1130) for being there for us. Also thanks to Pastor Lucas and New Harvest Fellowship and to all for your prayers, visits, and never ending love and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, a trust has been set up at Citizen's Federal Credit Union, Acct. # 935395, 800-248-2328 to assist the family with funeral costs.

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

Death Notices

Bertha Lopez Perez

Bertha Lopez Perez, 83 passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013.

She leaves behind one son, one daughter; four sisters, three brothers; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and other relatives, god children and close friends

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. The Rosary will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Betty Jean Robison

Betty Jean Robison, 82, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2013.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the Sunset Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by daughter, Susan and Duane Talley; brother, Larry and Anita Weaver; sister-in-law, Carol Weaver; daughter-in-law, Karen Robison; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren.

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Emmajean Wolfe

Funeral service for Emmajean Wolfe, 52, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Emmajean Wolfe died March 10, 2013, at a local hospital.

Linda L. Arias

Linda L. Arias, age 56 of Odessa, passed away March 10, 2013 in Abilene, Texas.

She is survived by one son; two step-sons; three daughters; her mother; three brothers; four sisters; and five grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Memorial services are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Lola Bell Byrd

Funeral service for Lola Bell Byrd, 89, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Lola Bell Byrd died March 7, 2013, at a local hospital.

Nancy Cross

Nancy Cross, 75, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m.., Thursday, March 14, 2013, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey Glenn Cross; two sons, Wes Cross (Carmen) and Matt Cross (Iva); five grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Vann Menefield

Funeral service for Vann Menefield, 56, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Vann Menefield died March 8, 2013, at a local hospital.

Wilson Henry

Wilson Wayne Henry, 74 passed away on Friday, March 8, 2013, in Glen Rose, Texas.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. A private family burial will be held Wednesday morning on his beloved ranch at Shamrock, Texas at the Henry Family Cemetery with a 2:00 p.m. memorial service at First Baptist Church, Shamrock, Texas. The family will receive friends at 7:00 p.m. Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Londa Coker Henry; three children, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; numerous other relatives and friends.

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From 1B

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett told House budget writers Friday.

A Republican, Emmett supports expansion anyway because of what it would mean to poor people and taxpayers.

"I wish we hadn't started with 'Obamacare,' you know. 'Medicaid expansion'," he told me. "If you started saying, 'OK, we're going to find a way to maximize federal dollars to provide better health care for poor people in Texas,' that's a much more saleable thing.'"

So what if it's really not expanding Medicaid? What if you call it a block grant, and use the money for private insurance subsidies?

"If you've got to call it under law a Medicaid grant, that probably politically is difficult. But if they would give us a tax rebate grant — call it that," said Sen. Bob Deuell, a Greenville Republican who is vice chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and is pushing such a block grant proposal.

But wait a minute. Federal officials have indicated a block grant is not an option.

"I would assume they're not going to like the block grant, unless they knew exactly how the state is going to spend that block grant," said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, a Democrat who supports expansion.

So what if the feds didn't call it a block grant but just allowed the state additional flexibility? After all, federal officials gave the go-ahead to Arkansas to buy private insurance for poor people, and they didn't need a block grant to do it.

"Some of it may just come in what you call it," said Rep. John Zerwas, a Simonton Republican who oversees human services on the House Appropriations Committee. "'Block' grant doesn't resonate well with them."

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, sought to lead a way through the terminology tangle when he told me last week that Republicans need to "get our heads out of the sand" and find an alternative to expansion. He has since received pushback from the limited-government group Empower Texans, a longtime Straus critic, which said he is trying to "sugarcoat" what the Obama administration is offering.

"I don't care what you call it. If we can make some meaningful changes in the areas that Texas has been requesting, and meet the common goal of covering more lives, then people can call it what they want to call it as long as it makes fiscal sense for Texas and provides relief for local taxpayers," Straus said last week.

Emmett also is asking fellow Republicans, who dominate the Legislature, to act.

"We can call it whatever we want," he told budget-writers. "But at the end, we have to remember that it's not just about dollars. It's also about human potential. We're talking about real people here."

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from the Treasury for the benefit of any sect, or religious society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the State be appropriated for any such purposes."

Next, a portion of Article 7, Section 5: "The permanent school fund and the available school fund may not be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school."

Seems pretty clear: Barring constitutional amendments, no public funds to finance private religious schools. Where the U.S. Constitution's treatment of religion may contain room for interpretation, Texas' is far more specific.

Folks wins the cutting-to-the-chase award.

Fortunately, there were a whole lot of smart folks early on who saw the wisdom of separating church and state. So freedom to worship does not mean freedom to have the education attached to your worship publicly funded.

It is said that the U.S. Constitution is a "granting" document, while Texas' is a "limiting" one. Let's see if all those strict constructionists in Texas, when it comes to the U.S. Constitution, see the state's constitution through the same lens.

Amend the Constitution? It would at least be an interesting test of whether Texans have thought through this voucher thing.

And I suppose that some will make the argument that the most recent incarnation — a "tax credit scholarship" funded by businesses that would then receive state tax credits — is not really state funding. Well, yes, it is. Giving a business a tax break — money that would otherwise go to the treasury — to pay into a fund for "scholarships" simply amounts to money laundering.

There were other experts on the town hall panel — Justice Foundation President Allan Parker, former state Rep. Kent Grusendorf and Shelley Potter, of the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel.

Grusendorf said the issue is freedom, liberty and civil rights.

Well, that freedom, as Potter and Folks said, already exists. Parents are free to send their kids to private schools. They just aren't free to make me pay for it. Whose civil rights are violated if I am forced to and where is the civil right concern over the state Legislature's refusal to properly fund public schools?

Right, the Texas Constitution does not seemingly prohibit vouchers for private secular schools. But there are reasons why this also shouldn't happen, including conflicting data on whether voucher students are even better educated, why advocates key on "choice" or "freedom." Bogus. Parents can already send their kids to private schools; they just can't make me pay for it.

In any case, will low-income families, the folks given as usual reason for vouchers, be able to make up the difference between "scholarship" amounts and private school tuition? Will these schools be able to refuse students? Public schools can't, by and large. And private by definition means not public. So, how will taxpayers know their dollars, laundered through tax credits, are effectively spent?

A better solution: reaffirming, with proper funding, the social contract to educate all students well.

Elephant at San Antonio Zoo euthanized

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — One of two Asian elephants on display at the San Antonio Zoo has been euthanized because of deteriorating health.

Zoo Director Steve McCusker said blood tests revealed 59-year-old Boo suffered from lymphoma. For the last month she had been listless, wouldn't eat and lacked mobility. She was put down Sunday.

Boo had performed in circus acts and then was privately owned in East Texas before moving to the zoo about three years ago.

The life expectancy for female Asian elephants in captivity is about 47 years.

Lucky, the zoo's other elephant, is in her 50s.

McCusker said Boo weighed about four tons, was happy to follow instruction and known for her easy-going nature.

He said it's not clear Monday whether the zoo will replace Boo.

Photos by Lisa Krantz/San Antonio Express-News

ABOVE: Dwayne Williams, right, of Angleton, is sworn in as the representative for Brazoria County by Don Ballard, left, with members of the Republic of Texas government at the Silver Eagle Taphouse in McQueeney during their monthly meeting Feb. 9. **LEFT:** Republic of Texas' Supreme Court Chief Justice Ray Cannon, right, speaks to members of the Republic of Texas government, other members and guests.

Republic

From 1B

background. The ad hoc chambers were wired for sound so that the events during that day's joint session of congress could be recorded for posterity.

Wielding a gavel and a copy of "Roberts Rules of Order," Vice President Willia Holley presided over a half-day joint meeting of the House and Senate. It included discussion of buying a pre-fab metal building to serve as a capitol, administering the oath of office to a new legislator and a plea from President Perkins to update the Republic's website, texasrepublic.info.

Everyone was intense but upbeat. There was very little angry rhetoric or anti-government talk. The group was focused on reclaiming and building their homeland.

"I wish we could stay in the Union because the U.S. has become the greatest force for charity in history. But we can't," Supreme Court Chief Justice Ray Cannon said.

There was discussion about elections and how only Texians, Texans who have made the decision to support their cause, should be considered eligible to vote. A Texian, Cannon added, should consider himself a citizen of the Republic of Texas and not American.

The meeting also included several long speeches from Cannon about the noble mission of resurrecting the Republic, which spills into Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming.

"We're not here just to be a group. We're here for all of Texas," Cannon said.

The case

This incarnation of the anti-federal movement is unique because it's peaceful. Previous versions have been assembled as paramilitary patriot groups and focused on secession, hinting at armed insurgency.

Secession long has been the Loch Ness Monster of Texas political lore. Like Nessie, the idea that Texas has some right to secede at will has its believers, but its existence has not been proven.

Denied by courts, ignored by elected officials and refuted by every historical scholar for 167 years, the myth of the state's right to pack up and bid adios to Uncle Sam nevertheless lives on.

The topic of secession went viral last year. Despondent over President Barack Obama's re-election, tens of thousands have signed online petitions asking that their respective states be allowed to keep their tax money and go it on their own. Texas, not surprisingly, leads the nation with more than 100,000 signatures.

The White House has politely but firmly refused to act on any of those petitions.

The Republic of Texas folks, however, think they have a winning strategy, based on what they consider dirty politics in the 1845 annexation process back when Texas truly was its own country.

The Republic's supporters argue that Anson Jones, fourth president of the Republic of Texas, illegally rammed through annexation.

The U.S. offered membership in 1845 and Jones quickly called for a constitutional convention. Modern-day Republic members claim only 13 Texians were among the 57 delegates present.

A 10th Texas congress was elected shortly afterward, and it would have dealt with the issue, but it never took office. Instead, a state legislature convened in 1846 and Texas joined the United States.

Cannon laid out the legal case during the McQueeney meeting to other members.

The precedent for such a strategy being successful comes from another continent. With the Soviet Union collapsing in the late 1980s and early '90s, the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania emerged from 51 years of occupation to regain their sovereignty.

Those countries were similar in many ways to Russia, but maintained their own cultures. Texas, as the slogan goes, is a state of mind. It's got enough of a distinctive culture that it can make a similar claim.

Then there's this: Earlier this year, in a report titled "Human Rights Violations in Certain Countries in 2012," the Belarus Ministry of Foreign Affairs accused the U.S. of human rights violations for suppressing Texas' independence movement.

Cannon held up a photocopy of the article for the McQueeney meeting.

Add all of that up, mix in the Texas Declaration of Independence of 1836, nine years of national sovereignty and the allegations against President Jones, and the Republic thinks it has got a pretty solid case to file at the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Republic officials aren't sure how their legal case actually will unfold. It could take months or years, Wilson said, to do the necessary research and prepare the arguments.

Till death do us part

Scholars long have held that history doesn't support any scenario that attempts to pry Texas from the United States.

Texas indeed was an independent nation for nine years, said Randolph "Mike" Campbell, chief historian for the Texas State Historical Association. But the allegations against Jones are unproven, he says, and the case of an occupied nation is not supported by fact.

"There's simply nothing to those claims," Campbell said. "Those are just mythological things."

The U.S. Congress approved Texas' annexation. Jones called the constitutional convention — at a time when it took days or weeks to reach remote parts of the state — to grab the deal while it still was on the table, Campbell said.

The new state constitution passed with only one dissenting vote. The only vote against it, Campbell says, was from a guy who had an ex-wife in Philadelphia. He had moved to Texas, when it was a republic, because he swore he'd never live in the same country as her. Hence his "no" vote on the constitution.

Texas voters went to the polls to cast ballots on the referendum on Oct. 13, 1845. It passed 4,254 to 267.

Then there's the ultimate do-over: the 1869 Supreme Court decision in White vs. Texas.

In that case, which was about Texas' status and how that affected repayment of overdue bonds, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that everything that happened before then was pointless.

Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, writing for the majority, said the state had entered into an "indissoluble relation" with the U.S.

"The union between Texas and the other States was as complete, as perpetual, and as indissoluble as the union between the original States," he wrote. "There was no place for reconsideration or revocation, except through revolution or through consent of the States."

And for most people, that was that.

That won't deter the Republic of Texas from marching on. They realize it's an uphill struggle, Wilson said, but that it's worth the effort.

"The heat's about to get turned up," Cannon told the crowd ominously. "Are you ready? And it's going to get white hot."

Assurances sought with potential $2B water fund

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A widely supported $2 billion proposal to jumpstart water projects in Texas drew fresh scrutiny Monday from lawmakers wanting assurance that another lucrative state fund flush with taxpayer dollars wouldn't fall prey to allegations of corruption or political patronage.

The plan to tap the rainy day fund to boost water resources following a historic Texas drought is backed by majority Republicans and Democrats alike. But the details and the mere concept of using the state's emergency piggyback has renewed debates over other priorities and invited concerns of influence.

Democratic state Sen. John Whitmire reminded a subcommittee of the state's troubled $3 billion cancer-fighting agency while asking what safeguards will protect a $2 billion pot of money from being spent improperly.

Republican Sen. Troy Fraser, who is carrying the water bill in the Senate, said those issues are still being ironed out.

"It's a large sum of money," Whitmire said. "How do we put the checks and balances — the safeguards, Troy, so that we don't see the abuses that we witnessed with the cancer fund?"

Public corruption prosecutors late last year began investigating the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and the agency remains under a spending moratorium. Lawmakers have also so far yet to put new money on the table for Gov. Rick Perry's Emerging Technology Fund, which has faced questions over accountability and transparency.

The Texas Water Development Board is currently overseen by a part-time, six-person water board. Frustrations with how quickly the board operates and its reluctance to prioritize projects in the state's 50-year water plan led Fraser to make a substantial overhaul of the board's structure.

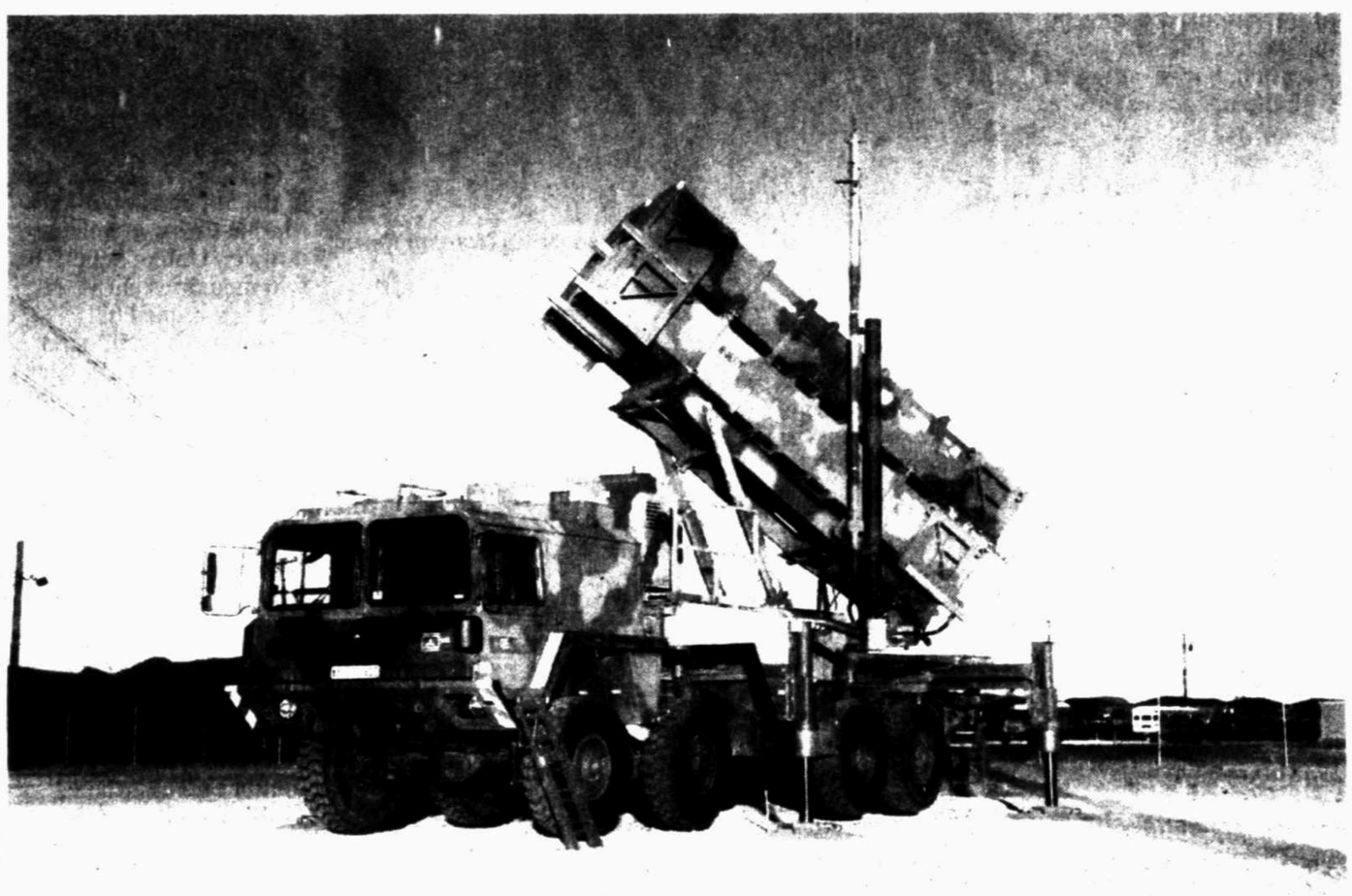
Among the ideas are installing a full-time panel of three members. Fraser said an advisory committee not appointed through the governor's office is another plan on the table.

"You're perfectly on the right track of what we're trying to move forward," Fraser told a Senate Finance subcommittee.

The proposed $2 billion from the rainy day fund would create a revolving loan program so communities can begin working on projects outlined in the state water plan, which outlines more than 560 projects. The total estimated cost is $53 billion.

Water board chairman Billy Bradford has defended the performance of the agency.

A historic drought caused an unprecedented $7.6 billion in agricultural losses in 2011 and made water a priority for the Legislature. The drought resulted in severe water restrictions statewide, significantly depleted crucial reservoirs and dried out rivers. While conditions have eased, the state still hasn't fully recovered.



AP file photo

In this Feb. 15, 2012, file photo, a Patriot surface-to-air missile battery stands on the training ground of the German Bundeswehr in Fort Bliss near El Paso. Two German air force units that have called Fort Bliss home for decades are scheduled to leave this West Texas Army base as part of a reorganization of the German military.

German Air Force plans to leave West Texas post

Associated Press

FORT BLISS — Two German Air force units that have called Fort Bliss home for decades are scheduled to leave this West Texas Army base as part of a reorganization of the German military.

Col. Heinz-Josef Ferkinghoff said the German Air Force Command for the U.S. and Canada will close at Fort Bliss on Sept. 30. Operations will be moved to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, where Germany already has a flight training center. Meanwhile, the German Air Defense Center where officers receive training in the use of Patriot missiles will return to Germany within five years.

The El Paso Times reported Monday that the moves affecting several hundred German military personnel and civilian employees come after U.S. base realignment changed some Fort Bliss operations.

The U.S. Army's Air Defense Artillery School moved to Fort Sill, Okla., in 2009, and the 1st Armored Division returned from Germany to Fort Bliss in 2011.

Since 2005, Fort Bliss' soldier population exploded from 9,000 to 33,000, changing the decades-long tradition of Ft. Bliss being primarily an air-defense installation.

"That's where we lost the connection," Ferkinghoff said.

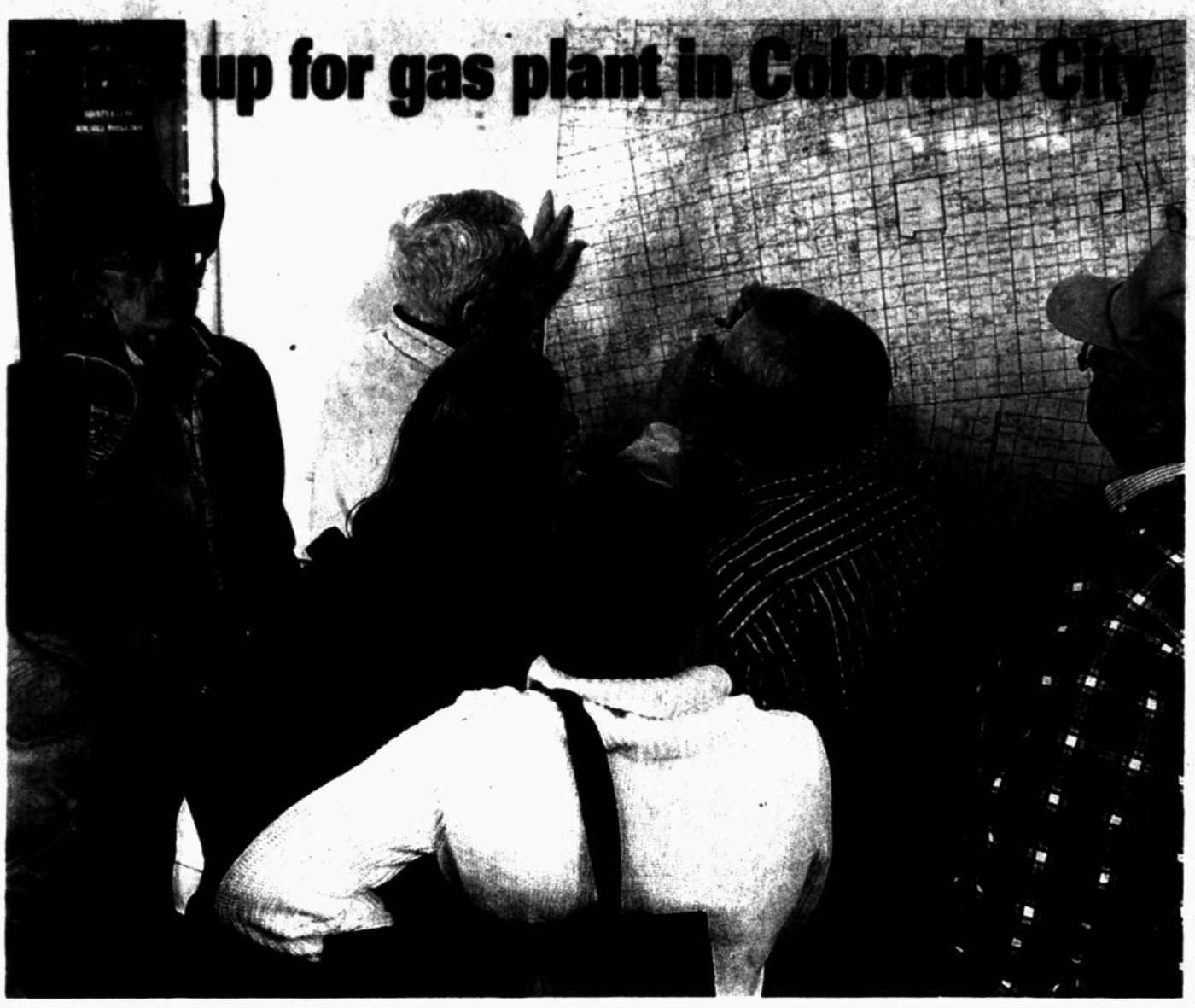
And while Ft. Bliss will see less of a German presence, the Luftwaffe plans to expand their operations in Holloman Air Force base in Alamogordo, N.M. They currently have about 500 airmen and civilians training there and plan to increase the number to 800 in the future.

A small number of officers from the Air Defense program will transfer from Fort Bliss to Fort Sill, Okla., to serve as liaisons between the two armed forces.

The German air force has had a presence at Fort Bliss since 1956 and its personnel have been deeply involved in El Paso's community. The German Air Force has two charitable foundations in the area that have helped the region for decades.

The Germans also have organized an Oktoberfest celebration in Fort Bliss and expect to organize their final one in the fall.

up for gas plant in Colorado City



Nellie Doneva/Abilene Reporter-News

People look at the future location of a $500 million natural gas power plant in Mitchell County, west of Colorado City on Monday. FGE Texas, a Houston-based company, plans to build the 750-megawatt plant. Work is expected to begin on the plant in late August or early September. Between 400 and 500 workers will be employed during construction. Once the plant is operational in 2016, it will employ 20 people. Existing power lines will carry electricity to metropolitan areas, and the plant will use brackish water for cooling. FGE Texas officials said Phase 2 of the project is to build a second power plant once the first one is finished.

Hundreds lobby for gay rights at Capitol

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Hundreds of protesters demonstrated at the Texas Capitol on Monday, demanding equality for lesbians, gays and the transgendered, including the right to marry.

Equality Texas, a civil rights group, organized people of all sexual orientations and gender identities for a day of lobbying to support civil rights bills introduced by Democratic lawmakers. Along with calling for gay marriage rights, they backed measures that would place the names of both gay parents on birth certificates and make discrimination by employers and insurance companies illegal.

The bills stand little chance in the Republican-controlled Legislature. Gov. Rick Perry adamantly opposes gay marriage and has likened homosexuality to alcoholism.

Rep. Mary Gonzalez, D-El Paso, told the crowd the fight for equal rights is tough but necessary. She is the only current Texas lawmaker who does not identify as heterosexual. She describes herself as pansexual, a term for people who are attracted to different gender identities, male or female.

"I didn't realize the amount of backlash it would cause, all over the state and all over the country," she told the crowd. "But it was people like you today who gave me the courage to be my authentic self and to start to change this place, because this place should no longer, not be open and not be inclusive."

Chuck Smith, the executive director of Equality Texas, praised the lawmakers who introduced the bills and said he was optimistic that the group would eventually get them passed by meeting with lawmakers in person.

"They just need to hear from enough of us to give them the strength to do the right thing for the people of Texas," he said.

Christian conservative groups hold huge sway in the Legislature, particularly among rural and suburban Republicans. These groups oppose legal protections for individuals based on sexual orientation. Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional ban on gay marriage in 2005.

Texas Iwo Jima veterans to remember battle

By Eden Stiffman
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Nearly 70 years after the Battle of Iwo Jima, Bill Schott is ready to remember it.

Schott, who lives in Haltom City, survived one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific Theater without a scratch, but he struggled with the memories of what he saw in 1945.

He was just 18 when he served as a Marine parachutist in the 5th Division, which suffered the most casualties of any unit in the 36-day battle.

"I saw a minister friend of mine and he told me, 'Bill, when you get those thoughts, think of something beautiful — a beautiful sunset, beautiful fishing, whatever you like — to take your mind off of it.'"

As a result, Schott remembers little of what happened. But now, at 87, he's hoping to fill the void.

The Dallas Morning News reports Schott is one of 15 American World War II veterans who are traveling to the island on the one day of the year the Japanese government allows veterans and their descendants to visit.

"I'm hoping when I go back and I sit on the sands of Iwo Jima, I will maybe get a glimpse of what I did," he said.

Three of the 15 veterans live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and their trips are sponsored by Daughters of World War II, a nonprofit organization founded by Laura Leppert, wife of former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert.

Kelley Chinn/Dallas Morning News

Iwo Jima Marine veterans Don Graves (left), of Keller, and Bill Schott, of Haltom City, talk Sunday at DFW International Airport before boarding their flight to visit the famed Japanese island they invaded during World War II.

American Airlines donated one round-trip ticket, and Leppert's organization raised money for the others to fly for free.

The veterans will attend a symposium in Guam before visiting Iwo Jima for about five hours Wednesday. They will attend a memorial service overlooking the landing beaches and meet Japanese veterans.

Last year, Leppert made her first trip to the island with two veterans.

"Because they landed on the beach, they hadn't seen it from the air before," she said. "When they see it from the air, some start to cry. They think about everything they saw, they think about their buddies."

Leppert's late father, George Broderick, fought at Iwo Jima but rarely spoke of it.

"I don't think the vets wanted their family to know what they had to do to stay alive and save their country," she said.

It wasn't until her father was dying of cancer that he opened up about his experiences in the war.

Now she is working to help World War II veterans preserve their memories.

"The vets are so appreciative," she said. "They didn't think anyone cared anymore."

All three of the area men traveling to Iwo Jima were recently interviewed as part of an oral history project, Generations Lest We Forget.

Many of the people whose stories have been recorded already have died.

"The light's flickering out on that candle, and we've got to move so, so fast," Leppert said.

Schott had tried to make the trip to Iwo Jima two years ago, and he made it as far as Guam when an earthquake and tsunami hit.

Last year he wasn't up to making the trip, and after falling on Christmas Eve, he thought a trip this year would be out, too. But on Sunday, steadied by a walker with a Marine Corps sticker, he boarded a plane with Leppert and the other two area veterans, Fiske Hanley and Don Graves.

Hanley, 93, was a bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps who endured six months as a prisoner of war after his plane was shot down.

Graves, 87, also served in the 5th division of the Marine Corps as a flamethrower. Unlike Schott, his Iwo memories are vivid.

"They trained us purposely for evil," said Graves, who was 17 when he enlisted. "And we didn't know this, of course. We knew nothing until the morning before."

When they landed on the beaches, the island was covered with planes, ships and men "all hammering away," he said.

"I think we were stunned," Graves said. "We were out there for six weeks. All I wanted to do was make it, but we couldn't go anywhere."

The assault resulted in more than 26,000 American casualties, including 6,800 deaths, according to the Navy.

"I have a lot of buddies that were killed, and they're still there," Graves said. "So I just want to reminisce. It will be an emotional experience."

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AUSTIN

Teachers, staff rally, lobby at Capitol

About 1,000 teachers and education staffers from across Texas rallied at the state Capitol on Monday, urging the Legislature to reverse $5.4 billion in cuts to public schools approved two years ago.

As part of Texas American Federation of Teachers lobby day, union leaders encouraged educators to use their spring break to gather in Austin for the demonstration — which saw many participants in blue-and-white ATF T-shirts wave signs reading "Our Kids, Our Future."

Members of some high school percussion sections also turned out and the banging of their drums reverberated off the Capitol's pink facade as the House and Senate opened their sessions in the afternoon. Later, the crowd fanned out for meetings in the offices of individual lawmakers.

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, said leading Democrats in the Texas Senate have called for spending $4 billion from the state's cash reserves, or rainy day fund, to roll back the 2011 public education cuts. The fund is expected to grow to $11.8 billion by the end of 2015.

Referencing separate proposals to spend $2 billion from the fund to improve state water infrastructure and another $1 billion from it for highways and other roads, Davis urged demonstrators to remind lawmakers "that our school children are more important than any road, any water resource."

State Board of Education member Thomas Ratliff said he opposes high-profile proposals by Sen. Dan Patrick, the head of the Senate Education Committee who wants to expand "school choice."

Patrick and some other key conservatives support offering public money to low-income parents around the state so they can remove their kids from low-performing, traditional schools in favor of private and religious classrooms.

AUSTIN

Panel to review criticized curriculum system

A special State Board of Education panel is reviewing a curriculum system used by hundreds of Texas school districts — but which some conservatives claim promotes anti-American values.

Board chairwoman Barbara Cargill, R-The Woodlands, announced Monday she has named three board Republicans and one Democrat to the panel on the CSCOPE system.

Three members of the governing board that helped create CSCOPE are also on the panel, which meets in late March. It will then appoint parents, educators, business leaders and curriculum experts to examine CSCOPE content, beginning with social studies.

CSCOPE is used by more than 800 Texas school districts. It helps teachers adhere to state educational requirements with Web-based lesson plans and exams.

But conservative activists said it promotes progressive ideology and that some lesson plans are pro-Islam.

WASHINGTON

Texas getting $406K more for wildfire recovery

A $406,000 federal grant will help Texas fund temporary jobs as cleanup and recovery efforts continue from devastating 2011 wildfires.

The U.S. Department of Labor on Monday announced the latest National Emergency Grant that pushes the Texas total to more than $1.2 million.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency previously declared 32 Texas counties eligible for public assistance.

The grant will help pay for continued recovery in Anderson, Bastrop, Bosque, Briscoe, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Colorado, Coryell, Edwards, Gregg, Hall, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Houston, Howard, Kimble, Leon, Marion, Menard, Montague, Morris, Navarro, Nolan, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Sutton, Upshur, Walker and Wise counties.

LUBBOCK

Talpa man gets prison for shooting into crop duster

A West Texas man has been sentenced to 1 1/2 years in federal prison for shooting into a crop duster as the plane sprayed a neighbor's fields.

Prosecutors in Lubbock on Monday announced 69-year-old James R. Cate, of Talpa, must also pay $297,000 in restitution. Cate in November pleaded guilty to making a threat to an aircraft in the February 2012 incident that left the plane heavily damaged.

Investigators said Cate fired into the air to try to keep the chemical-dumping plane away from his fields.

One round hit the propeller, went through the engine cowling and into the chemical hopper. A bullet fragment tore through the leg of the pilot's pants. The pilot wasn't injured.

HOUSTON

Delta jet gets stuck in mud at Hobby Airport

A Delta Air Lines jet returning to a gate at Houston's William P. Hobby Airport got stuck in the mud at the edge of a taxiway Monday morning.

No one on Delta Flight 4302, bound for Atlanta at 6:45 a.m., was hurt, Houston Airport System spokeswoman Darian Ward said.

Joe Williams, a spokesman for Pinnacle Airlines Inc., which operates the Bombardier CRJ-900 aircraft that was being used for a Delta Connection flight, said it was carrying 76 passengers and a crew of four.

Ward said the incident didn't affect other flights, although Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said an airport runway was temporarily closed.

"The pilot reported a communication problem, returned to the gate but ended up taxiing on the grass, where the plan was stuck," Cory said.

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WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 71 Low: 45

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 75 Low: 46

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 68 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph becoming north between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 38 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph.

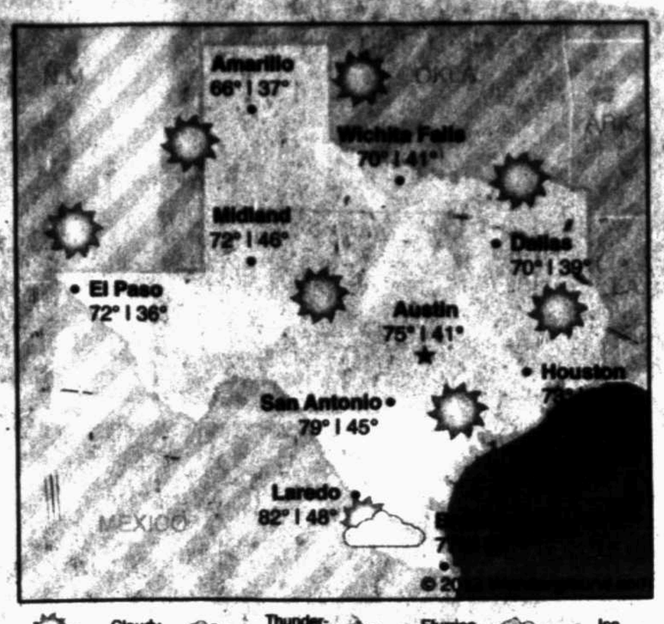
Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 71 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 45 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

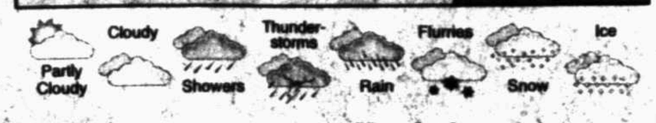
Thursday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 75 and a low around 46.

The high on Monday reached 69, while the low dropped to 29. The record high for March 11 is 91 set in 1989. The record low is 1 set in 2012.

National forecast

Rain and spotty thunderstorms will mark the end of recent warmth along the Atlantic Coast today. The cold front will push out to sea later in the day, moving the rain away from much of the I-95 corridor, except for New England.





Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
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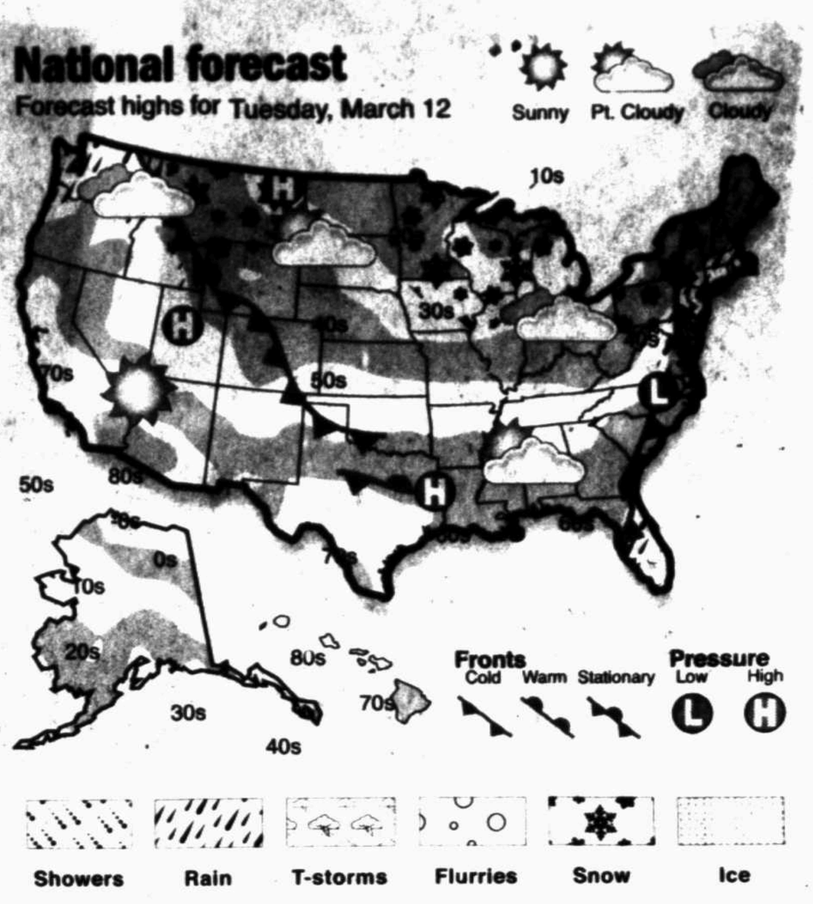
Normal total (year to date)	1.48 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	69
Low	29
Normal high	69
Normal low	40
Sunrise	8:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, March 12



Readers offer advice for people discouraged by online dating

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I read the letter you ran on Dec. 21 from "Dateless in Dayton." We have a few thoughts on the matter we'd like to share with him and anyone else who is having bad luck getting responses on dating websites.

We are middle-aged and have been together for two years. Even though we deactivated our memberships in the dating sites we were part of, we still get emails daily that "'So-and-So' sent you a message." It appears these sites still show our profiles as active, allowing people to try to contact us. So it's entirely possible that the women "Dateless" has contacted were inactive or expired members who were never able to see his messages.

We would like to reassure "Dateless" that the problem may not be him. We would also like to encourage him not to give up on finding a mate. He needs to get out there and do the things he loves because he may end up meeting someone that way. If he covers all his bases and is himself, he'll do OK. — HOPING TO BE HELPFUL, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

DEAR HELPFUL: Many readers wrote to point out that the problem "Dateless" is experiencing could be more about the idiosyncratic subscription rules on some dating websites than about the writer or the women he is contacting. Other experienced users shared their stories:

DEAR ABBY: I can tell "Dateless" why he's not getting "thanks, but no thanks" notes from the women he contacts on the online dating service: Those women are most likely overwhelmed with responses.

Before I met my husband 10 years ago, I signed up on a dating site, then left the house to run some errands. When I came back a couple of hours later, I had 75 responses! I tried to answer all of them, but I kept getting more and more, so I finally gave up. I can only imagine how many responses women get today with online dating even more popular than it was then. — SETTLED DOWN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: How long does one have to wait before determining the person isn't interested or just hasn't had the chance to respond? Many sites offer a simple button push that sends a message saying you are not interested. It appears people are simply taking the easy way out without any concern for others. And unfortunately, this doesn't happen only in online dating. — DAVID IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to suggest that "Dateless" consider that many people don't check their dating site often — or ever. I signed up on a site in August and stopped looking at it in October. Then I forgot my password and could never look again. — OVER IT IN TAMPA

DEAR ABBY: Sadly for "Dateless," many of us women who are also attempting online dating have learned the hard way that any response can quickly encourage a stalker who emails us or sends instant messages relentlessly.

I consider myself to be a courteous person with Midwestern values, and I tried (initially) to politely respond to everyone one way or the other. It became exhausting because many of the men I sent a polite "no, thank you" to began demanding explanations, taking my reply as a "maybe" or insulting me for being stuck-up (and the communication quickly grew uglier from there).

So please tell "Dateless" that it's nothing personal — we're just trying to avoid drama. — PAM IN PHOENIX

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Necessity is the mother of invention

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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K J 9 3
♣ K 10

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♣ Q J 9

SOUTH
♠ J 9
Q J 10 8 6 5
A 4 2
♣ A 6

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	2	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
4	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Even the most experienced pairs sometimes have to invent a bid to describe a particular hand. This deal is from a semifinal match in the Trials to select an American team for the world championship. Sitting North-South were former New Jerseyans, now Floridians, David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen.

After South's weak two-bid, North's two no-trump asked partner to bid the plain suit in which he had a feature. For a weak two-bidder to hold two aces is rather unusual, and Cohen tried to describe his hand by raising to three no-trump, a bid not in the system of responses. Berkowitz did well to correct to four hearts.

South's problems would have been largely solved had West elected to lead the 10 of diamonds, but West chose to cash the ace of spades and then shifted to a club. South won in hand with the ace, cashed the two black kings and ruffed a spade in hand. With the black suits stripped from both hands, South exited with a trump and did not mind which defender won. Since neither could afford to return a black suit and give South a ruff-sluff, the defender would have to open diamonds and, at worst, the fate of the contract would rest on winning one of two finesses in diamonds. Whichever course the defender selected, declarer would lose only two heart tricks and a spade.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 12, 2013:

This year you could make money just to turn around and spend it right away. You call the shots in your life, so only you can change this pattern. The unexpected plays a role in your decisions and actions more than in past years. You will have many choices — be open to them. If you are single, avoid making any impulsive commitments. If you are attached, the two of you might be eyeing a property investment. Home really is where your heart is. Count on ARIES being blunt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Mars enters your sign, which invigorates you even more. Harness this vitality. You might want to try a new exercise routine or take up a new hobby. Understand that few can handle your strength and high energy at this point. Tonight: Do not stand on ceremony.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your irritation with a particular situation might be building, and a sudden event could trigger stronger feelings. Stop investing energy in suppressing your emotional state. Clear your mind, and try a different approach. You'll be much happier as a result. Tonight: Let mystery in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You know that you are heading in the right direction. A meeting could be unpredictable. You don't mind the additional excitement; you work well with high energy and determined associates. Tonight: The more people there are around you, the happier you will be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to work with a boss or superior, but this person could become more demanding. Just remember who is in charge, and you will be OK. Sometimes the end result, as opposed to the immediate outcome, is more important. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ An unexpected call triggers your imagination. Your mind seems resistant to any discipline or focus. You could start experiencing life from a new vantage point, where you visualize a different result. A certain individual might play a role in this. Tonight: Catch up on emails.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ A close associate or a loved one might change his or her tune when you least expect it. This person will push and push in order to get what he or she desires. You practically will have to vanish to get this person off your case. Tonight: Dinner with a good friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Someone is hot on your heels and wants to at least have a conversation with you, if not an agreement. If you try to change this person's mind or do something differently, you will still get a hard bottom line. Wait a day to have a formal chat. Tonight: Go with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Manage your exuberance. You might not even realize what a strong reaction others are having to it. Stay direct when dealing with someone, even if he or she generally is unsupportive. Lighten up, and you might be able to turn this situation around. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You can't hold yourself back from using your imagination, nor would you want to. You are a solution finder. You exude a quality of excitement wherever you go, and others respond in kind. The unexpected gives you quite a surprise. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Get past a hassle involving a domestic matter. You might have errands to run and calls to make, but completing them could be close to impossible. Tap into your creativity. Remember that lists and schedules can be changed when necessary. Tonight: Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Speak your mind, but take a moment before you express your thoughts. Choosing the right words could make all the difference in the receiver's response. Be aware that you could be too much in your mind, which makes you accident-prone. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Know what is going on with your finances. A costly mistake could impact your cash flow, and that could cause a lot of disruption. Stay on top of your funds, and be sure to stick to your budget. Weigh the pros and cons before purchasing a major item. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

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BORN TODAY

Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney (1947), singer/actress Liza Minnelli (1946), singer/songwriter James Taylor (1948)

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1 Sound finely tuned
5 Parsley family herb
9 Straight from the garden
14 Role for Ronny
15 Neighborhood
16 Ceiling
17 GREEN
20 Next in line
21 Hobbyist's buy
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23 First word of "Greensleeves"
25 In a glass by itself
27 GREEN
33 Green prefix
34 Green shade
35 Aimée of "La Dolce Vita"
37 Cozy reading rooms
39 Personal property
42 "At Wit's End" humorist Bombeck
43 Drilling tool
45 Buster?
47 It might say "Wipe your paws"
48 GREEN
52 __ carotene
53 Draws
54 Parlor piece
57 "The Green Hornet" airer, 1966-'67
59 Puget Sound port
63 GREEN
66 Japan's commercial center, historically
67 Accessory on the handlebars
68 TV part?
69 __-case scenario
70 Oscillation
71 Body art, briefly

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3 Fruit coat
4 Protect again, as a driveway
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6 Football commentator Cross
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8 Emilio Estefan, notably
9 Producer Ziegfeld
10 Cellphone customer's creation, perhaps
11 Mideast ruler
12 "Right away, señor!"
13 Internet address letters
18 Brilliance
19 Gossip tidbit
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26 Dr.'s group
27 Sanskrit scripture
28 Frost over
29 Mute sound?
30 Stuck (to)
31 Marilyn, before she was Marilyn
32 Poison __
36 Latest addition to the British Royal Family
38 Reversal's 40 __ food
41 Genetic research insect
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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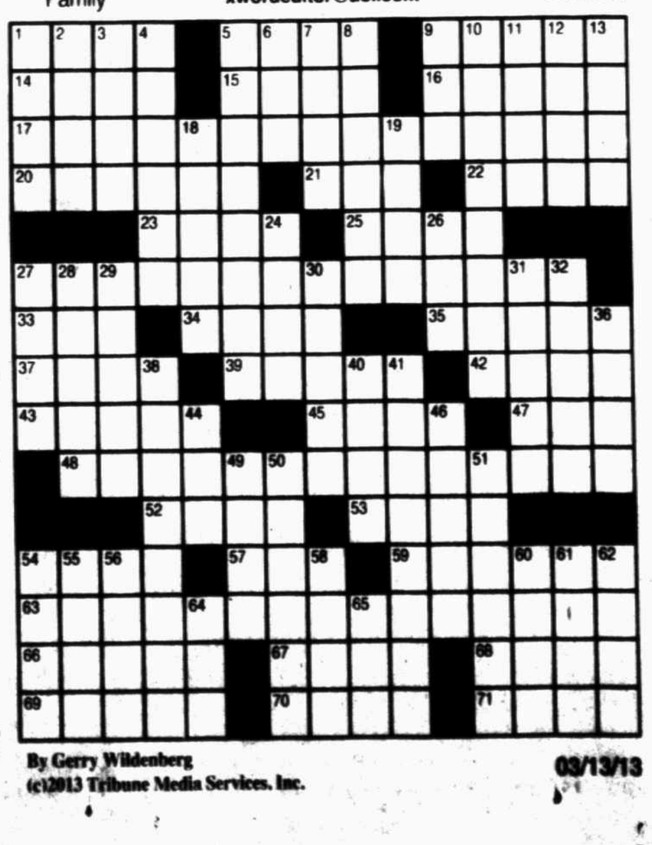

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SXSW

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THE FLAMING LIPS

Big names converge in Austin but what about the big breaks?

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — In the frenzy of South by Southwest, even standouts like The Flaming Lips feel the need to stand out.

Now consider that problem while surveying the 2,200 mostly unknown bands packing Austin starting today for the marquee week of the trendy festival that blends the famous and nameless, headlined this year by Green Day, Dave Grohl, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Natalie Maines of The Dixie Chicks and Snoop Lion (perhaps still better known as Snoop Dogg).

Squeezing into the intimate showcases for those big acts will be all but impossible. The Flaming Lips will take all comers at a free outdoor concert, yet the psychedelic rockers known for theatrical live spectacles are still pulling out the stops for attention, performing their yet-unreleased album "The Terror" in its entirety for the first time.

Call it a lesson for all the lesser-knowns at SXSW: make your set memorable, or leave possibly forgotten.

"You have to do something beyond your normal show and normal existence," said The Flaming Lips multi-instrumentalist Steven Drozd, who believes SXSW can still make a band that shows up struggling to make a living. "If you're playing SXSW and playing in the right spot, this might be the time a manager of another band might see you and you get your shot. Otherwise, you may not get your shot at all."

That SXSW has skewed too commercial at the expense of up-and-comers is a gripe that sometimes feels as old as The Flaming Lips, whose dark new album set for release in April will be their 13th in their 30-year history. What ostensibly began in 1987 as an insider gathering for unsigned bands to catch the eye of a record executive or musical tastemaker has mushroomed into a weeklong party with a festival feel and A-list acts.

Other notables at the SXSW this year include Vampire Weekend, Kendrick Lamar, Iggy and the Stooges, the Black Lips, Tegan and Sara, Haim and Sonic Youth frontman Thurston Moore's new side project, Chelsea Light Moving. Then there are the stars who will inevitably drop in for unannounced shows, such as when 50 Cent and Eminem collaborated for a set that was also streamed on YouTube.

James Minor, the general manager of the music arm of SXSW, said the upside of SXSW for chart-topping artists is a fresh dose of relevance. But he describes the festival that runs through Saturday as a still-valuable showcase for emerging bands to get exposure and take crash courses on the business side of an evolving industry where it's getting harder for artists to make a buck.

"I feel people are turning around a little bit, as maybe in the past they see SXSW as party time," Minor said. "But I feel like there's a general sense that artists that are succeeding are more aware of the industry."

Among those out for awareness this week are The Rubens, an Austrialian rock band that has yet to release an album in the U.S., let alone play here before. Frontman Sam Margin is grateful his band has it better than most — they're already signed to a major label in Warner Bros. — but is expecting a competitive atmosphere that raises the stakes to standout.

That doesn't mean any gimmicks for The Rubens — they're just hoping their performances finds buzz in a week that's so packed with bands that even Margin confesses to trouble navigating it.

"It's been really hard to find anything. I've been Googling it and there is so much going on," Margin said.

Of course, the big acts don't show up simply to upstage the rest of the lineup. Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong, whose substance abuse problems last year forced the band to postpone the start of a 2013 arena tour, debuts the documentary "Broadway Idiot" that jumps from concerts to the punk band's Broadway musical.

Wayne Coyne of The Flaming Lips is similarly premiering his own film called "A Year in the Life of Wayne's Phone" that promises to be every bit as curiously weird as it sounds. Maines, who has been seldom heard from since the Dixie Chicks began a hiatus in 2008, returns to the stage in her native Texas to promote her solo debut, "Mother," due out in May.

Drozd said he first performed at SXSW in 1989 with another upstart band before joining The Flaming Lips. He hopes the potential remains the same for others a quarter-century later.

"We thought we might get out next big break," Drozd said. "We played to five or six people. Nothing came of it, but it felt like anything could help."

'Spring Breakers' has bikini-clad debut

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Iconoclastic director Harmony Korine unveiled what may be one of the most twisted spring break movies in recent memory with a screening heralded by a roving motorcade of scooter drivers in bikinis and ski masks and lasting into the wee hours Monday at the South by Southwest film festival.

"Spring Breakers," positioned as both a celebration and an indictment of the annual bacchanal, follows four bikini-clad college students through a series of improbable adventures. After financing their excursion to the Florida coast with a robbery, the young women descend farther into the criminal underworld than intended.

The movie has been highly anticipated thanks to a widely viewed online trailer showing former Disney starlets transformed into heavily armed, lightly clad mean girls bent on having a good time at all costs.

As the venue for a domestic premiere, the promoters chose South by Southwest, held in the college town of Austin.

Asked whether the whole affair should be read as satire, Korine said, "I more want you to have a physical experience."

And the movie?

"It does have its cake and eat it, too," said James Franco, who stars as a cornrow-headed thug in "Spring Breakers."

Associated Press

From left, Selena Gomez, Ashley Benson, Rachel Korine and Vanessa Hudgens are shown in a scene from "Spring Breakers."

The film also features Selena Gomez, the 20-year-old pop music singer known as Justin Bieber's ex-girlfriend and for her role on Disney's now defunct "Wizards of Waverly Place."

When the lights went down, Korine's fever dream of gunplay, body shots and girls gone wild found a receptive audience.

In a Q-and-A session, an audience member asked Korine about the open-ended final scene.

"I end it there because I want you to dream on it," he said, adding, "Why do you want to be told everything all the time?"

Interactive panel discusses SOPA-PIPA

It was a piece of anti-piracy legislation that seemed destined for passage. The Stop Online Piracy Act was authored by a powerful Republican committee chair, backed by powerful entertainment industry lobby groups and enjoyed bipartisan support.

Then the Internet struck back in protest: Wikipedia blacked out its home page, Google blacked out its logo, and micro-blogging service Tumblr "censored" content on its home page to demonstrate what kind of impact the bill might have.

Internet firms also fought back the way the game is usually played in Washington: using interest groups, money and lobbyists.

The bill eventually was pulled, but it provided the catalyst for Web firms such as Rackspace Hosting Inc., which had avoided lobbying in Washington, to get in the game.

The battle over SOPA and its Senate counterpart, Protect Intellectual Privacy Act, "was really an eye-opening experience" Rackspace general counsel Alan Schoenbach said. "We had never really experienced any kind of legislative battle before that was directly impacting our industry."

Speakers at a SXSW Interactive panel Sunday that focused on copyright law and how it applies to the Internet framed the fight over SOPA/PIPA as another chapter in the ongoing fight between companies that own content and innovations that threaten that content.

"The way that copyright law gets made is a function of who's invited to the table when the law is negotiated," said Wendy Seltzer, policy counsel for the World Wide Web Consortium and a fellow with Yale Law School's Information Society Project. "Who's going to be invited to that party? Well, it tends to be the folks that are known, the folks who are in the industry already."

For instance, she pointed out, when the most current overhaul of the country's copyright law was negotiated, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and YouTube didn't exist. Those services have come under criticism from content providers because users can engage them to share or reinterpret their content.

Rackspace's entry into the fight against SOPA/PIPA was notable for another reason: It pitted one of San Antonio's best known firms against one of its most powerful politicians, Republican Congressman Lamar Smith — SOPA's author and then-chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which was holding hearings on the bill.

Defending the legislation, Smith said in a statement to the Express-News that "the online theft of American intellectual property is no different than the theft of products from a store" and added that the bill was designed to give authorities and copyright owners the tools to stop the piracy.

He said he had no plans to introduce new legislation on the subject but does "believe that it would be beneficial to get all of the stakeholders together to try to reach a consensus on how best to deal with the problem of intellectual property theft."

San Antonio Express-News

District 2-5A boys soccer playoff picture now cloudy

Lee's Alex Bell, right, jumps over a tackle by San Angelo Central's Chris Serrano on March 5 at Grande Communications Stadium.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

By Len Hayward
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Cottle

In the span of two hours last Saturday afternoon, the race for the final three playoff spots in District 2-5A boys soccer went from relatively clear to downright murky.

Saturday featured a mild upset of Odessa High over Midland High, Lee coming away with a surprising tie against Abilene High, and San Angelo Central leaving Ratliff Stadium without the upset it needed against Odessa Permian.

What's left is a tangled mess where teams in second through sixth are separated by seven points with two weeks remaining in the season.

"I knew going into this year, that any team was capable of beating any team on any given day," San Angelo Central coach Tony Vu said. "On any day an upset can happen. You definitely can't take anybody lightly. We are treating every game right now like it's a playoff game."

What's for sure is that Odessa Permian has the inside track on another district title and has already clinched a playoff spot with a 10-0-2 league mark with 32 points.

After that, though, the scenarios are much more complicated.

Lee (6-1-5 in District 2-5A) is sitting in second place with 23 points after its fifth tie in 12 league tilts this season. Midland High (7-4-1) is in third with 22 points.

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Boss of the Big 12

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor center Brittney Griner (42) celebrates after cutting down part of the net following Baylor's 75-47 win against Iowa State in the Big 12 Conference championship game Monday in Dallas.

Baylor women punish Iowa State for title

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — The celebrations are always fun for top-ranked Baylor. Brittney Griner and the Lady Bears have had plenty of practice.

Now the defending national champions can turn their focus toward trying to win the biggest prize one more time with their 6-foot-8 senior star.

The Lady Bears have another trophy to show for their dominating run through the Big 12, clinching their third straight conference tournament championship with a 75-47 victory over No. 23 Iowa State on Monday night.

Lady Bears ... 75
Cyclones 47

"Winning never gets old, especially this one," said Griner, one of five Baylor seniors. "We wanted to celebrate this, everybody did. This is our last go-around with the Big 12. Meant everything to us."

Along with their three tournament titles in row, the Lady Bears (32-1) have won the last three Big 12 regular-season championships as well — going undefeated through the league for the last two.

They have won 49 consecutive regular-season and tournament games in the Big 12, though that streak doesn't include the NCAA regional final loss to then-conference foe Texas A&M two years ago in the American Airlines Center, where they won their latest tournament title.

"We had that epic disappointment along the way. I'm never going to forget that," coach Kim Mulkey said. "Those kinds of things motivate us."

Griner, already a two-time All-American, had 23 of her 31 points by halftime — outscoring Iowa State by 10 points on her own by then in a title game matchup of the Big 12's top two seeds.

It was Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly who said after a 28-point loss at Baylor

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Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor guard Odyssey Sims (0) drives against Iowa State guard Nicole Blaskowsky (15) as Hallie Christofferson (5) watches in the first half Monday of the Big 12 championship game in Dallas.

Brad Tollefson/Special to the MRT

Midland College coach Ron Jones cuts down the net after the Lady Chaparrals' 79-74 victory against Weatherford College on Saturday at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The Lady Chaps are the 13 seed in the NJCAA tournament

Lady Chaps a No. 13 seed in tourney

From staff reports

The Midland College women's basketball team will go into next week's NJCAA Division I National Tournament as the No. 13 seed.

The Lady Chaparrals (26-7) will play No. 20 seed Volunteer State (Tenn.) (23-4) in a first-round game at 2 p.m. Monday at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

The winner of that game will play No. 4 seed Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College (27-4) in a second-round game at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Trinity Valley Community College (32-1) got the No. 1 seed, while Central Arizona (29-1) got the No. 2 seed of the expanded 24-team tournament. Trinity Valley defeated Central Arizona in the championship game of the Midland College Women's National Invitational Tournament held at Chaparral Center in November to give the Vaqueras their only loss of the season.

Midland College qualified for the national tournament by reaching the championship game of the Region V Tournament. The Lady Chaps defeated Weatherford College, 79-74, for the regional title. This is the sixth national tournament appearance for MC.

Weatherford (24-5) will be the No. 16 seed and will play No. 17 Northeast Community College (Neb.) (28-4) in the opening game of the tournament at 10 a.m. Monday.

For the men's national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., Howard College (28-5) got one of four at-large bids and received the No. 13 seed. The Hawks will play No. 20 East Mississippi (20-7) at 2 p.m. Monday in a first-round game. This will be Howard's first trip to nationals since the 2010 national championship season.

New Mexico Junior College (27-6), which defeated Howard for the Region V title to reach the tournament for the first time since 1996, got the No. 8 seed and will receive a first-round bye. The Thunderbirds' first game is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday against either No. 8 Northwest Florida State or No. 24 USC Salkehatchie.

No big splash for Cowboys in free agency this year

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

The red carpet the Dallas Cowboys used so often last year to welcome free agents likely will remain in storage this month, gathering dust along with Rob Ryan's defensive playbooks, Wade Phillips' oversized parka and the neck rolls favored by Tom Landry era players.

Jerry Jones signed seven free agents in 2012, an expensive haul that included starters in cornerback Brandon Carr, guards Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings and fullback Lawrence Vickers. But when free agency opens today, salary-cap shackled Dallas is expected to be on the sideline while other teams duke it out for big names in the early going.

"We've had years when we've played free agency and some years when we don't sign anybody because of our cap situation," executive vice president Stephen Jones said in an interview posted on the club's web site. "Obviously, we went at it hard last year. But if you have a salary cap, you can't do that every year."

The Cowboys' biggest move likely came last week when they slapped the franchise tag on defensive end Anthony Spencer for the second straight year, a decision that put them about $7 million over the $123 million salary cap even after the restructuring of deals for Carr, tight end Jason Witten, defensive end DeMarcus Ware, wide receiver Miles Austin and center Ryan Cook.

To barely get back under the cap before today's deadline, the Cowboys on Monday released linebacker Dan Connor and renegotiated the contracts of Bernadeau, defensive lineman Jay Ratliff and cornerback Orlando Scandrick.

Conner was one of the free agents Dallas signed in 2012, but he was expendable after getting beat out by Bruce Carter for a starting job and then underachieving in 14 games.

The Cowboys can clear more room by signing Spencer and quarterback Tony Romo to long-term contract extensions that would lower their cap figures. As it stands now, Romo is scheduled to count $16.8 million against the cap for next season, while Spencer is guaranteed a salary of $10.6 million in 2013.

With needs at all three offensive line spots, defensive tackle, safety and backup running back, Dallas could target some mid-level free agents after the smoke clears from the frenzied early

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LOCAL SPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS GRAD COLLINS EARNS HC HONOR

ABILENE — Midland High grad and current McMurry University junior forward Keshia Collins was recently named to the second-team All-Heartland Conference.

This marks the third straight season Collins has received an all-conference award, albeit the first from the Heartland Conference as McMurry just completed its first season as an NCAA Division II program. The War Hawks finished 12-15 this season with a 9-7 mark in the Heartland Conference.

Collins led the War Hawks in scoring for the third straight season, averaging 13.1 points per game while shooting 37.3 percent from the field. She also shot 77.2 percent from the free-throw line, while averaging 6.6 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 2.6 steals per game.

Collins, who is a 2010 graduate of Midland High, scored her 1,000th point and pulled down her 500th rebound as a member of the War Hawks this season.

FORMER CHAP DAVIS HONORED

Former Midland College Chaparral and Southern Miss senior Dwayne Davis was named to the Conference USA men's basketball first-team.

The 6-foot-5 forward from Philadelphia made an impact in his first season with the Golden Eagles. Davis had a career-high 35 points at Marshall on March 5, then followed that up with 34 against UCF in his home finale March 9. His previous career-best of 28 came on the road against a nationally-ranked Memphis team. Davis is averaging 15.5 points and 4.4 rebounds per game for 23-8 Southern Miss.

Davis was the leading scorer for the Chaps during the 2011 national runner-up season.

AVERY, HALFMANN NAMED TABC ALL-STATE

Grady's Ellyn Avery and Garden City's Holly Halfmann were each recently named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Girls Class A Division II All-State team. Both Avery and Halfmann, who each were also TABC All-Region selections, led their respective teams in scoring this past season.

Halfmann averaged 13 points and five rebounds a game for Garden City. Avery led Grady with 21 points, eight rebounds, six assists and five steals per game. Both were also recently chosen to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class A All-State team as well.

Forsan junior Raegan Haggard was named TABC All-Region after helping the Lady Buffaloes go three rounds deep into the postseason.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 105 THUNDER 93

SAN ANTONIO — Tiago Splitter had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs snapped the Oklahoma City Thunder's five-game winning streak with a 105-93 victory on Monday night.

Kawhi Leonard scored 17 points, Danny Green had 16 and Tim Duncan finished with 13 as San Antonio (49-15) rebounded from its second-worst home loss ever to maintain the Western Conference's top record. Manu Ginobili had 12 points and Boris Diaw added 11 as the Spurs' reserves outscored their counterparts 34-16.

Kevin Durant had 26 points and Russell Westbrook added 25 for Oklahoma City (47-17), which lost its sixth straight in San Antonio. Serge Ibaka was the only other player in double figures, adding 13 points and 16 rebounds.

San Antonio's defense was the difference, turning an evenly matched battle into its third victory in four games without Tony Parker. The All-Star point guard is going to miss another three weeks with a sprained left ankle.

76ERS 106 NETS 97

PHILADELPHIA — Spencer Hawes had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Jrue Holiday added 15 points and 11 assists and Philadelphia snapped a five-game losing streak

Hawes also had seven assists. Thaddeus Young had 16 points and 10 rebounds in coach Doug Collins' 100th victory with the team.

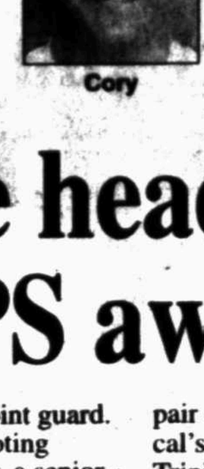
Deron Williams had 27 points and 13 assists for the Nets, who had won three in a row.

Philadelphia grabbed control in the second quarter and never trailed in the second half. It was a rare feel-good win for a team that had high expectations before center Andrew Bynum was lost indefinitely with knee injuries.

Evan Turner also scored 16 points for the Sixers, and Dorell Wright had 10.

Little

Gilbert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MCS' Little headlines local TAPPS awards

From staff reports

Midland Christian freshman Grant Little ended his first year of varsity basketball with a number of accolades, earning a spot on the TAPPS 4A All-State first-team and the TAPPS 1-4A Offensive Player of the Year award by a unanimous vote.

Midland Classical junior John Stallings earned an all-state second-team distinction in TAPPS 3A while Midland Christian's Zach Gilbert and Trinity's Taylor Cory were all-state honorable mention in TAPPS 4A and 3A, respectively.

Little, a combo guard, was also a first-team all-district selection in TAPPS 1-4A and was joined on the first-team by teammate Zach Gilbert, a senior point guard. Stallings, a shooting guard, and Cory, a senior post, were first-team all-district selections in TAPPS 1-3A.

Midland Christian and Midland Classical each had three second-team selections as the Mustangs' Jarrod Koym and Mason McClendon, both juniors, and Nathan Rogers, a sophomore, made the team. The Knights' Harrison Haest, Haydon Rogers and Kade Wilkins, all senior forwards, were joined by Trinity seniors Zach Meyers and Brett Womack, a forward and guard, on the 1-3A second team.

Midland Christian senior Will Watson was an honorable mention for the TAPPS 1-4A team, while Trinity senior Brantley Harrington and a pair of freshmen, Classical's Garrett Sparks and Trinity's Vincent Baiano, were honorable mention in 1-3A.

TAPPS 4A All-State
First Team
Grant Little, Midland Christian, Fr.
Honorable Mention
Zach Gilbert, Midland Christian, Sr.
TAPPS 3A All-State
Second Team
John Stallings, Midland Classical, Jr.
Honorable Mention
Taylor Cory, Trinity, Sr.
TAPPS 1-4A All-District
Offensive Player of the Year
Grant Little, Midland Christian, Fr. (unanimous)
First Team
Grant Little, Midland Christian, Fr.; Zach Gilbert, Midland Christian, Sr.
Second Team
Jarrod Koym, Midland Christian, Jr.; Mason McClendon, Midland Christian, Jr.; Nathan Rogers, Midland Christian, Soph.
TAPPS 1-3A All-District
First Team
Taylor Cory, Trinity, Sr.; John Stallings, Midland Classical, Jr.
Second Team
Harrison Haest, Midland Classical, Sr.; Zach Meyers, Trinity, Sr.; Haydon Rogers, Midland Classical, Sr.; Kade Wilkins, Midland Classical, Sr.; Brett Womack, Trinity, Sr.
Honorable Mention
Vincent Baiano, Trinity, Fr.; Brantley Harrington, Trinity, Sr.

Garden City's Halfmann wins 14-A, D-II Defensive MVP

From staff reports

Garden City junior Kamie Halfmann was recently named Defensive Most Valuable Player for District 14-A, Division II, while freshman Carlie Hollingsworth was Co-Newcomer of the Year. Hollingsworth shared the award with Robert Lee freshman Brady Clawson.

Four other Lady Bearkats received recognition from the district as sophomore Holly Halfmann and juniors Hannah Halfmann and Lexie Schaefer were each named first-team all-district. Holly Halfmann was also a Texas Association Basketball Coaches and Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State selection. Sophomore Brylie Schaefer was given second-team honors.

The Lady Bearkats return all but one player from this year's team that advanced to the regional final this past season.

14-A Division II All-District Team
Most Valuable Player — Avery Brown, Sr. Water Valley
Offensive MVP — Savannah Jones, Sr. Sterling City
Defensive MVP — Kamie Halfmann, Jr. Garden City
Co-Newcomers of the Year — Carlie Hollingsworth, Fr. Garden City; Brady Clawson, Fr. Robert Lee
First team — Holly Halfmann, soph. Garden City; Hannah Halfmann, Jr. Garden City; Lexie Schaefer, Jr. Garden City; Melodie Wood, Sr. Water Valley; Trisha Horwood, Sr. Sterling City; Jordan Gartman, Sr. Robert Lee; Bianca Huapilla, Jr. Robert Lee; Erika Puentez, Sr. Bronte
Second team — Brylie Schaefer, Soph. Garden City; Cayla Randolph, Sr. Water Valley; Abby Glass, Jr. Water Valley; Hannah Jordan, Jr. Water Valley; Baily Balderas, Soph. Paint Rock; Kaitlyn Braswell, Sr. Bronte; Brooke Bedford, Sr. Bronte; Charity Holik, Jr. Veribest; Stephanie Metcalf, Soph. Blackwell

Stanton senior Smith earns 4-2A Defensive MVP

From staff reports

Stanton senior boys basketball player Scott Smith shared Defensive MVP honors in District 4-2A as all-district selections were announced this week.

Smith shared the honor with Brownfield senior Shawn Paiva and Lamesa senior Kolt Moreland.

Along with Smith earning a superlative nod, Buffalo teammates K.J. Glaspie and Cole Schroyer were both named to the first team.

Coahoma senior Tanner Ruiz earned first team honors on the boys all-district squad.

Brownfield Sha'Colby Hill was the district's Most-Valuable Player, and Denver City's Clancy David won Offensive MVP honors. Denver City's Hunter Hemmeling and Brownfield's Ricky Rodriguez shared Newcomer of the Year honors.

On the girls side, Stanton had two players earn nods on the first team as Jennifer Henley and Kendra Graham were named to the team. Both players are seniors.

Coahoma junior Savannah Neff was also named to the first team.

Lamesa sophomore Tayy Maxwell earned MVP honors, with Colorado City junior MacKenzie Kimball taking Offensive MVP. Lamesa junior Joni Huey winning Defensive MVP and Denver City freshman Kelsey De La Rosa awarded Newcomer of the Year.

4-2A All-District Basketball Teams
BOYS
MVP — Sha'Colby Hill, Soph., Brownfield
Offensive MVP — Clancy David, Sr., Denver City
Co-Defensive MVP — Shawn Paiva, Sr., Brownfield; Scott Smith, Sr., Stanton; Kolt Moreland, Sr., Lamesa
Co-Newcomers of the Year — Hunter Hemmeling, Soph., Denver City; Ricky Rodriguez, Sr., Brownfield
Coach of the Year — Dustin Faught, Brownfield
First Team
Aaron Rivera, Sr., Colorado City; Keyshawn Hawkins, Jr., Denver City; Mason Milligan, Jr., Denver City; Tanner Ruiz, Sr., Coahoma; Eisen Salas, Jr., Brownfield; Cole Garcia, Jr., Brownfield; K.J. Glaspie, Soph., Stanton; Jordan Demps, Soph., Brownfield; Ryan Garza, Sr., Lamesa; Brody Alexander, Sr., Lamesa; Cole Schroyer, Sr., Stanton
Second Team
David Sanchez, Soph., Colorado City; Ivan De La Rosa, Sr., Denver City; Armani Guillama, Jr., Coahoma; Alex Hill, Sr., Coahoma; Cade Powell, Sr., Brownfield; Malcom Rainwater, Jr. Brownfield; Andres Chavez, Sr., Stanton; Adrian Contreras, Sr., Lamesa; Dominique Adams, Sr., Lamesa; Jahlani Edwards, Jr., Lamesa

GIRLS
MVP — Tayy Maxwell, Soph., Lamesa
Offensive MVP — MacKenzie Kimball, Jr. Colorado City
Defensive MVP — Joni Huey, Jr., Lamesa
Newcomer of the Year — Kesey De La Rosa, Fresh., Denver City
First Team
Ashi Mason, Sr., Lamesa; Heather Merket, Jr., Colorado City; Katy Spencer, Sr., Colorado City; Jennifer Henley, Sr., Stanton; Kendra Graham, Sr., Stanton; Savannah Neff, Jr. Coahoma; Colli Stephens, Jr. Denver City; Charlsey Jividen, Jr. Denver City; Tessa Hope, Soph., Brownfield; Lexi Cruz, Soph., Brownfield
Second Team
Kyla Clatmon, Jr. Coahoma; Nicole Cortez, Jr. Lamesa; Jennifer De La Rosa, Fresh. Denver City; Jacz Zingerman, Sr., Denver City; Sloane Holt, Soph., Brownfield; Julia Castillaw, Fresh., Coahoma; Baylie Barnhill, Jr. Stanton; McKenzie Allred, Sr., Stanton; Alyssa Leverton, Sr. Colorado City

Gonzalez starts for US against Puerto Rico

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Gio Gonzalez munched on chicken wings and shrimp scampi at a sports bar in his hometown as he watched Team USA rally to stay alive in the World Baseball Classic.

The next game he'll take in from the mound. The Washington Nationals' left-hander will start for the United States in its opener of round two tonight against Puerto Rico.

The U.S. team rallied with seven runs in the last two innings Sunday to advance by beating Canada 9-4 in Phoenix.

Gonzalez wasn't with the team in Arizona. He left the Nationals' camp in central Florida before the U.S. game Sunday to make the three-hour drive south.

"I was so confident they were going to win," he said. "I was ready to go."

Gonzalez grew up in Hialeah, a short drive from Marlins Park, the site of the second round.

"To be a small town kid from Hialeah, Fla., pitching in Miami and representing Team USA, that says it all," he said. "It's a kid's dream. Don't pinch me. I don't want to wake up."

The second round will start with a split doubleheader Tuesday. The Dominican Republic will face Italy in an afternoon game, followed by Team USA against Puerto Rico.

"At this point, you're getting the cream," U.S. manager Joe Torre said. "They've all gotten through the first round."

The Americans almost didn't make it. They fell behind in all three games in Phoenix, lost their opener and had to rally in the other games.

"It's March, and we're playing games that feel like we're in October," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's the beauty of the World Baseball Classic."

Hosmer hit a three-run double in the ninth inning to help seal Sunday's win.

"We want to show the world we know how to play," he said. "For us not to make it here would have been pretty bad."

The Americans hit .297 in the opening round, led by David Wright (5 for 11) and Joe Mauer (5 for 12). Wright had the only U.S. home run, a grand slam that helped beat Italy on Saturday.

Eleven relievers have combined for an ERA of 1.93. But Torre's three starters — R.A. Dickey, Ryan Vogelsong and Derek Holland — have a combined ERA of 6.00.

MC golf team tied for 5th at Sugar Tree

From staff reports

DENNIS — The Midland College golf team is tied for fifth after the first day of the Sugar Tree Invitational/NJCAA District 2 Preview on Monday at Sugar Tree Golf Club.

The Chaparrals shot 307 as a team and was tied with Ranger College.

Big Spring grad Blake Brorman had the best round of the day for Midland College with a 75 as Sean Lawrie and Russell Lara each shot 76. David Ryan shot an 80 and Sean Nee had an 88.

Tyler Brown, who was playing as an individual, shot 74. McLennan Community College led after the first round after firing an impressive 286 as a team.

"I felt like they were too tentative," Midland College coach Delnor Poss said. "We had set up a game plan, I think they were too conscious of where the difficulties were instead of just going ahead and playing."

The tournament will continue today with the second round.

NJCAA District 2 Preview/Sugar Tree Invitational
Sugar Tree Golf Club
Dennis
Friday's results
Team standings — 1. McLennan CC 286; 2. Odessa College 299; 3. Tyler JC 305; 4. Hutchinson (Kan.) CC 306; 5. (tie) Midland College 307; Ranger 307; 7. Paris JC 311; 8. Western Texas 315; 9. New Mexico JC 316; 10. Dodge City CC 325; 11. New Mexico Military 347
Midland College Individuals — Blake Brorman 75; Sean Lawrie 76; Russell Lara 76; David Ryan 80; Sean Nee 88; Tyler Brown 74

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 1 GONZAGA 65 SAINT MARY'S 51

LAS VEGAS — Kelly Olynyk had 21 points and 12 rebounds, and top-ranked Gonzaga bolstered its case for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament by routing Saint Mary's 65-51 in the West Coast Conference final Monday night.

Already headed to the NCAA tournament for the 15th straight season, Gonzaga (31-2) sure had the look of a No. 1 seed, playing a superb game at both ends.

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT NO. 2 NOTRE DAME 83 NO. 16 LOUISVILLE 59

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kayla McBride scored 17 points and Skylar Diggins added 14 to help Notre Dame beat Louisville in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Notre Dame advanced to the championship game for the third straight year and its seventh since joining the conference in 1995. The Fighting Irish (30-1) will play No. 3 Connecticut on Tuesday night in the championship game after the Huskies beat No. 22 Syracuse 64-51 in the other semifinal.

NO. 3 CONNECTICUT 64 NO. 22 SYRACUSE 51

HARTFORD, Conn. — Breanna Stewart and Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis each scored 14 points to lead UConn into the Big East tournament championship game with a win over Syracuse.

The Huskies (29-3) will face Notre Dame on Tuesday night for the title. The teams have met in the conference championship game six times, including the past two, and UConn has won each time.

TITLE

From 1C

early in conference play that the Big 12 race was basically to determine who finished second behind Baylor.

The Cyclones wound up the runner-up both in the regular season and the tournament.

"They are different than anyone in the country," Fennelly said. "They've proven that over the last two years."

Odyssey Sims added 20 points for Baylor, including three 3-pointers in the first 4 minutes after halftime.

Anna Prins had 20 points and Nikki Moody 12 for the Cyclones (23-8) in their first Big 12 title game since 2007.

Iowa State got off to a good start with Prins making a 3-pointer on its opening attempt before another long-range shot by Hallie Christofferson for a 6-5 lead. But the Cyclones then went more than 8 minutes without scoring, a span in which they missed six shots and had eight turnovers while Baylor scored 19 points in a row for a double-digit lead that only got bigger.

Baylor had the lead for good at 7-6 on Griner's putback after she grabbed the rebound of her only missed shot out of 12 attempts in the first half.

The Lady Bears were up 41-13 at the break, holding Iowa State to the fewest points ever in a single half of a Big 12 tournament championship game.

Baylor's fifth Big 12 tournament title — all coming in a stretch that began in 2005, the year of its first national title — broke a tie with Oklahoma for the most in the league.

The Lady Bears will surely be the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament and will play their first games in two weeks on the Waco campus, where they have won a nation-best 55 games in a row. They have won 30 straight overall since losing against Stanford at a tournament in Hawaii a week into the season.

"It's always good to send a statement going into the NCAA tournament," Sims said. "We're just going out there having fun, one game at a time."

Griner finished 14 of 17 shooting and had as many field goals as Iowa State's entire team when she came out of the game for good with 4:12 left.

When Griner got near the Baylor bench, she shared a long hug with Mulkey while getting a large ovation from an adoring crowd with the game being played only about 100 miles from the Baylor campus.

Prins was coming off a career-high 32 points Sunday in the Cyclones' 79-60 semifinal victory over Oklahoma.

Baylor had a much tougher semifinal matchup, holding on for a 77-69 victory over Oklahoma State, which was within three in the final minute after the Lady Bears had 18 of their season-high 24 turnovers after halftime. While they never trailed, it was their only game against a Big 12 opponent this season decided by less than 10 points.

The championship game was more like the kind of games Baylor has had in its Big 12 run, a lopsided score with Griner playing a big part.

"I don't think there's any question that everyone kind of saw that bear kind of came out of hibernation kind of thing," Fennelly said.

Sims, the junior All-American point guard and only non-senior in the Baylor starting lineup, reached down and patted the floor after hitting her third 3-pointer from in front of the Baylor bench. That put the Lady Bears up 50-18 and Iowa State called a timeout, during which Mulkey enthusiastically put her arms around Sims and patted the point guard on the back.

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MLB

Spring Training
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	13	1	.929
Baltimore	11	2	.846
Seattle	11	5	.688
Cleveland	11	6	.647
Tampa Bay	11	6	.647
Chicago	8	6	.615
Minnesota	10	7	.588
Texas	10	7	.588
Boston	8	9	.471
Oakland	7	8	.467
Detroit	7	8	.467
Toronto	7	8	.467
Houston	5	8	.385
New York	5	11	.313
Los Angeles	3	10	.231

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	8	7	.533
Atlanta	9	8	.500
Colorado	7	7	.500
Miami	7	7	.500
New York	6	6	.500
San Diego	8	9	.471
Washington	7	8	.467
Philadelphia	7	8	.467
Los Angeles	6	7	.462
San Francisco	6	7	.462
Washington	6	8	.429
Chicago	7	10	.412
Pittsburgh	7	10	.412
Arizona	6	9	.400
Cincinnati	4	11	.267

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

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Mets 11, Detroit 0
Miami 8, Boston 7
Pittsburgh 4, Baltimore 3
Atlanta 7, Washington 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, St. Louis 0
Chicago White Sox 3, Colorado 1
Milwaukee 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Francisco 2, Texas 1
Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 0, tie
San Diego 10, Oakland 0
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 5
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings

Today's Games

St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS LINESCORE
GIANTS 2, RANGERS 1
At Surprise, Ariz.

San Francisco	**001 010000**	**— 2**	**10**	**1**
Texas	**000 010000**	**— 1**	**4**	**1**

Burngarner, Gaudin (5), J.Lopez (7), H.Hembree (8), Runzler (9) and Posey, J.Williams; Darvish, C.Woods (4), Nathan (5), Burns (6), N.Robertson (7), Lindblom (8), B.Rowen (9) and Soto, Schmidt. W—Burngarner. L—Darvish. Sv—Runzler.

WBC

SECOND ROUND
GROUP ONE
At Tokyo
Thursday, March 7
Netherlands 6, Cuba 2
Friday, March 8
Japan 4, Taiwan 3, 10 innings
Saturday, March 9
Cuba 14, Taiwan 0
Sunday, March 10
Japan 16, Netherlands 4
Monday
Netherlands 7, Cuba 6
Today
Netherlands vs. Japan, 5 a.m.

GROUP TWO
At Miami
Today
Italy vs. Dominican Republic, Noon
Puerto Rico vs. United States, 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Thursday
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m
Friday
Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 16
Game 5 winner vs. Game 4 winner, Noon

Coll. Baseball

Baseball America Top 25

DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through March 10 and ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

	Record	Pts
1. North Carolina	14-0	1
2. Vanderbilt	15-2	2
3. Oregon State	15-0	4
4. Louisville	12-2	5
5. South Carolina	13-2	6
6. Mississippi	16-1	7
7. Louisiana State	15-1	8
8. Cal State Fullerton	13-3	10
9. Georgia Tech	14-2	14
10. Kentucky	13-2	11
11. UCLA	11-3	12
12. Florida State	15-0	18
13. Mississippi State	17-2	3
14. Arizona State	10-2	23
15. Arkansas	11-5	16
16. Oregon	11-5	15
17. Notre Dame	10-3	22
18. North Carolina St.	12-4	9
19. Rice	9-7	19
20. Arizona	13-5	20
21. Nevada-Las Vegas	13-3	NR
22. Virginia	14-1	25
23. Oklahoma	12-4	17
24. Indiana	8-3	NR
25. Florida Gulf Coast	13-3	NR

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 10, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina	14-0	497	1
2. Oregon St.	15-0	494	3
3. Louisiana St.	15-1	492	4
4. Vanderbilt	15-2	491	2
5. South Carolina	13-2	486	6
6. Mississippi	16-1	486	11
7. Florida St.	15-0	482	15
8. Mississippi St.	17-2	480	5
9. Kentucky	13-2	479	7
10. UCLA	11-3	476	13
11. Georgia Tech	14-2	474	10
12. Virginia	14-1	473	17
13. Cal St. Fullerton	13-3	467	12
14. Louisville	12-2	465	19
15. Arizona St.	10-2-1	462	20
16. Oregon	11-5	458	14
17. N.C. State	12-4	456	8
18. Stanford	10-5	453	9
19. Oklahoma	12-4	451	10
20. Cal Poly	13-2	448	22
21. Notre Dame	10-3	445	25
22. Arkansas	11-5	443	29
23. Florida Gulf Coast	13-3	442	23
24. Arizona	13-5	440	18
25. Nevada-Las Vegas	9-3	439	—
26. Clemson	9-5	437	—
27. Oklahoma St.	12-3	436	26
28. U.C. Irvine	12-4	433	22
29. Miami, Fla.	13-4	430	24
30. Central Arkansas	14-2	427	—

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POLLS
The Top Twenty Five

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college baseball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (54)	30-2	1,611	1
2. Duke (11)	27-4	1,559	3
3. Indiana	28-5	1,491	2
4. Louisville	29-6	1,426	8
5. Georgetown	24-5	1,344	5
6. Michigan	25-6	1,230	7
7. Kansas	26-5	1,224	4
8. Michigan St.	24-7	1,184	10
9. Miami	24-6	1,082	6
10. Ohio St.	23-7	1,073	14
11. Kansas St.	25-6	932	9
12. Marquette	23-7	921	15
13. Florida	24-8	838	11
14. Oklahoma St.	23-7	805	13
15. New Mexico	28-5	771	12
16. Saint Louis	24-4	557	16
17. Pittsburgh	24-7	551	20
18. Arizona	24-6	523	18
19. Syracuse	25-6	362	17
20. Memphis	27-4	316	25
21. UCLA	23-6	245	23
22. Wisconsin	21-10	191	22
23. Creighton	27-7	190	—
24. Notre Dame	23-8	171	24
25. VCU	24-7	157	21

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's (Cal) 117, Butler 105, North Carolina 49, Colorado St. 48, Temple 20, Belmont 13, UNLV 7, Wichita St. 6, Kentucky 5, Oregon 4, Valparaiso 1, Villanova 1.

USA Today Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 10, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (29)	30-2	772	1
2. Duke (2)	27-4	736	4
3. Indiana	26-5	699	2
4. Louisville	26-5	689	6
5. Georgetown	24-5	631	5
6. Kansas	26-5	601	3
7. Michigan State	24-7	557	12
8. Michigan	25-6	542	8
9. Ohio State	23-7	533	13
10. Miami	24-6	532	7
11. Florida	24-8	472	9
12. Kansas State	25-6	410	10
13. Marquette	23-7	400	17
14. New Mexico	26-5	345	11
15. Oklahoma State	23-7	331	14
16. Saint Louis	24-6	287	15
17. Memphis	27-4	269	20
18. Arizona	24-6	252	18
19. Pittsburgh	24-7	238	22
20. Syracuse	23-8	171	16
21. Saint Mary's	27-5	136	23
22. VCU	24-7	112	19
23. Wisconsin	21-10	106	21
24. Creighton	27-7	94	—
25. UCLA	23-8	72	—

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 46, North Carolina 30, Butler 24, Colorado State 13, Belmont 9, Middle Tennessee 5, Missouri 4, San Diego State 2, California 1, Kentucky 1, **Stephen F. Austin** 1, UNLV 1, Wichita State 1.

MONDAY'S SCORES
TOURNAMENT
Colonial Athletic Association
Championship
James Madison 70, Northeastern 57
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Buffalo 74, Cent. Michigan 72, OT
E. Michigan 45, N. Illinois 44
Miami (Ohio) 63, Bowling Green 52
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
Morgan St. 61, SC State 52
Savannah St. 59, Md.-Eastern Shore 44
Southern Conference
Championship
Davidson 74, Coll. of Charleston 55
Summit League
Semifinals
N. Dakota St. 55, W. Illinois 43
S. Dakota St. 72, IPFW 56
Sun Belt Conference
Championship
W. Kentucky 65, FIU 63
West Coast Conference
Championship
Gonzaga 65, Saint Mary's (Cal) 51

TODAY'S TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES
Big East Conference
At Madison Square Garden
New York
First Round
Seton Hall vs. South Florida, 6 p.m.
Rutgers vs. DePaul, 8:30 p.m.

Horizon League
Championship
Tuesday, March 12
Wright State at Valparaiso, 8 p.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk Scope
Norfolk, Va.
First Round
Bethune-Cookman vs. Coppin State, 5 p.m.
N.C. A&T vs. Florida A&M, 8:30 p.m.
Delaware State vs. Howard, 8 p.m.

Mountain West Conference
At The Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
First Round
Wyoming vs. Nevada, 7 p.m.

Northeast Conference
Championship
Mount St. Mary's at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.

Summit League
At Sioux Falls Arena
Sioux Falls, S.D.
Championship
South Dakota State vs. North Dakota State, 7 p.m.

Western Athletic Conference
At Orleans Arena
Las Vegas
First Round
Texas State vs. Seattle, 8 p.m.
San Jose State vs. UTSA, 10:30 p.m.

ALL BIG-12 TEAM
2012-13 AP All-Big 12
men's basketball team

The Associated Press All-Big 12 men's basketball team for the 2012-13 season, as chosen by a panel of media representatives who cover the conference on a regular basis. Players listed in alphabetical order by name, school, height, weight, class and hometown:

FIRST TEAM

Pierre Jackson, Baylor, 5-10, 180, senior, Las Vegas.
Rodney McGruder, Kansas St., 6-4, 205, senior, Washington, D.C.
Ben McLemore, Kansas, 6-5, 185, freshman, St. Louis.
Marcus Smart, Oklahoma St. 6-4, 225, freshman, Flower Mound, Texas.
Jeff Withey, Kansas, 7-0, 235, senior, San Diego.

SECOND TEAM

Isaiah Austin, Baylor, 7-1, 220, freshman, Arlington, Texas.
Markel Brown, Oklahoma St., 6-3, 190, junior, Alexandria, La.
Will Clyburn, Iowa St., 6-7, 205, senior, Detroit.
Romero Osby, Oklahoma, 6-8, 232, senior, Meridian, Miss.
Angel Rodriguez, Kansas St. 5-11, 180, sophomore, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

HONORABLE MENTION

Melvin Ejim, Iowa St. Cory Jefferson, Baylor. Korie Lucious, Iowa St., Tyrus McGee, Iowa St. Le'Bryan Nash, Oklahoma St. Travis Releford, Kansas

COACH OF THE YEAR Bruce Weber, Kansas St.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Marcus Smart, Oklahoma St.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR Will Clyburn, Iowa St.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR Marcus Smart, Oklahoma St.

Women

POLLS
The Women's Top Twenty Five

The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (40)	31-1	1,000	1
2. Notre Dame	29-1	959	2
3. UConn	28-3	909	3
4. Stanford	31-2	884	4
5. Duke	30-2	846	6
6. California	28-5	777	5
7. Kentucky	27-5	738	7
8. Penn St.	25-5	659	8
9. Texas A&M	24-9	646	19
10. Tennessee	24-7	645	9
11. UCLA	25-7	582	14
12. Maryland	24-7	574	10
13. North Carolina	28-6	467	15
14. Georgia	25-6	461	12
15. Delaware	27-3	405	16
16. Louisville	24-7	397	18
17. South Carolina	24-7	334	17
18. Dayton	27-2	325	11
19. Colorado	25-6	279	18
20. Green Bay	26-2	230	20
21. Purdue	24-8	193	—
22. Syracuse	24-6	160	24
23. Iowa St.	23-7	128	—
24. Nebraska	23-8	86	21

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through March 10
All-around

1 Trevor Brazile, Decatur $25,445.
2 Ryan Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $22,588
3 Jouo LeMond, Andrews $22,357
4 Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga $11,593
5 Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif $11,043
6 Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash $10,745
7 Payden Emmett, Ponca, Ark $9,873
8 Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D $7,468

Bareback Riding

1 Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah $38,199
2 J.R Vezain, Cowley, Wyo $23,389
3 Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore $21,726
4 Wes Silvernson, Lubbock $20,069
5 Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore $18,617
6 Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D $17,291
7 Jared Smith, Cross Plains $16,155
8 Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash $16,071
9 Will Lowe, Canyon $16,058
10 Jessy Davis, Power, Mont $13,927

Steer Wrestling

1 Casey Martin, Sulphur, Okla $31,753
2 Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif $27,942
3 Strawn Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $19,288
4 Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan $18,903
5 Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo $18,162
6 Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo $17,874
7 Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss $15,634
8 Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore $15,618
9 Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia $15,311
10 Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif $14,835

Team Roping (header)

1 Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $30,128
2 Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz $20,540
3 Drew Horner, Plano $19,104
4 Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont $16,115
5 Brock Hanson, Casa Grande, Ariz $14,854
6 Turtle Powell, Stephenville $14,775
7 Nick Rawlings, Stephenville $14,257
8 Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla $13,822
9 Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont $13,753
10 Chace Thompson, Munday $12,555

Team Roping (heeler)

1 Tommy Zuniga, Centerville $30,128
2 Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz $21,939
3 Rory Koontz, Sudan $20,023
4 Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan $19,104
5 Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo $16,115
6 Travis Graves, Jay, Okla $15,446
7 Rich Skelton, Llano $15,391
8 Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif $13,082
9 Tyler McKnight, Wells $13,028
10 Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M $11,853

Saddle Bronc Riding

1 Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $31,835
2 Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn $30,035
3 Brad Rudolf, Winnemucca, Nev $22,154
4 Cole Elsherie, Faith, S.D $18,257
5 Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $18,247
6 Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb $17,481
7 Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D $14,674
8 Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M $14,058
9 Isaac Diaz, Desdemona $11,747
10 Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $10,966

Tie-down Roping

1 Sterling Smith, Stephenville $31,021
2 Justin Maass, Giddings $28,490
3 Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $22,528
4 Randall Carlisle, Castor, La $20,236
5 EJ Roberts, Stephenville $17,358
6 Cade Swor, Winnie $15,428
7 Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $14,439
8 Stetson Vest, Childress $13,970
9 Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla $12,788
10 Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $12,751

Steer Roping

1 Chet Herren, Pauhuska, Okla $22,415
2 Tony Fenna, Wharton $18,470
3 Jouo LeMond, Andrews $16,968
4 J. Tom Fisher, Andrews $15,721
5 Cody Lee, Gatesville $14,137
6 Vin Fisher Jr, Andrews $11,537
7 Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla $10,951
8 Jarrett Bessong, Paradise $10,314
9 Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M $9,903
10 Brad Prather, Skiatook, Okla $8,852

Bull Riding

1 Josh Koscheski, Nunn, Colo $47,741
2 Cody Teel, Kountze $34,670
3 Kannin Asay, Powell, Wyo $33,213
4 Corey Navarre, Weatherford, Okla $30,445
5 Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo $30,434
6 J.W Harris, Mullin $26,346
7 Trevor Kastner, Anderson, Okla $25,387
8 Tag Elliott, Thatcher, Utah $25,149
9 Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La $20,813
10 Cooper Davis, Jasper $20,652

Barrel Racing

1 Jane Melby, Burneyville, Okla $31,498
2 Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro $31,383
3 Mary Walker, Ennis $30,522
4 Taylor Jacob, Carmine $25,522
5 Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D $22,675
6 Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M $21,118
7 Shada Brazile, Decatur $19,580
8 Natalie Foutch, Eldora, Iowa $18,566
9 Sherrie Cervi, Marana, Ariz $17,297
10 Carlee Pierce, Stephenville $17,047

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	39	22	.639	—
Brooklyn	37	27	.578	5
Boston	34	32	.515	9
Toronto	25	39	.391	15
Philadelphia	24	39	.381	15 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	47	14	.770	—
Atlanta	34	28	.548	13 1/2
Washington	27	41	.397	26
Orlando	18	46	.281	30 1/2
Charlotte	13	50	.206	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	39	24	.619	—
Chicago	35	28	.556	4
Milwaukee	32	29	.525	5
Detroit	23	43	.348	17 1/2
Cleveland	21	42	.333	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	15	.766	—
Memphis	42	19	.689	5 1/2
Houston	34	30	.531	15
Dallas	29	33	.468	19
New Orleans	22	42	.344	27

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	47	17	.734	—
Denver	42	22	.656	5
Utah	33	31	.516	14
Portland	29	33	.468	17
Minnesota	21	39	.350	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	45	20	.692	—
Golden State	35	29	.547	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	33	31	.516	11 1/2
Phoenix	22	41	.349	22
Sacramento	22	43	.338	23

x-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Philadelphia 106, Brooklyn 97
San Antonio 105, Oklahoma City 93
Utah 103, Detroit 90
Denver at Phoenix, late
New York at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 105, THUNDER 97
OKLAHOMA CITY (93): Durant 7-13 11-11 26, Ibaka 4-8 5-6 13, Perkins 3-5 0-0 6, Westbrook 11-27 2-3 25, Sefolosha 2-5 2-2 7, Martin 3-8 0-0 9, Collison 2-4 0-0 4, R.Jackson 1-4 0-0 2, Fisher 1-2 1-2 1, Thabeet 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-77 21-24 93.
SAN ANTONIO (105): Leonard 8-17 0-0 17, Duncan 6-14 1-1 13, Splitter 9-11 3-5 21, Joseph 2-2 0-0 4, Green 6-9 0-0 16, Gandola 4-11 3-4 12, Diaw 4-5 2-2 11, Neal 3-7 0-0 7, Blair 0-2 0-0 0, S.Jackson 1-3 2-2 4, De Colo 0-0 0-0, Mills 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-82 11-14 105.

Oklahoma City	**32**	**18**	**24**	**19**	**— 93**
San Antonio	**22**	**35**	**26**	**22**	**— 105**

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 6-17 (Martin 3-5, Durant 1-1, Sefolosha 1-3, Westbrook 1-3, R.Jackson 0-1, Ibaka 0-2, Fisher 0-2). San Antonio 8-21 (Green 4-4, Diaw 1-2, Neal 1-4, Leonard 1-4, Gandola 1-4, Mills 1-3, S.Jackson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 50 (Ibaka 16). San Antonio 39 (Splitter 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 16 (Westbrook 6). San Antonio 25 (Neal 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 18. San Antonio 20. A—18,581 (18,797).

JAZZ 103, PISTONS 90
DETROIT (90): Singler 1-6 3-4 5, Jerebko 5-14 4-15 Monroe 7-15 1-1 15, Caldwell-Pope 8-11 1-4 Knight 0-2 0-0 0, Kuzmitski 0-0 0-2 0, Stuckey 6-10 2-2 15, Middleton 4-7 0-0 12, Villanueva 1-7 0-0 2, Byrum 4-11 4-4 12. Totals 34-80 15-18 90.
UTAH (103): Carroll 2-6 1-1 5, Favors 2-5 2-2 6, Jefferson 7-15 2-2 16, M.Williams 9-14 1-1 20, Foye 1-5 0-0 2, Burks 2-7 0-0 5, Hayward 4-8 3-4 13, Maxiell 3-6 1-2 7, Lucas 1-7 0-0 2, Bynum 4-11 4-4 12, Tinsley 7-9 0-0 14, Evans 3-4 2-3 8. Totals 42-81 13-15 103.

Detroit	**19**	**18**	**33**	**20**	**— 90**
Utah	**20**	**31**	**25**	**27**	**— 103**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 7-20 (Middleton 4-5, Calderon 1-2, Stuckey 1-3, Jerebko 1-4, Knight 0-1, Byrum 0-1, Villanueva 0-1, Singler 0-1, Monroe 0-1). Utah 8-21 (Hayward 2-3, Ma.Williams 2-3, M.Williams 1-2, Burks 1-2, Carroll 0-2, Foye 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 38 (Monroe 13). Utah 52 (Jefferson 10). Assists—Detroit 14 (Calderon 7). Utah 26 (M.Williams 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 15. Utah 14. Technicals—Monroe, Ma.Williams. A—18,568 (19,911).

76ERS 106, METS 97
BROOKLYN (97): Wallace 2-8 0-4 4, Evans 4-9 1-2 9, Lopez 8-13 3-19 19, Williams 10-19 5-7 27, Johnson 8-11 1-2 20, Bogans 1-3 0-0 3, Teletovic 2-7 0-0 4, Watson 1-3 0-0 2, Blatche 4-7 1-2 9, Brooks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-81 11-16 97.
PHILADELPHIA (106): Turner 6-18 3-4 16, Young 6-9 4-8 16, Hawes 10-15 4-6 24, Holiday 4-8 6-8 15, Wilkins 5-8 1-1 13, Mouhim 1-3 0-0 2, Jenkins 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Wright 6-10 0-0 15, Ivey 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 40-76 18-27 106.

Brooklyn	**28**	**18**	**29**	**22**	**— 97**
Philadelphia	**24**	**29**	**29**	**24**	**— 106**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 6-19 (Johnson 3-5, Williams 2-6, Bogans 1-3, Teletovic 0-2, Watson 0-3). Philadelphia 8-15 (Wright 3-5, Wilkins 2-3, Ivey 1-1, Holiday 1-1, Turner 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 48 (Evans 11). Philadelphia 43 (Hawes 7, Young 10). Assists—Brooklyn 28 (Williams 13). Philadelphia 31 (Holiday 11). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 19. Philadelphia 15. A—16,789 (20,328).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	26	18	8	0	36	97	76
New Jersey	26	12	9	5	29	65	75
N.Y Rangers	24	13	9	2	28	63	58
N.Y Islanders	26	11	12	3	25	77	88
Philadelphia	25	12	14	1	25	75	82

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	26	17	5	4	38	84	66
Boston	23	13	3	7	33	70	50
Ottawa	26	13	8	5	31	61	54
Toronto	26	15	10	1	31	79	70
Buffalo	26	9	14	3	21	67	83

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	14	9	1	29	75	69
Winnipeg	25	12	11	2	26	63	74
Tampa Bay	25	10	14	1	21	85	79
Washington	24	10	13	1	21	69	72
Florida	26	7	13	6	20	64	98

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	26	21	2	3	45	85	58
Detroit	26	12	9	5	29	68	75
St Louis	25	13	10	2	28	76	77
Nashville	25	10	9	6	26	54	61
Columbus	26	10	12	4	24	61	72

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	24	13	9	2	28	58	59
Vancouver	24	11	7	6	28	66	67
Colorado	24	10	10	4	24	62	69
Edmonton	25	9	11	5	23	60	76
Calgary	23	9	10	4	22	63	79

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	24	18	3	3	39	85	62
Los Angeles	23	13	8	2	28	68	59
San Jose	24	11	7	6	28	56	57
Phoenix	25	12	10	3	27	72	72
Dallas	24	12	10	2	26	67	67

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

Monday's Scores

Boston 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Calgary at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

N.Y Rangers at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S SUMMARY
BRUINS 3, SENATORS 2

Boston	**1**	**1**	**0**	**— 3**
Ottawa	**2**	**0**	**0**	**— 2**

Boston scored on shootout 2-1

First Period—1, Ottawa, Latendresse 1 (Gonchar, Phillips), :55. 2, Ottawa, Torres 5 (Phillips), 7:18. 3, Boston, Thornton 2 (Chara), 19:16.

Second Period—4, Boston, Paille 5 (Krejci, McQuaid), 8:53.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Boston 2 (Seguin NG, Bergeron G, Marchand NG, Krejci G), Ottawa 1 (Silfverberg NG, Turris G, Alfredsson NG, Daugavins NG).

Shots on Goal—Boston 16-7-9-3—35. Ottawa 15-8-6-3—32.

Goalies—Boston, Rask. Ottawa, Lehner. A—20,256 (19,153). T—2:49.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

BASEBALL
World Baseball Classic, second round, Netherlands vs. Japan, 5 a.m., MLB Network
World Baseball Classic, second round, Italy vs. Dominican Republic, Noon, ESPN2
World Baseball Classic, second round, Italy vs. Dominican Republic, Noon, MLB Network
World Baseball Classic, second round, Puerto Rico vs. United States, 7 p.m., MLB Network

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Northeast Conference, championship, Mount St. Mary's at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Wright State at Valparaiso, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Dallas at Milwaukee, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

SOCCER
UEFA Champions League, Schalke vs. Galatasaray, at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, 2:30 p.m., Fox S

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Boys

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LEE

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 9-4-7, 6-1-5 (23 points) in District 2-5A, Amarillo Tascosa 7-11-3, 2-8-3 (9 points)

Last game: Lee 1, Abilene High 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Last meeting: Lee 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0 on Feb. 5

Notes: The Rebels had a chance on Saturday to clinch a playoff spot, but a tie against Abilene High has delayed that and now need a win today to punch their postseason ticket. Lee needed a goal from Darius Strambler in the second half to tie the game and pick up a point. It was Lee's fifth tie during the district season — two more than any other team in the district. But Lee has lost only once and is sitting in second place, a point ahead of third-place Midland High and three ahead of fourth-place San Angelo Central. ... The Rebels will have a full complement of players today, coach Scott Hicks said. Reilly Gwin returned to the lineup Saturday with a knee brace, while Tre Sanchez also saw action for the first time in more than two weeks. Also, senior defender Jason McAfee will return to the lineup after missing Saturday's game to take the SAT. ... Tascosa picked up its second win of the district season on Feb. 27 against Lubbock Coronado in a game that was delayed a day, and then a game later beat Abilene High.

Next: Lee at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday

MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Midland High 10-5-3, 7-4-1 (22 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 10-6-3, 6-5-2 (20 points)

Girls District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
x-San Angelo Central	12	0	1	37	16	3	1
x-Odessa High	9	3	1	28	13	7	1
x-Odessa Permian	9	3	1	28	15	3	1
Midland High	7	3	3	23	7	7	5
Abilene High	7	7	1	16	11	9	2
Lubbock Coronado	3	8	1	10	8	14	2
Abilene Cooper	3	8	1	10	8	8	2
Lee	3	9	0	9	4	14	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	11	2	2	2	14	3

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores

Odessa High 2, Midland High 0; Abilene High 3, Lee 0; San Angelo Central 1, Odessa Permian 0; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Lubbock Coronado is idle. All games at 3 p.m.

Monday's Game

Odessa Permian 3, Lubbock Coronado 1

Tuesday's Games

Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 5:30 p.m.; Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High is open. All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Boys District 2-5A Standings

	District				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
x-Odessa Permian	10	0	2	32	12	4	3
Lee	9	1	5	23	9	4	7
Midland High	7	4	1	22	10	5	3
San Angelo Central	6	5	2	20	10	6	3
Odessa High	5	5	3	18	10	6	4
Abilene Cooper	5	6	1	16	6	8	3
Abilene High	3	7	3	12	8	10	6
Amarillo Tascosa	2	8	3	9	7	11	3
Lubbock Coronado	1	9	2	5	4	15	2

Note: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores

Odessa High 2, Midland High 0; Lee 1, Abilene High 1; Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 1. Lubbock Coronado was idle.

Today's Games

Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 7:30 p.m.; Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa High at Abilene Cooper; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa Permian; Abilene High is open. All games at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Last game: Odessa High 2, Midland High 0; Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 3, Midland High 2 on Feb. 5

Notes: The Bulldogs had a chance to solidify its position in the 2-5A standings on Saturday, but ended up helping keep Odessa High in the playoff race. The Bronchos scored a goal in the first half, and then added another in the second half to clinch the game. Midland High, though, is still in a solid position in the playoff race in the third spot but is taking on a Bobcat team that needs a win to keep pace in the chase. ... Central suffered a 3-1 loss to Odessa Permian on Saturday, and is in fourth place — two points behind Midland High and two points ahead of fifth-place Odessa High. ... In the last meeting between these two teams, Central jumped out to an early 3-1 lead. Midland High came back to score a goal, but could not come up with an equalizer. ... Midland High coach Warren Cottle said Central has two dangerous forwards in Juan Sanchez and Keyland Taylor, and that has been a focus for his team in training this week.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, 2 p.m. Saturday; San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 7 p.m. March 19

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa High 10-6-4, 5-5-3 (18 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 6-8-3, 5-6-1 (16 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Midland High 0; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 1

Last meeting: Abilene Cooper 1, Odessa High 0 on Feb. 5

Next: Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Records: Lubbock Coronado 4-15-2, 1-9-2 (5 points) in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 12-4-3, 10-0-2 (32 points)

Last game: Lubbock Coronado 0, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 3, San Angelo Central 1

Last meeting: Odessa Permian 4, Lubbock Coronado 0 on Feb. 5

Next: Abilene High at Lubbock Coronado, 2 p.m. Saturday; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 2 p.m. Saturday

Girls

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LEE

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

Records: Lee 4-14-0, 3-9-0 (9 points) in District 2-5A; Amarillo Tascosa 2-14-3, 0-11-2 (2 points)

Last game: Abilene High 3, Lee 0; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Last meeting: Lee 5, Amarillo Tascosa 0 on Feb. 5

Notes: The Lady Rebels have been eliminated from playoff contention, and will be looking for their first victory in six games tonight. Lee last won a game on Feb. 12, which was a 2-0 victory against Abilene Cooper. ... Lee had its biggest victory of the season in the last meeting with Amarillo Tascosa as senior forward Tori Rackow recorded a hat trick. Maria Gil and Abby Ramirez also scored goals. ... Tascosa is still winless in district play this season but has two points in league play after ties against Lubbock Coronado and Abilene Cooper.

Next: Lee at Abilene Cooper, Noon Saturday; Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, Noon Saturday

MIDLAND HIGH AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo

Records: Midland High 7-7-5, 7-3-2 (23 points) in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 16-5-1, 12-0-1 (37 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Midland High 1; San Angelo Central 1, Odessa Permian 0

Last meeting: San Angelo Central 2, Midland High 1 on Feb. 5

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs are one win away from clinching the final playoff spot in District 2-5A, but to get that win, Midland High will have to figure out a way to beat the district leader on its home field. The Lady Bulldogs lost to Odessa High, 2-1, on Saturday as a pair of first-half goals by the Lady Bronchos put MHS in a hole it couldn't come out of. The Lady Bulldogs can clinch a playoff spot tonight with a win, but cannot do it with a tie. Fifth-place Abilene High is open today, but has three games remaining on its schedule. If the Lady Eagles win out, and Midland High loses out they could end up in the fourth spot. ... Adrienne Almodova scored the Lady Bulldogs' lone goal on Saturday, which came in the second half against the Lady Bronchos. ... Central continued its strong run through 2-5A play on Saturday with a 1-0 victory against Odessa Permian and moved a step closer to a district title.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Midland High, Noon Saturday; San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 5 p.m. March 19

ODESSA HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Records: Odessa High 13-2-4, 9-1-3 (30 points) in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 8-8-2, 3-8-1 (10 points)

Last game: Odessa High 2, Midland High 1; Abilene Cooper 2, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Last meeting: Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 0 on Feb. 5

Next: Abilene High at Lubbock Coronado, Noon Saturday; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, Noon Saturday

PLAYOFFS

From 1C

The Bobcats (6-5-2) are in fourth with 20 points, while Odessa High's victory on Saturday moved it to 5-5-3 with 18 points and fifth. Even Abilene Cooper, in sixth with 16 points, can still factor into the race if the Cougars can beat the Bronchos tonight.

All five of those teams have some significant games coming up, which only makes the race that much more interesting.

"We've got to help ourselves and go out and play to be successful," Lee coach Scott Hicks said.

After Lee's tie on Saturday, tonight's game against eighth-place Amarillo Tascosa becomes even bigger.

The Rebels, though, can help their cause with a win and Odessa High losing or tying Abilene Cooper. It's getting that win that's been the issue because the Rebels have only won one game since Feb. 12.

"A win goes a long way in helping us come that much closer to securing at least one of four places," Lee coach Scott Hicks said. "It's on us because we can get a little breathing room (today). And that's the main thing."

Midland High, meanwhile, is playing in possibly the marquee game on the boys slate today because both teams can help themselves with a win, while a tie will only make the next two weeks more nerve-wracking.

The Bulldogs can't get in with a victory tonight but it does give them some separation from those behind them. But coach Warren Cottle said the focus is on Central and nothing else because if a team thinks too much about where it stands in the playoff race, it can take away needed focus.

"It's game to game, and we've got to keep preparing and getting after it and go after Central," Cottle said. "We are spending our time worrying about Central, and the whole focus has to be on them."

The teams with no room for error are Odessa High and Abilene Cooper. A tie in tonight's clash at Shotwell Stadium could help both keep their postseason hopes alive, but a win would be better.

OHS coach Noe Cerazo said he reminded his squad that this week.

"I believe if we lose another one we are out," Cerazo said. "I wish we wouldn't be in the situation that we are in, but the kids are coming back and are responding and putting it together. I told them we have nothing lose now and we have everything to gain."

And tonight everybody involved will be looking to gain the precious points needed for a playoff spot and hopefully clear up the playoff picture.

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Boys 2-5A playoff chase

Here's a brief look at the teams involved in the 2-5A playoff chase:

LEE

Place: 2nd

District record: 6-1-5, 23 points

Games remaining: Amarillo Tascosa, Abilene Cooper, Odessa Permian, Midland High

How do the Rebels get in: If Lee wins the next two games, the Rebels will be in the playoffs. If they win or tie one of them they can still get in. The key, though, for Lee is it has to win games to secure that spot.

MIDLAND HIGH

Place: 3rd

District record: 7-4-1, 22 points

Games remaining: San Angelo Central, Amarillo Tascosa, Abilene Cooper, Lee

How do the Bulldogs get in: Win tonight and then use a favorable schedule to solidify their spot. If Midland High loses tonight, that makes Saturday's game against Amarillo Tascosa that much bigger, and could set up an even bigger game next week against Abilene Cooper.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

Place: 4th

District record: 6-5-2, 20 points

Games remaining: Midland High, Abilene High, Lubbock Coronado

How do the Bobcats get in: A win today would certainly help because they have the most favorable schedule of the contending teams.

ODESSA HIGH

Place: 5th

District record: 5-5-3, 18 points

Games remaining: Abilene Cooper, Odessa Permian, Lubbock Coronado

How the Bronchos get in: Keep winning, it's that simple. If the Bronchos tie or lose, their chances are diminished and if they don't get points tonight that's a lot of pressure to carry facing Permian in their biannual derby on Saturday.

ABILENE COOPER

Place: 6th

District record: 5-6-1, 16 points

Games remaining: Odessa High, Lee, Midland High, Abilene High

How the Cougars get in: Like OHS, they need to keep winning but have possibly the toughest slate of games remaining on the schedule.

Compiled by Len Hayward

HSBASEBALLCAPSULES

BY JORDAN MASON

MIDLAND HIGH AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: Noon today, Pressly Field

Records: MHS 13-5, 2-0 in District 2-5A; OHS 7-11, 1-1

Last game: MHS 10, Denton Guyer 0; OHS 7, Lubbock High 6

Last district game: Midland High 7, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa High 4, Abilene Cooper 2

Notes: Midland High returns to league play, where it is the only team in 2-5A with two district wins. The Bulldogs followed an impressive 7-1 road win against San Angelo Central with a 2-3 showing in the Scotland Yard Classic in Highland Park this past weekend. Bulldog coach Barry Russell said the lessons learned at the Classic — which began with MHS losing three straight before sweeping Highland Park and Guyer on the final day — ought to be useful today. Russell pointed to the way his team played against Rowlett, a one-win team heading into the matchup, as an example that it must be ready to play no matter the opponent. "(We) just didn't show up," Russell said of the Rowlett game. "Now, they're a two-win team." Russell said his team was only thrown out three times in one of its losses and said his team must improve its hitting by making the defense work even on outs. "It's not too hard to catch a popup," Russell said. "So, we can't do stuff like that." ... Midland High junior Lance White (1-2) is expected to start against Odessa High, and Russell expects to see Broncho ace John Rodriguez. ... OHS, like Midland High, went 2-3 this past weekend in the Lubbock FirstBank Classic, beginning 0-3 before sweeping a pair of games on the final day. The Bronchos are one of three teams, along with Lee and San Angelo Central, sporting a 1-1 district record. ... This is the first of two straight weeks that Midland High will play three games in a week, but Russell said he feels his team is in good shape with Jimmy Essman (1-0) and Jeremy Hallmark (3-0) stepping up on the mound behind proven starters Jackson Lancaster and Alex Mata.

Next: Midland High vs. Lee, 7 p.m. Thursday, Christensen Stadium; OHS at Abilene Cooper, 1 p.m. Thursday

2-5A baseball standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Midland High	2	0	13	5
Lubbock Coronado	1	0	12	6
Amarillo Tascosa	1	0	6	9
San Angelo Central	1	1	11	8
Odessa High	1	1	7	11
Lee	1	1	6	10
Odessa Permian	1	1	6	12
Abilene High	0	2	9	8
Abilene Cooper	0	2	5	11

Tuesday, March 5

Midland High 7, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa Permian 1, Lee 0; Odessa High 4, Abilene High 2; Lubbock Coronado 5, Abilene Cooper 1. Amarillo Tascosa was idle

Wednesday, March 6

Amarillo Tascosa 8, Abilene High 7, 8 innings

Today's Games

Midland High at Odessa High, Noon; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 1 p.m.; Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado, 4:30 p.m

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Ernie Johnson Field

Records: AHS 9-8, 0-2 in District 2-5A; Lee 6-10, 1-1

Last game: AHS 12, El Paso Del Valle 5; Corpus Christi John Paul II 22, Lee 3

Last district game: Odessa Permian 1, Lee 0; Amarillo Tascosa 8, Abilene High 7, 8 innings

Notes: Lee returns home for its second straight district game at Ernie Johnson Field after going 1-4 at the Corpus Christi Calallen Tournament this past weekend. Despite losing by 11, 11 and 19 to Calallen, Austin Westlake and Corpus Christi John Paul II, Rebel coach Brian Roper said he felt it was good that the Rebels got to play teams of that caliber and see four left-handed pitchers over the weekend. "I think it was a good thing for our kids to see how Calallen played the game," Roper said. "When you play competition like that you learn." ... Roper was particularly happy with the way his team played against Calallen despite coming up short on the scoreboard. "We played as well as we can play," Roper said. "We just faced a superior team, but I was not disappointed in our approach, how we played." ... Roper said heading into a district clash with Abilene High, that his team needs to focus on itself, particularly at doing the little things needed to win ballgames. Roper was excited, however, for the challenge that lay ahead of Lee. "This is a chance where after a tough weekend like that and we've got three tough games coming up, we've got a chance to show what we're made of," Roper said. ... Lee is expected to hand the ball to freshman right-hander Evan Mata (1-1) against Abilene High. ... The Eagles enter today after going 3-0 in the Abilene ISD Baseball Tournament to move above .500 for the first time this season. Abilene High and crosstown rival Abilene Cooper, however, remain the only teams in 2-5A without a district win. The Eagles are second to last in District 2-5A despite having the second-most overall wins in the district. ... This is the first of three district games this week for Lee, but Roper and his team aren't making excuses despite the busy schedule this past month. "The opponents aren't going to feel sorry for you so there's no point in feeling sorry for yourself," Roper said.

Next: Lee vs. Midland High, 7 p.m. Thursday, Christensen Stadium; AHS at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.

ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 1 p.m. today, McCanlies Field

Records: Cooper 5-11, 0-2 in District 2-5A; Permian 6-12, 1-1

Last game: Aledo 9, Cooper 3; Lubbock Monterey 13, Permian 2

Last district game: Lubbock Coronado 5, Abilene Cooper 1; Odessa Permian 1, Lee 0

Next: Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 1 p.m. Thursday; Permian at Odessa High, Noon Saturday

AMARILLO TASCOSA AT LUBBOCK CORONADO

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, O'Banion Field

Records: Tascosa 6-9, 1-0 in District 2-5A; Coronado 12-6, 1-0

Last game: Tascosa 10, Amarillo Palo Duro 0; Coronado 13, Lubbock Cooper 12

Last district game: Amarillo Tascosa 8, Abilene High 7, 8 innings; Lubbock Coronado 5, Abilene Cooper 1

Next: Tascosa at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.

HSSOFTBALLCAPSULES

BY JONATHAN HULL

ABILENE HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Audrey Gill Sports Complex

Records: Abilene High 7-4, 1-2 in 2-5A; Midland High 16-5, 2-2

Last game: Odessa Permian 12, Abilene High 7; Midland High 6, Lee 4

Last meeting: Abilene High 13, Midland High 5 on Feb. 23

Notes: Midland High picked up a much-needed District 2-5A victory Saturday against crosstown rival Lee at Gene Smith Field. The Lady Bulldogs had lost back-to-back district games to Odessa Permian and Lubbock Coronado earlier in the week, and would have been in a substantial early hole in the district standings had they lost to Lee. ... The biggest difference in the Lady Dawgs play Saturday was at the plate. After collecting just eight combined hits in their losses to Permian and Coronado, the Lady Dawgs had 11 hits against Lee. ... Abilene High is coming off a loss to Odessa Permian on Saturday, and have lost two of its three games in 2-5A play. ... The Lady Eagles defeated Midland High, 13-5, during the West Texas Classic at MUGS. It was the only loss the Lady Dawgs suffered during the tournament.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

2-5A Softball standings

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Lubbock Coronado	3	0	18	1
Odessa Permian	3	1	16	4
Lee	2	1	17	3
Midland High	2	2	16	5
Odessa High	2	2	11	9
San Angelo Central	2	2	6	12
Abilene High	1	2	7	4
Abilene Cooper	1	3	12	10
Amarillo Tascosa	0	3	6	11

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 6, Lee 4; Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 3; San Angelo Central 4, Amarillo Tascosa 2; Odessa Permian 12, Abilene High 7. Lubbock Coronado is idle

Today's Games

Abilene High at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m. Abilene Cooper is idle

LEE AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, Amarillo

Records: Lee 17-3, 2-1 in 2-5A; Tascosa 8-11, 0-3

Last game: Midland High 6, Lee 4; San Angelo Central 4, Tascosa 2

Notes: Lee suffered its first loss of District 2-5A play Saturday, falling to crosstown rival Midland High. The Lady Rebels struggled to hit consistently, although they did get a four-RBI performance from right fielder Kylie Olivas. ... This is the first district game Lee will play outside of the Permian Basin this season. The Lady Rebels' lone road game so far this season was at Odessa High, which resulted in a 12-2 run-rule victory. ... This game is also the first of three straight on the road for Lee, which plays at Odessa Permian on Thursday and visit Abilene High on Saturday. ... Tascosa is the only winless team in District 2-5A, having lost to Lubbock Coronado, Abilene Cooper and San Angelo Central. Both Coronado and Cooper defeated Tascosa in five innings via the run-rule.

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Friday.

ODESSA PERMIAN AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 4:30 p.m. today, San Angelo

Records: Permian 18-4, 3-1 in 2-5A; Central 6-12, 2-2

Last game: Permian 12, Abilene High 7; Central 4, Amarillo Tascosa 2

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; Midland High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ODESSA HIGH

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Ratliff Softball Complex, Odessa

Records: Coronado 18-1, 3-0 in 2-5A; Odessa High 11-9, 2-2

Last game: Coronado 8, Midland High 2; Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 3

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, Noon Saturday.

HSSOFTBALL/BASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SOFTBALL LAMESA 8, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 4

LAMESA — The Midland Christian softball team struggled in the field during a non-district loss to Lamesa on Monday.

The Lady Mustangs committed five errors which led directly to five unearned runs for Lamesa. Kayllyn Neff had Midland Christian's lone extra-base hit with a double.

The Lady Mustangs (11-18-2) host a pair of games today at MUGS, taking on Monahans at 11 a.m. and Levelland at 1 p.m.

LAMESA 8, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 4

MCS	001 200 1	—4	7 5
Lamesa	240 200 x	—8	8 3

Kadee Vines and Kayllyn Neff. Makayla Hunter and Mandy Rodriguez. W — Hunter. L — Vines. 2B — MCS: Neff. Lamesa: Darrian Doederlein.

Record: MCS 11-18-2

Next: Monahans at Midland Christian, 11 a.m. today; Levelland at Midland Christian, 1 p.m. today

BASEBALL MCS FINISHES 4-1 IN LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK — The Midland Christian baseball team finished 4-1 at the FirstBank Classic this past weekend.

Midland Christian picked up victories against Lubbock Coronado (10-4), Plainview (11-1) and Lubbock Estacado (10-5). The Mustangs' only loss came to Wolfforth Frenship, 12-4, as they faced ace pitcher and Texas Tech signee Stephen Smith.

Ethan Crooks picked up the pitching victory against Lubbock Coronado.

Against Plainview, Nolan Shattel won the game on the mound as Austin Robles hit a solo home run in the fifth inning that invoked the 10-run rule.

Corey Rasure pitched a complete-game victory against Lubbock Estacado.

The Mustangs improved to 11-8 after the weekend and will take on Lubbock Estacado at noon today in a non-district game. Midland Christian will start district play at 4 p.m. Friday against Arlington Pantego at Fort Worth Southwest Christian.

Boldin, Harvin traded as NFL free agency nears

Associated Press

On the eve of NFL free agency, trades involving top receivers Anquan Boldin and Percy Harvin grabbed the headlines.

In an odd twist Monday, Boldin went from the Ravens to the San Francisco 49ers, the team he helped Baltimore beat 34-31 in last month's Super Bowl.

Harvin, who expressed his discontent in Minnesota, was sent to Seattle, where he will join former Vikings teammate Sidney Rice.

Boldin

Harvin

San Francisco acquired the 32-year-old Boldin for a sixth-round draft pick. Boldin, a star in Baltimore's run to the Super Bowl title last season, must pass a physical to complete the deal.

"Anquan was a great receiver for myself and for our football team," said quarterback Joe Flacco, who signed a six-year, $120.6 million deal with the Ravens last week. "It's sad to see a guy like that go, but at the same time, you want what's best for him and you just wish him the best of luck.

"Anquan was a big part of this football team, a big part of this offense. He's one of the main reasons we won the Super Bowl this year."

Boldin had six catches for 104 yards and a touchdown in the Super Bowl victory. He had said he'd consider retirement rather than leave Baltimore. But going to the NFC champions might change his mind.

"It's a business, man. Those things are going to happen," Ravens wide receiver Jacoby Jones said. "I wish Q the best. He's always a Raven with me, and we got something they can't take from us."

Added fellow Baltimore receiver Torrey Smith: "It's not so much about football when you lose someone like that, someone you love like a brother and would do anything for you."

The 24-year-old Harvin, Minnesota's moody and multi-talented receiver, will join the Seahawks for a package of draft picks that includes Seattle's first-round selection next month, No. 25 overall. He also must pass a physical.

Minnesota will also get Seattle's seventh-round pick this year and third-round selection in 2014.

League MVP Adrian Peterson was not thrilled over the news.

"The best all around player I ever seen or you'll ever see! Goes to Seattle! I feel like I just got kicked in the stomach. Several times!!!" Peterson posted on Twitter.

Harvin was producing at an All-Pro level until badly spraining his left ankle last Nov. 4 in a game at Seattle. He was placed on injured reserve a month later. He led the NFL in total yards at the time of his injury.

Harvin, who also has suffered from migraines, will enter the fifth and final season of his rookie deal with a $2.9 million salary that's well under market value — unless the Seahawks rework it.

Also Monday:

■ The Giants are allowing Victor Cruz to enter restricted free agency, placing a first-round tender on the wide receiver.

Team owner John Mara said the Giants will risk having Cruz agree to a contract with another club. New York has the right to match any offer. If the Giants allow him to leave, they will get a first-round draft choice as compensation.

The tender is worth $2.879 million for 2012 for Cruz, who has not made half of that in his three pro seasons.

■ Cornerback DeAngelo Hall was cut by the Redskins, a casualty of the team's NFL-imposed salary cap penalty. Washington is over the cap because of an $18 million sanction for the way it structured contracts during the 2010 uncapped season.

Hall had two years remaining on the six-year, $54 million deal and was due to make $7.5 million in salary in 2013.

■ The Broncos released nine-year veteran linebacker D.J. Williams, freeing up his $6 million salary in 2013 for other needs. Williams missed nine games while serving a pair of NFL-mandated suspensions last season and was deemed expendable after Wesley Woodyard had a breakout season at weakside linebacker.

Denver also released third quarterback Caleb Hanie, who didn't take a single snap in his one season in Denver, and finalized a three-year deal to keep backup safety David Bruton, their top special teams player.

■ The Jets signed quarterback David Garrard to back up — and provide a challenge to — starter Mark Sanchez. Garrard has not played in the NFL since 2010. He started 76 games in nine seasons with Jacksonville and played in the 2009 Pro Bowl.

■ The Cardinals released running back Beanie Wells after four injury-plagued seasons. A first-round pick in 2009, Wells showed flashes of the brilliance he had at Ohio State, but has only played one full season — his rookie year.

Wells eclipsed 1,000 yards and scored 10 touchdowns in 2011, but was limited to eight games last season due to turf toe.

COWBOYS

From 1C

signing period.

Among free agents that could be on the Cowboys' radar include Chicago Bear defensive tackle Israel Idonije, who had 20.5 sacks over the last three years while playing for defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli, now the Cowboys defensive line coach. Dallas is in need of defensive tackles after firing Ryan and hiring 4-3 guru Monte Kiffin.

The Cowboys have 15 unrestricted and restricted free agents, most of which it will make no effort to keep. Among the notable players that likely won't be back are running back Felix Jones, cornerback Mike Jenkins and wide receiver Kevin Ogletree.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wife Swap (N)		The Taste (N)		Body of Proof "Mob Mentality" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Recruit"		Vegas "The Real Thing"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	Steve Carell, Josh Ritter	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Race"	Rules of Engage.	Hart of Dixie "Old Alabama"		Beauty and the Beast "Tough Love"		Cops	Sein. "The Finale"	Rules "Kids"	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen "20 Chefs Compete" (SP) (N)		New Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Update News	Dr. Alewine	Light of the Southwest				Shepherd's Heart		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Off Their Rockers	OffTheirRockers (N)	Go On	The New Normal	Smash "The Fringe" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Nick Offerman, Olivia Wilde	(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Celtic Thunder "Voyage" Varying styles of Celtic and Irish music are showcased.				Country Pop Legends A collection of memorable country pop songs.			BBC News		Tavis Smiley
KUPB -UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Porque el Amor Manda		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Guapos	Al Diablo con los
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FLIX	340	65		165		(4:00) ★ Meet Joe B...		★★★ Jack ('96, Com) Robin Williams.				★★ Heavyweights Ben Stiller.		(:40) ★ Blue Hill Avenue			
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ Along Came Polly			★ Project X Thomas Mann.			Fight	Girls	Parade's End 3/5		(:05) Parade's End 4/5	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) ★ Horrible Bo...		★★★ Wanderlust			1stLook	Bill Maher		Girls	Boxing Cloud vs. Hopkins		
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:10) ★ The Tuske...		The Sopranos		★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows				(:15) ★ One Day ('11, Dra) Anne Hathaway.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:10) ★ The Termin...		★★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love.				★★ From Dusk Till Dawn			(:50) In Bed	(:15) Banshee	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★ Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Bu...				★★★ Tombstone ('93, West) Kurt Russell.				(:15) Erotic	(:50) ★★★ The Change-Up		
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ The Potential Inside (2010, Drama)				★★★ The Courage to Love		(:35) ★ 2 Brothers and a Bride				★ Dream a Little D...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Real Steel ('11, Sci-Fi) Hugh Jackman.					Lies	Califor.	Shameless		Comedy	Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★★★ Billy Elliot			★ Why Stop Now			★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...				★ Hide and Seek	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ True Lies		★★ Catwoman ('04, Act) Halle Berry.				★★ Swordfish ('01, Thril) John Travolta.				★ Escape From Ne...	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		Wayans	Wayans	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wayans	Husbands	Wayans	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Shahs
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Treasure Detectives		Treasure Detectives		The Car Chasers		Mad Money		Treasure Detectives	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Survival "Castaways"		Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Yukon Men		Dual Survival		Yukon Men	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	(:40) Wizard	(:05) Wizard	★ Princess Protection Program			(:10) Jessie	(:35) Goodl.	Austin	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Big East Tournament (L)				NCAA Basket. Horizon League Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball NEC Tournament				NCAA Basketball				Basketb.	SportsNation		NBA
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Lying "To Lie For" (N)		Liar "I'm Your Puppet"		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Milwaukee Bucks Site: Bradley Center -- Milwaukee, Wis. (L)					Maverics Live (L)	RodeoRec apSports	Spotlight	WPT Poker Parx Open Classic	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ ★★ Star Trek ('09, Sci-Fi) Chris Pine.				Ultimate Fighter (N)		Justified (N)		American "Trust me"		Justified "Get Drew"	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Brady8.	Brady8.	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income Property		HouseH	House	Income Property		Income Property	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear		Ultimate Soldier		Vikings		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "All's Fair in Love and War"		Dance Moms "Camouflaged Maneuvers" The girls struggle with a military themed number.				Preacher "Daddy's Little Angels" (N)		Preacher "Daddy's Little Angels"		Dance Moms	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins vs. Pittsburgh Penguins (L)					NHL Live!	Crossover	FB Talk	Overtime	Fight Night 36	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Robot Combat (N)		Face Off		Robot Combat	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan Guests Nina Dobrev (N)		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	★ Grand Jury		★★★ Hang 'Em High Clint Eastwood.				★★★ The Westerner Gary Cooper.				★ The Man From ...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Pasion Prohibida		La patrona		El Rostro de la		Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids "Michelle's Birthday Makeover"		Duggars Do Asia "Tokyo, Japan" (N)		DC Cupcakes "Baby Special" (N)		Duggars Do Asia "Tokyo, Japan"		DC Cupcakes "Baby Special"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Deep in Death"		Castle "Ghosts"		Castle "Little Girl Lost"		Castle "A Death in the Family"		Southland "Under the Big Top"		Boston's Finest "The City They Call Home"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unstable"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Witness"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Disabled"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conned"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Anchor"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Torch"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Federer easily advances at Indian Wells

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Defending champion Roger Federer beat Ivan Dodig of Croatia 6-3, 6-1 in a third-round match at the BNP Paribas Open on Monday for his 890th career victory on the ATP Tour.

Federer joined Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl and Guillermo Vilas as the only men to have won at least that many matches in the Open era. The second-ranked Swiss star is seeking his first tournament title of the year at an event where he has won four championships and has a 41-8 career record.

Federer was the highest-seeded men's player in action Monday.

In women's play, top-ranked Victoria Azarenka was to face Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium at night.

A 4.7 magnitude earthquake struck at 9:55 a.m. near Indian Wells. It occurred before the day's matches had begun, although the Indian Wells Tennis Garden was busy with fans and workers, many of whom said they felt a strong jolt.

Fifth-seeded Rafael Nadal was on the massage table preparing for his third-round match against Leonardo Mayer of Argentina when the quake hit.

"I was very scared," he said. "I think the massage table moves even worse."

The Spaniard said his legs were wobbling and even though it was his first earthquake it took him "probably a half-second" to realize what was happening.

Mark J. Terrill/AP

Roger Federer returns a shot to Ivan Dodig on Monday during their match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif.

After the excitement caused by the quake, Nadal didn't even get to play his match. Mayer withdrew because of a back injury.

Nadal opened his bid for a third Indian Wells title with a two-set victory over American Ryan Harrison on Saturday, the Spaniard's first hard-court match in nearly a year. He returned to the ATP Tour a month ago, winning two of three tournaments on clay after missing seven months because of a left knee injury.

Temperatures are forecast to soar into the 90s in the next few days, conditions that should favor Nadal.

"For me, for my knee, for my foot, for everything is better when the conditions are warmer," he said. "I love practicing and playing in days like today: no wind, fantastic weather, good, hot temperature."

Nadal shared a friendly hit on Sunday with tournament owner Larry Ellison, the co-founder and CEO of Oracle Corp. and one of the world's wealthiest men.

"His backhand improve, especially a lot from last year, so that's great," Nadal said. "It's great what he's doing for tennis and especially this tournament. He knows more about tennis I think than me."

On the men's side, No. 6 Tomas Berdych defeated 27th-seeded Florian Mayer 6-4, 6-1; Latvian qualifier Ernests Gulbis outlasted 20th-seeded Andreas Seppi, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to win his 13th consecutive match this season; and Kevin Anderson beat Jarkko Nieminen, 6-3, 6-1.

Gulbis takes on Nadal in the fourth round, a player that Gulbis has yet to beat in four matches.

"I believe that I can win," Gulbis said. "Yeah, I said it already."

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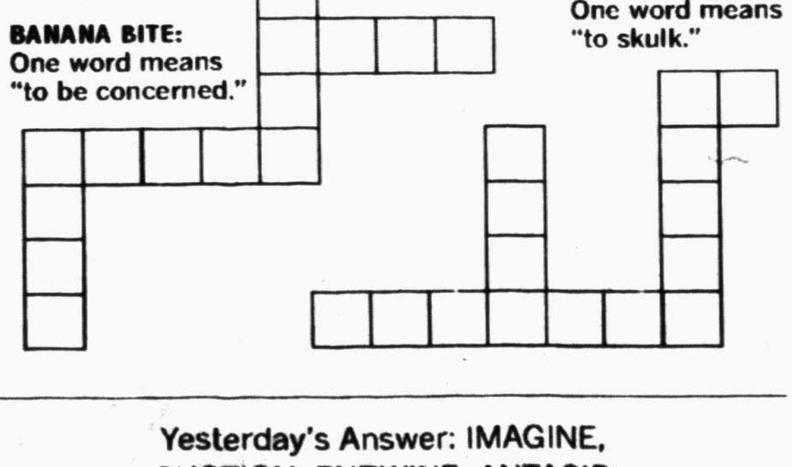

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BANANA BITE: One word means "to skulk."

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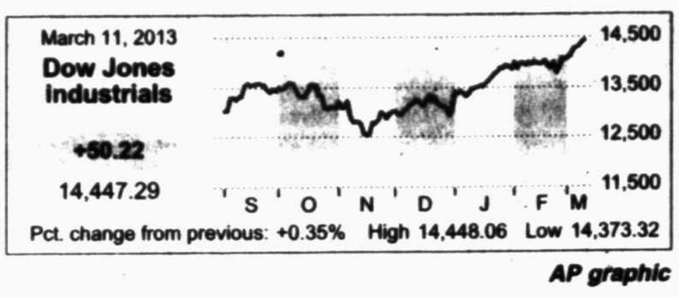

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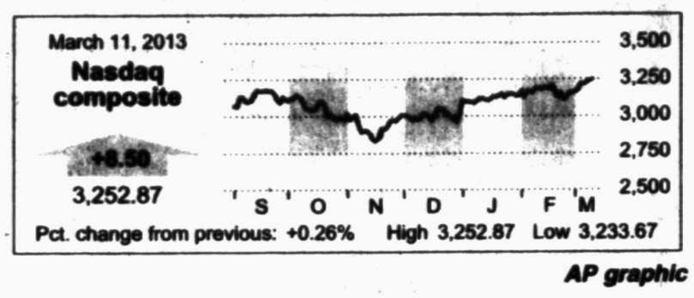

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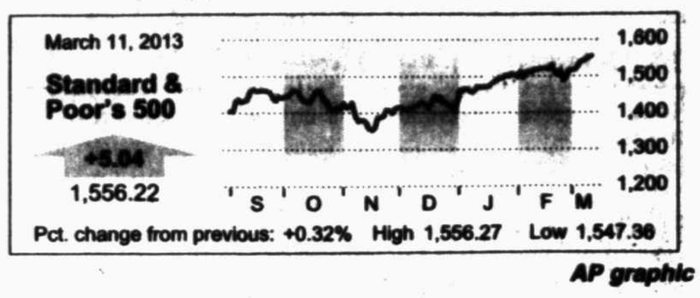

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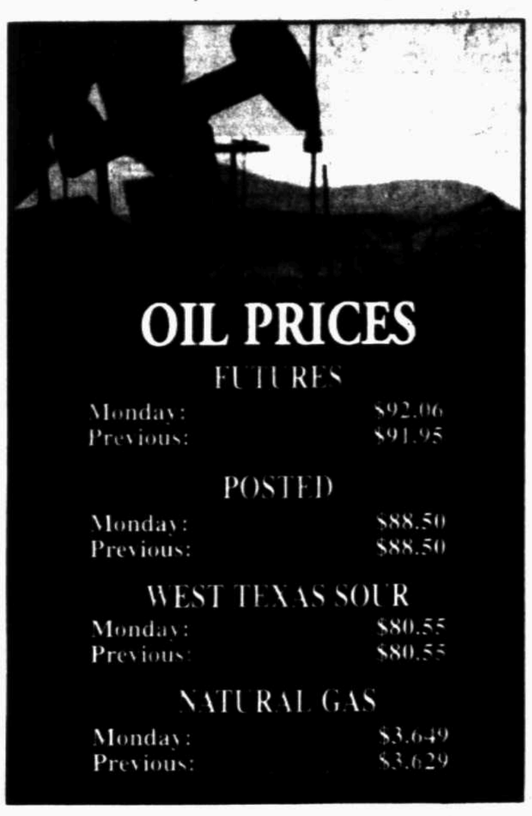

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Monday: $80.55
Previous: $80.55

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.649
Previous: $3.629

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1035061	12.15	+.08
S&P500ETF	676454	156.03	+.59
Citigroup	509362	47.60	+.92
FordM	482012	13.34	+.36
SPDR Fncl	481539	18.38	+.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Entravisn	2.69	+.46	+20.6
Dex One	2.49	+.39	+18.6
TCF Fn wt	2.42	+.37	+18.0
ParagSh rs	4.28	+.64	+17.6
OxfordRes	3.14	+.45	+16.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GMX Rs pfB	5.00	-1.60	-24.2
BP GCrb	4.66	-.86	-15.6
DicksSptg	45.11	-5.49	-10.8
JinkoSolar	5.56	-.74	-10.1
PrUVxST rs	8.13	-.73	-8.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,631
Declined	1,399
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,156
New Highs	333
New Lows	14
Volume	2,992,787,496

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	40684	23.58	+.89
PrmAth	28273	1.80	+.18
NwGold g	24019	9.48	+.13
Rentech	23499	2.69	-.02
NavideaBio	19578	3.41	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RELM	2.13	+.28	+15.1
HMG	19.86	+2.36	+13.5
GldFld	4.84	+.45	+10.3
Ballantyne	4.03	+.34	+9.2
GoldenMin	2.69	+.20	+8.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nevsun g	3.49	-.44	-11.2
Reeds	4.65	-.35	-7.0
Acquity n	7.88	-.58	-6.9
GoldResrc	13.11	-.91	-6.5
AmShrd	2.02	-.10	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	208
Declined	216
Unchanged	33
Total issues	457
New Highs	20
New Lows	5
Volume	73,706,916

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RschMotn	918743	14.90	+1.84
Zynga	880469	3.93	+.36
MicronT	421280	9.35	+.14
Intel	410329	21.69	+.11
SiriusXM	390947	3.20	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiAutL rs	5.21	+2.45	+88.8
BOS Ltd rs	3.85	+1.19	+44.6
Elecsys	5.30	+1.29	+32.2
S&W wtA	3.50	+.75	+27.3
ParametSd	15.74	+2.76	+21.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AEterna g rs	2.03	-.59	-22.5
CanSolar	3.15	-.58	-15.5
Sphenix rs	12.30	-1.61	-11.6
JamesRiv	2.53	-.26	-9.3
AltoPirm	14.56	-1.45	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,247
Declined	1,187
Unchanged	103
Total issues	2,537
New Highs	215
New Lows	14
Volume	1,599,771,371

New BlackBerry to come to the US public in March

Associated Press

TORONTO — BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion will begin selling its new touchscreen smartphone to U.S. consumers with AT&T on March 22. The release will come several weeks after RIM launched the much-delayed devices elsewhere.

AT&T said Monday that the Z10 will be available for $199.99 with a two-year contract. Sales of the device began in the U.K. and Canada shortly after RIM unveiled the phone in late January.

Rival U.S. carrier T-Mobile said it expects to deliver the new BlackBerry for some corporate customers as soon as the end of this week, though it did not provide details on the availability for non-business customers.

The redesigned BlackBerry is RIM's attempt at a comeback. The pioneering brand lost its cachet not long after Apple's 2007 release of the iPhone, which reset consumers' expectations for what a smartphone should do.

RIM Chief Executive Thorsten Heins said previously he was disappointed the new BlackBerry would not be released in the U.S. until mid-March, but he said the U.S. and its phone carriers have a rigid testing system.

Heins told The Associated Press last month that the company would have to regain market share in the U.S. for BlackBerry to be successful. The U.S. has been one market in which RIM has been particularly hurt. The iPhone and phones running Google's Android software now dominate. According to research firm IDC, shipments of BlackBerry phones plummeted from 46 percent of the U.S. market in 2008 to 2 percent in 2012.

Heins also suggested to the AP that a modern BlackBerry with a physical keyboard might not arrive in the U.S. until May or June, a month or two behind other parts of the world.

Heins said the physical keyboard version, the BlackBerry Q10, will likely come out eight to 10 weeks after a carrier releases a model with only a touch screen, the BlackBerry Z10. With the Z10 set for release in the U.S. on March 22, eight to 10 weeks brings the U.S. date for the Q10 to mid-May to early June.

Shares jumped $1.84, or 14.1 percent, to close at $14.90 Monday on the Nasdaq. BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis said the stock move is based on a report quoting Lenovo's chief executive as saying he might be interested in an acquisition of RIM. Gillis and Jefferies analyst Peter Misek said a Chinese acquisition is unlikely because of security concerns.

Misek said checks by Jefferies indicate that the Z10 is selling well in developing markets including India, but Gillis noted RIM's U.S. release will go up against Samsung's next Galaxy smartphone which is expected to be unveiled on Thursday.

"If that makes the splash that people think it may, you don't want to be the guy that's coming out a week later," Gillis said.

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn signs confidentiality agreement with Dell

Associated Press

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn, who is fighting Dell Inc. founder Michael Dell's plan to take the struggling company private, has entered a confidentiality agreement that would give him access to the computer maker's financial records.

Michael Dell, who is also Dell's CEO, is planning a $24.4 billion buyout that would make the Round Rock company a privately owned business. But Icahn and other investors say the price of $13.65 per share is too low.

Icahn's company, Icahn Enterprises, has said it holds a substantial stake in the company. Icahn wants the company to pay a special dividend of $9 per share, financed with existing cash and new debt, if shareholders reject the buyout offer.

The investor told Dell executives in a recent letter that if they decline to promise this one-time payout, then he wants the company to combine a shareholder vote on the buyout with its annual election of directors.

In that case, Icahn would nominate candidates who would implement the special dividend if they are elected, and Icahn and his company could provide more than $5 billion in loans to ensure prompt payment of the dividend.

Icahn wrote in his letter to Dell last week that the PC maker's future is bright, and all shareholders should benefit from that, not just Michael Dell. Icahn is known for buying out-of-favor stocks and boosting them by pressuring or replacing boards of directors, installing new management and other hard-knuckle tactics.

Analysts say Icahn's entry into the debate over the deal makes it less likely that shareholders will accept Dell's current buyout offer.

Oil prices mixed

Oil reversed an early decline Monday and finished above $92 for the first time this month.

Benchmark oil rose 11 cents to end at $92.06 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price was below $91 a barrel during morning trading.

Although oil shows a gain of nearly 2 percent over the past three trading sessions, many traders believe the large supply of oil in the U.S. will keep a lid on the price.

Last week the Energy Department said that the nation's supply of crude is 10.3 percent above year-ago levels. And U.S. oil production, at more than 7 million barrels a day, is at the highest level since the late 1990s.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, estimates that oil supplies grew another 2.5 million barrels in the week endind March 8. He also said oil could start to fall toward $85 a barrel later in the week if U.S. economic data boosts the dollar.

Dollar mixed

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies following disappointing Chinese economic data over the weekend.

The euro rose to $1.3051 in late trading Monday from $1.3005 late Friday. The British pound fell to $1.4922 from $1.4936.

The dollar rose to 96.28 Japanese yen from 95.82 Japanese yen.

The dollar fell to 0.9468 Swiss franc from 0.9511 Swiss franc and to 1.0257 Canadian dollar from 1.0287 Canadian dollar.

Gold for April delivery rose $1.10, or 0.1 percent, to $1,578 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $38.65 Up 0.41

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91.36 Down 1.14

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.59 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $24.49 Down 0.41

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.17 Up 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.66 Up 0.22

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.42 Down 0.04

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $6.99 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	29	36.60	-.08	+8.6
Abraxas	...	...	**2.24**	**+.05**	**+2.3**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	**...**	**11.68**	**+.02**	**+10.3**
AMD	...	...	2.59	+.03	+7.9
Affymax	...	...	3.01	-.28	-84.1
AkamaiT	...	32	35.60	-1.64	-13.0
AlonUSA	.16	17	19.62	-.03	+8.5
Altria	1.76	17	34.26	+.26	+9.0
AMovilL	.30e	21	20.96	-.48	-9.4
AmIntlGrp	...	26	39.47	-.11	+11.8
Amgen	**1.88**	**17**	**91.44**	**-1.56**	**+6.1**
Anadarko	**.36**	**18**	**83.58**	**+.58**	**+12.5**
Apache	**.80f**	**15**	**75.51**	**-.14**	**-3.8**
Apple Inc	10.60	10	437.87	+6.15	-17.7
ApldMatl	**.40f**	**...**	**13.52**	**-.02**	**+18.2**
ATMOS	**1.40**	**17**	**41.43**	**+.58**	**+18.0**
AutoData	1.74	22	63.87	+.52	+12.2
BP PLC	**2.16f**	**6**	**40.60**	**+.21**	**-2.5**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.10	-.09	+5.4
BakrHu	.60	15	45.84	-.24	+12.2
BkofAm	.04	47	12.15	+.08	+4.7
BariPVix rs	...	...	20.73	-.90	-34.8
BasicEnSv	...	20	14.25	+.04	+24.9
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**115597**	**8.00+567.00**	**+16.3**
BerryPet	**.32**	**14**	**47.05**	**-.15**	**+40.2**
BestBuy	.68	...	20.08	-.09	+69.5
BlkHillsCp	**1.52f**	**17**	**42.69**	**-.01**	**+17.5**
BostonSci	...	...	7.50	+.01	+30.9
BrdlySq	**1.40**	**32**	**37.52**	**+.12**	**+16.4**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**27**	**69.23**	**+.45**	**+12.6**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**25**	**68.19**	**+.71**	**+7.8**
CVS Care	.90	17	52.63	+.35	+8.9
Cameron	...	22	65.79	+.34	+16.5
Caterpillar	2.08	11	91.18	+.67	+1.8
Celestic g	...	15	8.45	+.04	+3.7
CntryLink	2.16m	28	34.43	+.04	-12.0
ChesEng	.35	...	21.46	+.13	+29.1
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**118.73**	**+.16**	**+9.8**
Chicos	.22f	17	17.92	+.26	-2.9
Chimera	.38e	...	3.19	+.09	+22.2
Cimarex	.56f	17	71.65	+1.04	+24.1
Cisco	.56	13	21.88	+.05	+11.4
Citigroup	.04	15	47.60	+.92	+20.3
ClayEng	**...**	**13**	**38.65**	**+.41**	**-3.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Clearwire	...	...	3.24	+.06	+12.1
CocaCola s	**1.12f**	**20**	**39.31**	**+.09**	**+8.4**
ColgPal	**2.72f**	**22**	**115.64**	**-.10**	**+10.6**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**22**	**34.73**	**-.04**	**+17.7**
ConchoRes	**...**	**22**	**91.36**	**-1.14**	**+13.4**
ConocPhil s	**2.64**	**10**	**58.44**	**+.05**	**+.8**
CrackerB	2.00	17	78.49	+.12	+22.1
CSVelIVSt	...	...	23.01	+.89	+38.7
CSVS2xVx rs	...	...	...	3.90	-.25
-58.2					
CrosTim	**2.21e**	**11**	**27.54**	**-.02**	**+2.3**
DCP Mid	2.76f	42	44.52	+.92	+6.6
DTE	2.48	19	66.75	+.10	+11.2
Dataram h	...	...	.26	-.04	-19.7
Dawson	**...**	**23**	**30.59**	**-.07**	**+16.0**
Dell Inc	.32	11	14.37	+.21	+41.7
DeltaAir	...	14	16.23	-.01	+36.7
DevonE	**.88f**	**...**	**55.96**	**-.28**	**+7.5**
DicksSptg	.50a	21	45.11	-5.49	-.8
Disney	**.75f**	**19**	**57.66**	**+.27**	**+15.8**
DowChm	**1.28**	**46**	**32.99**	**+.22**	**+2.0**
EMC Cp	...	20	24.56	+.26	-2.9
EOG Res	**.75f**	**61**	**128.66**	**-.02**	**+6.5**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**21.59**	**...**	**+5.9**
Energen	.58f	15	47.78	+.46	+6.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	11	47.32	+.22	+10.2
EnPro	**...**	**22**	**48.49**	**+.11**	**+18.6**
EntPrPt	2.64f	22	57.54	-.21	+14.9
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.81	+.15	+26.8
ExterranH	**...**	**...**	**26.98**	**+.39**	**+23.1**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**9**	**89.16**	**+.19**	**+3.0**
Facebook n	...	...	28.14	+.18	+5.7
FordM	.40f	10	13.34	+.36	+3.0
ForestOil	...	14	5.90	-.05	-11.8
FrozenFd h	**...**	**...**	**1.63**	**+.01**	**+83.1**
GATX	**1.24f**	**20**	**50.89**	**...**	**+17.5**
GabMultT	**.80**	**...**	**8.98**	**+.06**	**+14.4**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**31.04**	**+.09**	**+11.6**
GenElec	**.76**	**18**	**23.62**	**-.15**	**+12.5**
Genworth	...	11	10.50	+.66	+39.8
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**17**	**22.68**	**+.03**	**+11.6**
Groupon	...	...	5.41	-.08	+11.3
HalconRes	...	...	7.17	+.12	+3.6
HalibrTn	.50f	15	42.00	-.08	+21.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Heinz	**2.06**	**24**	**72.51**	**-.01**	**+25.7**
HewlettP	.53	...	21.03	+.16	+47.6
HostHotls	.40f	...	17.27	+.34	+10.2
iShGold	...	...	15.37	+.03	-5.6
iShJapn	.19e	...	10.53	+.07	+8.0
iShChina25	.94e	...	38.63	-.45	-4.5
iShEMkts	.74e	...	43.89	-.24	-1.0
iShR2K	1.69e	...	93.70	-.03	+11.1
IntegrysE	2.72	16	56.34	+.14	+7.9
Intel	**.90**	**10**	**21.69**	**+.11**	**+5.2**
InterDig	.40a	7	47.49	-.10	+15.6
JPMorgCh	1.20	10	50.48	+.28	+15.6
JohnJn	**2.44**	**20**	**78.44**	**+.25**	**+11.9**
Keycorp	.20	11	9.91	+.05	+17.7
KimbClk	**3.24f**	**21**	**93.88**	**-.31**	**+11.2**
KindME	5.16f	...	85.86	+.45	+7.6
KindMM	5.16f	...	81.96	-.10	+8.6
LegacyRes	2.28f	18	26.17	+.07	+10.0
Lubys	**...**	**33**	**8.45**	**+.04**	**+26.3**
MGIC	...	...	5.13	+.22	+92.9
MannKd	...	...	3.41	+.35	+47.6
McDnlds	3.08	18	98.89	+.18	+12.1
Merck	1.72	20	43.66	+.69	+6.6
MeritMed	**...**	**27**	**12.40**	**-.06**	**-10.8**
MetLife	.74	35	39.61	+.58	+20.2
MexcoEn	...	...	5.66	+.22	-12.1
MKors	...	...	55.00	-3.19	+7.8
MicronT	...	...	9.35	+.14	+47.4
Microsoft	.92	15	27.87	-.13	+4.3
MorgStan	.20	...	23.10	+.07	+20.8
Nabors	.16f	...	16.56	-.03	+14.6
NatGrid	**3.17e**	**...**	**54.94**	**+.19**	**-4.4**
NOilVarco	.52	12	67.68	-.51	-1.0
NokiaCp	...	...	3.62	-.06	-8.4
NvMAd	**.80a**	**...**	**14.92**	**-.16**	**-1.9**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**14.79**	**-.02**	**-.9**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**14.57**	**-.22**	**-2.7**
NSTFI3	**.63a**	**...**	**14.96**	**-.14**	**+2.3**
NTXQI	**.70**	**...**	**15.71**	**+.08**	**-.8**
OccIPet	**2.58f**	**15**	**82.88**	**+.48**	**+8.2**
Oracle	.24	17	35.88	+.17	+7.7
Pandora	...	...	13.74	-.05	+49.7
ParTech	**...**	**16**	**4.71**	**+.06**	**-3.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	**16**	**4.82**	**+.01**	**+4.8**
PattUTI	**.20**	**13**	**24.44**	**+.33**	**+31.2**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Penney	...	...	15.05	-.06	-23.6
PennaRE	**.72f**	**...**	**19.37**	**+.10**	**+9.8**
Prmian	.91e	11	12.65	-.01	+3.2
Petrobras	.46e	...	17.10	-.09	-12.2
Pfizer	**.96f**	**15**	**28.25**	**+.06**	**+12.6**
PioNtrl	.08	85	127.67	+.03	+19.8
PlainsAA s	**2.25f**	**23**	**54.42**	**+.08**	**+20.3**
PwShs QQQ	.81e	...	68.97	+.20	+5.9
Praxair	**2.40f**	**20**	**113.44**	**-.20**	**+3.6**
PrmEgy	**...**	**9**	**27.75**	**+.76**	**+20.7**
PrUVxST rs	...	...	8.13	-.73	-61.1
ProctGam	**2.25**	**20**	**77.35**	**+.17**	**+13.9**
RadianGrp	.01	...	10.09	+.56	+65.1
RangeRs	.16	...	79.32	+.48	+26.2
RegionsFn	.04	12	8.31	+.16	+16.5
RschMotn	...	29	14.90	+1.84	+25.5
Rowan	...	26	34.70	+.13	+11.0
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	66.15	-.02	-4.1
SpdrDJIA	3.37e	...	144.36	+.60	+10.6
S&P500ETF	3.10e	...	156.03	+.59	+9.6
SabnR	3.59e	13	46.96	+1.06	+18.0
SanderFm	**.68**	**22**	**53.71**	**-.04**	**+13.0**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**5.90**	**+.09**	**-7.1**
Sapient	**...**	**26**	**12.14**	**-.12**	**+15.0**
Schlmbrg	1.25f	19	77.78	-.18	+12.2
SigmaAld	**.86f**	**21**	**78.88**	**+.05**	**+7.2**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SiriusXM	.05e	6	3.20	-.01	+10.7
Smucker	2.08	21	97.39	+.15	+12.9
SprintNex	...	...	5.86	-.02	+3.4
SPDR Fncl	.26e	...	18.38	+.14	+12.1
SunocoLog	2.18f	16	67.75	+.23	+36.2
TelefEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.43**	**-.07**	**+7.0**
Tesoro	.80f	11	57.50	-.90	+30.5
3M Co	2.54f	17	105.81	+.10	+14.0
Torchmark	**.88f**	**11**	**58.78**	**+.43**	**+14.1**
TriContl	**.69e**	**...**	**17.59**	**-.01**	**+9.5**
TylerTech	**...**	**59**	**50.62**	**-1.22**	**+21.0**
UBWV	**1.24**	**17**	**26.50**	**+.08**	**+8.9**
Vale SA	1.15e	...	18.59	-.04	-11.3
ValeroE	.80f	12	43.72	-1.78	+28.1
VangEmg	.99e	...	44.22	-.20	-.7
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**54.64**	**-.08**	**+5.0**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**19**	**41.28**	**+.64**	**+11.5**
WellsFargo	1.00f	11	37.13	+.63	+8.6
WstnRefin	.48f	9	37.18	-1.09	+31.9
WstnUnion	.50	9	14.57	-.06	+7.1
WhitingPet	...	14	50.43	...	+16.3
WmsCos	1.36f	26	35.03	+.32	+7.0
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**16**	**29.00**	**+.03**	**+8.8**
Xerox	**.23f**	**9**	**8.68**	**-.05**	**+27.0**
Yahoo	...	7	22.60	-.30	+13.6
Zynga	...	...	3.93	+.36	+66.6

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
14,413.17	12,035.09	Dow Jones Industrials	14,447.29	+50.22	+.35	+10.25	+11.49
6,188.58	4,795.28	Dow Jones Transportation	6,151.12	+7.84	+.12	+15.91	+19.57
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	490.15	+1.67	+.34	+8.18	+6.57
9,089.59	7,222.86	NYSE Composite	9,082.24	+27.79	+.31	+7.56	+12.32
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,432.34	+19.15	+.79	+3.25	+.96
3,248.70	2,726.68	Nasdaq Composite	3,252.87	+8.50	+.26	+7.73	+9.02
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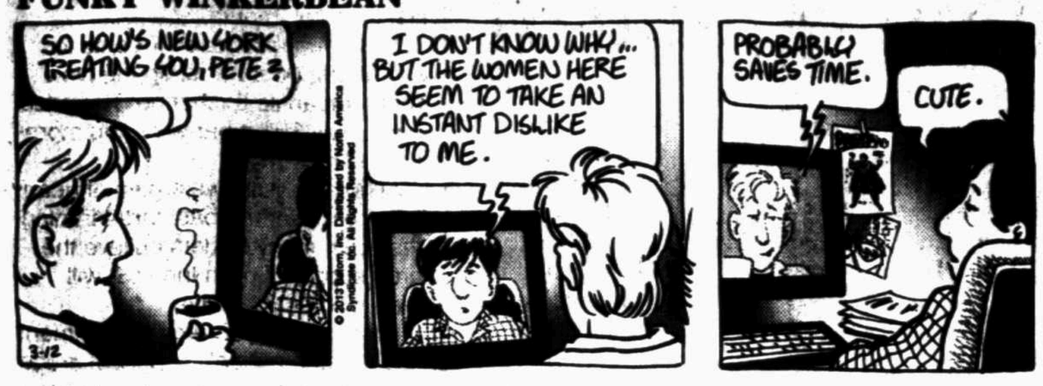

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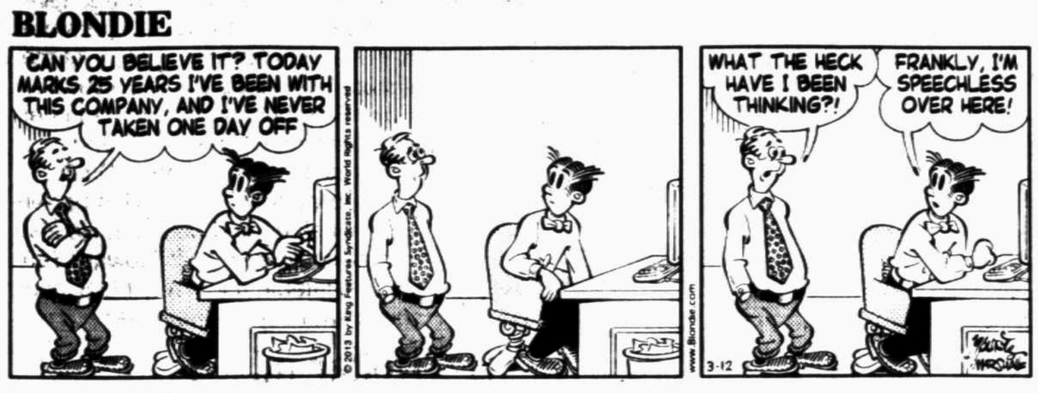

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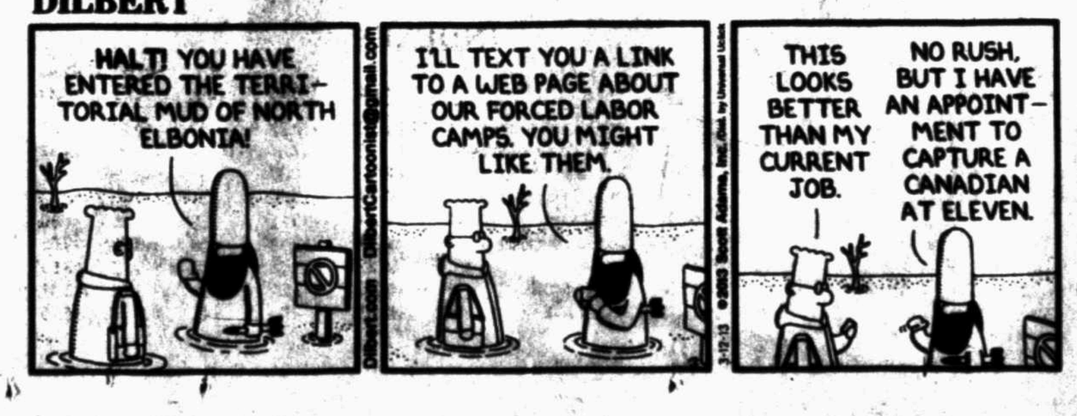

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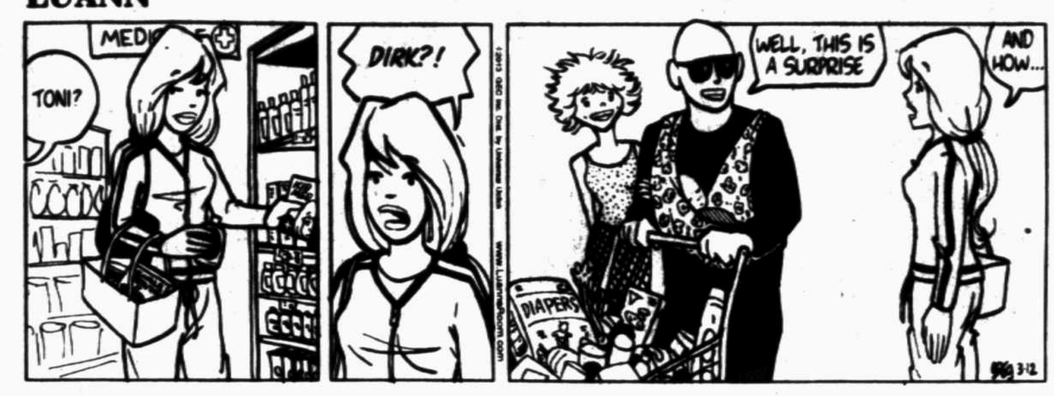

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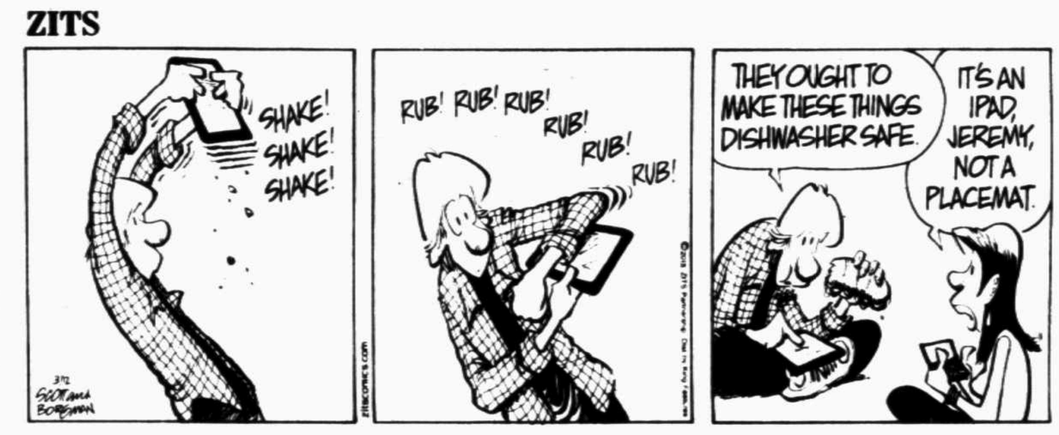

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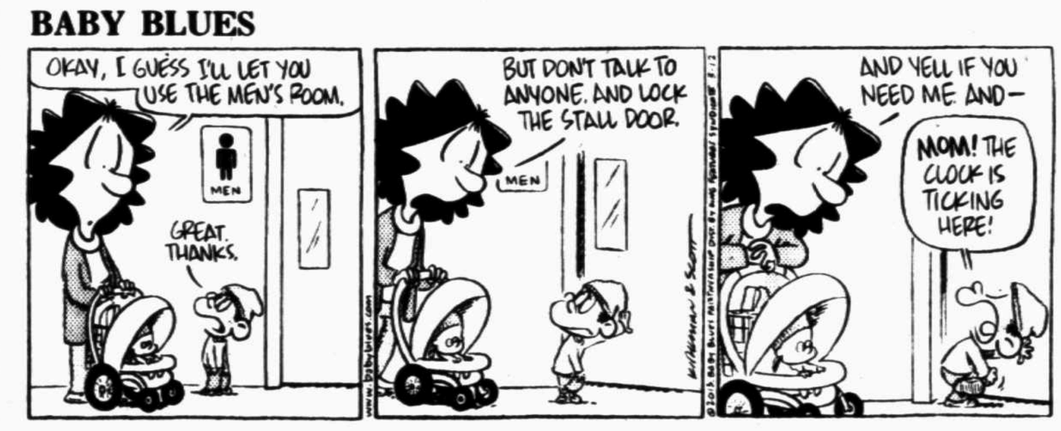

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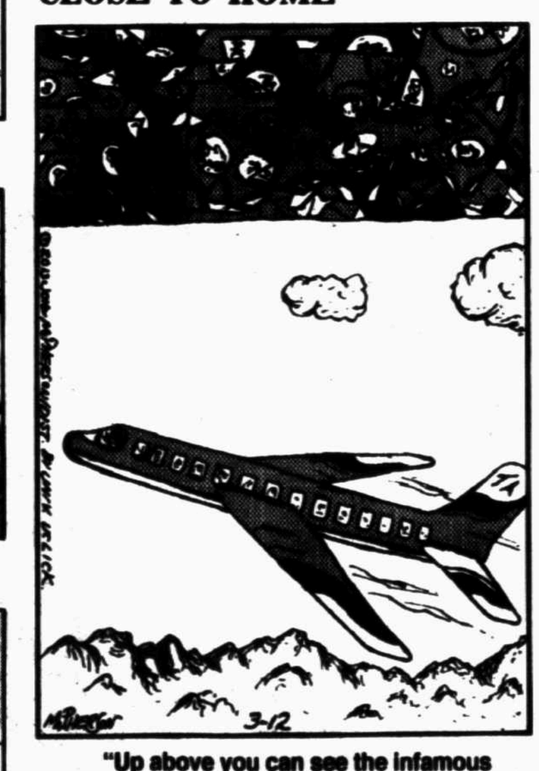

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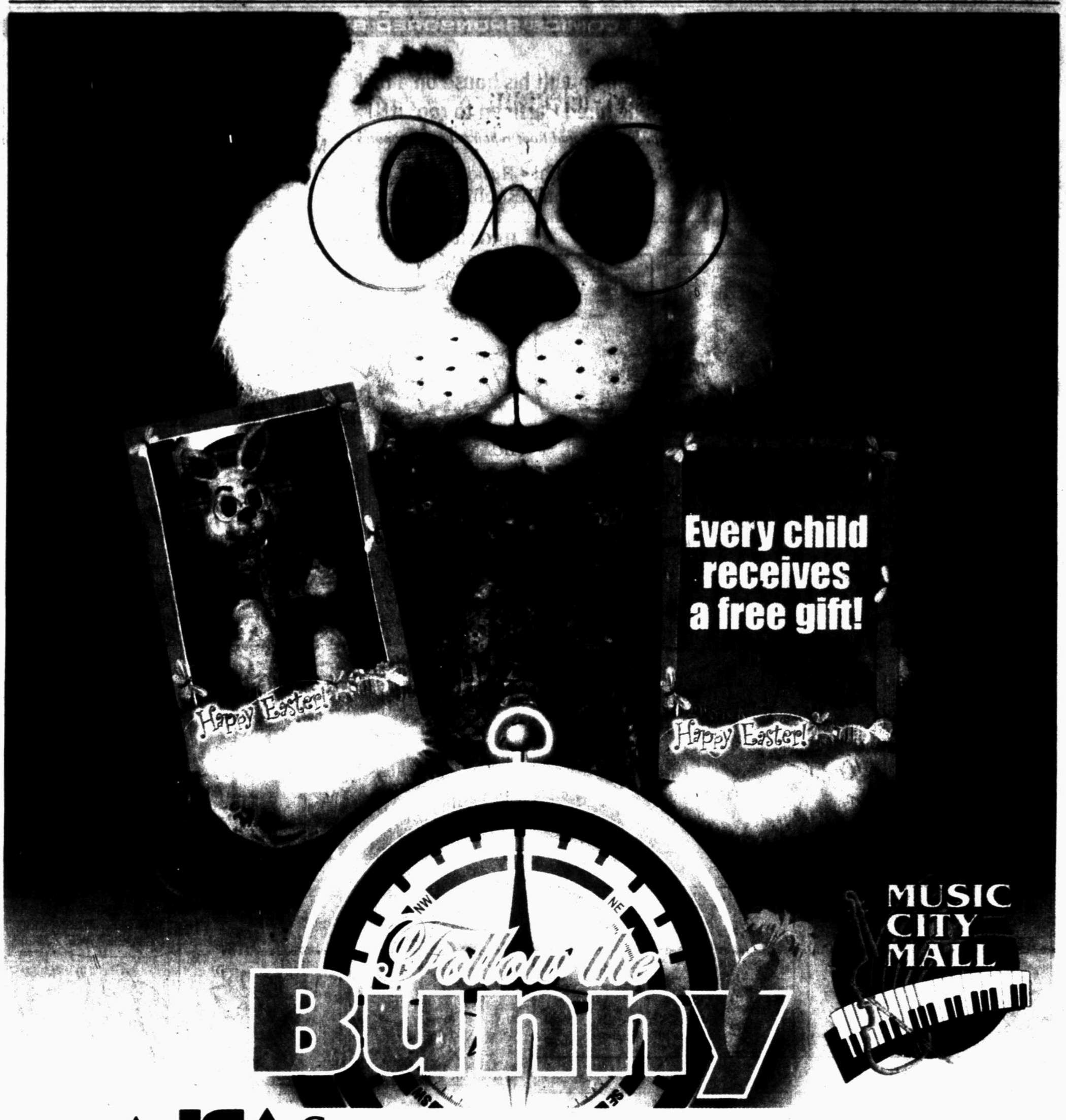

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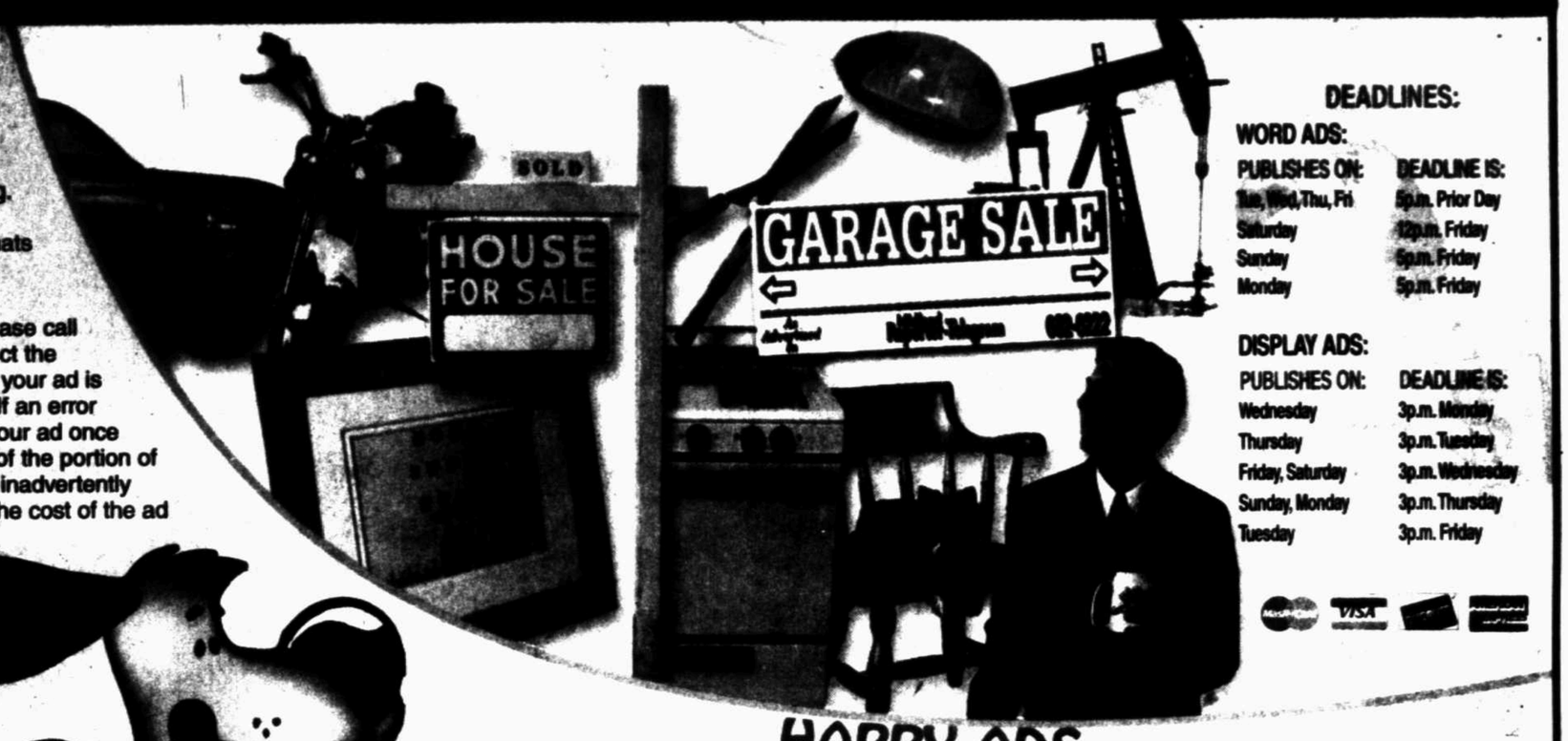

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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donella Kay Bennett, Deceased, were issued on February 27, 2013, in Cause No. P-17,363, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Donna Gayle Miller, Independent Executor, whose address is P.O. Box 98571 Lubbock, Texas 79499.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 8th day of March, 2013.
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A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 2776
Midland, Texas 79702
(432) 684-5782
(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: /s/ Whitney Savage Ellis
State Bar No. 24083795
Jerry D. Zant
State Bar No. 22245460
Attorneys for Independent Executor

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN EARNEST PASS, JR., DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Earnest, Jr., Deceased, were issued in Cause No. P17351 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 1st day of March, 2013, to Diann G. Pass, Independent Executor.

The post office address of the Independent Executor for the purposes of filing claims is as follows:
Diann G. Pass, Independent Executor
Estate of John Earnest, Jr., Deceased
4903 Rustic Trail
Midland, Texas 79707

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Executor at the post office address above within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 4th day of March, 2013.

Michael D. Cropper
Attorney for the Executor

Lost & Found

BLACK SCHNAUZER mixed found near Andrews Highway and Cuthbert. Call 432-352-5728.

FOUND BEFORE Thanksgiving a ladies engagement ring. Call to identify. 432-312-4373.

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FOUND FEMALE Pomeranian well taken care of, found 03/09/13 Missouri @ Elm. 432-687-5857

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FOUND MALE black dog in the vicinity of Thomason Dr. & Thornridge. 689-0702.

FOUND MALE Boston Terrier in the vicinity of Burnett Elementary. Call 432-416-1617.

FOUND MALE Boxer puppy near Midland Memorial Hospital on 3/05/13. 432-528-5217

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FOUND RED male Husky at Hogan Park. Call to identify 432-683-5522.

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silver/oyster
Prem pkg,Heated seats, rear shades 3100 miles

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White/Tan
Prem 2 pkg,old weather pkg, Conv. Pkg, heated seats 14,500 miles

2008 BMW 328i
Alpine white/Tan
Prem,sat, nav,hi fi ,heated seats 61k

2012 X5 50i
Silver/Beige
Sport pkg,
Prem sound,
20" wheels, 18k miles

2012 BMW 328i
Mineral/blk
Prem pkg,ski, heated seats 4,300 miles

2012 BMW 528xi
Alpine white/blk
Prem, tech pkg, tinted windows
Custom 20" wheels 9k miles

2010 BMW mX3 3.0L
Black, Rear entertainment, prem pkg CPO 34k miles

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Diesel, Alpine white/Saddle
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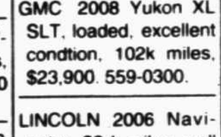

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Midland, TX 79702
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Builders & Homeowners Supply FT
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Midland, TX 79701
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GUPPY LOVE

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Guppies use ugly friends to seem more attractive

By Raphael Satter
Associated Press

LONDON —

When it comes to mating, guppies treasure their ugly friends — because they look so good by comparison.

An article published last month by Britain's Royal Society says that male guppies prefer to associate with their drab-colored counterparts when females were around.

"Males actively choose the social context that maximizes their relative attractiveness," the article said. Or, as lead author Clelia Gasparini put it, "If you are surrounded by ugly friends, you look better."

Gasparini and her colleagues at Italy's University of Padua built their theory on a kind of guppy dating game. An aquarium was set up with one female in partition on either end. Guppy bachelorette No. 1 had two attractive, brightly-colored males placed on either side of her. Guppy bachelorette No. 2 was stuck with uglier, drab-colored fish.

When a male guppy was put in the middle of the tank, and given the choice of which female to sidle up to, Bachelorette No. 2 was the more popular pick, with male guppies spending about 62 percent of their time hanging around her side of the aquarium.

What's more, the researchers found that the time guppies spent with bachelorette No. 2 correlated with their unattractiveness. The uglier the guppy, the less likely it was that he would hang around the brightly colored fish placed next to bachelorette No. 1.

Because it could be argued that that guppies avoided their brightly colored pals because attractive fish were more aggressive, or because predators were more likely to spot them, the experiment was repeated. Researchers ran it without any females, and again with the lights in the male enclosures turned down so that the test guppies couldn't see them.

Gasparini, who's now a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Western Australia, said the extra experiments helped confirm her theory. But she was cagey when asked whether the results from the aquarium could be applied to a night out at the bar.

"Usually in my research we don't really compare humans and animals," she said, chuckling.

Oh, come on. If this works for guppies — small fish popular for use in home aquariums — shouldn't it work for guys?

She admitted that she had seen this same tactic work "pretty well" for humans.

If you hang out "with someone better looking than you, sure, you have less chance to be picked up," she said. "If you want to impress someone, do you think you will look more attractive in comparison with Mr. Bean or George Clooney?"

In a more serious moment, Gasparini said the comparison between guppies and humans was hard to resist. But human dating tricks were far harder to measure.

A subject for further study, then.

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DVDs on the way out

Dear PropellerHeads: I gave some of my friends some movies on DVD for Christmas. I got that awkward look you give your Granny when she hands you $2 for your birthday. What gives?

A: First, watch what you say about my Granny. She makes great bread pudding and $2 used to buy a lot of ribbon candy.

The reason for the awkward look is that DVDs are dead. At least they are for most of us. What? You don't believe me?

Think CDs a few years back. If you are like most of us, you still have hundreds of CDs you have been collecting for years stored in a box. You have long since copied your best cuts to your favorite MP3 player/tablet/phone. A few years ago you noticed there was no reason to buy another CD. Did you notice you still got (or get) the occasional CD from a friend? Welcome to the club.

According to Digital Music News (digitalmusicnews.com), CDs arrived in 1984, peaked in 2000, and are quickly disappearing. More important for the music industry is the lack of album sales compared to skyrocketing single sales (downloads).

The only CD you should buy is the one they sell in the lobby of the concert for your first date in case the song she likes becomes "your song".

DVDs are just a step behind CDs in disappearing sales. According to SNL Kagan (snl.com), sales have dropped 44 percent in the last two years. DVDs first appeared in 1995. For years now, we have been gleefully buying our favorite movies in high definition, Blu-ray or 3D.

After you bought your first DVD player (to replace your VCR), you started renting, then buying your favorite movies. As the prices for even new releases plunged, your collection continued to grow. In addition to owning and lending your collection, you get those treasured movie extras.

So, when did you buy your last movie on DVD? For me, it was three years ago. That's when video-on-demand (VOD) became commonplace on DirecTV, DISH Network and cable. You also likely signed up for Netflix, Amazon Video, Hulu+, or a similar streaming service in the last couple of years. Now you have a massive video library at your fingertips for about $80 a year, available whenever it suits you on your desktop, laptop, tablet or TV. VOD has decimated DVD sales.

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There is another factor to declining DVD sales: bootlegging. The DVD sales figures are artificially low because of widespread illegal copying of movies. Estimates are that bootlegged and illegal copies account for more than $6 billion in lost ticket and DVD sales to Hollywood. So, while DVD sales are quickly drying up, the numbers are a little skewed since many of your friends are OK with buying stolen copies. I am not.

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