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Gun sales soar again after Nov. 6 election

Gun, ammo sales are twice as high as they were this time last year

By Anna M. Tinsley
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Michael Hill has been stockpiling guns and ammunition for almost a decade.

But he's not done — not since President Barack Obama was re-elected this month.

In a continuing trend that alarms gun control proponents, Hill and thousands of other Americans are buying up ammo, handguns and other firearms, citing concerns that Obama might push new regulations in his second term or that U.N. agreements might infringe on the U.S. gun market.

"I have purchased more since the election," said Hill, 49, of Watauga. "I hear a lot of buzz about … putting more restrictions in place.

"There's a lot of paranoia out there," he said. "But (Obama) has nothing to lose now because he won't be re-elected again."

Gun and ammo sales locally are on the rise — about twice as high as they were this time last year — even though sales can't match the mad rush that cleared out many gun stores after Obama was elected in 2008.

Weapon and ammunition shortages could be on the horizon if gun lovers keep up this pace.

Gun control advocates say they don't understand the rush to stock up on firearms, ammunition, magazines and more.

"I personally think it's very silly," said Marsha McCartney, a spokeswoman for the Texas chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "The president has not done anything in four

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Daniel Scott, from left, looks through the scope of Stay Safe owner and retired police Sgt. Michial Dunlap's factory built Sabre M-4 rifle, during the Silver Spur Gun & Knife Show at the Midland County Horseshoe in July.

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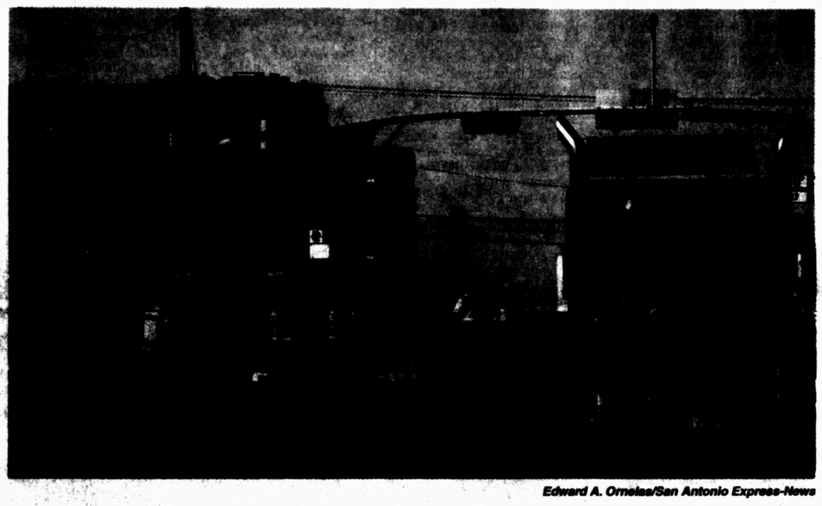

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Officials take part in a sight distance test on Nov. 20 at the intersection of the Union Pacific railroad tracks on South Garfield Street where a Union Pacific train struck a parade float.

Suit targets railroad, trucking company

■ Truck driver was not listed as a defendant but might be named later, attorney says.

By Sara Higgins
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Lawyers representing two victims and their spouses officially filed a lawsuit Wednesday after the Nov. 15 train wreck that claimed the lives of four veterans during the Show of Support parade in Midland.

Union Pacific Railroad and Smith Industries Inc. were named as defendants in the lawsuit, which was filed in Midland County District Court by Lubbock-based personal injury attorney Kevin Glasheen of Glasheen, Valles & Inderman and Kansas-based attorney Bob Pottroff of Pottroff Law Office.

Smith Industries donated the truck for use in the parade, and the driver is an employee of the company. But the driver was not listed as a defendant, although he may be named as the lawsuit moves farther along, Glasheen said.

The plaintiffs are Sgt. 1st Class Richard Sanchez and his wife, Heather, both of Fort Carson, Colo., and Staff Sgt. Todd King and his wife, Laci, who are listed as Bexar County residents in the lawsuit.

The firm represents "several" other injured veterans and their wives and has talked with other attorneys about consolidating action, Glasheen said. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday with the intention of preserving evidence, he said.

"Ultimately, I expect most of the injured parties to be involved in the process one way or another," he said.

The lawsuit alleges that Union Pacific failed to provide "reasonable and timely" warnings of an approaching train, both audibly and visually. The lawsuit also notes Union Pacific's alleged failures to provide a safe railroad crossing and failure to work with state and local authorities to establish an open line of communication in regards to the crossing's characteristics, among several other allegations.

Plans released by Texas Department of Transportation to the San Antonio Express-News on Wednesday showed that when work at the crossing was completed in 1991, the system was designed for a maximum train speed of 25 mph.

According to the design plan, the signal circuits "are designed to give 30 seconds operation prior to arrival of the fastest train at this crossing plus 5 seconds added for instrument lag."

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I think it was a tragic accident and people need appropriate time to morn and move on ... clear their heads and then they'll see how petty they are being. No amount of money is going to bring their loved ones back. Still praying for those families.
— Marie Immenhauser

Sad, but predictable. I agree with Marie, this was an accident. Unfortunately, the first reaction is to place blame and sue.
— Dean Eggleston Reeple

People got killed. Somebody made a mistake and will have to pay for this. The driver of the truck is the main one, I know it was an accident but he left his trailer on the tracks — something you never-never do. He may have wanted to keep the group togather,but he should have waited. It's a bad case of human error.
— John Miller

I hope Union Pacific fights this law suit. The lawyers are just looking for a big payday for themselves and could care less about the victims.
— Bill Scott

I don't think they should be sued. If anything it's the city's fault. One, they didn't get a permit for the parade, two, the city didn't notify the train station letting them know there would be a parade going across the tracks, and three, the police should have had more supervision on the floats and waited long enough before they let the other float sit there and get hit.
— Noel Brust

The one responsible is the truck driver failing to yield to the train by not respecting the bells and lights when he preceeded to enter the crossing ... parade or not he should have Stopped and Looked.

Second person is whoever was in charge of clearing his path and failed to do so by not filing the appropriate permit and notifying the railroad. These lawyers are seeing the money and are taking full advantage.
— Ann Cardova

Texans find what might be biggest black hole

By Eric Berger
Houston Chronicle

Although Texas astronomers have spied what may be the largest black hole ever found, they're intrigued not so much by its size, but where it lies.

The black hole rests in the center of a disk-shaped galaxy smaller than our own Milky Way, surprising scientists who didn't figure to find something that big in a modestly sized galaxy.

According to observations made with the University of Texas at Austin's Hobby-Eberly Telescope, the giant black hole scientists found is 11 times wider than Neptune's orbit around the sun. Put another way, it's about 4,000 times larger than the black hole at the heart of the Milky Way.

Based upon what astronomers think they know about galaxies, it shouldn't be there.

"We don't understand how to make such a massive black hole in such a puny galaxy," said Karl Gebhardt, one of the University of Texas astronomers who made the discovery.

Black holes are black because their escape velocity — the speed an object

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John Paul's artifacts to come to US

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Artifacts and memorabilia of Pope John Paul II are coming to Lubbock and two other U.S. cities next year.

A Lubbock-based organization managing the U.S. stops says the exhibit will have items from throughout the popular pope's life, from his childhood in Poland through his death in 2005.

The nonprofit National Exhibits Association is to announce the other cities and ticket information at a news conference today.

The exhibit called "I Have Come to You Again" opens in Lubbock on March 15. It's to have about 130 items, including historic documents, personal belongings, artwork John Paul collected, gifts and art objects given to him.

The pontiff's successor, Benedict XVI, beatified John Paul last year. Beatification in the Roman Catholic Church is the last major step before sainthood.

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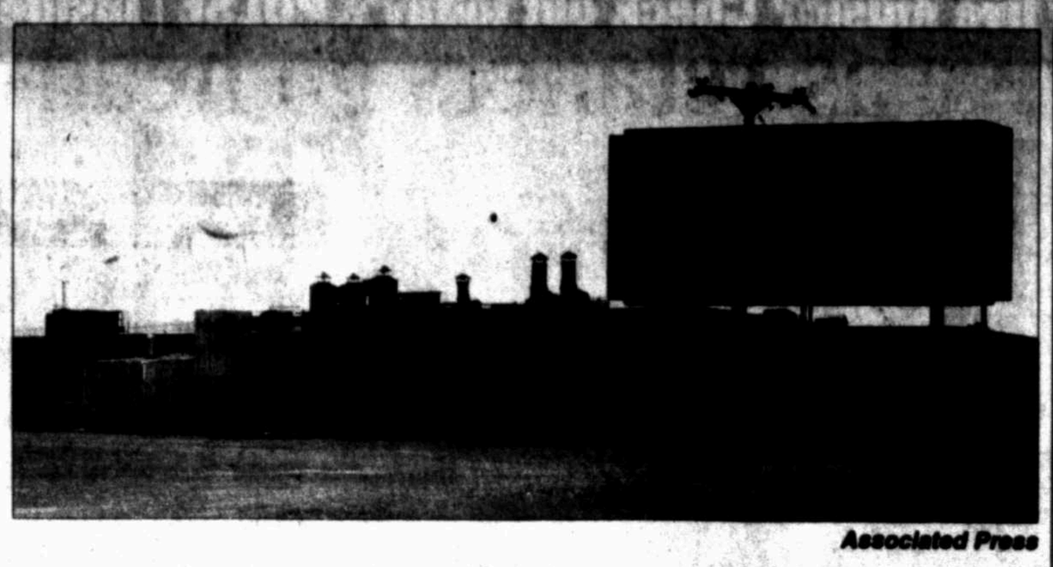

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The Sunland Inc. peanut butter and nut processing plant, above, is located in eastern New Mexico, near Portales, and has been shuttered since late September due to a salmonella outbreak that sickened dozens.

PEANUT BUTTER

Plant closure angers NM town

Associated Press

PORTALES, N.M. — Farmers in a revered peanut-growing region along the New Mexico-Texas border should be celebrating one of the best harvests in recent memory.

Instead, millions of pounds of their prized sweet Valencia peanuts sit in barns at a peanut butter plant shuttered for two months amid a salmonella outbreak that sickened 41 people in 20 states.

Farmers are worried about getting paid for their peanuts, nearly a third the plant's 150 workers have been laid off, and residents wonder what toll an increasingly contentious showdown between the nation's largest organic peanut butter plant and federal regulators could ultimately have on the region's economy.

The tension boiled over when the Food and Drug Administration on Monday said it was suspending Sunland Inc.'s registration to operate because of repeated safety violations, meaning the plant will remain indefinitely shut down as the company appeals the decision. The company had planned to reopen some of its operations this week after voluntarily recalling hundreds of products and closing its processing and peanut butter plants in late September and early October.

Many in this flat, dusty and solidly Republican farm town of about 20,000 denounce the FDA's tactics as unfair and unnecessarily heavy-handed — and become defensive about the shutdown of the largest private employer in town.

"We had the best crop in years, and then these (expletives) came in and started this," said resident and local telecomm worker Boyd Evans.

For the first time ever, the FDA is using authority granted under a 2011 food safety law signed by President Barack Obama that allows the agency to shut food operations without a court hearing.

The FDA said inspectors found samples of salmonella in 28 different locations in the plant, in 13 nut butter samples and in one sample of raw peanuts. Inspectors found improper handling of the products, unclean equipment and uncovered trailers of peanuts outside the facility that were exposed to rain and birds. Inspectors also said employees did not have access to hand-washing sinks, and dirty hands had direct contact with ready-to-package peanuts.

The FDA has inspected the plant at least four times over the past five years, each time finding violations. Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, said the agency's inspections after the outbreak found even worse problems than what had been seen there before.

The salmonella outbreak was traced to Trader Joe's peanut butter produced at the plant. Sunland produces products for a number of national grocery and retail chains, and New Mexico Peanut Growers Association President Wayne Baker says the industry generates about $60 million in the region each year.

Business booms at US-Mexico livestock crossing

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Sun-News

SANTA TERESA, N.M. — If you visit Mexico, when you wish to cross north back across the border into the United States, you'll need a passport.

There are others, though, that, once they pass a physical inspection, can just run right across.

On any given day at the Santa Teresa International Export/Import Livestock Crossing, hundreds and even thousands of head of cattle come through a gate in the fence that marks the border between the U.S. and Mexico. This year, Daniel Manzanares, director of the facility, said he expects to break the 400,000 head of cattle mark, the most ever.

"That'd be a record," Manzanares said. He said more than $200 million worth of cattle passes through the crossing — which literally straddles the international border — each year.

The facility, which is 21 years old and 35 acres in size, can hold as many as 4,400 head of cattle on any given day.

Manzanares came on board five years ago when much of the facility looked like desert. Now, there are rows and rows of pens and throughways for the cattle to be driven or culled.

In the past five years, more than $1 million in infrastructure improvements have been put into the facility, which is owned by a co-op of Mexican ranchers, the Union Ganadera Regional De Chihuahua CO-OP Inc.

NM deputy shooting nabs 'person of interest'

Associated Press

HOBBS — A man arrested in the shooting of a Lea County sheriff's deputy is a person of interest in two recent Chaves County murders.

KRQE-TV reported that Chaves County Sheriff's Department says Juan Uribe-Vidal is a person of interest in a double homicide case that claimed the life of 48-year-old Mark Walters. The name of the other victim has not been released. Uribe-Vidal and James Gomez were arrested last week for aggravated battery and aggravated assault on a police officer after deputies say they shot at authorities serving a search warrant.

Authorities said Lea County Sheriff's Sgt. Michael Tovar was shot in the arm and neck. He was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital, where he was treated and released.

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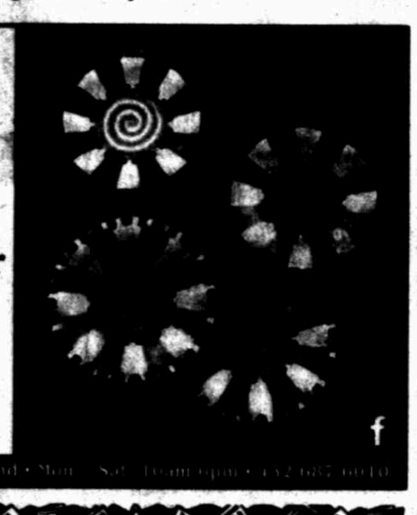

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Shoppers can save as retailers go head-to-head

Associated Press

This holiday season, the hottest trend among retailers isn't found on a store shelf. It's taking place at the cash register.

Major retailers, from Best Buy to Toys R Us, are promising to match their competitors' prices. Generally customers just need to bring in an advertisement or printout to prove that the same item is available elsewhere at a lower price. In some cases, shoppers can come back with a receipt and get a refund for the difference if the price of an item they bought fell.

Best Buy Co. Inc., Target Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Sears Inc. offer price matching to customers all year round. But what's different now is that Best Buy and Target are matching online retailers such as Amazon.com for the first time. That's a big deal, since online prices tend to be lower than those at stores.

Shoppers will be able to save some extra money, but they're going to have to read a lot of fine print to do so.

"Price matching sounds good, but there are so many exclusions, it sometimes isn't as good as it sounds," says Edgar Dworsky, the founder of ConsumerWorld.org, which tracks deals for shoppers.

For instance, Target limits the number of online retailers that it will price match against to just five. Best Buy has selected 20, but only matched online prices from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 and Nov. 27 to Dec. 24.

Toys R Us is offering price matching for the first time and will only match prices that customers find in other brick-and-mortar stores. Walmart also matches against in-store prices.

Toys R Us, Best Buy, Sears and Target say they will match prices found on their own websites. It's not uncommon for retailers to offer steeper discounts online than in their actual stores. (But Toys R Us says it won't match prices on its own website if the item is marked as an "online-only price.")

Associated Press

Sale signs are displayed at a Target store in Colma, Calif, on Black Friday.

Even the most experienced bargain hunters can get tripped up by all the rules. But shoppers can save some money if they're diligent.

"It really is a way to save money and shop at the store you want instead of one that's inconvenient," says Dworsky.

Here are five ways to get the most out of price matching offers:

1. Know the policy

If you want to take advantage of a price match offer, read the store's policy closely. You can find the guidelines on the store's website. Print out the policy and bring it with you. Having a hard copy will be helpful if you need to argue your case.

"Know their policy backwards or you may be bluffed into thinking something doesn't qualify," says Dworsky.

2. Bring proof

Always bring the advertisement or the printed web page for the item you want to price match. Walmart doesn't require bringing the ad because it says cashiers have access to all local advertisements. But Dworsky recommends bringing ads in anyway. If there's any confusion, you'll be better prepared to make your case no matter where you shop.

The cashiers and customer representatives are always looking for a reason not to approve the transaction, says Dworsky.

3. Save receipts

Some retailers will give you money back if you see a lower price after you buy an item. Keep a hold of your receipts and, particularly for big-ticket items, continue to look for lower prices.

Best Buy will issue refunds until the end of January. Toys R Us lets you seek a refund up to seven days after buying an item. Sears customers can get a refund after 14 days. Target is letting customer's price match against brick-and-mortar retailers until Dec. 24 for any item bought after Nov. 1. You can only ask Target to match the price of an online retailer until Dec. 16.

4. Go straight to customer service

Many retailers have hired cashiers specifically for the holiday rush, so the new employees may not be up-to-speed on the store's price matching policy. Heather Wheeler, who runs savings website TheKrazyCouponLady.com, recommends handling the transaction at the customer service desk instead on the cashier.

"(Those staffers are) trained a little more and are more knowledgeable," says Wheeler.

5. Look beyond retailers

You can also price match depending on how you pay. EBay Inc.'s payment processer, PayPal, promises to match a lower price if you've already made a purchase using the service.

That includes airline tickets. PayPal will match the prices of retailers that don't let customers use PayPal, however.

Just fill out a form and upload a receipt when you find a lower price. PayPal will give you back up to $1,000 for all purchases made until Dec. 31.

You should also ask your credit card company to see if it offers price matching. It's rare, but there are a few cards that do.

Price matching rules at a glance

Major retailers, from Best Buy to Target to Toys R Us, are promising to match their competitors' prices. Payment processor PayPal and Citi are also jumping in on the trend. Here's a rundown of the rules. Check a store's website to get the complete terms.

BEST BUY

The basics: The electronics retailer will match the price of any local competitor all year long. The match can be sought at the register and must be within the normal return and exchange period. The electronics retailer is expanding its rules during the holidays to apply to several online sellers for the first time.

Online retailers: Best Buy will match lower prices on appliances and electronic hardware products only, such as TVs, tablets and MP3 players. The retailer will only match the prices of 20 websites. They are: Amazon.com, Apple.com, BHphotovideo.com, Buy.com, CircuitCity.com, CompUSA.com, Crutchfield.com, Dell.com, Hhgregg.com, HP.com, HomeDepot.com, Lowes.com, Newegg.com, OfficeDepot.com, Officemax.com, Sears.com, Staples.com, Target.com, TigerDirect.com, and Walmart.com.

Deadlines: Customers can price match against local competitors within the return and exchange period (check your receipt for when that is). Customers can match against online prices until Jan. 24, on products bought before Dec. 24.

Full policy: http://www.bestbuy.com/pricematch

TARGET

The basics: The discount retailer matches the prices of local competitors year round, but it's expanding its policy for the holidays to apply to online retailers and target.com for the first time.

Online retailers: Target will match against five online sellers. They are Amazon.com, Walmart.com, BestBuy.com, ToysRUs.com and BabiesRUs.com.

Deadlines: Customers can seek price matches for local brick-and-mortar competitors for items bought between Nov. 1 and Dec. 24. Target's offer to match online prices ends Dec. 16.

Full policy: http://corporate.target.com/about/shopping-experience/our-low-price-promise

TOYS R US

The basics: The toy seller is matching prices for the first time this holiday season.

Price match retailers: Toys R Us will not match online prices, with the exception of its own sites, ToysRUs.com and BabiesRUs.com -- as long as the purchase doesn't state that it is an "online-only price."

Deadlines: Ends Dec. 24. Customers have seven days after a purchase to seek a refund.

Full policy: http://www.toysrus.com/pricematch

WAL-MART

The basics: The discount retailer is keeping its year-round price matching policy unchanged. The company doesn't require customers to bring in the advertisement, but experts recommend bringing it anyway, just in case.

Online retailers: Not available.

Deadlines: Available year-round, but will only do so at the register.

The basics: http://corporate.walmart.com/ad-match-guarantee

SEARS

The basics: The department store is keeping its year-round price matching policy unchanged over the holidays.

Online retailers: Sears will only matches local competitor's prices found online. Does not match online-only retailers.

Deadlines: The program runs all year long. Customers can price match up to 14 days after the purchase.

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■ Family Science Night: "Forces of Nature," 6:30-8 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Admission: Free.

■ UTPB Holiday Musical Celebration, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N FM. 1788. Admission: Free. Call: 552-4430

Club meeting today

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ Tall City 14:

Closed today: No films closing

Opening Friday: "Killing Them Softly"

Saturday: 11:55 a.m. Metropolitan Opera Live: "La Clemenza di Tito." Tickets: $24 adults, $22 seniors and $18 children.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. "Nutcracker Ballet." Russian Imperial Mariinsky Theatre. Tickets: $12.50.

■ Big Sky Drive-In:

Closed today: "Here Comes the Boom"

Opening Friday: "Fight"

Notice: Big Sky is showing Monday Night Football every Monday during the season for free on Screen 2.

■ ODESSA: Century 12 is showing Christmas films on Wednesday:

"A Christmas Story" (1983), 2 and 7 p.m. Wednesday; "Home Alone," 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 12; and "It's A Wonderful Life," 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 19.

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

Community Calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 20.

This month's featured book is "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search."

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

■ Camp Fire West Texas is offering a winter camp for children 5 to 12 from Dec. 27 through Jan. 8 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The cost is $60 a week. The camp will operate 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each weekday. Kids must bring their lunch; snacks will be provided by Camp Fire.

Registration begins Monday. For more information, call 570-4144.

CAF hosts Navy Seal dog, cook-off

The CAF Airpower Museum, CAF High Sky Wing and EAA Chapter 123 will host a chili cook-off, fly-in and Bella the Navy SEAL dog Saturday.

Those who bring a new, unwrapped toy can earn free admission to the cook-off and seminar featuring Bella.

The chili cook-off will begin at 9 a.m. Judging begins at 11:30 a.m., and winners will be announced around noon.

At 12:45 p.m., the CAF's Above & Beyond Seminar Series features Bella, who served in the special forces for three years.

Lastly, the EAA Young Eagles program will be giving free flights to children ages 8-18. Flights last between 15 and 20 minutes. Once back on the ground, there will be additional time for questions about the flight. Riders must have parental consent. Rides are on a first come, first serve basis and weather permitting.

Visit www.airpowermuseum.org for more information.

Midland posts fifth lowest jobless rate

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday that Midland had the fifth lowest unemployment rate in October. Midland's jobless rate (3.3 percent) trailed the North Dakota cities of Bismarck (2.2), Fargo (2.8) and Grand Forks (3.1). Lincoln, Neb., was fourth at 3.3 percent. In September, Midland had tied for the sixth lowest rate. See Sunday's Your City page for more information.

Concert tickets to help the veterans

Fifteen percent of ticket sales purchased by Friday for Gregg Allman's Jan. 5 show at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center will be donated to help the families.

Tickets can be purchased from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center Box Office, online at wagnernoel.com or by calling Etix at 800-514-3849. The promoter responsible for this donation wishes to remain anonymous.

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 1-4-3
Daily 4 day: 1-7-7-2
Daily 4 night: 0-6-8-4
Cash Five: 1-18-25-30-31
Powerball: 5-16-22-23-29 PB: 6
Lotto Texas: 1-8-18-19-25-47
All or Nothing (morning): 3-6-9-10-12-14-15-16-17-20-21-22
All or Nothing (day): 4-5-9-10-11-15-16-17-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-6-7-12-13-18-19-20-21-22-24
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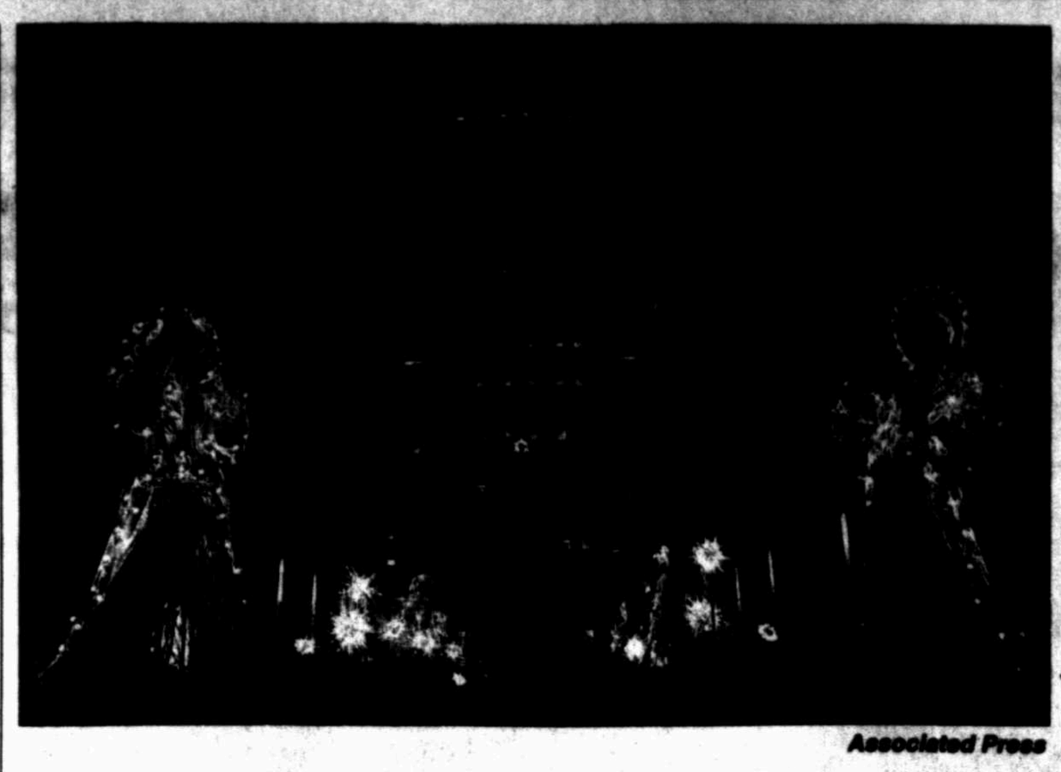
Today in history

Today is Thursday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2012. There are 32 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut at Andy Capp's Tavern in Sunnyvale, Calif.



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Angels decorations frame the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree after it was lit during the 80th annual tree lighting ceremony at Rockefeller Center in New York on Wednesday.

TREE LIGHTING

NJ spruce lights up at Rockefeller Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An 80-foot Norway spruce that made it through Superstorm Sandy was transformed into a beacon of shimmering glory Wednesday when New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and others turned its lights on at Rockefeller Center.

Thousands of onlookers crowded behind barricades on the streets that surrounded the center during the traditional tree-lighting ceremony for the Christmas holiday season. A video screen projected an image of the tree for those who did not have a direct line of sight.

"It makes me want to sing and dance," said Zuri Young, who came several hours early with her boyfriend to watch the lighting for the first time.

"I've heard a lot about it. I was kind of sick of staying home and watching it on television," the 19-year-old nursing student from Queens said.

Illuminated by more than 30,000 lights, the tree from the Mount Olive, N.J., home of Joe Balku was topped by a Swarovski star. The 10-ton tree had been at the homestead for years, measuring about 22-feet tall in 1973 when Balku bought the house. Wednesday, its girth reached about 50 feet in diameter.

"It's an experience that I cannot get back home," said Freyja Shairp, a 22-year-old from Sydney, Australia, who is working in the U.S. temporarily. She said she hadn't planned to come, but was in the neighborhood.

Standing next to her was Donna D'Agostino, 48, and her 17-year-old daughter. She said she lived in New York City her whole life and decided this was the year she was going to see the lighting.

"It's a bucket list item," said D'Agostino. "I think it starts the whole season."

Balku lost power and other trees during the Oct. 29 storm at his residence about an hour outside of Manhattan. The spruce survived, and Erik Pauze, the head gardener at Tishman Speyer, one of the owners of Rockefeller Center, picked out the tree. He said he found it by accident when he got lost while returning to the city on a tree hunting expedition.

"It wasn't even on our list. It was a good find," Pauze said.

Pauze said workers prepared for Superstorm Sandy by bracing the tree with cables to secure and protect it. It was moved in November.

Officials turned on the lights just before 9 p.m. Wednesday in the 80th annual celebration. Before that, the tree-lighting event included performances from Rod Stewart, Cee Lo Green, Scotty McCreery, Il Volo, Victoria Justice, Brooke White, Mariah Carey, Trace Adkins and Tony Bennett, along with appearances by Billy Crystal and Bette Midler.

The tradition of a Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center started in 1931, when workers building the center put up the first one. No tree was put up the following year, and in 1933, the first tree-lighting ceremony took place.

People will be able to view the tree until Jan. 7. After its stint in the spotlight, it will be turned into lumber for Habitat for Humanity.

House panel considers Internet music royalities

By Alex Yap
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Internet radio advocates urged Congress on Wednesday to enact legislation that would cut the royalties they pay to distribute music.

Joseph Kennedy, CEO of Pandora — the largest online radio broadcaster — complained to the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet that costly licensing rules discourage more Internet broadcasters from competing with terrestrial broadcasters when it comes to music.

He spoke in favor of the pending Internet Radio Fairness Act that would reduce royalties now paid by Internet services such as Pandora that allows users to stream music for free.

"In 2012 Pandora will account for only 7 percent of U.S. radio listening, yet we will pay SoundExchange almost a quarter of a billion dollars— more than 50 percent of our revenue," Kennedy testified. "By contrast, satellite radio will pay 7.5 percent of their revenue, and cable radio will pay 15 percent of their revenue."

SoundExchange is the nonprofit organization that collects royalties on behalf of copyright owners.

Pandora wants the royalty rates for Internet radio to be reduced to the same level that satellite and cable radio services pay performers.

"The rates existing in Internet radio prevent broadcasters from entering the Internet market," said Kennedy, who insisted that the issue was about more than his company's profitability.

Another witness, David Pakman, a partner of entrepreneurial investors Venrock, agreed with Kennedy's point. Skepticism about the sustainability of digital music companies under current standards has kept Venrock from investing in services such as Pandora, he said.

Michael Huppe, the president of SoundExchange, criticized the pending bill. Cutting royalties would result in cutting fees to performing artists, he said.

"We agree it is unfair — unfair to artists," he said.

Another witness, songwriter and record producer Jimmy Jam agreed, saying that for many up-and-coming artists, music is more than a passion — it's their job. By cutting royalties, Jam said, Pandora is asking the people who enable its business to work to take lower payments.

Jam called for "fair market royalties by all who use music as the foundation of their business, including radio."

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said the bill would effectively cut royalties paid to music makers by Internet broadcasters by 85 percent. He said the bill may serve as a catalyst to change the way AM/FM radio works, as well.

Smith's comments — and statements by other subcommittee members — raised the prospect that the legislation may yield unintended consequences: Instead of internet radio paying lower royalties, broadcast radio may end up having to start paying.

LAWSUIT

From 1A

The Federal Railroad Administration sets a minimum warning time of 20 seconds, and states can specify designed warning times at each crossing to account for various environmental factors at the crossing, such as the inclination of the road leading to it.

"We think that those few extra seconds would have prevented the accident completely or the guys could have gotten their wives off and themselves off to safety," Glasheen said. "They were moving fast as it was; they just didn't have time. It's clear that what they needed was time, and the railroad cheated on those 10 seconds."

In 2006, the speed limit for trains at the crossing was increased from 40 mph to 70 mph, Union Pacific has said. The train hit the float at 62 mph. TxDOT documents indicated that sensors to set off the warning system were placed about 1,600 feet in front of the crossing, when they should have been 4,000 feet ahead to account for the increase in speed, Glasheen said.

Associated Press

This file combination of undated family photos provided by the Show of Support, Hunt for Heroes committee shows, from left: Sgt. Maj. Gary Stouffer, 37; Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34, and Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43, four veterans killed when a parade float they were riding on was struck by a freight train at a crossing Nov. 15.

Darin Kosmak, TxDOT's director of the Rail-Highway Section, said in an email accompanying the release of the design plan that while the department suspects the railroad has maintained the design of the signal circuitry as train speeds have increased, that information has not been confirmed with Union Pacific.

Smith Industries is being held responsible in the lawsuit for its driver's alleged failures to keep a proper lookout, to safely enter the crossing, to clear the crossing in time and to exercise "reasonable care" for his passengers.

"Defendants have a duty to exercise reasonable care to avoid injuring or killing members of the public," the lawsuit states. "In this case (the defendants) breached their duty by failing to exercise reasonable care."

BLACK HOLE

From 1A

must attain to break free from its gravity — exceeds the speed of light. Thus, as no light can "escape" from the black hole, it is black. Light travels at a speed of about 670 million mph.

Earth's escape velocity, by comparison, is about 25,000 mph.

Because no light escapes from black holes, it is understandably hard to observe them using telescopes — which by their very nature gather light.

For this reason, astronomers to date have measured the mass of fewer than 100 black holes in other galaxies.

Scientists peering at distant galaxies can infer the presence and size of a black hole by studying the rate at which stars are moving about the center of the galaxy. It takes a lot of observing time, always a precious commodity on large telescopes, to make the careful measurements needed to pin down the masses of black holes.

But understanding the nature of black holes and their host galaxies is important, because astronomers would like to better know how galaxies form and evolve.

Because the University of Texas owns the Hobby Eberly telescope, Gebhardt and other astronomers were able to invest the time needed to survey black holes in relatively nearby galaxies.

One of them, NGC 1277, is about 220 million light years from Earth in the constellation Perseus. The galaxy is about 10 percent the size of the Milky Way.

And yet, whereas the black hole at the center of our galaxy has a mass equal to 4 million of our suns, the black hole at the center of NGC 1277 had a mass equal to about 17 billion suns. Typically, a black hole will make up one-tenth of 1 percent of a galaxy's mass. Not so with the monster at the heart of NGC 1277; it takes up 14 percent, Gebhardt said.

Scientists have several theories that help explain the relationship between the size of a black hole and its host galaxy.

The next step for the astronomers is to determine whether the large black hole in NGC 1277 is an oddball, or relatively common. Already, Gebhardt said, there are as many as five other candidates for monster black holes in galaxies where astronomers would not expect to find them.

And what if a monster galaxy were at the heart of the Milky Way? Earth is far enough out on the periphery of the galaxy that we wouldn't be sucked into oblivion any time soon, Gebhardt said.

But a very large black hole in the center of the galaxy would produce a fantastic light show for astronomers, with exotic X-ray flares and colliding stars.

GUNS

From 1A

years to make them think he's coming to get their guns.

"It's a sad commentary on what people are telling these people to keep them frightened."

Before taking office as a senator, Obama said he respected the constitutional right to bear arms. But after more than three dozen Chicago children were killed in 2007, he also said he wanted to restore the ban on assault weapons.

In the days after the 2008 election, people began stocking up on firearms and ammunition, eventually creating a shortage. It took nearly a year for supplies to become more plentiful and for prices to come down.

After this year's election, sales of ammunition and firearms again were pretty heavy, said DeWayne Irwin, owner of the Cheaper Than Dirt Outdoor Adventures gun store in north Fort Worth.

"Sales are well over twice as much as this time last year," he said, but he noted that "it's not even close to what we saw in '08."

Some shoppers have mentioned concerns that Obama might have held back during his first term to ensure that he would be re-elected. Now that he's won, big changes may lie ahead, they say.

While no shortages have occurred, demand for guns and ammo is strong.

Anticipating a sales rush after the election, Irwin himself stocked up on popular items, from all types of ammunition and magazines to AR-15s.

And he believes shortages loom in the not-too-distant future.

"I think all this will die down in the next six or eight months or maybe a year," Irwin said. "Then something will happen — maybe talk of an assault rifle ban — and it will all come up again.

"When it does, it will be bigger than in '08."

President Bill Clinton signed the last so-called assault weapons ban on Sept. 13, 1994.

A couple of months later, voters went to the polls and the House and Senate flipped from Democratic to Republican control.

When the ban came up for reauthorization in Congress in 2004, the measure failed. During one of this year's presidential debates, Obama echoed his desire for a similar ban.

"Weapons that were designed for soldiers in war theaters don't belong on our streets," he said during the Oct. 16 debate with Republican Mitt Romney. "And so what I'm trying to do is to get a broader conversation about how do we reduce the violence generally. Part of it is seeing if we can get an assault weapons ban reintroduced.

"But part of it is also looking at other sources of the violence. Because frankly, in my hometown of Chicago, there's an awful lot of violence and they're not using AK-47s. They're using cheap handguns."

Obama's response — and re-election — drew praise from the national Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

NY mayor seeks more disaster aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg appealed to congressional leaders Wednesday for quick action on providing tens of billions of dollars in new federal aid to help his city and state and others recover from Superstorm Sandy but was told it might be some time before it's forthcoming — and it likely won't be all at once.

Bloomberg met with more than a half-dozen lawmakers, including several who chair or sit on committees controlling the government's purse strings, as well and both parties' leaders in the House and Senate.

"Hurricane recovery is not a partisan issue," he told reporters at a news conference in between the meetings. "We have to bring together both sides in Washington."

New York state alone is seeking $42 billion in additional federal aid. New Jersey is seeking federal aid to cover most of the nearly $37 billion cost for recovery and rebuilding.

So far about $2 billion in federal funds — about half for direct assistance to individuals — have been provided to the two most heavily damaged states and nine others in the storm's path.

There's about $5 billion left in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund, but last year's budget agreement permits President Barack Obama to seek another $5.4 billion without hitting a ceiling on spending.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, a member of the Appropriations Committee and the top Republican on the Homeland Security Committee that oversees disaster relief, struck a skeptical note after her meeting with the mayor.

"It's going to be a hard sell," she said, given Congress's preoccupation with the fiscal cliff crisis and tight budget restraints.

Reflecting a line taken in the past by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan and other fiscal conservatives, she said at least some of the new spending for Sandy relief and rebuilding should be offset by spending cuts in other government programs.

"Otherwise it's just going to be added to the debt and that makes it even more difficult for us to deal with the fiscal challenges," she said.

Collins said she needs to see more detailed numbers on damages before deciding on how much Sandy aid is needed. But she said New York's request is "reasonable" if the damages can be documented and added that state and city officials have not tried to exaggerate the damages, as she claims happened with Hurricane Katrina seven years ago.

Bloomberg and Schumer said they were pressing White House officials for as much money as possible, as soon as possible, but they didn't know what amount Obama will seek.

Whatever it is, the request could get tied up in the talks aimed at averting the fiscal cliff — a $6 trillion combination of automatic tax increases and spending cuts — beginning in January.

"There's no doubt this is going to be a hard fight," said Schumer. "We have a Congress that is decidedly less friendly to disaster aid than any in 100 years. We're in very strenuous negotiations over the fiscal cliff. We know money is short in Washington, just as it is in New York."

Schumer said he expects the fight for Sandy money to drag on for months and that several emergency spending bills will be needed. State officials worry that Congress's desire to satisfy the hunger for aid will fade as time wears on.

"So far we believe our colleagues have been very receptive," said Schumer. "But there's a long road to go and there are going to be many pitfalls in the way, particularly given the climate in Washington and the shortage in money."

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Wednesday that it's up to New Jersey's congressional delegation — made up of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats — to fight for the $37 billion in additional aid that he's seeking.

He said he and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo have agreed not to compete with one another for federal funds.

"We're not going to allow any political forces in Washington, D.C., to divide and conquer us," Christie said. "We going to go down there as a team, we're going to work together and advocate for the numbers we put forward."

States other than New York and New Jersey now getting federal aid for Sandy are West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, New Hampshire, Delaware, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, as well as the District of Columbia.

Key figure

The amount of additional aid the state of New York is seeking for Sandy victims:

$42 billion

The amount of money in federal funds that has been provided to the two most heavily damaged states and nine others in the storm's path:

$2 billion

Curiosities
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Thursday, Nov. 29th — 4-8 pm

Simple measures cut infections in hospitals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Preventing surgery-linked infections is a major concern for hospitals and it turns out some simple measures can make a big difference.

A project at seven big hospitals reduced infections after colorectal surgeries by nearly one-third.

It prevented an estimated 135 infections, saving almost $4 million, the Joint Commission hospital regulating group and the American College of Surgeons announced Wednesday. The two groups directed the 2 1/2-year project.

Solutions included having patients shower with special germ-fighting soap before surgery, and having surgery teams change gowns, gloves and instruments during operations to prevent spreading germs picked up during the procedures.

Some hospitals used special wound-protecting devices on surgery openings to keep intestine germs from reaching the skin.

The average rate of infections linked with colorectal operations at the seven hospitals dropped from about 16 percent of patients during a 10-month phase when hospitals started adopting changes to almost 11 percent once all the changes had been made.

Hospital stays for patients who got infections dropped from an average of 15 days to 13 days, which helped cut costs.

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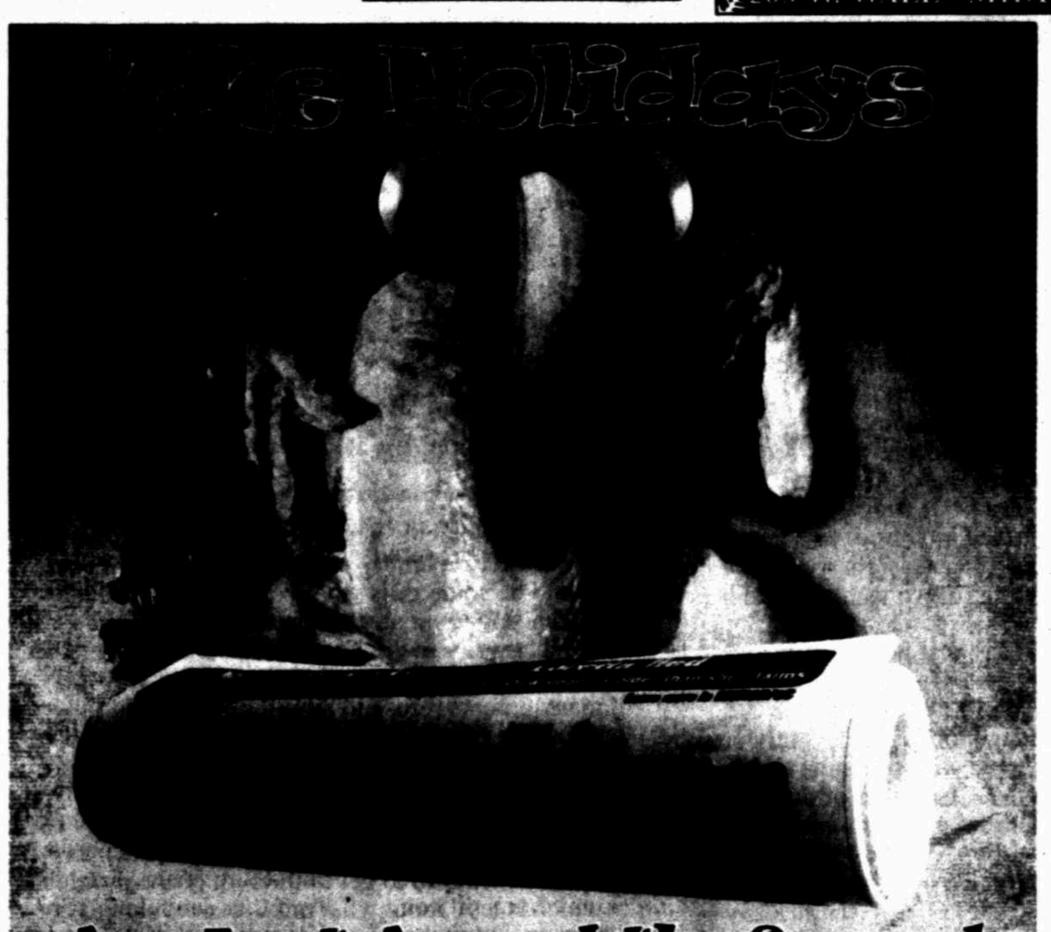
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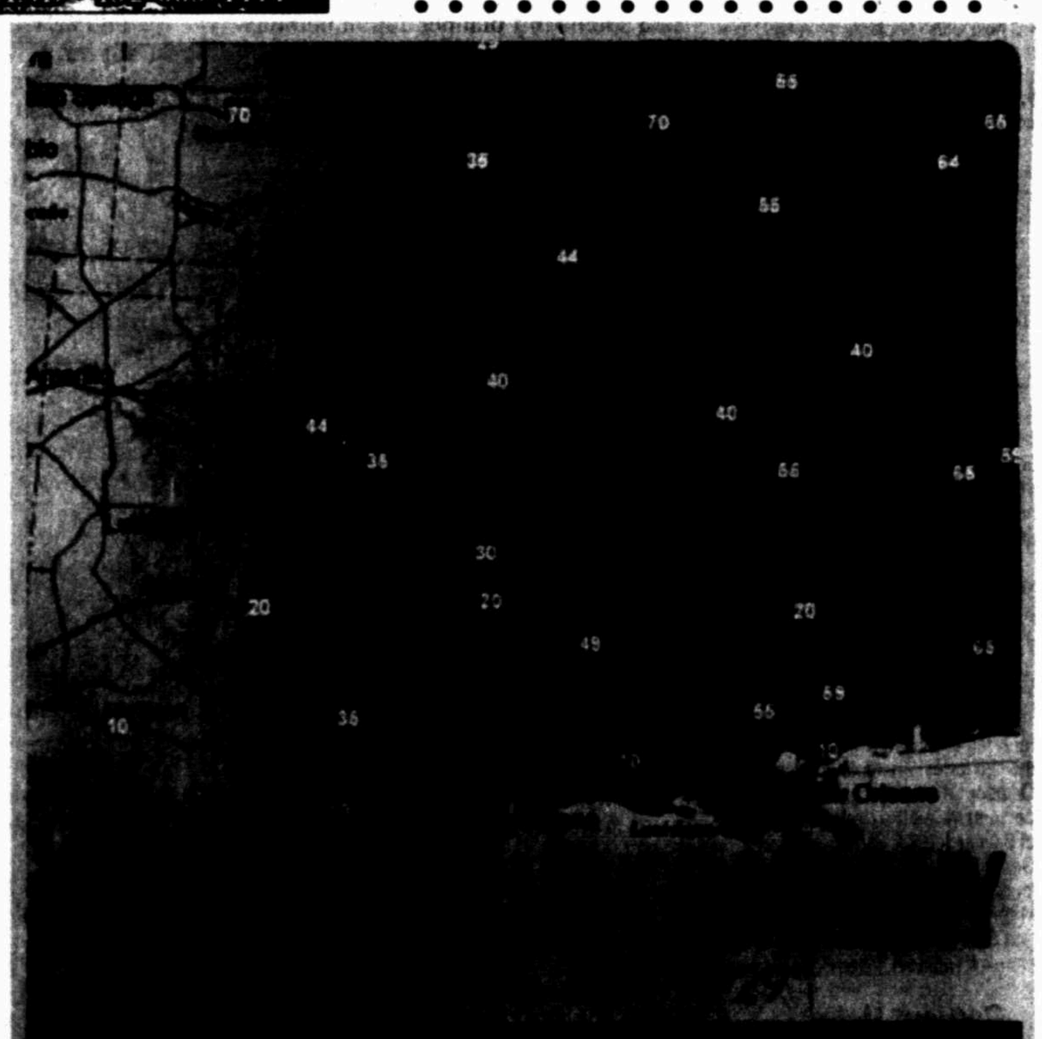
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'Cliff' is part of agenda for Democrats, Obama

■ The fight isn't about tax rates but government control and more of it.

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With a chip on his shoulder larger than his margin of victory, Barack Obama is approaching his second term by replicating the mistake of his first. Then his overreaching involved health care — expanding the entitlement state at the expense of economic growth. Now he seeks another surge of statism, enlarging the portion of gross domestic product grasped by government and dispensed by politics. The occasion is the misnamed "fiscal cliff." The proper name for it is the Democratic Party's agenda.

For 40 years the party's principal sources of energy and money — liberal activists, government employees unions — have advocated expanding government's domestic reach by raising taxes and contracting its foreign reach by cutting defense. Obama's four years as one of the most liberal senators and his four presidential years indicate he agrees. Like other occasionally numerate but prudently reticent liberals, he surely understands that the entitlement state he favors requires raising taxes on the cohort that has most of the nation's money — the middle class.

Mitt Romney as candidate and others before and since have suggested increasing revenues by capping income tax deductions. This would increase that tax's progressivity, without raising rates that would dampen incentives. Obama's compromise may be: Let's do both. Remember the story of when the British Admiralty sought six new battleships, the Treasury proposed four, so they compromised on eight.

Those proposing higher taxes on the wealthy note that when the income tax began in 1913, the top rate was 7 percent. But in 1917, war brought a 67 percent rate. Between 1925 and 1931, the rate was 24 percent or 25 percent, but in only five of the subsequent 80 years — 1988-92 — was the top rate lower than it is today.

Republicans, however, respond that because lower rates reduce incentives to distort economic decisions, they promote growth by enhancing efficiency. Hence restoration of the higher rates would be a giant step away from, and might effectively doom, pro-growth tax reform. Furthermore, restoration of the Clinton-era top rate of 39.6 percent would occur in the very different Obama era of regulatory excesses and Obamacare taxes. Hence Republicans rightly resist higher rates.

Given liberals' fixation with the affluent paying their "fair share," it might seem peculiar that they are so vehemently against Paul Ryan's "premium support" proposal for Medicare. Their recoil is, however, essential to the liberal project.

Ryan's supposedly radical idea is that people should shop for health insurance, with government subsidizing purchases by the less affluent. This would introduce what soon will be inevitable — means testing, aka progressivity. But liberals reject it with a word the incantation of which suffices, they think, as an argument — "voucher."

This is peculiar because perhaps the most successful federal program of the 20th century was essentially a voucher program. The purpose of the 1944 Servicemen's Readjustment Act — aka the G.I. Bill of Rights — was to facilitate demobilization by helping men and women acquire educations and buy houses — and hence form families. The government did not build universities or houses. It, in effect, gave individuals conditional cash — vouchers — by helping to pay for home loans and college tuition.

Liberals' strenuous objection to vouchers is that vouchers, as the functional equivalent of cash, empower individuals to make choices. It is the business of the liberals' administrative state, staffed by experts, to make choices for inexpert individuals. This is why, while Democrats in Washington are working to reduce the portion of Americans' private income that is disposed of by private choices, two tentacles of the Democratic Party — the Indiana and Louisiana teachers unions — are currently in their states' courts waging futile fights against school choice programs, lest thousands of low- and moderate-income parents be as empowered as millions of demobilized servicemen were.

Washington's contentiousness about the "cliff" is producing a blizzard of numbers. The argument, however, is not about this or that tax rate but about the nature of the American regime. When the Republican House majority acts as though it has a mind — and a mandate — of its own, this is not Washington being "dysfunctional," it is the separation of powers functioning as the Founders intended. Their system requires concurrent congressional majorities — one in the Senate, with its unique constituencies and electoral rhythms, another in the House, with its constituencies and rhythms. And at least 219 of the 234 House Republicans won in November by margins larger than Obama's national margin.

OUR VIEW

Midland's No. 2 spot on national income list isn't big surprise

Midland has landed the No. 2 ranking for per capita income in metropolitan areas across the nation, according to a recent U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis report. This good news is not surprising.

The average income for Midlanders — including wages, investments and welfare and unemployment benefits — rose by 11.9 percent in 2011 to $65,173 per capita, according to the report. The increase in Midland's average income from 2010 to 2011 is actually lower percentage-wise than 2009-10, when per capita personal income rose by 12.9 percent from $51,947 in 2009 to $58,262 in 2010.

Odessa experienced an even greater increase in income percentage-wise, rising 12.4 percent from $34,163 in 2010 to $38,385 in 2011. This earned Odessa the No. 149 spot on the list.

Midland previously has been high on such lists, dating as far back as the 1950s. Midland has long been known to be a "white collar" community with a lot of wealth.

So to be on the list is not a shocker, but it's a position that we relish. We especially appreciate this placement at a time when so many communities across the country are suffering from a lack of jobs and high unemployment.

For us, Midland's ranking symbolizes an economy that is working near full potential. That's really why we are glad to be on this list. We don't view the ranking as an opportunity to gloat about our wealth. It is more an opportunity to bring attention to our economic well-being.

We are very happy people are working in the Permian Basin. When people can work, they can make money. That's what is taking place in our community right now.

What most people won't see in these rankings is that our status comes with a price. The community has a hard time keeping up with the growth, which is evident by increased traffic problems and school enrollment, lack of affordable housing and stress on the infrastructure.

Still, it's a good position to be in when you consider some of the alternatives.

We wholeheartedly agree with Amarillo economist Karr Ingham — who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank — when he said, "All participants in a growing economy are much better off than they are in a flat, stagnant economy."

And we should take that to the bank and cash it.

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On teen sex, what's a step too far?

■ Parents ultimately need to be involved in discussing with teens issues of sex and pregnancy.

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Let's start with a beyond-dispute premise: We need to do everything possible to prevent unwanted teen pregnancy.

But should pediatricians pre-prescribe "morning-after" pills to girls under 17, as the American Academy of Pediatrics has suggested?

Even though I'm the mother of two teen boys, I believe that if I were instead charged with the health and well-being of two teen girls I'd be saying "Heck, yeah!"

But who am I to say that other parents would feel the same way, even if for the sake of the greater common good?

My next-door neighbors are a devoutly church-going Hispanic couple with two sons and a 15-year-old daughter. The father of the family, a cheery Mexican immigrant who holds fast to traditional conservative religious ideas about his daughter's reproductive rights — which is to say he probably doesn't believe she has any — would surely not feel comfortable if he thought his daughter's physician would give her access to morning-after pills "just in case."

You might be saying to yourself that this child is probably an excellent candidate for becoming one of the 55.7 per 1,000 Hispanic girls ages 15 to 19 who give birth every year — 80 percent of these pregnancies are unintended — and you'd be absolutely right. The overall teen birth rate in Cook County, Ill., is an astonishing 49 per 1,000 compared to the national benchmark of 22 per 1,000.

With this terrible state of affairs, wouldn't it seem obvious that pediatricians should take matters into their own hands and provide explicit, unsolicited counseling about birth control and emergency pregnancy prevention to teens, and especially girls, independent of a parent's wishes?

Maybe. Especially maybe in communities where teen pregnancies among minority girls are particularly pervasive. For instance, New York City's public schools face a powerful mix of high poverty, underinsured families and teens who frequently start sexual activity before the age of 13. The schools are trying pilot programs to provide birth control and morning-after pills right in school buildings. Health officials there recently reported that parents are fine with the program.

But more widely, I think some parents would find a way to take their children to doctors with a reputation for ignoring the academy's guidance. Like those parents who believe routine vaccinations will irreparably harm their children, there would be some girls who would spend their adolescence without any pediatric care at all.

What we're really witnessing here is the medical establishment's acknowledgement that way too many parents refuse to admit that in our highly sexualized society, they are the ones who need to provide their children with reliable information about safe sex.

Because overall averages of teen pregnancy have been going down for the last few years, there is an opportunity here to get to the root of the problem, which is less about what talks doctors should be having with their minor patients and more about what information should be shared at home.

Studies such as "Paternal Influences on Adolescent Sexual Risk Behaviors: A Structured Literature Review," which appeared in the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics in October, have shown that kids of parents who have respectful, meaningful and informative conversations about sex are less likely to engage in risky behaviors leading to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

If the pediatric medical establishment wants to go ahead and codify a policy that says "talk to your kids about safe sex or we'll do it for you," it should do so hand-in-hand with general practitioners who treat parents.

In other words, as the AAP tells pediatricians to initiate these talks with kids, the American Medical Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should ask that physicians screen patients who are parents for their ability to provide their kids with age-appropriate sex education, give them a score predicting their child's likelihood to engage in risky sexual behaviors and provide them the resources to prevent such negative outcomes.

Here's another beyond-dispute premise: Efforts to reach kids without involving their parents in helping them make good choices ultimately will falter.

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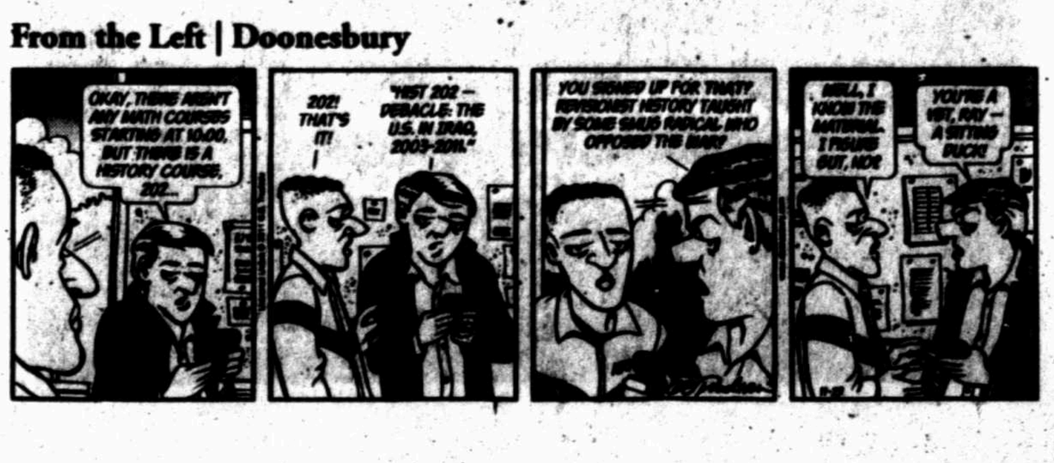

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Panel: Reyes may have broken ethics rules, law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An independent House panel has concluded that there is substantial reason to believe] Rep. Silvestre Reyes violated ethics rules and federal law by conducting campaign meetings on House property and using campaign money to pay expenses for his daughter's residence.

Reyes

The Office of Congressional Ethics report was sent to the House Ethics Committee, which released the findings Wednesday and said it was continuing its own investigation of the eight-term Democratic lawmaker.

The office, run by a board of nonlegislators, investigates complaints and makes recommendations to the House Ethics Committee.

In Reyes' case, the office recommended that the ethics committee investigate and subpoena Reyes, who refused to cooperate with the office's probe. The House committee said the referral does not reflect any judgment that violations occurred.

Reyes spokesman, Jose Borjon, said in a statement that the lawmaker was "pleased that the Ethics Committee took no further action on this matter, while making clear that the fact of OCE's referral did not indicate that any violation occurred."

The statement said Reyes "fully responded to these unsupported allegations and cooperated with the Ethics Committee to resolve them" while carrying out his official duties "with the highest level of integrity, strictly adhering to the rules governing" the House.

The allegations were first reported by the El Paso Times in May. The independent panel's report, adopted 6-0 in August but not publicly released at that time in accordance with House rules, found:

■ Reyes' 2011 Federal Election Commission disclosure reports show he used $469 in campaign funds for five "campaign meetings" in the members' dining room in the Capitol.

■ From 2008 through 2012, Reyes' campaign committee paid approximately $13,000 in expenses relating to his daughter's residence in Washington, where the congressman appears to have a campaign office. Expenses included pest control, Internet, telephone, cable and electricity.

The House Ethics Manual states that House property may not be used to conduct campaign or political activities, including strategy sessions.

Federal law makes it illegal for a federal employee, including the president, vice president or member of Congress, to solicit or receive donations — or anything of value — in property used for official government duties.

The manual says that if a House member's campaign conducts a transaction with the member or someone in his or her family, campaign records must establish the need for the goods and services, and efforts must be made to establish a fair market value.

Federal law says political donations cannot be converted to public use, and a House rule bars a member from converting the funds to personal use in excess of legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures.

3 BP employees arraigned on Gulf oil spill charges

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Two BP rig supervisors and a former BP executive pleaded not guilty Wednesday to criminal charges stemming from the deadly Deepwater Horizon rig explosion and the company's response to the massive 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

BP well site leaders Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine, along with former BP vice president of exploration for the Gulf David Rainey, remained free on bond following their arraignments in federal court.

Kaluza and Vidrine are charged with manslaughter in the deaths of 11 rig workers. They are accused of disregarding abnormally high pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout of BP's Macondo well.

Rainey was charged separately with concealing information from Congress about the amount of oil that was leaking from the well. Millions of gallons of crude oil spewed from BP's well for months.

Kaluza professed his innocence on his way into court, making his first public comments since the April 2010 explosion that killed his co-workers.

"I think about the tragedy of the Deepwater Horizon every day," Kaluza told reporters. "But I did not cause this tragedy. I am innocent and I put my trust, reputation and future in the hands of the judge and the jury."

Kaluza and Vidrine's lawyers both accused the Justice Department of using their clients as scapegoats. They noted that other government investigations have spread out the blame for the disaster and concluded it was the product of a complex series of mistakes, made both onshore and on the rig.

"Bob and Don did their jobs," said Shaun Clarke, one of Kaluza's attorneys. "They did them correctly and they did them in accordance with their training."

Lawmakers mount questions for Rice

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A moderate Republican senator, vital to any White House hopes of getting U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice confirmed as secretary of state, said Wednesday she couldn't back any nomination until more questions are answered about the deadly Sept. 11 attack in Libya and Rice's State Department role during the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing in Kenya.

In a fresh suggestion of eroding GOP support for Rice, Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, emerged from a 90-minute, closed-door meeting with the ambassador voicing new criticism of her initial account about Libya. Collins also questioned what Rice, the assistant secretary of state for African Affairs in the Clinton administration, knew about requests for enhanced embassy security before the Nairobi truck bombing.

Pressed on how she would vote if President Barack Obama names Rice to succeed Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Collins said, "I would need to have additional information before I could support her nomination."

President Barack Obama came to Rice's defense during a Cabinet meeting, calling her "extraordinary" and saying he couldn't be prouder of the job she has done as U.N. ambassador. Cabinet members joined Obama in applauding Rice, who attended the meeting. Obama has not named a replacement for Clinton, who has said she intends to step down soon.

At the State Department, Clinton was asked about her possible replacement.

"Susan Rice has done a great job as our ambassador to the United Nations," Clinton said. "Of course, this decision about my successor is up to the president, but I am very happy he has the opportunity with a second term to make a decision."

The misgivings from Collins, the top Republican on the Homeland Security Committee, came one day after three other GOP senators said they would try to block Rice's nomination. Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire said they were more troubled than ever by Rice's answers on Libya even though the ambassador conceded that her much-maligned first explanation was wrong.

In an unusual move, Rice and acting CIA Director Michael Morell have held two days of private meetings with Republican senators in hopes of assuaging their concerns. Privately, Senate Republicans said they had hoped the conversations would quiet the criticism as they want to avoid the spectacle of a postelection challenge to a female African-American nominee.

Instead, the sessions have cast further doubt on her chances for the top State Department job and increased the likelihood of a protracted fight if Obama does choose her. Although Democrats will have 55 votes in the next Congress, the president would need the support of five Republicans to avoid a filibuster of the nomination. Collins would be a prime candidate to help avoid a filibuster of the nomination.

Collins said she was troubled by Rice's "political role" in downplaying the Libya attack as a spontaneous demonstration over an anti-Muslim video rather than a terrorist attack by al-Qaida affiliates in a series of Sunday talk show appearances on Sept. 16 — five days after the attack and weeks before the election.

U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed in the raid on the U.S. diplomatic mission.

Rice has said she was relying on talking points provided by U.S. intelligence. Introducing another issue certain to be fodder for any confirmation battle, Collins said she pressed Rice about security at the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi in 1998 when a truck bomb was set off outside the facility, killing more than 200 Kenyans and 12 Americans.

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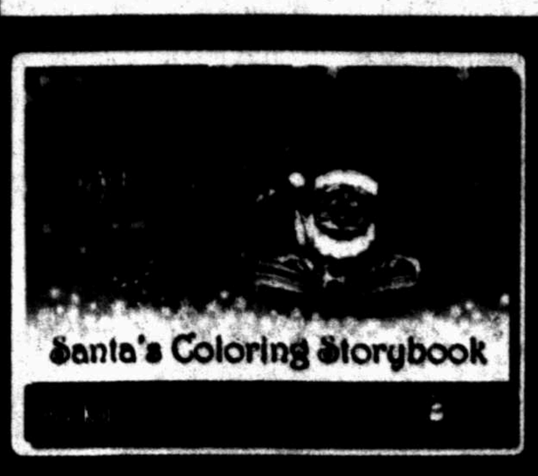

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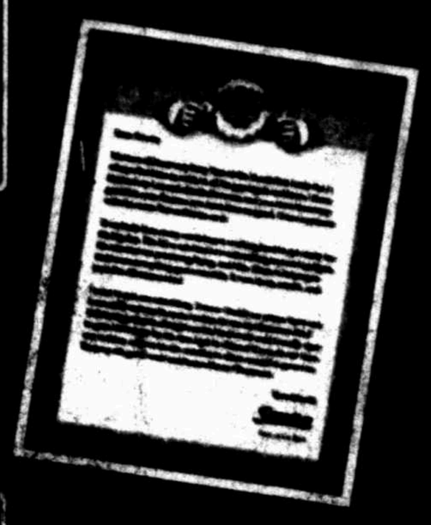

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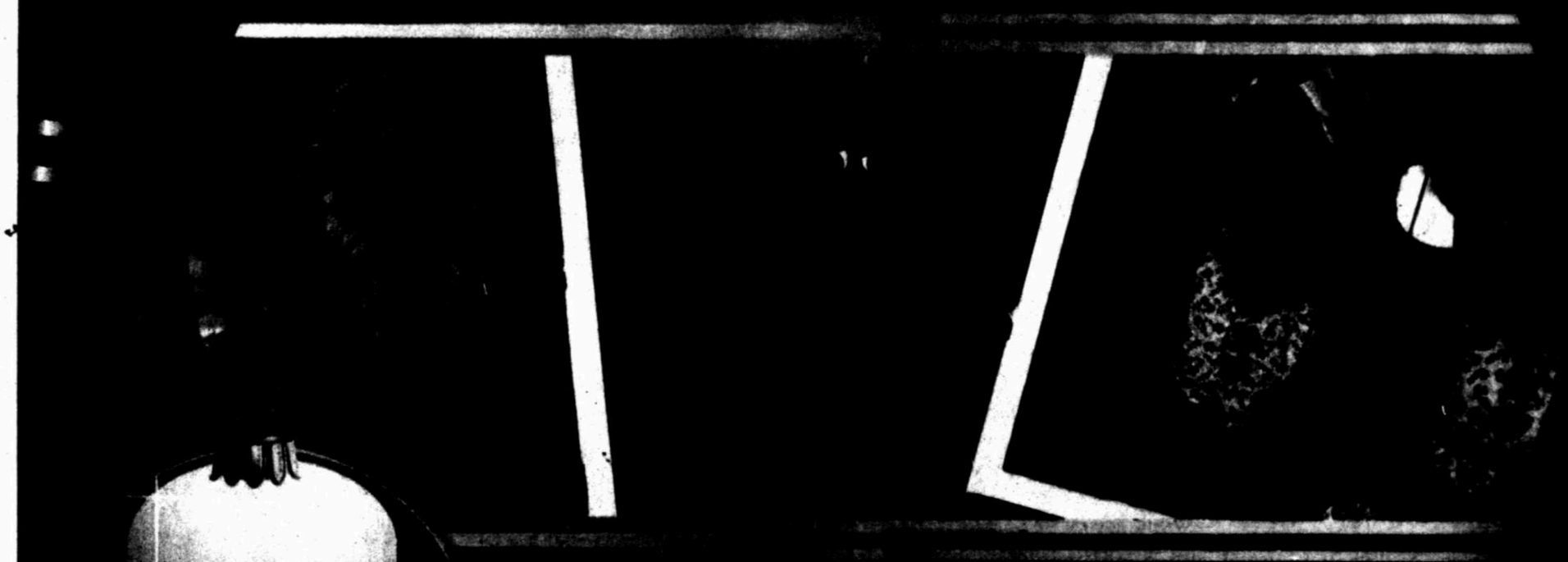

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Texas out to seize Jeffs' polygamist ranch

Prosecutors allege FLDS leaders used money laundering to finance property

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas wants ownership of Warren Jeffs' massive ranch where prosecutors say the convicted polygamist sect leader and his followers sexually assaulted dozens of children, the state attorney general's office said Wednesday.

A judge will determine whether to grant the state control of the nearly 1,700-acre property owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. According to local tax records, the total value of the land is appraised at more than $33 million.

Seeking to bolster their case for seizures, prosecutors also allege that FLDS leaders financed the property through money laundering. The sect bought the land for about $1.1 million in 2003, according to an affidavit filed Wednesday.

Starting with a raid on the secluded Schleicher County ranch in April 2008, the state spent more than $4.5 million racking up swift convictions against Jeffs and 10 of his followers. Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said the warrant begins the final chapter in the state's five-year-old investigation into the sect.

"This is simply the next step," Strickland said.

Texas Rangers raided the ranch following a call to a domestic abuse hotline that turned out to be false and took 439 children into state custody. Jeffs last year was convicted of sexually assaulting two minors whom he described as his spiritual wives. At trial, prosecutors presented DNA evidence to show he fathered a child with one of those girls, aged 15.

Jeffs, 56, is serving a life prison term in Texas. He has continued to try to lead his roughly 10,000 followers from behind bars. The sect is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism, whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.

Rod Parker, a Nevada attorney for the FLDS, did not

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HIP-HO-HO-HOP SANTA

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Ray Tatsch, dressed as Santa Claus, dances on the sidewalk outside his business, Texas Flooring and Woodworks, to flag down customers on Illinois Avenue and Upland Street on Wednesday. Tatsch is selling Christmas trees originating from Oregon in the parking lot of his business. A 7-8 foot tall tree is $65 and a 5-6 foot tall tree is $35.

Mall Santa to meet with special needs kids

By Meredith Moriak
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Children with special needs will have the opportunity to visit Santa during a special event from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at Midland Park Mall.

Caring Santa was developed by Simon Property Group Inc. with guidance from AbilityPath.org to provide a subdued and comfortable environment for children with special needs to visit and be photographed with Santa.

Kevin Church, mall general manager, said the event — scheduled for before the mall opens — is beneficial for Midland families because it allows children with special needs to visit Santa in an environment where sensory triggers are subdued.

"Hopefully we'll have a good turnout and people who normally might not come visit with Santa can come," Church said.

Instead of waiting in lines, families will be given a number and encouraged to participate in crafts or play games while they wait for their turn with Santa, Church said.

Renee' Meiner, director of marketing and PR for Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, said the event is a wonderful opportunity for families.

"Even when you go to the mall with kids who are 'normal,' it's a pretty stressful environment, so it's wonderful this is offered," Meiner said.

Families are encouraged to RSVP online at www.abilitypath.org, but walk-ins will be accepted for Sunday's event, Church said.

"In talking with some other centers that have done it in the past, there may only be five families, or 25 families, but it's something that we're planning on doing again next year regardless if only one family shows up," Church said.

Santa will be located in the Sears court and families should enter through that door, Church said.

During regular mall hours, Santa's Village is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Church said. Hours will be extended as Christmas approaches.

"The wait time all depends on the time of day and how

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Cain blames 'class warfare' for GOP loss in speech at UTPB

By Don Munsch
Odessa American

Defeat is temporary. Giving up is permanent.

That was one of the messages Herman Cain delivered to between 100-150 people Wednesday night at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin gym.

Cain, a 2012 Republican presidential candidate, used the contrast of defeat and giving up as a way to illustrate how conservatives must regroup after the Nov. 6 election, in which President Barack Obama was re-elected to a second term.

Cain discussed his life, accomplishments and his family's influence during his speaking engagement, which was co-sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom and the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute.

In a near 40-minute speech, Cain touched on the presidential election — he said the main reason Mitt Romney, Republicans and conservatives lost the election was because of "class warfare rhetoric" — and offered advice to what conservatives can do in light of what happened on Election Day, such as staying informed, involved and inspired.

Albert Cesare/Odessa American

Herman Cain speaks Wednesday during an event hosted by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Young Americans for Freedom group at the Falcon Dome in Odessa.

After Cain dropped out of the presidential race, many people — especially on the left — thought he would go away and "shut up, sit down and be quiet," Cain said.

"I'm back," he said.

Republicans need to "get the narrative right" and learn to talk to people, Cain said. He said Republicans lack a minority outreach program, and the GOP needs to learn to talk about prosperity to minority groups. Plus, Republicans need to strip away labels, such as political designations, when they engage others, he said.

Cain said "class warfare is dividing this nation" and said people can accomplish their goals if they are willing to work hard.

He said young people today have "some barriers to deal with that many of us older folk didn't have to deal with," and those obstacles are too much legislation, regulation and taxation. At one point, Cain mentioned his 9-9-9 tax plan, which drew ample publicity and scrutiny during his campaign.

Cain discussed his upbringing, explaining how his father held three jobs, and his education and career, including at the Department of the Navy and several corporations.

Cain has worked in various capacities in business, including serving as chief executive officer of Godfather's Pizza. He served a stint as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in the mid-1990s and was CEO of the National Restaurant Association from 1996 to 1999.

Cain served as a senior adviser to Bob Dole in his 1996 presidential campaign. Cain ran for president, albeit briefly, on the GOP ticket in 2000, and in 2004, he ran for U.S. Senate in Georgia but lost in the Republican primary.

Elsewhere in his speech, Cain discussed the fiscal cliff, the tax code (he said it should be replaced, not reformed), the economy and his plans, which include a syndicated radio show in 2013. Cain will take over for Neal Boortz, who is retiring.

Hard to make sense of the most recent deathless day on Texas roads

According to TxDOT, the last time there were no deaths on Texas' roads was Election Day of 2000.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

The Texas Department of Transportation reported recently that, as best as it can tell, there's been a wreck in Texas that killed at least one person every day since Nov. 7, 2000. (Stay tuned for minor caveat.)

Let that sink in for a minute: The most recent known day on which nobody was killed on a Texas road was Nov. 7, 2000. There were 13 road deaths the day before and five the day after. In all, more than 41,000 people have died on Texas roads since that day. For context, that's about the same as the population of San Marcos or the number of Texans who voted this year for Libertarian Gary Johnson for president.

It's a big, sad number but probably not all that shocking for a big state like Texas. Last year, Texas had 3,048 traffic deaths. So far this year, we've topped 2,500.

The caveat: Despite TxDOT's Nov. 7 news release saying "the last day we were able to enjoy without a single fatality on Texas roads was 12 years ago today," the agency tells me it won't compile stats for this year until next June, which means if we've had a deathless day in 2012, TxDOT doesn't yet know about it. And remember, traffic fatalities don't necessarily occur the day of the wreck.

Before Nov. 7, 2000, the previous deathless day on Texas roads was Feb. 28, 1995. Last year, there were five single-death days; a Monday, two Tuesdays and two Wednesdays.

OK, conspiracy theorists, time to don the aluminum foil hats, put away the Zapruder film and think about what TxDOT believes was Texas' most recent deathless day on the roads. Why that day? What was special that day? What else happened that day?

I'll type the date one more time to see if it rings a bell with you: Nov. 7, 2000. Yes, it was a deathless day on our roads. But it also was the beginning of a prolonged national nightmare.

It was Election Day, the day that was supposed to end of the presidential race between then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush and then-Vice President Al Gore. That landmark election, of course, wasn't settled until mid-December after many weeks of uncertainty for the nation and many billable hours for lawyers.

As a connoisseur of odd, seemingly meaningless coincidences (I was born

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Obituaries

James H. Summer, Jr.

James (Jim) H. Summer, Jr. passed away November 28, 2012 at his home in Midland, TX. Jim was born February 20, 1933 in Mirando City, TX to James H. Summer, Sr. and Mary Virginia Summer. He grew up in a Mobil Oil camp in Freer, TX where he graduated high school. Then, in 1950, Jim attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville on a football scholarship where he played college ball for the Javelina's. He also met his bride, Jean Hall from Snyder, while attending A&I. Jim and Jean were married on January 20, 1953 in Monte Alto, TX. He then enlisted in the Marine Corps in May of 1953, where he served in Korea and Japan. After the Marine Corps, Jim went back into the oil field for Humble Oil Company. After 37 years, he retired as a Drilling Superintendent with Exxon. Since that time, he spent his time traveling with the love of his life in their motor home, and western swing dancing.

Jim is preceded in death by a son, Mark Summer; his parents and one sister.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory are his wife, Jean Summer; son, Keith Summer and wife Judy of Midland; daughter, Cindy Reed and husband Phillip of Midland; grandson, Jeremy Watkins of Tulsa, OK; granddaughters, Lauren Ashley and husband Justin of Midland and Toya Bishop and husband Jeremy of Midland; great-grandchildren, Hailei Kai, Kyler Chance and McKinley Grace; brother, Carl Summer and wife Barbara of Bethany, OK; sister, Margaret Clinton and husband Jon of Broken Bow, OK.

Jim was a very loving family man with a strong work ethic and proud to be called a United States Marine-Semper Fi.

A graveside service will be held Friday, November 30, 2012 at 3:00pm at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the charity of your choice or the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. (www.pancreaticcancerfoundation.com)

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Manuel C. Gamboa

Manuel C. Gamboa, 56, was born in Providencia, Chihuahua, Mexico to Manuel and Blasa Gamboa. He passed away on November 25, 2012.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Antonia Gamboa and his father Manuel Gamboa, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Blasa Gamboa Castro of San Angelo, TX; his children, Auden and his wife Lizette of Midland, TX, Manuel III and his wife Irene of Water Valley, TX, Jose Mauro and his wife Jackie of Eagle Pass, TX, and Anallency and her husband Juan of Pecos, TX; grandchildren, Isaac, Manny, Julian, Jacob, Mia, Lauren, Marli, and Ezra; brothers, Juan, Ruben, Jesus, Samuel, Rigo; sisters, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Hilda, Luciano, and Maria Lourdes.

A rosary will be held in his memory on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 7pm at the Park Building in Rankin. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 10am at the Park Building in Rankin with Father Isadore officiating. Burial will follow in the Rankin Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Ulan Gregory

Ulan Gregory, 85, a long-time resident of New Mexico and North Texas, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, in Fort Worth.

Graveside service: 2 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery, Midland.

Ulan Gregory was born June 11, 1927, in Idalou, son of the late Charles Monroe and Elizabeth Ellen Clampitt Gregory. He was an avid gardener and cook and served his country with honor during World War II. His family was the love of his life.

Survivors: Daughter, Charlie Fay Rivera and husband, Henry; son, Ulan Bentley Gregory and wife, Marie, all of Idaho; daughter, Callie Gregory of Mineral Wells; son, William Gregory and wife, Rhonda, of New Mexico; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; lots of nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.

White's Funeral Home
Mineral Wells, 940-325-3311

Wanda Ruple

Funeral Services for Wanda Ruple, age 78, of Brownwood will be held Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 2p.m. at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Ruben Packer officiating. Interment will follow at Weedon Cemetery in Brown County. Visitation will be held from 6p.m.-8p.m. Friday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Wanda passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at her home in Lake Brownwood, TX. She was born on September 6, 1934 in Meridian, TX to D.L. and Wynona (Meyers) Adams.

Wanda is survived by her 3 sons, Roger Dale Ruple of Lake Brownwood; James Drew Ruple Jr. and wife, Deborah of Crockett, TX; Timothy Dee Ruple and wife, Myra of Midland, TX; 5 grandchildren, Eric Sean Ruple, Alicia Aaron Ruple, Timothy Ruple Jr., Christina Ruple, and Samantha Ruple; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Dallas Adams of Killeen, TX; and 1 sister, Joann Baker of Brady, TX.

Wanda is preceded in death by her parents, D.L. and Wynona Adams; and a sister, Dorothy Rickman. Condolences may be left at www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com

Wilema Jean Garlow

Wilema Jean Garlow, 92, was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1920 and went to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 2012. Wilema "Jean" has been a resident of Manor Park Nursing Home for the last 15 years. She was a hairdresser in Midland for 30 years. Jean was a vivacious and vibrant woman who loved painting and playing symphonic cello in her youth. Jean was known for her beautiful smile, style and creative phrases.

She is survived by her sister Narsona Stephens of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, her son Glenn Dale Garlow & wife Kathy of Mission Viejo, California, daughter Ellen White & husband Clay of McKinney Texas, grandsons Lance Garlow of Ostego, Michigan, Brent Garlow of Schoolcraft, Michigan, Ronald Dickman of Eldorado, Oklahoma, granddaughters Kim Hewett of McKinney Texas, Tammra Bergman of Hobbs, New Mexico, Jami Bassett of Long Beach, California, Joelle Schope, of Dana Point, California, 13 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, William & Elda Faith Lyon, brothers Bob, Jim, and Bill Lyon, sister Rosa Belle White and daughter Patsy Jean Watlington.

There will be a private memorial service for her family. Remembrances may be given to Home Hospice of Midland.

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

C L (Cleo) Carlile

C L (Cleo) Carlile, 75, of Big Spring and Hawaii, passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

Visitation from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Friday, November 30, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, December 1, 2012, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Fletcher Carlile, one sister, Linda Lindell; three daughters, Cyndee (Darell) Eastin, Beverly (Ervin) Paul, and Deanna (David) Gross and husband; one son, Joey Carlile; eight grandchildren; and four great granddaughters.

Charles Wayne Gilbert

Charles Wayne Gilbert, 63, of Stanton, died on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, November 29, 2012 at Evergreen Cemetery with Bill Bridges, officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Gilbert; four daughters, Jessica Gilbert, Tina Marie Gilbert, Shelia Ann Gilbert, and Shelly Gilbert; three sons, James Sherrod, Cade Gilbert, Ronnie Dale Gilbert; his mother, Nellie Gilbert; four sisters, Sharon Gilbert, Nellie Brown, Yvonne Gilbert, and Frances Gilbert; two brothers, Lynn Gilbert and Jimmy Gilbert; and eleven grandchildren.

Dorothy "Dot" Milner

Dorothy "Dot" Milner, 80, passed away on Sunday November 25, 2012 in Midland.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Thursday, November 29, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to share in a celebration of her life.

She is survived by her daughter, Dana Stewart and her husband Guy; a granddaughter Mariah Stewart; one sister, Helene Bennett; and two nieces, Laura Smith and Sue Miller.

Erin Leigh Cochran

Erin Leigh Cochran, 39, of Midland passed away on November 26, 2012 at her home.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survivors include, her father and mother, Jerry L. Cochran, MD and Mary Cochran, daughter, Olive Jane Cochran and a brother, Ryan Cochran and wife Marcy and their children, Presley, Miller and Juniper.

Johnnie Morris

Johnnie Morris, 68, of Odessa, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 am, Friday, November 30, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include wife Patty Morris, son Chris Morris and daughter Paula Toliver.

Opal Cluck

Opal Cluck, 89, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 30, 2012 at the Ackerly Cemetery, Ackerly, Texas. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survivors include one son, Benny Cluck and wife, Lynn; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Herman

From 1B

the same day as Cindy McCain, wife of Sen. John McCain), I find it interesting that the most recent known day on which there were no deaths on Texas roads was the day a Texan was elected president.

I believe everything has meaning — save maybe for Donald Trump — but I've yet to find the meaning in the link between Bush's election and the last deathless day on Texas roads. You'd think, perhaps, traffic might have been heavier that day as folks went to the polls.

The weather, obviously, can play a role in traffic conditions. I remember that election night as cold, windy and damp in downtown Austin as we watched the vote count bounce back and forth between Bush and Gore. The official low in Austin that day was 48 degrees, but it felt much colder. Wind gusts topped out at 23 mph, contributing to the raw feel. It also was chilly and wet in some other parts of Texas, but I find no weather-related reason why that day might have been safer on the roads.

So how about it, readers? Who's got a harebrained theory on the link — there's got to be one — between the fact that the most recent deathless day on Texas roads was the day Bush won his first term in the White House?

Motivational speaker Zig Ziglar dies at age 86

Associated Press

DALLAS — Motivational speaker Zig Ziglar, who wrote more than 30 books and focused on positivity and leading a balanced life, died Wednesday in Texas. He was 86.

Ziglar, who had been suffering from pneumonia, died at a hospital in the Dallas suburb of Plano, said his personal assistant, Jay Hellwig.

With an aim at helping people achieve success in their careers and personal lives, in addition to a focus on Christianity, Ziglar was a prolific speaker who appeared at events alongside world leaders including several U.S. presidents and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"Mr. Ziglar was the same guy behind the closed doors as he was preparing for his presentations to thousands of people that he was when we were sitting at the kitchen table and he was reading the newspaper," Hellwig said.

Prestonwood Baptist Church Pastor Jack Graham, Ziglar's friend and pastor, said Ziglar "truly was filled with faith."

"He was positive. He was hopeful. You just never heard negativity from Zig Ziglar," Graham said. "It wasn't just something he did on a platform. This was who he was. This is how he lived his life. And he helped so many people."

Santa

From 1B

close to Christmas it gets," Church said. "Weekends are a busy time for any shopping center and busier for Santa, as well."

Visits with Santa are free of charge and photo packages are available for purchase, Church said.

Ranch

From 1B

immediately return a phone message Wednesday from The Associated Press. He told the Salt Lake Tribune that it seemed the state's purpose was to take the land and sell it to the highest bidder, which would result in sect members living at the ranch likely being evicted.

"They're punishing the victims. These aren't the people who committed the crimes," Parker told the newspaper.

It's not known how many people still live at the secluded ranch located about 200 miles west of San Antonio, but the seizure warrant does not require them to leave. The property is so far off the main roads that only helicopters or planes can provide a true glimpse of the ranch.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said the population at the ranch has "reduced quite a bit over the last several months" since Jeffs was convicted. Whereas the property was once under a constant state of construction — the FLDS even had its own cement plant — Dolan said he believes only a small contingent of members are still there keeping the ranch working.

"We don't see the traffic as much," Doran said. "All that has slowed to almost zero."

Doran said his deputies accompanied state investigators to deliver the warrant at the ranch. No one answered, so Doran said they taped the warrant to the ranch's front gate.

Strickland, the attorney general's spokesman, said it was too early to speculate about what the state would do with the property if given ownership. The group will have a chance to contest any seizure.

According to the state's affidavit, the ranch is controlled under the name the United Order of Texas, which is described in county filings as a "religious trust created to preserve and advance the religious doctrines and goals of the FLDS."

AP file photo

In this April 8, 2008, file photo, law enforcement officials and their vehicles are seen parked around the perimeter of the temple on the Yearning for Zion Ranch, home of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, near Eldorado. Texas wants to take ownership of the polygamist ranch where the convicted sect leader, Warren Jeffs, and his followers sexually assaulted children. The Texas Attorney General's Office filed a seizure warrant in rural Schleicher County on Wednesday

Online records from the Schleicher County Appraisal District indicate a dozen pieces of property at the ranch's address that are owned by the trust and total 1,691 acres. Combined, the most recent appraised value of the properties is $33.4 million.

Jeffs' most devoted followers consider him God's spokesman on Earth and a prophet, but they were absent from court for the bulk of his criminal trial.

Paving the way to Jeffs' conviction were his own "priesthood records" — diary-like volumes, covering tens of thousands of pages, in which Jeffs recounts his sexual encounters and records even his most mundane daily activities.

Prosecutors cite the records in the 91-page affidavit filed Wednesday.

"This will be a major gathering place of the saints that are driven," Jeffs wrote. "You can see it is well isolated. In looking at this location, we can raise crops all year round. There is no building code requirements. We can build as we wish without inspectors coming in. There is a herd of animals that the storehouse needs, that we can nourish and increase."

In the affidavit, prosecutors allege that sect members illegally structured financial transactions and that Jeffs personally toured the ranch before the land was purchased.

To support prosecutors' claims that FLDS leaders financed the property through money laundering, one section in the affidavit lists 175 deposits, almost all of which are just less than $10,000, made at San Angelo banks over the course of two years and staggered by only a few days each. The total is about $1.5 million.

Prosecutors say the series of four-figure deposits — which financial investigators call "structuring" — are typically done to evade federal reporting requirements.

However, the Texas attorney general's office, however, has not formally charged any FLDS members with any financial crimes.

Under Texas law, authorities can seize property that was used to commit or facilitate certain criminal conduct, such as a home being used as a stash house for drugs. Strickland said he didn't immediately know where this attempted seizure would rank among the state's biggest efforts to claim ownership of criminal property.

Jeffs wanted the "a rural location where the FLDS could operate a polygamist compound where the systemic sexual assault of children would be tolerated without interference from law enforcement authorities," according to the affidavit.

Dallas trucker talks about time in Mexican prison

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jabin Bogan spent seven months sleeping on the floor of a cell in a maximum-security Mexican prison, detained after he accidentally crossed the border at El Paso with 268,000 bullets in his truck. Nine people lived in Bogan's cell, with just five beds. Only one spoke English.

Bogan said he didn't eat for three weeks. He constantly wondered if he was in danger.

"You never know what's going on," Bogan said Friday. "You're surrounded by people that don't speak your language, so you never know what they talk about."

The Dallas trucker gave new details Friday about his release and the ordeal leading up to it. The 27-year-old Bogan returned to the U.S. Friday after being freed from prison the week before.

Bogan maintains he was on his way to Phoenix in April to deliver the ammunition stored in his truck. He said he accidentally crossed onto a border bridge in El Paso and tried to turn around after he realized his mistake, but Mexican customs agents wouldn't let him go back. He was detained and eventually sent to a Mexican maximum-security prison.

Bogan was convicted of smuggling and sentenced to three years in prison even though Mexican customs agents contradicted prosecutors' claims at trial that Bogan had hidden the bullets under the floorboards of his 18-wheeler's trailer.

His sentence was later commuted to time served and a fine. His U.S. attorney, Larry Taylor, said about $5,000 in donations covered a fine paid to Mexican authorities and fees for an attorney there.

Board OK funds for surgical tables; tower fully funded

From staff reports

The purchase of new surgical tables was among issues Midland County Hospital District Board members discussed at their monthly meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. Bob Dent, vice president of patient care services, said three tables need to be replaced. The board approved $115,583 for the new tables.

In response to a question by board member Dorothea Logan, Cory Edmondson, vice president of support services, said salvage vendors will bid for the old tables. If vendors do not buy them, the equipment will be used on medical mission trips in underdeveloped countries.

Edmondson reported on the progess of the Scharbauer-Tower, which is slated to open Dec. 19. He said about 120 employees tour the tower each day and an open house for the public is planned for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

He said $600,000 in donations were collected in October, which makes the $177.6 million tower fully funded.

"Anything beyond (the October donations) is gravy," Edmondson said.

In other business, board member Jay Reynolds commended Midland Memorial Hospital's efforts during the Nov. 15 train wreck.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joseph M. Charles, 20, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of a bench warrant and assault with bodily injury against a family or household member.

Marquis D. Clay, 40, of Lubbock, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Floyd Clemence Jr., 46, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Amy M. Elder, 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Cody P. Frazier, 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Serene Gallegos, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Balerio Guerra Jr., 27, of Big Spring, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Lacey C. Hardison, 27, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Colton L. Kellum, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on multiple charges of failure to register as a sex offender.

Bobby J. Verette Jr., 32, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Resort "Big Chicken Dinner" (N)		Grey's "I Was Made for Lovin' You" (N)		Scandal "Defiance" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Two and Half (N)	Person of Interest "Til Death" (N)		Elementary "The Long Fuse" (N)		CBS 7 News	Letterman Tom Hanks, Tony Bennett	(:35) Late Late
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules "They Do?"	Vampire Diaries "My Brother's Keeper" (N)		Beauty and Beast "Out of Control" (N)		Sein. "The Watch"	Sein. "The Kiss Hello"	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show / That '70s Show
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X Factor "Live Results" (N)		Glee "Thanksgiving" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray "Italy" 2/2	Law & Order: C.I. "Boots on the Ground"
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Matt Staver	Dr. R.Booker / Thurman Scrivner
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	30 Rock (N)	Up All Night (N)	The Office (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	Rock Center With Brian Williams		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Gingrich, Grouplove	(:35) Newt / LateNight
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Story of England "Romans to Normans"		A Girl's Life		Antique "Baltimore (Hour Two)"		Charlie Rose		BBC News / Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Un Refugio Para El Amor		Por ella soy eva		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs / Access H.
FLIX		340	65		165		(5:15) Moonlighting	★★★★ The Deer Hunter ('78, War) Christopher Walken.							(:05) ★★★ Sophie's Choice Meryl Streep.		
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:30) Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azk...		Safe House ('12, Act) Denzel Washington.						Cathouse (N)	(:55) 24/7	Movie
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(:10) ★★ Antitrust Ryan Phillippe.				★★ Bad Teacher ('12, Act) Cameron Diaz, Jason Sudeikis.				(:15) Boardwalk E.	(:10) Crossfire Hurric	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:50) ★★★ Big Fish Ewan McGregor.				★★★★ 127 Hours		Making		★★★★ In Bruges		Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:35) ★★ Mercury Rising		★ Firestorm Howie Long.				Rise of the Planet of the ...			(:45) The Toonie Wonnie Bl...	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		Movie	Chronicle Dane DeHaan.			Hunted		Hunted		Hunted "Polyhedrus"	★★ Due Date	
PLEX			96				(5:45) ★★★ Silverado Kevin Kline.				★★ Madhouse				(:35) ★★★ The Secret of My Success		Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:20) 50/50	Apollo 18 (2011, Sci-Fi)			(:25) Gone Sonny William Scott.				Old Porn	Reality	Old Porn / Next Stop
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) Barry Mund...	Angels Crest Thomas Dekker.			(:55) Conception Alan Tudyk.				(:05) ★★ Our Idiot Brother		Movie
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Without a Trace/ Street Justice"		First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"		The First 48 (N)		Panic 9-1-1 (N)		Panic911 "I Need You to Put the Gun Down"		First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Dead Zone"		★★★ Fargo Frances McDormand.				★★★★ Casino ('95, Cri) Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro.				
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		Apollo Live (N)		BET Hip Hop Awards				Game (N)	Game	Wendy Williams (N)
BRAVO		65	63		41		(6:30) Bad Boys II		Atlanta "Unmoved"		House Miami (N)		House Miami		Watch (N)	House Miami	Top Chef
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Age of Wal-Mart		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Jungle Gold		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold (N)		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Jessie	★★ Spy Kids			DogBlog	Phineas	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Wizards / Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	Football	NCAA Football Louisville vs. Rutgers (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Kentucky vs. Notre Dame (L)				NCAA Basketball Marquette vs. Florida (L)				Boxing	Boxing	NFL Live (L)
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★★ Aladdin		★★★ Happy Feet ('06, Ani) Robin Williams.						The 700 Club		The Christmas ...
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	Cupcake Wars		Sugar Dome		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius		The Next Iron Chef		Sweet Genius
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir	NCAA Basketball Southern Utah vs. TCU (L)				OU Sooner Gift Guide		SportsDay OnAir	SW Outdoors	WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr...						Sunny (N)	League	Biased (N)	BrandX (N)	Sunny
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) A Princess f...	Naughty or Nice ('12, Dra) Hilarie Burton.					The Santa Incident		James Cosmo.		A Smoky Moun...
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Buying and Selling		Extreme Homes		HouseH	House	Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) 101 Gadgets		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Trading Spouses		Runway "Made in the USA Today"		Project Runway "You've Got Male"		Abby's Competition "Bend it Like Abby"		Project Runway "You've Got Male"		Runway "Made in the USA Today"
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	39				Game On!	★★★ North Dallas Forty Nick Nolte.				★★★ North Dallas Forty Nick Nolte.				Game On!	NFL Turning Point
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Fairly Odd Christmas (P)		See Dad	F.House	F.House		Nanny	Nanny	Friends	(:35) Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Impact Wrestling (N)				Tattoo	Tattoo	MMA Un.	Academy	★★ The Keeper
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) Dungeons & Dragons: Wrath of th...		Dungeons & Dragons: The Book of Vil...						Age of the Dragons Danny Glover.		
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Pie"	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Dick Van Dyke, Nas, Jason Sudeikis (N)	The Office	The Office
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(6:30) Cimarron	The Guns of Fort Petticoat					(:45) ★★★ Silk Stockings Fred Astaire.			(:45) ★★★ Comrade X	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante		Corazon valiente		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Bride "Aki"	Bride "Michelle"	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Four Weddings "...and a Circus"		Along for the Bride "Kara" (N)		Four Weddings "...and a Circus"		Along for the Bride "Kara"
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Cackle-Bladder Blood"		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Miami Heat Site: American Airlines Arena -- Miami, Fla. (L)				NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets vs. Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens / Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Ships in the Night"		NCIS "Safe Harbor"		NCIS "Thirst"		Burn Notice "Down & Out" (N)		NCIS "Jetlag"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Resilience"
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.

Two people injured in five-vehicle crash

From staff reports

Two people were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital on Wednesday afternoon for minor injuries sustained in a crash that involved five vehicles.

Midland police responded to the crash at 3:16 p.m. at the 100 block of South Midkiff Road. A man driving a Nissan sedan crashed into a white pickup, which caused a chain reaction involving four vehicles, said an officer at the scene.

Two people sustained minor injuries and the vehicles had minor damage, he said.

The officer said the Nissan's driver received a ticket for his role in the crash.

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STATEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Leaders reject money to save smokestack

Leaders of El Paso have declined to buy an iconic 826-foot smokestack to help preserve a former smelter site.

The El Paso City Council on Tuesday rejected a resolution by the group Save the Stacks to purchase the smokestack, another chimney and nearby land.

Council members did approve a resolution to support saving the property but not committing any money.

Preservationists want to save the former Asarco LLC smokestack and a 610-foot concrete chimney at the plant, which closed in 1999.

Asarco trustee Roberto Puga said the two stacks could be demolished by March as the company seeks to sell the property. He's estimated a cost of about $14 million to insure and maintain the stacks for 50 years.

CHILDRESS

1 dead, pilot hurt in helicopter crash

A helicopter crash near Childress during work on some power lines has left a lineman dead and the pilot hurt.

The Department of Public Safety said the crash happened late Tuesday afternoon about two miles northeast of Childress.

DPS said the helicopter was hovering at about 150 feet and the lineman was in a chair about 50 feet below the aircraft hanging rollers on power poles. The helicopter lost power and crashed.

DPS said 23-year-old Jonathan David Suhr, of McLean, died at Childress Regional Medical Center. The pilot, 42-year-old Keith Hard, of Butte County, Calif., was treated and released.

Records show the helicopter was registered to Brim Equipment Leasing Inc. of Ashland, Ore.

DALLAS

Widowed officer on leave after violent rap

A Dallas police lieutenant whose officer husband was slain has been put on administrative leave after doing a rap song in which she threatens to shoot anyone who messes with her.

The Big Rush In LLC website includes a photo of the late husband of Lt. Regina Smith, also known as "Lucille Baller." Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith, dubbed the "Big Russian," died in 2009 in the line of duty.

WFAA-TV reports a video on the website showed Regina Smith pulling a gun. The Dallas Morning News reported the recording was removed Tuesday following media inquiries and after Smith informed her supervisors.

Expert says student SAT, ACT scores largely flat

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An expert testified Wednesday that the percentage of Texas high school graduates who do well enough on the SAT and ACT to be considered ready for college has remained little-changed at about 27 percent in recent years, despite their rising scores on tougher statewide standardized tests.

James Kallison is an education consultant and former assistant commissioner at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board who serves as president of the school board for Eanes Independent School District in Austin.

He testified before Texas District Judge John Dietz at the state's school finance trial. He said 62.6 percent of graduates from the Class of 2010 took the ACT or SAT. Of that, 26.9 percent demonstrated they were at or above the criteria for college readiness.

Kallison said the percentage of students showing college readiness on both exams has stayed around 27 percent since 2006, when among that year's graduating class 65.8 percent of students took the SAT or ACT, with 27.1 percent scoring at or above college readiness benchmarks.

In the meantime, Texas has imposed more-strenuous state exams including updated versions of the TAKS test and a new test that began last year, STAAR.

Kallison said while students' scores have improved through the years on state tests, their SAT and ACT scores remain "relatively flat."

"Students improved on the TAKS, but that has not translated into better scores on the ACT or SAT," he said. "You would have expected to see some improvement on the ACT and SAT during that period."

Kallison said that on STAAR end-of-course exams this year, just 17 percent of students scored at Level III on the Algebra I test, while 8 percent scored at Level III in reading and 3 percent reached that level in writing. He said Level III measures college-level readiness, but also noted that because the exam is still new, students will have years to improve.

"I would expect to see improvement in the future, but there's a long way to go," Kallison said.

The state Legislature cut funding for public schools by $5.4 billion last year, leading to larger class sizes, teacher layoffs and the elimination of full-day pre-kindergarten in some schools districts.

Schools districts that educate three-fourths of Texas students have sued the state over the funding cuts, claiming the way Texas now funds its schools is inadequate and inequitable and violates state constitutional educational guarantees.

Texas does not have a statewide income or property tax, and relies on local property taxes and other state revenue to fund schools.

The districts claim the cuts have hit them especially hard since they came as the state increases academic accountability standards with STAAR and also as the public school enrollment statewide increases by 80,000 students annually because of Texas' booming population.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office counters that there is adequate funding for schools and that districts aren't always spending their resources wisely.

Man, woman accused of making 'animal crush' videos

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston man and woman are jailed on federal and state charges that they made and distributed videos of living animals being tortured and killed.

The seven-count federal grand jury indictment accuses Ashley Nicole Richards and Brent Justice of making eight videos of puppies, chickens and kittens being tortured and killed. If convicted on all five "animal crush" charges and two obscenity counts, the pair could be sentenced to up to 45 years in prison.

Both already faced state animal cruelty charges.

Richards, who's 22, is in Harris County Jail in Houston with bonds totaling $290,000. Justice, who's 51, is jailed on $15,000 bond. A Justice Department statement said both will be transferred to federal custody.

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SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 47

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 75 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 45 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

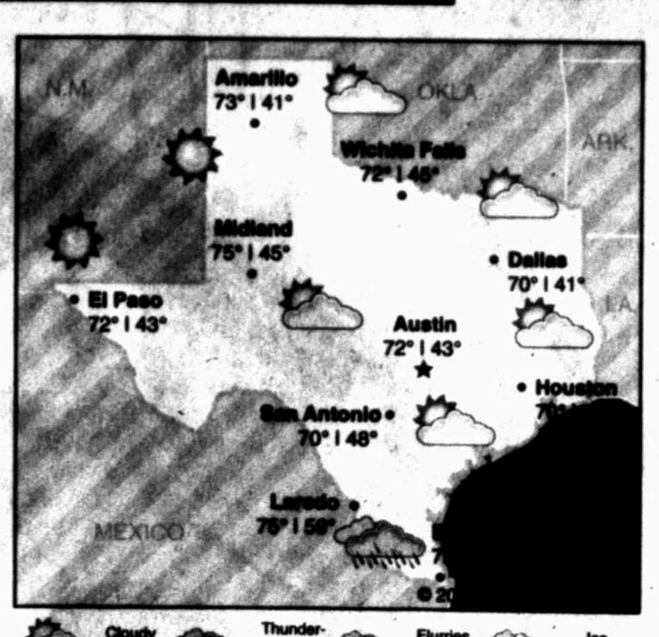
Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 78 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies at night with a low around 53 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, a high around 79 and a low around 47.

The high on Wednesday reached 74, while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Nov. 28 is 85 set in 1949. The record low is 16 set in 2001.

National forecast

Scattered rain and snow showers will fall today across parts of Upstate NY and northern New England. Other than some lake-effect snow showers in northern Michigan, dry conditions continue to dominate the Midwest. A dry Thursday is in store for the entire South. A stormy period will continue through Sunday in the West, with a few breaks.



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Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.96 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	74
Low	32
Normal high	62
Normal low	34
Sunrise	7:30 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Nov. 29

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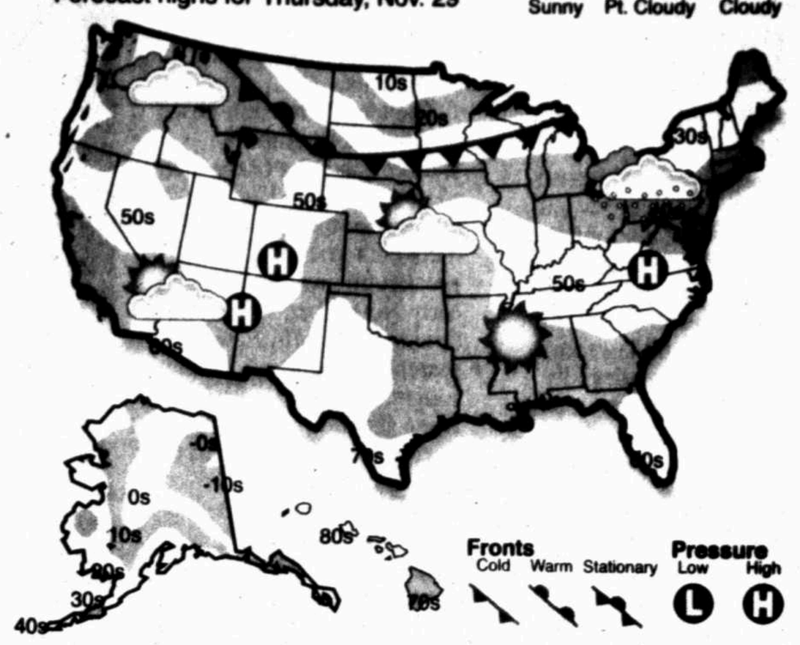

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Boyfriend can't fill father's shoes for 9-year-old daughter

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 committed suicide 2 1/2 years ago. We had been married for 13 years and had two daughters who are now 15 and 9. The 15-year-old seems to be doing fine. The 9-year-old is not.

But my biggest problem is my live-in boyfriend, "Tim." While I love him and mostly enjoy his company, he appears to dislike my 9-year-old. She needs male attention because her dad was an attentive, wonderful father. I have discussed this with Tim. His response is he has a hard time doing it because she is "totally out of control and crazy."

Abby, she is none of that. She is a child with a lot of energy. I don't know what to do. I know it isn't fair to my daughter, but I'm lonely and miss Tim when he's not there. I'd appreciate any advice you can give me. — TRYING TO MOVE ON IN OHIO

DEAR TRYING: I am so sorry for your loss. However, parents get only one chance at parenting, which is why it's so important to do it right the first time. What is happening in your household is unfair to your daughter. She should not be forced to live with a man who doesn't like her and can't give her positive reinforcement. That's why, for her sake, it would be better for you and Tim to live apart. If you choose him over your daughter, you will later regret it and could cause her serious emotional problems for decades.

DEAR ABBY: The holidays are right around the corner, and my husband and I have had a difficult couple of years financially. I'm a full-time student; he is the only one bringing in an income while we raise two young boys.

I love the holidays — except for shopping for others. I hate spending money I don't have looking for that perfect gift for everyone on my list. More often than not, the gift ends up being re-gifted or in the summer garage sale. For the past two years I have asked that if people want to give gifts, to please give them to the kids and leave us adults out of it. My requests have been ignored.

I know from [illegible] extended family is as strapped for cash as I am, but they charge on credit cards. Should I refuse a gift I can't reciprocate or thank them and try not to feel guilty? The name exchange option didn't work. I feel there should be more to the holidays than going into debt for gifts. — MA HUMBUG IN OREGON

DEAR MA HUMBUG: I agree with you, and so would credit counselors coast to coast. Thank your relatives for their gifts. Reiterate that money is tight, so you will be giving gifts to the youngest family members only. If you feel you must reciprocate in some way, whip up a batch of holiday cookies or fudge brownies, wrap them with a colorful ribbon and make that your holiday gift.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for six years. Before I met him, I was with a woman. I don't want my husband to find out about it because I'm afraid it will turn him on and he'll want to have threesomes. (He enjoys looking at lesbian porn.) [illegible] I feel this way about telling him? — WANTS MY PAST IN THE PAST

DEAR WANTS YOUR PAST IN THE PAST: If you think there is a chance that your husband will find out, then the person he should hear it from is you. And if he suggests having a threesome, tell him that you are happy as things are and you prefer to remain monogamous.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A visit to the dentist

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 4 3
♡ 9 5 3
◇ Void
♣ K 10 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 7
♡ 10 6
◇ A K 9 7 6 5
♣ J 9 8

EAST
♠ 10 6
♡ A 7 2
◇ Q J 10 8 4
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH
♠ K 8 2
♡ K Q J 8 4
◇ 3 2
♣ 7 6 5

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1♠	2◇	2♡
4♡	4♡	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: King of ◇

This deal is from a Ladies European Championship match. Against four hearts West led the king of diamonds, ruffed in dummy. Can you spot the winning line? It is not easy to see.

The bidding is routine. West's jump raise in diamonds is pre-emptive but North has no problem.

After ruffing the diamond lead in dummy, declarer must come to hand with the king of spades, ruff another diamond, cash a spade and exit with a trump to the king. With no way to get to West for a lead through the king of clubs, the defenders are helpless.

No matter how the play proceeds, declarer will be able to ruff a diamond, draw trumps and then run the spades. Not an easy line to find at the table. It is known as the Dentist's Coup because you extract the defender's exit cards.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012:

This year you often feel challenged by others. As a result, you are unusually verbal and frequently get into heated discussions. Use any criticism you receive to strengthen your ideas. If you are single, you could meet your next sweetie, so be sure to check out people with care. Make plenty of time for social activities as well. If you are attached, the two of you will experience an easier year than in the recent past. You will revitalize your bond through sharing more. GEMINI is even more verbal than you are!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You know exactly how to get someone's attention, and you put your energy where it counts. You could be surprised at how a little provocation goes a long way with a higher-up. Be sure to use diplomacy. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might be quite tied to a situation that could involve some travel. Whether the person who attracts your interest is a loved one, a friend or a professional associate, it makes no difference. You will put forth your best efforts when dealing with him or her. Tonight: Time for treats.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Listen to the drumbeats. You need to be more responsive to someone who could be a bit touchy at times. If you have a problem doing this, you might want to consider changing the nature of the relationship. Clear out your to-do list quickly. Tonight: Visit with some friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Make an effort to contact someone who is alone often. This person appreciates your compassion more than you realize. Listen to what he or she has to share. Your creativity is stimulated by interacting with others. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Throw yourself 100 percent into whatever you need to do. Your energy is high, and your mind is keen. With this combination, you can accomplish nearly anything. Know that a loved one is coming from a caring position in a discussion, even if you do not like what you hear. Tonight: Join your friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Choose your words carefully when dealing with a child or a loved one. No matter what age you are, you will want to relate to the opposite sex on a friendly basis. Be aware that someone is observing you. Take care of your responsibilities. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You tend to see much more than others because you are detached and can weigh the pros and cons. Read between the lines with a loved one who might be putting him- or herself at a distance. Tonight: Act out a daydream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Relate on a one-on-one level with others, and you could be amazed by what occurs. People will open up more, and you'll be able to resolve problems far more quickly. If you are attached, you might want to make a caring gesture toward your significant other. Tonight: Keep it light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others come forward and express a need to share more. Use care if their ideas involve you spending a lot of money. It could be far more costly than what is being presented. Someone you meet today could be problematic in some way. Tonight: Get errands out of the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You get a lot done quickly. A friendship comes through in a meeting. You always knew that this person supported your ideas, and now you are aware that there is more than just friendship between you. Approach this situation with care. Tonight: Play it relaxed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your mischievous side emerges, perhaps because you sense some fun on the horizon. Your creativity opens up a situation with a boss or an older friend. Relax. Worry less about time management and getting everything done. Tonight: You cannot help but be naughty!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Focus on a matter involving real estate and your long-term goals. For some of you, this might involve a domestic situation; for others, a professional issue. Express only the goals that are relative to the present situation. Others will support them. Tonight: Head home first.

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BORN TODAY

Author C.S. Lewis (1898), actress Kim Delaney (1961), author Louisa May Alcott (1832)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Early sunscreen ingredient
5 "Let's get goin'!"
9 Put __ act
13 Tater
14 Hard to believe
15 Wine quality
16 Campground sound #1
19 Devilish toon
20 Maine-et-Loire mate
21 In-crowds
23 Campground sound #2
27 Curt refusal
29 Hot time in Maine-et-Loire
30 Renaissance painter __ Angelico
31 Like a spot in "Macbeth"
33 Pac-12 team
35 "Pretty Woman" co-songwriter
37 Some comedy sketches
42 Nov. voting time
44 Streaker in a shower
45 Remote power sources
48 City near Yorba Linda
50 Track contests
51 Campground sound #3
55 "Honor Thy Father" author
56 Sargasso Sea spawner
57 Forest's 2006 Oscar-winning role
60 Campground sound #4
64 "__ baby!"
65 Swimmer with pups
66 POTUS backup
67 Hightail it
68 Pays (for)
69 West Point team

DOWN
1 Subtle "Over here ..."
2 Polynesian capital
3 WWII German missile nickname
4 Log shaper
5 Mount Everest?
6 Capital on the island of Luzon
7 Texter's "Holy cow!"
8 Mario Brothers console
9 16 oz.
10 Jordin Sparks/Chris Brown song covered on "Glee"
11 Desires from
12 "Iliad" wise man
17 Blood typing, e.g.
18 Wrestling pair
22 Calypso offshoot
24 Years in old Rome
25 Chit
26 Crunch source
27 Promise before a parson
28 Hawk's cause
32 British travel feature, in the past?
34 Clean and then some
36 Philip __: 16th-century Italian saint
38 __-Tass
39 Pass target
40 Fair-hiring abbr.
41 Many AARP mems.
43 Rep. counterpart
45 Play a part, or play part
46 Genesis mountain
47 Heel-click follower
49 Dating stumbling block, perhaps
52 Jai alai basket
53 Pollux or Arcturus, to an astronomer
54 Brings down
58 Judge
59 Cosby/Culp TV series
61 www access
62 Revivalist's prefix
63 Actress Gardner

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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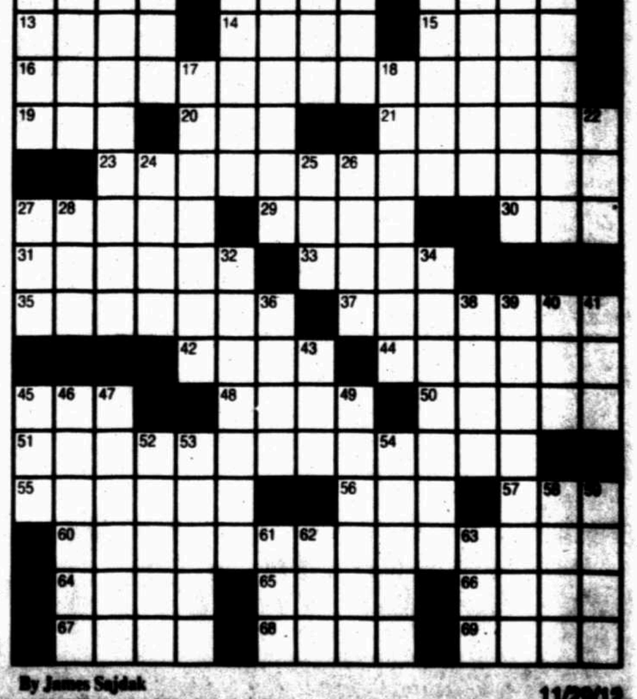

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Eccentric millionaire charged with child molestation

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Stanley Marsh 3, the eccentric millionaire artist best known for his "Cadillac Ranch" art display along an interstate in the Texas Panhandle, was charged Wednesday with 11 felony counts of molesting children.

The 74-year-old turned himself in at a county jail after an arrest warrant was issued, accusing him of molesting two teenagers in 2010. His arrest follows the filing of several lawsuits against him for allegedly paying 10 teens for sex acts.

The charges could go before a grand jury in the next few weeks or soon after the first of the year, special prosecutor Matt Powell said.

"This is the beginning of the process," Powell said. "This is what we felt like we needed to do."

According to criminal complaints filed in Potter County, Marsh had the teens engage in sexual acts, including masturbation and oral sex, on three days in 2010. He was charged with six counts of child sexual assault and five counts of sexual performance by a child.

Marsh's criminal attorneys, Paul Nugent and Heather Peterson of Houston, denied the charges, saying in a statement that the teens in the civil cases waited until Marsh suffered a massive stroke last year to move forward with a plan "to become multimillionaires" by signing with a Houston personal injury attorney.

"The investigation into the group's claims is far from complete," the attorneys wrote in their statement. "There should be no premature rush to judgment. Stanley Marsh 3 is not guilty of the group's allegations, and will fight as vigorously as his declining health permits."

The six lawsuits claim Marsh paid the boys, ages 15 and 16, for sexual acts. One claimed that Marsh provided him drugs and alcohol, bought him two cars, and paid him at several points during a year in sums of as much as $10,000.

Marsh's civil attorney, Kelly Utsinger, has denied those allegations. He did not immediately return a call seeking comment on Wednesday's criminal complaints.

The teens' Houston-based civil attorney, Anthony Buzbee, said two of the teens went to police in late summer before the lawsuits were filed, but two others didn't speak with investigators until early November — about the time Marsh's offices were searched. One teen's mother sought out a civil attorney when she didn't hear back from police, according to the lawsuits.

Marsh is probably best known for planting 10 brightly painted Cadillacs nose down along Interstate 40 in the Panhandle in the 1970s. The cars, ranging from a 1948 club coupe to a 1963 sedan and gathered from junkyards, private collectors and used car lots, have since become a pop art landmark.

Visitors through the years have splattered them with graffiti and in 2005 they were coated in pink to honor breast cancer victims, survivors and their families. Marsh also has painted them black and yellow to honor the passing of longtime friends.

An Amarillo native and philanthropist, Marsh and his wife have donated to local art and education causes. After he suffered the massive stroke and a series of smaller ones, his wife was appointed his guardian.

Marsh was indicted on charges of indecency with a child in 1996, but the charges were dismissed. That same year Marsh acknowledged no wrongdoing in a settlement with a youth who claimed Marsh sexually abused him.

In 2001, parties in four lawsuits that alleged imprisonment, sexual misconduct and harassment of teens were settled. Marsh apologized but no other details were made public.

Amarillo Globe-News file photo

In this Aug. 20, 1997, file photo, Stanley Marsh 3, dubbed Amarillo's eccentric millionaire, watches as workers lower into place one of the 10 Cadillacs that made up the Cadillac Ranch west of Amarillo. On Wednesday, an arrest warrant was issued for Mars, accusing him of 11 felony counts of child molestation.

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RANKIN PLAYOFF REPORT

Castillo a power on both sides of the ball

By Len Hayward
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Aaron Castillo has a hard time figuring out which side of the ball he likes playing better for Rankin.

But he does say he likes to do one thing: Making contact. And in the positions he plays for the Red Devils, he does plenty of that.

Castillo is a fullback and linebacker for Rankin. And while fellow backfield mate Dalton Michum makes plenty of big plays on offense, Castillo is one of the team's biggest playmakers on defense.

The Game

SIX-MAN DIVISION I STATE QUARTERFINAL
NO. 3 RANKIN VS. NO. 2 THROCKMORTON

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
Where: Tiger Stadium, Snyder
Records: Rankin 11-1, Throckmorton 11-1

Both positions involve hitting, and he's played both pretty well this season for the 11-1 Red Devils, who will take on Throckmorton in a Six-Man Division I State Quarterfinal at 6 p.m. Saturday at Tiger Stadium in Snyder.

"Making contact is what I like to do, and that's the main thing I do (in my positions)," Castillo said.

Last week against No. 1-ranked Ira, Castillo had possibly his best game of the year, along with a Rankin defense that slowed down record setting running back Lance Morris. Castillo had two key stops behind the line of scrimmage on Morris in the second half for the Red Devils that ultimately helped stop drives.

Rankin coach Shannon Williams said Castillo did a good job of adjusting to Ira's blocking in the first quarter and that by the second half, Castillo was beginning to make plays.

"His play was huge," Williams said. "In the first quarter, he was getting cut a little and he started using his hands and keeping his feet underneath him and getting to the play and making it. Or he was containing it and making them do something they didn't want to."

Castillo said he continually works on tackling even after a big game like

Please see CASTILLO/4C

Aaron Castillo: Rankin football player splits time between fullback and linebacker for the Red Devils.

STILL A FOOTBALL FORCE

AP file photo

TCU's Sam Carter (17) tips the ball for an interception ahead of Texas' Jaxon Shipley (8) and Cayleb Jones (4) at the end of the fourth quarter Nov. 22 in Austin.

Young Frogs prove they can compete in Big 12

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The biggest question when two-time BCS buster TCU made the move to the Big 12 was whether the Horned Frogs could handle the week-to-week grind of playing in a major conference.

Well, coach Gary Patterson and his young, bowl-bound Frogs (7-4, 4-4 Big 12) have done just fine in their inaugural Big 12 season, even though they won't win at least 11 games for the fifth year in a row, claim their fourth consecutive conference title or be part of the Bowl Championship Series.

They can finish in the upper half of the only league sending 90 percent of its teams to bowl games (nine of 10) and have won four Big 12 road games, including Thanksgiving night at Texas. All while playing an FBS-high 28 freshmen, plus 20 sophomores, having to make an unplanned quarterback switch a month into the season and with only one senior starter on defense.

"Very, very proud of this group of kids the way they've fought, the way they've played, how they've done things, found ways to win," said Patterson, TCU's winningest coach at 116-34 in his 12th season. "Now you're looking at having a chance to be 8-4 and get to a bowl game and do the things you need to do and kind of get a jump start for next season."

TCU plays its regular-season finale Saturday at home against 12th-ranked Oklahoma (9-2, 7-1). The Sooners can clinch at least a share of the Big 12 title with a win and then would be headed to a BCS game if seventh-ranked Kansas State loses later that night at home against No. 23 Texas.

The Sooners were already set to play at TCU this season in one of the first games at the Frogs' completely redone stadium. That instead became the regular-season finale for both teams when they became conference foes.

"Gary's done a great job for a long, long time. They've been a good football team," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "What was it, just two or three years ago they win the Rose Bowl, beating Wisconsin over there? Gary is an excellent coach. His guys play, you can see, with great technique, discipline, all of that. He's been building that program for quite a while and done it in a great way."

That Rose Bowl victory came two seasons ago, when the Horned Frogs finished 13-0 and No. 2 in the final AP poll.

The Frogs won their 2005 opener at Oklahoma, a year after their only losing season under Patterson. The Sooners

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Greenwood rearranges Rangerette Shootout schedule

By Jonathan Hull
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There's no doubt football rules in West Texas, and almost everything else is scheduled around the area's favorite sport.

For the first time in the six years Greenwood has been hosting the Rangerette Shootout, football is forcing some minor schedule changes. Because both Greenwood and Monahans have football playoff games Friday night, rearrangements were made to ensure both communities will have plenty of time to get to their respective gridiron venues.

"We both have cheerleaders on our teams," Greenwood coach Quint Anthony said. "We're just making sure we get done at certain times to let everyone get to those games."

The first round of the tournament is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. today when Grady and Monahans play each other. Greenwood rounds out today's slate of games with a matchup against Fort Stockton at 6 p.m.

However, the Rangerettes will not play in the prime time 6 p.m. slot Friday. Instead, they'll play at 3 p.m., regardless of whether they win or lose against Fort Stockton. The Greenwood football team plays Graham at 7 p.m. Friday in

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Nieckula named new manager of RockHounds

From staff reports

The Midland RockHounds will have half of last year's field staff returning for the 2013 season.

The Oakland A's, the major league parent club of the RockHounds, announced on Wednesday that Aaron Nieckula will be Midland's new manager. Don Schulze will return as hitting coach. Brian McArn will be the team's hitting coach and Justin Whitehouse returns for a sixth season as the RockHounds' athletic trainer.

Nieckula succeeds Steve Scarsone, who moves up to Triple-A Sacramento after two seasons in Midland. Scarsone takes over as RiverCats manager after former RockHounds manager Darren Bush was promoted to the A's coaching staff, serving as the bullpen coach.

Nieckula was a 22nd round selection by the A's in the 1998 draft out of the University of Illinois where he was an All-Big Ten selection his senior season. He then spent four seasons in the

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Nieckula

Stanford sets sites to playing on LPGA Tour

By Len Hayward
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When Tracy Stanford walked onto the golf course Wednesday morning during the final stage of LPGA Qualifying School, she was as ready as she has been in her professional career.

Stanford, a Lee grad who also played at Iowa State and Texas Tech, earned the chance to play in the final stage of the LPGA's qualifying tournament by making it through the second stage a few months ago. She now has her sites set on playing on the top women's tour in 2013.

Tracy Stanford: Lee grad played golf at Iowa State and Texas Tech. She also played on the Symetra Tour.

Stanford has been a professional since 2009, mainly competing on the Symetra Tour — the LPGA's version of the Web.com Tour — and with each round she plays, Stanford is learning that being prepared mentally is as important as being able to swing the club.

"It's learning your emotions on the golf course and trying to get better," said Stanford, who now lives in Orlando, Fla. "It's trying to get better and learning where to put your focus. You don't want to be too down on yourself, and make progress and keep steady at it, and really not lose your mind. It's possible to lose your mind if you are wrapped up in the wrong things, and it just makes it worse for you."

Stanford's quest to find her place in the PGA Tour began Wednesday at LPGA National Golf Course in Daytona Beach, and it will begin a grueling five-day process. The top 70 and ties will make the cut after the four rounds, and then the top 20 after the five rounds will earn full exemption on the LPGA Tour for 2013.

Stanford shot a 1-over par 73 on Wednesday and was tied for 44th.

Beyond where she may place this week, Stanford said it's being able to handle the small things that have made a difference in her game over

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SHOOTOUT

From 1C

Sweetwater.

Likewise, Monahans plays at 10:30 a.m. Friday with a win or loss against Grady today as the Loboes' football team takes on undefeated Gatesville at 7:30 p.m. in Abilene.

"It's one of those deals where it was a little extra work for me," Anthony said, "but it's well worth it to have our guys still in the (football) playoffs."

The main focus for the Rangerettes this weekend, though, is on the hardwood as they try to defend their home turf against what Anthony calls a competitive field.

"I think we ended up with a very talented field," Anthony said. "All of these teams are very well coached and are teams you expect to see in the playoffs every year."

The Rangerettes enter the tournament with a 2-5 record but have played some quality competition so far this year. Anthony hopes to see the team continue to make progress as it moves toward district play.

"I'm anxious to see how we come out and perform against Fort Stockton tomorrow," Anthony said. "We started to play better against the (Lubbock Home School team Tuesday). We hung with them for three quarters and then ran out of gas. I'm interested to see what we learned from that game."

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

Rangerette Shootout
at Greenwood High School gym
Thursday-Saturday
Bracket play
Thursday
Game 1: Grady vs. Monahans, 1:30 p.m.
Game 2: Pecos vs. Snyder, 3 p.m.
Game 3: San Angelo Lake View vs. Lee JV, 4:30 p.m.
Game 4: Fort Stockton vs. Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Friday
Consolation Bracket
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 10:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.
Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.
Saturday
Seventh-place game
Game 9: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 1:30 p.m.
Consolation Championship
Game 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 3 p.m.
Third-place game
Game 11: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 4:30 p.m.
Championship
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m.

Bearkat Booster Club Klassic
Garden City High School
Thursday's Games
9 a.m.: Garden City vs. Coahoma
Noon: Klondike vs. Stanton
3 p.m.: Lubbock High vs. Forsan
6 p.m.: Garden City vs. Klondike
Friday's Games
9 a.m.: Lubbock High vs. Coahoma
Noon: Stanton vs. Forsan
3 p.m.: Coahoma vs. Klondike
6 p.m.: Garden City vs. Stanton
Saturday's Games
9 a.m.: Forsan vs. Klondike
Noon: Lubbock High vs. Stanton
3 p.m.: Coahoma vs. Forsan
6 p.m.: Garden City vs. Lubbock High

Kristen Corbin Classic
Andrews High School
All games at Andrews HS Performance Center unless otherwise noted
Thursday's Games
9 a.m.: El Paso Riverside vs. Midland Christian
10:45 a.m.: Big Spring vs Midland Classical, High School
1:30 p.m.: Midland Christian vs. Odessa High
3:15 p.m.: Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Riverside
5 p.m.: Andrews vs. Big Spring, Performance Center
Friday's Games
9 a.m.: Midland Classical vs. Andrews
10:45 a.m.: Big Spring vs. Odessa High, High School
1:30 p.m.: Midland Christian vs. Odessa Permian
3:15 p.m.: Odessa High vs. Midland Classical, High School
5 p.m.: Andrews vs. El Paso Riverside
Saturday's Games
9 a.m.: Odessa Permian vs. Midland Classical
10:45 a.m.: Odessa High vs. El Paso Riverside, High School
1:30 p.m.: Midland Christian vs. Andrews
3:15 p.m.: Big Spring vs. Odessa Permian

4th El Ave Shootout
Crane High School
Thursday's Games
New Way vs. McCamey, 11 a.m., New Gym
Lamesa vs. Odessa High JV, 11 a.m, Old Gym
Presidio vs. Wink, 3 p.m., Old Gym
Trinity vs. Crane, 4 p.m., New Gym
Friday's Games
Winner's Bracket
Semifinals
New Way-McCamey winner vs. Lamesa-OHS JV winner, 11 a.m., New Gym
Presidio-Wink winner vs. Trinity-Crane winner, 4 p.m., New Gym
Consolation Bracket
Semifinals
New Way-McCamey loser vs. Lamesa-OHS JV loser, 11 a.m., New Gym
Presidio-Wink loser vs. Trinity-Crane loser, 4 p.m., New Gym
Saturday's Games
Guarantee Game, 10 a.m., Old Gym
Consolation Final, 10 a.m., New Gym
Third-place Game, 2 p.m., Old Gym
Championship, 4 p.m., New Gym

Boys

Bearkat Booster Club Klassic
Garden City High School
Thursday's Games
10:30 a.m.: Garden City vs. Coahoma
1:30 p.m.: Klondike vs. Stanton
4:30 p.m.: Grady vs. Forsan
7:30 p.m.: Garden City vs. Klondike
Friday's Games
10:30 a.m.: Grady vs. Coahoma
1:30 p.m.: Stanton vs. Forsan
4:30 p.m.: Coahoarn vs. Klondike
7:30 p.m.: Garden City vs. Stanton
Saturday's Games
10:30 a.m.: Forsan vs. Klondike
1:30 p.m.: Grady vs. Stanton
4:30 p.m.: Coahoma vs. Forsan
7:30 p.m.: Garden City vs. Grady

4th Annual El Ave Shootout
Crane High School
Thursday's Games
First Round
Crane, bye
Wink vs. Latter Rain, 1 p.m., New Gym
Sands vs. Midland Classical, 1 p.m., New Gym
Trinity vs. New Way, 1 p.m., Old Gym
Winner's Bracket
Semifinals
Crane vs. Wink-Latter Rain winner, 6 p.m., New Gym
Friday's Games
Winner's Bracket
Semifinal
Sands-Midland Classical winner vs. Trinity-New Way winner, 6 p.m., New Gym
Consolation Bracke
Sands-Midland Classical loser vs. Trinity-New Way loser, 6 p.m., Old Gym
Saturday's Games
Guarantee Game, Noon, Old Gym
Consolation Final, 4 p.m., Old Gym
Third-place Game, 2 p.m., New Gym
Championship Game, 6 p.m., New Gym

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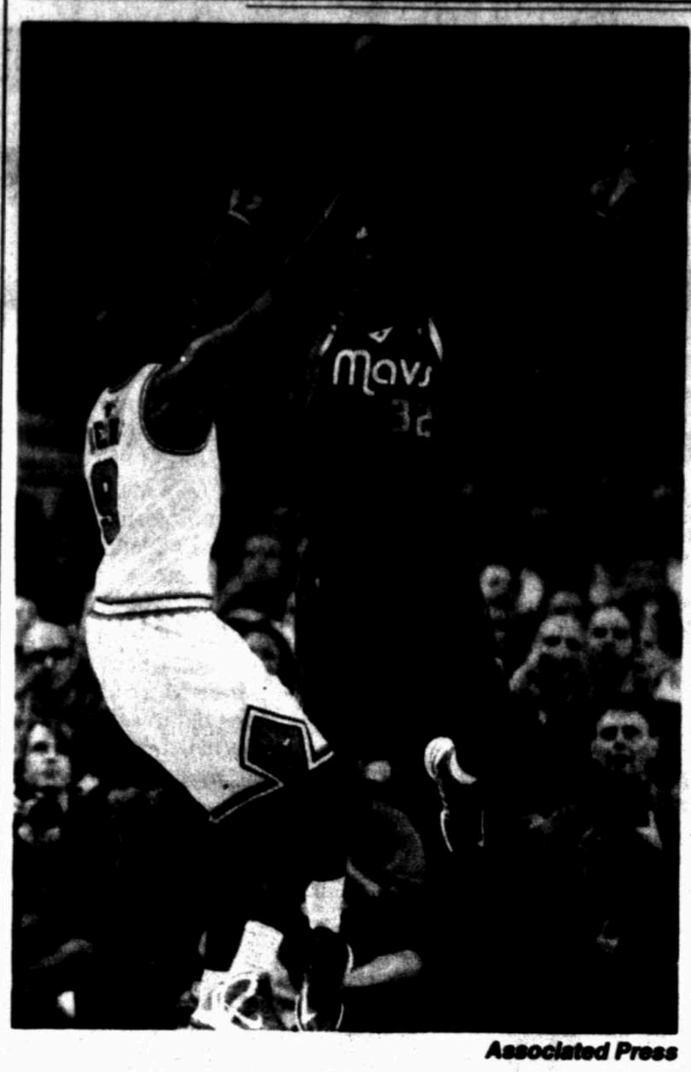

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Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng, left, blocks a pass by Dallas Mavericks guard O.J. Mayo during the first half in Chicago on Wednesday. The Mavericks lost 101-78.

BULLS 101
MAVERICKS 78

CHICAGO — Luol Deng had 22 points and six rebounds to lead the Chicago Bulls over the Dallas Mavericks 101-78 on Wednesday night.

Five Chicago players scored at least 11 points to help the Bulls (7-7) beat the Mavericks for the fourth straight time.

Shawn Marion scored 18 points for Dallas, which shot just 35 percent from the field to lose for the eighth time in its last 11 games.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle announced after the game Mavericks will sign veteran point guard Derek Fisher today.

Dallas played Wednesday without Darren Collison, who had started 14 of the Mavericks' 15 games at the point, because of a sprained right middle finger sustained in Tuesday's loss to Philadelphia.

Fisher has won five championship rings, all with the Los Angeles Lakers, during his 16 NBA seasons. He played in all 20 of Oklahoma City's playoff games last season as the Thunder made the finals for the first time since leaving Seattle.

SPURS 110
MAGIC 89

ORLANDO, Fla. — Manu Ginobili had 20 points, Gary Neal scored 19 and the San Antonio Spurs earned their fifth straight win, racing past the Orlando Magic 110-89 on Wednesday night.

Tim Duncan added 15 points in 27 minutes and Tony Parker chipped in 14 points and eight assists.

The Spurs also posted their eighth consecutive victory on the road and have now beaten the Magic in five of their last six meetings.

Arron Afflalo led the Magic with 16 points, followed by Jameer Nelson with 14. The Magic struggled from the field, connecting on just two of their 15 3-point attempts.

Orlando has lost two straight and concludes its season-high, five-game homestand Friday against Brooklyn.

San Antonio ends its six-game road trip Thursday in Miami.

THUNDER 120
ROCKETS 98

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant matched his season high with 37 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Houston Rockets 120-98 on Wednesday night in James Harden's first time back in Chesapeake Energy Arena since being traded before the season.

Harden scored 17 points, but was limited to 3-for-16 shooting. He had six shots blocked by the Thunder.

Patrick Patterson scored 27 points and Omer Asik had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead the way for the Rockets, who began the day by attending the funeral of coach Kevin McHale's daughter in Minnesota.

Bill Buckner will be keynote speaker at 2013 sports banquet

From staff reports

The Midland RockHounds announced on Wednesday that former Major League baseball player Bill Buckner will be the keynote speaker for the 2013 West Texas Sports Banquet and Memorabilia Auction.

This year's banquet is schedules for Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Midland Country Club.

Buckner, who is best known for an error in the 1986 World Series, played 22 years in the Major Leagues and had a .289 career average and 2,715 hits. He won the National League batting title in 1980.

This year's banquet will again raise money for Casa de Amigas and the St. Ann's School Athletic Association.

The banquet will also donate money to the victims of the Nov. 15 train tragedy in Midland.

Louisville headed to ACC

Associated Press

The Atlanting Coast Conference announced Wednesday that the Univeristy of Louisville's presidents and chancellors unanimously voted to add Louisville in 2014 as the replacement for Maryland.

Maryland will join the Big Ten in 2014.

Louisville was a candidate to join the Big 12 last year before that league took West Virginia.

Maryland's unexpected announcement last week created a new opportunity for both Louisville and the ACC.

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JC Basketball

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

Rank	College	Record	Points	Pvs.
1. South Plains Coll (18)	3-0	360	1	
2. Hill Community Coll (1)	4-0	357	2	
3. Howard College	3-0	346	3	
4. Vincennes University	7-0	333	5	
5. Hutchinson CC	1-0	330	6	
6. Chipola College	2-0	328	7	
7. Palm Beach St. Coll.	3-0	298	8	
8. Spartanburg Meth Coll.	9-0	280	9	
9. Iowa Western CC	1-0	258	21	
10. Indian Hills CC	7-1	252	4	
11. Barton CC	10-0	226	15	
12. Coffeyville CC	8-1	188	10	
13. Cleveland State CC	8-0	149	24	
14. Midland College	8-1	134	16	
15. Middle Georgia Coll.	6-0	132	17	
16. San Jacinto-Central	7-1	127	21	
17. Connors State Coll.	8-1	118	13	
18. Shelton State CC	5-1	114	23	
19. Northern Okla Coll.	11-0	104	RV	
20. Kilgore College	10-0	98	RV	
21. North Idaho College	7-1	89	23	
22. Central Arizona College	8-1	84	25	
23. Gordon State College	6-1	72	18	
24. Gadsden State CC	7-0	69	RV	
25. New Mexico JC	8-1	64	25	

NJCAA Division I
Women's Basketball Poll
(First place votes in parenthesis)

Rank	College	Record	Points	Pvs.
1. North Idaho Coll. (7)	7-0	197		2
2. Trinity Valley CC (1)	11-0	190		1
3. Hutchinson CC	8-0	184		4
4. NW Fla State College	8-0	178		5
5. Iowa Western CC	8-0	168		8
6. Chipola College	10-0	159		13
7. Wallers State CC	6-1	137		9
8. Western Nebraska CC	8-0	134		22
9. Central Ariz College	5-1	128		10
10. Gq Highlands Coll.	7-0	127		21
11. Weatherford College	3-1	123		7
12. Garden City CC	9-0	108		NR
13. NE Oklahoma A&M	8-1	104		15
14. Gulf Coast St. Coll.	7-1	101		11
15. Gillette College	8-1	99		11
16. Blinn College	6-0	77		19
17. Moberly Area CC	5-0	59		25
18. Collin County CC	6-1	55		RV
19. SW Illinois College	2-1	47		NR
20. Darton State College	7-1	45		NR
21. Salt Lake CC	5-2	42		12
22. Mineral Area College	6-1	28		16
23. Daytona State College	7-1	26		23
24. Volunteer State CC	7-0	23		RV
25. Ariz. Western College	7-2	12		17
25. Cochise College	8-0	12		NR

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244
Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	226
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319
South						
Houston	10	1	0	.909	327	211
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	230	273
Tennessee	7	4	0	.364	238	335
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	188	308
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	383	210
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	210
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282	247
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209	248
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	267	221
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	245	237
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	218	356
Kansas City	1	10	0	.091	161	301

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305	226
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295	285
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	242	262
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	184	282
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	10	1	0	.909	362	216
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	310	254
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	308	304
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	214	286
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.727	277	175
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	273	245
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248	249
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	267	280
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	2	1	.773	276	155
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	219	185
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409	205	254
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	180	227

Today's Game
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 2
Seattle at Chicago, Noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, Noon
San Francisco at St. Louis, Noon
Carolina at Kansas City, Noon
Houston at Tennessee, Noon
Arizona at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Indianapolis at Detroit, Noon
Jacksonville at Buffalo, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
Tampa Bay at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Coll. Football

SCHEDULE
TODAY'S GAMES
EAST
Louisville (9-2) at Rutgers (9-2), 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
MIDWEST
MAC Championship, N. Illinois (11-1) vs. Kent St. (11-1) at Detroit, 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Pac-12 Championship, UCLA (9-3) at Stanford (10-2), 7 p.m.

MLS

MLS CUP
Saturday, Dec. 1: Los Angeles vs. Houston, 3:30 p.m.

MLB

Players on 2013 Hall of Fame ballot
NEW YORK — Players on this year's ballot for the Baseball Hall of Fame. Election results will be announced Jan. 9, 2013:
Sandy Alomar Jr., Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Barry Bonds, Jeff Cirillo, Royce Clayton, Roger Clemens, Jeff Conine, Steve Finley, Julio Franco, Shawn Green, Roberto Hernandez, Ryan Klesko, Kenny Lofton, Edgar Martinez, Don Mattingly, Fred McGriff, Mark McGwire, Jose Mesa, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Rafael Palmeiro, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Reggie Sanders, Curt Schilling, Aaron Sele, Lee Smith, Sammy Sosa, Mike Stanton, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, David Wells, David Wells, Rondell White, Bernie Williams, Woody Williams.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	10	4	.714	—
New York	10	4	.714	—
Philadelphia	9	5	.643	1 1/2
Boston	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Toronto	3	12	.188	8

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	9	4	.692	1
Charlotte	7	7	.500	3 1/2
Orlando	5	9	.357	5 1/2
Washington	1	12	.077	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	—
Chicago	7	7	.500	1/2
Indiana	7	8	.467	1
Detroit	5	11	.313	3 1/2
Cleveland	3	12	.200	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	11	2	.846	—
San Antonio	13	3	.813	—
Houston	7	8	.467	5 1/2
Dallas	7	9	.438	6
New Orleans	4	10	.286	8

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	12	4	.750	—
Utah	9	7	.563	3
Denver	8	7	.533	3 1/2
Minnesota	6	7	.462	4 1/2
Portland	6	9	.400	5 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	6	.571	—
L.A. Clippers	8	6	.571	—
L.A. Lakers	7	8	.467	1 1/2
Phoenix	7	8	.438	2
Sacramento	4	10	.286	4

Wednesday's Scores
San Antonio 110, Orlando 89
Washington 94, Portland 82
Brooklyn 95, Boston 83
Atlanta 94, Charlotte 91
Detroit 117, Phoenix 77
Chicago 101, Dallas 78
Memphis 103, Toronto 82
Utah 98, New Orleans 84
Oklahoma City 120, Houston 98
New York 102, Milwaukee 89
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
San Antonio at Miami, 7 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
BULLS 101, MAVERICKS 78
DALLAS (78): Harrison 7-11 4-4 18, Crowder 1-7 0-0 2, Kaman 4-14 2-2 10, DeJones 4-9 2-2 10, Mayo 2-9 0-0 4, Beaubois 2-7 1-2 6, Brand 1-4 2-2 4, Murphy 2-3 2-2 7, Carter 3-10 2-2 10. Da Jones 0-1 2-2 2, James 0-0 1-2 1, Cunningham 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 28-81 18-20 78.
CHICAGO (101): Deng 8-17 5-6 22, Boozer 3-7 0-0 6, Noah 5-9 3-4 13, Hinrich 2-4 4-2 8, Hamilton 2-4 0-2 5, Butler 2-4 9-10 13, Gibson 3-9 2-2 8, Robinson 5-6 2-2 14, Belinelli 2-5 5-5 11, Mohammed 1-3 0-2 2, Teague 0-0 0-0 0, Radmanovic 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-69 27-33 101.

Dallas	**23**	**19**	**16**	**20**	**– 78**
Chicago	**24**	**34**	**19**	**24**	**– 101**

3-Point Goals—Dallas 4-18 (Carter 2-4, Murphy 1-1, Beaubois 1-4, Marion 0-1, Kaman 0-1, DeJones 0-1, Mayo 0-2, Crowder 0-4), Chicago 6-10 (Robinson 2-2, Belinelli 2-3, Hinrich 1-2, Deng 1-2, Gibson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 40 (Brand 8), Chicago 56 (Noah 10). Assists—Dallas 19 (Kaman 5), Chicago 24 (Robinson 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 26, Chicago 23. A—20,917. Referees—Ed Malloy, Joe Crnic, Murphy Robinson. A—21,575 (20,917).

JAZZ 85, HORNETS 84
UTAH (85): Mo Williams 4-7 6-6 16, Millsap 3-7 10-12 16, Jefferson 8-16 1-2 18, Tinsley 0-4 0-0 0, Foye 3-8 0-0 7, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Hayward 4-5 0-7 15, Favors 4-8 1-2 9, Carroll 2-6 3-4 8, Kanter 2-2 2-3 6. Totals 31-63 28-38 85.
NEW ORLEANS (84): Aminu 3-8 0-0 6, Anderson 2-8 2-2 7, Lopez 7-9 4-6 18, Vasquez 7-15 0-0 14, Mason 3-7 0-0 7, Smith 1-7 5-6 7, Rivers 1-4 0-0 2, Miller 2-3 0-0 5, Roberts 4-10 2-2 11, Thomas 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 31-73 17-21 84.

Utah	**20**	**21**	**31**	**24**	**– 85**
New Orleans	**20**	**19**	**17**	**28**	**– 84**

3-Point Goals—Utah 6-11 (Hayward 2-2, Mo Williams 2-3, Carroll 1-2, Foye 1-3, Tinsley 0-1), New Orleans 5-21 (Miller 1-1, Roberts 1-3, Mason 1-4, Vasquez 1-4, Anderson 1-6, Rivers 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 48 (Favors, Millsap 8), New Orleans 40 (Smith 9). Assists—Utah 24 (Watson 8), New Orleans 19 (Vasquez 6). Total Fouls—Utah 25, New Orleans 27. A—10,693 (17,188).

KNICKS 102, BUCKS 86
NEW YORK (102): Anthony 9-18 8-9 29, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Chandler 4-4 9-10 17, Felton 5-10 0-2 12, Brewer 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 1-5 0-2 2, Prigioni 7-10 0-0 19, Hamilton 2-5 0-0 4, Copeland 2-5 1-2 5. Prigioni 4-5 1-2 11. White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-73 21-25 102.
MILWAUKEE (86): Ilyasova 1-4 0-0 2, Henson 0-3 0-0 0, Dalembert 0-1 0-0 0, Jennings 6-8 4-16, Ellis 6-11 5-6 17, Daniels 4-9 3-3 11, Sanders 1-5 0-2 2, Ibaka 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 8-12 2-2 18, Dunleavy 2-6 3-4 8, Udoh 2-0 0-4 4, Lamb 3-8 0-0 8. Totals 33-72 17-21 86.

New York	**23**	**35**	**29**	**14**	**– 102**
Milwaukee	**26**	**22**	**22**	**16**	**– 86**

3-Point Goals—New York 11-21 (Novak 5-7, Anthony 3-4, Prigioni 2-2, Wallace 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Felton 0-2), Milwaukee 5-13 (Jennings 2-2, Lamb 2-4, Dunleavy 1-2, Harris 0-1, Ellis 0-1, Udrih 0-1, Daniels 0-1, Ilyasova 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 43 (Anthony, Chandler 8), Milwaukee 42 (Dunleavy 9). Assists—New York 18 (Felton, Prigioni 7), Milwaukee 24 (Ellis 7). Total Fouls—New York 20, Milwaukee 20. A—11,439 (18,717).

NETS 95, CELTICS 83
BROOKLYN (95): Wallace 2-10 0-0 5, Humphries 7-12 2-2 16, Lopez 4-10 1-1 9, Williams 3-12 1-3 8, Johnson 6-14 3-4 18, Blatche 7-14 3-4 17, Evans 2-4 1-3, Stackhouse 5-6 2-2 17, Watson 3-7 7-10 13. Bogans 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 19-29 95.
BOSTON (83): Pierce 4-13 6-11 14, Bass 7-12 2-2 16, Garnett 7-13 2-2 16, Rondo 3-9 0-0 6, Terry 3-8 6-7 13, Wilcox 2-2 0-0 4, Sullinger 2-5 2-2 6, Lee 2-5 0-0 4, Green 1-3 0-0 2, Bazemore 1-5 0-0 2. Collins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 18-24 83.

Brooklyn	**28**	**23**	**19**	**25**	**– 95**
Boston	**20**	**18**	**17**	**28**	**– 83**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-24 (Stackhouse 5-6, Johnson 3-6, Williams 1-3, Wallace 1-4, Bogans 0-1, Watson 0-4), Boston 1-7 (Terry 1-3, Green 0-1, Pierce 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 59 (Blatche 13), Boston 49 (Garnett 10). Assists—Brooklyn 21 (Williams 7), Boston 14 (Pierce 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 24, Boston 24. Technicals—Humphries 2, Wallace 2, Brooklyn defensive three-second. A—18,624 (18,624). Referees—Tim Donaghy, Bill Kennedy, Bill Kennedy.

HAWKS 94, HORNETS 81
CHARLOTTE (81): Gist-Gortman 3-9 0-0 6, Mullens 3-9 3-4 10, Hayward 2-3 0-0 4, Walker 4-15 5-6 15, Taylor 2-4 0-0 6, Biyombo 2-6 2-6 6, Diaz 0-2 0-0 0, Sessions 7-17 2-6 16, Gordon 7-11 5-6 20, R.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-76 19-23 81.
ATLANTA (94): Stevenson 1-5 0-0 3, Smith 7-15 3-5 17, Horford 7-15 3-3 17, Teague 4-10 0-0 11, Korver 3-10 0-0 8, L.Williams 7-16 0-0 17, Harris 2-7 1-2 7, Pachulia 2-7 0-0 5, Morrow 3-5 1-2 8. Totals 35-90 10-15 94.

Charlotte	**18**	**27**	**20**	**26**	**– 91**
Atlanta	**30**	**23**	**20**	**23**	**– 94**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 12-24 (Gordon 7-10, Taylor 2-3, Walker 2-4, Mullens 1-4, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, Sessions 0-2), Atlanta 12-32 (Teague 3-5, L.Williams 3-5, Stevenson 2-6, Korver 2-7, Morrow 1-1, Stevenson 1-4, Smith 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 57 (Hayward 11), Atlanta 52 (Smith 13). Assists—Charlotte 18 (Sessions 8), Atlanta 28 (Smith, Horford 6). Total Fouls—Charlotte 21, Atlanta 18. A—10,162 (18,729).

PISTONS 117, SUNS 77
PHOENIX (77): Beasley 1-6 0-0 2, Morris 4-11 0-0 10, Gortat 1-6 4-4 6, Dragic 3-7 3-4 10, Brown 2-6 1-3 5, Dudley 2-7 2-2 7, Telfair 1-3 0-2 2, Scola 4-12 3-3 11, O'Neal 2-4 0-0 4, Tucker 0-3 2-4 2, Marshall 1-6 0-0 2, Johnson 3-8 0-0 7, Zeller 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 28-82 15-20 77.
DETROIT (117): Prince 3-5 5-6 12, Maxiell 4-6 1-2 9, Monroe 4-7 1-2 9, Knight 5-11 6-7 19, Singler 5-12 1-2 12, Drummond 3-7 0-2 6, Stuckey 4-9 0-1 18, Villanueva 7-12 1-3 19, Maggette 3-5 0-0 8, Daye 1-4 0-0 2, Bynum 0-0 0-0 0, English 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 40-76 25-35 117.

Phoenix	**24**	**20**	**16**	**17**	**– 77**
Detroit	**24**	**31**	**26**	**36**	**– 117**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 6-21 (Morris 2-4, Dudley 1-2, Dragic 1-2, Marshall 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Telfair 0-2, Tucker 0-2, Beasley 0-3), Detroit 12-16 (Villanueva 4-5, Knight 3-3, Maggette 2-2, English 1-1, Prince 1-2, Singler 1-3). Fouled Out—Scola. Rebounds—Phoenix 50 (O'Neal 7), Detroit 55 (Drummond 9). Assists—Phoenix 11 (Johnson 3), Detroit 28 (Knight 6). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, Detroit 19. Technicals—Brown, Dragic, Morris, Telfair, Maxiell. A—10,517 (22,076).

WIZARDS 84, TRAIL BLAZERS 82
PORTLAND (82): Batum 6-15 3-4 20, Hickson 6-8 3-7 15, Aldridge 8-19 1-1 17, Lillard 6-21 4-4 20, Matthews 2-10 1-2 6, Jeffries 0-2 0-0 0, Leonard 1-5 0-0 2, Barton 1-4 0-0 2, Prince 0-3 0-0, Pavlovic 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-86 12-18 82.
WASHINGTON (84): Ariza 6-9 0-0 14, Seraphin 5-9 2-2 12, Nene 4-9 2-7 2 6, A.Price 1-7 0-0 3, Beal 2-6 0-0 5, Webster 1-3 5-5 7, Singleton 3-5 2-3 8, Livingston 3-3 0-0 6, Neal 1-4 0-0 2, Crawford 7-14 4-4 19. Totals 31-71 17-19 84.

Portland	**27**	**16**	**16**	**23**	**– 82**
Washington	**23**	**20**	**25**	**16**	**– 84**

3-Point Goals—Portland 10-31 (Batum 5-10, Lillard 4-9, Matthews 1-8, Barton 0-1, Pavlovic 0-1, R.Price 0-1, Aldridge 0-1), Washington 5-12 (Ariza 2-2, Beal 1-2, A.Price 1-3, Crawford 1-3, Singleton 0-1, Webster 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 54 (Hickson 19), Washington 50 (Seraphin 10). Assists—Portland 14 (Lillard 5), Washington 18 (A.Price 6). Total Fouls—Portland 20, Washington 19. A—14,114 (20,308).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Mary Hardin-Baylor 57, Trinity (Texas) 56, OT
Oklahoma 63, Oral Roberts 62
Prairie View 81, Houston 80
SMU 62, Utah 56
Texas-Arlington 72, North Texas 59
UTEP 55, New Mexico St. 54
EAST
Boston College 73, Penn St. 61
Boston U. 74, Coastal Carolina 44
Fairleigh Dickinson 66, St. Peter's 61
George Mason 55, Rhode Island 52
Iona 83, Niagara 72
LIU Brooklyn 70, Columbia 61
Lafayette 63, Delaware 60
Maine 76, Northeastern 73
Navy 54, IPFW 49
Penn 65, Binghamton 54
Saint Joseph's 74, American U. 55
Stony Brook 76, Cornell 53
Temple 54, Buffalo 39
UMass 64, Siena 63
Wagner 48, Princeton 42, OT
West Virginia 94, VMI 69
SOUTH
Austin Peay 108, Berea 53
Coll of Charleston 72, Charleston Southern 67
Duke 73, Ohio St. 68
Duquesne 73, Appalachian St. 72
E. Kentucky 84, Delaware St. 51
Elon 55, Georgia Southern 50
Florida Gulf Coast 86, Samford 62
George Washington 54, James Madison 53
Longwood 88, Cent. Pennsylvania 75
Louisiana Tech 99, SE Louisiana 62
Loyola (Md.) 67, Coppin St. 51
Marshall 70, Morehead St. 67
Miami 67, Michigan St. 59
NC A&T 90, UNC Greensboro 79
Purdue 73, Clemson 61
Radford 73, Hampton 64
Richmond 86, William & Mary 78, 2OT
SC State 74, Jacksonville 72
VCU 92, Stetson 53
W. Carolina 79, Furman 65
Wofford 70, Winthrop 55
MIDWEST
Boise St. 83, Creighton 70
Bradley 82, Cent. Michigan 65
Cent. Arkansas 74, E. Illinois 72
Cleveland St. 69, Ball St. 63
Illinois 75, Georgia Tech 62
Kent St. 85, Youngstown St. 78, OT
Loyola of Chicago 81, Tennessee Tech 78
Ohio 69, St. Bonaventure 64
S. Dakota St. 71, North Dakota 70
S. Illinois 57, Fresno St. 54
Toledo 80, Texas A&M-CC 68
Virginia 60, Wisconsin 54
Weber St. 82, Dayton 61
Wichita St. 86, Tulsa 60
FAR WEST
Air Force 76, Jackson St. 47
Arizona St. 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 54
BYU 85, Montana 60
New Mexico 76, Mercer 58
Washington St. 64, Idaho 55
Wyoming 68, UC Santa Barbara 40

TOP 25 FARED
Wednesday
1. Indiana (7-0) did not play Next: vs. Coppin State, Saturday
2. Duke (7-0) beat No. 4 Ohio State 73-68 Next: vs. Delaware, Saturday
3. Michigan (6-0) did not play. Next: at Bradley, Saturday
4. Ohio State (4-1) lost to No. 2 Duke 73-68 Next: vs. Northern Kentucky, Saturday
5. Louisville (5-1) did not play Next: vs. Illinois State, Saturday
6. Syracuse (4-0) did not play Next: at Arkansas, Friday
7. Florida (5-0) did not play Next: vs. Marquette, Thursday
8. Kentucky (4-1) did not play Next: vs. Notre Dame, Thursday
9. Arizona (3-0) vs. Northern Arizona. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday
10. Kansas (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday
11. Creighton (6-1) lost to Boise State 83-70. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Saturday
12. Gonzaga (6-0) did not play Next: vs. Lewis-Clark State, Thursday
13. Michigan State (5-2) lost to Miami 67-59 Next: vs. Nicholls State, Saturday
14. North Carolina (5-2) did not play Next: vs. UAB, Saturday
15. Oklahoma State (5-0) did not play Next: at Wichita State, Saturday
16. Missouri (5-1) did not play Next: vs. Appalachian State, Saturday
17. Cincinnati (6-0) did not play Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday
18. N.C. State (4-2) did not play Next: vs. UConn, Tuesday
19. Colorado (6-0) did not play Next: at Wyoming, Saturday
20. Georgetown (4-1) did not play Next: vs. Tennessee, Friday
21. Minnesota (7-1) did not play Next: vs. North Florida, Saturday
22. Florida St. (6-0) beat Georgia Tech 75-62 Next: vs. Western Carolina, Tuesday
23. San Diego State (4-1) did not play Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday
24. UNLV (3-1) vs. UC Irvine. Next: vs. Hawaii, Saturday
25. Marquette (7-0) beat Mercer 76-58. Next: at Indiana State, Saturday

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
UTEP 55, NEW MEXICO ST. 54
NEW MEXICO ST (3-4): Sy 1-6 2-2 4, Dixon 2-4 0-0 4, Hamilton 4-9 5-8 13, Nephawe 3-4 3-4 9, Ross-Miller 4-8 0-0 9, Shultz 0-3 2-2, Arons 1-1 0-0 3, de Rouen 1-2 1-1 3, Mullings 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-43 13-17 54.
UTEP (2-4): Lang 1-2 0-1 2, Bohannon 7-15 1-3 15, Rapland 0-2 0-0 0, J. Washburn 8-13 4-5 20, Stretesky 2-5 2-2 7, Cooper 1-3 2-2 4, C. Washburn 0-1 7-8 7, Howard 0-0 0-0 0, Ma. Moore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-41 16-21 55.
Halftime—New Mexico St. 32-28. 3-Point Goals—New Mexico St. 3-11 (Arons 1-1, Ross-Miller 1-2, Mullings 1-2, Dixon 0-1, Watson 0-1, Sy 0-4), UTEP 1-8 (Stretesky 1-3, J. Washburn 0-1, Rapland 0-2, Cooper 0-2). Fouled Out—Nephawe. Rebounds—New Mexico St. 28 (Mullings 6), UTEP 23 (Lang 6). Assists—New Mexico St. 10 (Hamilton 3), UTEP 13 (Stretesky 7). Total Fouls—New Mexico St. 18, UTEP 17. A—9,366.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 72, NORTH TEXAS 59
TEXAS-ARLINGTON (72-1): Butler 1-3 3-5 5, Gruszecki 6-10 2-3 17, Edwards 2-5 2-2 6, Reves 2-5 3-6 7, White-Miller 1-6 1-2 4, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Outler 4-9 0-0 9, Gibbs 2-4 2-4 7, McElwain 0-0 0-0 0, Gainey 4-8 3-5 11, Cattlett 1-1 2-2 4, Rodgers 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 24-52 19-29 72.
NORTH TEXAS (3-4): Hohen 2-8 0-0 6, Franklin 4-8 2-5 11, A. Williams 4-9 5-8 14, Jones 2-10 3-4 7, J. Williams 2-8 3-4 7, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Patton 1-1 0-0 2, T. Mitchell 3-13 6-6 12, Overlander 0-1 0-0 0, Stojiljkovic 0-1 0-1 0, Coleman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-58 19-28 59.
Halftime—Tied 31-31. 3-Point Goals—Texas-Arlington 5-9 (Gruszecki 3-5, Outler 1-2, White-Miller 1-2), North Texas 4-23 (Hohen 2-7, Franklin 1-1, A. Williams 1-2, Overlander 0-1, Jones 0-1, Stojiljkovic 0-1, J. Williams 0-4, T. Mitchell 0-6). Fouled Out—Franklin. Rebounds—Texas-Arlington 43 (Reves 13), North Texas 36 (Franklin, T. Mitchell 9). Assists—Texas-Arlington 12 (Cattlett 4), North Texas 7 (Jones 3). Total Fouls—Texas-Arlington 23, North Texas 23. A—4,832.

PRAIRIE VIEW 81, HOUSTON 80
HOUSTON (5-1): Young 5-14 4-4 15, Thompson 2-3 1-2 5, Sliggers 3-6 4-6 12, Hudson 1-6 6-7 20, Thomas 9-13 5-8 23, McLean 0-1 2-4 2, Morris 0-4 0-0 0, Womack 0-2 0-0 0, Gibson 0-0 3-4 3, Izundu 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-53 25-35 80.
PRAIRIE VIEW (4-5): Eleby 4-11 0-0 8, DeMuynck 10-17 6-6 27, Blair 5-10 3-5 15, Montgomery 1-2 0-1 2, Gesaklowski 3-6 1-2 9, Hare 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Blair 2-5, Scott 0-4. Scott 4-5 1-2 10, Chapman 3-6 0-4 6, Raithin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-66 11-20 81.
Halftime—Prairie View 44-39. 3-Point Goals—Houston 3-13 (Sliggers 2-4, Young 1-5, House 0-1, Womack 0-1, Morris 0-2), Prairie View 6-12 (Gesaklowski 2-4, Blair 2-5, Scott 1-1, DeMuynck 1-2). Fouled Out—Eleby, Thompson Rebounds—Houston 32 (Thomas 11), Prairie View 39 (DeMuynck, Eleby 7). Assists—Houston 9 (Thomas 4), Prairie View 17 (Blair 10). Total Fouls—Houston 22, Prairie View 25. A—4,900.

TODAY'S TEXAS/SOUTHWEST SCHEDULE
EAST
S. Utah at TCU, 7 p.m.
Troy at UALR, 7:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Arkansas St. at TCU, 6:30 p.m.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arizona 71, North Texas 66
Oklahoma St. 90, Texas St. 55
TCU 76, SMU 70
Texas-Pan American 49, Texas A&M-CC
EAST
Albany (NY) 76, NJIT 41
Army 61, Columbia 51
Bryant 81, Brown 58
Bucknell 55, Mount St. Mary's 43
Cornell 74, St. Francis (NY) 56
Delaware 68, St. Bonaventure 58
Duquesne 78, Buffalo 52
Fordham 55, Manhattan 45
Georgetown 69, La Salle 61
Harvard 63, New Hampshire 44
Holy Cross 57, CCSU 56
Marist 85, Yahoo 37
Northwestern 67, Boston College 63
Providence 70, Iona 58
Quinnipiac 84, Niagara 70
Seton Hall 57, Siena 48
Stony Brook 56, Robert Morris 48
Towson 58, Coppin St. 55
UConn 101, Colgate 41
SOUTH
Auburn 70, Tulane 65
Charlotte 62, UCF 59
FAU 67, South Alabama 56
Florida St. 83, Iowa 69
George Washington 75, Morgan St. 40
Georgia 83, Furman 47
Howard 40, Loyola (Md.) 37
Kennesaw St. 51, Jacksonville St. 50
Kentucky 92, Miami (Ohio) 53
Louisville 76, E. Kentucky 42
Mercer 46, Davidson 45
Mississippi St. 70, Savannah St. 55
North Carolina 57, Ohio St. 54
North Florida 58, Bethune-Cookman 55
Presbyterian 58, Charleston Southern 57
Richmond 76, NC A&T 63
SC State 68, Jacksonville 45
South Carolina 58, Drexel 55, OT
South Florida 77, UNC Asheville 29
Southern Miss. 88, Florida A&M 71
Tennessee 88, Middle Tennessee 81, OT
UNC Wilmington 59, NC Central 45
Vanderbilt 67, Austin Peay 36
Virginia Tech 47, Wisconsin 38
Winthrop 63, Coll. of Charleston 61
MIDWEST
Bradley 67, N. Illinois 58
Butler 65, E. Michigan 59
Cincinnati 55, Morehead St. 45
Cleveland St. 68, VCU 57
Dayton 95, Wright St. 73
Detroit 97, W. Michigan 57
Duke 71, Michigan 54
Indiana St. 72, Clemson 49
Kansas 101, Grambling St. 47
Marquette 77, S. Dakota St. 74, OT
Maryland 90, Nebraska 71
Purdue 85, Georgia Tech 73
St. Francis (Pa.) 81, Kent St. 67
Temple 70, Bowling Green 56
UT-Martin 73, Evansville 57
FAR WEST
Colorado 68, Wyoming 59
Creighton 65, BYU 56, OT
New Mexico St. 69, UTEP 68

TOP 25 FARED
Wednesday
1. Stanford (6-0) did not play Next: at UC Davis, Friday
2. UConn (6-0) beat Colgate 101-41 Next: vs. No. 11 Maryland, Monday
3. Baylor (6-1) did not play Next: at No. 5 Notre Dame, Wednesday
4. Duke (5-0) beat Michigan 71-54 Next: vs. No. 10 California, Sunday
5. Notre Dame (4-0) did not play Next: at Central Michigan, Thursday
6. Penn State (5-0) did not play Next: at Miami, Thursday
7. Louisville (8-0) beat Eastern Kentucky 76-42 Next: vs. No. 9 Kentucky, Sunday
8. Georgia (8-0) beat Furman 83-47 Next: at Georgia Tech

Bonds, Clemens, Sosa make Hall ballot

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The most polarizing Hall of Fame debate since Pete Rose will now be decided by the baseball shrine's voters: Do Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa belong in Cooperstown despite drug allegations that tainted their huge numbers?

In a monthlong election sure to become a referendum on the Steroids Era, the Hall ballot was released Wednesday, and Bonds, Clemens and Sosa are on it for the first time.

Bonds is the all-time home run champion with 762 and won a record seven MVP awards. Clemens took home a record seven Cy Young trophies and is ninth with 354 victories. Sosa ranks eighth on the homer chart with 609.

Yet for all their HRs, RBIs and W's, the shadow of PEDs looms large.

"You could see for years that this particular ballot was going to be controversial and divisive to an unprecedented extent," Larry Stone, of The Seattle Times, wrote in an email. "My hope is that some clarity begins to emerge over the Hall of Fame status of those linked to performance-enhancing drugs. But I doubt it."

More than 600 longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America will vote on the 37-player ballot. Candidates require 75 percent for induction, and the results will be announced Jan. 9.

AP file photo

New York Yankees starting pitcher Roger Clemens throws during a game in 2007. Clemens, Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa are on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time, and fans will soon find out whether drug allegations block the former stars from reaching baseball's shrine.

Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling also are among the 24 first-time eligibles. Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Raines are the top holdover candidates.

If recent history is any indication, the odds are solidly stacked against Bonds, Clemens and Sosa. Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro both posted Cooperstown-caliber stats, too, but drug clouds doomed them in Hall voting.

Some who favor Bonds and Clemens claim the bulk of their accomplishments came before baseball got wrapped up in drug scandals. They add that PED use was so prevalent in the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s that it's unfair to exclude anyone because so many who-did-and-who-didn't questions remain.

Many fans on the other side say drug cheats — suspected or otherwise — should never be afforded the game's highest individual honor.

Either way, this election is baseball's newest hot button, generating the most fervent Hall arguments since Rose. The discussion about Rose was moot, however — the game's career hits leader agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation concluded he bet on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds, and that barred him from the BBWAA ballot.

The BBWAA election rules allow voters to pick up to 10 candidates. As for criteria, this is the only instruction: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation.

Bonds, Clemens and Sosa won't get a vote from Mike Klis, of The Denver Post.

"Nay on all three. I think in all three cases, their performances were artificially enhanced. Especially in the cases of Bonds and Clemens, their production went up abnormally late in their careers," he wrote in an email.

They'll do better with Bob Dutton, of The Kansas City Star.

"I plan to vote for all three. I understand the steroid/PED questions surrounding each one, and I've wrestled with the implications," he wrote in an email.

"My view is these guys played and posted Hall of Fame-type numbers against the competition of their time. That will be my sole yardstick. If Major League Baseball took no action against a player during his career for alleged or suspected steroid/PED use, I'm not going to do so in assessing their career for the Hall of Fame," he said.

Castillo

From 1C

last week because he said he's never satisfied. And he knows that a missed tackle can be the difference between a play for a loss or a touchdown.

"You have to work on it, and you have to have the mindset that whenever you are going up against someone you have to breakdown, especially when we are playing teams that run a lot of spread," Castillo said.

But it's blocking where Castillo wanted to make a big jump this season.

If Michum's numbers over the past few weeks show, Castillo is doing a good job blocking in front of him.

Michum rushed for 341 yards last week against Ira and had five touchdowns, while Castillo had 52 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. But Castillo was leading the way on most of the plays for Michum.

"If you get the block for about three or four seconds, (Michum is) going to be gone," Castillo said. "He reads the blocks really well, and we know that if we block he will make plays."

Castillo, though, has been making plays in his own right, and even after as good of a game as he had last week and the season he's had, he knows he can do better.

"You can't ever be satisfied with whatever you are doing," Castillo said. "You've got to try and get better every day."

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Nieckula

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Oakland farm system before ending his playing career with the San Francisco Giants organization in 2002. Nieckula was briefly a member of the RockHounds, playing 12 games in 2001.

He rejoined the A's system in 2004 as a hitting coach for Single-A Kane County before being named the Cougars' manager in 2006.

In his seven seasons as manager in Kane County (2006-08, 2010), Stockton (2009) and Burlington (2011-12), Nieckula has a record of 489-482. Six of those seasons also ended up in the playoffs, and twice (2006 and 2010) his team reached the league championship series.

Schulze returns for his third season with the RockHounds. Last year he helped pitchers A.J. Griffin, Sean Doolittle and Dan Straily make the transition from the minor leagues to the big leagues.

McArn is in his 16th season with the A's organization and returns in his second stint in Midland after serving as hitting coach in 2004.

Whitehouse not only returns for his sixth season in Midland, but is in his 13th year as an athletic trainer with the A's organization.

Of note

- Former RockHounds pitching coach Scott "Emo" Emerson (2007-10) has been named Oakland's minor league roving pitching instructor after serving the last two years on Bush's staff in Sacramento. He will likely make a few stops in Midland during the season.
- Former RockHounds player and manager Webster Garrison will return to Stockton for his third season as field manager of the Ports. Garrison managed in Midland in 2004 and 2008 and also served as the RockHounds hitting coach for four of the franchise's playoff teams from 2005 to 2010.
- Former RockHounds catcher Casey Myers (2004-2008) is entering his fifth season as a hitting instructor with the A's organization and will be serving as hitting coach of the Short-season A Beloit (Wisc.) Snappers of the Midwest League.

Stanford

From 1C

the last year.

Stanford, who is a 2005 Lee grad, played in 15 Symetra Tour events in 2012, finishing 40th on the money list and earning just over $23,000, which included a pair of top 10 finishes, including a fourth place finish in Georgia.

"The first year you start seeing that everybody is all about the same," Stanford said. "It's whether or not you are getting it to the hole and whether or not you believe you belong there. It's the small things; one shots or two shots will make the biggest difference."

Stanford, who didn't start playing seriously until she was in high school, said she's been working with swing coach Annie Mallory at a course in Orlando. She said it's helped her become a better player.

But for her, the main thing is believing she can earn one of those spots in the top 20 this week to get a spot on the LPGA Tour.

"It's staying relaxed and not getting too nervous and not getting too low," Stanford said. "It's finding that equilibrium of emotions on the golf course and playing your best."

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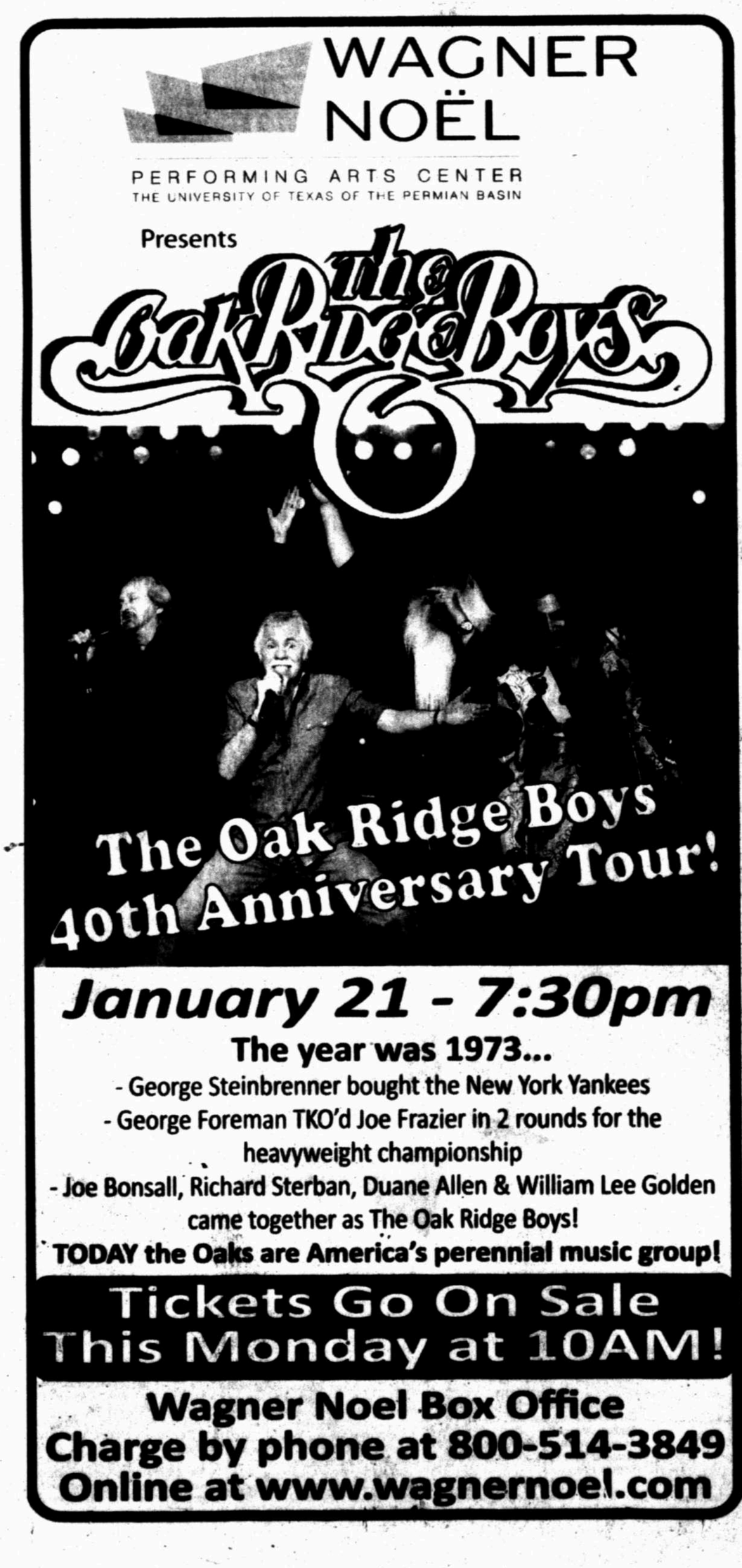

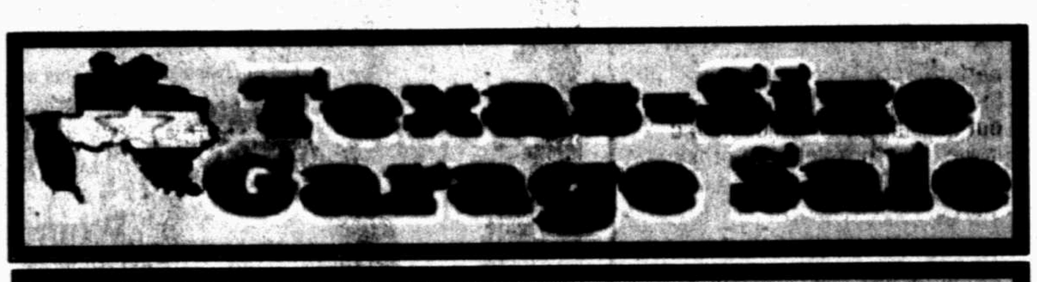

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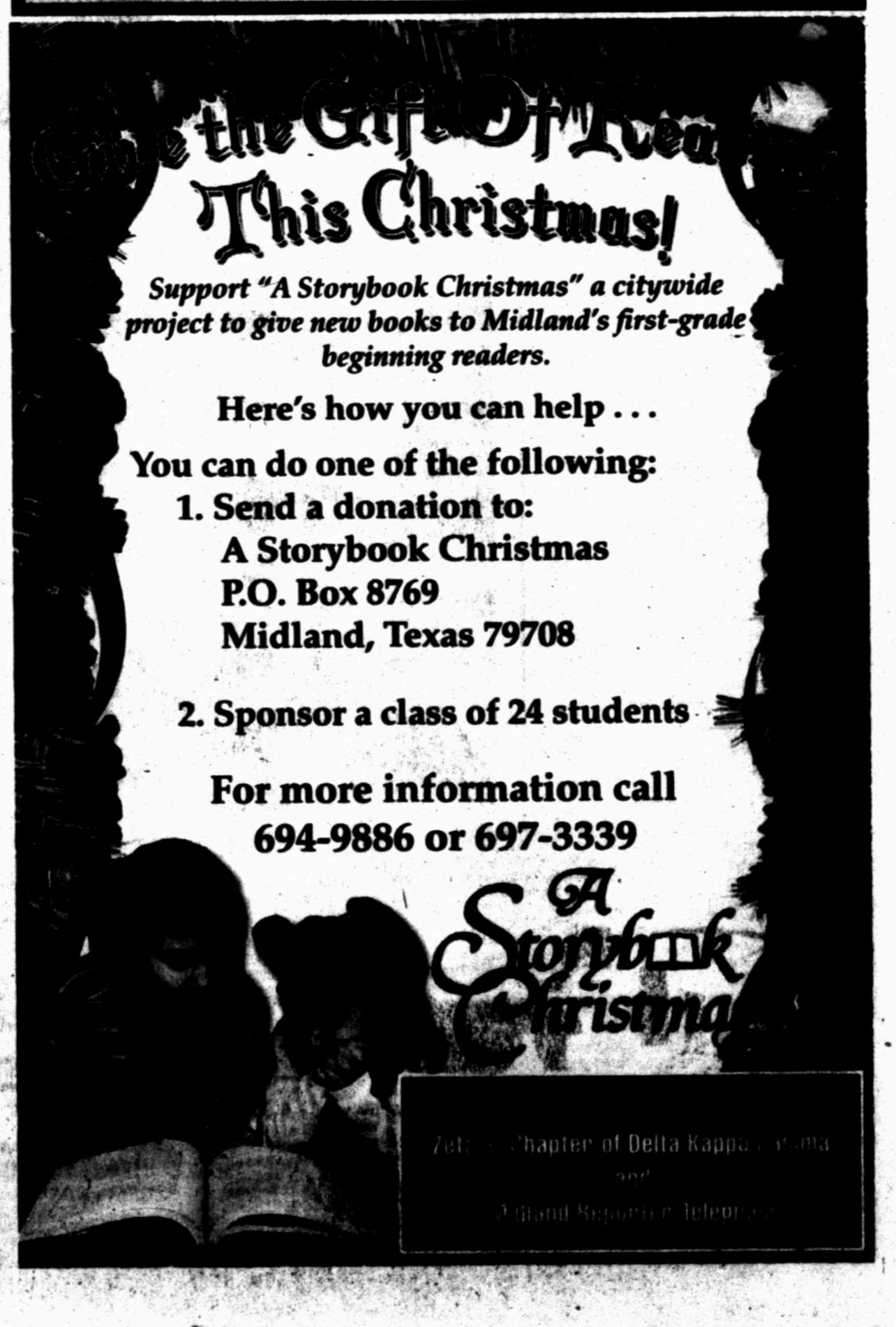

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UP NEXT: SPRINT CUP AWARDS

Brad Keselowski won the Sprint Cup championship in only his third full season at NASCAR's premier level. For owner Roger Penske, it took 29 seasons to capture stock-car racing's ultimate honor.

The two will be honored along with the rest of Sprint Cup's top 10 on Nov. 30 at the Wynn Las Vegas. The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Awards will be broadcast live, beginning at 8 p.m., on the Speed cable/satellite channel, Motor Racing Network radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90). Entertainment will be provided by Train, Lifehouse, Natasha Bedingfield, Phillip Phillips and performers from "The Beatles LOVE," a Vegas stage show.

The awards will be hosted by "America's Got Talent" judge Howie Mandel. The show is a culmination of Champion's Week.

Train is a three-time Grammy-winning and multi-platinum rock band with some experience with NASCAR audiences. Lead singer Pat Monahan sang the national anthem at the Daytona 500 in February, and the entire band performed in July at Daytona International Speedway before the Coke Zero 400. The band won the 2011 ASCAP Song of the Year in the pop category for "Hey, Soul Sister."

Lifehouse, a rock band, and singer-songwriter Natasha Bedingfield will combine for a performance of "Between the Raindrops.

Singer-guitarist Phillips won "American Idol" in May and just released his first album, "The World From the Side of the Moon."

"The Beatles LOVE" combines "the magic of Cirque du Soleil with the spirit and passion of the Beatles," using "high-energy fusions of urban, freestyle dance, acrobatics and fast-paced athleticism."

Keselowski, 28, is only the second driver to win the Cup championship after first winning a title in the Nationwide Series (2010). The first was Bobby Labonte.

Though 12 drivers qualify for NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup, only the top 10 are honored at the annual ceremonies. In addition to Keselowski, the drivers to be honored are, in order of finish from second to 10th, Clint Bowyer, Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle, Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth, Kevin Harvick, Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LOOKING TO NEXT SEASON

Five To Watch

By Monte Dutton | NASCAR This Week

Brad Keselowski's against-all-odds run to the Sprint Cup championship breathed new life into a Sprint Cup Series landscape in which no one other than Jimmie Johnson or Tony Stewart had won a championship in seven years.

A championship gives Keselowski, 28, a status that can't be bought or promoted. He wasn't merely the champion. He became NASCAR's man to watch.

There will be others, if for no other reason, because 2013 will be a new year. Everyone knows that Keselowski, Johnson and Stewart — not to mention Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth and the rest — will play major roles in the next season.

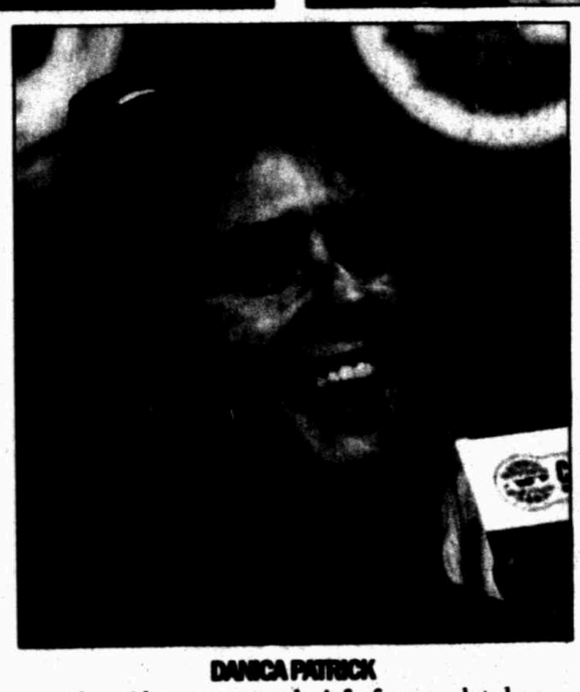
Who else will the cameras favor?

CLINT BOWYER

Surprise! It was Bowyer, not Johnson, who finished second to Keselowski. The two are similarly personable and, at times, similarly controversial. Bowyer will undoubtedly be a popular dark horse when predictions are made regarding 2013.

CARL EDWARDS

Three times — 2005, '08, and '11 — Edwards contended for championships. In each case, he slumped the following year. In each case, he came back part of the way the next and made a title run the third. If the pattern holds, he'll make the Chase again next year.



DANICA PATRICK

The evidence suggests she is far from ready to be a competitive force, but the money is there and she has a full-time Cup ride teaming with Stewart and Ryan Newman. She's getting better, but the learning curve has to accelerate.

RICKY STENHOUSE JR.

Stenhouse, with two Nationwide Series championships in tow, is well-prepared for the big time. Replacing Keneseth at Roush Fenway isn't going to be easy. He will probably have his struggles, but few would be surprised to see him in victory lane.

JOEY LOGANO

Five years ago, the betting line would have favored Logano to win a championship ahead of Keselowski. Now, at the well-seasoned age of 22, Logano is Keselowski's teammate, and the plan is for the two to give Roger Penske a cohesive team as well as a title.

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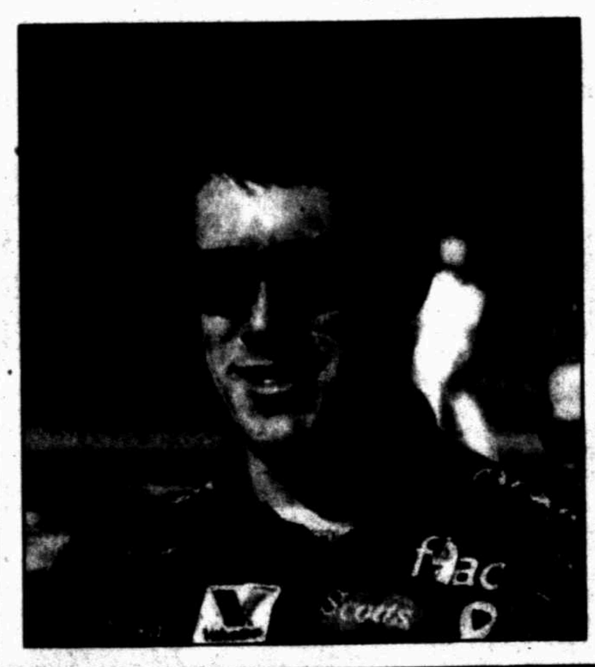

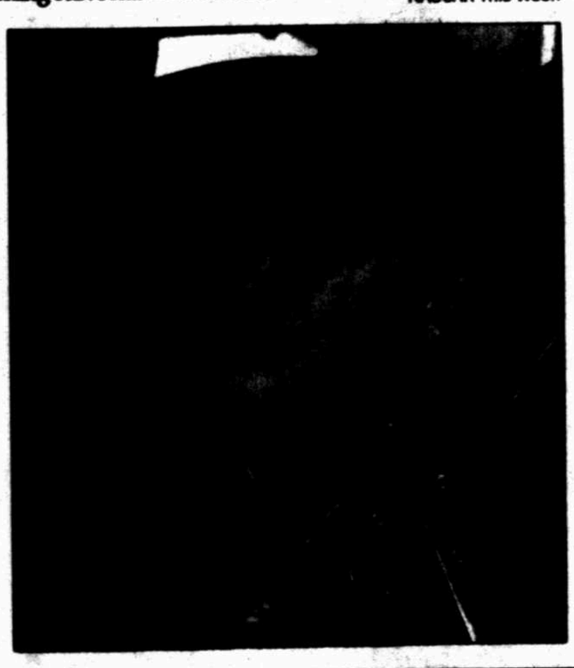

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Keselowski

VERSUS

Johnson

BRAD KESELOWSKI VS JIMMIE JOHNSON

Here's hoping this is one for the ages. Johnson is established as one of the all-time greats, but he's hardly ready to just fade into the background. Keselowski is the dynamic new kid on the block, but Johnson aspires to win three more championships and set the all-time record. At least for now, they are squarely in each other's way.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Much will change in 2013. Everyone will drive new cars, but Keselowski's will be a Ford. Can the two keep up with the changes? Likely."

YOUR TURN

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Bowyer Deserves Blame?

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Send emails to mdutton@gastongazette.com, ATTN: NTW question

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I think it stinks that NASCAR fined and took points only from (Jeff) Gordon and not (Clint) Bowyer (at Phoenix). They both should have been fined and lost points. Bowyer has wrecked Gordon many times, and he got a slap on the hand. It's about time Gordon finally stood up for himself.

And as for the remarks from (Brad) Keselowski and (Michael) Waltrip — they were both uncalled for. They act like they never cause a wreck. I know better. I watch NASCAR every week.

I will root every week for someone who wrecks Bowyer. Who thinks he is Mr. Nice Guy? What a joke! Gordon is one of the cleanest drivers. He never intentionally wrecks anyone. But he finally had enough (good for him) of Bowyer. Gordon has had a lot of bad luck, and Bowyer was most of it.

I finally got rid of my frustration. Thanks for reading my complaints.

Mrs. Joan Wilkerson
Jenison, Mich.

No one could question that you let us know how you really feel.

FAN TIPS

Trivia Galore For The Fan

John C. Farrell is the author of "The Official NASCAR Trivia Book," which includes an introduction by ESPN's Marty Smith. The compilation includes 1,001 facts and questions to test your racing knowledge, including true/false, multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank. The book is in soft cover and is priced at $16.99 ($18.99 in Canada). It is part of the NASCAR Library Collection.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Petty Drove Them All

During his unbelievable career, Richard Petty drove almost every conceivable make of car. Plymouth, Ford, Dodge, Chevy, Buick, Olds and Pontiac. Four of his seven championships were at the wheel of Plymouths. Two were with Dodge. In the final one, 1979, Petty drove 24 races in a Chevy and the other seven in an Olds. Four of his five victories were in Chevys. (Source: racing-reference.info)

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Richard Petty

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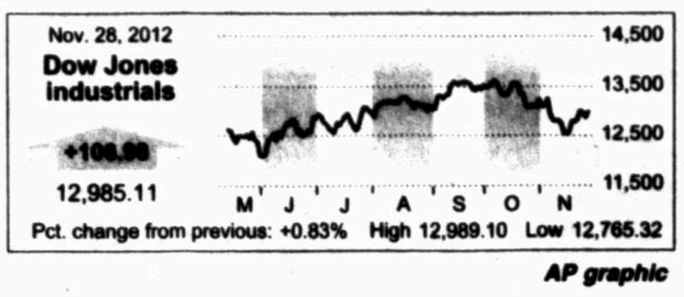

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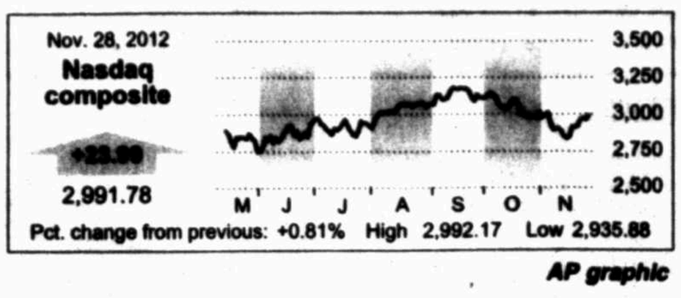

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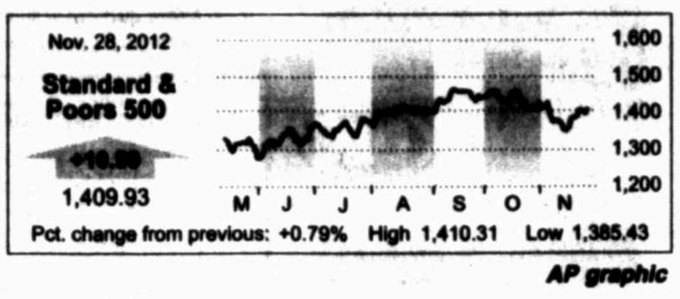

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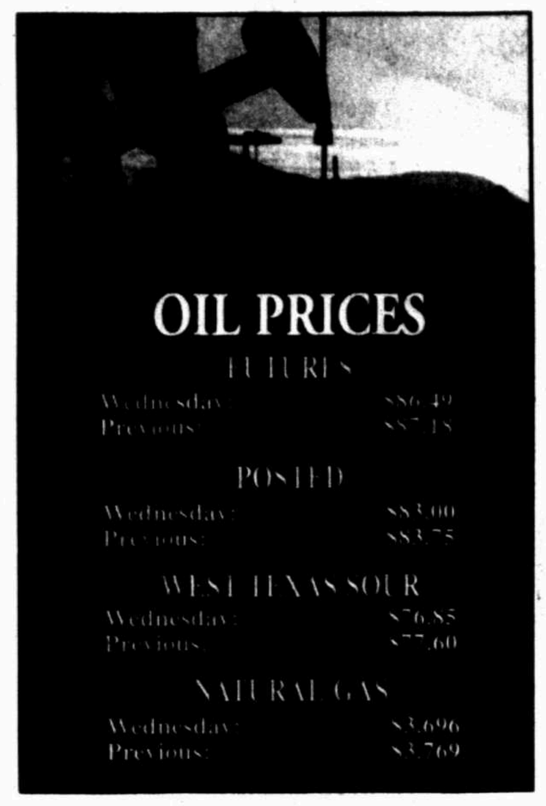

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1569240	141.46	+1.13
BkofAm	1463066	9.76	+.10
NokiaCp	569144	3.27	+.10
Citigroup	476491	35.07	+.03
iShR2K	473492	81.31	+.68

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SauerDanf	52.72	+13.34	+33.9
TrinaSolar	2.81	+.48	+20.6
KnightCap	3.42	+.45	+15.2
AlonHldgs	2.68	+.30	+12.6
Timken	46.23	+4.82	+11.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UnivTInst	8.80	-3.44	-28.1
CAI Intl	20.70	-2.59	-11.1
DBCmdyS	45.00	-5.00	-10.0
CitR2K9-14	10.60	-1.00	-8.6
US Silica n	14.82	-1.11	-7.0

Diary

Advanced	2,076
Declined	940
Unchanged	132
Total issues	3,148
New Highs	92
New Lows	27
Volume	3,276,165,395

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vringo	31312	3.54	+.02
ChenereEn	28197	16.04	+.42
Rentech	19762	2.86	+.04
NeuralStem	18078	1.26	+.06
GoldStr g	17840	1.83	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBioM g	5.93	+.49	+9.0
MexcoEn	5.66	+.35	+6.6
ImmunoCll	2.12	+.12	+6.0
ContMatls	11.68	+.60	+5.4
GigOptics	2.06	+.10	+5.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aeroxonic	3.08	-.22	-6.7
IncOpR	3.14	-.21	-6.3
Crexendo	2.62	-.16	-5.6
Arrhythm	2.28	-.12	-5.0
MAG Slv g	9.66	-.47	-4.6

Diary

Advanced	238
Declined	192
Unchanged	40
Total issues	470
New Highs	17
New Lows	6
Volume	64,241,568

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	869471	2.70	...
RschMotn	521439	11.10	+.38
Microsoft	510340	27.36	+.28
Facebook n	482189	26.36	+.21
Intel	426409	20.09	+.16

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Indium un	14.50	+6.05	+71.6
CarverBcp	4.75	+1.73	+57.3
Retalix	29.50	+7.60	+34.7
GreenMtC	36.86	+7.91	+27.3
SyngyP un	12.75	+2.70	+26.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Datawatch	14.80	-2.49	-14.4
Crumbs un	2.71	-.45	-14.2
NetElem n	4.33	-.65	-13.1
FreshMkt	52.78	-7.46	-12.4
GeoMet pf	7.53	-1.06	-12.3

Diary

Advanced	1,499
Declined	936
Unchanged	125
Total issues	2,560
New Highs	37
New Lows	31
Volume	1,674,584,319

BP barred from new US gov't contracts, land leases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration put a stop to new federal contracts with BP on Wednesday, admonishing the British oil company for a "lack of business integrity" and also disqualifying it indefinitely from winning new leases to drill on taxpayer-owned lands.

A lengthy list of criminal counts against BP stemming from the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to temporarily suspend new contracts with BP and its affiliates, the agency said. Existing contracts won't be affected.

"EPA is taking this action due to BP's lack of business integrity as demonstrated by the company's conduct with regard to the Deepwater Horizon blowout, explosion, oil spill and response," the EPA said in a statement.

Eleven oil workers were killed when a rig explosion sent oil gushing unabated into the Gulf in the largest oil spill in U.S. history. More than two years later, BP faces criminal proceedings and massive civil claims related to environmental damage. Wednesday's decision creates yet another obstacle in BP's uphill battle to revive its tarnished image in the U.S. and abroad.

The London-based company sought to minimize the effects of the suspension, and said it already is working with the government to resolve the concerns. BP said it has been informed by the EPA that an agreement that would lead to lifting the suspension is already in the works.

"The company has made significant enhancements since the accident," BP said in a statement, noting its efforts to adopt new drilling standards and highlighting its heavy investments in the U.S. economy.

A leading supplier of energy for the U.S. military, BP in September won two contracts with the Defense Department to provide almost $1.4 billion in fuel products over a yearlong period, according to federal contracting announcements. Those contracts, and any others already signed with other U.S. agencies, will remain in effect.

Of greatest concern to BP, analysts said, is the prospect of missing out on tens of millions of acres that the government plans to lease for drilling to oil and natural gas companies in the coming months. BP already is the largest deep-water leaseholder in the Gulf, the company said.

"This is really historic," said Amy Myers Jaffe, an energy expert at the University of California-Davis. "It's going to send a chill down the spine of the chairman of every company that operates in the United States, because it means if you don't get this safety question correctly, it can really dramatically affect your business."

The Obama administration's decision made BP ineligible to bid for leases hours before the federal government held a sale for drilling in more than 20 million acres offshore in the Gulf. Thirteen offshore companies submitted bids totaling more than $133 million. BP did not participate. The government's next sale is scheduled for March 2013 and will make 38 million acres available.

The EPA said a suspension is standard practice when a criminal case raises responsibility questions about a company. BP announced earlier this month that it will plead guilty to manslaughter, obstruction of Congress and other charges and will pay a record $4.5 billion in penalties. Attorneys and a federal judge will meet in December to discuss a plea date.

Environmental activists and lawmakers who have criticized BP heralded the suspension, calling it an appropriate penalty resulting from criminal behavior.

"When someone recklessly crashes a car, their license and keys are taken away," said Massachusetts Rep. Ed Markey, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee. "The wreckage of BP's recklessness is still sitting at the bottom of the ocean."

BP's optimism Wednesday that the suspension would be lifted quickly appeared to conflict with a complex set of steps the EPA said the company must take before the agency will begin to consider lifting the ban.

An EPA official said Wednesday that BP's plea agreement in the criminal case includes a provision for how BP can satisfy the government's concerns. That order, if the court accepts it during sentencing, would give BP 60 days to address the conditions that led to violations. If the government approves the plan, it becomes part of BP's criminal probation.

Even once the criminal case is resolved, the suspension still could remain in effect as a civil case against BP goes forward, said the EPA official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss terms of the agreement publicly. BP's resistance to billions of dollars in civil penalties might be seen as a sign it still hasn't taken responsibility for the disaster.

BP faces huge claims covering the billions of dollars in civil penalties the U.S. government and the Gulf states are seeking because of environmental damage. A trial is scheduled for early next year, although negotiations to reach a settlement have been under way. Attorney General Eric Holder has said the government intends to show in the civil case that BP was grossly negligent in causing the spill.

Shares of BP PLC, the parent company, initially dropped on the New York Stock Exchange when the Obama administration announced the suspension, but had recovered by the close of trading Wednesday.

"How big this is depends on how long it lasts," said Phil Weiss, an analyst at Argus Research, adding that if BP misses out on multiple sales of public lands, "it's a much bigger concern."

Oil prices fall

The price of oil fell Wednesday as traders looked for signs of progress in negotiations over U.S. budget issues.

Benchmark oil dropped 69 cents to finish at $86.49 per barrel in New York. Earlier, the price was down nearly 2 percent. But much of the loss was erased after a Federal Reserve survey showed economic growth improved in October and early November across much of the country.

Oil has traded in a narrow range this month as cautious investors await the outcome of budget talks in Washington. Without an agreement, huge tax hikes and spending cuts will automatically take effect Jan. 1. Economists say that could push the U.S. back into a recession, and it would mean less demand for oil and other energy products.

"As long as our legislators keep tossing a whole lot of uncertainty at us, these fixed-asset classes such as oil are more apt to drop than increase," oil analyst Jim Ritterbusch said.

Dollar steady

The dollar was little changed against other major currencies Wednesday as traders waited for a budget deal.

The euro slipped to $1.2932 late Wednesday from $1.2934 late Tuesday. The British pound fell to $1.6015 from $1.6018.

The dollar fell to 81.90 Japanese yen from 82.17 yen, to 0.9307 Swiss franc from 0.9309 Swiss franc and to 99.26 Canadian cents from 99.43 Canadian cents.

Gold prices fell 1.5 percent Wednesday, the most in nearly a month. Gold for December delivery fell $25.80 an ounce to settle at $1,716.50 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $38.99 Up 0.42

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $78.12 Down 0.50

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $22.59 Down 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $16.70 Up 0.65

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $24.10 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.66 Up 0.35

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $15.37 Down 0.39

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	4.00	+.21	-51.6
AT&T Inc	1.80f	44	33.62	...	+11.2
Abraxas	...	...	2.10	+.07	-36.4
AdamsEx	.67e	...	10.48	+.09	+8.7
AMD	...	...	1.96	+.08	-63.7
Alcoa	.12	53	8.40	+.12	-2.9
AlonUSA	.16	24	14.00	-.02	+60.7
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.00	.02	-65.7
AEagleOut	.44a	22	20.77	+1.38	+35.8
AmIntlGrp	...	2	32.60	+.11	+40.5
Amgen	1.44	16	87.04	+.06	+35.6
Anadarko	.36	...	73.70	+.35	-3.4
Apache	.68	9	77.60	+.37	-14.3
Apple Inc	10.60	13	582.94	-1.84	+43.9
ApldMatl	.36	82	10.60	+.24	-1.0
ArchCoal	.12	...	6.47	+.13	-55.4
ATMOS	1.40f	15	34.65	-.13	+3.9
AutoData	1.74f	20	55.89	+.51	+3.5
BP PLC	1.92a	6	41.48	+.13	-2.9
BabcCCInv	1.20	...	16.70	+.15	-7.2
BakrHu	.60	13	42.37	+.75	-12.9
BkofAm	.04	26	9.76	+.10	+75.5
BariPVix rs	...	...	29.44	-.92	-79.3
BasicEnSv	...	7	10.43	+.11	-47.1
BerkHa A	...	17	132291.00	+287.00	+15.3
BerryPet	.32	...	30.90	-.85	-26.5
BlkHillsCp	1.48	16	35.29	+.54	+4.8
BostonSci	...	...	5.69	+.06	+6.6
BrityEq	1.36	29	32.73	+.12	-7.1
BrownFA s	1.02a	26	66.63	+.35	+26.1
BrownFB s	1.02a	27	69.35	+.08	+29.2
CVS Care	.65	16	45.88	+.63	+12.5
Cameron	...	21	53.83	+.04	+9.4
Caterpillar	2.08	9	84.94	+.93	-6.2
Celestic g	...	7	7.52	+.08	+2.6
Cemex	.32t	...	9.04	+.10	+74.4
CntryLink	2.90	35	38.55	+.03	+3.6
ChesEng	.35	5	17.45	+.04	-21.7
Chevron	3.60	9	105.59	+2.20	-.8
Chicos	.21	18	19.00	+.58	+70.6
Cimarex	.48	14	60.25	-.50	-2.7
Cisco	.56	12	18.83	-.13	+4.5
Citigroup	.04	11	35.07	+.03	+33.3
ClayEng	...	20	39.99	+.42	-46.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola s	1.02	20	37.96	+.40	+7.4
ColgPal	2.48	21	107.76	+.12	+16.6
Comcast	.65	20	36.66	+.37	+54.6
ConAgra	1.00f	20	29.65	+.02	+12.3
ConchoRes	...	17	78.12	-.50	-16.7
ConocPhil	s2.64	7	57.06	+.88	+2.7
Corning	.36f	10	12.22	+.09	-5.9
CrackerB	2.00f	15	65.10	+.72	+29.1
CSVelIVSt	...	...	19.31	+.53	+196.6
CrosTim	2.37e	10	26.37	-.52	-46.0
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	42.50	+1.17	-10.5
DTE	2.48f	15	59.58	+.32	+9.4
Dataram h	...	...	.45	...	-44.4
Dawson	...	16	22.59	-.02	-42.9
Dell Inc	.32	7	9.71	-.06	-33.6
DevonE	.80	33	53.12	...	-14.3
DirSCBear	...	...	15.67	-.38	-40.8
DirFnBear	...	...	17.39	-.23	-53.4
DirxSCBull	...	...	58.14	+1.36	+25.2
Disney	.75f	16	49.20	+.60	+31.2
DowChm	1.20	23	29.87	+.16	+3.9
EOG Res	.80	26	116.35	+1.27	+18.1
EmpDist	1.00	15	19.95	...	-5.4
Energen	.56	13	44.04	+.53	-11.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	43.25	+.07	-5.7
EnPro	...	19	38.81	+.31	+17.7
EntPrPt	2.60f	20	52.03	+.51	+12.2
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.09	+.20	-10.3
ExternanH	...	...	20.60	+.29	+125.3
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	88.10	+.76	+3.9
Facebook n	...	...	26.36	+.21	-31.1
FordM	.20	9	11.25	+.15	+4.6
ForesOil	...	10	6.52	+.07	-51.9
FresnoFed	...	...	.89	-.04	-31.0
GATX	1.20	16	41.57	+.31	-4.8
GabelliET	.80	...	7.52	+.08	+20.7
GAjjnv	1.40e	...	27.54	+.34	+10.6
GenElec	.88	16	21.14	+.27	+18.0
GlPlainEn	.07f	15	19.99	+.19	-8.2
GreenMtC	...	16	36.86	+7.91	-17.8
Groupon	...	...	4.42	+.46	-78.6
HalconR rs	...	...	6.09	+.13	-35.1
Hallibrtn	.36	10	32.41	+.37	-6.1
Heinz	2.06	19	58.05	+.23	+7.4

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HewlettP	.53	...	12.73	+.37	-50.6
Hilschl	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShBraz	1.48e	...	51.52	+.09	-10.2
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iShEMMkt	.82e	...	41.51	+.23	+9.4
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	54.53	+.39	+10.1
iShR2K	1.32e	...	81.31	+.68	+10.3
IntegrysE	2.72	17	52.84	+.17	-2.5
Intel	.90	9	20.09	+.16	-17.2
InterDig	.40	6	41.78	+.75	-4.1
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	40.83	+.08	+22.8
JohnJn	2.44	23	69.29	+.48	+5.7
JnprNtwk	...	28	17.79	+.70	-12.8
Keycorp	.20	9	8.18	-.05	+6.4
KimbClk	2.96	18	86.03	+.45	+17.0
KindME	5.04f	...	82.05	+.20	-3.4
KindMM	5.04f	...	75.16	+.51	-4.3
KnightCap	...	...	3.42	+.45	-71.1
LegacyRes	2.26f	...	24.10	-.05	-14.7
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Microsoft	.92f	15	27.36	+.28	+5.4
Mondelez	.52	...	25.66	+.39	+5.0
MorgStan	.20	...	16.88	+.25	+11.6
Nabors	...	...	14.20	+.40	-18.1
NatGrid	3.11e	...	55.82	+.16	+15.1
NQIMarco	.52f	12	70.18	+.16	+3.2
NewsCpA	.17	22	24.37	+.44	+36.6
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NvPrIII	.88	...	15.64	+.06	+5.6
NvPrI	.92	...	15.89	+.06	+6.8
NSTPfB	.60e	...	15.34	+.04	+7.2
NTXQI	.77	...	16.54	-.11	+1.2
OcciPet	2.16	10	76.29	+.72	-18.7
Oracle	.24	16	31.80	+.56	+24.0
ParTech	...	15	4.95	+.06	+25.8
ParkDrl	...	...	3.36	+.04	-44.5
PatUTI	.20	8	17.68	+.06	-14.6

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Penney	...	...	18.32	+.80	-47.9
PennaRE	.64	...	16.44	+.20	+67.5
Pmian	1.21e	11	13.68	-.14	-32.8
PetbrasA	.74e	...	18.00	+.39	-23.4
Petrobras	.74e	...	18.39	+.26	-26.0
Pfizer	.88	15	24.87	+.42	+14.0
PioNtrl	.08	33	104.74	-.09	+17.1
PlainsAA s	2.17f	19	46.33	+.07	+26.2
PwShs QQQ	.61e	...	65.52	+.56	+17.4
Praxair	2.20	19	108.56	+.25	-.3
PrmEgy	...	9	27.30	+.24	+23.9
ProctGam	2.25	18	68.44	+.45	+4.1
PrUShSP rs	...	...	55.93	-.87	-27.5
RangeRs	.16	...	67.43	+.61	+8.9
RschMotn	...	6	11.10	+.38	-23.4
Rowan	...	22	30.98	+.01	+2.1
RoyDShlA	3.44	16	66.85	+.53	-8.5
SpdrDJIA	3.30e	...	129.64	+.96	+6.4
S&P500ETF	2.85e	...	141.46	+1.13	+12.7
SabrR	3.79e	13	47.78	+1.27	-24.2
SandersFin	.56	50	48.18	-.52	-3.9
SandRidge	...	...	5.69	+.03	-31.4
Saipem	...	21	19.47	+.07	-16.9
Schlmbrg	1.10	17	70.73	+.86	+3.5
SigmaAld	.90	19	72.23	+.42	+15.6
SiriusXM	...	5	2.70	...	+48.4

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Smucker	2.08	20	87.16	+1.03	+11.5
SprintNex	...	...	5.70	+.07	+143.6
SPDR Fncl	.25e	...	15.70	+.06	+20.8
SunocoL s	2.07f	12	50.58	+.21	+26.4
TeleNtEsp	...	...	12.98	+.06	-24.5
Tesoro	.60f	10	41.64	+.29	+78.3
3M Co	2.36	14	90.93	+.62	+11.3
Torchmark	.60	10	51.77	+.19	+19.3
TriContl	.50e	...	15.89	+.07	+11.7
TylerTech	...	47	47.01	+.30	+56.1
USWV	1.24	16	24.30	+.07	-13.7
Vale SA	1.15e	...	17.28	-.02	-19.4
ValeroE	.70	8	31.65	+.50	+50.4
VangEmg	1.44e	...	41.79	+.20	+9.4
VerizonCm	2.06f	40	43.56	+.56	+8.6
Vulcanfl	.04	...	49.69	+.90	+26.3
Walgrn	1.10	14	33.32	+.29	+.8
WellsFargo	.88	10	32.81	+.18	+19.0
WstnRedm	.32a	14	28.70	+.57	+116.0
WhitngPet	...	11	42.28	-.09	-9.4
WmsCos	1.30f	22	33.00	+.31	+22.4
XcelEngy	1.08	14	26.53	+.08	-4.0
Xerox	.17	7	6.67	+.14	-16.2
Yahoo	...	6	18.91	-.02	+17.2
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5,360.11	4,533.98	Dow Jones Transportation	5,114.86	+37.79	+.74	+1.90	+3.41
499.62	429.30	Dow Jones Utilities	447.67	+1.49	+.33	-3.65	-.26
8,515.60	6,888.18	NYSE Composite	8,207.36	+55.57	+.68	+9.77	+9.65
2,509.57	2,150.17	Amex Index	2,387.39	+11.93	+.50	+5.49	+5.29
3,189.93	2,507.72	Nasdaq Composite	2,991.78	+23.99	+.81	+14.04	+14.18
1,474.51	1,159.67	S&P 500	1,409.93	+10.99	+.79	+12.11	+13.07
15,432.54	12,152.94	Wilshire 5000	14,782.70	+113.31	+.77	+11.92	+12.69
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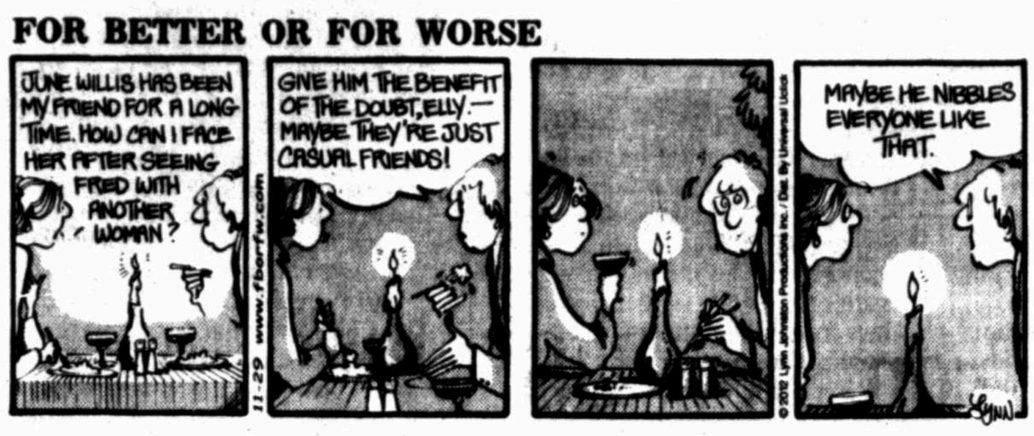

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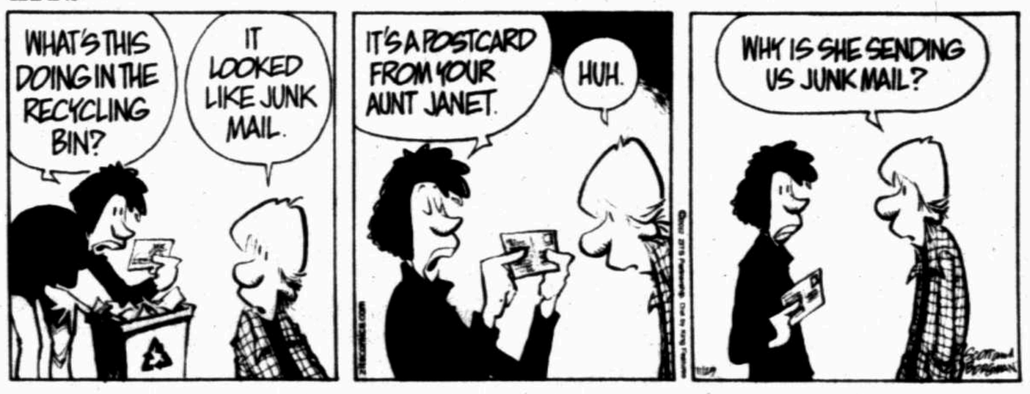

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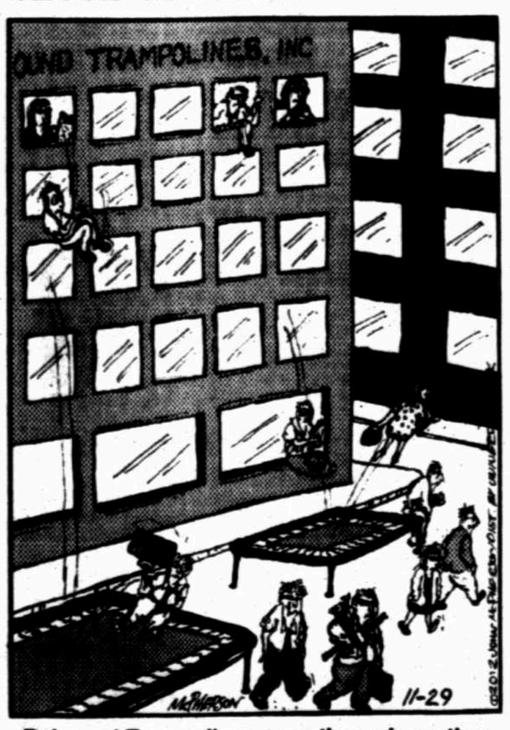

Rebound Trampolines goes through another round of layoffs.

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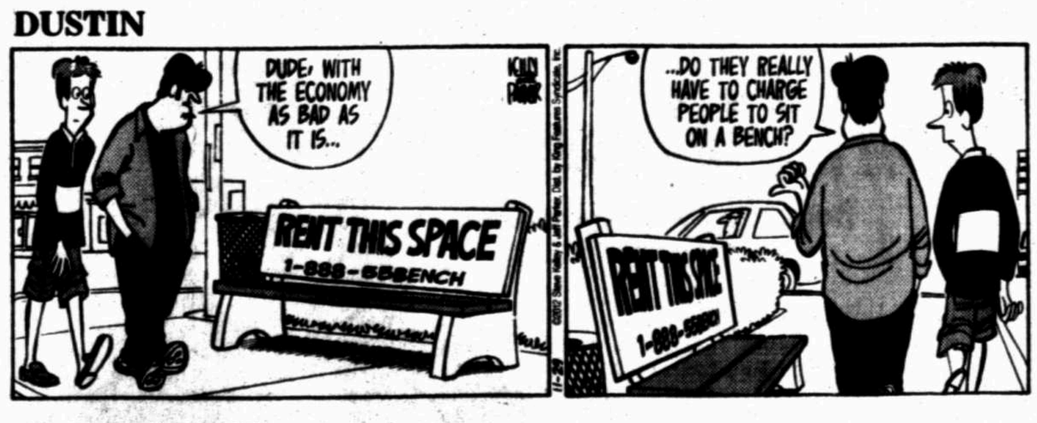

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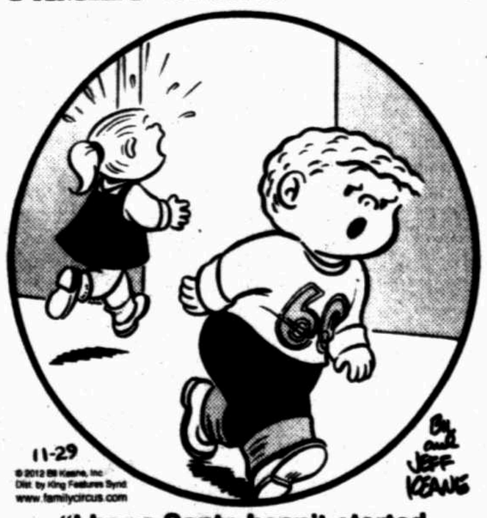

"I hope Santa hasn't started watchin' me yet."

LOCKHORNS

"I THOUGHT YOU TIPPED THE GARBAGE MEN."

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TCU

From 1C

won four years ago in their only other game against TCU under Stoops.

Patterson's name, as has been the case around this time of the season the past few years, is at least being mentioned for pretty much every major coaching vacancy.

"My actions show that I love this job, and right now I'm trying to beat Oklahoma," Patterson said. "I can't control what other people do. It's pretty simple."

TCU entered the Big 12 as the only FBS team with six 11-win seasons the past seven years. They had won 16 of their last 20 games against teams from leagues like the Big 12 with automatic bids into the Bowl Championship Series.

The Frogs won their four September games, including the Big 12 debut at Kansas for their 25th conference victory in a row. Then second-year starting quarterback Casey Pachall was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and withdrew from school to enter a rehabilitation program.

TCU will end its first Big 12 season playing in a bowl for the eighth consecutive season, and the 14th time in 15 seasons — since Patterson arrived as defensive coordinator with coach Dennis Franchione's staff in 1998. The Frogs will open the 2013 season at Cowboys Stadium against LSU.

Golf's guardians want long putters to go belly-up

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — In a proposal that would affect every golfer from major champions to amateurs at their local clubs, the guardians of the 600-year-old sport want to write a new rule that would outlaw a putting stroke they fear is taking too much skill out of the game.

The U.S. Golf Association and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club said Wednesday they are not banning the belly putter or the longer "broom-handle" putters — only the way they are used. The proposed rule would prohibit golfers at all levels from anchoring a club against their bodies while making a stroke.

The rule would not take effect until 2016.

"We believe a player should hold the club away from his body and swing it freely," USGA executive director Mike Davis said. "Golf is a game of skill and challenge, and we think that's an important part of it."

Three of the last five major champions, starting with Keegan Bradley at the 2011 PGA Championship, used a belly putter.

What concerned the governing bodies, however, was an increasing number of players who were turning to the long putters because they saw it as an advantage, not as a last resort to cure their putting woes.

"Anchored strokes have very rapidly become the preferred option for a growing number of players, and this has caused us to review these strokes and their impact on the game," R&A chief executive Peter Dawson said. "Our conclusion is that anchored strokes threaten to supplant traditional strokes, which with all their frailties are integral to the long-standing character of our sport."

Players could still use a broom-handle or belly putter — as long as it not pressed against their body to create the effect of a hinge.

The R&A and USGA now offer a three-month period for open comment on the proposal before they approve it. But this already is shaping up to be a divisive issue, from industry leaders worried about the growth of golf to players who have been using these putters for years.

"Any competitive player likes to have an extra advantage," Matt Kuchar said. "I think you're going find anyone using the short putter is glad, and anyone using the belly putter or long putter is not happy."

Kuchar used a mid-length putter that rested against his left arm when he won The Players Championship. That style is OK.

Carl Pettersson, of Sweden, and Tim Clark, of South Africa, have used broom-handle putters all their careers, and they have talked about a possible legal recourse.

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The address of record for TRUMA LEE POE is: 2611 W. Shandon Ave., Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705.

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DATED the 28th day of November, 2012.

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ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF
FREDRIC WAYNE POE

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The County Purchasing Agent, Monte Jamison, located in Room 130 of the County Courthouse Annex, 2110 N. "A" Street, Midland, Texas 79705 will accept sealed Proposals until the time and date indicated. The proposals will be opened and read aloud at the time and date indicated.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the opening and the Commissioners Court meeting.

The County must receive the sealed proposals not later than the date and time indicated, to be considered.

12SBCO487 – Fairview Pavilion

To be received until December 7, 2012, 3:00 PM, opened on December 7, 3:30PM.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the Proposals, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4871.

Monte Jamison
County Purchasing Agent

Lost & Found

FOUND ITEM?

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Stated Meetings
Acacia Lodge #1414
1st & 3rd Tues.
@ 7:30pm,
Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
Centennial Lodge #1448
1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
Did you know Admiral Richard E. Byrd was a Master Mason?

Legal & Public Notices

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Preview Fri. 9a.m. Auction Sat. 10a.m.
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FOUND BROWN male weimereiner/chocolate lab mix with white chest wearing camouflage collar. Call 432-318-2912

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LOST CANNON camera. contents valuable. Reward offered. Please call 432-853-0075

LOST FAMILY member 2 1/2 to 3 yr old small whtie male with collar and tag. Name is Giovanni, lost on County rd 1213 near S. Midkiff. Reward. 432-664-9828

Business Opportunity

50 THOUSAND FM radio station for sale $151,000. the transmitter is located 3 miles west of Lamesa, TX. 806-872-0746, 11am-9pm.

Fantastic Business Opportunity For Sale: Profitable Mechanic Shop on Busy corner Of I-20 and Rankin Highway, Midland. Great location on almost an acre of land, Gasoline sales, U Haul rentals. Serious Inquiries Only. Callie Stevens, Jan Melton & Associates Real Estate 432-682-0000

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1994 FORD Mustang, 2 door coup, runs great, $2,100 OBO 432-978-4663

1999 TOYOTA Camry needs timing belt, tires and battery. Asking $2000 OBO. 432-889-0312

CHEVROLET 1977 Monte Carlo. 1 owner. 454/400 HP. 400 Trans. Edelbrock intake manifold & carbureator. Dual Exhaust. New a/c, good tires. Runs & drives good. Good Shape. $7000. 806-681-6700.

FORD 2000 Taurus Blue,V6, 127K $2,700. 432-683-8462.

FORD 2007 Crown Victoria. White, good condition, 120 k miles, 1 owner, non smoker. Hwy 23 MPG. $5500. 432-687-4528.

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DODGE 1973 Charger. Very nice car. Tag and sticker current. $10,000 obo. Call 432-634-3034.

FOR SALE: Antique Ford Mustang 1964 1/2 - 1965 totally refurbished, original parts, less than 30,000 original miles. $40,000 OBO. Call 432-683-9120.

Pickup Trucks

1984 GMC 1/2 ton pickup, crash bar & plate, headache rack, 8 ply tires. $2,000. 432- 557-5557

1990 Ford F350, Crewcab, 72K Miles, 460, Automatic. $6,900. 432-853-3316

2005 SILVERADO, 86K miles, extra clean, short wide bed, no extended cab. $8,250 432-557-5557

2010 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT 2WD. Loaded, leather, grill guard, bed liner, running boards, 27K miles. $27,500. 432-556-3588

CHEVROLET 2002 Silverado 2500 4-door pick up. Very nice. White, loaded with leather seats, front grill guard, Rhino liner, Leer camper shell, trailer hitch. 1 owner, 432-889-5294.

FORD 2000 F350 Diesel, 7.3, 5th wheel setup, 6 speed, runs great, $4,600 OBO. Call 432-563-0156.

FORD 2004 F150 XLT Super Cab. Grill guard, Rhino liner, 139k miles, $5,795. 432-697-1420.

FORD 2010 F250 XLT. 4x4, crew cab, diesel, automatic, FX4 package, satellite radio, loaded, 153K miles, $25,900. Call Kenney 432-813-7985.

GMC 2005 Extended Cab Pick-up, 160K miles, tool box, headache rack and bedliner. $7,000. Call 432-553-7282.

GMC 2005 Sierra 2500 SLT Crew Cab, 4WD. 122K miles. Leather, front end. $13,200 obo. 432-425-4170.

TOYOTA 2008 Tundra SR5, 4wd, automatic, silver/gray cloth, clean, 83K miles. $21,500. 432-559-1016.

4WD & SUV

NEW TODAY!

2004 NISSAN Armada for sale! Fully loaded-leather interior, GPS, DVD, and towing package. 97k miles. Asking $12000- please call or text 432-352-4426.

2004 RV 36' 5th wheel. Mobile suite by Doubletree and a 2008 3/4 ton Lariat Ford Diesel Pickup, 55K + miles. Both have many amenities. Please call 806-894-5291 or 806-773-1464.

CHEVROLET 2004 Suburban 1500C 78,800 miles, $8500. Call 432-770-2014 between 5-9pm.

CHEVROLET 2007 Avalanche LS. 61k miles, gray, asking $19,850. Call or text 432-425-2848.

CHEVY 2004 Tahoe LT, dark blue, 2WD, 153k/mi, gray leather, bose stereo, V8, heated and power seats, 3rd row seats, good tires, cosmetic dent on door. $5800. 817-718-8836

CHEVY 2007 Tahoe LT. Just in time for holiday travel! Gold Mist w/tan leather interior. In excellent condition. Fully Loaded. Must see! $28,500. Call 254-4865

FORD ESCAPE 2010 white, 4 dr., 60k immaculate. $13,000. 262-2024. 1 owner!

NEW TODAY!

FORD EXPLORE 2005 XLT 1 owner with all service records, 84k miles, gold, all power, michelin tires, new brakes, towing package, 3rd row seat, 6 cd changer. $9,000 OBO. 432-556-6947

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4WD & SUV

NEW TODAY!

JEEP 1997 Grand Cherokee Laredo. White, 4wd, leather, auto, power seat, windows, locks. 183k miles, $3,000. Call 432-683-2773.

JEEP 2006 Wrangler XSport, 49,992 mi, 4x4, brand new tires & rims. $19,000 Great Condition Call 432-413-9190

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1999 BMW M3 Dakar Yellow/Black 5 spd, Sunroof, All records, 122k Miles

2010 Mercedes GLK White Diamond/Black Nav., AMG wheels, Htd. Seats, AWD, Xenon, Panoroof 39k Miles

2010 Cadillac Escalade Gold/Beige, 21" Rims, Nav., Capt. Chairs, DVD, Sunroof, Xenon,47k Miles

2012 BMW 328i Black Saphire/Biege Nav., Htd. Seats, Camera, Xenon, Premium Pkg, 6k Miles

2012 BMW 650i Convertible Black Saphire/Black Lux Seats, NAV, Camera, A/C Seats 19k miles

2011 BMW 328i Alpine White/Tan Premium Pkg, Htd. Seats, SAT., Roof 9k Miles

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING

Accounting Clerk
Master Tubular FT
Midland based Company is looking for an experienced accounting clerk to assist in the processing of Accounts Receivables, Accounts Payable and various other accounting tasks. Candidate should be detail oriented, have good communication skills and strong computer skills. Position is available to start immediately. Salary is competitive and will be determined based on experience. Please send resumes to humanresources@mastertubulars.com

Accounting Manager
Growing Oilfield Service Company has need for Accounting Manager. Supervise A/R and A/P staff, manage inventory system, provide financial reporting. Degree preferred. Energy based Company necessary. Email resumes to: P-109, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Corporate Accounting Comptroller
Master Tubulars
P.O. Box 50036
Midland, TX 79710-0036

Full time
5 years EXP
Salary (DOE) & Benefit Pkg

Job Requirements:
Applicant must have a degree in Accounting/Business and/or at least 5 years accounting experience.

*Ability to gather data *Self sufficient *Detail oriented *Superb data entry *Fast learner *Good organizational skills *Multi-task ability *Effective verbal/written communication skills

Job Responsibilities:
Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, General Ledgers, Sales Tax, Payroll Tax, Ad Valorem Tax, Job Costing, Reconciliations
Responsible for accurately and promptly performing various assigned functions in support of month end close and processing reports.
Work with Vendors/Customers and/or other departmental personnel in addressing questions and resolving issues.
Mail resume to: P.O. Box 50036, Midland, Texas 79710 or email: hr@mastertubulars.com

Staff Accountant
Independent oil company has a staff accountant requirement. Work with various accounting departments in A/R, A/P and general reporting. Good opportunity for advancement and skill upgrade. Excel experience necessary. Benefits include insurance, 401(k). Email resume to Kaye@eeronline.com

ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Revenue Accountant
Revenue accountant required for complete monthly revenue and tax processing cycle including allocations, disbursements and revenue receipts. Gas Gathering Experience Beneficial. Prefer experience and Excel. Enertia software knowledge. Benefits include Insurance, 401(k). Email resume to Jodie@eeronline.com

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative/Parts Assistant
Deer Horn Aviation FT
Immediate Opening at Deer Horn Aviation in Midland, Texas for Administrative/Parts Assistant. A working knowledge of Total FBO preferred, and Microsoft Word. Competitive wages with excellent package, including medical insurance for employee & family. 100% matching 401K up to 15% of salary, sick leave, paid vacation. Candidates must be energetic & team player oriented. Fax resume to 432-561-5662, or email resume to parmstrong@deerhornaviation.com. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. is a drug free work place.

Clerical
Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
Clerical opening for Private Duty Health agency located in Midland, Texas. We seek a strong experienced, dependable, responsible, and multi-tasked individual who keeps front office running smoothly! Team player attitude, energetic, with a focus on excellent customer service a must. Must be proficient in Word and Excel, superior verbal and written communication skills and be extremely organized and detail oriented. This is a full-time position and includes a salary 401 (k) plan, paid vacation and holidays, as well as a comprehensive benefits package. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter stating why the position interests them as well as a resume via email to: mccorcle@nursesunlimited.com.

Office Assistant
jg Concrete, Inc. FT
Now Hiring-Office Assistant. Looking for a qualified, detail oriented candidate to assist with office duties for a concrete place and finish company. 40 Hours a week, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previous experience with Microsoft Office, & Excel is required. QuickBooks is a "plus" factor. Must possess good phone skills and organizational skills, professional appearance, able to multi-task and assume responsibility. Bilingual Spanish/English with the ability to read, write and interpret is required. Starting wage $11.00 to $15.00 depending on experience. Qualified applicants can submit resume to: P.O. Box 8521, Midland, TX 79708 or Email jgconcreteinc@yahoo.com.

Purchasing/Parts Inventory Clerk
Electronic drilling instrumentation company seeking full-time, multi-tasking individual with high school diploma and two years related experience with purchasing/inventory controls. Individual must show a strong knowledge of Microsoft Office Word & Excel, Quickbooks a plus. Individual will create purchase orders for the acquisition of materials. Researches, interviews, and negotiates with suppliers to obtain prices and specifications. Provides routine administrative support. Please fax, mail, or e-mail to apply: Fax: (432) 561-5850, Email: acctg@autodril.com, Mail: AUTO-DRIL, INC., PO Box 60772, Midland, TX 79711

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Reps
Fred Loya FT
Immediate opening for customer service rep. in Midland. Must be able to work M-F 8am-7p Sat. 9am-2pm. Bilingual a plus. Computer skills required. Candidates must be energetic, organized and independent. Pleasant personality and professional appearance are a must. We offer comprehensive benefits such as health insurance & 401K. Must have at least one year experience in customer service. Apply in person at: 407 Andrews Hwy.

Receptionist
Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT
Midland's premier club is looking for a Receptionist. Understanding of multi line phone and Micro Soft office computer programs a plus. We hire attitude and personality over experience in addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver.
Animal Krackers FT/PT
Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time. experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00am-5:30pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

CHILD CARE TEACHERS
Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Child Care teachers needed. Above average wages for ful and part time positions. Call 432-520-6888

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD
Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Big Spring Area.

Financial Accountant – Assist with the maintenance of the district's financial records, accounting systems and processes necessary to manage the district's business. Including billing of accounts receivable, maintain district banking and reconciliations. Maintain fixed assets. Strong computer skills required including Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting degree preferred or 3-5 yrs experience in related field.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

Heavy Equipment Operators & CDL Drivers
Good driving record and drug screen required. Apply in person with Harold. Big D Construction, 4501 E. Hwy. 80, Midland.

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Part-Time Shift Work Available
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The positions equate to approximately [illegible] hours per week. No experience necessary. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Must have reliable transportation and be able to lift 50 pounds. Background and drug screen required. Apply in person.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Lease Operator
BC Operating, Inc. FT
BC Operating, Inc. is looking for a Lease Operator and to make positive contributions to our team near Goldsmith, Texas. The successful candidates must have minimum of 5 years practical field experience, and be able to provide sufficient leadership and technical skills to independently operate and troubleshoot oilfield production equipment; rod pumped oil wells, water supply wells, injection wells, production vessels, well test equipment, injection pumps, ESPs, and other related oilfield equipment. Experience reporting production information electronically in FieldDirect is a plus. A company vehicle, laptop computer, and cell phone will be furnished. Job requires some overtime. A clean driving record and high school diploma or equivalent is required. Full benefits package includes major medical, prescription drug, 401K matched 5% beginning on your 6 month anniversary, and 2 weeks of paid vacation. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a resume to Fred Villanueva via e-mail, FVillanueva@BCOperating.com.

HEALTHCARE

Activity Assistant
Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX 79707
Full Time Activity Assistant. Apply at: 4800 Briarwood Ave, Midland, Tx 79707 or email your resume to: legacyranch-bom@jeaseniorliving.com.

Billing & Accounts Receivable
Surgical Center of Midland FT/PT
Surgical Center seeking EXPERIENCED individual with strong medical billing insurance & accounts receivable. Send resume to 2706 W. Cuthbert "Bldg A" or fax 432-694-7414. Reliable person.

Experienced Sitters/CNA's
Nurses Unlimited, Inc FT
Nurses Unlimited, Inc is seeking Experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Must pass drug test and background check. All shifts available. EOE. Call 432-522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904.

Health Service Director
Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX 79707
Seeking Health Service Director. Must be RN or LVN. Long term care experience preferred. Apply at: 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, Tx 79707 or email your resume to: legacyranch-bom@jeaseniorliving.com

LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST
Licensed Dental Hygienist needed for part to full time position. Please send or fax resumes to **info@smilemidland.com, 432 520-0720.**

Nurse, Caregivers, Dishwasher, Housekeeping
Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX 79707
Seeking Full time Nurses & Caregivers, Med Aid, Housekeeping & PT Dishwasher. Apply at: 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, Tx 79707 or email your resume to: legacyranch-bom@jeaseniorliving.com

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

House Keeping/Laundry
Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT
Midland's premier club is looking to fill multiple positions. House keeping for evening hours 2-10pm and Housekeeping/laundry day shift. Part time and full time available. We hire personality and enthusiasm over experience. Good wages, benefits, and 401K available for full time. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

Texas Western Hospitality Now Hiring!
Apply online: **www.permianbasinhoteljobs.com.**

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

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B H Management NOW HIRING Groundskeeper for The Dakotas Apartments. Apply in person at 5101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705 or online at www.bhmanagement.com. EOE

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Security Guard
Finley Investigation & Security FT/PT
Hiring now! Full-time and Part time. Security Guards, Retirees, and College Students also welcome. Males & Females. Days, Nights, Weekdays or Weekends. Safe environment. We will train. Competitive pay. Growing company. 432-561-5660. tomfinley@oilfieldsecurity.com

MARKETING

Development Director
Marfa Public Radio FT
Midland, TX 79701
KXWT-FM West Texas public radio seeks Full-time Development Director for fundraising, underwriting, events, major donor cultivation, and grant writing. Job requirements and additional info available online at: kxwt.org/jobs/

OTHER JOBS

Assembly Tech
Assembly Technician Assemble electronic control packages. Great working environment. Pre-employment drug screen required. Apply in person at R&D Specialties, 9918 W. I-20, Midland, TX 79706 or fax resume to 432-561-5696

Caretaker
Confidential
Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers. References required. Call 432-250-1678.

Cindy Clean Now Hiring for Part Time Workers
$11/hr. Plus bonuses. Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have a car, and a cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

Direct Care Staff Member
High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time. Requires good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current position open is for a direct care staff member working 2 -3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday. We are also looking for a person to work over night in our awake night position that is typically 10p - 8a. Call for an application or access at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX. 79707, Attn: Karen Kendrick. For inquires or a full job description you can contact Karen Kendrick at karenb@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 12/1/12.

Energize Your Future with Willbros T&D Services
We are looking for: **Pole Set Crew Foreman, Overhead Crew Foreman, Overhead/Underground Lineman & Apprentice & Laborers.** Must have or be able to obtain class A CDL. Willbros T & D Services offers competitive wages, 401k, health, vacation, apprenticeship program. For an application please call Mark Tarango 432-230-1097.

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- ***Case Managers***
- ***Purchasing Agent***

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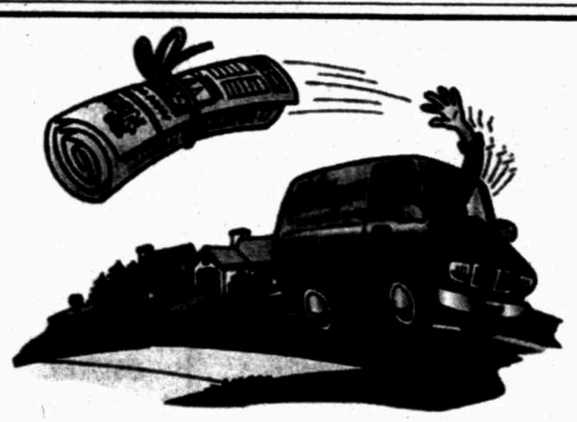
www.marcinc-tx.org

Nursery Attendant
Calvary Assembly of God PT
Nursery attendant needed. Sun from 10am-1pm and 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Wed. 7pm-9pm. Apply in person at 908 South Johnston or call 432-682-8473 Mon-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Must pass background check.

Part-Time Funeral Assistant
Ellis Funeral Home PT
Funeral Assistant needed. Duties include assisting funeral director with setting up for funerals, driving service vehicles, and other duties as assigned. This job is on an as needed basis. You must have a clean driving record and be able to lift 50 lbs. Come by 801 Andrews Highway to fill out an application.

Survey Drafting Technician
West Texas Consultants, Inc FT
West Texas Consultants, Inc of Andrew's TX. is seeking an experienced Survey Drafting Technician for a fast pace high volume office. Our primary focus will be on the oil and gas industry doing oil/gas injection, well locations, pipeline, electric line, and lease plots, with many other diversitized projects. All interested persons should email a resume to: gregs@wtcsurveying.com or fax to: 432-524-2346. No phone calls please.



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Willbros T&D Services
is looking to fill the position of FIELD MECHANIC* SIGN-ON BONUS* Must have a class A CDL. Experience in utility construction a plus. Must be able to work flexible hours.Offers competitive wages. 401K, health & vacation. For Application: Mark Tarango at 432-230-1097. Willbros T & D Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. •CSRs: Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! •Shift Leaders: Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any Domino's Pizza Midland or Odessa or send resume: cassie@clearwire.net. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Kitchen
Susie's South Forty Confection FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701 0-1 Years Exp.
Fifteen immediate openings full time and part time seasonal help at manufacturing plant: Assistants, *Packages, Assembly, Shipping & Receiving and much more. Must be 18 years or older with social security card. Apply at 1515 S. Fairgrounds Road between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday-Thursday or call 432-570-4040.

Line Cooks
La Bodega Mexican Restaurant FT
2700 W. Big Spring Street Apply in Person
Midland, TX To fill out application.
La Bodega Midland is now hiring for experienced Line Cooks. starting at $10.50 per hour.

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Business is great! Now hiring for Servers and All Kitchen Positions. Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.

RETAIL JOBS

Retail
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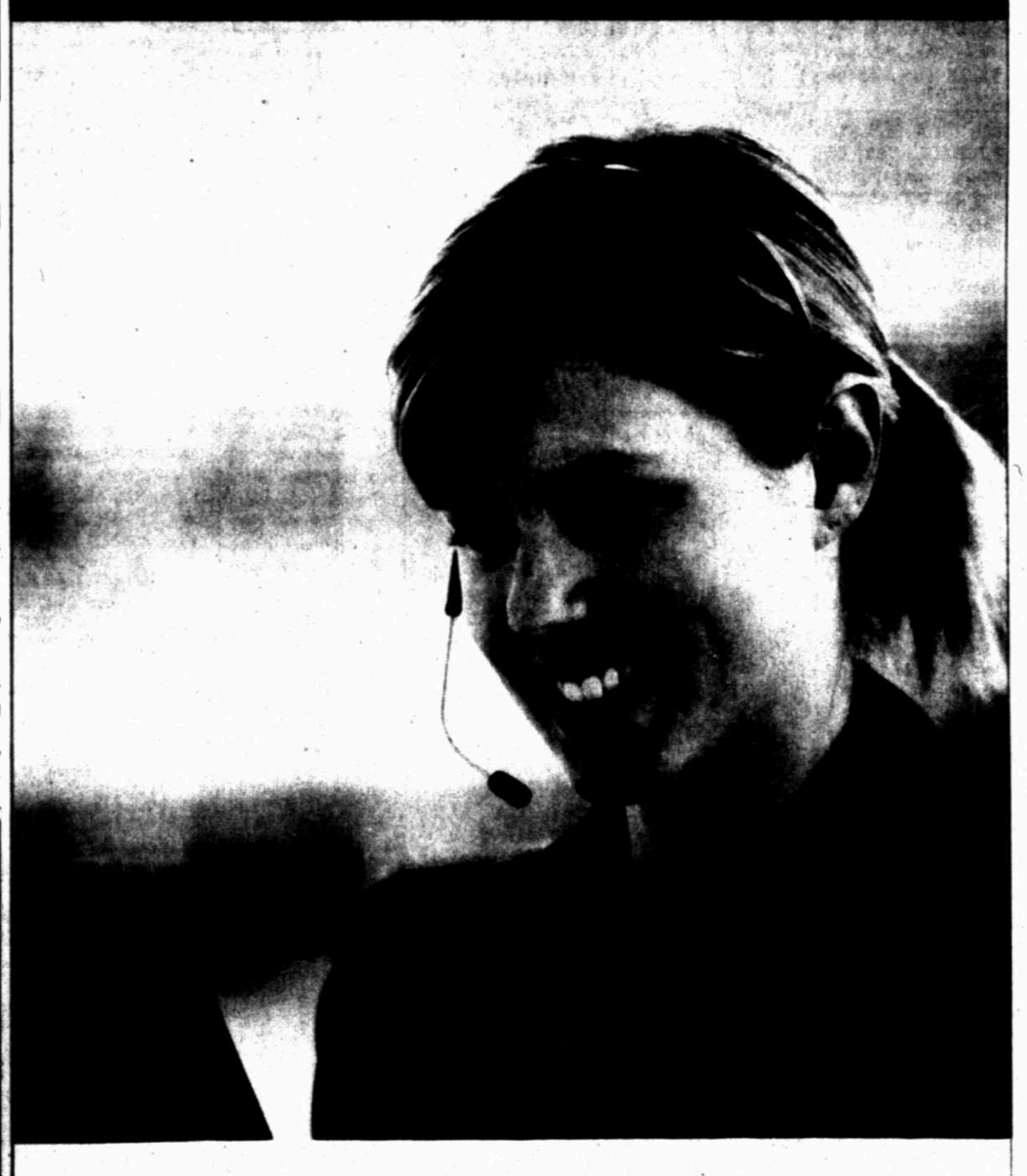

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The result was a collection of $425. She donated the funds to **Heifer International**, an organization that works to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing farm animals to people in need.

"I felt really good that some else would be getting something," said Katherine.

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What to buy?

Read the list of animals that people buy to give to people in need. If you had $425, what would you buy?

Sheep	$120
Goat	$120
Flock of ducks	$20
Flock of chicks	$20
Trio of rabbits	$60
Llama	$150
Pig	$100
Honeybees	$30

Standards Link: Math: Solve real-world problems involving number operations.

Some children are choosing a new kind of present. They have parents. Instead of [illegible] to spend on a present.

Start

Find your way through the fur of this llama.

Finish

Making a Difference

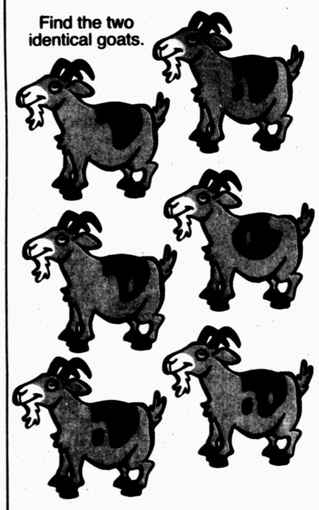
When Nathaniel Drexler was 8 years old, his social studies teacher talked to the class about the shortage of clean, safe water in developing communities. He was struck by how many children spend hours a day walking to the nearest water source, missing opportunities for schooling, only to come home with dirty, contaminated water.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students recognize ways that can contribute as citizens in a democracy.

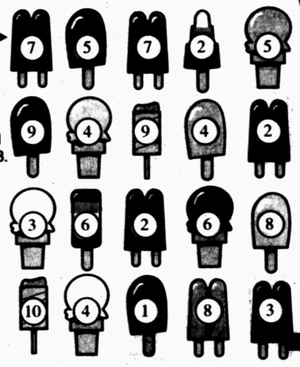
Nathaniel found a charity organization that builds clean-water wells in African villages and other impoverished communities. This organization, **Charity:Water**, spends 100% of its contributions in the field, building wells.

Nathaniel went door-to-door in his neighborhood, selling popsicles to raise money for Charity:Water. Then, for his next two birthdays, he asked friends and family to donate instead of giving him gifts. He raised $3,000!

Find the two identical goats.



Work your way through this puzzle to find a connected path of treats that add up to a total of 33. Move one space at a time starting on the left. You can move up or down, side to side or diagonally. (There's more than one path.)



Extra! Extra! WANTS and NEEDS

Look through the newspaper for things that you NEED to survive and things that you WANT. Cut out examples of both and glue them onto a chart.

Standards Link: Economics: Differentiate between wants and needs.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Mario and Maya are selling their toys at a yard sale to raise money for their local fire department.

Oops! Someone dripped lemonade on the sales slips. Can you fill in the missing numbers?

Blocks	$1.[illegible]
Puppet	[illegible]5
Book	.30
Total:	$2.41

Golf Ball	[illegible]
Postcard	.05
Puzzle	.70
Total:	.85

Bat	$[illegible]
Paints	$[illegible]
Clay	$2.00
Total:	$9.00

TOTAL RAISED: _____

Standards Link: Number Sense: Students compute sums and differences with money. Algebra: Solve number sentences that express relationships involving addition and subtraction.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

DONATION
SHORTAGE
TREASURE
SHARING
CHARITY
HUNGER
HEIFER
FAMILY
HEROES
SOURCE
FUNDS
CHICKS
SAFE
NEED
TIME

K	S	D	I	F	A	M	I	L	Y
E	H	S	O	U	R	C	E	D	D
R	O	S	G	N	S	F	Y	A	E
U	R	E	N	D	A	T	I	M	E
S	T	O	I	S	I	T	R	E	N
A	A	R	R	R	E	F	I	E	H
E	G	E	A	H	E	R	O	O	E
R	E	H	H	U	N	G	E	R	N
T	C	S	S	K	C	I	H	C	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Philanthropy News

Newspapers often report on people giving to others. Look for an article about philanthropy in action. Describe the time, talent or treasure that each philanthropist donated.

Standards Link: Health: Recognize how to promote positive practices within school and community.

Where do you go to learn how to make ice cream?

Weekly Writing Corner

Receive or Give?

My opinion is that it is better to give than receive. Why? Well, I feel great when I give something to a person, especially when I make it. It's good to see someone smile. It makes me feel like I did something special.

Kensley Vanderburg,
6th grade, Hillander

I think it is better to give because it makes people happy. When people are happy, it makes you feel good. I also like receiving gifts, though.

Camille Courtney,
6th grade, Hillander

I agree that it is better to give because most children don't get as much as we do. It might be more fun to receive, but it is better to give!

Austin Price,
6th grade, Hillander

I think it is better to give than receive because it makes people happy, and it feels good after you do it. Receiving is still fun, but you have to say thank you.

Britton Boren,
6th grade, Hillander

I say that it is better to give than receive. I think giving is that you are doing something good. Giving is good because you make someone feel good and cared for, like when you give a present to charity. That's why I think giving is better than receiving.

Taylor Wilbanks,
6th grade, Hillander

Some people say it is better to give than to receive. I agree with those people. I think the more you give, the nicer you look to others. The better you look to others, the more you will receive. That is why I agree it is better to give than to receive.

Laura Kate Sparks,
6th grade, Hillander

I agree that it is better to give than receive because when you give, you can be making someone else's life better rather than getting something that you won't use. When you receive, you might be getting a monstrous amount, and you might become greedy.

Sathvie Demé,
6th grade, Hillander

Write On!

Dear Mr. President

Tell the new president what he should do for kids.

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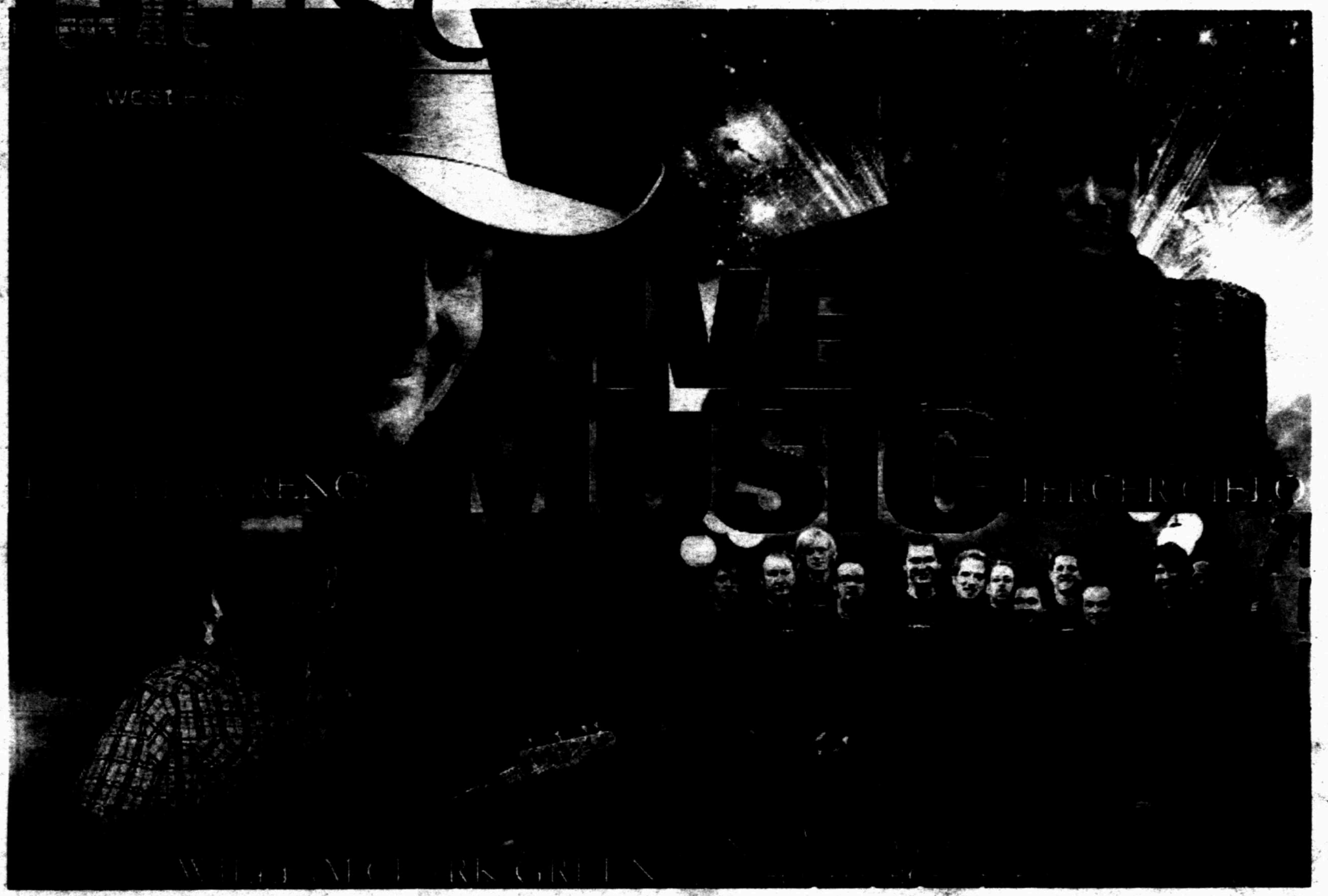

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find out what's going on...

Live and in concert 5, 6

Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, Tercer Cielo, William Clark Green, Tracy Lawrence and Motionless in White all stop in Midland-Odessa this week.

Event 8

Christmas at the Mansion opens to the public Saturday.

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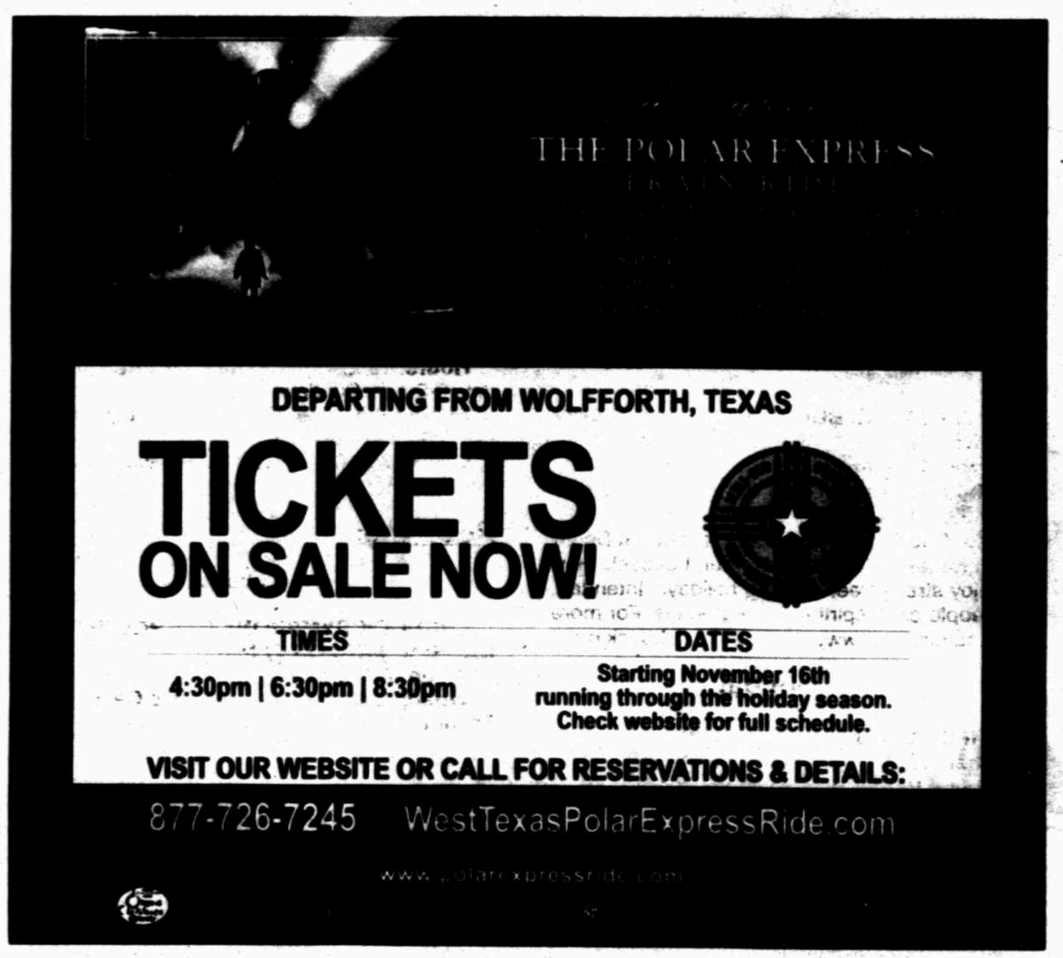

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FREE-Laura Bush Literacy Program reading event, Thurs. Dec 20th , from 4:30-5:30 PM in our Visitor Center for kids of all ages. We will read a selection of books including "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search" and each child receives a free copy of the book along with refreshments.

Call 685-1112 to reserve a space!

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thisweek

Today

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT: "FORCES OF NATURE"
When: 6:30-8 p.m.
Where: The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West
Admission: Free.
Sponsor: Chevron.
Call: 683-4403

CITY OF ODESSA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND OPENING OF STARBRIGHT VILLAGE
When: 6-7 p.m.
Where: Starbright Village, McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road Odessa.

STARBRIGHT VILLAGE
When: 6-11 p.m. today-Jan. 4.
Where: McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road, Odessa
Admission: Free.
Info: Visit with Santa 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Drive through lighted Christmas displays.

UTPB HOLIDAY MUSICAL CELEBRATION
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm-to-Market 1788
Admission: Free.
Call: 552-4430

SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams, Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910. Dances on Thursdays except no dance Dec. 20 or 27. Special dance New Year's Eve from 8 to midnight, then serving black-eyed peas and cornbread.

Friday

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
When: through Dec. 22
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre

MINERAL GALLERY OPENING
When: 6 p.m.
Where: The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West
Admission: Ticketed event. Call: 683-4403

TERCER CIELO LIVE IN CONCERT
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Vision Audio, Horseshoe Box Office or Endless Horizons.

MAASQUERADE FIRE AND ICE BALL
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Green Tree Country Club
Info: To see if there are any tickets left, call 520-3055.

WOMEN ON THE RISE BANQUET
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland Center
Info: Presented by Faith Temple Church Of God In Christ.
Tickets: $50

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

Saturday

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION
When: Saturday-Dec. 29
Where: Museum of the Southwest

HIGH SKY CHILDREN'S RANCH CONCERT
When: 6 p.m.
Where: True Lite Christian Fellowship

MIRACLE ON TYLER STREET TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION
When: 6 p.m.
Where: 411 S. Tyler St.
Info: Miracle on Tyler Street Ceremony 6 p.m. Dec. 15. Call Greater Ideal Baptist Church for more information.

PUBLIC TALK: BUDDHIST NUN KELSANG CHONDZIN
When: 1-3 p.m.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave.
Info: Chondzin is a resident teacher at Bodhichitta Kadampa Buddhist Center, Lubbock. How to enjoy stress-free, relaxing holidays. Intended for people of all spiritual backgrounds. For more information, visit www.meditationinlubbock.org.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

LUNCH AND LECTURE: A ROOM WITH A VIEW, PART 2
When: noon
Where: Rodman Auditorium, Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa
Info: Academy-Award winning Merchant Ivory film follows young Lucy Honeychurch on holiday in Italy in turn of the century England. Bring lunch and a friend. Program lasts an hour.

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. "Llama, Llama Holiday Drama"
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Storytime for Preschool

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Exhibit: "Eat Well, Play Well" through Jan. 6. Educational science exhibition.
Call: 683-2882 for more information. Check for holiday hours.

Road Trip:

Lubbock

LUBBOCK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S MESSIAH PERFORMANCE
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre

Post

"SAY NICKLAUS," RAGTOWN GOSPEL THEATER
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday through Dec. 15
Tickets: $20 adults, $15 groups of 12 or more and $10 students/children. Info and tickets, call 877-724-8696 or visit Ragtown.com.

HOLIDAY POPS SATURDAY@ THE WAGNER NOËL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale presents "Sounds of the Season: A Holiday Concert" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. The performance features the Midland-Odessa Symphony, the 80-voice Symphony Chorale and the 75-voice Kids' Choir, along with MOSC ensembles Lone Star Brass, Permian Basin String Quartet and the West Texas Winds. For tickets, call the Wagner Noël Box Office at 552-4430, or visit www.wagner-noel.com.

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AMERICAN AIRPOWER HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
9600 Wright Drive, Midland International Airport
563-1000
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
Admission: $10 adults, $9 seniors and teenagers, $7 children ages 6-12 and free for those under 6. Discounts available.
Web: www.commemorativeairforce.org.

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM
4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
550-9696
Exhibits: Destinations in Painting: From the Kasten Collection through Feb. 24, Art Glass 1880-1940: From the Becker Collection through Feb. 17 and Wish You Were Here: The Artistry of Postcards from the Greene Collection through Jan. 13.
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m.
Admission: Free.
Web: www.noelartmuseum.org.
Event: Lunch and Lecture: A Room with a View, part 2. Noon Tuesday.

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME
1412 W. Ohio Ave.
685-1112
Info: Tours and gift shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in Midland.

HALEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER
1805 W. Indiana Ave.
682-5785
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No admission charged.

MCCORMICH GALLERY, ALLISON FINE ARTS BUILDING
Midland College main campus
3600 N. Garfield St.
685-4770
Hours: 8 a.m.- 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.
Exhibit: To purchase artwork from this show, contact J. Don Wallace, McCormick Gallery director, at 685-4770.
Event: Annual Holiday Evening. Dec. 16. Music, art, food and fellowship.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
301 W. Missouri Ave.
688-8947
Hours: Friday, Monday and Wednesday: 2-5 p.m. Free.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST
1705 W. Missouri Ave.
683-2882
Facilities in the museum complex:
Museum of the Southwest: Contemporary Artist Series 2012: "Tribal Stories" works by Nathan Youngblood through Dec. 30 in the Here and Now Gallery. No admission charged. Donations welcome.
Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: "A View from Space," "From Earth to the Solar System," "My Town" and "Beach Babies." "Eat Well, Play Well" through Jan. 6, 2013. Admission charged to non-members.
Blakemore Planetarium: Admission $3 per person to see permanent exhibitions. Regular hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.
Regular hours at the two museums: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Event: Preview party today for Christmas at the Mansion.
Upcoming: Christmas at the Mansion opens Saturday to the public.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM
1500 W. Interstate 20
683-4403
Exhibits: Its 40,000 square feet of interactive exhibits cover all aspects of the petroleum industry from geology, the formation of oil, its exploration, pipelining, marketing and refining to the economic and political impact of the industry. Also: Chaparral Race Cars.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: Adults $8, ages 12-17 and seniors 65 and older: $6, children (6-11) $5, children under 6 free.
Event: 6:30-8 p.m. today Family Science Night: "Forces of Nature." Free.
Ticketed event: Mineral Gallery Opening 6 p.m. Friday.

SCARBOROUGH-LINEBERY HOUSE
802 S. Main St.
685-7368
Hours: Historic home open by appointment.
Upcoming: Eggnog luncheon Tuesday.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN
4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa
Nancy Fyle Cardoulis Gallery
Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
Call: 552-2280
Exhibit: Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 432-552-2280
Info: All exhibitions sponsored by UTPB Student Life and the Odessa Council For the Arts and Humanities. Dan Askew, gallery director.

WHITE-POOL HOUSE MUSEUM
112 E. Murphy St., Odessa
432-333-4072
Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
Info: No admission charged. Donations accepted.

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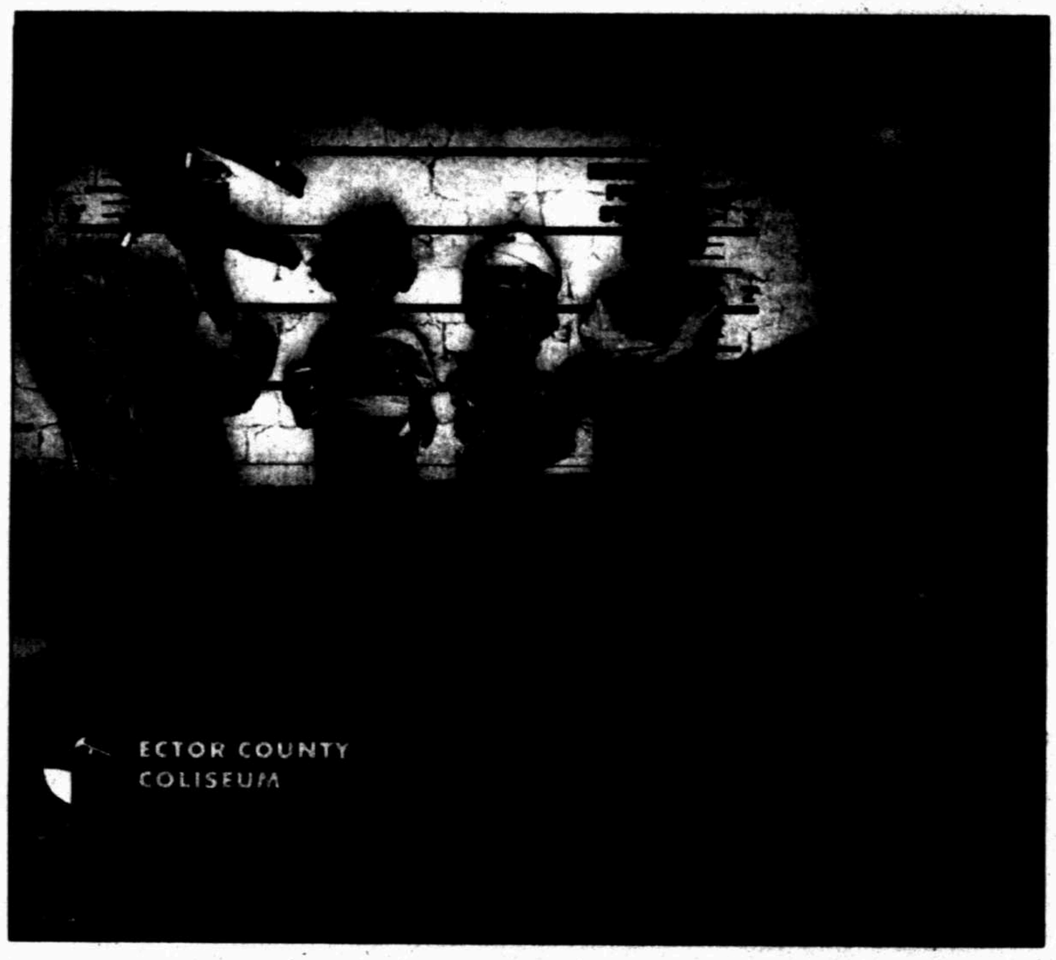

Denver and the Mile High Orchestra to bring 'music that defies a genre' to Odessa

The year was 1999 and Denver Bierman and his band of musicians from Belmont University took the music they loved and combined it with a hot, pop style, mixed in a slick tight stage show and took it on the road.

"The first show we performed was for 28 people," said Denver Bierman, the creative force behind Denver and the Mile High Orchestra. "It wasn't the hottest ticket in Nashville that night, but there was free coffee and cheesecake. That's one thing. In the beginning I told my guys, I may not be able to pay you but there will be dessert."

The band has come a long way since then. Denver and the Mile High Orchestra made the finale of the FOX-TV "American Idol" spin off "The Next Great American Band," played the Summer Olympics in Athens and the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Radio airplay, primetime television appearances and tour dates all over the world have built a fan base of all ages for the band.

DMHO have been headliners at Creation East, Pulsefest, Alive, Kingdom Bound, Inside Out Soul Fest and Lifest. They have also performed at Bill Gaither's "The Praise Gathering" held at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Members of the band have played for such artists as Carman, Truth, Jaqi Velasquez, Sandi Patty, Debby Boone, Chet Atkins, Ron Kenoly, Benny Goodman Tribute Orchestra, Phil Driscoll, Lulu Roman, Donna Summer, Dan Akroyd, Tower of Power, Guy Lombardo, Ralph Carmichael, Ben Peterson, Jonathan Pierce, Wes Montgomery, Greg Long and Christafari.

While DMHO has been compared to many, the music defies a genre. Silky smooth vocals combine with a wall of sound that calls up the images of blues, funk and soul. What can be defined is a contemporary pop sensibility with a nod to the great horn bands of the past.

Over 10 years, seven albums and two live-show DVDs, the band has evolved and explored many different musical avenues, but one thing that has and will remain unchanged is an unswerving devotion to Jesus Christ, which is transparent in the music.

"Having a career in the music business comes and goes," said Denver. "The hope we find in our faith is for an eternity."

ALL THE DETAILS

DENVER AND THE MILE HIGH ORCHESTRA
When: 6 p.m. Sunday
Where: Crossroads Fellowship, 6901 East State Hwy. 191, Odessa
Admission: Free.
Info: 432-368-2500
Source: denvermho.com

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BEST BETS:

CHRISTIAN DUO TERCER CIELO FRIDAY @ HORSESHOE

This contemporary Christian music duo's Latin pop style proved popular enough to cross over into the mainstream. According to All Music Guide, Tercer Ciero was founded in 2000 by two friends of Dominican heritage, Juan Carlos Rodriguez and Marcos Yaroide. The duo released three full-length albums — "En Ti" (2000), "Tercer Cielo" (2003), and "Ahora Tengo Mas" (2005) — before Yaroide split for a solo career in 2006. In the absence of Yaroide, Rodriguez chose to carry on with Tercer Cielo, recruiting the talents of his wife, Evelyn Herrera, who is of Mexican heritage. The husband-and-wife duo made its full-length recording debut with "Llueve" (2007). A year later they released the follow-up album "Hollywood" (2008) and scored their first Latin pop crossover hit with "Yo Te Extranare." Tickets, priced at $36.50 and 75.50, are available online at https://tickets.dooleyman.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the Horseshoe box office, Endless Horizons in Odessa and Vision Audio in Midland.

WILLIAM CLARK GREEN TODAY @ ROCKIN RODEO

Texas country artist William Clark Green's third album, "Rose Queen," is the second that focuses on a place of inspiration for the singer/songwriter. This one focuses on Tyler while his 2011 independent release, "Misunderstood," was inspired in part by his time in Lubbock where he went to Texas Tech University and got his start as a performer. "The Tyler area has always been my home," Green told the Reporter-Telegram earlier this year. "I've kept in touch with a lot of friends there, but I never moved back, but at some point I'd like to. Right now it just isn't in the cards."

MOTIONLESS IN WHITE SUNDAY @ DOS AMIGOS, ODESSA

Motionless In White is headlining "The Infamous Tour" this fall, with support from Chelsea Grin, Stick To Your Guns, Crown the Empire and Upon This Dawning.

The band, which will return overseas on a UK run with Asking Alexandria in early 2013, has gained a reputation for constantly challenging the concept of "playing it safe."

TRACY LAWRENCE SATURDAY @ DOS AMIGOS

This American country music artist started at a country music restaurant called "Live At Libby's" where owner Libby Knight would help local talent find their way into country music. He has released nine studio albums, three compilations, a live album and a Christmas album. His studio albums have accounted for more than 30 singles on the Billboard country music charts. Of these, eight have reached No. 1: "Sticks and Stones" (1991), "Alibis," "Can't Break It to My Heart," "My Second Home" (all 1993), "If the Good Die Young" (1994), "Texas Tornado" (1995), "Time Marches On" (1996) and "Find Out Who Your Friends Are" (2006).

Music

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Phone: 432-682-7092

Cabana Sports Bar
3113 W. Industrial Ave.
Phone: 688-3993

Cigar Frogs
216 N. Main St.
Phone: 687-1671
Web: www.cigarfrogs.com

Courtyard Marriott
1505 Tradewinds
Phone: 689-9400

Dos Amigos
4700 Golder Ave., Odessa
Phone: 432-368-7556
Web: www.dosamigoscantina.com/

Escape Lounge
Quality Inn & Suites, Odessa
3001 East Business Loop 20
Phone: 432-333-3931

Graham Central Station
4240 Preston Road, Odessa
Phone: 432-552-0552
www.grahamcentralstationodessa.com

Harrigans Grill & Bar
2701 John Ben Shepperd, Odessa
Phone: 432-617-8301
Web: www.harriganSdining.com/

Hot Shots
615 W. Wall St.
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2215 N Midland Drive # 2A
Phone: 262-5858
Web: www.krocsbar.com/

La Playa de Colores
2101 E. 8th St., Odessa
Phone: 432-580-4200

Miami Nights
1600 North Farm-to-Market 1936, Odessa

Ogi's
4555 E. University, Odessa
Phone: 432-362-0300

Riley's Bar & Grill
3421 W. Wall St.
Phone: 520-0006.

Rockin' Rodeo
4400 N. Big Spring
Suite D46
Phone: 682-0401

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina
2101 W. Wadley
Phone: 570-9600

Shack in the Back
11520 W Highway 80 E, Odessa
Phone: 432-561-5105
Web: shackinthe-back.com

The Bar
606 W. Missouri Ave
Phone: 685-1757
Web: www.the-barmidland.com

The Detour
1708 Rankin Hwy
Phone: 685-1011

The Ground Floor
203 W. Wall St.
Phone: 683-4433

The Hemmingway
2200 W Wadley Ave, #2
Phone: 570-5333

The Hog Pit Pub & Grub
7400 W County Road 116
Phone: 561-9301

The New Blue Max
7409 W. Industrial Ave.

The Pine Box Collective
510 S. Big Spring

The Stardust
6300 Andrews Hwy., Odessa
Phone: 349-9879

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Live Wire

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Nov. 29
William Clark Green @ Rockin Rodeo
Friday, Nov. 30
Blacklisted @ The Detour
Darren Welch Group @ The Bar
Hostage Calm, In Fear and Faith @ Pine Box
Jonathan Jeter and the Revelators@ Redneck's
Joe Buck Yourself, The Hooten Hallers @ New Blue Max
Nitelife, Alan Childs @ Music City Mall
Tercer Cielo @ Horseshoe Arena
Saturday, Dec. 1
The Bigbys @ Redneck's
Blacklisted @ The Detour
Bob Wayne and the Outlaw Carnies, Walker and the Texas Dangers, 800 Mile Monday, Far From Nothing @ New Blue Max
Darren Welch Group @ The Bar
Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Pops II: Sounds of the Season @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Tracy Lawrence @ Dos Amigos
Sunday, Dec. 2
Motionless in White, Chelsea Grin, Stick to Your Guns, Crown the Empire, Upon This Dawning @ Dos Amigos

Lubbock

Friday, Nov. 30
The Acadia Strain, The Veil of Maya, Upon a Burning Body, Volumes, Twitching Tongues @ Jake's
Wednesday, Dec. 5
Pat Green @ Wild West Lubbock

New Mexico

Saturday, Dec. 1
Vince Neil @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

Dallas/Fort Worth

Friday, Nov. 30
Andrea Bocelli @ American Airlines Center
Dethklok, Machine Head, All That Remains, The Black Dahlia Murder @ House Of Blues
Drowning Pool @ Tree
Sufjan Stevens, Sheila Saputo @ Granada Theater

what'scoming

MIDLAND COLLEGE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENING
When: Dec. 6
Where: Main campus
Info: Music, art and merriment, food and fellowship .

H-E-B FEAST OF SHARING
When: Dec. 7
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW
When: 8 p.m Dec. 7
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa
Tickets: $25. All seats reserved.
Call: 580-0698 for reservations.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
When: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dec. 8
Where: Midland County Public Library, downtown

MIDLAND CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREELIGHTING
When: 6;30 p.m. Dec. 8
Where: downtown

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCROOGE"
When: Dec. 8-16
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St, Odessa
Admission: Adults $12, seniors/students $10 and children $7. Call 550-5456 or go to www.permianplayhouse.com
Info: Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with a twist!

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET'S THE NUTCRACKER
When: Dec. 8 and 9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BRYAN ADAMS: BARE BONES TOUR: SOLO AND ACOUSTIC
When: Dec. 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

SESAME STREET LIVE
When: Dec. 14-16
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Tickets: Online or call 1-800-462-7979

K-LOVE ACOUSTIC CHRISTMAS TOUR
When: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 15
Where: Mid Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Hwy 191
Info: Bands include Sanctus Real, Sidewalk Prophets and Dara Maclean.
Tickets: prices range from $17 to $45. For more information, visit www.acousticchristmastour.com.

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
When: 8 p.m. Dec. 15
Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium
Tickets: Blum's Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and at the box office the evening of the performance.

MOSC CHAMBER CONCERT: LONE STAR BRASS CHRISTMAS
When: Dec. 16
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

FLYING J WRANGLERS
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 18
Where: Globe Theatre, Odessa

BROADWAY SERIES
When: next available Dec. 26
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Series: Mannheim Steamroller Christmas By Chip Davis, Dec. 26; and in 2013, Monty Python's Spamalot, Feb. 24; Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles, April 14; Blue Man Group, April 30-May 2; and The Addams Family, May 23.
Info: Box office open noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 552-4430 or visit wagnernoel.com.

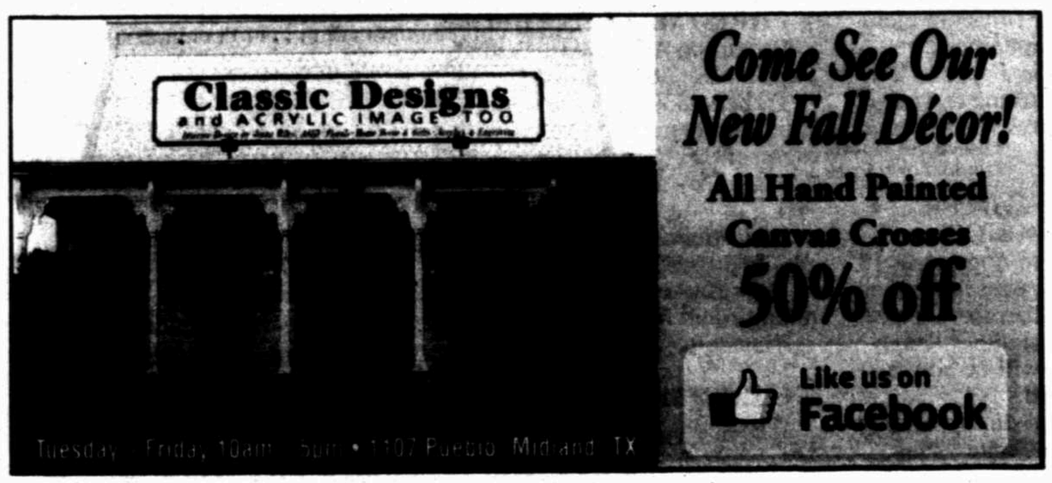
THE NUTCRACKER BY THE MOSCOW BALLET
When: Dec. 27
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

TALL CITY CALF ROPING
When: Dec. 29-31
Where: Horseshoe

GREGG ALLMAN
When: 8 p.m. Jan. 5
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: 15 percent of tickets sales through Friday benefit victims of the train wreck.

RAY PRICE
When: Jan. 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

B.B. KING
When: Jan. 15
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center



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CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION

Holiday events for the publc kick off Saturday

Now in its 15th year, Christmas at the Mansion opens to the public Saturday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The Preview Party is set for 7 p.m. today and is paired with the opening of Billy Keen's "Visions of Santa," which will be on view through December.

Other Christmas at the Mansion events include luncheons, teas, beer-tasting, a brunch and select Saturdays will bring Santa Claus, choirs and family workshops. Reservations for ticketed events can be made online, over the phone or in person at the Museum of the Southwest.

Proceeds from Christmas at the Mansion afford the Museum of the Southwest the ability to provide exhibitions, programs and activities for children, families and all of Midland year round.

Christmas at the Mansion events:

Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Contact: Chelsea Dey at 432.683.2882 x 304.

PREVIEW PARTY

When: 7 p.m. today

Tickets: $50

Info: An evening of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and musical entertainment.

REINBEER DOS

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday

Tickets: $25 for Museum members, $30 for non-members.

Info: ReinBeer is a special holiday celebration catering to young Midlanders. Features festive food and beer tastings

MOTHER-DAUGHTER CHIRSTMAS BRUNCH

When: 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 15

Tickets: $45 for Museum members, $50 for non-members. Price includes a mother and her daughter. A $10 charge will be added per additional child.

Info: A new Christmas tradition with special films, Santa Claus and a brunch buffet.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS

When: noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Dec. 6, 11 and 12.

Tickets: $30 per person for Museum members, $35 for non-members. For reservations, call Chelsea Dey at 432.683.2882 x 304.

Info: Menu differs from day to day. Wine will be served. Catered by The Market and served in the dining room of the Historic Turner Mansion.

CHRISTMAS TEAS

When: 3 p.m. Dec. 7, 14 and 16.

Tickets: Free.

Info: Features a hot cup of tea and treats. No reservations required.

SANTA CLAUS, CHOIRS AND FAMILY WORKSHOPS

When: Dec. 8 and 15

Info: Santa Claus on site 2-4 p.m. Choirs scheduled throughout the day. Opportunity to build Christmas tree ornaments to hang on the trees in the Freddie Turner Durham Children's Museum.

Source: the Museum of the Southwest

THE NUTCRACKER

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Sunday
December 11
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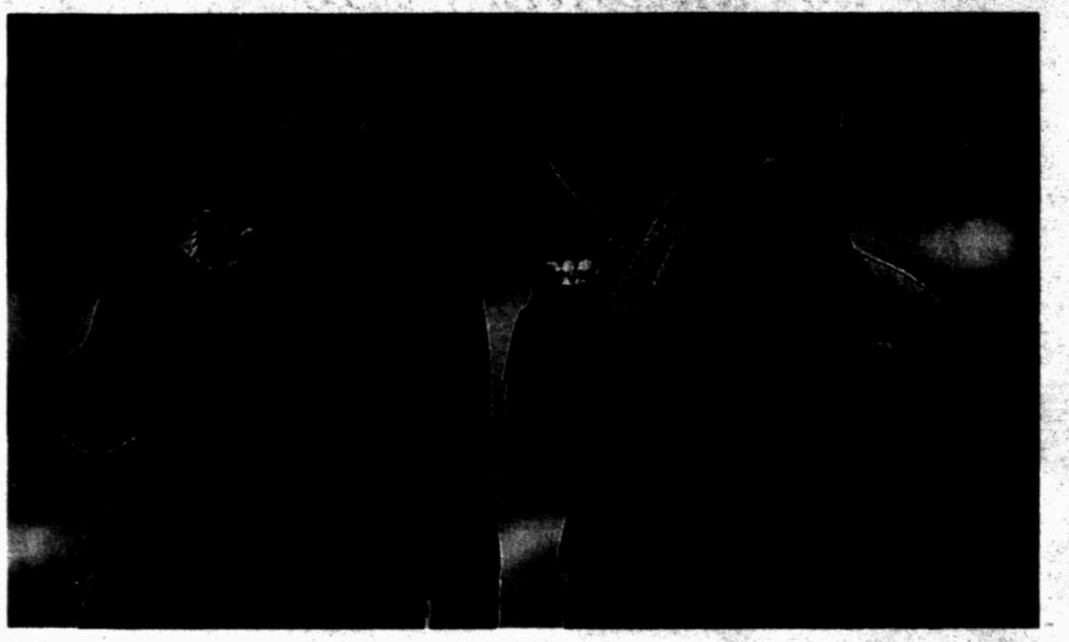
onscreen

"LIFE OF PI" — Author Yann Martel's tale of a shipwrecked youth cast adrift on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger is one of those lyrical, internalized novels that should have no business working on the screen. Quite possibly, it wouldn't have worked if anyone but Ang Lee had adapted it. Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Brokeback Mountain") has crafted one of the finest entries in his eclectic resume with this gorgeous, ruminative film that is soulfully, provocatively entertaining. The filmmaker combines a lifetime of storytelling finesse with arguably the most artful use of digital 3-D technology yet seen to bring Martel's story to life. It's a delicate narrative with visceral impact, told with an innovative style that's beguiling to watch and a philosophical voice that compassionately explores how and why we tell stories. Newcomer Suraj Sharma stars as Pi, an Indian teen lost at sea with the ravenous big cat from his family's menagerie. This could be a one-note story — please Mister Tiger, don't eat me. Yet Lee finds rich and clever ways to translate even Pi's stillest moments, the film unfolding through intricate flashbacks, whimsical voice-overs, harrowing sea hazards and exquisite flashes of fantasy and hallucination. The computer-animated tiger is remarkably lifelike, seamlessly blended into the live action. And as in Martin Scorsese's "Hugo," Lee's 3-D images are tantalizing and immersive, pulling viewers deeper into Pi's world so that the illusion of depth becomes essential to the story. PG for emotional thematic content throughout, and some scary action sequences and peril. 126 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

"RED DAWN" — The army invading the United States in this ill-advised remake of the campy 1984 original was changed in post-production from Chinese to North Korean. With a few snips here, a few re-dubs there, the filmmakers re-edited and re-shot, fearful of offending China and its increasingly important moviegoing market. The original, of course, was made at the height of Cold War paranoia and imagined a parachuting Soviet Union on American soil, with the likes of Patrick Swayze and Charlie Sheen (yes, truly the greatest generation) waging guerrilla warfare. Again, in director Dan Bradley's remake, America turns to its high school football players in its darkest time of need. Josh Peck, Josh Hutcherson and Adrianne Palicki are part of the gang who dub themselves the Wolverines. With the help of a returning Iraq veteran played by Chris Hemsworth, they mount an insurrection on the controlling North Koreans. The implausibility is dizzying all around. Real wars like those in Afghanistan and Iraq go hardly mentioned, replaced by a game of toy soldiers with make-believe foes. PG-13 for sequences of intense war violence and action, and for language. 93 minutes. One star out of four.



"Red Dawn"

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"LINCOLN" Daniel Day-Lewis in an act of human alchemy, delivering an absolutely extraordinary performance as the 16th president of the United States, campaigning to end the Civil War and abolish slavery. A film about America's unique political process, and the leader trying to bend it to his will. 2 hrs. 29 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) — 3 1/2 stars.

"SKYFALL" The 23d Bond film, and the third with Daniel Craig as the steely 007, takes a veddy British turn, even if it starts in Istanbul and hopscotches across the Pacific. Javier Bardem is the fey and psycho (and not terribly interesting) villain and Judi Dench is back, and bristling, as M. There's a new young Q (Ben Whishaw) pleased with himself, and there's a fussy parliamentarian (Ralph Fiennes) displeased with MI6's security lapses. Bérénice Marlohe is the exotic Bond girl, Naomie Harris the empowered one. Great action, and a bit of Bond backstory, too. PG-13 (violence, intense action, profanity, adult themes) 3 stars.

"TAKEN 2" — Liam Neeson is back as the super-resourceful ex-CIA guy who saved his daughter from sex traffickers in the 2008 surprise hit. This time, he and his ex (Famke Janssen) and their daughter (Maggie Grace) go vacationing in Istanbul, but menacing Albanians wants blood and vengeance. Formulaic and far-fetched, and nowhere near as fun as the first one. 1 hr. 31 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 2 stars.

"THE TWILIGHT SAGE: BREAKING DAWN — PART 2" The trippiest and goofiest of the five filmic installments based on Stephenie Meyer's megaselling books about teenage hormones and vampire beaus. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson are newlyweds, and parents of a beatific baby girl, while Taylor Lautner finds another excuse to strip down to his jockey shorts. Over. Done. Nail that coffin shut. 1 hr. 55 PG-13 (sex, vampire-on-vampire violence, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

Also

"WRECK-IT RALPH" — Tired of playing the bad guy, a disgruntled video game character embarks on a journey to prove he has what it takes to be a hero. With the voices of John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jack McBrayer and Jane Lynch. Directed by Rich Moore. In 3-D. (1:33) PG.Rza, Lucy Liu and Rick Yune. Written by Rza and Eli Roth. Directed by Rza. (1:36) R.

DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Ken Burns does it again with riveting documentary about the Dust Bowl

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"The Dust Bowl: A Film by Ken Burns" (not rated) The documentarian with the Midas Touch does it again, this time with his riveting story of the devastating period in the 1930s caused by plowing and overplanting a vast section of Middle America. Watching the seniors recall their childhood memories is positively breathtaking and heart-wrenching. Watching the end credits, in which it is learned four of those interviewed have died, is almost unbearable. A

"Expendables 2" (R) Sequel to unexpected box office smash is more of the same, testosterone-laden, explosion-loaded misogyny. There are lots of cute little in-jokes for fans of the stars and references to their previous work. Sometimes they're funny but more often they're groaners. Best of the bunch is when Bruce Willis tells Arnold Schwarzenegger to stop saying "I'll be back" and Scwarzenegger replies with "Yippie ka-yay." B

"First Position" (unrated) In the best film about overachieving kids since "Spellbound," cameras follow a group of hopeful ballet dancers across the globe who long to win an international competition for scholarships and invitations to join troupes. While the dancing is unbelievable, watching these kids — including the aspiring ballerina from Sierra Leone whose parents were murdered in the civil war and who saw her teacher's arms and legs hacked off — try to fulfill their dreams is one of the most inspirational things I've ever seen. A

"Neil Young Journeys" (PG) Young visits his hometown for a look at the things that have changed over the years and for a live solo set at the town's small auditorium. The concert footage is extraordinary, save for a segment shot from a mini-camera attached to the microphone stand. Aside from its weird, distorted look, Young spits on it at the start so his little bit of spittle hangs there for the entire song. Watching Young cruise around and revisit his childhood is pretty awesome, too. B+

"Nitro Circus: The Movie" (PG-13) Watching this feature length edition of the TV series — think a more respectable but still low-rent version of "Jackass" — had me begging the question: Why buy the cow? B-

"Of Two Minds" (unrated) Kristin Davis ("Sex and the City") stars in this Lifetime Network fare about a woman who takes her schizophrenic sister into her home after their mother dies. The performances are terrific but the production values and story itself are lifeless and uninteresting. C+

"Sound of My Voice" (R) Unusual film from Brit Marling, the actress/writer behind "Another World," another quirky film about a parallel Earth. In this film, an investigative documentarian and his girlfriend look to expose a cult leader who claims to be from the future. While it can be a little slow and its lack of a budget is obvious at times, the ending is worth all else. B

"247° F" (R) Silly, but apparently true tale of a trio of young adults trapped in a sauna. Would have been more suited as a short. As a feature, it's way too long and its horror genre designation couldn't be farther from the truth. Then again, drama and thriller don't really describe it either. Now boring, if it were a ranking, would fit it perfectly. C

"Vamps" (PG-13) Alicia Silverstone and Amy Heckerling — of "Clueless" fame — team up again in this comedy about two vampires in New York whose bloodsucking tendencies get in the way of their love life. It's no "Clueless," but it's cute and worth watching. The funniest thing in the movie was watching Taylor Negron reprise his "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" line when he delivered a pizza. The saddest thing was realizing Negron's career has gone nowhere in 30 years. B

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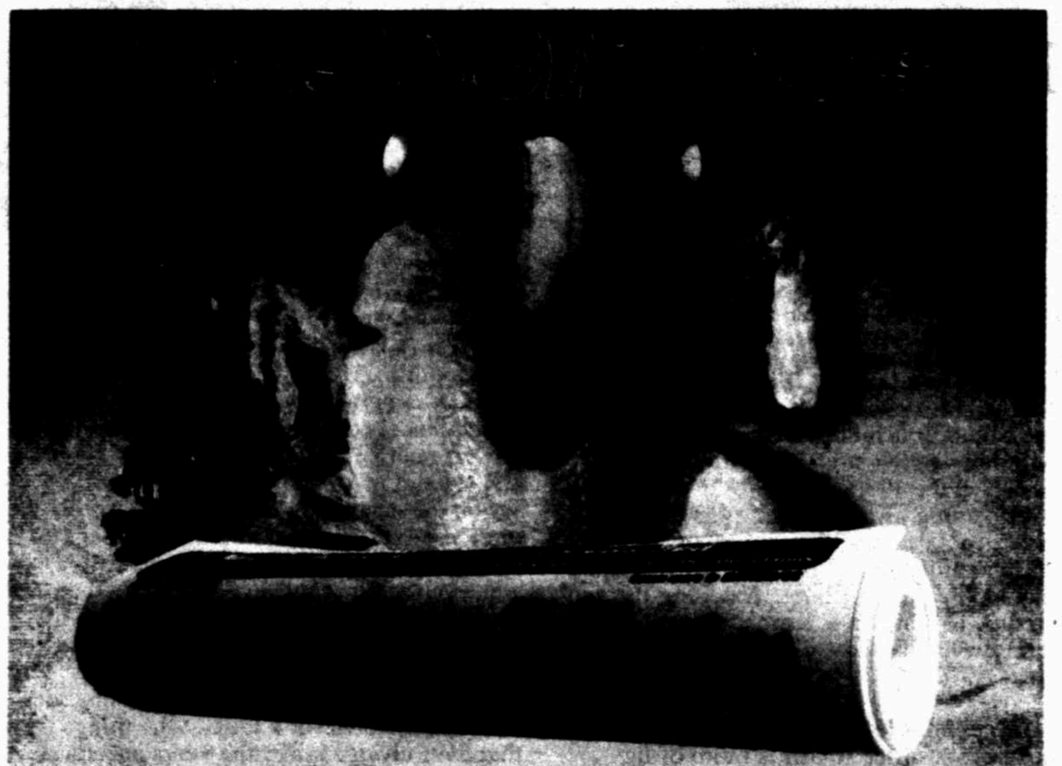

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diningguide

Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out. Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

American/Grill

Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, pork barbecue, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Midland Donuts (OAC)
2100 W. Wall St.
and 307 N. Midland Drive
686-7766

Large assortment of doughnuts and breakfast pastries as well as breakfast burritos and biscuits. Menu also includes croissant rolls and croissant sandwiches. More than 100 drink options including blended coffees, smoothies, chai teas, shaken iced teas, tapiocas and snocones. Dining room and drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 3 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
2 spoons

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Four G's Café (SD)
2907 North Big Spring St.
686-8013

Cheery atmosphere and very friendly service. Serving a wide variety of breakfast menu items including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon and sausage, even chicken fried steak cooked to your specifications. Play a game of checkers as you wait on your meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 11 a.m. Friday, 7 a.m. - noon Saturday and 8 a.m. - noon Sunday.
3 spoons

Le Bistro inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hotdogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Nueva Vista Grill (OAC)
6101 West Wadley Ave.
(Neuva Vista Golf Course)
522-7455

An "oasis" found in Midland offering a relaxing and casual lunch or dinner atmosphere. Salads include grilled chicken, crispy chicken or chef salad, delicious grilled sandwiches, barbecue and a wide variety of burgers. Daily lunch specials at great prices. Variety of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled soft drinks and can and tap beer. Breakfast available.
Payment types accepted: credit cards and cash.
Price range: $
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (during cold weather); 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. (Summer hours). In summer, offer breakfast items.
3 spoons

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2

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p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Stanton Drug and Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (SD)
201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
432-756-3731

Enjoy small-town atmosphere and a mouth-watering hamburger or sandwich in the quaint surroundings of the Stanton Drug Store. Breakfast served until 10:45 a.m. Only a short drive from Midland.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (or until they run out of meat) Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Cat'fish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large portions. Family packs.
Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Café Unique (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Road
(San Miguel Shopping Center)
262-5993
www.MidlandsUniqueCatering.com

Meals to go, catering and a café all under one roof. Salads such as a Palm Desert Salad consisting of mixed greens, chili peanuts, apples, Blue cheese crumbles, avocado and barbecue Ranch dressing with grilled chicken. Sandwiches include chicken salad on a toasted croissant with chips; turkey, bacon and tomato melt on sourdough with chips; or pulled pork sandwiches with saucy pinto beans. Variety of quiches.
Entrée price range: $
Café hours: 11 a.m.-3: p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Drop in for dinners to go 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
2 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

Sports bar atmosphere with pool tables and several video games. Thirteen big-screen televisions. Happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-7 p.m. with drink specials and free chips and salsa. Menu features a wide selection of appetizers including popcorn shrimp, Buffalo wings, chicken tenders, chips and salsa or queso, fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and a sampler platter. Known for their Philly cheese steaks served with fries.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Cotton Patch Cafe (SD)
2320 W. Loop 250 N.
618-0070
www.cottonpatch.com

Casual with a grill-style atmosphere. Large menu offers a wide choice of flavors, combinations and sizes of meals. Start with appetizers and finish up with a steak, sandwich, burger or fish. Grilled favorites as well as soups and salads are available. Daily specials include chicken fried steak with a choice of two sides for $6.99 or all you can eat catfish for $9.99 on Fridays.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

Yana 615 (SD)
615 North Sam Houston
Odessa
432-332-4305

Located in the downtown Odessa area near the hospital in a house that has been remodeled into a restaurant. Quaint and charming. A relaxing and out of the ordinary spot to meet friends for lunch. Specialties of the house include orange roughy, a vegetable plate, lemon pepper pasta, spinach lasagna and chicken tarragon. Chicken palatchinka (two homemade crepes filled with chicken breast in a creamy sauce and served with dried fruit baked rice and a house salad) is a favorite. Dessert is a must!
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday
5 spoons

The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(Inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Asian

Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4416 Briarwood Ave.
689-7900

Entertaining chefs cook at grills surrounded by large U-shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia also are available. Watch chefs roll sushi at the bar. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours:11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday 11

Midland Community Theatre
Presents
Yuletide AT THE YUCCA
Friday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.
At the Historic Yucca Theatre
208 N. Colorado Avenue
Ticket Prices: *$10.00 Adults; $5.00 Children
*Additional ticket processing fees applied for all non-member ticket purchases.
Performances by: Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico, Bingham Dance Company, DeZavla Elementary, and Midland Community Theatre's Pickwick Players.
Box Office: 432-570-4111 or www.mctmidland.org

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a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff Rd, Building A., Space 1
(Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 options such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials include choice of one of more than 15 entrées, egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork, seafood, poultry and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs and shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring St.
4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli, egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce) is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are delicious. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere. Menu items include sweet and sour chicken, peking duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m.-2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, moo goo chicken, hunan chicken and kung pao beef.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., 4:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch your meals cooked on the grill at the table or order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Evening prices are high.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads, lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; and more. Mongolian grill station.
Buffet price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
2 spoons

The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde shopping center)
694-5555

Extensive menu for Chinese take-out with dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Lunch specials available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More than a dozen entrees including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and kung pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

Panda Express
4505 N. Midland Drive (in Wal-Mart parking lot)
www.pandaexpress.com
689-2317
Fax: 689-2340

Fast food Chinese restaurant with dine-in or to-go meals. Large menu. Choose two, three or four entrees plus a side, or Panda bowl, kid's meal, family feast and a la carte items including cream cheese rangoons, chicken egg rolls, veggie spring rolls and crispy shrimp. Items marked "Wok Smart" are 250 calories or less per single serving.
Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Entrée price range: $
2.5 spoons

Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Genghis Grill (SD)
4517 Midkiff Road
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and choose your main ingredients: chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, sausage or tofu. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. Finally, choose between steamed or fried rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand your bowl to a chef, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked.
Payment accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Chinese Kitchen (OAC)
4200 W. Illinois Ave.
694-3922

Open for 25 years. Daily special combination meals with one, two or three entrée choices served with an egg roll and choice of fried rice or pan-fried noodles. Entrees include sweet and sour pork or chicken, chicken chow mein, lemon chicken, beef and broccoli, Mandarin beef, Thai grilled chicken and more. Appetizers include shrimp rolls, crab Rangoon, spicy wings, tempura shrimp, tempura chicken, fried wontons and puffs. Take-out food is packaged in little white pails and chopsticks and fortune cookies are included.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Taste of China Super Buffet (buffet)
4400 N. Big Spring St., #53
684-5288

All-you-can-eat buffet features six large tables with more than 80 items, or order from an extensive menu. Buffet entrees include traditional Chinese dishes such as sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken, pepper steak, beef with broccoli, Hunan beef and beef with assorted vegetables. Try seafood, fruits, salads, sushi or a grill where you can choose ingredients to be stir-fried into your own creation. Senior citizens 10 percent discount and children under 3 eat free.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday.
2 spoons

Dessert

Your Way Yogurt (self-serve)
2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D
897-4393

Customers create their own dessert. Choose from a variety of flavors in soft-serve frozen yogurt along with more than 50 toppings. Yogurt flavors include vanilla, chocolate, white chocolate mousse, Dreamsickle, citrus cooler and many more. Toppings include strawberry, caramel, marshmellow, pineapple and chocolate syrups, crumbled cookies, candies, fruits and more.
Price range: $1
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Sugar Mama's (OAC)
1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G
(In Albertson's parking lot, next door to Karate for Kids)
618-0976

Decorated with a 1950s atmosphere. Bakers wear bandanas wrapped around their heads and tied in a knot in the front. Menu includes oversized cookies, frosted bars, cupcakes and special orders for pies and cakes. Everything is homemade, even the peanut butter that goes into the cookies. Unique flavors of cupcakes. Try the Elvis — bananas on the bottom with peanut butter cream on top — or a truffle on a stick.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
3 spoons

Nikki's Swirl Shoppe (self-serve)
4610 N. Garfield #C2
218-6839
www.swirlshoppe.com

Choose from a variety of delicious flavors of frozen yogurt. Flavors change frequently. Sample cups available at the checkout. Wide choice of toppings. Gluten, sugar and fat free and Kosher options available. Customers with a "cool card" earn points to use on future purchases.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: noon - 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon - 9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

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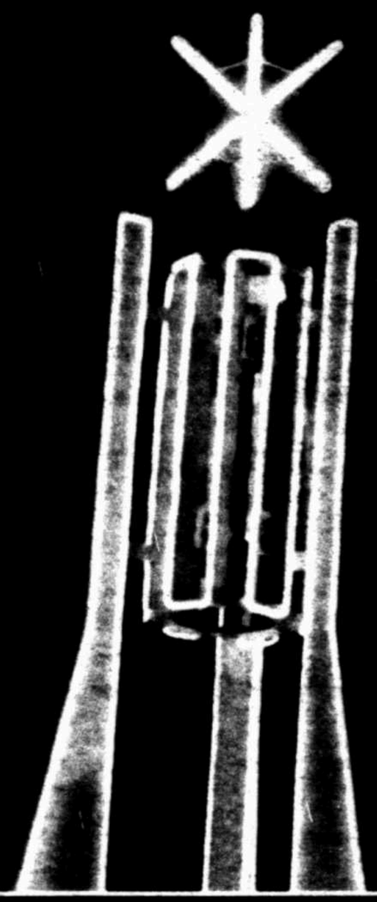

HOLIDAY EVENING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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HOLIDAY EVENING FESTIVITIES

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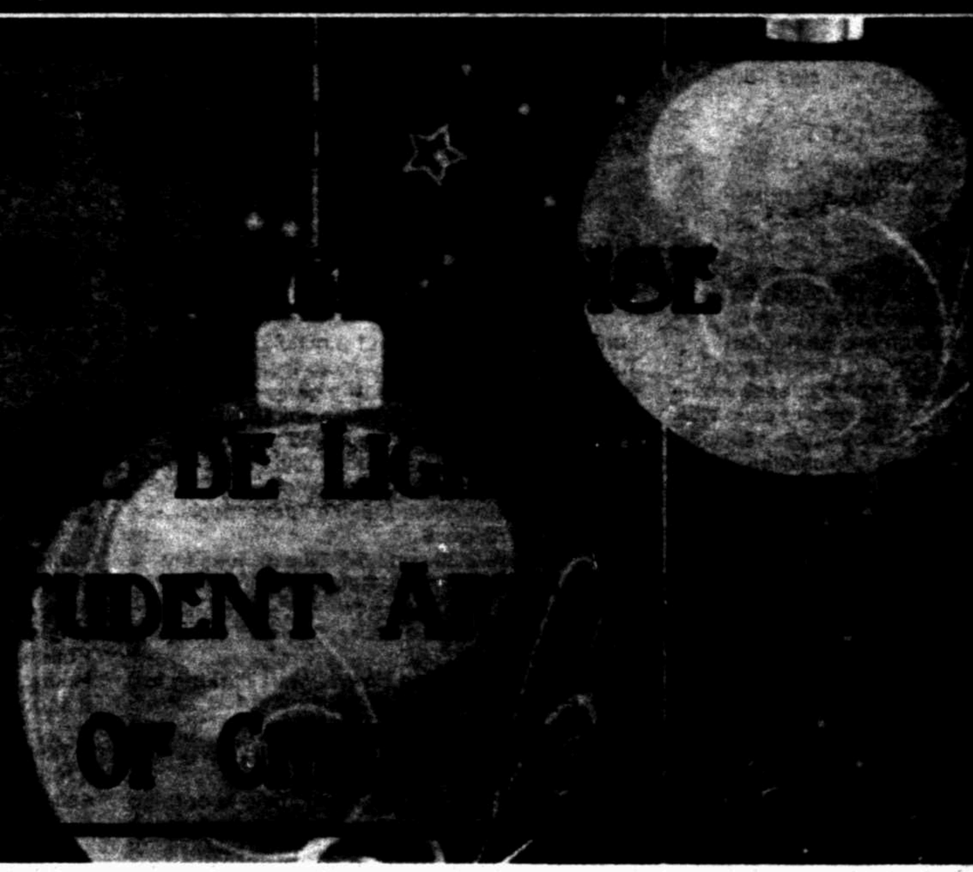

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